

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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Welcome to a 40-page bumper edition. November, with the changing colours of the trees, signals the start of a new season. Christmas (mentioned 29 times) is fast approaching, with a Bazaar, Fayre, Carol Service, Lights in Church Street, Wreath making, photo cards and a Garden Club social. Other events include the Kindertransport play, Body Overboard talk, a Pan-Asian pop-up evening, Charity Quiz and a unique Art Exhibition. Finally, you can read three tributes to the late Paul Sartin. Paul was a talented musician, vocalist and composer; but locally, Paul was a modest and sociable village Dad who supported the school, watched sport, sang folk songs and went carolling.

Andrew Flanagan

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Services NOVEMBER 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 & Holy Cross, Wherwell</i>
<i>This information is correct at the time of going to press but please check on the website (www.downsbenefice.org) for up-to-date information.</i>					
Wednesday 2nd November					
All Souls' Service			6pm		
Sunday 6th November – <i>The Third Sunday before Advent</i>					
Holy Communion with All Souls'		10am			
Morning Prayer	10am				
Café Church in Church Room			4pm		
Friday 11th November – <i>Remembrance Day</i>					
Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial			10.55am		
Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial with Wherwell School					10.55am
Sunday 13th November – <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>					
Remembrance Service at the War Memorial	with Wherwell	10.55am			10.55am
Remembrance Service at Sir John Moore Barracks			10.30am		
Remembrance Service				10.55am	
Sunday 20th November – <i>Christ the King</i>					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Holy Communion	10am				
Morning Worship		10am			
Peace & Wholeness			6pm		
Autumn Meditations					6pm
Wednesday 23rd November					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		
Sunday 27th November – <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship				10am	
Patronal Festival Service & Commissioning of the Anna Chaplain			11.15am		
Advent Meditation	5pm				
Advent Carol Service					5.30pm

From the Church Records – September 2022

Service	Date	Name (s)
Chilbolton		
Wedding	10/9/22	Ed Clements & Jessica West
Wherwell		
Baptism	28/8/22	Greta Piper

The Queen's Green Canopy

Following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, and on the wishes of the Queen's Green Canopy Patron, His Majesty King Charles III, the Canopy initiative will now be extended to the end of March 2023 to give people the opportunity to plant trees in memoriam to Her Majesty. As a result, Chilbolton Parish Council have agreed to also extend our sponsorship and competition schemes for the same period.

What is the 'Sponsor a Tree for the Jubilee' scheme?

Villagers may wish to contribute to The Queen's Green Canopy initiative in the village but would prefer not to plant a tree, or do not have the space to do so. Resultantly, Chilbolton Parish Council are offering a sponsorship scheme for tree planting on the Parish Council's owned land.

What is the Tree Sponsorship Competition?

The Parish Council has two mature trees remaining to be planted on its land, together with a plaque, and we would like to offer these via a **free competition** for anyone in the village to enter.

The draw has reopened until 31 March 2023, and two further winners will be chosen at random at the Parish Council meeting in April 2023 (two competition winners were drawn at the 3 October 2022 meeting). The trees will be planted once the lottery has closed, and arrangements will be made for you to 'top it off' and pin your plaque.

Please email cllbradley.chilboltonpc@gmail.com for an application form for both the Sponsorship and Competition Schemes.



Andover's Second Sunday market - 10am to 4pm



Each month, the Second Sundays market takes place in the High Street, in front of the Guildhall and will showcase emerging and established independent businesses from our region, accompanied by featured entertainment and activities.

Dear Friends,

*‘For bells are the voice of the church;
They have tones that touch and search the hearts of young and old.’*
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The death of Queen Elizabeth II has been a seminal moment in the history of our nation and commonwealth and indeed for that of the world. It was wonderful to experience the way we all came together in our grief and sadness for a woman who touched so many through her selfless devotion to her people during her long and eventful reign.

One of the particular ways our Christian communities expressed the sentiment we all felt, whether we were people of faith or not, was through the ringing of bells. The muffled tolling heard throughout our Benefice of five villages spoke volumes and seemed to offer an eloquence to our loss beyond words. It is a privilege for me to thank our skilled teams of men and women who volunteer to ring bells each week in Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell, and who turned out to ring, both on the day of the Queen’s death, on the day of the proclamation of Charles III as King, and, of course, on the day of Her Majesty’s funeral.

The practice of bell ringing has become deeply rooted in our culture ever since the first bells were manufactured in China some 4,000 years ago. Their introduction into Great Britain in the 6th Century proved to be important – proclaiming the faith and helping people to mark special occasions such as at Easter and Christmas, and to celebrate national or local events. Historically, our network of church bells was also an excellent means of carrying information across large distances, particularly before the introduction of clocks and watches, calling people to wake up, to pray, to work, to arms, to feast and, in times of crisis, to come together.

In the 8th Century, the Venerable Bede introduced the tradition of ringing bells at funerals in the UK. Bells did not ring out for weddings until much later. During the Industrial Revolution, church bells were an effective means of notifying workers of the end of their shifts and a way of connecting the faithful who were unable to leave their place of work on Sunday mornings to travel to Holy Communion services. As they heard the bells peal, Christians knew the elements of bread and wine were being consecrated and allowed them to ‘receive’ by spending reflective time in prayer whilst they toiled in fields or factories. During World War II, church bells hung silent (except to inform of an invasion by enemy troops) until they were able to ‘ring in’ the peace on VE day on 7th May 1945. In recent history, it was a joy to hear bells proclaim the re-opening of churches at the end of the first period of COVID-19 lockdown.

One of the traditional prayers said before ringers begin their peal on Sunday mornings is: *'Grant, O Lord, that these bells may sound your praises and the good news of your salvation; May they summon the faithful to worship and stir all who hear them to glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'* So it is with great gladness that we should give thanks for the power of church bells in our lives and for the gift and skill of the campanologists who ring them for us as they 'touch and search the hearts of young and old.' Yours, in the sound of Christ proclaimed,

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer

Incline your ears, O Lord, to our prayers,
and grant that, as the bells of your Church sound in our parishes,
the hearts of those who hear them may be awakened to worship you,
that the faith and devotion of Christian people may be increased
to the greater glory of your Holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Autumn Meditations at Wherwell Church

We are very pleased to announce another series of meditations for Autumn 2022. This season we have picked formative church figures and hope you will find something to interest you here. Please come along and hear about these fascinating characters.

Each meditation will be held at 6 pm in the church and last for around thirty minutes and will be followed by refreshments.

