

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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What to say..? Please note the Covid-19 Helpline information and forms for both Wherwell and Chilbolton on pages 3-7. I'm afraid that, inevitably, various events have thus far been cancelled this month, together with all Church services and related activities. On the upside, Spring has arrived with birdsong and blossom, Easter is at hand and we're so lucky to live where we do, with such supportive friends and neighbours. Stay well everyone.

Lucia Foster-Found

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The Reverend Jax Machin, Rector



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Spring Meditations at Wherwell Church

The last of our meditations for Spring 2020 will be taking place on 3rd May at 6pm in the Church and will last for around thirty minutes. The subject for this last meditation is the remarkable Polish Franciscan friar and martyr, Maximilian Kolbe, who was born in 1894, and offered himself as a substitute victim in a Nazi concentration camp. We do hope you will be interested.

The meditation will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

Anna Lipa

Coronavirus – Wherwell Help Line

Wherwell Parish Council has arranged a help line for Wherwell residents.

Please call 01264 860060 or e-mail wherwell@scirum.co.uk in the following cases:

- If you would like to register on our ‘people at risk register’ (we would particularly encourage those over 65 and any others who either live on their own or have underlying health issues, e.g. asthma, heart disease, cancer, etc. to do so). We will make sure that in case of a further deterioration of the situation we will check on those on the risk register on a regular basis.
- If you cannot arrange your shopping/ deliveries via the Internet or you have any other issues as a result of self-isolation or sickness, please call and we will try and help.

If you would like to volunteer to help others in our community, e.g. check on others in isolation or go shopping for them, please e-mail: wherwell@scirum.co.uk.

Please note that particularly those over the age of 65 and those with underlying health issues are most at risk.

Please wash your hands with soap often (for at least 20 seconds), sneeze and cough into a tissue and bin it afterwards; keep a social distance of about 1m when meeting with others.

Don't go to the GP or the hospital but call 111 for health advice. The above phone number is a company number (Scirum Ltd) but is monitored 24/7, so please leave a message if no-one answers.

Alternatively, you can call 01264 861031 if it is urgent.

Coronavirus Volunteer (Wherwell)

Thank you for volunteering to help others in our community during self isolation.

Please could you provide the information below (ON PAGE 5), so we can plan and communicate better.

Please return to 27 High Street, Wherwell.

Please indicate what you are happy to do (**delete as appropriate**):

- Organise shopping for someone or a group of people (do an on-line shop, go shopping or pick up shopping or medication)
- Call people to check on their health and wellbeing and provide a friendly voice during isolation.
- Deal with urgent matters for someone, I.e. pay bills, send mail, etc.
- Dog walking

The guidance says that if you develop a persistent cough and a temperature you should go into self-isolation for 7 days. If this is the case or you feel unwell at all, please notify us by sending an e-mail to wherwell@scirum.co.uk with the heading 'volunteer coronavirus'.

When volunteering please keep safe at all times. If we ask you to check on your neighbours, we will ask you to call them by phone rather than see them face-to-face.

If in doubt or you think something serious has happened to your neighbour, please call 111 or if you need local help call 01264 860060.

If people need shopping, please call in their requirements and we will try and make a bulk order for delivery.

We will only keep and share your details for matters concerning the coronavirus outbreak and our response to it. You can write to wherwell@scirum.co.uk at any time to remove your details from the database.

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Coronavirus Volunteer (Wherwell)

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Tel (home):

4. Tel: (mobile):

5. Do you live on your own? Yes/ No

6. Are you over 65 years of age? Yes/ No

7. Do you have any underlying health issues? Heart disease, diabetes, respiratory, cancer or similar? Yes/ No

8. Are you a single parent? Yes/ No

9. Are you a carer? Yes/ No

10. Would you be happy for your name to go on a WhatsApp group of volunteers to help during the coronavirus outbreak: Yes/ No/ Yes but need help as I don't have WhatsApp

11. If not, how would you prefer to be contacted?

Chilbolton Coronavirus Support Group

In view of the Coronavirus situation the Parish Council and a small group of villagers are taking steps to set up a Coronavirus Support Group of 20 – 30 volunteers with the aim of providing such assistance to the community as becomes necessary. It is difficult to predict exactly what help might be needed but it is likely to include, help with shopping for those in isolation whether voluntary or by official requirement, help with getting medication, and regular checking on the vulnerable to make sure that they are OK. The exact needs will have to be tailored to the developing situation.

Those likely to need support would include the elderly, those with existing medical conditions (particularly respiratory and heart conditions), single people with no family near, and single parents. This is not necessarily an exhaustive list.

At this stage we aim to:

- Set up a **List of those needing support** (so should they need future help we have all details)
- Create a **List of volunteers** from across the Parish willing to help to those in need

Please Register in one of the following ways:

1. Send a short email to chilboltoncoronahelp@gmail.com with your name, age, address, telephone numbers landline and mobile.
Please indicate whether you need support or are a volunteer.
2. Telephone either **Fiona Barrie** on 01264 860264 or **Jo McMenemy** on 07919 280 702.
3. Complete the Response Form below (ON PAGE 7) and then you can:
 - Deliver it to Fiona Barrie at 1 Chestnut Corner, Station Road, Chilbolton SO20 6AW
 - Deliver it to Jo McMenemy at Abbots Rest, Village Street, Chilbolton SO20 6BE
 - Deliver it to Anna Cockram at Coles Croft, Coley Lane, Chilbolton SO20 6AZ
 - Put it in one of the boxes available at The Village Shop or The Abbots Mitre.

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CHILBOLTON CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE FORM

First Name	Surname
House number/name	Street
Post Code	Email
Telephone	Mobile
Please tick whichever applies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I would like to register to receive help• I would like to volunteer	

**For people who are unable to get to the local shop please contact
Chilbolton Stores using the following email address :
chilboltonstores@gmail.com or call Nicky Bond on 01264 860231**

NOTE: Any personal information will only be used by the Chilbolton Coronavirus Support Group for help with COVID 19.

Dear Friends,

***‘Nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.’***

(Romans 8: 39)

As you read this magazine at the beginning of April, many of the planned Church services and Civic events we had planned for your enjoyment and spiritual edification this Spring will have been cancelled or put on hold as our Nation responds to the ravages of Coronavirus. My instinctive prayer is that you will not be affected by this virus, though the pragmatist in me also prays that you will catch it and recover swiftly so that you have immunity to it.

