

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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1st August brings Lammas Day – from the old English ‘hlaf’ meaning loaf and ‘maess’ meaning mass or feast. A Pagan celebration to mark the beginning of the harvest, like many other festivals it was adopted by the early Christian church. Loaves of bread were baked from the first-ripened grain and brought to the church for consecration. In spite of the current challenges, there are things to enjoy in August; the National Garden scheme has re-opened, likewise the Home Guard Club and the local pubs. We can take advantage of the summer weather to walk the local pathways, prune our hedges - apparently - and gather in our own harvests. Summer Garden Bounty Salad anyone? Yum!

Lucia Foster-Found

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From the Church Records

<i>Funerals</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name (s)</i>
Chilbolton		
Funeral	26 th June	Jackie Compton
Wherwell		
Funeral	3 rd July	Ray Blazdell

Dear Friends,

‘Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.’ (John 12: 24)

How wonderful that we are once again able to hold our Benefice magazines in our hands! I am sure you will all echo my thanks to the doughty voluntary teams of friends and neighbours who have worked so hard to keep these vital publications going during Lockdown. Our thanks are also due to the many inventive contributors who have volunteered some fascinating articles for each Lockdown issue, which many of us have been able to enjoy ‘virtually.’

Our parish churches are beginning to open up too. Another joy – to worship and praise God together once again! Maybe not yet to touch each other, to hold hands in greeting or to kiss and hug at the Peace, but to feel the deep emotion of seeing the faces of our beloved friends nonetheless, and to rejoice at the importance of them in our lives. And our families, friends and neighbours. Have you been able to be reunited with yours? I pray so. I don’t think I will ever forget the day I opened the door to find my precious daughter standing there, arms open; tears flowing between us after almost four months apart. These joys, however, are tempered as we reflect on the lives of the almost 45,000 people who have died from Coronavirus in our country alone; and to each soul who has died from other conditions, without the reassuring physical presence of family and friends beside them. Our hearts go out to those recently bereaved, and to all those besides, for whom Lockdown has heightened the loss of beloved children, parents, spouses and friends across their lives.

Jesus’ message about seeds needing to die might feel hard to bear – that the people and things we love have to die in order for new life to be generated. Yet, across the world, we have been seeing the death of many old behaviours, prejudices and beliefs. And as we have let them go, new relationships and attitudes have been able to flourish. Communities have strengthened, conversations have begun, lives shared - and respect for the previously invisible work of those who underpin our nation, might be the seeds of a complete restructuring of

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our societal values. Even the cessation of worship in the familiar ways we have enjoyed before Coronavirus, has opened up new opportunities for people to share and receive the good news of Christ in refreshing and meaningful ways, relevant to our modern lives and technologies.

Jesus' words underpin a pivotal turning point in His earthly ministry. Previous to this, He has been telling His disciples 'My time has not yet come.' Yet now the time has come for Jesus to lay down His life, knowing that a great harvest of faithful people will result. He points us to the Cross and beyond. I pray you will be reassured that all those whom we love and who have died in faith, will now be fully alive in Christ. For as Jesus is lifted from the world, His sacrifice draws each of us, redeemed and forgiven, into the gift of His love. Our death is just the beginning of our flourishing!

Yours in the gift of Christ,

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer

Adapted from a prayer by Christian blogger, Bruce Prewer

God of innumerable mercies,
Give us the grace to be daily buried in the love of Christ,
Like the seed that is buried in the earth;
And thereby may we begin to live more abundantly.
With Jesus' help, may we learn of that fruitful life,
Which, if spent in loving others,
Will glorify Your holy name throughout the world.
Then may the earth know its Saviour,
Who with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Are loved and worshipped,
World without end.
Amen!

July and August 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>
Sunday 19th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity					
MORNING PRAYER		10AM			
Sunday 26th July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity					
HOLY COMMUNION				10AM	
Wednesday 29th July					
HOLY COMMUNION			10AM		
Sunday 2nd August – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity					
HOLY COMMUNION	10AM				
Sunday 9th August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity					
MORNING PRAYER				10AM	
Sunday 16th August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity					
MORNING PRAYER	10AM				
Sunday 23rd August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity					
HOLY COMMUNION			10AM		
Sunday 30th August – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity					
HOLY COMMUNION (venue tbc)					10AM

Wherwell Home Guard Club is open again



After being closed for 16 weeks, Wherwell Home Guard Club re-opened on Friday 10th July. Due to COVID-19, various social distancing measures have been adopted. These include no seating at the Bar counter, a table ordering/delivery service and limits on the number of people playing snooker and seated inside the premises. There is a signing-in book for 'Track and Trace' and sanitizers are strategically 'on-hand'.

The forced closure period became an ideal opportunity to carry out a major refurbishment of the main Bar. With a new colour scheme, new carpet and window blinds, new lighting and new furniture, the Club offers members a relaxed venue to meet friends and enjoy a drink. With the bar area slightly reduced in size, there is plenty of space to play a game at the refurbished Bar Billiards table.

The Club is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 8pm to 11pm. Until further notice, there are no events being planned.

Sandie Bastable (Chairman)

Chilbolton Parish Council

As the newly appointed Chair of the Parish Council, I would like to start my report by paying tribute to David Griffiths who has been an outstanding Chair over the last few years. His dedication and commitment to the village is exceptional and he has always made himself available to discuss with villagers their concerns, provided sage advice at our meetings and undertaken much practical work on our footpaths and open spaces to keep the village looking at its very best. The whole village owes him a great debt of gratitude.

Over the last few months we have seen unprecedented numbers of visitors coming to the enjoy Chilbolton Cow Common and West Down which has brought more than its fair share of issues and challenges. It is, however, important to remind ourselves that the unique circumstances the country currently finds itself in, is leading to massive pressure on all beauty spots including beaches, country parks or areas of natural beauty.