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| 30 October 2022 | St Augustine of Hippo, theologian and philosopher,
Doctor of the Church
AD 354 – AD 430 |
| 20 November 2022 | St Dunstan of Glastonbury, Archbishop of
Canterbury, AD 909 – AD 988 |
| 11 December 2022 | St John Henry Newman, priest, theologian,
academic, philosopher, and poet
AD 1801 - AD 1890 |

Ukraine still needs our help

The next drop-off date is:

Saturday 5th November between 1.30pm – 4.00pm

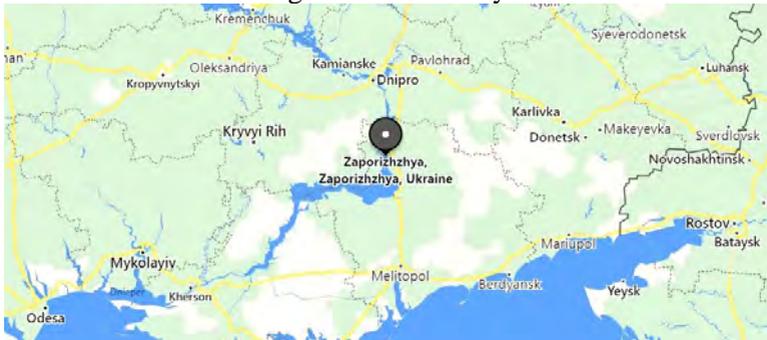
at **Wherwell Home Guard Club** (NOT village hall)

Items required:

- Joggers & track suits (tops & bottoms)
- Hats, gloves & warm socks ##
- Underwear & thermal underwear ##
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets
- Power banks

For reasons of hygiene, we can only accept donations of NEW socks and underwear. Everything else should be in clean/washed/working condition or new condition.

Olga, our friend in Wiltshire, is originally from Zaporizhzhya, a city in south-eastern Ukraine, situated on the banks of the Dnieper. Before the war, the population was about three-quarters of a million. This city is about 340 miles southeast of Kyiv and a similar distance northeast from the seaport city of Odessa. Olga still has family living in Zaporizhzhya and she supplied this first-hand account of living in Ukraine today-



*“Life changed for us after 24th of February completely. It is like a bad dream which can’t stop. **But right now, is the hardest time ever.** We have attacks from the sky non-stop and lots of civilians affected. Russia destroys our homes, hospitals and schools, not military objects so far.”*

“A few missiles landed just next to my parents’ home. Some houses disappeared during just one night. Parents, kids, elderly people slept in their beds and never woke up. It was a shock to see the area where I grew in the ruins. My parents and sister cried. It was a panic. They want to stay and help their motherland, but every day it’s getting harder and harder.”

“Sometimes me and my friends feel so weak and helpless, but we don’t want to stop; we want to help as much as we can. Our civilians and soldiers need to be warm and looked after. It is the smallest effort we can do for them.”

So, as the war in Ukraine grinds slowly forward into the winter months and the cost of chartered motor transport has become prohibitively expensive, the focus for collections has changed. We are now collecting items offering warmth and comfort, which can be shipped as parcels.

If you can, please support the drop-off at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**.

If **Saturday 5th November** is not a convenient date, please contact Pam Flanagan (01264 860 560) to arrange doorstep drop-off.

Thank you.

Do you know any local people who are affected by Cancer?

Wessex Cancer Trust, a charity which provides free and local support to anyone affected by cancer, **is looking for volunteers to support its wellbeing drop-in sessions** at the Wellington Centre (Purple Oak Support) in Andover.

The charity is looking for people to be befrienders at the sessions which run every **Tuesday between 11am and 2pm**. Befrienders are trained and caring listeners for anyone affected by cancer who may appreciate talking or having non-judgemental company through difficult or confusing thoughts and feelings. Those dropping in at the sessions may have cancer themselves, be supporting someone with cancer, or be bereaved.

Colette Cowan, Wessex Cancer Trust's Head of Services, says: "Our volunteers are invaluable and at the heart of what we do to support local people affected by cancer. If you feel you're compassionate and a good listener, we'd really love to hear from you. We'll give you full training and support and we only need a few hours of your time each week. Volunteering is incredibly rewarding, providing opportunities to support others and meet new people. We would be so grateful if you could use your skills to help make a difference in Andover."

The sessions are held at the Wellington Centre, 3 Winchester Road, Andover, SP10 2EG. If you'd like to find out more about volunteering, please contact Katie Davies, Outreach Project Manager on 023 8067 2200. Anyone is most welcome to go along to the drop-in sessions. Please visit www.wessexcancer.org.uk for more information.

Samantha Bradley, Wessex Cancer Trust



Chilbolton Parish Council

By the time that this magazine arrives Autumn will truly be here and our heating will be costing much more than before. We will all need to be more careful with our lights and heating and avoid unnecessary usage and cost of utilities. Please keep an eye out for neighbours who may need your assistance.

On Thursday evening October 6th the Northern Area Planning committee of Test Valley Borough Council met and two Chilbolton planning applications were discussed. There was a very good turn out by concerned local residents and the application for 7 houses at Test Valley Farm was unanimously refused by the committee following a “refuse” recommendation by the planning officer. Carol Eaton spoke on behalf of residents and the parish council also asked for a refusal. This was a good result and there will at least be a delay whilst the applicant considers their position. Sadly, we expect further developments but they will be resisted as many consider that development of luxury homes at Test Valley Farm is inappropriate when our need is for affordable housing and homes for residents who wish to downsize but would like to remain in Chilbolton.

The application for a small house at the South end of Branksome Close was deferred as the committee were not happy with the application. The parish council fail to understand why Aster, the applicant, does not build a much-needed affordable house on the site where there is adequate space for a children’s playground and perhaps some allotments as well.

There appears to be no incentive for Aster to build further much needed affordable houses on land that it owns, that was originally council housing land, but rather to find ways to realise the value of their assets. In terms of their charter, they have to use any funds raised this way for housing in the same borough but is sad to record that although some 20 affordable houses have been sold over the years Aster has built none in Chilbolton. This is simply wrong and should be addressed in legislative amendments.

On a happier note, the work by Wessex River Trust (WRT) to improve the Purleygig (pub) stream through Cow Common will now start in November after some delays. Elsewhere in the magazine there is a call for volunteers, especially active children, to assist WRT in building berms (more explanation overleaf) and similar constructions in the river. It would be pleasing to see some of our younger residents take up this challenge. Also in November similar work will commence on the river Test on the West side of Cow Common. The parish council strongly supports both projects that will result in a river with increased flow that will benefit fish and other animals.