Not since WWII have Lent and Easter services been so disrupted. In 1943, a Whitman’s Chocolate advert for Mothering Sunday in the USA (the equivalent of Terry’s Chocolates in the UK at that time) carried the strapline *‘A woman never forgets the man who remembers!’* In reality, a box of chocolates such as this was but an impossible dream. Lent was hard to observe: when rationing meant that people had so little to give up, *any* sacrifice really did make a difference. Celebratory meals required serious planning – many mothers went without food in order to make rations stretch for their families. Even fresh eggs, that special symbol of Easter, were unavailable: no egg painting, no Easter egg hunts. Worst of all, in 1943, Service personnel found themselves fighting through Easter ... if they remembered that it was Easter at all. Sadly, in 2020, Coronavirus takes us into uncharted territory as we battle a virus rather than a physical adversary.

In order to limit the spread of COVID-19 virus across our worshipping community, I have had to make the painful decision to cancel all Lay-led gatherings and Sacramental services - from our Lent Talks and beloved Mothering Sunday to Easter Day and beyond. Weddings and baptisms are in jeopardy and funerals must be cremations with immediate family only in attendance.

Brothers and Sisters, the Easter message has never been as important to our fragile world as it is now. We must dig deep into the reservoir of our faith and trust our Lord and Saviour, who is both our

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consolation and our hope. This is a time of testing and trial at every level of society for individuals, commerce, schools, supermarkets, NHS, Armed Forces and Emergency Services and their Chaplains, and our Nursing Homes. Our prayers are needed more than ever. For all our society, we have the power of our faith to pray and share the love and hope of Christ. Even in self-isolation, we can yet sit in our homes and become a powerful and focussed centre of prayer there - for our communities, our country and our world.

Community action has already begun to spring forth – bringing people out into the light, offering to help their neighbours who are self-isolating, either to protect themselves from infection or to recover from the virus. Praise God for lifting the inertia of our self-serving age!

We must continue to be inventive in re-imagining church. Let's see this as an incarnational and inclusive opportunity to be Christ in our communities rather than dwelling on the sadness of our exclusive worshipping together being curtailed. I'm seeing this need to re-imagine church as a real opportunity for us all *equally* – Gentile, Jew, slave or free. The Holy Spirit is giving us all a real shake-up and what better time than Easter and Pentecost to have it!

Yours in the passion of Christ!

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

A prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, Good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
Be with those who care for the sick,
And lift up those who are brought low;
That we may find comfort,
Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love,
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

'There you will see Him' Mark 16: 6



St Peter and Holy Cross church, Wherwell Graffiti Survey summary (part 1)

A team from the Hampshire Medieval Graffiti Project visited the church on 13th July and 14th September 2019. We were welcomed by members of the Wherwell History Group who kindly provided much useful background information about the history of the church, and of the adjacent priory site, helping us to put the site into context.

Most of the fabric of the present church is mid-nineteenth century in date, although traces of the earlier medieval structure still survive, and a collection of early architectural fragments, probably from the priory church, are displayed in the north aisle. These include a Saxon cross-shaft, two late 13th century carved stone reliefs, a pier base bearing the name Tho(ma)s Beow, and fragments from a stone coffin. There is also the recumbent effigy of a nun, originating from the priory church but more lately moved from a niche in the churchyard wall, once thought to represent the Abbess Euphemia but now tentatively identified as Juliana Overey.

The original aim of the survey was to examine these earlier fragments for historical graffiti, and to look for any surviving medieval fragments preserved within the church fabric or its surrounding walls. We were grateful to the History Group members who could show these to us, and who also pointed out the 1858 Iremonger mausoleum in the churchyard, which incorporates some impressive Romanesque monster heads, and some medieval shields. We would also survey the church to record all graffiti present, because, despite our name, we do not just record medieval graffiti. Even more recent inscriptions contribute to the history of the church and its parishioners, and can be useful for those researching family and local histories. Here are the

Survey Findings:

Rather disappointingly the only graffiti we found on the **pre-Reformation stonework** inside the church was a cross and some masons' marking out lines on the pier base. On the tomb of Sir Owen West, died 1551, also in the NW corner of the N aisle, was an incised cross and some faint initials, P or RS. We found no graffiti on the mausoleum stonework.



1 Initials on Sir Owen West's tomb

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2 Drawing of church on vestry

On the **interior church fabric** the most striking and unusual graffito was the carefully incised drawing of a church building with tall tower. This was on the west-facing wall of the passageway between the vestry and chancel. What building it represents is unknown, but it does not seem to be this church. Within the vestry itself, on the S wall, is an incised leaf shape.



3 Elaborate VV pattern on sill of window 4 in nave



4 Geometric pattern

Some geometric shapes, crosses and patterns were found on an interior window sill. One may be an elaborate VV pattern. These were originally invocations to the Virgin Mary, VV standing for Virgo Virgorum, Virgin of the Virgins, but post-Reformation they were used more generally as apotropaic symbols, protecting against evil.

More geometric shapes, which seem to have been deliberately formed rather than being random scratches, were found on the interior stonework of the windows behind the organ. The pattern on the jamb seems to form a tower of boxes, but frustratingly is obscured by an electricity cable. The pattern on the sill is made up of double, parallel lines.

As well as the markings noted above, there were a number of initials, names and dates around these same

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windows. Incised initials around the window, on the south wall, included AL 64, DH, ER, HAM, TS and EN, both enclosed in boxes, a deeply scored RV, and rows of Xs. There were also traces of abraded pencil inscriptions. The names H Trim and F Goody are incised on the sill of the east-facing window.



Very little graffiti was found on the columns. A possible letter W was found incised on the NW side of a column amidst the pews, and a very abraded name and some calculations in pencil were found on a column near the font. By observation, we believe that only the 2 westernmost columns at the end of each arcade are re-used, and the remainder of the arcade columns, N and S, are part of the Victorian rebuild. This is because the stone blocks are so different in appearance and have not been dressed in the same way.

5 Initials by window 6 in S aisle

Although not classed as graffiti, but sometimes mistaken for it, are the surface effects of stone dressing techniques. At Wherwell we came across a distinctive swirling lines, suggesting the stone surface had been scoured in some way.

