

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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Here comes September

The month when we put our summer holidays firmly in our memory banks while we get back to work, back to school or just back to our normal lives. And what choices we have to pick up those lives again with a range of exciting events in the area, from the Home Guard Club dance, the Chilbolton Harvest Festival lunch and a public meeting for Chilbolton residents to discuss the plans for the future of West Down and the joint Wherwell & Chilbolton website, to name a few. Do find time to get out and about before the wetter weather sets in.

Euan Ramsay

Thank you to our contributors, to this month's production team of Sue Blazdell, Ray Blazdell and Euan Ramsay and to the distribution co-ordinator Ed Treadwell and helpers for distribution.

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If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the magazine secretary on the phone number below to arrange for your article to be typed by one of the team.

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During the interregnum, please contact the office for any support or assistance, as we have a team of ministers available to help.

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From the Church Records

Chilbolton		
Wedding	19th July	Brian Fakes & Wendy Andrews
Wherwell		
Interment of Ashes	13th July	Lucy Twose
Interment of Ashes	13th July	Mark Dyer
Baptism	21st July	Martha Burnell-Nugent
Baptism	28th July	Alfie & Charlie May

Services September 2013	St Mary the Less	St Mary's	St Catherine's	St Stephen's	St Peter & Holy Cross
	Chilbolton	Crawley	Littleton	Sparsholt	Wherwell
Sunday 1st September <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Matins with Holy Communion					10.00 am
Benefice Evensong	6.00 pm				
Wednesday 4th September					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme Service			2.30 pm		
Sunday 8th September <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am			
Littleton Show Service – in show tent			10.00 am		
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Songs of Praise at Lainston House				3.00 pm	
Benefice Evensong					6.00 pm
Saturday 14th September Messy Church 4.00-6.00 pm - Sparsholt Memorial Hall					
Sunday 15th September <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
CW Holy Communion	10.00 am				
Matins				10.00 am	
Family Service					10.00 am
Wednesday 18th September					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Thursday 19th September					
Flowerdown HC			2.30 pm		
Saturday 21st September					
House Communion			10.00 am		
Sunday 22nd September <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Harvest Festival	10.00 am	10.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Service of Peace & Wholeness			6.00 pm		
Wednesday 25th September					
Meditation			7.00 pm		
Friday 27th September					
Wherwell School Harvest Festival					1.45 pm
Sunday 29th September <i>St Michael and All Angels</i>					
Benefice Communion		10.00 am			
Harvest Festival					10.00 am

PRAISE THE LORD

There is a great deal of praise in the Bible, but there are still those who regard giving praise as a slightly dubious occupation. They think of it as somehow like flattering the boss, trying to get an unfair advantage. Nor are they greatly impressed by what they regard as the over-enthusiasm of some branches of the church. So let us try to see praise in its context.

Praise is not for God's benefit, but for ours. We do not think we can change God's mind by praise or even prayer. We are not telling God anything he does not know. I once heard preacher explain it like this. If your small daughter was to pick you a bunch of flowers from your garden, she would not be giving you anything you did not already own, but she would be strengthening the channels of love.

GOD AT WORK

Praise helps us to see God at work. We take so much for granted and tend to turn to God only when we are complaining or in need. By regularly praising God we get used to looking for the good things and giving God credit for them. We actually see more good things happening in our lives than we would if we did not praise. It was the martyrs' praise that brought the first converts to faith.

Praise makes us happier people. Who would you rather be around, someone who always sees the good in things or one who is forever complaining? Of course praise is an emotion, we praise when we feel thankful and we are not likely to do so with poker faces.

We praise with head and with heart, and sometimes we need to show how we feel. How would you express it if you had won £1million on the pools/lottery? You would leap about a bit, I expect. So what is so strange about actually looking joyful when we are again discovering the God who has given us eternal life?

AN INSPIRATION

Praise has little to do with exterior things. In Acts 16 Paul and others were singing hymns of praise in prison and God released them. In a sense praise releases us from whatever prison of the mind or body that we may be in. "God is with us praise the Lord" has sustained Christians through the ages. Any parson will have known someone who suffered greatly, yet who always thought in terms of 'I've got a lot to be thankful for'. They are a joy and an inspiration.

So relax and praise God in any way that feels right and natural to you – but do it often and do it today, for your own sake and for the sake of everyone around you too.

Rev. Piers Warburton



Simply Sunday

Informal Church for Families



Breakfast & Family Bike Rides - 1st Sunday of the month

Come and join us on the first Sunday of the month for breakfast and informal church, followed by off-road bike rides suitable for all for all ages and abilities - short rides for little people and longer rides for bigger people! Please bring your bike, helmet, long trousers and a drink for the ride. Breakfast at Chilbolton village hall is at 0930 and we are usually back from the ride by 1200. Breakfast is provided free of charge.

Summer Dates:

Sunday 01 September 2013

Sunday 06 October 2013

Location: Chilbolton Village Hall **Time:** 09.30

If you would like any further information, please contact Gaynor and Max Childs, Tel 860044 / SimplySundayBiking@gmail.com

Chilbolton & Wherwell Churches, part of the Downs Benefice

MIDDAY MUMS...

This month is on Monday 23rd September. Please note that this is a week later than usual. So hope to see you 10.30am -12.00 in Wherwell Village Hall with your little people, for coffee, biscuits and play. If you are new to the village do come along and meet everyone, you will be very welcome.

Susan Ansell 860775

Church Flowers for September



Chilbolton

Aileen Painter

Wherwell

7th	Anna Lipa
14th & 21st	Arte Cropper
28th/29th	Festival group

The Magazine Production Team



September's a quiet month so here's a shot of the Magazine Production Team at their Summer Drinks in Wherwell. From top left...

Andrew Flanagan (SE), Carole Marits (SE), Ray Blazdell (FE), Sue Blazdell (CM), Euan Ramsay (SE), Michael Payne (DM), Terry Gilmour (DM), Ed Treadwell (DM), Gail Budd (CM), Sharon Turner (FE), Victoria Ramsay (CM), Stephen MacDonald (Chairman), Sue Aiken (FE), Hannah Brown (Advertising 2013) and not forgetting.....

Tessa Youell (SE), Jim and Maggie Duffy (FE), Sarah Tall (Advertising 2012) and new joins Lesley Chin (CM), Alison Stimpson (CM)



Tessa



Alison



Lesley



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Key: CM (Content Manager), FE (First Editor), SE (Setting Editor)
DM (Distribution Manager)

Thank you...

to all the residents of Wherwell and Chilbolton who have been so kind and supportive after my mother's horrible accident and subsequent long rehabilitation. People have been so considerate and helpful that Stefan and I have been quite moved by it all – you really are a wonderful bunch!