*Tony Ewer
10th October 2022*

Build a Berm!

River restoration by the Wessex Rivers Trust is taking place 24th October (half term) to mid-November this year. The plan has been agreed with Chilbolton Parish Council, COSC and the village at a public presentation and is very exciting.

Our river has become wide and slow and does not give the wildlife its best chance. So, the old boards where we picnic by the Purleygig bridge are to go and a gentle shingle slope put into the river. Downstream of the Purleygig bridge (the little one near Chilbolton) will be constructed 8 berms. These natural structures are made of hazel they will “re wiggle” the river making it bend more. The river itself will do the rest. Fast and slow reaches will develop naturally, and the fish and fauna will have a variety of places to live. It will be a much more varied habitat than the box shaped cross-profile affords now. Posters are already in place telling you all about this.

Building the berms is fun and easy. From 31st Oct for two weeks the Wessex Rivers Trust people will be there with all the materials and you can help the river back to health. You will need to sign up as volunteers with Amy Ellis of Wessex Rivers Trust. Children are welcome, under your care of course, and anyone with an hour to spare (or three!) will be very welcome. Wellies waders and thermos, and a willingness to help should make a very nice atmosphere. At least do come and see what is happening. This also fits in with children’s studies of water, rivers and the hydrological cycle at all stages in their school life.

Tasks will mostly consist of moving bundles of hazel faggots across a nature reserve and pinning them in the channel to create meanders in an over-wide river. The work will be physical, walking over rough ground and in the river, but volunteers can work at their own pace and take breaks as needed.

Dates:

Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November

Monday 7th to Friday 11th November

Times: 9.30am – 2.30pm most days

Please note: to volunteer on this project you must register with Wessex Rivers Trust before the day of the task. To register as a Wessex Rivers Trust volunteer please visit <https://www.wessexrt.org.uk/volunteer.html>
For more information about this project or for more details about the volunteering please contact amy@wessexrt.org.uk

Wessex River Trust will also hold a Coffee Morning on site on Monday 31st October, 9.30 – 11am for anyone wanting to learn more about the project.

Chilbolton Open Spaces Committee

Greener Villages Local Recycling

The monthly collections, which coincided with village Coffee Mornings, have been replaced with permanent collections for ‘anytime’ drop-off, at:

- **Chilbolton Village Hall Car Park**

~ black plastic bin adjacent to the wheely bin enclosure

- **Wherwell Home Guard Club Car Park**

~ a collection of small bins inside the smoking shelter

<ul style="list-style-type: none">~ Every Can Counts<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Drinks cans~ Clear plastic tub<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Batteries~ Red bin<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Disposable contact lenses* Medicine blister packs* Oral health products~ Large swing bin<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Soft/crinkly plastic wrapping (see Guidance notes below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">~ Bin with green lid<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Britta cartridges* Candles* Inhalers* Printer cartridges (or drop-off at Wherwell School)* <u>Soft</u> plastic milk ‘bottle’ tops (not hard plastic carton tops)
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** **Crinkly wrappers** can include crisp packets, snack packets, chocolate and biscuit wrappers, pasta and rice plastic bags, bread bags, clear film lids and multi-pack wrappers. **Carrier bags** and **shrink-wrap** can be included

** **Food pouches (pet or baby)** can mix with crinkly wrappers if washed and dried, to avoid contamination by sticking together.

** Except for medium/large batteries, cans and Britta cartridges, please use separate wrappers/bags for each type of item – especially for messy items such as **candles** and **printer cartridges** and tiny items such as **contact lens** cases and **hearing aid batteries**.

Thank you for taking part in your local recycling initiative.

Andrew Flanagan

Chilbolton and Wherwell Gardening Club



Tuesday 15th November

Members Christmas Social

Chilbolton Village Hall 7.30pm

A fun evening with a Christmas /gardening theme
Seasonal refreshments and a Christmas raffle

Wherwell History Group – Programme of Talks



MV Durban Castle bound for Southampton from Cape Town

November 18th

Paul Stickler

Body Overboard?

The Murder of an English Actress

On 18 October 1947, 21-year-old Gay Gibson disappeared from the Durban Castle ship as it sailed from Cape Town to Southampton.

When the police boarded the vessel upon its arrival in Southampton, they started an investigation. This presentation follows the life and last known movements of the victim and explores the account provided by the man tried for her murder and his extraordinary behaviour in throwing her body overboard through a cabin porthole. The trial of the first-class deck steward James Camb has a fascinating aftermath, and the presentation includes information believed not previously revealed in the public domain.

Paul Stickler is a criminologist and retired senior detective. He guides us through the investigation, leaving us to decide on the guilt or otherwise of the man considered responsible for her death.

This will be a Zoom presentation, starting at 8.00pm. Advance booking is necessary to ensure receipt of the Zoom link. Please email: wherwellhistory@gmail.com

History Group events are free to members.

Membership subscriptions (£20) are paid per calendar year, in January, **with a special rate (£5) for members joining in 2022, after August.**

Guests are welcome (£5 per event)

To make a booking, enquire about membership or download the programme for 2022 & 2023, please visit our new website at www.wherwellhistory.com

Andrew Flanagan

Paul Sartin (1971-2022)

Paul Sartin was a classically trained musician who devoted his talents to English folk music, becoming a member of the multi-award winning folk band *Bellowhead*. His superb musicianship was also heard in the folk trio *Faustus* and in the duo *Belshazzar's Feast*. Formed in 2004, *Bellowhead* was conceived by folk duo Jon Boden and John Spiers while stuck in a traffic jam; they immediately phoned Paul to invite him to join the band. With its combination of high energy musicianship, a dynamic brass section and distinctive percussion, plus a diversity of musical influences, the 11-piece *Bellowhead* immediately became popular with folk audiences, but also crossed over to other musical genres and performed on *Later... with Jools Holland*.



Their recording of *Barwick Green*, the theme tune to Radio 4's *The Archers*, introduces the Sunday morning omnibus edition.

Hedonism (2010) became the biggest-selling independently released folk album.

Paul's role in the band was crucial: his oboe playing was distinctive, his fiddle playing formed part of a strong string section, he provided back-up vocals and hilariously introduced the songs on stage.

