

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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March 2020

Another bumper issue – it hasn’t been possible to fit in all the articles! The preservation of the natural world, and our beleaguered wildlife, is a strong theme in this issue; even our rabbit population has diminished. At the meeting in CVH on 1st March, we can learn how we can help by taking part in the Community Wilding project. Meanwhile, daffodils are just beginning to appear, and to entertain us this month, there is the superb ‘Official Secrets’ at CVH, as well as other films and a play in Stockbridge.

Tessa Youell

Thank you to our contributors this month, and to our production team – Lesley Chin, Anna Cochran, Tessa Youell, and to our distribution coordinator, Ed Treadwell and distribution helpers. Special thanks to Tim Whiteside, our ‘What’s On’ Coordinator.

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ST MARY THE LESS, CHILBOLTON

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**EASTER LILIES IN WHERWELL
CHURCH**

We are delighted that this year we will, once again, be purchasing some lilies with which to decorate our lovely Church at Easter.



Anyone wishing to make a contribution, perhaps to commemorate a family member or friend at this time, may make a donation to either Jo Baughen, or Phyllis Harding.

There will be a sheet at the back of the Church on which to write the names of your loved ones or, alternatively, please give them to Jo, or Phyllis.

| Services D March | <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> |
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| Sunday 1st March – The First Sunday of Lent | | | | | |
| Holy Communion (BCP) | | | | 8am | |
| Family Communion | 10am | | | | |
| Morning Prayer | | | | | 10am |
| Café Church in Church Room | | | 4pm | | |
| Spring Meditation Series – St David | | | | | 6pm |
| Wednesday 4th March | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | | | 9.30am | | |
| Sunday 8th March – The Second Sunday of Lent | | | | | |
| Family Service | 10am | | | | |
| Morning Worship | | 10am | | | |
| Family Communion | | | 10am | | |
| Welcome Worship | | | | 10am | |
| Benefice Evensong (Watermill Cottage, Wherwell, SP11 7JS) | | | | | 6pm |
| Saturday 14th March | | | | | |
| Messy Church at Littleton | | | 4-6pm | | |
| Sunday 15th March – The Third Sunday of Lent | | | | | |
| Holy Communion (BCP) | | 8am | | | |
| Morning Prayer | 10am | | | | |
| Family Communion | | | 10am | | |
| Matins | | | | 10am | |
| Family Service | | | | | 10am |
| Peace & Wholeness | | | 6pm | | |
| Tuesday 17th March | | | | | |
| Flowerdown HC | | | 2pm | | |
| Wednesday 18th March | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | | | 9.30am | | |
| Sunday 22nd March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent – MOTHERING SUNDAY | | | | | |
| Mothering Sunday Service (non-Eucharistic) | 10am | 10am | 10am | 10am | 10am |
| Tuesday 24th March | | | | | |
| Westholme HC | | | 2pm | | |
| Wednesday 25th March | | | | | |
| Meditation | | | 7pm | | |
| Sunday 29th March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins) | | | | | |
| Benefice Family Communion at Crawley | | 10am | | | |
| Monday 30th March | | | | | |
| St Catherine's Toddler Group Easter Service | | | 10am | | |

Church Flowers – February

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| Wherwell | No Flowers (Lent) |
| Chilbolton | No Flowers (Lent) |

Lent Series 2020

This year, we have invited speakers to come and talk to us about how their faith impacts upon their life and work and vice versa.

The series started with services of Holy Communion and Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday (26th February).

Over the following weeks of Lent there will be five talks. These evenings will take place between 7.15 and 9.00 pm and will be held in the respective churches.

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| Wk 1 | Tuesday – 3rd March St Stephen's, Sparsholt <i>Speaker: Mark Hibbert-Hingston, Winchester Street Pastors.</i> |
| Wk 2 | Monday - 9th March St Mary the Less, Chilbolton <i>Speaker: Tom Burden, Headmaster, Pilgrims School, Winchester</i> |
| Wk 3 | Wednesday – 18th March St Mary's, Crawley <i>Speaker: Jonathan de Sausmarez, The Children's Society</i> |
| Wk 4 | Friday – 27th March <i>St Catherine's Church Room - Littleton</i> <i>Howard Rowe – Formerly Lead Chaplain, Winchester City Ctr Chaplaincy</i> |
| Wk 5 | Thursday – 2nd April St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell <i>Speaker: Dr Roland Guy, Consultant Endocrinologist</i> |

MIDDAY MUMS



Midday Mums will meet again on
Monday 16th March at 10.30am – 12noon
in Wherwell Village Hall.
All with babies/toddlers welcome.

The next meeting will be on 20th April

Joyce Payne 860296

Looking Backwards to See Forwards!

Dear Friends,

'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace... '

Friday, January 31st 2020 marked our Nation's exit from the EU – a monumental and unequivocal political marker in all our lives, whether we voted to remain or to leave. Overnight, a new chapter began in our Nation's history. For some of us, leaving the EU has felt the right step for the UK; for others, our departure has seemed to be a profound mistake. For some, this is a moment of rejoicing and a chance to look ahead with excitement whilst others look ahead with trepidation. Whichever our perspective, we must hold each other in prayer as we ask for Jesus' wisdom and peace to bless us all.

Coincidentally, that same auspicious Brexit weekend, the Christian church across the world celebrated the feast of Candlemas - an important Christian liturgical marker at the end of Epiphany, before the beginning of Lent. Candlemas is half-way between Christmas and Good Friday - a pivotal point between Jesus' birth and His death: the day when we turn our thoughts from Jesus' cradle to His cross; from His birth to His death....and rebirth. We hear Luke's account of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, and the Prophesies of Simeon and Anna - of division and pain as well as of salvation and glory. So, on that Friday night at the end of January, as the clock ticked towards 11pm, I was grateful for God's perfect timing in bringing the pivotal significance of Candlemas and the words of Simeon's prophetic hymn to our modern experience: '*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace...'*

For Simeon, the encounter with the Holy Family in the Temple was a moment of release and completion. His song sounds blessed with long-awaited joy as he takes the infant Jesus into his arms, and knows this to be the moment which completes his own earthly life and *opens up to us all* the excitement of eternity. '*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace...'* As a new chapter in the story of Salvation begins, we let Simeon remind us that following Jesus is about sacrifice and faithfulness in the face of suffering – knowing that, in both pain and glory, the Saviour of the World is with us.