This has put both the gravel area where cars park and the surrounding roads under great pressure with large numbers of visitors driving their cars to visit the Common. We have undertaken some changes to the gravel area to maintain the numbers of cars able to park there, whilst trying to prevent cars blocking access to residents who live on the common.

It does feel as if, in the last month, we have entered into a new phase with more groups visiting the site (both during the day and in the evening) to socialise in the open air. This has sadly led to an increase in anti-social behaviour. We also appear to be seeing an increasing level of belligerence from some of those on our open spaces. In view of this, I suggest that politely approaching people is now more likely to lead to a more aggressive response and should probably be avoided. I have been in contact with the police sergeant, who leads the small community team in the Test Valley, to request extra visits to the site particularly on very sunny days. The local police team have now confirmed that the site will be added to their evening visits schedule. If any of our residents are aware of inappropriate behaviour on the Common they should ring 101, the Non-Emergency number for the Police.

We remain in close contact with Natural England to make sure that we take all reasonable steps to protect the the unique habitats of the Common. Some locals have suggested fencing parts of the river off to prevent access to some of the areas under most pressure. The Common, by definition, is an area open to people to access and generally fencing off areas on a permanent basis is not permitted. Natural England do not advocate a more general use of fencing to keep visitors from certain areas.

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Their view is that it is better to do this through education not prevention. The Parish Council have therefore agreed not to consider fencing unless it is necessary for any temporary recovery from improvement works. We have also agreed to start preparing for a more proactive education programme for users.

Now, as the restrictions are easing, the Parish Council has asked the Open Spaces Committee to review the temporary signage in light of the most recent government guidance.

As a Parish Council we would like to hold a Parish Meeting (when it is safe to do so!), open to the public to discuss all of these issues, and to get the broader views of our local residents. We are aware of the many and varied ideas and options of how the Common can be managed in the future. However, none of the proposals are straight forward and all have implications and potential unintended consequences. We are also very aware that there is a link between the success of both the shop and the local pubs to the popularity of the village to visitors. We do not propose to hold the Public Meeting until the Autumn at the earliest which will give us chance to reflect on all of the options and implications. In the meantime, no major change in policy will be agreed before the public meeting has taken place when all of the views of local residents can be considered.

The Parish Council considered a report of the Open Spaces Committee on future development of the War Memorial Playing Fields (thanks to Nick Horne and Trish Heaton who authored it) which is featured elsewhere in the magazine.

Residents will be aware that we have for a long time been looking at possible further measures to keep car speeds through the village to a minimum. The Parish Council considered a number of potential projects that may help. We have agreed to get more detailed costs for two schemes, the first being the creation of a “virtual footpath” on Coley Lane from Drove Road to Station Road, similar to that on Village Street. The second is the creation of a pedestrian crossing point where the Test Way crosses Coley Lane, coupled with associated village gateway signage.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Liz Blakemore, who has been standing in on a temporary basis as our Parish Clerk over the last couple of months and who has provided me with great support.

David Neudegg
Chair, Chilbolton Parish Council

Repairs to Wherwell War Memorial

As you can see in these photos the War Memorial requires some much-needed repairs. Our memorial was originally paid for by public subscription and is a listed monument as unusually it commemorates those who risked their lives as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting to preserve our way of life.

The work that is to be carried out will cost £4,800 and includes:

- Repoint joints with lime mortar
- Re-cut characters where necessary
- Paint 1,111 characters
- Restore the previously damaged cross
- Professionally clean the whole structure



The Parish Council has set aside £3,000 towards the cost and so far has failed to secure grants to help with the cost. We would like to ask if there are any residents of the parish who would be willing to make a donation towards the cost of returning our wonderful memorial to its former glory.

If you would like to make a contribution to the repairs please contact Jo Baughen 860319 or wherwellclerk@gmail.com

Thank you



THANK YOU CHILBOLTON

When Pat and I came home on 16 March, on the last scheduled flight out of Cyprus, we went immediately into self-isolation. Within days the country went into lockdown and, with a collective age of 170, and recent histories of cardiac and pulmonary problems, we found ourselves listed among the highly vulnerable. We could have been depressed, or at least apprehensive, but in fact we were so content to be in our own home, with its Spring garden in full colour, that it never occurred to us to feel anything other than lucky. And so we remained for the next three months, thanks to the enormous kindness and consideration we were shown by everyone we came into contact with in Chilbolton.

So now is the time for us to go on record, to say thank you to all of you. Space won't permit us to include everyone who called to ask how we were doing, and whether they could help, but they know who they are and they will understand. We must, however, single out David Griffith, for the way he led the village through this difficult period and ensured that the necessary framework was rapidly put in place to cope with it. The Support Group led by Jo and Fiona did a fantastic job making sure there were no cracks for people to fall through, and the team of volunteers they put in place did an equally fantastic job making sure that individual needs were met. In our particular case Fiona, as always, and our lovely neighbours, Simon and Catherine, saw to it that we lacked for nothing we needed. Special thanks must go to Nicky and Andy for the way they turned the shop into the HQ of the village, and somehow managed to give the impression that it was just 'business as usual'.

I am sure we all realise how lucky we are to live in Chilbolton but it needs to be said that we are very lucky to have our shop. We have seen many good owners in the last 20 years and Nicky and Andy are in a class of their own. The name Pete Seeger will probably mean nothing to many of you but he was a well known American Folk singer and political activist who died in 2014. He wrote several very popular songs and said in one of them 'I want to turn the clock back to when people lived in small villages and took care of each other.' Chilbolton epitomises that thought and we shall always be grateful to you for taking care of us.

Graham and Pat Kelly



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



We are really pleased to announce that we are now open for contactless rehoming. Three of our cats have already gone off to their new homes and Murphy, our featured cat from last month, has someone coming to visit him soon so hopefully he'll be off to his forever home too.

This is Rose, she is around 10 years old and is very affectionate. She is showing signs of a kidney problem which is easily controlled with a prescription diet. Rose will need a peaceful and loving home for her retirement and would like to be an only cat. If you think you could offer our lovely Rose, or any other cat, a home, please do get in touch.