The band won eight BBC Radio 2 Folk awards, including best live act five times. They stopped performing in 2016. Having worked closely with Boden, Paul was invited to join his band the *Remnant Kings* in 2009 to perform Boden's post-apocalyptic song cycle *Songs from the Floodplain*.

Paul was born on 20th February 1971 in south Croydon and brought up by his mother, Angela Sartin, a civil servant, in Willesden, north London. His mother encouraged him to play the piano, violin and recorder and when his musical talents became apparent, he attended Highgate school and then the Purcell School for Young Musicians on assisted places schemes.

After two gap years, playing for a time in English National Opera's Baylis project, Paul went to Magdalen College, Oxford, on a choral scholarship, graduating in music in 1994. He then spent five years as a lay clerk at Christ

Church Cathedral, Oxford. All this time he was developing his interest in folk music. At Purcell, he had been introduced to modal folk melodies and the works of Zoltán Kodály and Ralph Vaughan Williams. At 16, he was cycling to Sharp's folk club in Camden Town, home of the English Folk Dance and Song Society, making his folk singing debut there.

After university, Paul briefly played in the folk band *Life of Reilly*. One of his bandmates was the accordionist Paul Hutchinson and together they formed *Belshazzar's Feast* in 1995. They initially played ceilidhs and social dances, where they were required to play the same tune over and over; but they began to sneak in snatches of unlikely classical and pop tunes, and their humorous musical style continued in concert performances, with Sartin adding the swanee whistle to the fiddle and oboe. They made 11 albums and completed a farewell tour in May 2022.

In 1998, Paul was a founding member of *Dr Faustus*, a four-piece band with Tim van Eyken, Rob Harbron and Benji Kirkpatrick. With an emphasis on English songs and tunes, the band toured for *Live Music Now*, taking their music into prisons and special needs schools, before recording their debut album, *The First Cut*, in 2003. The band split but reformed as plain *Faustus* in 2006, with the melodeon player Saul Rose instead of Harbron and Van Eyken. Popular at folk festivals, the trio made three albums, the last being *Death and Other Animals* (2016).

Paul continued his academic interest in music, achieving a master's degree in traditional music at Newcastle University, then becoming a visiting tutor on its folk degree course. He was fascinated to discover folk songs sung by two of his distant relatives, Marina Russell and Edith Sartin. Paul researched and recorded their songs and they became the subject of his 2005 master's degree. Paul also worked as a vocal tutor at St Edward's school, Oxford, and in 2000 became a deputy lay clerk in Winchester Cathedral choir.

He worked on many musical projects and in 2017 made new arrangements for a production of Peter Bellamy's folk opera *The Transports*, which toured the country to critical acclaim, leading to a Radio 3 broadcast and a CD the following year.

Paul's early orchestral and choral work were crucial in defining his approach to folk music: he brought his musical training to his folk music arrangements and had a preference for performing in bands with others. In contrast to his national touring, Paul was also deeply involved in community music-making. He led the *Andover Museum Loft Singers*, a community choir.

Paul died on 14th September 2022, aged 51, of a heart attack. He was much admired by fellow musicians and has variously been described as musically intelligent, inventive, reliable and fun. His marriage to Jennie Bailey ended in divorce. He is survived by their three sons, James, William and Joseph, and his mother, Angela.

Reproduced from an obituary published in The Guardian, 2nd October 2022.

You are invited to an

Art Exhibition

of original watercolours by local artist
the late **Audrey Hansford**

Friday 25th November, 6pm to 9pm
Wherwell Village Hall



Audrey Hansford lived at
Shepherds cottage and
based her artist's studio at
Mount cottage.
Audrey died in May 2021 and
her executors have put the
contents of her studio on
the open market.

This exhibition will be the **one and only** opportunity to
view her collection of nearly 40 watercolours, mostly
framed, before dispersal. Over three-quarters of this
collection features cottages in Wherwell.

Admission free

with an opportunity to purchase any picture.

Audrey was well known for painting local houses on a private commission
basis. Anyone who owns a painting by Audrey is most welcome to loan it
to this exhibition as additional examples of her talent.

Please phone Andrew Flanagan (01264 860560)
to make prior arrangements about delivery and collection.

Chilbolton Parish Council
FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSE
for Chilbolton Residents

The Parish Council will be hosting a refresher first aid course, kindly run by Mr Rick Mawer, on: **Saturday 10 December 2022 at 10:00**

There will be no charge for this course, but it is hoped that those attending will consent to being added to the Community Emergency Plan as first aiders that can be called upon to assist residents of Chilbolton either in an individual/personal emergency or in a Community Emergency. However, please note this is not a mandatory condition of attending the course.

If you would like to attend, please let the Clerk know by

Thursday 1 December 2022

and you will be forwarded details as and when they are confirmed. Places may be limited, if so, attendance will be on a first come, first served basis, so please don't delay in contacting the Clerk.

Mandy Denyer - Chilbolton Parish Council Clerk
Chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk

Muddy Dog Challenge - Update

Postponed from September, we'll be having fun and getting wet and muddy over a 5km obstacle course in Windsor, on **Sunday 13th November**, to raise funds for **Battersea Dogs and Cats Home**.

We are so grateful to those who have supported our fundraising so far and if you haven't but would like to, there is still time ...

Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/> and use the Search button in the top menu bar to find 'Pam Flanagan'

Thank you

Team Jenny HH

SAVE the DATE

Andover Chamber Choir Charity Christmas Carol Concert
St. Mary's Church, Andover on 17th December at 7pm

Andover Chamber Choir (formerly known as The Harmonium Singers) have presented a concert at St Mary's Church each Christmas for over thirty years, until the Covid pandemic intervened! The choir returns, this year, with the concert proceeds being given to the Andover Foodbank.

Ticket Box Office and details of the concert programme from The Lights at:
<https://www.thelights.org.uk/WhatsOn/10468/3708/andover-chamber-choir>



Wherwell School Update

As you will know, Mary Collins has moved on from Wherwell Primary School to spend more time with her ageing parents. I was initially appointed as Interim Headteacher until a permanent Head could be recruited and had no intention of leaving Fordingbridge School where I was Head of School. However, having spent time working with Mary and the incredible team of people here at the school I made the decision to apply for the permanent position at Wherwell. I was delighted first to be shortlisted and eventually chosen as Mary's replacement and I am thrilled to be Headteacher of this beautiful country school.

Being a mother of two girls, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. We have a hugely committed team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for any new head to start and we are all excited about the journey ahead!

The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways.