Candlemas also stands roughly half-way between the winter solstice and the spring equinox –the point at which we begin to turn from the cold and dark of winter towards the promise of spring. Of course, just as this did not mean it would immediately stop raining, so the end of January did not mark the end of the Brexit debate, as negotiations about the future relationship of the EU and the UKvb will continue as we head into March and beyond, with all parties working through the implications of departure. Our prayers must also be that we may '*depart in peace*' - acknowledging the hurts and fears and joys of others (even where we do not understand those

feelings), and committing into God's hands, both our Nation's future and that of our European neighbours.

I wonder how Simeon felt when he woke up the day after meeting the infant Jesus in the Temple? I'd like to think he lit a candle in the quiet of that winter morning, giving thanks that the Light of the World had come - breaking through the darkness of our lives to reveal '*God with us.*' Just as Brexit is a turning point in our political lives, could the spiritual turning point of Candlemas, help us lift our hearts to see this same light of Christ showing us the way forward now? Following Jesus is not just about Christmas, but about the hope and freedom of Easter. As we journey through Lent, may our prayer be that all nations focus beyond the temporal to the eternal, and find the joy of meeting Christ in and through each other along the way!

Yours in the unity of Christ this Lent,

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer

God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through the joy and light of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Emergency Paediatric First Aid C Course

25 April from 9am – 4pm

At Wherwell Pavillion

£70 per person (includes lunch and refreshments)

All proceeds to Chilbolton Pre-School

To book your place, please email:

fundraising.chilboltonps@gmail.com



YOUR COMMUNITY PRE- SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Chilbolton Pre-School is a charitable organisation that has been part of the local community for over 30 years.

We have provided hundreds of local children with the building blocks they need - in both education and confidence - to go on to achieve great things.

Government funding does not cover the cost of free funded places, which means we rely heavily on volunteers and financial support from sponsors, parents and fundraising events to ensure we can keep supporting children and their families. Can you help in any way?

- ARE YOU A LOCAL INDIVIDUAL OR COMPANY WHO COULD SPONSOR US?**
- COULD YOU SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING OR PURCHASE A TOY FROM OUR AMAZON GIFT LIST?**

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Chilbolton Pre-School – Learning Through Play

So much learning through play goes on every single minute at our wonderful Pre-School. But here is a little taster of this month's themes; Chinese New Year, dinosaurs, colours, shapes, feelings and our bodies.

The children have absolutely loved exploring different textures and materials in our messy tray. This has included playing with cornflour, oat dinosaur swamps, magic sand for moulding and shaping and water for pouring and filling. The learning opportunities in this area are endless.

We were lucky to have a visit from 'Mini Professors' and the children took part in some amazing science experiments. They looked every bit the part in their very own white 'Professor coats.'

The children love being outdoors and activities have included beautiful listening walks around the field, balls, bubbles, hoops on the astro-turf, a little fairy garden on the patio, balancing beams and some 'together' mark making at our little wooden table. Making fantastic construction creations with giant blocks from Simplex Turbulo has been a firm favourite.

Chinese New Year was celebrated by setting up our own restaurant, complete with beautiful lanterns, menus and chopsticks. We had a little office area where children could practice their telephone and keyboard skills by taking 'telephone orders.'

Towards the end of the month, the craft activities and stories were centred around 'feelings.' We have explored mood boards, feelings fish, emotion balloons as a means of encouraging children to share their own feelings with us; a very important skill for the children to learn.

We are proud to start the children on their learning journey and to be in the position to provide them with the building blocks they need to grow in confidence and prepare them for the next steps in their development. This is a truly rewarding job for us all.

We are currently fundraising for a new water tray/mat for the children. Should anyone wish to make a kind donation, please ring us or call into Pre-School. Thank you.

Forthcoming Fundraiser – Emergency First Aid Day – Saturday 25th April – please see attached poster.

As always, very best wishes from the whole team at Chilbolton Pre-School – 07753 378182.

*Clarey Gibson, Acting Manager of
Chilbolton Pre-School*

Whewell Church Family Service



We hold a service for the whole family on the 3rd Sunday of every month with special presentations and hymns for little ones. There is also a play area for the children.

The next one is on:
Sunday 15th March at 10am
Why not come and join us?

St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton

Come and join us for

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Family Service



Sunday 22nd March

at 10am

All Welcome!



Architectural & Interior Design Service

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Chilbolton Parish Council

The Council held its monthly meeting on Monday 3rd February at 18.30, in Chilbolton Village Hall. Two members of the public were present as was our District Councillor David Drew and County Councillor Andrew Gibson.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan has now gone to what is called Regulation 16. This involves an inspector, whom the Council has selected from a list, to adjudicate whether they see it as a good plan with no inconsistencies. It also must not conflict with the Test valley plan and meets government planning guidance. A vital part of getting the plan accepted.

The Chilbolton Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 20 April at 18:30 and this year we will be consulting on the Health and Safety and Access concerns on the Common during busy periods of the year. So, if anyone uses the common on a regular basis during these times please attend to have your say on the matter or alternatively email CPC with any suggestions - these can then be added to the list for consideration by the residents of Chilbolton attending the APA.

We will also be consulting Chilbolton residents on the issue of dog waste bags and whether they support the parish council continuing to supply them or not.

It would appear that HCC are repairing the footpaths in River View Close after much chasing from the Parish Council.

A large number of potholes in the roads around the village have been reported to Hampshire County Council Highways Department. If you do wish to report any yourselves the webpage is
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

The Mayfly Bridge Pedestrian problems. We now have approval from Leckford and Hampshire County Council for the footpath to the bridges, crossing the Test, below the current road bridge. This will link the Test Way to the footbridges and then to the pub. Leckford has asked for a fence to ensure the rest of the Island is not used by the public, which will be included in the plan

The Council is grateful to the Test Valley Borough Council Community Grants scheme, for providing half the funds for the electric rolling machine, for short mat bowls. It is hoped that with this machine the strenuous and time-consuming job of rolling the mats out and back will allow even more players, of all ages, to enjoy this activity, every Monday at the hall.

*George Marits
Vice Chairman, Chilbolton Parish Council*

Wherwell Auction of Promises

Save the date:

25TH APRIL 2020

at

WHERWELL VILLAGE HALL

7.00PM – 7.30PM START

Please book your tables of 8 now!