I am pleased to say that Mum has made very good progress so far – each day has seen a little improvement in her mobility and lack of pain.

She will be in a neck collar for a good while yet, but the ribs are beginning to heal up well. However, it will be a long time before she can return to anything like normal life. As I write this, she is still in Savernake Hospital at Marlborough where they are treating her absolutely brilliantly.

Mum joins us in thanking you all for the good wishes which have been passed on to her through us.

Anna Lipa

Wherwell History Group Calendar 2014

Thank you to everyone who has submitted photos for next year's Calendar. Please continue to send photos to wherwellhistory@gmail.com before the

Closing Date ... 30th September

There is a sample page for each village location in our Google photo album at <http://picasaweb.google.com/wherwellhistory/LocationsForCalendar2014ThenAndNow#>

Other locations will be considered if we can find appropriate historical content to accompany the photo.

Each page will have a full colour photo, taken within the past three years, in the top two-thirds and two archive photos plus some history notes in the bottom one-third.

Please note that photos must be in **landscape** format, with excess sky at the top, or foreground at the bottom, which can be cropped to scale the picture to fit the space allowed on the page.

Wherwell History Group

In the July edition, I listed some headlines from cuttings in the WI Scrapbooks (1951 to 2005). David, Marquess Camden, has responded to the article with some personal recollections.

“Drugs swoop in Harewood Forest” – I got the first inkling of this when, while walking my dog in the woods, I came across a strange car. After waiting a bit, 3 men appeared. It turned out they were Customs Officers who had received a tip-off about drugs due to be dropped there from a light plane. Before they told me this, one of them kept me talking while one of the others got on the telephone to check me out and make sure I was not part of the gang! I believe that, as well as catching the drug dealers on the ground, they had aerial support so they could force the plane down and arrest the pilot.

“Anglers fight threat of gravel pits” – I think this refers to the time when the Highway Authority were building a major road nearby (possibly the A34 upgrade) and needed a lot of gravel. The last field on the right before the wooded area heading towards the A303 from Wherwell contained a substantial amount of gravel and my mother agreed that they could submit an application to excavate it. This was objected to and it was eventually turned down. However, there was quite a funny story that resulted from it.

One objector was opposed to the scheme, partly because he had calculated that one gravel lorry would go past his cottage on Fullerton Road every so many minutes (this was in fact nonsense as they were actually going to head towards the A303). The reason he objected so strongly was that he was once seated on his loo when a lorry (nothing to do with the gravel) went past. Unfortunately, the wooden seat had a crack in it and the vibration caused the crack to open and close again on a fleshy part of his posterior, leaving him in much pain and firmly attached to his loo seat!

“2000 trees in Harewood Forest felled” – I think this refers to the Great Storm. I forget which year it happened but it was the one when Michael Fish of the Met. Office assured us there would not be a storm! We were right on the edge of the storm – somebody coming from the West Country the next day did not know there had been one. The interesting thing about it was the cyclone effect as the felled trees were twisted like a screw.

“Gamekeeper battered by cyclists” – Eric Hall (now retired) was out picking blackberries with his wife when he heard motorcycles in the forest which were not permitted to be there. He went to see what they were doing and saw there were two. The first one was too far ahead to stop but he was able to ask the second one why they were there and was told they had got lost (fairly unlikely!). All seemed fine until the first motorcyclist came back to see what was happening. That gave the second one courage to give Eric an unexpected push, causing him to fall down whereupon the second man proceeded to “put the boot in”. As he was wearing motorcycling boots and was aiming at Eric’s head, this did considerable damage.

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The police did catch the criminal. Obviously not a very nice character as, a few days after this incident he apparently knifed someone in a club in Andover. Quite cleverly, the police waited until he had been sentenced for that crime before bringing Eric's case which meant the sentence for that was added on instead of the two running concurrently. Eric took quite a while to recover from his injuries.

Finally, the **Fetes Champetre** at the Priory in my mother's day. I think all three were in aid of the Hospice and sponsored by TSB. At the end of the second fete, a bugler was stationed on top of the priory lit by floodlight to play the Last Post. At the end of the third one, the same thing was done by a lone piper which was even more dramatic and moving. The third fete cleared about £100,000 which would be worth a lot more now. My mother died only a few weeks after this last fete.

Postscript ... the **Michael Fish** blunder was in 1987, you can relive these immortal words at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqs1YXfdtGE>

Andrew Flanagan & David Camden

Wherwell History Group presents



Behind the Scenes at Milestones Museum

An Illustrated Talk by Gill Arnott

Hampshire Museums Service

Friday 20th September at 8.00pm

Colonel Jenkins' Memorial Hall

Church Street, Wherwell, SP11 7JJ

All Welcome * Admission £3.00

Tea/Coffee and Biscuits included

St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton
Harvest Festival



Sunday 22nd September at 10am

Auction of produce following the service,
proceeds to the Andover Crisis Centre.

Harvest Lunch

Following the service, 12.30 at the Village Hall

Please get your tickets for lunch in advance from
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Chilbolton Village Hall

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Jenny Seddon

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October marks the beginning of a new advertising year for the Magazine and I am currently contacting all our existing advertisers to invite them to renew for the coming year.



If you would like to advertise or know of anyone who may be interested then please get in touch.

The Magazine Committee would like to use this opportunity to thank all our Advertisers, as it is their contributions, together with all our valuable volunteers, which enables us to continue to produce the Magazine and distribute it free of charge to all 750 households in the two villages.

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News from Wherwell School

As this month's magazine arrives on your doormat, the children and staff will be settling into the new school year.



This term we welcome our new reception class children who are in Class 1 with Miss Charman and Mrs Benson. They are also being well looked after by their big buddies from Class 5 who have been escorting them into assemblies and keeping an eye on them at playtimes. The benefits of this buddy system for our pupils are immeasurable – the older pupils gain such a sense of responsibility for their young charges and take great pride in looking after them. For the smallest members of our school the daunting parts of the school day, such as where to get their dinner from become a fun and social event. This buddy scheme is a programme that we have run at Wherwell School for many years and is now a well-established part of the successful transition process that we have for our new pupils.

Our school open morning is planned for a few weeks' time so that would be the perfect opportunity for you to come and meet us and to see the great work going on at school. The big buddies would be delighted to show you around - field, woodland area, and chicken enclosure included in the tour!