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for the children in your community and I hope the community will strive to support the school in any way that it can over the coming months and years. We always welcome people to join our network of volunteers to hear children read, or to help with the upkeep of the buildings and grounds. We would love to hear from anyone who might be able to help us in any small or significant way.

Schools are not immune from rising energy costs, increased cost of living and increasing wage bills – all of these increases have an immediate and lasting impact on our budget. We are therefore keen to maximise our fundraising activities. One small way that our community can help us, particularly in the run up to Christmas, is to use [Smile.Amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) when ordering from Amazon. Simply set up an account using <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> (don't worry, you won't lose your 'normal' account) and select Wherwell School Parent Teacher Association as your chosen charity. Every time you make a purchase via this site, a percentage of your purchase is donated to us. So far, we have raised £297 this way and I am sure we can add to this significantly if enough people sign up.

You can also create donations for the school by setting yourself up with an account on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> Select Wherwell School PTA as your chosen charity and this will also generate a donation of up to 2% of your purchase price from certain retailers which you will find on the site. If you are about to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher for example, you have the option to purchase through John Lewis, Currys, Argos, AO.com and more!

Neither of these initiatives cost you a penny more at the checkout but can add up to a significant contribution to school funds. We would really appreciate the community's support in this – if you need help in setting up accounts, feel free to call the office on 860384 or just pop in. Mrs Hall will be very pleased to assist you.

I very much hope that the school will continue to be an integral part of the local community and that we can grow together.

*Mandy Ovenden
Headteacher, Wherwell Primary School*



Come to the Movies!



CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Proudly Present

'Phantom of the Open' (12A)

Starring Mark Rylance, Sally Hawkins,
Jake Davies and Rhys Ifans

Amateur golfer, Maurice Flitcroft, achieves his late-in-life goal of participating in the British Open Golf Championship, much to the annoyance of the staid golfing community

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Friday, 4th November, 2022

Doors open at 6.30 pm

Tickets £5.00 - In advance
(No Booking Fee)

Or £6.00 - On the door (subject to availability)
Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning held in the Church on 7th October was a great success and we should like to thank everyone who gave so generously and baked the most amazing cakes. Also, thanks to all the helpers and to St Mary's Church, Chilbolton for allowing us to hold the event there.

You will be delighted to know that we raised £500 for the charity.

Mary Gilbert

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	2.00pm - 4.00 pm
	West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2.00pm - 4.00 pm
November			
1,2,3,4	Build a Berm volunteers	Cow Common	9.30-2.30 pm
4	Chilbolton Movie	CVH	6.30 for 7.00 pm
5	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am - 12.00
5	Ukraine donations drop-off	HGC	1.30 - 4.00 pm
5 & 6	Rent-a-backdrop for Xmas photos	HGC	10.00 - 1.00 pm
6	<i>AD hoc advert deadline</i>		
7	Chilbolton PC & Planning	CVH	6.00 - 8.30 pm
7,8,9, 10,11	Build a Berm volunteers	Cow Common	9.30-2.30 pm
8	Wherwell PC	WVH	6.30 pm
10	Pan-Asian pop-up evening	Black Chalk	7.00 pm
10	<i>Copy deadline for December</i>		
11	Act of Remembrance with Wherwell School	Wherwell War Memorial	10.55am
11	Stockbridge Cinema	Stockbridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
12	Christmas Bazaar	HGC	11.00am - 2.00 pm
12	Janet's Bingo	HGC	7.30 - 8.00 pm
15	Gardening Club Social	CVH	7.30 pm
16	Stockbridge Cinema	Stockbridge Town Hall	4.30pm & 7.30 pm
18	History Talk - Body Overboard	Online	8.00 pm
19	Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30am - 12.00
20	Autumn Meditations	Wherwell Church	6.00 pm
24-26	Kindertransport Play	Stockbridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
25	Xmas wreath masterclass	Black Chalk	5.30 pm
25	Art Exhibition of local watercolours	WVH	6.00pm – 9.00pm
25	Gin and Rum tasting night	HGC	8.00pm
27	Wherwell Christmas Fayre	WVH	3.00pm - 5.00 pm
27	Advent Carol Service	Wherwell Church	5.30 pm
27	Simon's Charity Quiz	HGC	7.30 - 8.00 pm
28	CVH AGM	CVH	6.30 pm
December			
6	Greener Villages talk	Online	7.00 pm – 8.00pm
10	First Aid course	CVH	10.00 am
11	Autumn Meditations	Wherwell Church	6.00 pm
17	Andover Chamber Choir carols	St Mary's (Andover)	7.00 pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – November

Fri 4 th 8pm	The Phonics 2022. Once described by Kelly Jones himself as, "Awesome", the Uk's No1 tribute to Stereophonics head back to Andover Lights. Performing a mind-blowing set with all the classics.
Sat 5 th 12pm	Chamber Choir Concert: Season of Remembrance - Join us for a lunchtime concert performed by Winchester Cathedral's Chamber Choir. Enjoy 45 minutes of reflective music.
Sat 5 th 16:00 – 19:00	2022 marks the 64th annual Winchester Round Table Charity Bonfire and Fireworks Event (North Walls Recreation Ground)
Fri 11 th 7pm	Rosés & Fruity Reds: South of France vs New World. Welcome to the up-and-coming world of Tasmanian wine! St. James Tavern 3-5 Romsey Rd, Winchester
Sat 12 th 7:30pm	Vivaldi's Four Seasons at Winchester Cathedral https://tickets.ents24.com/
Tue 15 th 7:30 – 9:30pm	Experience sumptuous harmonies in an idyllic festive setting... G4 are back on the road in 2022 with their biggest and best Christmas tour at Winchester Cathedral
Fri 18 th 7:30pm	The Hound of the Baskervilles - Renowned stars of stage & screen COLIN BAKER (Doctor Who, The Brothers) & TERRY MOLLOY (Mike Tucker in The Archers) are performing at the Lights in Andover. 01264 368368
Sun 20 th 6pm	Autumn Meditations at Wherwell Church – 20th November 2022 St Dunstan of Glastonbury, Archbishop of Canterbury, AD 909 – AD 988 The Meditation is at 6 pm in the church and last for around thirty minutes, followed by refreshments.
22 nd 7:30pm	Lucy Cooke is a National Geographic explorer, award-winning natural history documentary producer and presenter, best-selling author. https://tickets.ents24.com/
Fri 25 th 7:30pm	Viva Neil Diamond - Bob Drury was described as 'one of the world's finest vocal tributes to Neil Diamond' and he's now back touring the UK, now in Romsey. ticketsource.co.uk/plazatheatre
Sun 27 th 7pm	Handel's Messiah , at the Anvil... Basingstoke Choral Society Box Office 01256 844244 Churchill Way B'stoke RG21 7QR

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

Simon's Charity Quiz

Sunday 27th November 2022

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 12th November

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

Events in NOVEMBER



Saturday 12th

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Friday 25th

GIN and RUM Night



**HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT
AIR AMBULANCE**

Sunday 27th

**CHARITY QUIZ & Raffle
in memory of Jan Hunt**



Club facilities include: Snooker Table & Bar Billiards (Mon, Wed, Sat.)