Contact **Alice or Lou** on:

alice@valdes-scott.com

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CHILBOLTON WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

We first need to thank the fifty-five respondents who completed survey forms by both selecting their favoured options and particularly by providing additional written input. The latter covered a range of alternative facilities and observations on the playing field and its development.

By any comparison this is a very good response, there is interest in every item listed on the survey form. We are very mindful that our work is on behalf of the whole village; we therefore want to maintain the dialogue with anyone with an interest as we proceed with our work.

It is clear that for logistical and financial reasons any agreed development of the playing field will take place over time. We will create an overall plan for staged development and make our recommendations to the Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee. Our submission will include the rationale for inclusion of the chosen, specific developments which will have been generated from the survey results.

We will apply a set of criteria to each suggested item, to include:

Its popularity in the survey results;

Likely usage;

Cost – capital and ongoing costs;

Resources required to install and maintain the item;

Health and Safety and access.

As a small group, our work is taking time but we remain interested in any further views on the development and, particularly, contact with any group or individual with proposals for the regular use of any new facility at our playing field. We can be contacted via the Parish Clerk:
Chilbolton.Clerk@hotmail.co.uk

We will update you on our progress in the next edition of this magazine.

Again, our thanks for your interest and support for this initiative.

*Trish Heaton, Nick Horne, Amy Smith
CWMPF DEVELOPMENT GROUP*

Results of Wherwell November Remembrance Collections

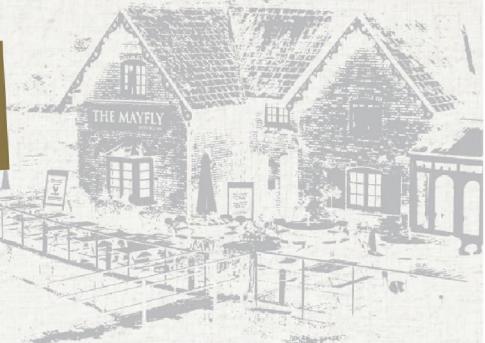
Parish collection was £1115.16

Collection for the service at the Memorial was £479.66

Thank you to all who contributed.

Pam Prince

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Maths Tuition

Would your son/daughter benefit from some extra help with their maths? Maybe they are lacking confidence and quite often a little one to one tuition can work wonders.

I am a retired Head of Maths, living in Chilbolton, with more than 30 years experience of teaching from KS2 to A-Level.

For more information contact

Mrs Sue Allen on 01264 860174

CHILBOLTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



SPRING MINI SHOW



Container grown bulbs /flowers

3 tall cut daffodils/narcissi (same variety)

3 small cut daffodils/narcissi (same variety)

Bunch of spring flowers in a jam jar

FOLLOWED BY

'GROWING PLANTS FOR CHARITY'

a talk by Martin and Sally Burr who raise a lot of money each year for Marie Curie.

7.45pm **March 24th**, Chilbolton Village Hall,

raffle, plants for sale, refreshments.

Visitors £3 donation

CHILBOLTON WI



'TRAVELS ON A NARROW BOAT'

A talk by Susan Waldron

17th March

Chilbolton Village Hall at 8.00pm

Refreshments, Raffle. Visitors £4 donation



For all homing, fund raising and volunteer enquiries; Telephone: 0345 260 1501 or Email: sylvia.cp@outlook.com
To view all cats currently up for adoption visit andover.cats.org.uk

This handsome man is Snowy who came into our care as his owner was struggling due to ill health. The vets estimate he's about 6 years. He has had lots of dental work done and will be ready for homing soon. He's very friendly so will love a fuss once he's settled in. Daisy, our featured cat from last month, was homed to an older couple and is being thoroughly spoilt.
Helpful tip - Cats have evolved to eat little and often – in the wild a cat would eat around 10-12 small meals throughout the day. Pet cats often prefer the same, although once neutered, cats typically have reduced energy needs, so consider cutting down their daily amount accordingly.

We are urgently in need of more volunteers and have several roles available. Please get in touch if you think you can offer any assistance to help our little branch.



Chilbolton WI

Our meeting in January, to welcome in the New Year, was a Fish and Chip Supper. We combined the evening with discussing five possible resolutions as selected from Institutes all over the country. The most popular topic will be voted on in June at the National Annual Meeting in the Royal Albert Hall.

Our programme for 2020 is as diverse and interesting as usual. This month (March) we have a speaker talking about her “Travels on a Narrowboat”. Whilst in June the subject is entitled “Why Diet Fails”! If you would like to join us on the third Tuesday of each month at the Chilbolton Village Hall 8 p.m. to see and hear more about our activities, a warm welcome awaits you.

For more details, contact our President, Pat Lloyd on 01264 353635.

Margaret Temple.

The Ladies Group

**Tuesday 31st March at 8pm,
Wherwell Village Hall**



Wildlife and Landscapes of Southern Africa

For six weeks in 2019 Sue Filmer and Robert Lawrence travelled in a campervan through South Africa's Kruger, Botswana's Chobe and Namibia's Etosha National Parks, in the Namibian desert and along the Skeleton Coast. Sue will share a selection of the photos she took of the wonderful wildlife and landscapes.

All ladies welcome.

£2 to include hot drink and biscuits. Feel free to bring your own wine.

If you would like to ask any questions please email me at

elahudson87@gmail.com, or phone on 860877.

Looking forward to seeing you. Angela Hughes

Greener Villages Update

Since our launch event in late October the Greener Villages Group has been extremely busy. We have successfully applied for 100 trees which have now been delivered and which will be planted at the Primary School and the Playing Fields in March.

Our Grow Wilder initiative will be launched on 1 March at Chilbolton Village Hall between 3pm and 5pm. There will be several local speakers including The Wildlife Trust. Attendees can find out about the Nature Recovery Network and how we can all take action in our own gardens. Wherwell Primary School children will be growing wildflowers this year and these will be ready for planting into gardens (including yours!) across the community and onto the West Down Conservation area in the autumn.

Our first ever Greener Villages Walk to Andover took place in November last year and we walked to Longparish last month. The Group is planning to publish a schedule of walks for the rest of the year to explore Wherwell, Chilbolton and the surrounding areas.

Our waste initiative is going well. We are regularly collecting recyclable items including milk bottle tops, batteries, ink cartridges and lots more at both Chilbolton and Wherwell coffee mornings. Please see our Greener Villages Zero Waste Facebook Group for more information.