Hampshire Record Office has re-opened

Hampshire Record Office in Winchester re-opened on 21st July.

The new hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 10am to 4pm.

Visits must be booked in advance, see:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/archives/visit>

for more information. Before visiting HRO, you will need to apply for an

Archives Admission Card, see: <https://www.archivescard.com/>

Paid research and copying services at HRO have also resumed. For a temporary period, research is available at a discounted rate of £20/hour.



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CHILBOLTON WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

From 4 July consideration can be given to bringing the play equipment back into use. Whilst we appreciate that this will be welcomed – judging by the number of times that the taped equipment has been inappropriately released over the last three months – that is subject to a safety and Coronavirus risk assessment which should have been completed by the time you read this.

On a disappointing note, a second adjusting handle for the basketball hoops has been removed and has thereby denied younger children of the use we intended they should get from this facility. In case you erroneously brought it home with you, please can we ask that you return it.

In the meantime this wonderful open space has proved very popular and the well mown grass and wildflowers are maintaining its rural ambiance. We welcome that as long as it is accompanied by the correct level of the respect for the facilities and other users.

Development Group progress

On the 6 July the Parish Council considered our report and recommendations based upon the survey which we undertook last November. Please have a look at that on the Chilbolton & Wherwell Community website. We will welcome any further feedback which you have on its content and the way forward, via the parish Clerk at Chilbolton.Clerk@hotmail.co.uk, particularly if you have a specific interest in making use of the potential new items.

The report details how nine potential new items were assessed as to their suitability, based upon their survey popularity; cost; practicality; and visual impact. It also contains indications of the range of additions which could be made, together with suggested locations for each activity to make the most of the area without adversely impacting upon the ambiance.

Having considered the report the Parish Council wished to prioritise the improvement of existing children's play equipment, primarily the slide and basket swing which have not stood the test of time well. Work is already in hand as the involvement of specialist play equipment firms will be needed together with careful consideration of the associated costs.

Alongside this there are some initial ideas that we would like to progress. A key element of any implementation, aside from funding, will be enthusiastic and committed volunteers willing to get involved with bringing lasting benefits to the village. It could easily be you and we will welcome you to be part of the team. Just let us know please.

The longer term proposals for the playing field, including the pavilion on which we received a number of suggestions and ideas, will also be considered at the Parish Meeting later in the year which is referred to in the Parish Council report in this magazine.

CWMPF DEVELOPMENT GROUP Trish Heaton and Nick Horne

NOW is the time to prune your hedge

... apparently



Before trimming or pruning garden hedges it is important to check that there are no birds nesting, as it is an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.

So having checked for nests, general guidance is that the best timing for maintenance pruning of both deciduous and evergreen hedges is summertime. However, I recently came across an interesting comment – there is an optimum time for hedge pruning that will have an effect on regrowth due to the plant's hormones that either stimulate or restrict growth.

The hormones in spring bring new buds and the hedge bursts into growth. Cut the same hedge in mid-summer and the regrowth is much less. If you want to take advantage of the restrictive hormones and keep your pruning efforts to the minimum needed to maintain a tidy hedge, then the optimum period for pruning is between 20th July and 20th August. Perhaps worth a try to see if it works?

Sue Filmer

Wherwell Parish Council

report from meeting held on 23rd June 2020 (virtually)

The Parish Council met via zoom but was not joined by the County & District Councillors or any members of the public. Understandably Cllr Sue Blazdell sent her apologies, and it is with great sadness that the Parish Council notes the recent passing of Ray Blazdell, Sue's husband. Ray dedicated his life to his family and all parts of the village, in particular at the Playing Fields. He will be greatly missed.

The minutes of the March meeting & the planning subcommittee meeting were agreed. There were no matters arising.

It was noted that there have been no amendments to the Councillors' pecuniary interests since May 2019.

The new legislation that was passed due to Covid-19 enabled Councils to hold meetings remotely and alter their pattern of meetings if necessary. The PC agreed a protocol, in the event that a physical meeting cannot take place. As the normal pattern of WPC meetings was suspended and the annual meeting did not take place the Chair & vice Chair will remain in office until the annual Meeting in May 2021. Parish Assemblies are, however, still required to be physical meetings; therefore the 2020 Parish Assembly will take place when it is possible and safe to do so.

The PC has been successful in securing a £500 Covid-19 emergency response community grant from TVBC. Some of the money has been given to the Chilbolton shop to facilitate a discount on the shopping, to vulnerable residents on the "risk" register which has been created. Other uses of the funds going forward were discussed. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have done a fantastic job in helping others in the community at this time. In particular a resident who has only moved into the village recently & has been making baked treats for the vulnerable, Cllr Newell for making hundreds of reusable face masks, & especially Cllr Hasselmann who has tirelessly spearheaded the whole effort. The shop will continue to offer baked treats to residents. It was noted that letters of thanks for all the team had been received from the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire & the Mayor of Test Valley.

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The terms of reference of the financial subcommittee were approved. The clerk presented a statement of the PC accounts for the year ended 31st March, and observations on its finances for the current year. Amendments to the PC risk assessment and financial risk assessment were ratified. The PC accounts for 2019/20 were given a clean bill of health at the internal audit. The minor points that were raised were considered. The PC considered and agreed that the criteria for exemption from an external review of PC accounts for 2019/20 were met & the certificate of exemption was signed by the Chair & clerk/RFO. The annual governance statement & accounting statements for 2019/20 were agreed & signed in preparation for submission to the external auditors. The date for the exercise for public rights was set.

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

The PC also considered three items of recent correspondence, two of which related to matters connected with the increased numbers of visitors to the village & in particular to the Chilbolton Cow Common. Another piece of correspondence of a similar nature has subsequently been received. Replies have been sent to all the correspondents.

