

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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Another month of 'lockdown', another month without any Diary dates and another month when our Community Support Groups and Chilbolton Village Shop have been doing a brilliant job. The lockdown appears to have sparked a creative streak; this month we have poems by Roger Jones and Amanda Spice, a circular village walk from David Griffiths and two interesting historical articles, C17th Plague and C18th village life, from Alan Crisp. On the fund-raising front, we feature Andover Food Bank, Chilbolton Pre-School and a 'thank you' from the Short Mat Bowls Club. Following on from VE Day last month, we have a wartime recipe and an article about Fullerton Mill. Enjoy and Stay Safe.

Andrew Flanagan

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SPRING

One year the leaves
 won't come back.
 One year the trees will say
 Enough is enough
 that's it – finish.

But not this year.
 This year the trees' returning green
 forgives us one more time.

Roger Jones

Dear Friends,

‘And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that no-one went hungry.’

(Acts 4: 33-4)

The day of Pentecost this year falls on 31st May 2020. The following Sunday, 7th June, we will celebrate Trinity Sunday. Usually in our Christian lives, we anticipate gathering together on both these auspicious occasions *‘in one place’* (Acts 2: 1) just as those first disciples gathered around the Apostles as the Holy Spirit came upon them *‘like a rushing wind or tongues of fire.’* (Acts 2: 2-4).

Yet this year, as we journey beyond Easter through VE Day and May into June and July, our country remains in Coronavirus Lockdown. As I write, Prime Minister Johnston, mercifully back at work following his own acute experience of the disease, has just announced that, whilst there will be some easing of restrictions, our church doors will remain closed and public gatherings the stuff of dreams. Our summer is taking on an unprecedented shape. No village fetes, no weddings, no parties, no shared meals and celebrations. No corporate prayer in church, and no sacred sanctuary for the bereaved as funerals remain restricted to small groups of next of kin at crematoria and around the graveside only.

Despite all this, our Christian community has been hard at work, re-imagining church and proving that, though our beautiful *buildings* remain closed our church is very much open, pouring out the love of Christ just as that first urgent action of the Holy Spirit upon the frightened Apostles. *‘After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.’* (Acts 4: 31) Many of us are caring for people in remarkable and generous ways during this time, living out the generosity of God in sharing what we have so that no-one goes hungry, just as the disciples did at that first Pentecost. *‘Every day they continued with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.’* (Acts 2:46-7)

Then as now, our spiritual revelation is that everything we have comes first from God. We must find ways to lay down our human desire to accumulate riches for ourselves and learn to share what we have. This outward shift towards people we might not even know

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influences all aspects of our daily lives. We are finding a renewed deepening of relationships with neighbours and communities as the joy of giving releases us from selfishness into the light of God's generous love. Yet the message from Acts of the Apostles' first actions in the Holy Spirit speaks into both fuelling the *outward* material needs of those around them as well as their *inward* spiritual needs. So, a question. Are you praying for the people around you as much as helping them with their shopping? If not, would you commit to praying for them? For God's grace is powerful in us that others do not go spiritually hungry too!

During these difficult times, we have a remarkable opportunity to unite as church in prayer so that our family, friends and neighbours will come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ for themselves. And, as we pray for those we love to come to know the hope and love and joy of Jesus, we are building the apostolic body of Christ, the *real* church, so that there will be abundant life in faith after the restrictions of Lockdown have faded.

Yours, in shared joy of Christ's love,

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice



Trinity Sunday
Sunday 7th June



Following the guidance from the Prime Minister on Sunday 10th May,

Revd Jax has decided, very sadly, to formally cancel the Trinity Sunday open-air service and Benefice picnic due to have taken place at Northwood Park on 7th June.

Revd Jax writes, "We are all very disappointed as this is a much-loved opportunity for our Benefice to join together at the Lord's Table and to share a delicious fellowship meal in spectacular surroundings."

Revd Jax continues, "I am exploring the idea of creating a pre-recorded video service, incorporating all the guests we had invited to take part in our service, and aim to be able to post this on our website."

Church Services Planned

These will take place if the Churches are Reopened and Services Resumed

Services JUNE 2020	<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>
Wednesday 3rd June					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday					
<i>The Open-Air service at Northwood Park has been cancelled. It is hoped to replace this with a video service which can be accessed via our website</i>					
Sunday 14th June – The First Sunday after Trinity					
Family Service	10am				
Morning Worship		10am			
Family Communion			10am		
Welcome Worship				10am	
Benefice Evensong					6pm
Tuesday 16th June					
Flowerdown HC			2.00pm		
Wednesday 17th June					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 21st June – The Second Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion (BCP)		8am			
Morning Prayer	10am				
Morning Worship			10am		
Matins				10am	
Family Service					10am
Peace & Wholeness			6pm		
Tuesday 23rd June					
Westholme HC			2pm		
Wednesday 24th June					
Meditation			7pm		
Sunday 28th June – The Third Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
4 th Sunday Worship		10am			
Family Communion			10am		
Benefice Evensong	6pm				

From the Church Records

April 2020

<i>Baptism/Wedding/Wedding Blessing/Funeral/Burial of Ashes</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chilbolton		
Burial Service	14/4/20	John St Ledger
Service and Cremation	6/5/20	Dudley Taylor



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To view all cats currently up for adoption visit andover.cats.org.uk



Although we are still closed for rehoming due to the Covid-19 outbreak, we are hopeful that it won't be long until we are able to reopen.

We are currently trying to raise funds online whilst the branch is closed. If you can spare anything to help our cats and kittens, please visit the following link to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Andover-and-District>

Thank you.

These two beauties are George and Nikita. They will be looking for their new home together once we are able to rehome the cats in our care.