On the **church exterior** only one graffiti was noted: a cross on the north wall. The Ordnance Survey benchmark on the SE corner of the S aisle was recorded.

We were kindly given access to the **belfry area**, and on our first visit were even treated to a demonstration of the Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus. Such areas are always a good source of graffiti, left by generations of bell ringers. Here, there were traces of names left on the plaster surfaces, though many are now very worn and illegible. R Young left his name here three times in the 1920s, and other legible names included R Penney, Spratt and F Hallett.



To be finalised in part 2.

Karen Wardley

The Months

January brings the snow,
Makes our feet and fingers glow.

February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen lake again.

March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil.

April brings the primrose sweet,
Scatters daises at our feet.

May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Skipping by their fleecy damns.

June brings tulips, lilies, roses,
Fills the children's hands with posies.

Hot July brings cooling showers,
Apricots and gilliflowers.

August brings the sheaves of corn,
Then the harvest home is borne.

Warm September brings the fruit,
Sportsmen then begin to shoot.

Fresh October brings the pheasant,
Then to gather nuts is pleasant.

Dull November brings the blast,
Then the leaves are whirling fast.

Chill December brings the sleet,
Blazing fire and Christmas treat.

Sara Coleridge (1802 – 1852) only daughter of Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Published in 1834 in Pretty Lessons in Verse for Good Children

Note: a gilliflower is a carnation or similar scented plant of genus Dianthus

Dear Friends,

The CEO of a firm and two of her senior executives are walking through a city park when they come across an antique oil lamp thrown in a bin. They rub it, and a Genie suddenly appears in a puff of smoke. The Genie says, *'I usually only grant three wishes, so I shall give you each a single wish.'* The first executive says immediately *'Oooh! I want to be in the Bahamas, sailing a yacht with Brad Pitt.'* In a puff of smoke, she disappears. *'Me next!'* says the second executive. *'I want to be skiing down the Matterhorn in perfect snow conditions.'* In a flash, he too is gone. The Genie turns to the CEO who says: *'I want those two back in the office after lunch!'*

If you were given one wish, I wonder what it would be? An exotic holiday, perhaps? A million pounds? An unlimited supply of champagne and chocolate? Though all of these seem wonderful, to be honest, if I was given one such wish it would be to embrace my eldest son and parents, all of whom have died, just one more time. I suspect that hope to see departed loved ones again would be at the top of many of your wish-lists too. And I imagine it was uppermost in Mary Magdalene's thoughts, as she and the other women with her, slipped through the dark streets of Jerusalem that first Easter Sunday morning, carrying the spices they had prepared to tenderly embalm the broken body of their beloved Jesus. Their experience of arriving at His tomb, finding it open and His body gone must have been an incomprehensible shock to them. In Mark's Gospel account, we hear how an Angel gently pointed the women to Jesus' resurrection: *'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here... he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as He told you.'* As they run to tell Peter and the other disciples the Good News of Jesus' resurrection, Mary and the other women, in turn, point us to the reality of this truth. And if you believe the events of that miraculous day, then everything about your lives will have changed forever. Bishop Philip North writes:

If Jesus is risen, then the things He said about Himself were true and we have been set free to live with Him forever. We are forgiven from sin, liberated from death and called to share with others a new and risen life. If He is risen, then the pain and injustice of this world cannot last and the triumph of love is assured.

Thankfully, we have the Gospel accounts of many witnesses to Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven to help us comprehend what Jesus' crucifixion and death have done for us. The women's experiences at the open tomb that first Easter have shown us that mortal death is not the end of life's story for us. The disciples' experiences in meeting the risen Christ have become for all Christians the reality of our eternal freedom. We, and all those

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who have already gone before us into the joy of heaven have been set free by the love of Jesus Christ and the grace of our loving God who has brought us a new Creation: *'And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.'* (Rev 21:2). This Good News, that we will all be reunited in glory with our Lord and Saviour is the best wish we could have ever hoped for. So don't keep it to yourself. Share it with all who will listen that they too might live.

Alleluia indeed. Happy Easter!!

Yours in Easter joy,

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you were dead but now you are alive!
Transform the torments of our earthly lives,
So that we might see your radiant risen glory.
You were raised from death unto life;
May the power of Your resurrection live also in us;
That we might be shining channels of your truth.
We adore you, O Christ, because by Your holy Cross,
You have redeemed the world.
To you, who has broken the bonds of mortal death,
And given to us all the promise of eternity,
Be praise and honour and glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!!
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



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

SAVE THE DATE

WHERWELL OPEN GARDENS

Sunday, 28th June, 1pm – 5pm

The Management Committee of the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall invites you to tour ten Open Gardens!

The gardens range from traditional cottage gardens through to larger modern planting schemes, with some of the gardens bordering the River Test.

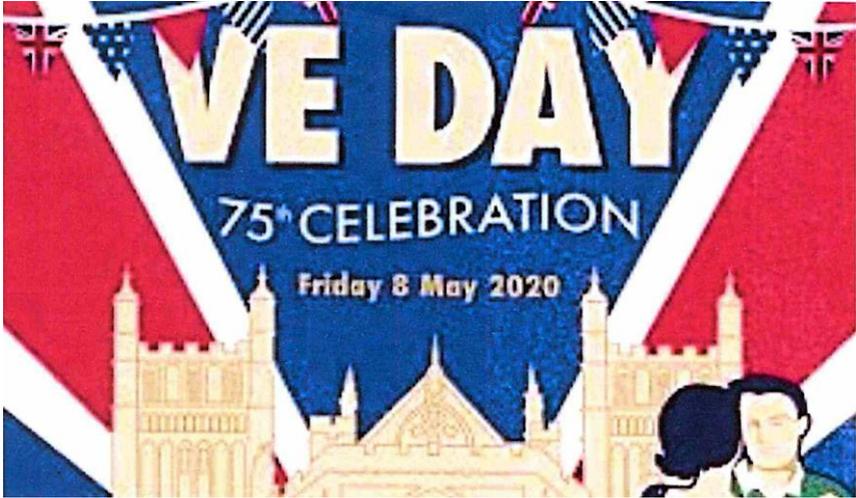
Whatever your interest in gardening, there is something to delight and inspire you in Wherwell.

Entry by Programme at £5 per person, all proceeds going toward the care and maintenance of our Village Hall.