Nearly 50 people attended an evening talk with Sam Horne, Head of Waste Management for Hampshire County Council at the end of January. We are now planning for a further evening workshop with Test Valley Brough Council's Recycling Team on 17 March (7pm to 8.30pm) at Wherwell Village Hall to start developing a local recycling map.

We have a Facebook and Instagram page, as well as Facebook groups for waste, biodiversity and food. Find us by searching for 'greener villages.'

*The Greener Villages Team
ccaction@scirum.co.uk*

Recycling

From 01/04/2020 HCC is introducing a £5 a visit charge to use its recycling centres such as the one in Andover.

Hampshire residents who have registered their car will not be charged. Use the link below to register up to 3 cars.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/vehicle-registration/register>

Shelia Evans

A Greener Future For Our Villages

GROW WILDER

Introducing a community wilding project
1st March 2020, CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL, 3-5pm

Get involved in the Nature Recovery Network

No experience necessary. All you need is one square metre of garden (or a large tub!). Whatever your age please bring your enthusiasm and expertise!

Or email ccaction@scirum.co.uk to find out more.



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight**
Wildlife Trust



Come and pick litter!

Come and join us to tidy up the streets of Wherwell
on Saturday March 28th from 10.00 till noon
Led by Dawn on behalf of Wherwell PC

Meet at the village hall –
picking equipment will be provided

Diary Dates

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| Weekly Bingo WHG Club | Every Monday | 7.30 pm |
| Short Mat Bowls at CVH | Every Monday | 7.30 – 9.30 pm |
| Keep fit at WVH | Every Tuesday | 9.30 – 10.15 am |
| West Down working party | Every Tuesday | 2 - 4pm |
| Golden Pilates at CVH | Every Wednesday | 2.00 - 3.00 pm |
| Badminton at CVH | Every Thursday | 8.00pm |

Mar-20

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| 1 | Grow Wilder Meeting | CVH | 3.00 - 5.00 pm |
| 2 | Chilb Planning + PC Meeting | CVH | 6.00 - 6.30 pm |
| 3 | SADs - Curtain Calls | Stockbridge Town Hall | 7.30 pm |
| 6 AD hoc advert deadline | | | |
| 6 | Movie: Official Secrets | CVH | 7.00 for 7.30 pm |
| 7 | Wherwell Coffee Morning | WVH | 10.30 am |
| 7 | 6 Nations Rugby England v Wales | HGC | 4.45pm |
| 9 | Lent Talk | Chilbolton Church | 7.15 – 9pm |
| 10 | Wherwell PC meeting | WVH | 7pm |
| 10 Copy deadline for April | | | |
| 13 | Stockbridge Film - The Farewell | Stockbridge Town Hall | 7.30 pm |
| 14 | Jumble Sale | CVH | 2.00 pm |
| 14 | 6 Nations Rugby England v Italy | HGC | 4.45pm |
| 14 | Monthly Bingo | HGC | 8.00 pm |
| 16 | Chilbolton Planning Meeting | CVH | 6.00 - 6.30 pm |
| 16 | Midday Mums | WVH | 10.30 - noon |
| 17 | Recycling Workshop | WVH | 7.00 - 8.30 pm |
| 17 | WI Talk | CVH | 8.00 pm |
| 18 | Stockbridge film - Yesterday | Stockbridge Town Hall | 4.30 and 7.30 pm |
| 20 | Wherwell History Talk | WVH | 8.00 pm |
| 21 | Chilbolton Coffee Morning | CVH | 10.30 am |
| 21 | Auto Barn Breakfast Club | Winchester Auto Barn | 9.00 am – 12noon |
| 23 | Village Hall meeting | CVH | 8.00 pm |
| 24 | Spring Mini Show | CVH | 7.45 pm |
| 28 | Earth Hour | | 8.30 - 9.30 pm |
| 28 | Mayfly - Live Music | The Mayfly | 8.30 pm |
| 28 | Litter Picking | WVH | 10.00 am |
| 29 | Sunday Quiz | HGC | 7.30 for 8.00 pm |
| 31 | Ladies Night | WVH | 8.00 pm |

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA - March

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| Wed 4 th | Teacups & Tiaras - William Hanson's History of Etiquette - In a world full of general ghastliness, trusted authority on matters of etiquette William Hanson has embarked on a solo mission to gentrify the nation. 7:30pm (TRW) |
| Sat 7 th | An Evening of Wonderful Romantic Music - Little Suite for Orchestra - Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No 2 in A major, Symphony No 3 in D, 'Tchaikovsky. University of Southampton University Rd, Southampton SO17 1BJ 7:30pm 023 8059 5151 |
| Tue 10 th | Andover Health Walk - The walk starts at 11.00 am (please arrive earlier to register). 11am (AL) |
| Wed 11 th | John Illsley: The Life and Times of Dire Straits 7:30 (TRW) |
| Fri 13 th | Sleeping Beauty - Vienna Festival Ballet 7:00pm (AL) |
| 12 th to 14 th | Revenge - Crime and Comedy Theatre Company Bill Crayshaw MP leads a charmed life, hailed in the corridors of Parliament, lauded in business, and loved at home. That is until he returns from a business trip to find his party agent has been killed in a terrible, tragic accident – or was it? 7:30pm (2pm Sat Matinee) (TRW) |
| Sat 14 th | Winchester Symphony Orchestra - New Hall, Winchester College - Joseph Haydn: Symphony no. 104 in D, 'London' Ralph Vaughan Williams: A London Symphony SO23 9NG 7:30 pm (E) |
| Wed 18/19/20 th | The Marriage of Figaro -It's supposed to be the happiest day of Figaro and Susanna's lives but will their wedding even go ahead? Mayflower Southampton 7pm Box Office: 02380 711811 |
| Sat 21 st | Don Giovanni, the world's greatest lover. Comedy-thriller 7:30 (AL) |
| Sat 28 th | Back to Bacharach -West End cast and the amazing musicianship of the Magic Moments Orchestra - you're never more than one song away from another classic platinum-selling hit in this fantastic night of nostalgia.7:30pm (AL) |
| Tue 31 st | Ballet - at Theatre Royal Winchester. One of the greatest ballets of all time, Giselle 7:30pm (TRW) |
| Tue 31 st to 4 th April | Chicago - the Musical... In roaring twenties Chicago, Chorine Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband Amos, to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie.7:30pm (PTR) |

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

| Venue | Number |
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| Andover Lights - (AL) | 01264 368368 |
| Theatre Royal Winchester - (TRW) | 01962 840 440 |
| Plaza Theatre Romsey – (PTR) | 01794 523054 |
| ents24.com – (E) | Go Online to check availability & book |

INCINERATORS TO STAY “FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE”

Keep Test Valley Beautiful campaigners say confirmation that the Government is to continue to build waste incinerators has proved that the bin the incinerator campaign is on the right track by concentrating on the argument that the Wheelabrator development is simply in the wrong place.