Please do look at the school's website for further information www.wherwell.hants.sch.uk or call on 01264 860384 and speak to Mr King (Head Teacher) or Mrs Pritchard (Admin Officer). *Julia Simmonds*

Wherwell Church
presents
A Harvest Festival of Flowers
28th & 29th September 2013
&
Scarecrow Competition
£5 per entry



Closing Date for scarecrow entry: Friday 20th September
Applications to Anna Lipa on 860879 or anna@stefanlipa.co.uk

Saturday

Lunchtime Soup & bread roll in the church

Sunday

Harvest Lunch in the village hall at 12 noon Tickets £5 – please reserve with Anna Lipa on
860879 or at anna@stefanlipa.co.uk

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

WHERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

At the July PC meeting it was good to welcome three members of the public. If you have never attended a meeting why not come along on the 10th September and witness the challenges that the PC face in our efforts to protect, protect and enhance all that makes Wherwell a special place to live and visit. Meetings are held every two months on the second Tuesday of the month.

The PC has supported the recent application for a two storey extension at Gavel Acre in the High Street. The planning application to build a three bedroom cottage, in the plot adjacent to the Church Car Park, was supported by the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the majority of Church Street residents with only one objection being received although this did state that there was no objection to a smaller house being built. TVBC planners, however, recommended a refusal of permission.

The PC did not consider that the rationale for refusal were acceptable and in view of the new Localism Act, the strong support of the application by the PC, PCC and local residents had not been given due consideration. Our District Councillor Jim Neal was therefore requested to ask that the application be considered by the Northern Area Planning Committee and also for a site visit to take place. At the meeting the planning officer outlined to the committee made up of a number of district councillors, the reasons for recommending refusal. The main objections were that the plot was not within the village boundary, although this is currently being reviewed, it was not a specified development type appropriate to the countryside and would not be an appropriate addition to Church Street due to its size, design and orientation. Included in the application were alterations to the church car park, the rebuilding of much of the old flint wall, the management of the trees and the undergrounding of overhead cables but the officer felt the benefits of all this did not outweigh the damage to the character and appearance of the street scene. The objector and supporters of the application then had just three minutes each to present their cases. I outlined the reasons for the PC's support, followed by Anna Lipa speaking on behalf of the PCC and then planning experts, both for and against the application, addressed the meeting. The councillors then had the opportunity to question the case officer before a vote was taken whether to support the planning officer's recommendation of refusal. By a majority of one the motion was defeated. However, because the application was considered against the local policies it was then automatically referred to the TVBC Building Control Committee. This consists of councillors from both north and south TVBC.

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The proposal should be considered in September when the supporters and objector will again have the opportunity to address the committee. If they agree with the planning officer's decision then the applicant can ask the Planning Inspectorate to review the decision.

Residents are reminded that overgrown hedges facing onto the roads are dangerous to both pedestrians and motorists. Please cut them back regularly. With Winter fast approaching and, no doubt lots of rain, it will make life safer and dryer for pedestrians if they do not have to negotiate overgrown hedges whilst endeavouring to avoid traffic.

A letter has been received regarding the problems caused by cars parked in the vicinity of the junction of Fullerton Road, High Street and Mill Lane in the centre of the village. Over the years the PC has been in contact many times with both Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough regarding this. The main problem is that there is no off road parking for the residents of Chapel Court and for visitors to various properties in this area. In some respects the parked cars do provide some traffic calming benefits but there is **NO** doubt that many vehicles do drive through the village and along Winchester Road far too fast. Speed audits, at our request, have been carried out on two occasions albeit along Winchester Road on the outskirts of the village. Both proved that by far the majority of vehicles were exceeding the 30 mph limit. Our MP Caroline Nokes was contacted in May 2011 about the possibility of a 20 mph limit being instigated as this was being done in some urban areas of Hampshire. She reported back that the Transport Dept at HCC stated that '20 mph speed limits are only put in place if the average speed of traffic using the road is at or less than 20mph. This is because there has to be some confidence the traffic would obey the new speed limit. A lower speed limit does not necessarily mean the traffic will drive at that limit and the police are unlikely to support a restriction that is considered to be unrealistic.' It was also stated that engineering work would have to be introduced to slow traffic down and this is expensive and as Wherwell does not have a poor safety record other areas would be considered before it. This is the Dept of Transport's national advice. Another comment that has frequently been made is it would not be possible to enforce a 20 mph limit which is hardly a convincing argument as the 30 mph limit is not enforced. Following the last traffic audit in 2012 we requested our beat policeman to carry out a speed check along Winchester Road during the 8 – 9 am rush hour. He reported that he did a survey at 3pm and only one car was exceeding the speed limit approaching the edge of the village. He also said that he could not repeat the check as due to Health and Safety regulations there was no safe place for him to stand.

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This is the route that village children are expected to walk along to get to school! He also said that they were also too short of staff! Within a few weeks a speed check was carried out on vehicles leaving the village at the top of Old Hill where there is really no necessity for the 30mph limit as there are no site entrances to properties or fields and very rarely any pedestrians. Several, normally very law abiding, mature villagers were caught exceeding the limit and had to attend speed awareness courses. We enquired why this check that we considered unnecessary was done but the one we requested was not possible. It transpired, so we were told, that it was a different department that did it!

The Parish Council, along with many residents, feel that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident takes place, there have been so many near misses. Chilbolton is actively pursuing a 20mph limit and we will be working with them, to hopefully improve the road safety for pedestrians and vehicles, travelling through both villages.

A Cottonworth resident near the Fullerton Road turning, has passed on concerns regarding cars and motor bikes that are constantly travelling along the A3057. at excessive speeds and that there had been three accidents along this stretch of road in the last month. County Cllr Gibson is endeavouring to get a lower speed limit introduced in this area.

Hopefully you will notice that the War Memorial has been cleaned and once the drainage work is completed, in the old quarry in the High Street, the telephone box is to be refurbished. We are very grateful to the White Lion who have undertaken to water the plants in the old water trough. We are also aware that here are still many pot holes that need repairing.

The proposal to have a defibrillator for the village is also being looked into.

We are grateful for all the work that is being done to develop the Community website which will allow the PC to manage its own page.