Chilbolton Parish Council

As I write we are still in “lockdown” but, judging by the amount of traffic along the village street, people are deciding to “breakout” in quite large numbers. I am pleased to report that, although numbers of cars parking on the Common have increased recently, there is no sign of widespread flouting of the government guidelines on social distancing. I must say that is quite impressive considering how lovely the weather was on the VE Day bank holiday. Long may it continue. We are not complacent. We are actively looking at ways to improve the parking of cars on the Common as we have a duty to ensure, insofar as we can, that those who live on the Common can get to their homes at all times.

On 4th May 2020 the Parish Council held a virtual meeting using Zoom. I have been impressed at how effective these virtual meetings are. I would like to emphasise that any member of the public can “attend” and ask questions as usual. You need to tell the clerk in advance and she will send you an invitation. Unfortunately, our clerk Mandy is currently in hospital (no, it’s not Covid-19). Liz Blakemore, who used to be a parish clerk, has kindly agreed to step in until Mandy can resume her duties. We are very grateful to her.

We are looking for another councillor to fill the gap left by the resignation of Ian Brain. So far two persons have expressed an interest. If there is anyone else who would like to join the council, please let me or the clerk know as soon as possible. We will be considering applications at our next meeting on 1st June 2020.

The Chilbolton Coronavirus Support Group is continuing to function well. It received a grant from TVBC of £500. I give renewed thanks to all those involved but particularly to Nicky Bond on whom the greatest burden falls. It has been a pleasure to see so many locals using the footpaths. I have never seen so many persons walking along Cart Lane. What has not been so pleasant is the significant increase in persons failing to pick up after their dogs. This in spite of dog poo bags being provided at public expense. There really is no excuse. I thank those who are public spirited enough to pick up after other person’s dogs but why should they have to? Whilst taking my daily constitutional, I have been planning a series of local walks. I am hoping they will be published each month in this magazine. Also, I will ask Andrew Flanagan to publish them. I hope you enjoy them. I welcome feedback if you think the route descriptions can be improved. I have written up seven so far and I have a few more in the pipeline.

I am pleased to report that all the footpaths/bridle ways are in good order. The Common has a great display of cowslips and the flag irises are just coming into bloom. We have completed the installation of posts with

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“No Cycling” and “No Horse Riding” notices on them. This is to try and confine the riding of cycles and horses to the bridle way. West Down is looking good at the moment. Five Red Devon cattle have joined us. We have finished repairing the fence so, hopefully, we will not have any more escapes. There are some ragwort rosettes so an informal ragwort pull may be necessary (if permitted). Three of the Nature Trail notice boards have suffered some damage. I am grateful to Ed Treadwell who has repaired them for us. Unless further damage has been caused in the last few days, the trail should now be complete.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing well and I thank all those who worked so hard to bring this to fruition.

The bus shelter continues to receive favourable comment. I am grateful to our HCC Councillor, Andrew Gibson, for awarding us a further grant of £500 towards the shelter. This means that the cost to the Council Tax payer was minimal. We are told that the Village Hall Committee have received a Government Business Support Grant from TVBC of £10,000 which is excellent news. It is sad that the play equipment is out of bounds at the moment. A recent inspection showed rot at the base of the wooden supports from the basket swing. We will need to replace these.

David Griffiths (Chairman) 10th May 2020

Wartime carrot cake

During the Second World War, when sugar was rationed to 8oz (230g) per week, carrots were used to naturally sweeten cakes and biscuits. The sweetness of the carrots replaced some of the sugar used in the original recipes.



Ingredients

- 230g self-raising flour
- 85g margarine or cooking fat
- 85g sugar
- 115g finely grated carrot
- 55g sultanas
- A little milk or water
- 1 reconstituted dried egg or 1 fresh egg

Method

- Preheat oven to 220°C / 200°C (fan) / gas mark 7.
- Sift the flour into a mixing bowl, rub in the margarine or cooking fat.
- Add sugar, carrot, sultanas and egg. Mix well and then add sufficient milk or water to make sticky.
- Pour mixture into a lined baking tin and cook in the oven for 40 - 45 minutes or until golden in colour.

Rev'd Jax

Chilbolton and Wherwell Small Business Coffee Hour

SMALL businesses in Test Valley are banding together to ensure they survive and thrive once the nation starts to emerge from lockdown. Groups are working together to support one another and press for urgent improvements to government schemes.

In Chilbolton and Wherwell a weekly Zoom call brings together 16 small businesses including charity fundraisers, social media consultants and local shops, with new contacts are joining all the time. The idea was born out of a chance meeting on Chilbolton Common during a daily lockdown exercise walk.

Susanne Hasselmann, who runs SME support specialist Scirum and also sits on Wherwell parish council, and business campaigner David Hall shared their desire to bring the local business community together to provide support and coordinated action – whilst observing social distancing guidelines.

“We are thrilled that we have been able to provide practical assistance from the start”, said Susanne. “As well as sharing skills and ideas in areas such as social media marketing we are also helping local shops develop online capability which will make them much more resilient in the future.” Practical help also extends to helping navigate the support packages available.



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As of May 1, Test Valley Borough Council had distributed 1,807 Business Support grants since that scheme started in April.

Further help is available through national schemes, says David Hall, who runs a business focusing on digital banking and finance for SMEs from his home in Chilbolton. “Small businesses work phenomenally hard to stand on their own two feet but extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures,” he continued. “Rishi Sunak has introduced a number of generous financial support programmes to help keep small businesses afloat but thousands of businesses are falling through the cracks and don’t qualify. “We are particularly keen to share real life examples to ensure that schemes such as furloughing and the new Bounce Back Loans don’t unfairly discriminate against local SMEs.”