Environment minister Rebecca Pow told MPs during a Westminster Hall debate that for the foreseeable future incineration will: “continue to have an important role in diverting waste from landfill, and it is the best option for most waste that cannot be reused or recycled.”

Campaign spokesman Andy Jolliffe said: “It’s disappointing that the ‘party line’ remains the same, but this confirms that arguing against incineration as such will probably not produce the result we want. Our argument remains that for so many reasons it would be crazy to build it here.”

During the debate the MP For Romsey and Southampton North Caroline Nokes, argued for tighter controls on polluted emissions from incinerators and called for an incineration tax similar to the existing landfill tax.

Ms Pow effectively dodged the pollution question saying the issue was devolved. In fact, local authorities are responsible for monitoring pollution based on standards set by DEFRA – her own department.

She brushed aside the prospect of an imminent incineration tax saying: “The intention is that an incineration tax may never be needed.”.

It was the fourth time this year Ms Nokes used a parliamentary platform to the air the issue of what she called the “abomination” of the Wheelabrator Incinerator. She told MP’s that the EU had recently tightened regulations on emissions, but the UK should go further and “not use the lazy argument that emissions are ‘within legal limits’.

“I’ve lost count of the number of times we have been told over the last three and a half years that leaving the EU would provide opportunities. Surely this is one such where we can go further and faster than would otherwise been allowed.

“We have declared a climate emergency; we have a bold ambition through the Environment Bill to take radical strides forwards to provide a cleaner and greener environment for us and our children. We cannot do that by continuing to pump pollutants into our atmosphere.”

Meanwhile Reading West MP Alok Sharma has replaced Andrea Leadsom as Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Secretary. If he remains in post Mr. Sharma is likely to make the final decision about the Wheelabrator incinerator.

KTVB are gearing up for the next stage of the campaign when Wheelabrator submit their formal planning application and a summary of the thousands of comments and objections. If the application is accepted for consideration, people and businesses will have a brief window of opportunity to register to tell the Government directly what they think.

Keep an eye on the press and the KTVB website bintheincinerator.com to avoid missing the date.

If you are able to deliver flyers in the spring or early summer please make contact through the website or info@bintheincinerator.co.uk

EARTH HOUR 2020

Earth Hour is the world's biggest switch off event
when millions come together for nature, people and the planet.



SATURDAY 28TH MARCH, 8.30 – 9.30PM

Everyone can take part; whether it is switching off your lights,
switching off your phone or celebrating with others.

Earth Hour is a time to reconnect with what's important.

Visit: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour>

Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society

SADS's next production will be the award-winning comedy **Humble Boy** by Charlotte Jones. First performed in 2001 at the National Theatre with Simon Russell-Beale and Diana Rigg, it won the 2001 Critics' Circle Theatre Award for Best New Play. Charlotte Jones describes the play as:

'A comedy about broken vows, failed hopes and the joys of beekeeping.'

Felix Humble, a theoretical astrophysicist, comes home for his father's funeral to find his mother planning to marry another man. His father's bees appear to have been evicted, but they are not finished yet! Felix finds that solving the riddle of his emotional life is even harder than the search for a unified string theory. Although the play clearly refers to Hamlet, at heart it's a modern English comedy, moving, thought-provoking and very funny.

Critics have compared it to Stoppard for its wittiness and intellectual depth, and to Ayckbourn for its mastery of character and situational comedy.

Director, Mark Frank, said:

"I have been wanting to direct this play for more than 10 years. I am thrilled to have such a fine cast and backstage crew and look forward immensely to performing it in Stockbridge."

Humble Boy Performances will be

in Stockbridge Town Hall

on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 7:30.

Tickets are £10 available at John Robinson's butchers and Garden Inn in Stockbridge, Kings Somborne Post Office, and on-line at www.stockbridgeamdrams.org.uk.

Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society's

Curtain Calls...

Come and be entertained by readings and performances from plays, poems and novels around the theme of...

Beyond Reason

Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30 pm Stockbridge Town Hall

You don't have to be a member of SADS to come along, (but we'd love it if you'd join!) We're always looking for new blood to act, direct and to be part of the backstage team.

No experience necessary!

stockbridgeamdrams@gmail.com or find us on Facebook



CHILBOLTON FAMILY SERVICE

St. Mary The Less Church, Chilbolton

Come and join us for our family friendly services held on the **SECOND** Sunday of each month.

Our child-friendly services often include activities and singing and appeal to all age groups. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet local residents and chat with other families over a cup of coffee and a biscuit!

Please join us for our service at 10am on **Sunday 8th March** and/or the Wherwell Family Services held on the **THIRD** Sunday of each month. The next service is at 10am on **Sunday 15th March**.

We look forward to seeing you.



Bexley Phoenix Choir *Directed by John MacKenzie*



Concert Saturday 4th April at 7pm
St Mary the Less Church, Village St,
Chilbolton S020 6BQ

Come and hear this vibrant young choir from south-east London singing in a variety of musical styles including romantic era to folk, gospel and popular contemporary songs: This performance includes amongst other songs: *I know him so well; Rainy Days and Mondays; The Water of Tyne; Swing in Safari; Don't it rain culminating in the Rhythm of Life.*

Tickets £8.00. Students £5.00. Schoolchildren Free
Available from Lesley 01264 860584 or on the door.
www.bexleyphoenixchoir.org.uk

Wherwell History Group – Spring 2020 Programme



March 20th
His Honour
David Griffiths

**The Life of
Judge Jeffries**



April 17th
David Poole

**Clock Making
Past and Present**

All talks take place in Wherwell Village Hall, at 8.00pm

Tea or coffee and biscuits are served after the talk

Everyone is welcome (£4 entrance fee for non-members)

Andrew Flanagan

Auto Barn Forthcoming Dates

Winchester Auto Barn Breakfast Club

9am-12pm

21st March, 16th May, 19th September, 14th November

Meet the team and other motoring enthusiasts at our regular Breakfast Club meetings at Winchester Auto Barn. Bring your pride and joy along, talk ‘car’ and enjoy delicious refreshments from our vintage catering van.