Come and join us for Lunch with Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches and Cakes available, after the tour stop in for Pimms.

Thank You for Your Support
We Look Forward to Seeing You There

SAVE THE DATE



WHERWELL HOME GUARD CLUB

FRIDAY 8th MAY

events include

STREET PARTY

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS

BBQ

SING ALONG



Ladies' Night!!

All Ladies are warmly welcome to an evening on

Birds around

Wherwell & Chilbolton

Suitable for both novice and twitchier!!

Presented by Mr Tom Parsons

At Wherwell Village Hall

On Tuesday 28th April, at 8 pm

**£2 including tea or coffee and biscuits
after the talk**

***You are welcome to bring your own refreshments, wine, or
soft drinks to enjoy during the evening
Or you may wish to share with others!***

**Some know about rooks, owls by moonlight, vulture shows, pigeon
problems, but how many visitors can we recognise in our gardens?**

**Come and enjoy good company and share your experience,
knowledge and friendship**



Any enquiries to Angela Hughes at:

elahudson87@gmail.com

**Looking forward to seeing you,
Angela Hughes**

Wherwell Parish Council

Meeting report for 10th March 2020

The Parish Council was joined by District Cllr Drew and two members of public.

During the open session, an update was received from the greener villages group; Approximately 70 people attended the recent “Grow Wilder” event held at Chilbolton Village Hall, where three local residents gave very interesting presentations. The event focused on three main areas; residents were encouraged to set aside 1 square metre of their garden to grow wild, a wild flower project will be at Wherwell Primary School & thanks were extended to Cllr. Gibson who has promised a grant to buy equipment for the project, there was also a “pledge tree” where attendees were encouraged to hang leaves on the tree containing a pledge. Recently a number of trees were planted at the Wherwell playing fields, during this time some rare Violet Oil Beetles were spotted, which has been reported. The remaining bush/hedge type saplings will shortly be planted at the school. A recycling workshop will be held at Wherwell Village on the evening of 17th March. In June the groups focus will be on Food & Water.

Concerns were raised about the Coronavirus: The PC will arrange for a telephone number to be available so that concerned/self-isolating residents can call if they require help with shopping etc. Further information on this can be found elsewhere in the community magazine.

The minutes of the January Meeting & extraordinary Planning Meeting held in February were agreed. There were a number of matters arising: The PC were delighted that Wheelabrator have decided not to proceed with the incinerator at Longparish & would like to thank the local MP, County & District Councillors and everyone who lobbied against it. Two dog waste bins have been purchased for the village which will be sited at the Hairpin bend, and somewhere on Beech Grove. Additional stickers, reminding dog owners to pick up after their dogs, have been acquired from TVBC which will be placed around the village.

Concerns over the Bridleway at “Redhill” have been reported to the Countryside access team who are in contact with the landowner to try and resolve the issues. The PC has made contact with the owner of the land at Beech Grove/The Old Hill, with the hopes of being able to make improvements to the area. The Church Bells will be rung to commemorate VE Day.

The bimonthly accounts were tabled, amendments were noted & expenditure was agreed. A report from the finance subcommittee was received and their findings/recommendations were considered.

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Diary Dates

Weekly Bingo at 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	9.15-10.15 am
West Down Working Party	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
Golden Pilates at CVH	Every Wednesday	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Badminton at CVH	Every Thursday	8.00 pm
April 2020		
6	<i>Ad hoc advert deadline for May magazine</i>	
10	<i>Copy deadline for May magazine</i>	

**Due to Coronavirus restrictions on movement
there are no events to publicise**

<p>25th APRIL 2020 THE WHERWELL AUCTION OF PROMISES AT WHERWELL VILLAGE HALL 7.00PM – 7.30PM START POSTPONED UNTIL THE AUTUMN</p>

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA - April

Thu 2 nd	Wessex Dance Academy - Free event. Please reserve your seat via the Box Office on 01962 840 440 - an evening of great dance by an amazing company 7:00 pm (TRW)
2 nd to Sat 4 th	Humble Boy By Charlotte Jones at Stockbridge Town Hall - A comedy about broken vows, failed hopes and the joys of beekeeping. 2001 Critics' Circle Theatre Award for Best New Play (E) 7:30pm
Sun 5 th	Saucy Sauces with Andy Makenzie (head chef) at Lainston House Hotel SO21 2LT (season cookery school) 9:30 am – 01962 797851
Tue 7 th	Cafe Bar Jazz Night: Charlie Pyne Quartet in conjunction with Winchester Jazz Festival 7:00pm (TRW)
Fri 10 th	Visit a garden – Crawley garden Winchester SO21 2PR 2-5:30pm
Mon 13 th	Visit a garden – Crawley garden Winchester SO21 2PR 2-5:30pm
Fri 17 th	dS:uK - The Dire Straits Tribute Show “one of the must see shows” During the 80’s and 90’s, Dire Straits were one of the biggest music brands and concert touring bands in the world 7:30pm (PTR)
Sat 18 th	The Westenders-songs from the World’s Greatest Musicals 7:30 (AL)
Sun 19 th	Perfect Pizza with Sylvain Gachot 2pm and 6pm at Lainston House Hotel SO21 2LT (season cookery school) – 01962 797851
Sun 19 th	Dollywood To Hollywood: The Rags to Rhinestones Story An Evening with - Miss Julia Martin, the UK's No. 1 Dolly Parton impersonator that continues to sell out theatres across UK, 7:30 (PTR)
Tue 21 st – 25 th	Absurd Person Singular - Three married couples, three kitchens, three parties - comic masterpiece of social climbing in 1970s suburbia fuses a potent mix of farce and black comedy 7:30/2:30 (TRW)
Sat 25 th	Hampshirepride City Centre Winchester SO23 9GH – 12/1:00 (noon) Contact Information: https://www.hampshirepride.org
Sun 26 th	Visit a garden – Terstan Stockbridge SO20 6DW 2-5pm
Sun 26 th	The Chicago Blues Brothers - Direct from London’s West End, join 11 piece band, for a brand new 2-hour all singing, all dancing hit parade bringing you the greatest movie anthems of all time, performed live in concert. 7:30pm (TRW)
30 th April to 3 rd May	Chamber Music Festival 2020 – Various venues across Winchester www.winchesterchambermusic.com – 01962 840 440
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
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

Cllr Gibson sent in a report in his absence, extracts from which can be seen here:

Hampshire's Highways has been battling over the last month to stop flooding and the rising Ground Water issue. Hopefully we will now see a return to more reasonable rain levels and a degree of normality. However this has left the roads in a very poor state, as we see driving through many of the villages.