Next PC meeting: Tuesday 10th September 7pm Colonel Jenkins' Hall

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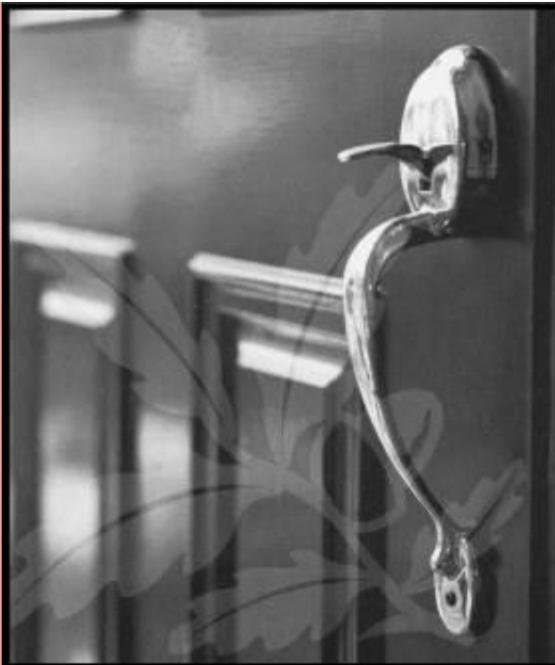
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Last chance to book tickets!

**Saturday 7th September, 6.30pm
Wherwell Playing Fields**

Following the successes of the last three years your Proms Committee will provide a wonderful evening of musical entertainment with live music (jazz, choral, brass band and vintage pop/rock) before switching over to the Albert Hall on the large screen.

Tickets include a Hog Roast and dessert. A licensed bar and snacks will be available all evening. There will also be a raffle and kiddies' activities. Why not organise a group of friends to come?

In aid of the Wherwell Playing Fields, the Pre-school Group and Age UK Andover.

Tickets in advance only
Adults £18; children (under 14 years) £8
Contact Diane Newell (tel 07776060898 or
email diane.newell@btinternet.com)

Note: Only food and drink purchased on site can be consumed on the premises.

DIARY DATES

September

1	Simply Sunday Biking	CVH	9.30 am
1	Chilbolton Village Hall Walk	Kings Somb VH	11.00 am
1	Charity tea and sale	CVH	2.00 – 4.30 pm
2	Age UK afternoon tea	White Lion	3.00 pm
3	Chilbolton Parish Council	CVH	8.00 pm
6	Film The Great Gatsby	CVH	7.30 pm
7	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am – noon
7	Last Night of the Proms	Wherwell PF	6.30 pm
10	Wherwell Parish Council	WVH	7.00 pm
10	Deadline for October magazine copy		
12	Silver Surfers	Home Guard Club	7.00 pm
14	Bingo evening	Home Guard Club	8.00 pm
16	Wherwell Primary PTA Meeting	School Hall	7.30 pm
17	Chilbolton WI cookery demo	CVH	7.30 pm
20	Wherwell History Group Talk	WVH	8.00 pm
20	Chilbolton PC public meeting	CVH	8.00 pm
21	Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30 am – noon
21	Opening of Chilbolton play area	Chil Playing Field	10.30 am
21	Home Guard Club annual dance	WVH	7.30 - 11.30 pm
22	Chilbolton Harvest Festival/lunch	Church/ CVH	10.00am/12.30pm
23	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30 am – noon
24	Chilbolton Horticultural Society	CVH	7.45 pm
24	Wherwell Ladies' Night	WVH	8.00 pm
27	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Chilbolton Church	10.30 am – noon
27/28	Young SADS 'Alice in W'land'	Stockbr Town Hall	7.30 pm
28/9	Wherwell Harvest Flower Festival	Wherwell Church	9.30am – 6.00 pm

October

4	Chilbolton film night	CVH	7.30 pm
5	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am – noon
5	Talk on arable plants	Longstock VH	7.00 pm
5	Piano Trio	St Peter's Stockbr	7.30 pm
6	Simply Sunday biking	CVH	9.30 am
7	Age UK afternoon tea	White Lion	3.00 pm
7	Wherwell Primary PTA AGM	School Hall	7.30 pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

The Lights, Andover has a mixed programme this month as usual, including, on 13/09 **And Finally** **Phil Collins**. 7.45pm £14.50 - £16.50.

On 26/09 the Andover Music Club season features **John Paul Elkins playing Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Britten and Ravel** on piano. 7.30 pm £10. 01264 368368.

Salisbury Playhouse is showing **On Golden Pond** from September 12th to October 5th (the classic film starred Henry Fonda and Jane Fonda). 7.30pm £12. Also Prunella Scales will be appearing with poet Leo Aylen for **An Assortment of Sybils** on September 23th 7.45 pm £12. 01722 320333.

7/09 Salisbury Cathedral has an **Art for Adults course: Clay Sculpture**. 9.30am to 4.30pm. From September 30th to October 4th **Sand Mandala** – sand art created by Tibetan monks from the Tashi Lhunpo monastery. 9.30am to 4.30pm daily.

Theatre Royal, Winchester has performances by OperaUpClose of **Tosca** on 20/09 and 21/09. 7.30pm £19 + concessions. Also, **From Life: Mike Weller** – an exhibition of paintings from September 23rd to November 1st. Free entry. 01962 840440.

Winchester Cathedral is hosting **The Winchester Dialogues** at the Winchester Guildhall including **Lord Hurd** on September 13th and **Frank Field** on the 20th. 7.00 pm £10.75. For an **International Experience Supper** come and support this event for charity in the refectory on September 14th. 7.30pm £12.50. On the 21st September the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is performing **The Best of British**. 7.30 pm £36.75 - £32.75.

In Basingstoke at The Vyne Matthew Barley, renowned cellist performs **Around Britten** – a programme inspired by and built around Britten's Third Cello Suite. 6/09 £18. 01256 883858.

Jason Manford will be at the Southampton Guildhall on the 18th and 19th September. 8pm £26. 0238063 2601.

If you love steam trains head for the open day at the **Watercress Line** on September 21st, Alresford. £14 (child £7 or free). 01962 733810.

Finally there is the **Alresford Show** on September 7th. £15 + concessions. All day from 9am to 6pm. And the **Romsey Show** on September 14th. All day from 8am. £15 + concessions. 01794 517521.

Farmers' Market Dates:

01/09 Romsey **08/09** Winchester

15/09 Andover **29/09** Winchester

For more information, please ring (01420) 588671, or visit the website at www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk.

Chilbolton Parish Council

As a prelude to the formal opening of the new play facilities on the War Memorial Playing Field by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Dame Mary Fagan, the Parish Council invite all villagers to a meeting at Chilbolton Village Hall **at 8pm on Friday, September 20th 2013** to discuss a number of matters about which the Parish Council wish to inform residents and seek their views. These are:

1. The development and use of the War Memorial Playing Field and pavilion
2. The Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Web Site (this will be explained and demonstrated)

3. The future management of West Down -

The Parish Council want to explain what is involved and hope to persuade villagers to support the Council in its wish to take over the management from Hampshire County Council. Hants CC are willing to give us a 99 year lease. It is clear to us that they have done very little in recent years. With reductions in public spending I believe they will do even less in the years to come and that this important open space will be poorly managed. We should be able to do a better job. Hants CC are prepared to help us and have offered £20,000 spread over 2 years to get us up and running.