The group meets every Thursday at 11am via Zoom. It's open to business owners (including the self-employed) who live in Chilbolton or Wherwell or who run their businesses from either village. We are a pretty mixed bunch, from retail to farming, and from professional services to trades people. Around 15 people are usually on each call making for a good conversation. David Hall (Chilbolton) and Susanne Hasselmann (Wherwell) co-chair the group. Borough councillor David Drew (Harewood ward, Conservative) is also part of the group. David Gleave (TVBC’s economic development officer) joins the Zoom sessions and is keen to develop a network of similar groups throughout the Borough. The topics under discussion so far:

- Making sense of financial support from local and national government
- Furlough and business loans have been of particular interest to people and we have been able to answer some questions people had and share experiences
- Identifying the gaps in Government support and the businesses who are struggling, feeding back these challenges and priorities for the future to local councils and MPs.
- the increasing mental health challenge of business owners and their staff.

For more information or to join the Chilbolton and Wherwell group email Susanne Hasselmann at shasselmann@scirum.co.uk If you would like help to start or link up similar schemes in your community please contact either David Hall via david.hall@europeancreditsolutions.com or David Gleave via dgleave@testvalley.gov.uk.

Susanne Hasselmann

Village Life in the late 1700s

I usually write tales of nature as seen from my office down on the Common but in these troubled times, I thought it might be useful to reflect what The Old Cottage has seen since it was built in 1788.

In many respects 1788 was at a point where, if you were old enough you could look back to the American War of Independence and the last Jacobite risings of 1745 and the defeat at Culloden in 1746 and then the failed planned French invasion of 1759; and if you were young enough you could have lived into Victoria's reign. It was a time of change when the rule of Monarchs, in this case George 111 was passing into the hands of a Parliament, not an elected Parliament but one which was dominated by the wealthy classes, not really the noble classes but those who gained their wealth by ownership of land and by merchant trade, including the slave trade.

Those people in the lower class who made up most of the population in England were craftsmen and labourers who did not own properties and therefore belonged in the lower class. They usually resided in houses with two or three rooms; the poorest families were cramped in one-room houses. These people who would have been the majority of dwellers in Chilbolton relied on bread and potatoes for their daily sustenance. Very rarely did they enjoy meat.

England in the 1700s was a very hard time for the poor. They could not rely on government help if they had no work. The unemployed and orphaned were mostly homeless, and if they did not have education, they had little to no chance of improving their life.

But the late 1700s brought about great change, not only in England but also throughout Europe. The dramatic development in the industrial sectors produced cheaper goods. Over time, the revolution would have affected the Village both for the better and the worse. The industrial revolution in the UK probably increased the wealth of the nation and it was more evenly distributed than say it was in France, one reason why the French revolution started in 1787.

So, what would life have been like for people in Chilbolton at this time? Most of them would have been unaware of the insurrection in Scotland and the planned invasion by 10,000 French troops supporting the Jacobite cause. I also doubt if news had reached them of the French revolt. It was likely that only the wealthy would have had access to newspapers or gained their news from visits to London or Winchester. The middling folk would not have travelled much from the Village nor would they have been too interested in doing so. For example, when we lived just 8 miles from Oxford in a village where most people worked in agriculture an old lady told me she had never

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know where to find them; back then it probably worked in the same manner. Interestingly the density of sheep grazed per acre would have been less than today as the grass cover was poor and lacked nourishment.

So, there must have been a level of prosperity at this time to allow the Government to create the Triple Alliance with Prussia and Holland to guard against the new power of the French. Parliament had more authority as George 111 became unstable and the regency crisis of 1788 enabled more power to flow to parliament and with it control of the Treasury. The Royal Navy and the Army were increased in size; you can only do this in a time of prosperity. We have evidence of the growth of London through the paintings of Hogarth, squalid it was evidenced by Beer Street and later Gin Lane but the drunks were employed and trade with the colonies was generating taxable income.

Work on the Andover Canal started around this time which shows there was wealth in the area. Its main purpose was to move agricultural products, typically sheep and wool down to Southampton and Romsey. I have seen photographs of these small agricultural canals, some of which still functioned pre-war. Sheep were herded from fields directly on to barges and then to market.



The two cottages that now comprise the core of The Old Cottage were built by the parish to house the poor people, I assume just some of the poor people. How this was funded is not shown in the records, I doubt that it was paid for by one family as that would have been mentioned in the Church records so I assume that the Church and several wealthy locals provided the funds to build the dwellings. I sense that there must have been a trigger to prompt the notion of building the houses, maybe a local fire that destroyed homes, maybe a natural disaster, who knows.

The age was not without natural disasters such as the Tsunami that struck Cornwall and the west coast of England resulting from the earthquake that hit Lisbon, the flooding from storms that affected the south of England and the

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sulphurous cloud that was the result of an volcanic eruption in Iceland that killed 10,000 almost immediately and then 8,000 who died from starvation as a result of poor crops. As the population would have been circa 5 million the deaths would have been dramatically significant.

Building the Cottages on the Common made sense as the land was near clean water, there was grazing and good land at the back to grow vegetables. The Common is a water meadow but there are places just high enough to keep the Cottages dry. The two houses were built using cob construction under a thatched roof with materials found locally. At the time the Village would have had many similar cottages down Joys Lane, Frog lane and around what is now the Old Inn group of houses. I do not know who occupied the cottage but I do know that they later were sold to a local brewer and when he died and the cottages were sold at auction, they each were occupied by a family paying rent. The accommodation comprised a room on each floor and a ladder serving the upper floor. The floor would have been chalk pounded into the ground and covered with reeds. There was a small iron stove and I guess the toilet was in the garden and water was taken from the river.