75-inch TV, Table Football & Pool Table (except Bingo Evenings)

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.

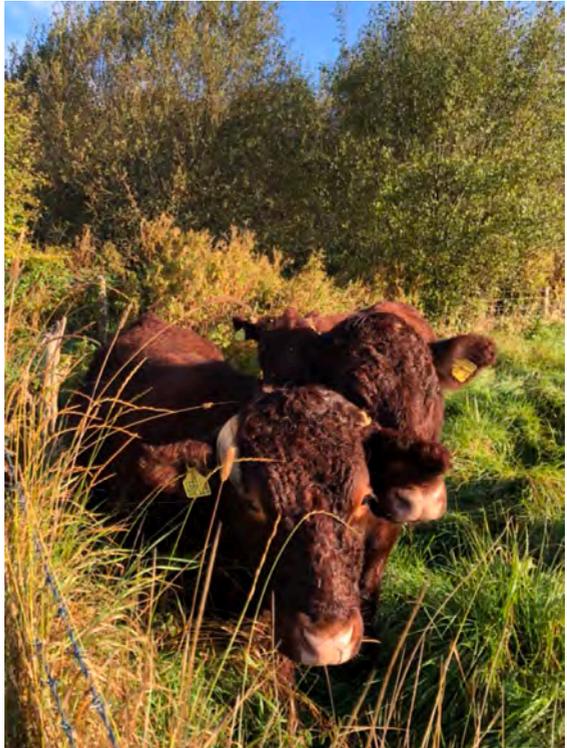
A local farming story - Test Valley Devons

If you walk over West Down, across the common, or along the high path between Wherwell and Goodworth Clatford, the chances are you'll have noticed a friendly and inquisitive herd of russet-coloured cattle. In that case, you've met the Test Valley Devons. But why are they there and who looks after them?

Enter Max Childs. Max grew up on the Mendip Hills in Somerset. His family home was next to a farm which ran a dairy herd. As a youngster, Max helped out on the farm doing various duties from milking to hay making. However, despite developing a love of the work, he could not see an easy route into farming, so he plumped instead for a Business Degree at Solent University. After many years working in marketing for technology companies, he then set up his own marketing consultancy in Chilbolton.

Eight years ago, while thinking again about his farming youth, he fortuitously bumped into Mike Thompson, a local agronomist - someone who works on soil health and farm productivity. Mike runs the Inchgarth herd – which includes the herd of Red Devon cattle on West Down and it did not take long for them to enter into a partnership, whereby Test Valley Devons was formed.

In the meantime, Max's parents had moved from Somerset and bought a small holding in the Wallops. The cattle overwinter there as the hillside farm is firm



under hoof and an ideal base to hold the winter hay supply. They then spend the rest of the year on the water meadows of the River Test and neighbouring pasture. Unlike a dairy herd, the cattle are low-maintenance, requiring little more than a good supply of grass and water and shelter from the elements, with Max or Mike checking regularly on the cattle to ensure their well-being.

Family and friends give a willing hand for some of the more labour-intensive jobs such as bringing in hay for the Winter from local fields, as well as fence maintenance, muck spreading (nature's fertilizer) and taking care of the pasture. You can see some of these captured on **Instagram @testvalleydevons**.

You might ask what motivates Max to look after cattle alongside a busy 'day job'. The answer is quite simply life-work balance. The operation needs to break even, which it does through the sale of quality, grass-fed beef, rich both in flavour and anti-oxidants. Beyond that, says Max, "It is about the affinity you develop with the animals. It's good for the soul. They have a placid nature, are responsive when called, and enjoy a good life – around three years, compared to the typical 15-18 months of commercial cattle farming. With a small herd, plenty of space and spending the year outside, there hasn't been a single health issue since starting eight years ago. It also delivers an important requirement of land in a conservation area, which is that it must be grazed - supporting the bio-diversity of the SSSI pasture."



Is the beef for sale locally? Yes, it is available either through the **Chilbolton Stores** or via the website **www.testvalleydevons.com** where there are full details of pack sizes and contents. The price is the same whichever method you use to purchase.

Red Devon beef has won critical acclaim for its flavour. Kevin Parks, Area Head Chef of The Ivy Group said recently, "As chefs we find it very difficult to source beef with real flavour. The texture and flavour of the Test Valley Devons, Red Devon beef is simply superb and testament to the high welfare environment, grass fed and sustainable raising of the cattle. This is a family run farm that delivers excellent products".
Worth a try?

Stephen MacDonald

Grass Fed, Native Breed, Local Beef



Discover 21 day aged, grass-fed beef, raised in the heart of the Test Valley.

Beef packs with steaks, mince and roasting joints available in 3 different sizes, 5-10kg.

Available now from
Chilbolton Stores or via:
www.testvalleydevons.com

"The texture and flavour of Test Valley Devons, beef is simply superb and testament to the high welfare, grass fed environment."
- Kevin Parkes - Area Head Chef - The Ivy Collection

 Instagram @Testvalleydevons

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**FATHER CHRISTMAS
IS COMING TO
WHERWELL CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

on Sunday 27 November 2022

3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

in the Village Hall, Church Street, Wherwell

There will be mulled wine, waffles, cakes, tombola, gifts,
and Children's Lantern Making and...

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN CHURCH
STREET**

in aid of the Church of St Peter and Holy Cross Church, Wherwell

**To be followed by the children's lantern procession
to the church for the 5.30 pm**

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
BY CANDLELIGHT**



Children are encouraged to dress up in
Nativity costume for the Procession and the Service

Wherwell Home Guard Club



5th Annual Bazaar
Saturday 12th November 2022
11 am – 2 pm

Christmas Gifts ~ Craft Stalls
Charity Christmas Cards ~ Notecards
Jams & Pickles ~ Handicrafts ~ Crystals
Xmas stockings ~ Bags & Pouches
Tea / Coffee ~ Cake Stall ~ Raffle

FREE admission

BLACK CHALK

November Events at Black Chalk Wine

Pan-Asian Pop-up with Little Fish **Thursday 10th November** **7:00pm**

We're teaming up with local Pan-Asian and Sushi superheroes, Little Fish - Sushi in the Sticks, to bring you an evening of Pan-Asian delights on Thursday 10th November. Expect epic sushi platters, mouth watering mains and beautiful puddings, all perfectly paired with our Black Chalk wines.