Budget: (2020-21) includes spending £2.1 billion on delivering important public services to 1.3 million residents during the next financial year. One-off investment is pledged for tackling climate change (up to £2 million) and an extra £2 million each year for fixing potholes, with an additional £3 million for 2020/21. This is on top of the £10 million spent annually on Operation Resilience - the long-term strategy to ensure Hampshire's road network is more resilient to the impact of heavy traffic and worsening winters.

Social care pressures top the list of priorities with the number of people aged 75+ in Hampshire increasing by almost a third over the next few years. The County Council agreed a 3.99% increase in the council tax precept from 1 April 2020 – of which 2% is specifically for adult social care. Hampshire is still the 2nd lowest council tax of all counties in England.

HCC will also propose major investment in Hampshire's economy, jobs and the quality of the environment - with projects totalling £386.5 million over the next three years.

Climate Change: Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050. The **2050 Hampshire Commission of Enquiry** placed climate change and the environment as its top priority. In the budget HCC pledged £2m towards climate change measures in addition to the capital schemes outlined above. HCC is aware its greatest leadership and influence will be achieved by working in partnership with the District, City and Parish Councils, businesses and communities. At a household level HCC is supporting the county-wide Greening Campaign - this aims to find simple solutions around reducing and measuring power consumption, insulating housing stock, reducing water usage, sourcing local food, community travel and renewable energy schemes. Parish representatives will be invited to attend our regular climate change briefing events.

PS If you would like to adopt a tree at **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens**, please call the team on 01794 369318.

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Public Health: Coronavirus (Covid-19) Hampshire County Council continues to keep a close watch on the Coronavirus outbreak with processes in place to respond if and when required. A small number of cases have been confirmed in the UK. Hampshire residents can stay up to date with the latest information and guidance on gov.uk/coronavirus

Schools: 2019 GCSE performance statistics confirmed that Hampshire pupils continue to perform better than their peers nationally at the end of year 11 along with over 90% of our schools being judged as good or outstanding by Ofsted.

District Cllr Drew reported that TVBC have the materials to make 20,000 sandbags if required. Residents needing sandbags should call the main switchboard on 01264 368000. He also reported that he had visited the Pre-School and seen the Forest School among other things.

The PC considered two new planning applications in the parish, and decisions, from TVBC, on earlier applications were noted.

Updates from Councillors were received: Cllr Bryant reported that, unfortunately there had been a set back with the appointed stonemasons for the repairs to the war memorial. Also, as the structure is listed, scale drawings were required before any work can be started. It is hoped that, following information received from the TVBC community liaison, he will be successful in applying for grants to help fund the project. Otherwise other sources of income will be investigated.

Cllr Broadbent reported that, in conjunction with Action Hampshire, Flyers had been produced regarding the housing needs survey, which had been placed around the village. The idea behind the survey is to establish if there are any future housing needs in the village. Cllr Broadbent had attended a recent TVATPC Meeting, where the delegates took part in workshops on climate change and rural social housing. She had also attended a meeting regarding developing action plans in rural areas with Cllr Hasselmann. The Meeting covered a lot of areas which are currently being explored with the development of our Parish Plan. Recently Cllr Broadbent had visited the School & pre-School who are both battling with budgets. Last September all the year 6 children went to the secondary school of choice, with 6 pupils achieving the entry requirements for grammar schools in Salisbury. We are fortunate to have the two excellent facilities in such a small community.

Cllr Hutton reported that fundraising at the Wherwell Playing Fields will be challenging going forward.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th April.

Sean Hutton, Chair

PARISH OF ST MARY-THE-LESS, CHILBOLTON

POSTPONED

**A meeting for the Election of Churchwardens
will be held in the Durnford Room at the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 23rd April 2020 at 7.20 pm**

To be attended by:

- (i) all persons whose names are entered on the church Electoral Roll of the parish; and
- (ii) all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
will be held in the Durnford Room at the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 23rd April 2020 at 7.30 pm**

For the election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- (i) to the Parochial Church Council – up to 12 representatives
- (ii) to the Deanery Synod – 2 representatives

For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner or Auditor

For the consideration of:

- (i) a report on changes to the electoral roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
- (ii) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally
- (iii) the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending 31 December 2019 immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined
- (iv) a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
- (v) a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod, and other matters of parochial or general church interest

All persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity. *Wendy Fakes*

Denis Ralph Harding (1926 – 2019)



Denis was born to William (Billy) and Dora Harding at Cob Cottage in Wherwell on 4th December 1926. The family moved to Flint Cottage when he was 2 years old. Denis had 2 older brothers, William Stanley and Louis Edwin and a younger brother, Roy. Billy Harding was the youngest of three children born to William and Elizabeth Harding. Alice, Florence and Billy lived in Antler Cottage because their father was Head Gardener at Wherwell Priory and who tolled the Church Curfew Bell at 8pm every evening, to allow villagers to correct their time pieces. In 1911, this daily toll was replaced by a striking clock to commemorate the Coronation of George V.

Tragically, elder brother Stan died in 1934, aged 10, from a head injury following a fall from a tree. Soon after, Billy and Dora split up when Denis was 8 years old. Evidently, Denis and Roy waved their mother off on the bus one day and she never came back. This sudden loss haunted Denis for the rest of his life; he was always anxious that the people he loved might not come back. His family remember how Denis spoke of having to help his dad bring up his youngest brother, which is probably why Denis and Roy were very close, and why Denis was such a domesticated man.