Life in the 1780's was not easy and became more difficult if you were ill or crops failed or livestock died. I remember speaking to a hill farmer in Spain who said he sacrificed his daughter to buy drugs to tend his cattle in the 1950s, the option was either drugs for his child or for his cattle. What is happening now will pass but another event will arrive out of the blue to cause further pain and suffering. The three disasters I mentioned above, the Tsunami, the volcanic eruption in Iceland and the severe storms are as likely to happen again as they were in the past.



On a lighter note, I find it interesting that one of my great-grandmothers died in a pauper's hospital in Brechin (Scotland) in 1788, yet here I am living today in what was a cottage built for the poor of the parish.

Alan Crisp

Charity Football match – Wherwell v Arsenal
believed to have taken place in early 2005.



Back Row		Front Row	
1	Alan Rowles	1	Phil Antrobus
2	Ernie Rowles	2	Nicky Martin
3	Peter Pollard	3	Andy Griggs
4	Charlie Spencer	4	Jamie Griggs (youngster)
5	Chris Ashe	5	
6	Paul Sanders	6	Sam Griggs (youngster)
7	Danny Waite	7	Jason Donley
8	Greg James	8	Iain Meecham
9	Jason Cox	9	Maurice Hewlett
10	John Hyde	10	Chris Brown
11	Harry Ray	11	Jason Holmes
12	Chris Rees	Please can anyone identify footballer 5 (front)? Email: wherwellhistory@gmail.com	
13	Darrell Smith		
14	Laurence Simmonds		
15	Roy Brown		
16	Pete Tunney		

The match raised £3,176 for Countess of Brecknock Hospice

Local Walk (1) IVY FARM LOOP

via the path of the former Sprat and Winkle Line

Abbreviations: Turn right TR, turn left TL, straight on SO, footpath FP, bridleway BW.

Distance: about 3 miles (4.7k); some walking on quiet attractive roads

Time: about 1.5 hours **Level:** easy

The walk starts at the *Abbot's Mitre Public House*. It is a circular walk, which you can join it at any point you choose.

1. **Leave the pub and TR.** Walk along Village Street about 100 yards.
2. **TR down gravel track.** This is *Cart Lane* (indicated by a finger post with a cart carved at the top of the finger). Walk along the track with houses on both sides. It soon becomes a path between trees. Walk up the hill. At the top, the path widens to a broad grass path along the edge of a field on your left and a hedge on your right. Look back and to your left and admire the view. Continue along this path until you reach an obvious junction with tarmac and the gates to *Hunts* (John Deere dealers).
3. **TR and walk along a permissive FP.** (Notice the new agricultural machinery on your left.) Continue along a wide scalping/grass path until you reach a gate. Duck under the wooden bar to the right. You are now in *Drove Road* (tarmac).
4. **TR and walk down Drove Road** until you see a gap in the hedge on the left marked by finger post saying Permissive Bridleway. NB. At this point there is a poo bag dispenser and a poo bag disposal bin.
5. **TL and walk along this grassy track** which runs parallel with *Little Drove Road*. Walk SO until you reach a gap in the hedge in front of you.
6. **Go through the gap and TR.** You are now on the *Mark Way* (if you turn left you can walk almost to the *Clos du Maquis* on the A30).
7. **Walk along a narrow path** with a double fence on your left and a hedge on your right. Shortly, the path bends sharply to the left. Continue along the path. You will see another path on your right and parallel. Ignore it. Continue along the *Mark Way* until the path bends to the right (indicated by a way marker on a wooden post). Go through gap in the fence. You have now reached the eastern edge of *West Down Nature Reserve*. West Down is managed by Chilbolton Parish Council. Part of it is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. Do not go SO.

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8. **Instead immediately TL** and follow a narrow, uneven path with a fence on your left and trees on your right. You will shortly come to a concrete road. Don't TR but go SO. You will come to a green metal gate. Go through the pedestrian gate on the left. Shortly you will pass Southern Water's reservoir on your left.

9. **Carry on along this FP.** You will pass *Ivy Farm* on your right.

10. **The FP bends sharply to the right** and gradually descends along a wide track. You will pass a car park and a recycling centre on your right. You will then reach *Coley Lane* (tarmac). *The Mayfly* Bridge road junction is on your left. Go SO across the road to where you will see a fingerpost indicating the *Test Way*. Follow the narrow path downhill with a high brick wall on your right. Shortly you will reach a T junction of paths. This is the *Test Way*.

11. **TR (follow fingerpost Andover 6 miles)** and take the level gravel path through the trees. You are walking along the path of an old railway line that ran from Andover Town Station to Redbridge until closed in the Beeching cuts in 1967. It was commonly called *the Sprat and Winkle Line*. You will cross a wide, wooden bridge with lovely views of the *River Test* to the left and to the right.

12. **Continue SO.** Pass round and under two metal barriers. The building you come to on the left is the old station (Fullerton Junction). You can still see remnants of the platforms if you look carefully. On the right are the (greatly enlarged) station staff houses. *Compare with old photo below.*

13. **Ignore the finger post on your left and carry SO** to the Andover-Romsey Road (B3057). Follow the gravel FP along the righthand side of the road.

14. **The path ends at Fullerton Road. TR long this road** signposted to Wherwell. You are now in Cottonworth. The road bends to the left with *Cottonworth Farm* buildings on the right. Cross over a bridge; pass *Tadley Cottage* on your right. You will enter the parish of Wherwell. Keep going until you reach a large house on the right called *Freelands*. Shortly after passing *Freelands* you will find an obvious path on your right marked with a fingerpost indicating a BW and the *Test Way*. There is a poo bag dispenser and a waste bin.