We have looked at how much time and money Hants CC have spent on managing West Down in the last few years and it is not much. We should be able to do a better job at a relatively modest cost. We see no need for elaborate fund raising. We do not propose any ambitious and expensive schemes. However, we would welcome any ideas for the improvement of West Down as a village amenity. We have successfully maintained The Common that should stand us in good stead. We would use income from grants, for example from Natural England. We would use labour from Sparsholt College, Community Payback, Conservation Volunteers and locals (as we have successfully done on The Common).

Should we find that managing West Down is beyond us, we will only have to give 6 months' notice to Hants CC to end the agreement. What it comes down to is this. Who would you rather be in control of West Down, Hants CC or your Parish Council? Who will be the more strongly motivated to make West Down a place we can all enjoy, a reluctant County Council or an enthusiastic community led by the Parish Council? If we find we have overreached ourselves, what have we lost?

We think it is better to try, even if we fail, than not to try at all. We realise that others may not share this view. We respect this and would like to hear opposing views so that we can take them into account. The Council would not go ahead with this proposal if it is not supported by the majority of the villagers who choose to express a view. If you can't make the meeting, please write to me at Poplar Dene, Chilbolton SO20 6BA or email me at dlgrf@hotmail.co.uk.

David Griffiths

Grand Opening of Chilbolton Play Area Saturday 21st September 10.30 a.m.

The official opening of the Chilbolton War Memorial Play Area
by Dame Mary Fagan Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire



Please come along and support with your children, grandchildren, friends and relatives to celebrate Chilbolton's long awaited new play area.

Tea and cake will be served.

It will also be an opportunity to share ideas for the pavilion, which is overdue for a makeover, and to make suggestions for other uses of the playing field.
Claire Pigott



Wherwell Primary School P.T.A.

The new School Year seems an age away at the time of writing, but will soon be upon us. Our first PTA meeting of the year is on Monday 16th September 2013 at 7.30 p.m. with our AGM in October, so if you are thinking of

getting more involved with the PTA and improving our children's School, please come along.

Other events in the Autumn Term will be our Curry and Quiz Night so start getting your teams together for what is always a good fun night, and the Christmas Hamper Prize Draw.

Dates for your Diary

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 16th September 2013, at 7.30 pm, in the School Hall. All parents are welcome.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 7th October 2013, at 7.30 pm, in the School Hall. All parents are welcome.

The Curry and Quiz Night will be held in October. Date to be announced.

Sue Watts



20mph Is Plenty in Chilbolton

A group of residents are getting together to promote a 20mph speed limit in the village. This subject is expected to be on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 3rd September.

The legislation covering speed limits was amended in January 2013. This document can be downloaded from the Department of Transport website but essentially it sets out the benefits and parameters for establishing 20 mph limits. The policy encourages communities who wish to have a local speed limit to get involved and apply to their local councils. The new guidance removes many of the reasons why previous requests were refused whilst at the same time making it simpler and less expensive to implement a 20mph speed limit.

Our beautiful village meets all the principal criteria for a 20mph speed limit. We are a self-contained rural community which is not traversed by a “through route”. Residents who are visiting our pub or shop do not have the safety of a footpath or pavement along Village Street, with blind corners, can be dangerous especially at night for pedestrians as there are no street lights.

There have been many articles in the national press regarding the benefits of local limits. Opinion polls have found that 80% of the public and 75% of drivers support 20 mph as a speed limit on residential streets (PACTS) If you agree with this proposal or want to find out more about the campaign please email chilboltontwentyisplenty@gmail.com

Our village would be far safer if we adopted a 20 mph speed limit.

Fiona Baldwin, David Budd, Frank Finn



Village Hall Walking Group

Date September 1st

Meet at Kings Somborne Village Hall Car Park at 11am

A walk around Kings Somborne including parts of the Test Way and the Clarendon Way. One gentle climb and some walking on roads..

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For further information Bill Cooper 860417
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A review of ‘Wherwell and Chilbolton – Personal Memories and a Little History’ by Percy Trodd

Are you interested in local history? Do you enjoy it when people are staying and you impress them with your knowledge of local tales and traditions? If the answer’s yes, then Percy Trodd’s varied collection of memoirs and photographs depicting life in our villages from the 1920s to the 1940s will be a worthwhile addition to your coffee table. Hard bound with eleven chapters, one hundred and ninety pages and over two hundred photographs, it is a significant cultural reference book written from a very personal standpoint.

Percy was born during the Great War and lived in both Chilbolton and Wherwell. His father Sydney Trodd was a successful local builder who also filled the role of funeral director. His grandparents ran the local bakery, whilst various uncles and acquaintances plied their trades nearby. Percy’s flair for recording events and hoarding mementoes ensures the book is packed with the detail of life in an era when water was dipped from wells or direct from the river and cows were driven down the high street.

Each chapter reflects a specific aspect of life ranging from home, school, religious groups and farming, through to the development of the unique ‘Wherwell Car’ and the parts played by local residents in the Second World War. My personal highlight is a twenty page section dedicated to the ‘Sprat and Winkle’ railway line, a mini book in itself containing unique photographs of Fullerton, Wherwell and Longparish stations and the sort of inside information that doesn’t appear in local pamphlets. Did you know that sparks from a steam engine caused two thatched cottages to burn down during the early years of the line?

Other details that may interest readers include the Priory Property Sale in 1913, how the Western Lodge of the Priory came to have its unusual roof, the local development of the Wilts and Dorset bus network, plus fascinating insights into trading at the local bakery, the 20th Century Stores (now William Stewart Hair) and early records of house building in Chilbolton.

Copies of the book may be obtained from Wendy Fakes at **wendyandrews875@btinternet.com** or on **860237**.

Stephen MacDonald

Ringing in the new Royal

Last month the arrival of George Alexander Louis was celebrated by bells in Westminster Abbey and in churches all round the country, and Wherwell was no exception, when Liz Blakemore and Sue Blazdell represented our team of campanologists.

The chiming began with the formal peals of the Grandsire Doubles then quickly developed into lively and joyful improvisation, well befitting the occasion.