Denis was educated at Wherwell School and when he left at the age of 14, he went to work for the building firm, Grace and Sons at Clatford as a painter and decorator. He was called up into the Army on the 21st December 1944 and he served with the Hampshire Regiment, and was stationed in Benin in French West Africa in 1945, and then at Haifa and Jerusalem. He was demobbed in 1948. The family remember Denis showing

them photographs of his time in Egypt and he often spoke of going on a troop ship and sailing through the Mediterranean. *Continued on page 26*

Denis came back from the Army and married his first wife, Nancy, on 10th October 1950. Nancy had come to Wherwell, with two of her three sisters, from Southern Ireland in 1948, and the couple lived in Fullerton before settling at Garston Mead in Chilbolton. They had three children: Leslie, Denise and Gillian. Denis worked as a painter and decorator for Appleton's builders in Andover and rode a motorbike until passing his driving test and getting a car in the late 1960's. On Saturday mornings he would pick Denise up from her horse riding lessons in Andover and she would ride home on the back of the bike - aged just 9! After 33 happy years of marriage, Nancy died suddenly in February 1983, leaving a big hole in her family's hearts.

Denis married Phyllis in May 1984 and they have spent 35 happy years working together for the Church and village children - running Sunday school; the Youth Club; Swimming; Tennis; taking the children on holidays to Swanage and trips to the Panto at Christmas. Somehow, Denis also fitted in being a devoted Sidesman in St Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell.

Denis was a conscientious and hard-working man who never missed a day's work ... unless he had hit his head! In this regard, Denis seems to have had 9 lives. On one occasion, Denis fell and sustained a bad head injury whilst out collecting spindle-berries for Phyllis. He ended up in Andover A&E thanks to the kindness of a lady driving by who saw him staggering all over the road. Denis was always willing to help anyone; 'Can I borrow your husband?' was a regular request! Although Denis finally retired from work aged 83, he continued helping Phyllis with her work for the church and 'held court' during regular Holy Communion services, singing all the hymns lustily, much to the delight of Queenie Smith and all the ladies of Chant Close.

Rev'd Jax Machin recalls "Denis was very welcoming of me and we always had a giggle about him getting a kiss from his Parish Priest. Even in the midst of illness, Denis and Phyllis' home has always been filled with laughter and joy. In fact, the only time Denis ever got grumpy with me was when I visited them one Sunday afternoon and interrupted him watching Songs of Praise! When Denis became very ill in 2016, I remember him telling me that his father, William, had died in Wherwell on 13th June 1956. Denis was also determined to live until June - though he never told any of us which June! Remarkably, and through the exceptional, devoted and constant loving care of Phyllis, Denis defied all medical expectations ... and finally had his wish, dying just 6 days before the 63rd anniversary of his beloved Dad's death."

Phyllis Harding (and Andrew Flanagan)

All about waste

We all have it; it's been a part of life for years and for the most part we don't give it a second thought and yet without it there would be major issues for us all waste!

We have been living in an increasingly throwaway society where convenience is key and the consequences of that is that things don't last as long and, we create more waste than ever before. Waste management is a complex business, affected by global commodity markets and the state of world economies and politics with figures such as Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg raising people's environmental awareness.

In Hampshire we deal with over 600,000 tonnes of waste, 175,000 tonnes through the Household Waste Recycling Centres with the majority of remainder collected from the kerbside. 40% is reused, recycled or composted and only 5% goes to landfill. The remaining 55% goes for energy recovery generating enough energy to power 50,000 houses.

Almost a quarter of the residual waste bin at the kerbside is in fact, actually recyclable? Every year residents put approximately 10,000 tonnes of glass and 15,000 tonnes of recyclables that could go in the recycling bin, into the residual waste bin which goes to energy recovery. Not only does this mean that potentially recyclable material is burnt but it also means less income can be generated.

You can help improve the performance by ensuring that you put the right thing in the right bin to make sure it either gets recycled or goes for energy recovery. What do we want in the recycling bin (brown lid)? It's pretty simple really:

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Tins, cans & aerosols
- Plastic bottles



Please make sure that the all items are clean, loose and dry – contamination by things such as leftovers or food residues and liquids can contaminate the whole bin. For tins and cans, give them a little rinse and leave them on the draining board to dry. For plastic bottles, empty them out and give them a rinse, squash them down as much as you can and replace the lid.

So, what about other things?

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- **Green garden waste** – a chargeable collection service is offered by Test Valley Borough Council or you can take it to the Andover Household Waste Recycling Centre at Scott Close, SP10 5NU.

Items below have recycling banks at Coley Lane and/or White Lion car park

- **Glass** – empty out any liquid or food residues
- **Clothes, Shoes & Handbags** – ensure that they are clean and put them in a bag with the handles tied together
- **Books, CDs, DVDs & Homeware** (BHF bin at Coley lane)
- **Aluminium foil trays & wrapping foil** – ensure wiped clean and free from food residue

The Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Scott Close in Andover can take a wide range of items full details available at - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/hwrcfinder/Andover>

But, there is something that is even better than recycling and that is not creating the waste in the first place or waste prevention as it is known in the waste industry.

Please take some time to visit ‘Smart Living – Hampshire County Council’ at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/smartliving> and look at some of the activities you can get involved in. They are focused particularly on food waste, garden waste and bulky waste and offer great tips on how you can reduce what you throw away and give things a second life.

Each bin of residual waste that goes for energy recovery has 26%, **over a quarter**, of avoidable food waste in it. This is food that was suitable for eating and was thrown away either because it was past its use by date or too much was prepared and the leftovers were thrown away. The Smart Living website has advice and support to help you reduce the amount of food waste you produce and also save you money, have a look and see what you can save!!

You can make a difference! Just take a moment to think about your waste and do your bit to help improve the environment.

Sam Horne

Strategic Manager, Waste & Resources, Hampshire County Council



Bexley Phoenix Choir

Their concert on

Saturday 4th April at St Mary the Less church has sadly been cancelled

? QUIZ ?

FRI 15TH NIGHT

MAY FUNDRAISER

7-11pm **Chilbolton Village Hall**

Get a team together and join us for a fun night raising money for 3 volunteering projects in Africa

£8 per head includes a hot supper

Raffle and silent auction

(prize donations gratefully received)

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Teams of up to 8



To enter or for more info contact:

Verity - verityelizabethway@gmail.com

Richard & Emma Way - 01264 860649

Jo & David Neudegg - 01264 860042

Tickets available to purchase at Chilbolton Village Shop

“This Summer I will be travelling to Africa to volunteer on 3 valuable projects. I'll be teaching English in Ghana, volunteering in a hospital & community clinic in Tanzania and aiding a large-scale wildlife conservation program in South Africa.