Please note that whilst the PC has every sympathy for those residents who are more directly affected by the increased numbers of visitors to the area, in particular the Chilbolton Cow Common at this time, and the resulting disturbance & actions of some of those visitors, the PC does not have any jurisdiction in these matters.

Cllr. Bryant reported that he had been in further contact with the owner of the land on the corner of the Old Hill with Beech Grove, who agreed with the PC's proposals. It is hoped that the caravan can be removed, and the area made safe & tidied up to be used/enjoyed by villagers. The area will take the name of the land owner. An update on the repairs to the war memorial was also given.

The next scheduled meeting will take place in Tuesday 8th September.

Sean Hutton, Chair

Summer Garden Bounty Salad



If we are lucky, this time of year our gardens are awash with courgettes, beans and salad leaves. This lovely dish is as much about the dressing as it is the salad. If you don't have Tahini (sesame seed paste), substitute with peanut butter, available from Chilbolton Village Stores. Any leftover dressing can be used as a dip.

Salad Ingredients:

2-3 courgettes, sliced
Juice of ½ lemon
2 handfuls of French beans
Sun dried tomatoes (*optional*)
1 red chilli finely chopped
Salad /herbs of your choice
Olive Oil for frying

Dressing Ingredients:

2 tablespoons Tahini (*or any nut butter*)
Zest and juice of ½ lemon
½ teaspoon of honey
A small garlic clove, crushed
2 tablespoons Olive Oil
Salt and Pepper

To make the dressing, whisk or whizz the first four ingredients together until you get a creamy consistency, if it thickens, whisk in a little cold water. Then stir in the oil and season to your taste. Your dressing is ready.

Heat the oil in a large pan and batch cook the courgettes until tender and browned on both sides; once cooked, season with salt, pepper and add the lemon juice and chilli if using. Set aside.

Steam or boil the beans for 2 minutes, drain and when cooled a little, combine with the courgettes.

At this stage you can add your own favourites or leftovers such as new potatoes, spring onion, any chargrilled summer vegetables, peppers, aubergines and pulses or grains.

To assemble, spread salad leaves in a large shallow serving bowl (*I used rocket and beetroot leaves*) scatter over the vegetables, and top with fresh herbs if using, (*I used basil, but mint would work*) and finally trickle the dressing generously over the whole lot. Enjoy.

recipe blended from Hugh Fearnley-Whitingstall & Yotam Ottolenghi

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – August

Thankfully we can now start going to some attractions... A few ideas are below but the best way is having a think about what you want and then going online to check availability or if no internet, phone to check availability before you book anything.

On display until November	Marwell Zoo - SUPERSIZED! is fully installed and will be on display until 1 November 2020. Guests will be 'shrunk' on arrival before meeting toy brick models SUPERSIZED to eye-popping proportions including a three-metre tarantula and a towering red spitting cobra. 01962 777407
From 2 nd	Saucy Sauces with Andy Mackenzie at Lainston House Hotel's Season Cookery School 01962 776088
From 6 th	Parent and Child Cooking with Sylvain Gachot at Season Cookery School 01962 776088
9 th Aug	Perfect Pizza with Sylvain Gachot at Season Cookery School Lainston House 01962 776088
11 th Aug	Sky Hunters at Sunset - The Hawk Conservancy Trust 01264 773850
https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ (nationaltrust, 1 word)	Hampshire NT locations are fully booked but if you want a day out and don't mind travelling further afield, there are several locations in Wiltshire. Pre-booking essential, you will be turned away if you just turn up
https://ngs.org.uk/	National Garden Scheme has started re-opening many of their gardens on a strictly pre-booked basis. All gardens that are re-opening will be listed by region on a weekly basis. Please check each week to see the new gardens that have been added or sign up to their newsletter.
Farmers' Markets	
Romsey - First Sunday of every month 10am - 2pm	
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	

WALK 3.



IVY FARM WOOD WANDER via West Down

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

Distance: about 2.24 miles (3.6k);

Time: about 1 hour.

Level: easy.

The walk starts at the Abbot's Mitre Public House.

1. Leave the pub and TR. Walk along village street for about 100 yards.
2. TR down a gravel track. This is Cart Lane (indicated by a finger post with the carving of a cart on 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 through the gates. This is a permissive FP. You will see agricultural machinery to your left. Continue along a wide, scalping/grass path until you reach a gate. Duck under a wooden bar on 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 dog poo bag disposal bin.
5. TL and walk along this grassy path which runs parallel with Little Drove Road on your right. Continue SO until you reach a gap in the hedge in front of you. Go through the gap and TR. You are now on the Mark Way.
6. Walk along a narrow path with a double wire 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. Ignore it. Continue along the Mark Way until the path bends to the right (indicated by a way marker on a wooden post). You have now reached the eastern edge of West Down Nature Reserve. Part of this is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). West Down is managed by Chilbolton Parish Council.
7. Ignore the paths immediately on your left and right and go SO through trees and veer slightly to the left. You will see a gap in a post and rail fence ahead of you. Go through the gap. Cross the field veering to the left. The grass path is obvious. Bending to the left you will come to an old, single bar wooden gate. Go round it and go SO across a concrete road. You will see a muddy path in front of you. The path divides here. Take the left fork and enter a FP through woodland. This is Ivy Farm Wood. Follow an obvious

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path ignoring paths to your left.

8. You will come to a junction of paths with a tree in the middle. TL and head for a wooden pedestrian gate. Go through it. You are now in the enclosed area of West Down. You may meet cattle. These are docile Red Devons that are used for conservation grazing. Follow the FP. To your right you will soon see a wooden gate. When you get to a junction of paths go SO. Follow quite a wide, undulating, gravel track. There are some fine views to your left.

9. As you come to some woodland you will see a large, wooden gate on your right. Just past this there is a concrete pillar which marks the boundary of the former Chilbolton Airfield (used during the Second World War). The path divides here. It doesn't matter which you take as they both end in almost the same place.