Winchester Auto Fest

27th June

4pm-10.30pm

Join us at Winchester Auto Barn for a spectacle of cars, music and merriment in aid of Naomi House and Jack’s Place

Sunday Quiz & Meat Draw

29th March 2020

7.30 for 8.00pm === Admission £2.50



Cash Prizes

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Teams of up to 6

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Light Buffet included

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

Weekly Bingo Evenings on Mondays at 7.30pm

Monthly Bingo on Saturday 14th March at 8pm

~~~ 6 Nations Rugby on the Big Screen ~~~

MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> (**ENGLAND** v. Wales) at 4.45pm

MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> (**ENGLAND** v. Italy) at 4.45pm

~~~ *SAVE the DATE* ~~~

Saturday 11th April – **Easter BBQ & DRAW**

BBQ at 6.30pm, live singer at 8.15pm plus Easter Chocolate Draw

Friday 8th May – **VE Day Family Party & BBQ**

with Fancy Dress competition and beer at 'historic' prices

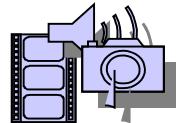
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CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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A British Intelligence Officer turns into a whistle-blower
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On
Friday, 6th March, 2020
Doors open 7.00 pm

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To book your ticket, please ring Beryl Lawrence
on 01264 860618
or Sheila Laughton on 01264 860460
or E-mail dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk

Stockbridge Cinema

Friday 13 March

The Farewell (PG) Comedy/drama. A Chinese family discovers their grandmother has only a short while left to live and decide to keep her in the dark, scheduling a wedding before she dies. [*Mandarin with English subtitles*] Golden Globe and BAFTA nominated in 2020 for Best Foreign Language Film and winner of the Golden Globe for Best Actress (Awkwafina).

Stockbridge Town Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge or online via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk

Wednesday 18 March:

Yesterday (12) Romantic comedy. A struggling singer-songwriter wakes up after a mysterious blackout and discovers he is the only person in the world to remember The Beatles, finding himself with a very complicated problem.

Stockbridge Town Hall at 4.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge or online via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk

Chilbolton Village Hall Management

Jumble Sale

SATURDAY 14th March

Doors open 2pm

Chilbolton Village Hall

**All donations of jumble to the hall
after 10am on the day please**

**Sorry, we cannot accept bedding, VHS tapes or cassettes, or
electrical items, unless plug removed**

**If you would like to help sort or sell on the day, please call beryl
Lawrence on 01264 860618
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WHERWELL FOREST RUN and SPORTS FAIR

SUNDAY 10th May

10am start for 10k & 5k FOREST RUN

www.wherwellschoolpta.co.uk/harewood-forest-run

SPORTS FAIR

11am- 2pm

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THE CHILBOLTON PLAYERS

I expect many of you, like me, were sorry to read in the magazine last autumn that the Chilbolton Players have now disbanded .Over the years we have received tremendous support from both villages but there may be many people new to the area who are unaware that there was a local drama group, so I thought I would write down a few of my memories from the thirty odd years I was connected with the Players.

The Chilbolton Players came together as a group in the early part of 1979. The impetus originally came from the Chilbolton WI, but it was felt that more interesting plays could be attempted by opening the group to all villagers. I joined the Players in 1980 and helped backstage on the production of The Chalk Garden by Enid Bagnold. This was performed in the old village hall and directed by Jean Blackmore.

Jean and David Blackmore ran the group for several years, and each year we put on a pantomime in the old hall and in the summer, we performed plays on the terrace of their home, Waterfield, in Joys Lane. We also took part in the annual Test Valley drama competition which was held in what is now The Lights in Andover. We never managed to win a prize, but it was great fun and we learnt a lot!

After Jean and David could no longer run the group, it “rested “until Sue and Errol Williams came to the village. Both had experience in amateur dramatics and were keen to revitalise the group. The first production was a pantomime, “Richard Wellington and his Cat with No Shoes”, written by Peter Redmond. All profits from this first production were given to the New Village Hall fund.

In following years, Sue would produce and direct a pantomime she had written herself. There was always an ultraviolet scene especially for the children. Each Panto included topics and characters relevant to our two villages and inhabitants. Even that Chilbolton smell got a mention! Ruth Wheelhouse also wrote and directed a couple of Pantomimes: Cinderella, and Robin Hood.

Once the new hall was completed in 1999, we could perform there. As there was no stage in the hall, we used to build one using scaffolding and sheets of plywood. A lot of hard work by a group of dedicated folk led by Brian Fakes. This would disrupt the use of the hall for other users, so performances tended to be in half term or school holidays.

Each year the Panto would go “on tour” to Wherwell. We had many vocal supporters at these performances, so we could guarantee plenty of audience participation, always a great help in Pantoland! I won’t mention names, but you know who you are! Most productions involved about 50 people, with many children and sometimes whole families taking part!

Jane Lunt, Ray Blazdell and Paul Sartin were our piano accompanists over the years and rehearsals were easier once The Players bought an electric piano for the hall. On the last night of the run there would be a post-production meal before the clearing up began.

Soon the group progressed to performing serious dramas and comedy in both Chilbolton and Wherwell Halls. One of the most popular was “Last Tango in Chilbolton.”

Murder Mysteries were another popular evening. Andrew Coombes wrote a couple and Sue and Maggie adapted scripts to make them suitable for an audience of 80 plus. We served a hot meal and dessert during these performances. Each time the cooks in the kitchen did a brilliant job and are to be congratulated.

Revues and Old Time Music Hall evenings were part of our repertoire as was an evening of Melodramas.

Although we were very much an amateur group Sue was always insistent we should act as professionally as possible and that ethos remained with us till the end.

Once we had a stage in our hall it was easier to put on productions without too much disruption to other hall users and gave us more flexibility in choice of material.

Some of my favourite productions must include “Toad of Toad Hall” directed by Jennie Pope, and “Confusions”, by Alan Ayckbourn. Chilbolton Cameos, written and directed by Sue and Maggie, a three-hour pageant inspired by Chilbolton’s history performed on a wonderful, warm summer’s evening in the grounds of Brinks Cottage.

In the winter of 2012, we celebrated the Bi-Centenary of Dicken’s birth with “An Evening with Dickens” held in Chilbolton Church. About fifty people were involved in the production, and readings and re-enactments of scenes from some of his most famous books had been adapted by Mandy Coombes and Maggie. Mulled wine and mince pies helped keep the cold at bay!