The entire 6 weeks costs over £4500 and since completing my A levels I have been working to fund the trip. I have saved the majority (£3250) but am hosting a quiz night, to help reach my final target. ”



- Verity

Launching Grow Wilder

Thank you to all the 70 to 80 people who turned up at Chilbolton Village Hall on 1 March to hear about the Grow Wilder project. We had stalls from West Down Safaris, Hampshire Swifts, Wherwell Primary School Wildflowers, Creature Features, Plant for Pollinators and Gardening with the Wildlife Trust. Local long-term resident, Phyllis Harding talked about walking through the local countryside during her childhood and the flora and fauna of her youth. Other speakers were West Downs conservationist, Glynne Evans & Wildlife Trust Education Officer, Susan Simmonds.

We also had lots of activities for the kids including candle making, willow fence building behind the village hall and other crafts, as well as a pledge tree where local people could make their own promises. Pledges included 'I will build a bug mansion', 'I will replace my fence with a wildlife hedge' and 'I will plant more trees in my garden'.

The event was a fantastic way to kick off our biodiversity quarter of activities and we launched two local projects:

1. Primary School Wildflower Project: With a grant from our local Hampshire County Councillor, Andrew Gibson, we can now commence this project which involves school children **sowing and planting wildflowers** which they will grow over the summer and then plant out in the local area. If you are interested in helping with this project or if you would like to plant some of these wildflowers in your garden, please e-mail: ccaction@scirum.co.uk.
2. We are asking for local people to **set aside 1 square metre** of their garden and watch what happens. Take photos, make notes. We would like to find out what happens over the summer. Please feel free to post your updates on our Facebook biodiversity group or come back with your findings during our next event planned for the autumn.

Local Coffee Morning Recycling

This initiative is going extremely well thanks to Andrew Flanagan who organises the local collections at the Wherwell (1st Saturday of month) and Chilbolton (3rd Saturday of month) coffee mornings. Rather than collect different items we have now decided to collect the same items for the foreseeable future. These include: *Continued on page 31*

Drinks cans, crisp packets, pet food sachets, batteries, soft plastic milk bottle tops, printer cartridges, Oral Care products – toothpaste tubes, caps & cartons, plastic toothbrushes (or battery heads) and floss containers – any brand and including outer packaging, soft disposable contact lenses, any brand including the foil/blister packaging, inhalers.

We are also pleased to announce that Wherwell now has a foil bin at the Pub Recycling Point.

Water Bills

We are looking at our upcoming activity for water in the lead up to the summer and would like to gather as much information as possible on our villages water usage. If you are happy to share your usage levels and the number of people in your household based on your bills (due in March) please email ccaction@scirum.co.uk with the details. We will not keep any personal details on file.

Bluebell Walk

If you are interested in seeing the bluebells in full swing in Harewood Forest don't miss the Bluebell Walk organised by Wherwell Village Hall. It will take place on 26th April at 10.00am.

Helen Brown

CHILBOLTON W.I.

'Sweet Valentine' - The Queen's Birthday

A talk by Rowan Stuart



21st April Chilbolton Village Hall at 8.00pm
Refreshments, raffle. Visitors £4 donation

Chilbolton Pre-School – Learning Through Play



Wow...where do I start? So much fun to report on...

Our theme this month has been ‘People Who Help Us’ – and we have been lucky enough to have visits from a Dentist – Postman – Police – Nurse – Waste Manager – huge thanks to all of our visitors for giving us their time. The children have really enjoyed and learned so much about different jobs from ‘real life’ people.

Outdoor activities have included construction with our giant building blocks, digging, bubbles, outdoor mark making, number games, sand tray, sensory play..... We also make the most of the astro turf whenever we can and the children love chasing balls, hoops, kicking the balls, throwing the parachutes, chasing bubbles... We are waiting for the weather to improve before we can start visiting our fantastic Forest School.

Role play is so important for developing children’s imagination and confidence – our area has been set up as a Post Office, Police Station, Doctors, Hairdressers and a Library to promote World Book Day. The dressing up trolley is filled with colourful outfits and role play props for children to explore.

Our craft towers are filled with different mark making equipment, stickers, glue - a plethora of ways for the children to create fabulous pictures. The paint easel is always busy, and some great masterpieces are produced in this area. A firm favourite is always junk modelling – and some amazing creations have been sent home for display!

We are proud to be able to support the children and to provide them with some of the skills they need to be ‘school ready’. Mel organises an older activity each week – including pre-writing skills, number recognition, letters as well as activities to improve fine motor skills which is so important.

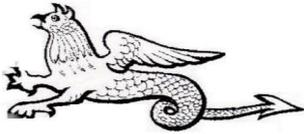
We are always looking at ways in which to raise valuable funds to buy new resources for the children - and would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have already so very kindly offered to help us financially.

Forthcoming Fundraiser –

Emergency First Aid Day – Saturday 25th April – details to follow

As always, very best wishes from the whole team at Chilbolton Pre-School – 07753 378182
Clarey Gibson, Deputy Manager, Chilbolton Preschool

Wherwell History Group – Summer Programme

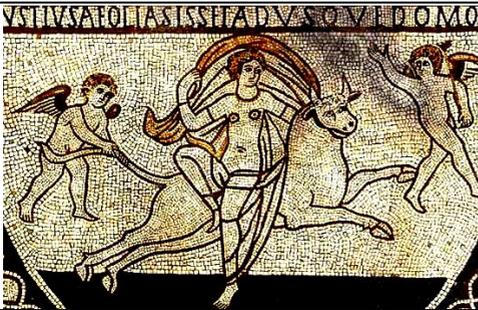


POSTPONED

April 17th
David Poole
**Clock Making
Past and Present**

Wherwell History Group AGM

May 22nd



June 19th
John Smith
**Roman Life
around Wherwell**

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



MIDDAY MUMS

Midday Mums will meet again on Monday 20th April, 10.30am – 12 noon in Wherwell Village Hall.

All with babies/toddlers welcome.

The next meeting will be on 18th May.

Joyce Payne 860296



THE MAYFLY

LIVE MUSIC, THE ED MARTIN DUO, 25/4, 8:30PM
ASIAN THEMED MENU 9/4 FROM 6PM
QUIZ NIGHT 16/4, TEAMS UP TO 6, 8PM, £1 P/P



WWW.MAYFLYFULLERTON.CO.UK
01264 860283



Wherwell Housing Needs Survey 2020

Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable housing (HARAH) are working with Wherwell Parish Council, to carry out a Housing Needs Survey in the Parish. The purpose of the survey is to establish if there is a need for affordable or other forms of housing within Wherwell.