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15. **TR and you will see the Long Bridge** over the River Test in front of you. You are back on the Test Way. Enjoy the lovely view of the fine chalk stream famous for trout fishing. As you cross the bridge you pass from the parish of Wherwell into the parish of Chilbolton.

16. **Go through the kissing gate** and you are now on *Chilbolton Cow Common*. This is owned by Chilbolton Parish Council and is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Some of the older houses in Chilbolton still have grazing rights. The Common is managed by the Parish Council under an agreement with Natural England.

17. **Follow the BW which goes SO**. You will come to a second smaller bridge that crosses the Purleygig Stream. Cross it and go SO following the BW. Before you get to a large ash tree on your right veer slightly to the left and follow a fairly obvious path that heads towards some poles carrying electricity. You will see three houses on you left. The middle one is the *Old Inn*. Cross a gravel track and follow the path to another small wooden bridge across the Abbot's Stream. Cross over and go through a gate. Please ensure you close it. Carry on along a narrow path until you reach the Village Street. The *Abbot's Mitre* is right in front of you and you have finished the walk. I hope you enjoyed it!



This is a view looking North in the late 1950s. The Station House is in background-left and the rooftops of Railway Sidings Cottages in background-centre (behind platform buildings). The track bed (on the right) went to Wherwell & Longparish.

David Griffiths

New Law Governing Sale of Puppies and Kittens

Two months ago (April 2020) the Government introduced landmark legislation to tackle the low-welfare, high volume supply of puppies and kittens, by banning their commercial third-party sale in England.

‘Lucy’s Law’ means that anyone wanting to get a new puppy or kitten in England must now buy direct from a breeder, or consider adopting from a rescue centre instead. Licensed dog breeders are required to show puppies interacting with their mothers in their place of birth. If a business sells puppies or kittens without a licence, they could receive an unlimited fine or be sent to prison for up to six months.

The law is named after Lucy, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel who was rescued from a puppy farm where she was subjected to terrible conditions. Puppy farms are located across the UK with most depending on third-party sellers or ‘dealers’ to distribute often sick, traumatised, unsocialised puppies which have been taken away from their mother at just a few weeks old. This often involves long-distance transportation, with the puppy or kitten suffering life-threatening medical, surgical, or behavioural problems which are passed on to unsuspecting new owners. Lucy’s Law effectively removes the third-party dealer chain, resulting in all dog and cat breeders becoming accountable for the first time.

As well as Lucy’s Law, the Government has committed to supporting tougher sentences for animal cruelty, raising maximum prison sentences from six months to five years, and has pledged to bring in new laws on animal sentience and to end excessively long journeys for live animals. Recently, the Government also launched the ‘Petfished’ campaign to highlight these conditions and the deceitful tactics pet sellers use to trick buyers into thinking they are responsible breeders selling healthy animals. The campaign urges the public to look out for warning signs which suggest the seller could be an illegal third-party dealer such as litters without a mum present or being rushed through a sale. For more advice on buying a pet safely you can visit:

<https://getyourpetsafely.campaign.gov.uk/>.

Anyone looking to buy a puppy or kitten should look for these warning signs

Before visiting:

- Research. Have a look at the seller’s profile and search their name online. If they are advertising many litters from different breeds, then this is a red flag.
- Check contact details. Copy and paste the phone number into a search engine. If the number is being used on lots of different adverts, sites and dates then this is likely a deceitful seller.

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- Check the animal's age. Puppies and kittens should never be sold under 8 weeks old – do not buy from anyone advertising a puppy or kitten younger than 8 weeks.
- Check the animal's health records. Make sure the seller shares all records of vaccinations, flea and worm treatment and microchipping with you before sale.

When visiting:

- Make sure the mum is present - if mum is not available to meet, it's unlikely the puppy or kitten was bred there. Beware of the seller making excuses as to why mum is not there e.g. she's at the vet's, asleep, or out for a walk.
- Check there isn't a 'fake' mum – most fake mums don't interact with the puppies as they fear the real mum returning.
- Watch out for puppies or kittens labelled as 'rescue' but with much higher than expected price tags.
- If you feel rushed or pressurised into parting with cash, this is a red flag.
- Health problems observed at purchase are not normal and don't be convinced otherwise.
- Beware of offers to meet somewhere convenient e.g. car park or motorway services, or 'shop front' premises, common with rented properties just to make sales, and 'sales rooms' kept separate from nearby or onsite puppy farm.

RSPCA chief executive Chris Sherwood said “Over the last decade our staff have dealt with almost 30,000 complaints relating to the illegal puppy trade. Our rescuers have saved dogs from unimaginable cruelty and hideous conditions; our vets have tried desperately to save the lives of tiny puppies riddled with worms and plagued by health and behaviour problems; and our carers have nursed dogs back to health, teaching them to trust people again, and showing them love for the first time.

TV personality, model and animal rights campaigner Lucy Watson said: Sadly, I was totally unaware of the cruelty involved in the legal third-party puppy trade when I unwittingly bought my first dog Digby, a German Spitz, from a licensed pet shop. As a result of his irresponsible breeding, I have witnessed first-hand his life-long behavioural problems, most likely caused by lack of adequate socialisation as a result of early separation from his mum and littermates.

Further information: Lucy's Law is the short-hand for the amendment to *The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018* brought about by *The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2019*, which makes unlawful the sales of puppies and kittens (under six months in both cases) by third party sellers or anyone other than the breeder.