My lasting memories of the Players must include all the social activities: Skittles evenings with a fish and chip supper, the Summer BBQ in the Rectory garden, Posh Frocks at Christmas hosted either by Sue and Errol, or Jenny and Jolyon Pope.

In recent years, we have continued with pantomimes and the group have held workshops and fun drama evenings. But sadly, times change, people have other commitments and like so many other amdrum groups in the area we had to call it a day.

It is impossible to mention all who were involved with the Players, but we worked as a team. To support the actors on stage there were a host of “unseen” people making costumes, scenery and props. We needed a backstage crew, lighting, sound effects, tickets sales, poster and programme designers, as well as someone to run the bar. and raffle on performance evenings. And of course, no drama group would be complete without a wonderful tea lady, so vital to any rehearsal and production!

Those years involved hard work but were FUN!

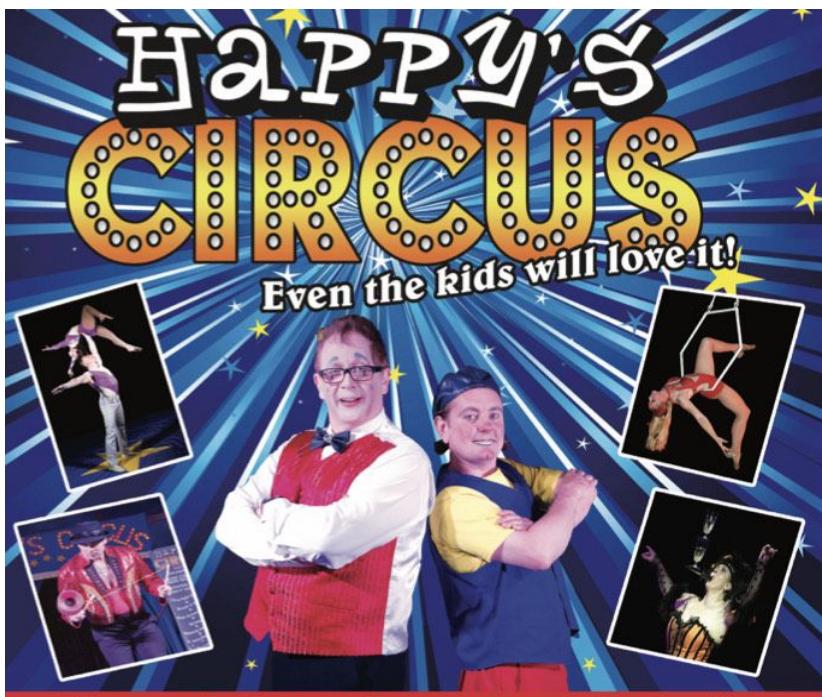
It would be lovely to preserve some of these memories from the past 40 years and build up an archive of material, kept in one place, as a record of part of life in our two villages.

I have a few scripts and programmes from past performances but would welcome more. If you have any photos, videos, programmes or special memories, please contact either me on 860267, or at maggieduffy@talk21.com or Andrew Flanagan on 860560

Thank you.

Maggie Duffy

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THE MISSING RABBITS

So another year passes, and when you look back on what you are missing you remember friends, acquaintances now gone and places you will never see again. Closer to home, one thing I miss are the rabbits that used to live in a small warren to the right of the entrance to the paddock of Broxton House from the Common. From the kitchen window we could see them munching the grass at dusk, or scattering when I drove down the track after dark. Occasionally the cat would bring one in when they made their first entrance to the world away from the dark burrow, about a month after birth. She was gentle enough to bring them in alive through the cat flap and would watch them sitting by the wall in the kitchen completely uninterested. When we had guests, she might decapitate one and take it up to the guest bedroom as a gift, not always appreciated.

The rabbit I miss is the big buck with the scarred ears. I have watched him from my car some afternoons as the light was fading, grooming his coat. He would lick the pads on his forepaws, the fur there is quite thick as he held them upturned, coating them with saliva, and then pressing them down on his face. He washed his ears by pulling down each in turn with the wet brushes of his forepaws. He washed each side of his body with his paws and cleaned the fur under his feet. I understand this is the typical toilet of a rabbit. Geeks will tell you that rabbit's ears are out of proportion to most other mammals, if laid forward over the face they will reach the end of the nose. But back to the buck, once when I was watching from the comfort of the car I could see the rabbit was gazing at a buzzard which had at that moment alighted silently on a tree support some 10 metres away in the paddock behind Broxton House.

The two creatures - ancient enemies, predator and prey - stared at each other for a while. Why did both become so still? Was it due to instinct or learning? The buck I guessed was last season's, so he was at least old enough to be sure of himself, and able in his home environment to stare his enemy in the eye. One of my Victorian books on wildlife tells me that, ounce for ounce, the brain of a rabbit is twice as big as a buzzard's, and, with its huge mobile ears, it could hear what the buzzard was doing. The hawk's eyes were the better of the two, and it would have known that the rabbit was probably too heavy for him to kill and lift away. But the buzzard would also have known that the rabbit's sight was poor and would only have seen him in subdued tones of black and white, therefore he would have blended into the background of the trees; so maybe the buzzard was there to see what else was on offer in the paddock and the rabbit was just an aside.

As a pigeon flew over, the rabbit stopped grazing, directing its ears forward to catch the sound of the wing beats, the pigeon being a noisy flyer.

It could see all around in an arc of more than 180 degrees, and recognising no danger in the familiar pigeon, it continued eating. The rabbit was keeping alive by two processes: eating to nourish itself and avoiding being eaten by maintaining a safe distance from a death-dealing predator.

Suddenly the buzzard glided from its post towards the buck whose reaction was to flatten its ears, becoming immobile, his grizzled drab-brown coloured coat blending in with the landscape. The buzzard would have known he was there, but he had seen a vole or a mouse. He pounced and flew off immediately with a long wailing cry, calling to its young, a signal to be fed. Raptors can be heard crying around the Common, the hawks do it frequently as do the buzzards, and the peregrine falcons have what I think is the loudest screech, as they scatter the pigeons around Winchester Cathedral on their way back to their nest.