10. In front of you you will soon see houses (the outskirts of Chilbolton). There is a wooden bench here if you feel like as rest. The path goes down the slope. You will see a cattle pen in front of you and to the left of this is a kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate and TL to follow the Test Way (way marked) along the verge.

11. When you reach the tarmac road TL; then cross the road and almost immediately TR (signposted). There is a gap in the hedge.

Go through it. You will see the Coronation Tree on your left with a bench underneath it marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There is a fine view of the River Test. After a few yards TR along a narrow gravel FP. You are on the Test Way. You will see some attractive water gardens on your left and the garden of Watch Cottage on your right.

12. Follow this path bordered by a high fence until you reach a pedestrian gate. Go through it. You have reached the War Memorial Playing Field given to the Parish Council in memory of those from Chilbolton who gave their lives in the Second World War. If you have a dog, please put him/her on a lead.

13. You have a choice. You can either:

- carry SO in the direction of the pavilion and exit the playing field by a gate in the left hand corner of the field. Here there is a dog poo bag dispenser and a waste bin. Go through the gate and onto a wide gravel track with the Old Cottage on your right;

- or

- veer to the left. You will see a large metal roller. Head in that direction. Just beyond it to the left you will see a pedestrian gate. This is the route of the Test Way. Go through it and TR and follow the narrow path through trees. It emerges onto a wide gravel track with the Old Cottage in front of you.

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14. You have now reached Chilbolton Cow Common a Site of Special Scientific Interest. This is conservation grazed in late spring and in summer. There are many varieties of wild flowers to enjoy as well as fine views of the River Test. Follow gravel track as in bends to the right in front of the cottage. Shortly, you will see a tarmac road in front of you (Joys Lane) with a gate and a cattle grid as it reaches the common. Before you get to the cattle grid TL. you will see a dog poo bag dispenser and waste bins at the corner.

15. Walk along the wide gravel track and through a gate (often open). You will see three houses in front of you. The centre one is the Old Inn. Walk towards it. If you wish to explore the common TL. Otherwise, about half way to the Old Inn, you will see a grass path heading off diagonally to your right. It leads towards a small, wooden bridge over the Abbot's Stream. Cross the bridge and go through the gate. Please make sure you close it. A narrow path goes between gardens to the left and the right. Follow this path. You will come to the village street and the Abbot's Mitre is in front of you.

That's the end of the walk. I hope you enjoyed it.

A POEM

Just wanted to share a poem written by our grandson who lives in Auckland, New Zealand.

Sue Aiken

Hello ~ Goodbye Poem

Hello to noisy tablet alarm
Goodbye to sleep-ins and devices

Hello to rushed mornings
Goodbye to pancakes galore

Hello to school and friends
Goodbye to fishing in the creek for eels

Hello to takeaways after school
Goodbye to hot homemade dinners

Hello to ballrush on the field
Goodbye to 4:00 skatepark

Hello Covid-19, I hope I don't catch you
Goodbye to lazy days.

Charlie Aged 9



Chilbolton Pre-School – Learning Through Play

Firstly, we must say how well the children have adapted to the new layout of the setting. There are many resources that we are currently not able to use: rugs, play dough, sandpit, soft toys.....and are minimalist in our setting up – but the children are not letting any of that dampen their spirits or spoil their fun..

Our ‘messy tray’ has different and exciting textures in it every day for the children to feel and explore – from cutting up vegetables – to a Peppa Pig carwash – pouring and filling containers – these are all great examples of how the children are strengthening their hand muscles and developing their fine motor skills.

The ‘older children’ have been taking part in activities to help prepare them for school – opening their snack containers – putting on their own shoes – holding a pen properly – sounds and letters – knives and forks.....all great practise for the next exciting stage of their learning journey.

More than ever we understand how lucky with are to be able to use so many different outdoor areas and have certainly been making the most of setting up games and activities in the fresh air. Lots of listening walks around the field – running races - group games – treasure hunts - as well as racing around on our vehicles on the patio. Forest School, as ever, offers a plethora of learning opportunities for the children. The children had loved creating some yummy dishes in the new mud kitchen – one recent theme was ‘our senses’ and children used fragrant herbs to make soup for us – yummy!

Once again, we would like to thank members of our wonderful community for helping us - our ‘go fund me page’ is still live and if you would like to donate the link is - [gf.me/u/x2u4c6](https://www.gofundme.com/u/x2u4c6)

On behalf of us all at Pre-School – thank you for reading and stay safe until next time.

AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

This is the month for Holidays and Harvest, both important for the gardener. The early days of sowing, planting and promise of things to come in the flower and vegetable garden, have given way to (hopefully), a profusion of colour and crops. There are still numerous things to do in the garden and you may need to enlist the help of a friend or neighbour if you are off on holiday. Watering pots and containers is extremely important in hot, dry periods, but the lawn will need mowing less frequently if the weather is hot and dry. Hedges can be trimmed now that the birds have finished nesting and lavender plants can be cut back, removing old flower spikes and about 2.5cm of the leafy growth at the tips of the shoots. This will encourage the plant to remain bushy and compact. Continue to deadhead annuals for continuous flowering. Crops should be gathered as they ripen, particularly French and runner beans and courgettes as this will stimulate further cropping. If you have too much for your own use this is a good time to share produce with friends and neighbours. It is also the time to preserve for the winter making jams and chutney. Early apples such as "Discovery" are ready this month and windfall cookers provide an early pie. A visit to the garden centre will give you a colourful pot or two if you have any gaps in the flower borders. It is also a good time to be thinking of Spring flowering bulbs for growing indoors and in the garden. If you have a greenhouse which is unused over the winter, sow Spring cabbage now and plant the small plants when the tomatoes have finished. A good variety to grow is "April" and it will reward you with lovely green Spring cabbage. Perpetual spinach and Florence fennel can be sown in the first week of the month to fill gaps in the kitchen garden and provide produce in the Autumn and Winter months. Potato blight remains a risk in wet, humid weather. If you are affected, remove foliage and lift the crop 2 weeks later. So far this has been a glorious year for both flowers, fruit and vegetables. Unfortunately the Horticultural Society is not able to hold the annual Flower Show in the village hall this year. I do hope we will be able to go ahead next year.

