

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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It is good to see village activities gradually returning as our facilities re-open. Whilst we are all taking huge care to stay safe, we are discovering the art of the possible in a socially distanced world. At present the magazine is still not publishing diary dates, but 'What's On' lists a growing number of events in our gardens and indoor venues such as village halls and theatres. For those staying in we have some engrossing reads this month, from wartime letters to the plight of endangered mammals. For those going out, another in our series of guided village walks.

Andrew Keevil

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	Date	Name (s)
Wherwell		
Interment of Ashes	30th August	Denis Harding

Dear Friends,

‘Your heart will be where your treasure is.’ (Matthew 6: 21)

As we journey through the strange territory of this year and into September, I suspect our diaries have a markedly different shape to previous years. In the past, we might have spent a carefree summer away on holiday and would now be girding our loins for the autumn ahead - a return to a busy schedule of work; back into the routine of juggling school rotas. In our parish lives, the church would be looking forward to the busy-ness of celebrating Harvest. But this year, things are different. For many, as the grip of Coronavirus bites deeper, there will be no job to return to. Our church schedules remain pared back with no prospect of the usual Harvest gatherings. Yet in the midst of all this turmoil, many have found a blessing in the enforced cessation of busyness. Time to reflect, time to breathe, time to remember who we are and what is important in our lives.

The most powerful life is a simple life; a life which knows where the source of its strength is. A life which keeps itself free of unnecessary clutter and the trappings of self-importance. Being busy is not wrong, of course, and most of us feel the need to make plans to give our days shape and to have things to look forward to. All this is positive and a blessing. We have each experienced times of busy-ness and know that nothing of significance gets done without a certain amount of graft and heft, hard work and weariness. Being busy is certainly not a bad thing. But, the message from Matthew’s Gospel brings us a timely warning about what we are busy for. ‘Your heart will be where your treasure is....’

This beautiful aphorism is given to us by Jesus, after He teaches His disciples to pray The Lord’s Prayer. Jesus is teaching us to re-focus our sights on living right by God; seeking to please our heavenly Father by fulfilling His purposes in all that we do in each action and in each of the days we are blessed to live. Being busy in an endless pursuit of material ‘things’ that leave us empty and unsatisfied, constantly seeking more ‘highs’ and instant gratification ... and yet still potentially leaving us feeling broken inside is not the way our loving Father wants us to live. Jesus makes it clear that having the wrong treasures as our goal will lead our hearts to the wrong place.

Possessions, power, the bottom of a bottle, all these things have the power to corrupt. Jesus calls us to make a decision which will allow our hearts to sing and help us live contented lives, working in and for the good of each other rather than for ourselves.

Maybe the impact of Coronavirus has already stopped us in our tracks and forced us to re-appraise our lives? Maybe some of us feel the threat of it is

long behind and have resumed old, earthly habits which will send us spiralling back out of control?
Jesus asks us to reap the Harvest of obedient faith. This September, let us each try to focus on where our treasure truly is.

Yours in the treasure of Christ,

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;

On earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever.

Amen.

St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton



Sunday 2nd August was our first service in Chilbolton since Lockdown. The sun shone and we did away with face coverings and sat outside socially distancing, as Revd Jax led us in a service of Holy Communion. It was good to be back!

Look out for details of upcoming services, especially special services. As times are changing so rapidly we'll keep you informed about our Harvest Festival by notices around the village and on the Downs Benefice Website:

<http://www.downsbenefice.org>

Litter picking in Wherwell 12 September, 10.00 am

To coincide with the Great British September Clean campaign, the Parish Council are organising a litter pick around the village, to be led by Dawn. Anyone wishing to participate should gather safely outside the Village Hall at 10.00am where you will be put into small groups & given an area to cover. All ages welcome.

Please bring your own gloves, all other equipment will be provided.

If you are not available on the 12th but would like to help, perhaps you could clear the area of any litter near where you live.

Thank you

Love You Like Blazes (Part 2 of 2)

(Continuation of letters from Elaine Headley in Wales & account by husband Victor Headley in Singapore)

HARLECH

Saturday, December 12, 1942 *so today you knew?*

My darling

If you knew the chaos you have caused today, you would chuckle. Darling, darling at 1:30 came your marvellous news. This letter is not written into the blue, it is written to YOU. After a silence of nearly a year the War Office has wired me that you are officially a Prisoner-of-War. Inside me I am so elated that outside me is dead icy calm. I've got to tiptoe everywhere. I would sprout wings and fly, for I feel nearest to flying than I've ever felt in my life. In other words I'm walking on air- smiling and hugging myself, startling the children by squeezing them to death, laughing, waltzing around with a job to do and not doing it after all. I think today I'm mentally unbalanced. Beloved, now you can really be told again how much I love you. Now I can carry on with the job of living knowing that you will come back some day. And I'll live for that. The children will be cared for and brought up exactly as you would wish...

I am going to find out now whether I can send you a parcel. I will send a warm shirt and pullover, socks, chocolate and tins of food. Ask me in your first letter for your requirements. Darling, I've still got you....