Festive Wreath Making **Friday 25th November** **5:30pm**

Join us on Friday 25th November, for an evening of festive wreath making in the Black Chalk Tasting Room. Our friends at Featherstone Flowers, Stockbridge will guide you through a wreath making masterclass, helping you create a beautiful, natural and sustainable wreath to take home for Christmas. All this accompanied by a glass of Black Chalk Classic English Sparkling wine and a bit of festive fare!

visit www.blackchalkwine.co.uk/whats-on to book your tickets

The Old Dairy, Fullerton Road, SP11 7JX

01264 860440

info@blackchalkwine.co.uk

Stockbridge Practice Patient News – October 2022

Flu and COVID vaccination

We have invited our at-risk patients and everyone aged 65 and over to have their covid and flu vaccination

We will have further clinics in November when we will be inviting every patient aged 50 years or over. Please wait until you receive a text or letter before ringing to book

Thank you

We would like to thank all patients who have volunteered to help us out with our covid and flu clinics – your help is invaluable. We appreciate your support.



Week beginning Monday 17 October

During this week we will be running covid and flu clinics at our Broughton site. If you are attending Broughton for another reason we apologise if you have to wait longer than usual for help from reception.

Online access

From 1 November 2022, patients who have online access will be able to see consultation notes, letters and results. This will be for information added to your record on or after 1 November 2022.

Please note that if you move GP practices you will no longer have access to any past information so it would be worth considering downloading anything you may wish to refer to in the future.

New telephone system

During October we will be moving to a new telephone system which should offer us better flexibility, particularly if staff have to work from home due to covid (there are still different rules in place for GP surgery staff). If the lines are busy you may be given the opportunity to have us call you back when you have reached queue position 1.

Please bear with us whilst we implement this change.

Medication

When ordering your repeat medication, please order all of the medication you will require in the next month, even if it doesn't all run out at the same time.

Staff news

Dr Hannah Pike has now started her maternity leave. She will away from the practice for a year.



KINDERTRANSPORT
BY DIANE SAMUELS

**“Through our children we live.
That’s how we cheat death.”**

24-26 NOVEMBER 2022
STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL
7.30PM

TICKETS £12 + BOOKING FEE

TICKETS FROM:
WWW.STOCKBRIDGEAMDRAWS.ORG.UK
OR CALL 0560 364 6791*

* Your provider may charge extra for 056 numbers

SADS

Andover Foodbank Christmas Appeal

Christmas always starts early at Andover Foodbank. We are already preparing shopping lists and packing lists for children's gift boxes and for hampers filled with festive treats ready to support local families in need this Christmas.

This year we expect to be busy as the cost of living continues to increase, and the normal weekly shop budgets are stretched even further. Last year with your help, we were able to distribute over 1200 gift boxes almost 900 hampers. We would be very grateful for your support again this year.

Information on how to make up and donate children's gift boxes are on our website (www.andover.foodbank.org.uk). The early date allows us to check how many boxes we have compared to the numbers required and top up if necessary, before delivering to our partner agencies for them to distribute in time for Christmas.

If you haven't come across gift boxes before, they are shoe boxes filled with small, new, age-appropriate gifts. Our partner agencies distribute these to children who are at risk of not receiving any presents at Christmas time. Our website and social media pages will have lots of ideas of what to include for each age group and how to pack them. These gifts make a huge difference to families.

'The children were so excited to see what was in them. It made me cry to see their faces and the generosity from you' – a mother

The 12 Days of Christmas festive hamper campaign will be starting 1st November

Full details are on our website. Hampers need to be delivered to the Foodbank by Monday 28th November during our usual opening hours, Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30. We will also have an open afternoon on Sunday 27 November, between 2-4pm for those who can't make our normal opening hours.

For any other Christmas food donations, please get them to us by 2nd December, thank you.

If you prefer not to shop, then there are lots of ways you can donate money instead. This is always helpful as we often run short of certain food and specific age group items for gift boxes. We want to be able to reach everyone.

You can donate online on our website, or for gift boxes text GIFTBOX to 70085 along with the number of the donation you wish to donate e.g: GIFTBOX 15 will result in a donation of £15, GIFTBOX 5 will be a £5 donation. Texts cost the donation amount plus the cost of a standard rate message. For other ways to donate please visit our website or contact us directly.

For more information visit our website at www.andover.foodbank.org.uk.

Details regarding gift boxes and hampers will be under the news section.

Any questions or if you would like to organise a collection, please call us on 01264 362111 or email office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk

Thank you so much for your support. Donating Christmas items will make a real difference to families in our local community.

FOOD BANK ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED

Cereals, long life milk

Mug Shots, pot noodles, cuppa soup

Cheese biscuits e.g., ritz, mini cheddars, crisps

Tinned meat, fish, spaghetti, baked beans,

Tinned soup, vegetables including potatoes

Rice pasta sauce, ketchup peanut butter, marmite, meat or fish paste, jam

Tinned rice, fruit, custard, jelly

Cakes and biscuits

Cartons of fruit juice, cereal bars, biscuits, cakes

Household cleaning materials, bin bags

Personal hygiene items

Pet food

Please drop off donations at Chilbolton Store or contact me for collection.

Jane Andrews Tel: 07730 412393 or 01264 860635

flyjohnandrews@aol.com

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28 NOVEMBER 2022

The Village Hall Management Committee's AGM will take place in the Durnford Room at 6.30 pm. Residents are invited to attend as this is a public meeting.

If you are interested in joining the Management Committee then please contact me at wendyandrews875@btinternet.com.

The agenda can be found on the Village Hall website at www.chilboltonvillagehall.co.uk.

Wendy Fakes (Secretary)

Paul Sartin and Wherwell

Paul Sartin was closely involved in Wherwell for over twenty years. We first met him at one of the Fir Tree folk sessions in Oxford over 20 years ago. He had not long finished his music degree at Magdalen College, Oxford and was still involved with the Christchurch Cathedral Choir with whom he had toured worldwide. Although he was classically trained, he always had a love for English Folk Music and that love was growing and becoming more prominent in his performances.