Jenny Seddon.

LOVE YOU LIKE BLAZES (Part 1)

As part of the 75th anniversary of VJ day, I have been asked to share a selection of letters written by my step-grandmother Elaine Headley to my step-grandfather Rev Victor Headley, who was captured by the Japanese in Singapore and kept as a prisoner-of-War.

My step-father Richard has lived in Wherwell with my mother Brenda since 1979 and his mother Elaine lived with them, when widowed, for a few years until her death in 2001.

Gwyn, my step-uncle, Richard's younger brother, was born after the war ended, and has kindly allowed me to share the letters he found and published in his e-book 'Love You Like Blazes' in 2017.



Victor and Elaine Headley

Background

Victor and Elaine married in Caernarvonshire in 1932 and he was commissioned as a Chaplain to the Forces a year later. In 1938 he was posted to Singapore. Richard had been born three years earlier and the little family sailed on a six-week voyage arriving to find themselves transformed from lower middle class to aristocracy. Their quarters were sumptuous, servants

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were abundant and Victor's British Army salary of 15/- a week allowed them to live like millionaires in the Singapore economy of the time. Another baby promptly arrived, Joanna.

Then came the war. At first Victor and Elaine felt lucky to be out of it; Singapore was relatively unaffected. There was no rationing, and life went on as normal. A third baby, Marged, was born. Gradually they began to realise they were stuck in Singapore. Postings as such had been suspended for the duration — they were going to be in Singapore for quite a while. In July 1941 Victor was attached to the Garrison staff at Changi.

When the Japanese struck Pearl Harbour on December 7th, 1941, the British presence in Singapore stirred uneasily, but didn't quite wake up. Women and children were evacuated but why worry? After all, there were 85,000 armed men in one of the most heavily fortified ports in the world, backed up by hundreds of miles of impenetrable jungle and they had state-of-the-art American warplanes to protect them. Two battleships and four destroyers were sent to emphasise our might. Japanese aircraft brushed aside the lumbering, ponderous warplanes and sank all the warships.

The British commanders were in a panic. They had huge stocks of fuel and ammunition, and were terrified of it falling into Japanese hands. They asked Whitehall for advice in disposing of it and Churchill responded drily - "The best way of disposing of ammunition is by firing it at the enemy."

The British and Australians gave up after a week. Japanese troops bicycled through the 'impenetrable' jungle and took the city on February 15th, 1942. Churchill called it "the largest capitulation in British military history." Victor Headley was one of the 80,000 captured but Elaine was not to know that. On a six-week voyage back to Liverpool with two children under seven and a baby, she had two major worries: German U-boats, and what had happened to her beloved husband. Luckily the U-boats never materialised, but neither did any news of Victor. Elaine Headley with her children Richard, Joanna and Marged soon to be known as Shân, arrived in Liverpool on February 25th, 1942 after six weeks at sea. Singapore had fallen ten days earlier. She had no idea what had happened to her husband Victor; whether he was alive or dead. She wrote prolifically to him sending letters into the blue (keeping a diary was frowned upon in the second world war). The letters took up to eighteen months to reach Victor, probably most were never delivered. A British censor checked the correspondence to ensure no war secrets were being passed to the Japanese. The italic notes are Victor's annotations to the letters he received and treasured.

CONWAY

June 24th 1942

Received 16 April 1943 in Roberts Hospital, Changi Barracks

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My darling

I can only write on one sheet of paper. Having headed this and stared at it for an hour, I feel I should begin. Dear, I'm writing into the blue. I do not know how or where you are. I can only feel that somewhere you are longing, waiting, for this letter. Was it a hundred years ago we said goodbye? Our nearly ten years passed far quicker than have the last six months, Victor it cannot go on forever. There will be a 'some day' again, won't there. It has got to be, beloved. My instinct does not go wrong. You could not have had my letters from Durban and Cape Town.. I wrote so much every night that I had to put the result into five separate envelopes. They have not been returned to me so they may have reached you after all. You will know how we felt upon hearing the news. The last part of the voyage was bitter, bitter. We got to Aunt Alice's on Marged's birthday. I had declared everything, and my customs man checked me off and charged me nothing. I was the first to get a taxi. I left those who had been frightening me about the amount I should pay fuming, because their belongings were being tossed about and searched. I even showed your letter to the bank; there seems no end to the things I had to declare. I had the cinè and camera on me too. He listened, but opened nothing. Perhaps hearing me, he would not believe the others when they truthfully declared nothing. I was elated. Travelling is not pleasant now and trains are crowded. I fainted in Chester station but some very kind woman helped me with the children for the rest of the journey....

...You are not to worry about us. We are very sound financially. The War Office gave me £30 (£1,220 in 2015) as soon as I arrived, *my Feb. pay* and I have been getting the same per month ever since. I have a bank balance to my credit of £54 13s (£2,222) *Good Lord* and Richard and Joanna have 19 certificates between them. So you see, dear, we save. I feel I ought not to put all my eggs into one basket. What shall I do with the money in the bank? Would you advise more certificates? I paid the removals and storage company £8 6s 8p, kept all the correspondence and now owe nothing to anybody. *Quite right. How about a fur coat at Harrods?* I can get my furniture out at any time. We can see to the receipts when you come home....
...I tell you all this because I know you want to hear it, and for you not to worry about us I won't be poor when you come back, my darling. Keep strong and well. You are bound to come back to me, my beloved. *You will be rich by the time I get back at this rate. Yes, just what I wanted to know....*

...Dear, you would not like this place any more. After the war, we must seek a place in the sun again. I'm huddled over a fire all day long. Richard wears two pullovers and a blazer I bought in Durban and all his winter pants, but

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everyone else is in summer clothes. Ugh, it is awfully cold. I ache for Singapore, the sunshine, the heat, you. Enjoy the sunshine, my dearest. There is none of it here any longer...
...Darling we love you like blazes
your loving wife, Elaine

HARLECH

Sunday October 11th 1942

Received 9 September 1943 at Kanburi, Siam

Dearest Victor

This is your weekly letter. I'm losing count, so will you count each Sunday as one written, and posted, and if you find the continuity broken, you will know by how many. I never miss a Sunday. Have written since June. None have come back to me, so they must go somewhere. When will I have news of you, my beloved. The furniture comes on Wednesday. The only things I have missed are a roll of stair carpet and the electric iron. Everything else seems to have come. Moth have got into the blankets otherwise all else is in good condition.....