Chilbolton Pre-School – Plea for Help

Our lovely Pre-School, which is located at the Playing Fields in Wherwell, has been running for over 25 years. We take great pride in the fact that we have supported countless families from Wherwell, Chilbolton and surrounding areas, and given children the best foundations for their education.



We are a non-profit making charity and do not run our Pre-School for financial gain. In fact, due to the way Government Funding works, we continually make a loss on each child whose parents claim the Government Funded pre-school hours.

The team at Pre-School are passionate about providing fabulous learning opportunities for all children, whatever their walk of life. Some children do not have a garden so particularly benefit so much from their visits to our beautiful Forest School (pictured) as well as playing on the fields and park that surrounds us.

We have to rely on fundraising and donations to make ends meet, and because of Covid-19 we have had to cancel all fundraising for the foreseeable future. We are now in an extremely fragile financial situation. When we are able to open our doors again, we will need funding to cope with our day to day running costs, cleaning equipment and the many other changes that will be have to made to keep our team and children safe from the awful virus. As our vital fundraising cannot take place, any donations will help us to keep going beyond this too.

We know times are extremely hard for everyone, but please if you can spare anything at all, the Team and children of Chilbolton Pre-School would be so very grateful.

You can find our fundraising page [HERE](#).

Thank you for reading. *Clarey, Sam & The Team*





The Beauty of Weeds

You cannot be a weed!

Oh, you princesses of the May meadows,
The woodlands, riversides, hedgerows.

Not for you the garish, tropical bloom,
Shouting your size,
Blaring your smell,
Sirening your brazen hue.

And yet, when I start to see,
When I peer in close...

Such delicate beauty,
Such elaborate sculpture,
Such intricate inscription,
Such colour!

(And who would guess that even awful 'sticky weed' has
Tiny, secret blossoms?
White, with four dainty, pointed petals.)

Three petals, four petals, five petals, many petals,
Smooth petals, lobed petals,
Symmetrical petals, crooked petals.

(And why five? When six would fit so well...
Do you aspire to humanness?
Do you try to imitate my hand's five digits?
– Take heed, my hand will not pluck you! –
Or is Fibonacci, once again, working his
Unending spiral?)

I peer, and spiral in.
(Georgia would approve.)

Your tiny flower becomes
My world for the moment.

Who decided you are a weed?

Magnificent wildflowers!

Amanda Spice, 5th May 2020

Coronavirus and the Great Plague

So, after a few weeks of constant news about the virus and its effects on the NHS, world trade and how people's lives are being affected, I thought the inconvenience of queueing outside Asda should be compared with the Great Plague of 1665. Fortunately, we have two reports from the time which record the woes of Londoners and depressing they are to read. The first is from John Evelyn in September 7th 1666.

“Came home, there perishing now neere ten-thousand poore Creatures weekly: however I went all along the City & suburbs from Kent streete to St James’s, a dismal passage & dangerous, to see so many Coffines exposed in the streetes & the streete thin of people, the shops shut up, & all in mournfull silence, as not knowing whose turn might be next.”

Then to add to your gloom on the 20th September Samuel Pepys recorded in his diary the following;

“But Lord, what a sad time it is, to see no boats upon the River – and grass grows all up and down Whitehall-court – and nobody but poor wretches in the streets.”

These entries by the two great 17th-Century diarists and close friends describe a London that had a population of around 350,000 when the Great Plague struck in the summer of 1665. Although Parliament was closed and the King and Court had moved to Oxford both men had to remain in the vicinity of London and visit the City regularly as they were what we would now call key-workers – Pepys (who moved to Greenwich with his wife) as Secretary to the Admiralty (then six months into the Second Anglo-Dutch Naval War) and Evelyn (then living at Deptford) as one of the Commissioners for the many sick and wounded seamen and prisoners. Former servicemen had long formed a disproportionate number of the homeless and indigent [sounds familiar] and Evelyn's efforts eventually led to the foundation of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea for soldiers in 1682 and the Royal Hospital at Greenwich for seamen in 1692.

Evelyn's total of “neere ten-thousand” deaths in a week marked the height of the outbreak. It was based on the weekly published ‘Bills of Mortality’ which collated returns of the number of deaths and the causes of deaths for each parish. It is amazing to see how there was an administration that still functioned so well. However, they were widely believed to be underestimating the true numbers [sounds familiar], partly through incorrect diagnosis and partly through deliberate under-reporting. In any case, by September, the recording system was breaking down under the weight of numbers. By the time the Great Plague abated it is estimated that 100,000 Londoners had died and perhaps 200,000 nationwide; this is from an English population of about 800,000 or so.

For a century, London had been regularly hit by major outbreaks of Bubonic Plague (1563, 1593-4, 1603 and 1624-25) but there were always a few cases at least in every year before the final mass outbreak, the Great Plague of 1665. In 1563, the year that William Shakespeare was born, one in eight of the population of Stratford-upon-Avon is thought to have died.

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From January 1593 to the Spring of 1594, the London theatres were closed and Shakespeare occupied his time by publishing the first editions of his narrative poems Venus and Adonis (1593) and The Rape of Lucrece (1594) and, it is presumed, writing Titus Andronicus, The Comedy of Errors, Richard III, The Taming of the Shrew. All I have done is clean the cars and a bit of gardening.

All the new plays were performed by his new company The Lord Chamberlain's Men when the theatres reopened. It marked a watershed in theatrical history – Robert Greene, Christopher Marlowe, and Thomas Kyd had all died from varied causes between 1592 and 1594 and Shakespeare suddenly found himself as the country's leading playwright. It shows what can be achieved in a lock-down.