Eventually, bored by what was going on, or full of grass, my buck disappeared back into the ground by way of a hole hidden under the brambles. But before doing so he did something I have never seen before – he pressed his chin against a long, rotting tree branch. The chinning releases a scent which has a territorial function, advertising to other rabbits the presence of one of their own, and in this case the territory was claimed. Does apparently do not carry out this marking I assume so as to not advertise the presence of defenceless young in the nest. You would have thought that the dropping of rabbit pellets and urine would have done the job but I can only tell you what I saw on the BBC and they would not lie to us would they?

Since the early spring we have not seen another rabbit from that warren and there is little sign of them on the Common. Perhaps the increase in foxes has controlled their numbers, as has the occasional stoat, or maybe I am just not seeing them. However, at least one has dug a burrow from the paddock behind Broxton House into the Memorial Playing Fields and has tried to get into my garden. Unlike Mr McGregor I will not kill it and make it into a pie.

I remember the outbreak of myxomatosis in the 1950s and saw, in a Scout camp site, the blind and sick rabbits stumbling around. The virus had a beneficial effect on the agricultural economy. It can never exterminate the rabbit completely, but it has restored the rabbit to a healthy equilibrium with its natural predators. I would think that if myxomatosis becomes a non-lethal permanent disease, as it has in the rabbits of Brazil, and if foxes, stoats and weasels are allowed to exist in their pre-gin trap numbers, (the 1958 Pests Act made the use of Gin Traps illegal), then rabbits are unlikely to again become a widespread plague to land users. Rabbits are a part of the British countryside and have a role in keeping it as it is and I do like seeing them.

Alan Crisp



*A thousand cameras, a thousand eyes
Have gazed with joy as seasons pass
On fiery blossom and gold surprise
On Wherwell's prunus, aged at last.*

*T'will have to go; Oh yes! Oh no!
It's past its prime; Oh say not so!
It is diseased, the roots are hurting
The foundation stones are bursting.*

*When this tumult and the shouting dies
And this battle's lost and won,
The gleaming monument replies
For those of us who died so young,*

*"Renew your loving memories, pray,
As, freed from Nature's cruel decay
My graceful stonework seems to say
'The tree has gone but I shall stay!"'*

From the archives of the late Eleanor Lockyer



Recipe of the month

Bean and Spicy Sausage Soup



A real winter warmer with easily obtainable ingredients.

INGREDIENTS

4 tbsp olive oil
4 large leeks
2 green chillies, finely chopped
3pts beef stock
Salt and pepper
4 medium courgettes, cubed
Pesto to taste
6 – 8oz chorizo sausage
1 large tin cannelloni beans

METHOD

1. Heat the olive oil in a large heavy saucepan and cook the prepared leeks and chillies until just brown.
2. Slice the sausage and add to the pan.
3. Continue cooking until the fat runs from the sausage stir frequently to avoid burning
4. Add the beans and stock stir well and simmer for 20 minutes
5. Finally add the courgettes and cook for a further 10 – 15 minutes.
6. Serve with pesto to taste (optional)

Jane Brown

Note from editor:

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



SAVE THE DATE
BLUEBELL WALK at WHERWELL
Sunday, 26th April 2020
10am Wherwell Village Hall

The Management Committee of the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall invites you to join the **Annual Bluebell Walk on Sunday, 26th April**.

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

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

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

Do you enjoy fresh air and a good gossip?

If the answer is yes, would you like to take on a delivery round for the magazine in Wherwell? One of our longstanding deliverers is shortly due to leave the village and we need someone to take over their rounds. At the end of each month (apart from December) you will deliver the magazine to around 20 local homes. Plus, at Christmas we have a great party for everyone connected to the magazine.

Please get in touch with David Fellowes on dwlfellowes@gmail.com.

Stephen MacDonald

To All Magazine Contributors

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

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

Stephen MacDonald, Mag Chairman

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Village Contacts – Clubs & Organisations

Clubs and organisations

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| Badminton | Jill Lord | 860667 |
| Beavers/Cub scouts | Frances Waghorn | 01962 776048 |
| Brownies | Julie Shone | 01962 761269 |
| Care Group (Driver Coordinator) (Admin) | Su Field | 861338 |
| Chilbolton Players | Sally Griffiths | 860313 |
| Chilbolton Church Flowers | Ford Bacon | 07788 470188 |
| Chilbolton Coffee Morning | Jane Brown | 860726 |
| Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch | Sheila Laughton | 860460 |
| Chilbolton Open Spaces Committee | Denise Hall | 860543 |
| Flood Advisory Group | David Griffiths (Chair) | 860313 |
| Horticultural Society | Terry Gilmour | 860507 |
| Joyrides Community Bus | Sheila Evans | 860697 |
| Midday Mums | Mary Dunne | 860398 |
| Pre-School | John Musters | 810459 |
| Short Mat Bowls | Joyce Payne | 860296 |
| Village Hall (Chilbolton) - Booking Only | Sam Inglis | 07732 095814 |
| Village Hall (Chilbolton) - All other matters | Deb & Richard Richardson | 861082 |
| Village Hall (Wherwell) - Bookings | Kate Ballard | 860524 |
| Village Website | <u>chilboltonhallbookings@outlook.com</u> | |
| Wherwell Church Flowers | Tony Ewer | 860486 |
| Wherwell Cricket Club | Julie Dickenson | 07519 357593 |
| Wherwell History Group | <u>www.chilboltonandwherwell.info</u> | |
| Wherwell Home Guard Club | Jo Baughen | 860319 |
| Wherwell Ladies Night | Nigel Horne (Chair) | 07876 122927 |
| Wherwell Playing Fields | <u>nigelhorne@ntlworld.com</u> | |
| Wherwell Primary School (Secretary) | Andrew Flanagan | 860560 |
| Wherwell Primary School (Chair of Governors) | Sandie Bastable (Chair) | 363499 |
| Wherwell Neighbourhood Watch | Angela Hughes | 860877 |
| Wherwell Singers (<u>www.wherwellsingers.org</u>) | Sean Hutton (Chair) | 860443 |
| White Lion Folk Club | Patsy Pritchard | 860384 |
| Women's Institute | Sean Hutton | 860443 |
| Yoga | Michael Payne | 860296 |
| Test Villages U3A (<u>www.testvillagesu3a.org.uk</u>) | Dale Webb | 860074 |
| | Roly Clarke | 07919 120159 |
| | Pat Lloyd | 01264 353635 |
| | Pam Flanagan | 860560 |
| | Geoff Thompson | 01264 782771 |