Dear husband, take care of yourself. We will wait as patiently as possible. I love you like blazes.

Your loving wife, Elaine

HARLECH

Sunday November 3 1942

Received 10 January 1944

My beloved

Our 10th anniversary, darling, and how differently had I planned to spend it.....

All is well here, the only thing is I really miss our eggs. We've four ducks now and stare at them hard each day to see if they look like laying. Their food is rationed too, and we can only get rations for one duck per person, i.e. four when it's school-time and five when Richard is home from boarding school!

I love you like blazes

your loving wife....Elaine

TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE.....

Tanya Waters

FEED THE ANDOVER FOOD BANK UPDATE

Another big thank you to everyone who has donated to our Feed the Food Bank campaign.

With many more people now about to lose their jobs we hope that, if you can, whenever ordering your shop on line or visiting the supermarket, you will consider buying at least a couple of the items currently most needed, from the list below. Other items are still welcomed. If you have children maybe you can explain why food banks are now so necessary and then let them choose some biscuits, cakes or sweets for occasional treats for disadvantaged children.

Long life fruit juice and milk
Tinned meat, fish and vegetables
Tinned fruit, custard and rice pudding
Cake and pancake mixes
Personal hygiene items
Cleaning products for kitchens, bathrooms and toilets.

Drop off points are in Chilbolton at the village shop and the village hall, in Wherwell at the bus shelter and at Fullerton Mill in Fullerton. Please contact us if you prefer to make a cash donation or to set up a standing order. We do have gift aid forms available. Your support is invaluable and will be very much appreciated. Jane Andrews: 860635 email: flyjohnandrews@aol.com Sue Filmer: 860599 or Jo Neudegg: 860042

DRAGON FLIES

Continuing from last month's article about dragonflies:

Wonder if anyone can identify this insect? Seen on our pond at the same time as the dragonflies, much bigger but with the same vibrant blue body. Apologies for it not being a great picture. Can send a colour digital picture if it helps.



Sue Aiken

Wherwell Primary School – Parish Magazine update 10th July 2020

Such a long time has passed since the last update from our school, I thought it might be of interest to readers to look back over the events of the last few months, to explain how their village school, children and parents have adapted to lock-down and what we have been doing at school to provide some form of continuity in education and support for our children whilst adhering to Government guidelines.

On Wednesday 18th March, the Government advised that all schools would close to most children on Friday 20th and we were no exception, although Wherwell School has in fact remained open for our vulnerable children and those of key-worker families, including throughout the holidays.

Those last couple of days saw a mixture of stark disbelief at what was happening and a frenzy of preparation with the extremely limited information we had available to us at the time. The first decision we made was to cancel the Inset Day that had been planned for that Friday as we wanted to say a proper goodbye to the children and give them slightly longer to adjust to the idea that they would not be returning to school. During those last two days the staff worked heroically to put together work books for every child, with a plan to create weekly workbook drop off points outside the school where children could drop off the previous weeks work for marking, and collect the next. Unfortunately, as has often been the case throughout this period, guidance that came out very shortly after that put an end to these plans. We were advised the use of workbooks presented too high a contamination risk and so another mammoth project commenced to update our website allowing us to provide work on-line, covering all subjects, on a weekly basis. We had also to build a plan for those children who did not have access to devices to work from home, and to this end had a supply of our school laptops re-configured to function off-site, allowing those who needed them to borrow a device for the duration.

At the same time, we were also busy writing risk-assessments and making plans to continue provision for the children of key-workers and some of our more vulnerable children whilst also thinking about the provision of free school meals since, at that time, the Government had offered no solution for this.

We even found time for the children to say a formal farewell, to Mrs Pritchard, the Admin Officer of some 23 years standing who was due to retire at Easter, knowing the children would not be here to see her go.. She was presented with a beautiful homemade card signed by all the children, some flowers and a promise that we will mark the occasion in a more fitting way when we are able to.

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We continued with on-line learning until the beginning of June when new guidance allowed us to welcome Year R, Year One and Year Six back to school. The new social distancing rules meant that the children had to remain in ‘bubbles’ of 15 along with the same teacher and a regimented timetable which included staggered breaks, lunches, drop off and pick up times to enable social distancing. This put quite a strain on both physical space in the school (the Hall had to become a classroom) and the way we used our staff, who have proved to be incredibly willing to do whatever was needed to ensure the children felt safe and well cared for.

The children adapted brilliantly to a very different school experience, enjoying the one-way systems, respecting the marked off areas on the field and learning new games that they could play with other bubbles whilst remaining socially distanced. Even the youngest children have been heard using the term ‘social distancing’ proving their adaptability. We were delighted to welcome at least some of our children back to school although this did mean the staff had a little less time to focus on those remaining at home.

Throughout lock-down we found that the on-line provision was well-received by most although we were aware that not all children were engaging with it and we therefore provided children with the opportunity to join whole class Zoom sessions, if they wanted to, which were heartily enjoyed by staff, parents and those children who chose to join.