We expect to restore full circle ringing of the bells before long, but the Ellacombe system which is now in use at Wherwell means that not only can one single chimer perform peals on all five bells at once, but also that creative and tuneful chiming is possible. Listen out for Happy Birthday next July 22nd. *David Etchells*



From The Governors of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke RG24 9NA governors@hhft.nhs.uk

In a time of uncertainty about the NHS, readers may like to hear about a little known aspect of NHS Foundation Trusts - the part governors and members play in ensuring that the needs of local communities are met.

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust includes Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, and Andover War Memorial Hospital. Public governors are elected by their fellow members. Their role is to represent the interests of local people and contribute to the Foundation Trust's strategy.

Foundation Trust membership is free and open to anyone over 16. Members come from all walks of life and include patients, their families and interested members of our local community. Hampshire Hospitals sends all members a regular newsletter and holds events locally with talks on health topics where members can meet their governors.

We, the governors, would be delighted to attend meetings of local groups to explain our role and talk about developments at your local hospitals. We'd like to invite everyone living in our area to be part of a community of thousands of members of Hampshire Hospitals. You can join online at www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk or by calling 01256 852615. *Jane Gordon*



Some of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland in Stockbridge

Following a very successful performance of James Saunders's short play *Over the Wall* the younger members of Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society (Young SADS) are doing two performances of an abridged version of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* on the 27th and 28th of September in Stockbridge Town Hall at 7:30 pm. Lyn Woods, who wrote the script and is directing, believes "Nowadays children often only come across Alice in Wonderland in films which changed the spirit and sense of the original.

We have tried to remain faithful to Lewis Carroll, shortening the story, but using all his own words. It is very exciting to see these talented young people bringing it alive." Mark Frank, chairman of SADS, adds "SADS needs younger members to maintain its success. It is so encouraging to see another group of enthusiastic and talented future members performing".

Tickets will be available from the usual channels from the 1st of August. For more details go to SADS web site: www.stockbridgeamdrams.org.uk

Clare Cotterill



Calling all Chilbolton Residents

There will be a **Public Meeting** for all villagers **on Friday, 20th September 2013** at Chilbolton

Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. to discuss a

number of key topics, including the future management of West Down. Do come to the meeting – if you can't come, please let David Griffiths, Chairman, have your views in writing, either at Poplar Dene, Chilbolton SO20 6BA or via email at dlgrf@hotmail.co.uk.

JANE'S KITCHEN

Dare I admit that the prolonged warm weather days of last month meant we got a bit tired of salads?! I went in search of something different and found Jamie's Pea and Prawn risotto. It made a change and looked light and appetizing - and it was. This is a basic risotto recipe omitting the Parmesan.

For six

1 ltr hot chicken stock
1 tb olive oil
3 shallots or 2 med onions chopped
2 cloves of garlic
14oz risotto rice
2 wine glasses of dry white wine
salt and ground black pepper



Fry the onion and garlic in the olive oil and when transparent, add the rice and stir fry until it is just changing colour. Add the wine and then the stock a ladle at a time stirring until the rice has absorbed the liquid before adding the next ladleful until all the stock is used up and the rice is cooked and creamy.

Remove from the heat and add a knob of butter, 1 lb of raw prawns (I did use frozen cooked prawns defrosted). Whilst the rice is cooking prepare some garden peas, fresh or frozen and cook until just tender. Stir the prawns and peas into the rice adding seasoning and a good squeeze of lemon juice. Finally add a good handful of chopped mint and basil. Combine gently and serve immediately. Happy cooking!

Jane Brown



Join us for the Biggest Coffee Morning

**Friday 27th September
10.30 - 12.00**

at St Mary the Less Chilbolton

IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Jane Brown



Having recently helped my sister move to a smaller house after 54 years in her marital home, I sent her this poem, which I wrote on moving to Chilbolton fifteen years ago:

MOVING HOUSE

<p>Boxes, crates and open gates, Removal vans and helpful men, Stacks of furniture and plates - When will it all be straight again? To leave a home of many years And move away to pastures new Is not without its share of tears, Especially as it fades from view.</p>	<p>The new house beckons, full of hope, With fresh scenes and friendly faces, There'll be no time to sit and mope, Arranging things in all their places Old friends and memories remain, However far you move away. Now it's time to start again And turn the page of each new day.</p>
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Dawn Rickatson

The David Owen Norris Piano Trio
Saturday 5th October
St Peter's Church, Stockbridge, 7.30pm

Stockbridge Music is proud to bring the world famous pianist, composer & conductor, David Owen Norris, to Stockbridge to perform a concert with his friends, Camilla Scarlett(violin) and Jonathan Byers (‘cello).

David will be performing on his Broadwood Grand Piano of 1828 and he will show off his immense piano playing skills by performing Beethoven's famous “**Moonlight Sonata**”.

The Trio will perform a wonderfully varied programme of music by Sir William Sterndale Bennett,(Chamber Trio Op. 26), Elgar (Chanson de nuit, Chanson de matin, Salut d'amour) and Mendelssohn (Piano Trio in D minor Op. 49).

This concert will take place in St Peter's Church, Stockbridge, because we are unable to get his Broadwood Grand Piano into The Town Hall. However, as a large audience is predicted, the performers will be on a stage to offer maximum visibility for those attending.

Tickets (£12) are already on sale and can be obtained from;

John Robinson, Butchers (cash only)

The Lights Box Office 01264 368368 (Credit cards, cheques)

Roger Tym The Old Manse, High Street, Stockbridge 01264 810363

Drinks (£2) will be served in the TOWN HALL from 6.45pm and in the interval.

This concert is sponsored by The Wykeham Gallery, Stockbridge

John Lewis Trust

Arable Plants of the Wessex Chalk

Dr Phil Wilson will give an illustrated talk about the special wild plants that can be found on arable land in chalk areas. These are the plants that used to grow amongst crops, and were often referred to as weeds. But with modern agricultural practice, many species are now quite rare and confined to field corners and margins, or grow on specially cultivated plots and strips. Phil Wilson is a consultant botanist, and author of a Field Guide to Arable Plants

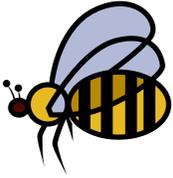
Saturday 5th October 2013 at 7.00pm

Longstock Village Hall

Entrance free

Joint meeting with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Further details: Glynne Evans 860697



Bee Diary September 2013



Chilbolton bees enjoyed the spectacular weather in July, filling the supers with honey and appearing to fully recover from the long cold winter and spring. At the end of July many of the hives were so full of bees that

we left the second honey harvest for a further month, until the end of August, to enable the populations to shrink down a bit. If you take off the honey supers from big colonies, there is often not enough room in the hive for all the bees. Bee populations generally peak in early July, but this year everything seems to be a month later than normal. It is only in August that wasps are becoming a real nuisance.