HARLECH

June 27, 1943.

Received at Changi Jail 20/5/44

I was trekking alone through the jungle of Thailand on my birthday, walking 16 km to take a service in Tushan South Camp.

My much loved Victor

Many, many happy returns of today. We all love you and are thinking of you the whole time. I feel you will try to celebrate it yourself in some way. We are having a special Daddy's Cake for tea. Alas, there will not be your favourite cherries in it. We will have those when you are actually having your birthday tea with us again. May the months fly till you come back to me. Then they can stand still...

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Harlech

October 2, 1945

Darling, now I know your ship. You seem worried. Funniest, if you've lost arms, legs, teeth and hair; if you become the biggest bore on earth; if you feel like fighting with me all day long, if you feel mad with everybody, if you've aged 20 years in nearly 4, I'll still love you with all my heart and soul. So have no fears that you may have become different. We all have.... Will you still like me? We are advised not to meet your boat – so I'll stay here. We'll be here until the end of your leave, that's all. Then off we go. I wonder where. Fun...

Always your loving wife, Elaine

Account by Victor in 1946

Although the fall of Singapore appeared imminent to outsiders, we in the garrison thought we could stand a siege for six months or until we were relieved. I had contemplated the chances of being killed but not one of us had thought we would end up as prisoners of war. On the 16th of February 1942, much to our surprise, we found ourselves Prisoners-of-War. The next day Lieutenant-General Yamashita ordered all British and Australian Prisoners-of-War to be sent to Changi. This was the military station 17 miles east of Singapore at the eastern end of Singapore island, where we had about 3,000 troops in peacetime and it was my own 'parish'. I returned to my old home, to find that it had been completely looted by the natives, as had every other building in the place. We had to place 50,000 where 3,000 had lived before. The next problem was water. Before we left Changi we had sabotaged everything. Ironically there was no light, water or sewerage working when we returned. The ration was one water bottle for the day which was not too bad as we could bathe in the sea at that time. We had to rely on our own food; various units had brought in lorry loads of tinned food with them. The local Chinese then brought fruit etc. by sea to us and sold it from their sampans until the Japanese had a purge of Chinese in Singapore. When our own food had given out, we had to ask the Japanese to feed us. They sent us rice and little else. Many couldn't eat rice – but they soon learnt! Owing to the poor sanitary arrangements dysentery was soon raging in the camp.

I was allowed to carry on my work as a padre. In most camps I was allowed to carry out my duties as a chaplain, but services could only be held either very early in the morning or late in the evening — the only time the men were free. The Japanese believed in working our men seven days a week. Late in '42 and early in '43 large drafts of Prisoners-of-War were sent off to

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Siam, Borneo and other places in East Asia. I was sent to Siam (Thailand) along with 3,000 men. The journey took five days and five nights in an overcrowded train followed by walking for miles through undergrowth and desert with monsoon rain pouring down. The Prisoners-of-War had to build the notorious Railway of Death from Bangkok to Moulmein. They say that every sleeper on that railway cost the life of a man, and from what I saw there I can well believe it. The only services which could be held there were services for the sick in hospital and funeral services. At one time I used to take anything from 12 to 20 funerals per day.

In the railway base camps the Japanese made large fortunes selling prisoners of war's food to the natives, while for those at the working camps on the railway supplies were a matter of luck. If your camp was on the river you got your rations by boat. If on the track you were supposed to get supplies by truck. Unfortunately we were there during the monsoon so the track was impassable. Frequently camps far from the river had to go without rice for two days and food was only obtained by the prisoners of war walking long distances through the jungle to the river and humping the stuff back on their backs. A 50kg sack of rice can be very heavy at the end of a 5km climb up a mountain then descending the cliff face by a bamboo ladder.

Food in these camps consisted of rice, dried fish and dried vegetable we called seaweed. It is no wonder so many died of beri-beri and malnutrition considering the diet and the heavy work done by the men. In Siam if you had the money and were near a village or the river you could buy eggs, fruit, cakes, native tinned stuff etc.

The one thing that we all craved for was news of the outside world. It was 13 months after our capture that we received our first mail and during the whole of our captivity we were allowed to send six 25-word postcards. Of these only four reached their destination in my case.

When we were first sent to Changi the Japanese made us give up all radio sets. Needless to say, some were not handed over. But they were kept very secret and no official news came out. Consequently rumour flourished. The most popular was that the Germans had packed up in March '42! And a large number believed it!

Then it became more organised, certain Signals officers listened in on a secret radio each night and the news bulletin was read out to all officers during the day. In this way we knew exactly what was going on all the time. When the parties went 'up country' to work on the railway, sets were taken up with them

and parts concealed in ingenious ways. Valves in bully beef tins, a set in the bottom of a water bottle, another in a tea chest!

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In Siam as a padre I was allowed to visit camps along a 30 km sector of the line and naturally I had the job of carrying the news around, especially as it was exciting then — the invasion of Sicily. Unfortunately I was caught red-handed and taken to Kempis HQ at Kanburi. After some weeks of suspense and excitement the Kempis decided that there were some discrepancies in my story and they eventually decided not to court-martial us. We were returned to our own camps and soon after I returned with 'H' force to Singapore.