In an earlier outbreak of plague in November 1577 when the theatres were also closed, the Rev. Thomas White delivered a sermon at St Paul's Cathedral saying that plagues were caused by playe: *“Looke but uppon the common playes in London, and the multitude that flocketh to them and followeth them: beholde the sumptuous Theatre houses, a continuall monument of Londons prodigalitie and folly. But I understande they are now forbidden bycause of the plague. I like the pollicye well if it hold still, for a disease is but boded or patched up that is not cured in the cause, and the cause of plays is sinne, if you looke to it well: and the cause of sinne are playesi.”* His spelling is as bad as mine without the help of Spell Checker. Today the internet is full of conspiracy theories about the Coronavirus but no one has yet mentioned plays.

Alan Crisp

Silver

Slowly, silently, now the moon
Walks the night in her silver shoon;
This way, and that, she peers, and sees
Silver fruit upon silver trees;
One by one the casements catch
Her beams beneath the silvery thatch;
Couched in his kennel, like a log,
With paws of silver sleeps the dog;
From their shadowy cote the white breasts peep
Of doves in a silver-feathered sleep;
A harvest mouse goes scampering by,
With silver claws and a silver eye;
And moveless fish in the water gleam,
By silver reeds in a silver stream.

Walter de la Mare

Poem submitted by Moya Grove

A Very Warm ‘Thank you’!

The Chilbolton Short Mat Bowls Club has met each week since the opening of the New Hall. For some years now Deborah & I have set out the mats, chairs and other equipment so members may start playing as soon as they arrive. We have two mats, carpets really! Each is about 45 feet long, six feet wide and they are stored on a frame, one rolled above the other. Putting them out is not too difficult, but winding them back is quite hard work especially for the winder!

Towards the end of last Summer we searched for a possible powered mechanical solution to do this job, and found there is only one U.K. manufacturer who makes such a thing.

The question was then asked of the Village Hall Management Committee if it would be possible to acquire one of these machines; a very positive response came back in full support, including up to half the purchase costs. Some further research discovered that the TVBC have a special Community Asset Purchase Fund. After a very helpful meeting in their Andover offices, an application was made in November via the Management Committee, largely as a result of diligent work by Liz Blakemore.

We had to await a decision by the TVBC, announced late in January, when we were delighted to discover that our Club ‘ticked all the boxes’ and we were awarded the maximum 50% of purchase cost allowed under the terms of the fund.

Hampshire County Councillor Andrew Gibson meantime awarded a further one thousand pounds grant to go towards the machine’s purchase. For technical reasons, the order was placed through our local Parish Council, rather than the Management Committee who are the owners of all the hall equipment.

The Club is now becoming excited by the imminent delivery of the machine, hopefully before the end of March. With this new machine, any pair of Club members - old or young - will be able to deploy both the mats as well as the more arduous task of recovering them back into storage. As a Club we would like to thank all those involved in the process of acquiring this machine, namely:

- The members of Chilbolton Hall Management Committee spurred on by their Chairman Tony Ewer, and the knowledge, expertise and effort in completing the application by Liz Blakemore.
- The Chilbolton Parish Council chaired by David Griffiths and all necessary paper chasing by Parish Clerk Mandy Denyer.
- The support and grant from Hampshire County Councillor Andrew Gibson.
- The application further supported at TVBC by Chilbolton District Councillor David Drew.
- The advice and all technical assistance in formulating our application by Jenny Brain, Community Engagement Officer Community and Leisure, TVBC.
- The written endorsements from the Chilbolton W.I. President Pat Lloyd and Downs Benefice Rector Rev. Jax Machin.

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And not forgetting all those nearly one hundred and thirty villagers and others who signed our petitions displayed at the 'Mitre' and in the Village Shop.

To all of you, we say a very special and warm 'thank you'.

We hope this machine will be of great benefit to the Club over coming years, encouraging many others to acquire some new skills in an ancient sport that can be very competitive but also great fun, which is not restricted to a group of Senior Citizens wearing whites, and at which one meets with other local like-minded friends for a chin-wag over a cup of cheer.

*Richard Richardson
for the Chilbolton Short Mat Bowls Club*

June in the Garden

A lot of people have been working very hard in their gardens during this time of enforced lockdown and hopefully now is the time to enjoy the 'Fruits of your Labour'.

It certainly has been a beautiful Spring and now as we move into Summer we are set to enjoy more of Nature's delights and rewards. Weeds never stop and there is always weeding and dead-heading to maintain beds, borders and containers.

If we have not had any significant rain, water as necessary, remembering that new and young plants and containers will need regular watering. Any newly planted trees will also benefit from a can of water each week as they establish their rooting system.

Tidy and cut back any spring-flowering perennials and take cuttings from pinks. They will root quickly and can replace old and straggly plants. Use shoots about 4" long which have not flowered. Put around the edge of a small flower pot filled with gritty compost, place in shady position and keep watered.

Now is the time to cut down the remains of bulb foliage. Lawns should be mown regularly and edges trimmed. Any patch left for wild flowers should now look splendid and full of insects and a real food source for wild creatures.

June is a good month to plant out the last of summer bedding in borders and containers and to put up your hanging baskets. In the kitchen garden harvest veg and fruit as it matures.

Plant winter brassicas and protect from pigeons. Keep sowing salad crops and make a further sowing of runner and french beans and late courgettes and sweetcorn. Feed tomatoes with a high potash fertiliser to increase yield. Enjoy!

Jenny Seddon



Recipe of the month

Great for left overs!