He wanted to record an album of folk music with Paul Hutchinson (*Belshazzars Feast*) which he did here in Wherwell at Doug Bailey's WildGoose Studios. That album was his first folk release and was titled '*One Too Many*'. Some of the people who played on that album came to sing with the choir at his funeral. Due to his virtuoso oboe and fiddle playing, he was also in demand as a session musician, so he often visited the village to record on other people's albums. During this time, he met our daughter Jennie. One day Doug was taking something to Wherwell Post Office and came rushing home to consult his diary, saying "I've just seen Paul Sartin in the village – I didn't think I had anything on with him today". I (Sue), was able to smugly say "You silly man, it's not YOU he has come to see!" Jennie and Paul were married in Wherwell Church in 2000 and there was music all played by guests late into the night in a marquee on Wherwell Cricket Ground. Many of those guests from the wedding were at his funeral.



Paul with William, Joe and Mr. Cascarini, 15th May 2010 (credit: Mike Gee)

All three of the boys, James, William and Joe, were brought up at the Old Booking Hall in Wherwell and spent time at Wherwell Primary school. On one occasion for a Summer Fair, Jennie had taught the village school children Maypole dancing and Paul, Joe, Will and teacher Mr. Cascarini played for the performance. Mr. Cascarini was still in touch with Paul. Paul used to give music lessons at the Old Booking Hall and Jennie childminded from there, so that their children saw a lot of them (not easy to achieve with a working musician for a dad).

At Christmas, Paul played his portable organ in the White Lion to lead the



Christmas Eve carols. He and Jennie were also to be seen caroling door to door in the village with lots of village children (and some adults). At New Year there was a Ceilidh in the Village Hall and Paul would get together a 'scratch' band of whoever of his professional friends were available to play for it. It always sold out.

Paul's last performance in the village was at the Home Guard Club in Wherwell, a couple of weeks ago, where he and Doug jointly put on a folk event.

Doug and Paul were in discussions about making that a regular event.

Paul with Jan MacGregor, 24th Dec 2009

The afternoon before the evening performance in Oxford where he died, Paul came to May Cottage to borrow a piece of equipment for the booking. The sun was shining, so around 4 o'clock Paul, Doug, myself and Jennie had tea on our terrace. Little did we know it would be the last time we were to see him alive. So cruel, and surreal that he should die in Oxford where we first met him.

Paul is survived by his mother Angela and by Jennie and their three sons James, William and Joseph.

Sue and Doug Bailey

Paul Sartin: A tribute from the Andover Museum Loft Singers



Paul became our musical director in 2001, after a year assisting alongside Sarah Morgan, also sadly taken from us far too soon. When we celebrated his 50th birthday last year, Paul joked that he was by far the youngest in the choir when he joined us, and that – 20 years on – it seemed to still be true! Certainly, he inspired immense loyalty from choir members, and as the reputation of “Paul’s choir” grew, so did the waiting list of singers eager to join.

The early years of Paul’s time with the choir, coincided with the first steps of Belshazzar’s Feast and Dr Faustus. Then in 2004, Paul invited choir members to a secret warm-up gig by a new group who had been rehearsing locally; 11 band members and their instruments squeezed onto the stage at Wherwell village hall and proceeded to blow the roof off! Bellowhead was born. We watched with enormous pride as his success as a performer grew, with eight BBC Radio 2 folk awards, and two silver discs for Bellowhead, alongside award nominations for Belshazzar’s and Faustus.



Even as his own performing career took off, Paul never wavered in his attention to developing the Loft Singers. We are a non-auditioning community choir, but he led us in ambitious work with no sense that our individual limitations should prove an obstacle. In 2012 we recorded our second CD, 'The Bedmaking', with 15 of Paul's arrangements; he continued to sell it at his gigs and consequently took great delight in thrusting a £10 note or two into the Treasurer's hands at Thursday rehearsals.

We were guinea pigs for some of the 50 folk songs that Paul skilfully arranged in his Community Choir Collection, published by Faber in 2016. His growing influence in the folk world opened doors to amazing performing opportunities for the Loft Singers. We performed 'Living by the Sea', alongside Faustus, on the main stage at Sidmouth Folk Festival to audiences in excess of 1000, in both 2018 and 2019. Last year brought new challenges: we performed, in Chilean Spanish, the 'Misa de los Mineros' (Miners' Mass) by Mauricio Venegas-Astorga, at Covent Garden and Whitchurch.

Other tributes have noted that Paul seemed to get as much pleasure from community music-making as his own illustrious performances. In 2008 he was quoted in The Guardian, as Bellowhead prepared to play to 30,000 in Hyde Park, saying: "It doesn't get better than standing in a pub with people singing all around you, it sends a shiver up your spine." We were immensely fortunate that Paul chose to spend time with us.

Our relationship with Paul went far and beyond the musical connection. Not only was he an outstanding musician, Paul was a kind, compassionate and generous human being. He brought a sense of fun to rehearsals, but also brought the warmth of his friendship, which was very special to us all.

We miss him more than words can say.

<http://loftsingers.org.uk/>

Andover Museum Loft Singers

The Greener Villages Group would like to thank all fellow walkers for joining Anne Clare on the Autumn walk in October that was guided by Susan Simmonds from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. She shared her knowledge and experience so we could enjoy a rich and informed appreciation of autumnal nature and wildlife on the fringes of Harewood forest. Watch this space for future walks!

Join Susan to learn how our precious chalk streams stay vibrant even in the colder months of the year in her HIWWT online talk on 6th December, 7-8pm, Free. Book online through the Wildlife Trust

<https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/events/2022-12-06-chalk-streams-wonderful-wintertime>

This event is part of Watercress and Winterbournes, a Landscape Partnership Scheme that is protecting, enhancing, and celebrating seven local chalk streams: the Bourne Rivulet, Candover Brook, Cheriton Stream, Pillhill Brook, River Arle, Upper Anton, and Upper Test.

Wherwell Home Guard Club



For your personalised Christmas cards.

Rent our Christmas back drop scene

Choose a backdrop, take your own photos,
personalise your card, get them printed
and send them to family & friends

Bring along props if you wish ... including the dog!

Saturday 5th November - 10am to 1pm

Sunday 6th November - 10am to 1pm

Hire cost of a backdrop (5ft x 7ft), is £5.00 a family
choice of 3 designs

For more details, please contact Sandie on 07584 673 993