A few weeks ago, further new guidance on social distancing came into force which would theoretically enable all children to return to school, however, in common with the majority of schools, Wherwell simply doesn’t have the space or staff numbers required to adhere to the guidelines. However the new advice that children did not need to be socially distanced within their bubbles allowed us a little more freedom and freed up an area of the school that had previously not been suitable. We desperately wanted to see all the children before the summer holidays and offer them some form of normality and closure to the school year.

To this end, we spent a couple of days re-writing our risk assessments and then welcomed each remaining year group back to school for three consecutive days on alternate weeks. During this time, we focussed on the children’s well-being, providing educational games and group tasks which enabled them to rediscover their friendships and themselves!

You may have seen a recent BBC article explaining the harsh reality for parents working from home who are trying to home school and carry out a full time job at the same time. I would add here that it’s not just working parents who have struggled. Many parents who aren’t currently employed

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have also struggled enormously. Not only does the school curriculum now teach in a way that parents may not have been taught themselves but more significantly, the dynamic between child and parent is so different to that of a teacher and child. Motivating children to work in their home environment where they expect play, comfort and rest has been a battle for many.

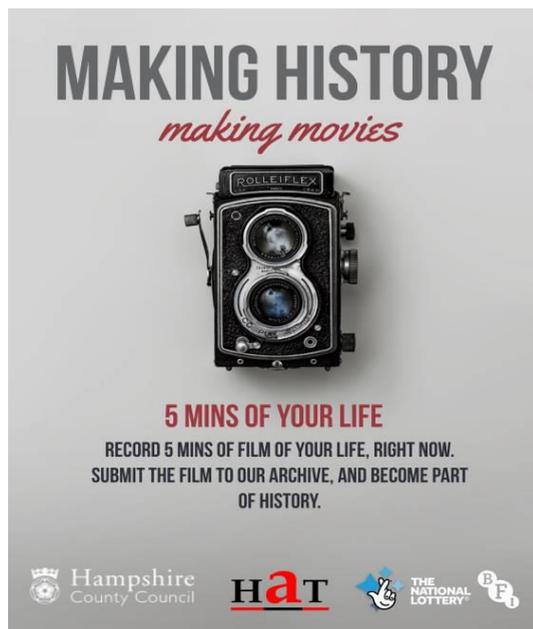
That is why I and my colleagues have been adamant throughout this time that parents focus first on their children's well-being whilst reassuring them that whatever happens, we will catch up at school when some form of normality returns. At the time of writing, it looks like we will be welcoming all our children back in September and we are very much looking forward to the new term, which will be challenging in new and unique ways I am sure.

One of our school values is 'Resilience' and I cannot think of a more significant event to have tested this to the extreme for me personally, my staff, our children and parents and I cannot thank our school community enough for their extraordinary resilience throughout this challenging time. Although I would never have wished for this to happen, it has certainly proven to me what a wonderful community and village we have and I am incredibly proud to be associated with it.

Mary Collins

Headteacher, Wherwell Primary School

HALS – Making History, Making Movies



MAKING HISTORY
making movies



5 MINS OF YOUR LIFE
RECORD 5 MINS OF FILM OF YOUR LIFE, RIGHT NOW.
SUBMIT THE FILM TO OUR ARCHIVE, AND BECOME PART
OF HISTORY.

Hampshire County Council **HAT** THE NATIONAL LOTTERY **RF**

*5 minutes of film of your life
right now.*

*Submit the film to our
archive and become part of
history.*

Hampshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS) is working together with Wessex Film and Sound Archive (WFSA) to source material for the archive during the COVID-19 crisis, in a project entitled *Making History*

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Due to the crisis we are focussing on our contemporary collecting now and pushing back into next year the elements of the *Making History: making movies* project, which involve in-person contact (such as some workshops and screenings). Working with our colleagues in HALS we are reaching out to communities to contribute to the archive of the future.



In the 1930s a cine camera could set you back a couple of weeks' wages. You then had to buy stock, get it developed and project the finished film. It took money, time and skill.

How very different today! Digital photography is quick, easy and cheap and nearly everyone has a camera on their phone or iPad.

Now more than ever it is important that we capture a visual record of our regional experience on film, the remarkable, and the mundane – **our lived experience in 2020.**

You can contribute films of any length to WFSA as part of our '*Making History*' call to action. **But, for *Making History: making movies* we are asking for 5 minutes of footage only** because we want to replicate the limited resources that early filmmakers experienced and reflect on what this means for our own decision making about what we film.

As part of *Making History: making movies* we would also like to use some of the newly sourced footage in screenings, likely to take place in 2021-2022, to sit alongside footage produced by early amateurs.

To get involved, please email zoe.viney2@hants.gov.uk.

National Gardens Scheme



The NGS

Help Support Our Nurses fund raising campaign has reached the target of £100,000. NGS say “This is a wonderful

milestone to have reached and only possible through the generosity of all our supporters. Thank you.”

“We were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm of our garden owners to share their gardens by creating short films whilst their gardens were closed and as a result we have a collection of 180 wonderful virtual garden visits, offering a rich and varied collection which together showcase the ethos of the National Garden Scheme: beautiful gardens, inspirational planting, passionate garden owners and a wonderfully rich sense of wellbeing and community.”

“These videos have already been watched over half a million times. The videos will remain published for the rest of the year for everyone to revisit and enjoy.” <https://ngs.org.uk/virtual-garden-visits/>



Many NGS gardens are now open again. The need to raise funds for the nursing charities is as vital as ever and proceeds from garden admissions and plant sales will go to *Help Support our Nurses*. Tickets are released every Monday and you will need to check the website regularly at <https://ngs.org.uk/product-category/garden-tickets/> to find out which gardens are opening and when.

Alternatively, you can sign up to the NGS newsletter for the latest information. In line with government advice and to ensure the safety of visitors and volunteers, NGS have limited the number of people they can welcome at one time, so currently all tickets need to be pre-booked. With reduced footfall in the gardens, visitors are in for a treat this year!

Andrew Flanagan

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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