Chicken with Green Curry, Mango, Lime and Coconut

1 large tsp. unsalted butter
1 tsp. curry powder
Pinch Turmeric
1 tsp. honey
Juice of 1 lime
7 oz tin coconut milk
2 sprigs fresh thyme
4 chicken breasts or any leftover cooked chicken
2 oz double cream
½ diced mango (other fruit will work too)
3 fl.oz. chicken stock
Salt & cayenne pepper

Melt butter, add curry powder and turmeric. Sweat for a minute and add honey, and lime juice, and continue to sweat for few minutes.

Add coconut milk, stock, thyme, salt and pepper.

Simmer to infuse flavours.

Sauce can be made in advance.

Add chicken and simmer to cook for about 15 minutes until chicken is cooked. Add cream and mango when ready to serve.

Sue Larcombe

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 ☺

Feed the Andover Food Banks Update

We are so pleased that so many villagers continue to donate generously to our Feed the Food Banks initiative. Unfortunately, the ongoing increase in the number of people who are now unemployed means that the demand for support from food banks continues to rise. Sadly, it seems very unlikely that the demand is going to decrease in the foreseeable future. We do hope that you will consider, whenever you are shopping, including one or two of the items listed below for people who are now really struggling to feed themselves and their families.

Long life fruit juice and milk

Tinned vegetables including potatoes, baked beans and spaghetti

Sauces for pasta

Pasta and rice

Tinned fruit, custard and rice pudding

Baby food

Shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, tooth paste and brushes

Washing up liquid, detergent and general household cleaning products

There has been a really good response to the offer of Hampshire Suppliers produce in exchange for donations to Andover Food Bank. There are still some items available at Chilbolton Village Hall and Wherwell Bus Shelter. Even if you have already had some products please do help yourself to some more. In return please only put food donations in the boxes. If you wish to donate money or you are self-isolating and would like some of the items, please do contact us at the numbers below.

Many thanks for all your donations - your continued support will be very much appreciated.

Jane Andrews: 860635, Sue Filmer: 860599 or Jo Neudegg: 860042

Will Williams Cycle Ride for Chilbolton Pre-school



My name is Will, I live in Wherwell and I am 10 years old. Our village Pre-school needs help and have started a campaign to raise funds to be able to reopen once the government allows. As I go to Wherwell school, I've decided to try to help raise money for them both by cycling 100km in 10 days, which for me is a really, really big ask.

I know people don't have much money right now so all I am asking is if you could sponsor me £2 towards saving our Pre-school on my 'Just Giving' page [HERE](#).

I have set up a Facebook page where you can follow my daily progress [HERE](#).

Thank you for very much for helping me support our 2 wonderful local schools.

Will

Fullerton Mill



The photo above shows Fullerton Mill with a 'V' clipped in the ivy. How many readers remember this landmark? It was created on VE Day by my grandfather Henry Green to commemorate the momentous event. It remained a feature of Fullerton Mill for nearly 60 years, until it was reluctantly cut down circa 2005.



Henry lived and worked at the mill from 1930 until 1951. He had previously been employed at the Ismay Estate, Iwerne Minster in Dorset as a wheelwright. By the late 1920s the majority of vehicle wheels were manufactured from steel and the need for making wooden wheels severely declined. Henry was to be made redundant. He was very fortunate to be offered a position by Miss Cory, the owner of the mill and the estate at Fullerton. He moved there with his wife Daisy and their three daughters. He operated the mill which ground corn for the estate and also the large timber saw which the mill powered. Henry and Daisy moved to Station Road, Chilbolton when he retired and they lived there until their death.

David Foster

Fullerton Mill – Millers and Occupiers

There was one mill in the Manor of Fullerton recorded in the Domesday Book with an annual value between 10s & 15s.

The River Anton, with a course of about six miles, rises at Penton Mewsey, near Weyhill, flows eastwards to Andover where it worked one mill north of the town and two south of it. Shortly afterwards it received the water of Pillhill Brook which rises at Kempton and powered Sanson's, Monxton, Abbots Ann Upper and Lower Mills and the Waterloo Iron Works before joining the Anton, driving Clatford mill and then Fullerton Mill near its confluence with the River Test. In 2005, Susan and Antony Ansell did some extensive research into the Mill and compiled a list of millers and occupiers stretching back 275 years.

1744	Thomas Green	Miller, Fullerton Mill (plus date stone 1752 TG)
1776	J.N.O. Weight	Insurance on furniture £50, on goods in trade in his Watermill house adjoining, the said building of brick built and tiled £100.
1792	William King	Insurance on Fullerton Mill, brick built and tiled £235, on utensils and trade goods £125.
1855	H. King	Miller
c1880	Frederick P Baily	
1896	William Cory	Purchases Mill, part of Fullerton, Cottonworth and Westover estates which remains owned by his family to this day. (Liddell then Ansell)
1915	T. Hitchcock	
1930	Henry Green	Moves to mill, grinds corn for the Estate and operates the large timber saw (see details above)
1935	Alice Cory	Inherits estate from brother William Corey
1953	William & Jane Bowkett	William Bowkett, with wife and daughter Pam (Prince) arrive to manage the Estate and operate the sawmill, until his death in 1962.
1957		Fullerton and Cottonworth inherited by Charles Liddell. Tenant farmers leave: Morgan (Fullerton) Golding (Cottonworth) Cooper (Westover)
1963		Death of Alice Cory (29 th July)
1968		Mill and mill house in continuous range, two storey with high pitched roof. Gantry and external hoist now removed. Sluices and waterways intact. Mill scales by Day & Millward of Birmingham still in use. Wheel used for driving saw. Eel trap still used.
1983	Gotleib/Benney	Short lease for fishing weekends
1996	Dunnett	Move into Mill
1998	Antony & Susan Ansell	Move into Mill and start 3-year renovation (Dunnetts move to the Old Farm House)

Andrew Flanagan

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