We hope that the wonderful summer weather has enabled the young virgin queens that emerged during late June and July to be properly mated, unlike the dire mating we experienced in the summer of 2012, due to the wet and cool weather. Queen mating time is when the male bees, the drones, really come into their own. Drones first appear in hives in the spring. They are large hairy bees with a deep buzz and no sting and their only role is to mate with the queen. All their lives they relax in the hive, being fed by the workers and generally only venture out on warm days when there is a likelihood of meeting a virgin queen on the wing. Their sisters, the worker bees do all the hard work in the hive, collecting and processing honey, cleaning, feeding the young and defending the hive from wasps and robber bees from other hives.

On warm summer days, after a late breakfast, drones will leave the hive, and fly to “drone congregation areas”, a gentleman’s club where they fly around awaiting a virgin queen. The virgin queens fly to these drone congregations and when they arrive there is a frantic chase in which it is generally supposed that the Usain Bolt of the drones will be the first to catch and mate with the queen on the wing. As this mating takes place, they are followed by a comet’s tail of other drones, all dead keen to be next. Dead keen is right, because at the end of the mating, each drone breaks away, leaving his organs in the queen. Without them, the drone quickly dies; his purpose in life complete. The queen can mate with up to a dozen drones in the congregation area; this is the only time in her life that she will mate. She flies back to the hive and quickly becomes an egg laying machine for the rest of her life.

Of course a drone’s life is not a complete picnic. For those drones that don’t mate with a queen, they continue to lounge around the hive until the evenings start drawing in, and the cold damp mornings of autumn arrive. At this time, the workers simply stop feeding them. The drones weaken and are then forced out of the hive by the workers to die. Drones are not needed in winter; the stores of honey are too precious to be fed to non-productive males, so they are ejected. Perhaps there is a lesson there for us all – watch out for cold damp mornings!

Jolyon Pope

Mark Dyer (1928 – 2013)

Mark first came to Wherwell in the mid-1950s, and on Friday evenings travelled by train from Southampton, where he taught law at the University, alighting at Fullerton Station when it was still in operation, and walked from there. His parents-in-law, Sir Percy and Lady Orde, had come to live in Wherwell and initially Mark and his wife Diana stayed with them, and when the cottage next door came up for sale in 1965 they established their own home at Watermill Cottage.

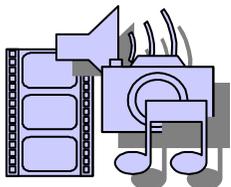
Mark was born in Peshawar in India, now Pakistan, in 1928, and came back to England to go to Prep School when he was 7. During the war he had 3 years at school in India but then returned to England again to go to Ampleforth in Yorkshire when he was 14. He made the long journey by boat by himself and didn't see his parents for another 3 years.

After school Mark did his military service and became a Captain in the Royal Scots Greys. After that he went to Oxford, where he read law, and then he became a barrister on the Western Circuit. He worked principally in Wiltshire, and was also Assistant Recorder, his first job as a judge, on the Isle of Wight. He was appointed a Circuit Judge in 1977 and held the posts firstly of Honorary Recorder of Devises and later of Honorary Recorder of Bristol. When he retired from the Bench he sat on the Parole Board for several years. As a judge he was known for his innate compassion and concern for the victims of crime, and for his support and encouragement of those starting out on a legal career.

Mark married Diana in 1953; they had known each other since their childhood days together in India where their parents were friends, and brought up their two daughters, Cordelia and Lucy, partly in Richmond but weekends and all the holidays were spent in Wherwell. Although Mark did not have the time to play a really active role in village life he loved events such as the Fete and Quiz Nights arranged by Brian and Lydia Knight at the Village Hall, and had a strong affection for many local friends. His later years were marred by failing memory and poor health, but he remained at home surrounded by his devoted wife Diana and his family. Mark was a warm and humorous man with numerous friends and close colleagues, and he is much missed. His ashes were recently interred in the Churchyard, with those of his daughter Lucy who died just a few weeks before him.



Cordelia Dyer



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860460



Autumn Term at Pre-School!

Welcome back to the start of a new year at Pre-School! We had a fantastic time running the Chocolate Tombola at the

Wherwell Playing Fields Fete on Monday 26th August and a big thank you to the Wherwell Playing Fields Committee who have been extremely generous allowing us to benefit from the Proms Night on Saturday September 7th. Please do come and support the event and we will be selling raffle tickets on the night!

It will be lovely to see lots of friendly faces when we return on Thursday 5th September. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new starters too, many of whom will have had home visits before starting or during the first term. We also warmly welcome our new committee members who join at such an exciting time!

We were very pleased to receive the Ofsted report over the summer following our Inspection which took place in July. We are delighted to have been given a rating of “Good” which demonstrates the robust academic environment that Sam and her team operate. Ofsted highlighted the following: “children thrive in the welcoming and nurturing environment”, “staff support children well”, “partnerships with parents are excellent” and “staff have a clear drive for continuous improvement which benefits children”. Well done to Sam and her team for their continued hard work to give our local children a fantastic start!

There are limited places here at Pre-School for this academic year but please contact Sam on the number below to arrange a visit or for your child to be put on the waiting list. We are now also taking bookings for September 2014. Call Sam on 07732 095814 or 07919 130777 or email

enquiries@chilboltonpreschool.com

Sarah Tall

Events at the Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop

An Evening of Astronomy and Astrophotography

The Museum of Army Flying is hosting an Evening of Astronomy and Astrophotography on **Saturday 14th September** at 7 pm. The event will allow visitors to learn more about the night sky and the amazing objects in our solar system and the wider universe. The museum is fortunate enough to have a wonderful location for star gazing, occupying a high position with panoramic views and dark skies.

Our expert Astrophotographer from Andover Astronomy Society, Paul Curtis, will give a presentation on photographing the night sky, including a chance to learn about the best equipment for different budgets. After the event, if the skies are clear, visitors will have the opportunity to have a go at some practical star gazing and astrophotography with specialist equipment. If cloudy, visitors will still be able to see telescopes and cameras brought along by the Andover Astronomical Society. Tickets are £6 per person. The event is perfect for those with an interest in photography or astronomy, and children aged eight and over, looking to learn about the Stars and the Solar System.

‘Flight! Camera! Action!’