Providing a small number of affordable homes for local people can allow current and future generations to remain in or return to their community.

If you have a local connection to the Parish and are in need of housing now, or in the next few years, please complete this survey.

We are keen to hear from those who are in need of an affordable home to rent or buy/part buy in the Parish, those who want to downsize or purchase a small (up to two bedrooms) privately owned home in the Parish and those who are looking for retirement accommodation.

Details of the Housing Needs Survey will soon be posted to all households in the Parish.

The information that you provide through this survey will remain confidential. The information obtained will be used to produce a report for the Parish Council and HARAH. The data included in the report will be anonymised and will only be shown in summary or generalised statistical form.

If you have any questions about the survey please contact Catherine Kirkham, Community Led Housing Adviser, Tel: 01962 857387, Email:

catherine.kirkham@actionhampshire.org

**Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall, Wherwell
New Meeting Room**

The Wherwell Village Hall has a self-contained meeting room available suitable for a small group. There is a separate entrance and dedicated toilet facilities. The addition of a new 'break room' with kettle, small fridge, microwave, wash basin, etc. is planned, along with Free Wifi.

Do you need a small 'office space'...

... perhaps a 'mobile surgery', 'personal training' room, 'book club' meeting, 'pilates/ fitness' group. Depending on activity, space to accommodate groups up to 8 or 10.

The Hall Management Committee would appreciate knowing your interest, thoughts and ideas on how best to utilise this valuable space. We need to generate additional rental income to continue maintaining and improving our much loved Village Hall.

Should you have interest in viewing the space available, please email John Conte, wherwellbiz@aol.com, for more information and to arrange a meeting.

Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society's

Curtain Calls...

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

Words and Music

Tuesday 7th April 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 Parish Council

The Council held its monthly meeting on Monday 3rd March 2020: 18:30, at Chilbolton Village Hall. Four members of the public were present as was our District Councillor David Drew. Our County Councillor Andrew Gibson is well but is self-isolating as he has just returned from Italy.

The bus shelter in Branksome Avenue is now complete and looks rather good. We hope it will provide protection from the elements for those who use the regular bus service.

It will not have gone unnoticed that the Springs have reappeared after so much rain fell in the last month. Rain totals are at 250% of normal for February and 170% of normal for the winter. (According to the Met Office.) This amount of rain has caused the sewers to be filled with groundwater, causing the Sewer Pump to be unable to cope with it all. That is the reason for the tankers pumping waste away from the station next to the pub. It appears that this will continue for some time. The Flood Advisory Group has requested from management at Southern Water to implement, the already approved, Infiltration Reduction Plan (IRP). This requires an additional pump to pass the effluent to a couple of filtration tanks, capturing any wastes, then passing the relatively clean water into the stream on the common. As yet Southern Water have not implemented this as they have been unable to get the tanks in the right place, due to the common being so wet.

Some households have already availed themselves of the free sandbags from Test Valley Borough Council. If you do need any you should ring either of these two numbers.

0800 665765 or 0845 8504518.

If you need assistance in placing them, please let the operators know when you ring to order them and they will gladly help out.

A further reminder to you all that 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. A report was produced by the Chilbolton Open Spaces Committee and this was presented at the Parish Council meeting. This report outlined a number of proposals. These will be presented to the Parish Assembly for discussion and hopefully lead to a decision on how to improve the Health and Safety and access concerns that have been raised.

The Greener Future For Our Villages campaign gave a brief overview into its purpose. The program was launched in 2019. The idea behind it is to get ordinary people in the local area to think about how they can do their bit against climate change. Including making room for greater biodiversity in their gardens. Putting in a Hedgehog

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doorway to create a green highway through our gardens. Leaving an area of garden 'Wild.' Recycling as much as possible. Trying to join up transport links to reduce reliance on cars. They have already received 100 new tree whips to be planted in the Wherwell playing field area. The hope is that meetings like Sunday 1st March, at the Chilbolton village hall, attended by more than 50 people, will be rolled out across the Test Valley, around different subjects relating to a Greener Future. Our thanks to Mrs. H Brown for the presentation.

David Drew informed us that Test Valley have decided to increase their portion of Council tax by £5pa per band D home which is in line with inflation.

*George Marits - Vice Chairman
Chilbolton Parish Council*

Stockbridge Cinema

Friday 17th April

The Peanut Butter Falcon (12A)

After running away from a residential nursing home to pursue his dream of becoming a pro wrestler, Zak, a young man with Downs syndrome, befriends an outlaw who becomes his unlikely coach and ally. Together they wind through deltas, elude capture, drink whisky, find God, catch fish, and convince a kind nursing home employee, charged with Zak's return, to join them on their journey.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge or online via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk

Wednesday 22nd April

Official Secrets (15)

The true story of a British whistleblower, intelligence specialist Katherine Gun, who bravely leaked information to the press about an illegal NSA spy operation designed to push the UN Security Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge or online via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk

Paul Kidd

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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Short Mat Bowls	Deb & Richard Richardson	861082
Village Hall (Chilbolton) - Booking Only	Kate Ballard	860524
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Village Hall (Chilbolton) - All other matters	Tony Ewer	860486
Village Hall (Wherwell) - Bookings	Julie Dickenson	07519 357593
Village Website	www.chilboltonandwherwell.info	
Wherwell Church Flowers	Jo Baughen	860319
Wherwell Cricket Club	Nigel Horne (Chair)	07876 122927
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Wherwell History Group	Andrew Flanagan	860560
Wherwell Home Guard Club	Sandie Bastable (Chair)	363499
Wherwell Ladies Night	Angela Hughes	860877
Wherwell Playing Fields	Sean Hutton (Chair)	860443
Wherwell Primary School (Secretary)	Patsy Pritchard	860384
Wherwell Primary School (Chair of Governors)	Sean Hutton	860443
Wherwell Neighbourhood Watch	Michael Payne	860296
Wherwell Singers (www.wherwellsingers.org)	Dale Webb	860074
White Lion Folk Club	Roly Clarke	07919 120159
Women's Institute	Pat Lloyd	01264 353635
Yoga	Pam Flanagan	860560
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