Behind the scenes of Skyfall and the Olympics

On **Wednesday 18th September** at 7pm the Museum of Army Flying is hosting an incredible presentation. Flight! Camera! Action! will look at the involvement of AgustaWestland, the Anglo-Italian helicopter company, in two of their recent, prominent and challenging projects; the making of the James Bond movie Skyfall, and the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games.

As a company, AgustaWestland thought that their main events of 2012 were likely to involve its helicopters being flown in security operations by the three Armed Services. However, in February a call from Dubai started a chain reaction that put the company and its own staff and aircrew at the heart of both the production of the James Bond film 'SKYFALL' and the London Olympic Games Opening Ceremony. The Lynx Wildcat helicopters featured in SKYFALL, the 23rd James Bond adventure, which had its world premiere in London on 23rd October 2012, whilst ‘The Queen’ was seen parachuting from an AW13 in the Olympics’ Opening Ceremony.

In this presentation Richard Folkes and Andy Strachan, who respectively managed and flew the AgustaWestland contributions, describe the planning, preparation, challenges and execution of these iconic events. The evening promises to take you behind the scenes and show you what you didn't see on your screens last year.

Museum of Army Flying

Chilbolton and Wherwell Wildlife

The hot July weather has helped us see a lot more butterflies and moths this year. The buddleia bushes have been alive with Large White and Peacock butterflies, and in my own garden we've been visited by several Silver-washed Fritillaries and a wandering Dark Green Fritillary. One day last week, I also saw a Purple Hairstreak that came down from the tops of nearby oak trees, to feed on the nectar of Hemp Agrimony.

Moths have also been more numerous than in any year since 2006, and some of our local rarities seem to have done particularly well. The Scarce Burnished Brass is a nationally scarce species that frequents river valleys and damp woodland. In the UK, it's only regularly found in the Test and Itchen valleys, and a few areas of South Wales. Using a light trap, I've previously seen them along several stretches of the Test – including single ones at Chilbolton and Wherwell. But this year, I trapped four on one night in my garden - the first time I've recorded them here, and a few nights later one flew in through our bathroom window! It's quite an attractive moth, with broad reddish-brown wings and a large iridescent golden brassy patch near the tip.

An even more attractive rare moth that I trapped recently in the Wherwell section of Harewood Forest is the Light Crimson Underwing. This is a large moth, with a wingspan of over 60mm. When resting on a tree trunk, it appears to be largely grey and well camouflaged. But when disturbed or flying it flashes bright pinkish-crimson under-wings that give the moth its name. The Light Crimson Underwing is even rarer than the Scarce Burnished Brass, and is a British Red Data Book species – meaning it occurs in fewer than 15 of the 10km squares in the whole of Great Britain. That these rare moths are in our area, is testament to the two very special habitats we have locally – the fen and damp woodland of the valley, and the ancient oak woodland of the Harewood Forest.

However, our third major wildlife habitat - the agricultural land, is not without a share of rarities. Here, a major interest is in the specialized plants that used to grow amongst crops, and were usually referred to as weeds. With modern agricultural practice, many of these species are now quite rare and confined to field margins or specially cultivated plots. All of this is subject of a forthcoming talk organized by the John Lewis Trust

Saturday 5th October – 7.00pm “Arable Plants of the Wessex Chalk”
a talk by **Dr Phil Wilson** (author of a Field Guide to Arable Plants) at
Longstock Village Hall. Entrance is free, doors open 6.30pm, do come along.

Glynne Evans hantsbto@hotmail.com



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Chilbolton Football Club – August 2013

Our season ended with a home defeat 4-7 against Wolverdene Reserves putting Chilbolton a creditable 4th in the final league standings.

Earlier in the year Sam Horne announced that he would not continue as Manager after this season and a search began for a new manager who would ensure that a Chilbolton team used the memorial Playing Field and offered sporting participation for villagers. The interested candidates were all ultimately deterred by the additional difficulties of dealing with the Playing Field Committee. As a result there has been no alternative but to disband the club, ending some 20 years of a Chilbolton-based team representation in local football. This is an enormous disappointment for players and officials alike.

On-field activity remained positive with the news of the prestigious award of the Hampshire FA Fair Play Award for 2012/13 to Chilbolton FC. The club had the best record of all teams in the Andover, Winchester and Basingstoke male adult leagues, including the Hampshire Premier League. The engraved shield was awarded at the Hampshire FA annual awards ceremony in June.

Hants FA Discipline Manger, Debbie Sowton commented "Fair Play is paramount in our National Game. I would like to congratulate your club on receiving this Award, and on behalf of the Association, I thank you for your dedication and contribution to County football". Club Manager, Sam Horne, warmly welcomed the announcement of the award. "This is a high-profile, public recognition of the excellent sportsmanship of each and every player who has represented the club this season. We believe it is essential to set high standards of behaviour on the pitch as well as play attractive, positive football. We actively encourage supporters and visitors to attend our matches and we want that to be a good experience and for them to see the game played in the best way possible."

The club's final AGM and awards evening was held at the Abbots Mitre on 27 July. We have used our local football contacts to introduce the former Clatford Arms FC to the Parish Council with a view to them using the pitch as their home ground on a basis that will make a material contribution to PC funds.

Our thanks go to all those players and officials who have represented Chilbolton FC for their contribution to sport and village life in Chilbolton, and to ensuring use of the valuable Playing Field asset. Special thanks must go to the club sponsors: HugoFox.com, the Abbots Mitre and the Chilbolton Parish Council without whom Chilbolton FC could not have operated.

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Care Group	Christopher Bruce	860321
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Chilbolton Players	Carole Marits	860293
Chilbolton Church Flowers	Jane Brown	860726
Chilbolton Coffee Morning	Sheila Laughton	860460
	Lesley Brown	860217
	Debbie Richardson	861082
Chilbolton Football Club	Sam Horne	07969 055300
Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch	Maria Watson	860415
Chilbolton Playing Field Action Group	Claire Pigott	860522
Flood Advisory Group	Jeremy Baines	860448
	Terry Gilmour	860507
Horticultural Society	Sheila Evans	860697
Joyrides Community Bus	Mary Dunne	860398
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Wherwell History Group	Andrew Flanagan	860560
Wherwell Home Guard Club	Cliff Goodall (Chair)	860445
Wherwell Ladies Night	Angela Hughes	860877
Wherwell Playing Fields	Sean Hutton (Chair)	860443
Wherwell Primary School	Mary Gee	860592
Community Governors	Sandy Farrand	860492
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Wherwell Neighbourhood Watch	Richard Rowles	861101
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