After that trouble had died down the daily news bulletins were resumed and continued until we were relieved on September 5 1945.

In December 1943 'F' and 'H' forces who had suffered the most in the Siamese jungles were brought back to Singapore. Unfortunately the journey down killed many of them, and many died later at Singapore as a result of what they had gone through. It was a relief to get water out of a tap that you could drink without fear of catching cholera! Some of us went to Sime Road camp first until we were sent to Changi jail where 12,000 prisoners-of-War of all nationalities were concentrated from May 1944 until our release. The men were made to work on the Changi Aerodrome until that was finished, then they were employed on making bunkers and tunnels for the Japanese defence of Singapore.



In the early months of 1944 the Japanese issued us with soya beans. Their effect was startling - the Vitamin B saved many lives. From the end of 1944 the Japanese cut down the rations progressively until we were getting only 600 calories per day.

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The sight that we had all been looking for came at the end of August 1945 when liberators appeared dropping supplies by parachute. They were followed on September 5 by the landing of Allied troops in Singapore, following the Japanese surrender. Soon we were all on the high seas bound for home.

Rev Victor Headley arrived home in Wales from Changi Jail, Singapore on October 17th 1945, after a six week voyage on His Majesty's Troopship Tegelberg. He spent one whole night telling Elaine of his experiences with the Japanese and their Korean guards, then never referred to them again. Nine months later, on July 17th 1946, their fourth child, Gwyn was born. Changi is now Singapore's international airport, and the church Victor built is still there, although it has been moved a mile down the road next to the Changi Museum. By January 1946 Victor was back at work with the army in Aldershot and in 1948 he was awarded the O.B.E.

Tanya Waters



Maths Tuition

Is your son/daughter lacking in confidence or feeling anxious about their maths? Quite often a little one to one tuition can work wonders.

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

For more information contact
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Wherwell History Group – Autumn 2020 Talks



September 18th

His Honour
David Griffiths

The Life of
Judge Jeffries

Subject to be announced - October 16th



MV Durban Castle bound for Southampton from Cape Town

November 20th

Paul Stickler

Body Overboard?
The Murder of an
English Actress

All talks will take place in Wherwell Village Hall, at 8.00pm
Meetings are subject to social distancing regulations, and specifically

- Maximum seating capacity is 25
- Free admission to Members only
- No refreshments will be served

David Griffiths will be talking about the life and times of the infamous George Jeffries. He is known as the Hanging Judge. He became the youngest man ever to be appointed Lord Chancellor in 1685. As Lord Chief Justice he was sent by King James II to deal the rebels who had been captured after an army led by the Duke of Monmouth had been defeated. The trials and executions took place in Winchester, Salisbury, Dorchester, Wells, Taunton and Exeter. They have become known as the Bloody Assizes.

Andrew Flanagan

September in the Garden

How quickly the year turns, and with September upon us we notice the nights getting longer and the days shorter. For the gardener there are always 'jobs' to do, but step back and enjoy the colours and fruits which indicate the changing seasons.

The apple harvest is in full swing now and the hedgerows show nature's harvest. Continue harvesting pears, (we find it better to pick these under ripe), and autumn-fruiting raspberries. I have found apples and pears keep very well in the bottom drawer of your fridge. Depending on variety, apples will keep to Easter as long as they are in good condition.

Harvest marrows and courgettes and lift and dry any onions still in the ground. Lift your maincrop potatoes on a sunny day, dry them out on the surface for an hour and then store undamaged ones in the dark. We use cardboard boxes in an unheated store room. Protect from frosts and mice! In the kitchen garden it is time to plant out Spring cabbage and sow winter lettuce. Water your leeks if the weather is dry and pick your beans to ensure supply.



September is a good time to move evergreen shrubs and to plant new evergreens. Remember to water well when planted. Dead heading will give the final burst of colour from annuals and dahlias which will go on to the first frosts. A visit to the garden centre will provide you with late colour for pots and bulbs and bedding for colour and a good display in the Autumn and Winter months.

This month is the time to buy and pot up prepared bulbs (hyacinths and 'Paper White' narcissi) for Christmas flowering. If the moss in your lawn troubles you, scarify, aerate and top dress the grass, remembering to water well if it does not rain. If you have a pond, cover with netting to prevent leaves falling in.

Jenny Seddon

Feed the Andover Food Banks - Update

Many thanks for the ongoing support that both villages continue to give to the **Feed the Food Bank** initiative. It is good that so many people continue to donate food, money, or both regularly. With daily media announcements that companies are shedding hundreds of jobs, the number of people who rely on support from Food Banks continues to rise. We have therefore decided, for the time being, to continue to collect food donations from **Wherwell** bus shelter and **Chilbolton** village shop and village hall.

Since March, when the food collection initiative started, Jo and David Neudegg have daily monitored both the Chilbolton collection points. I am very grateful for all the time and energy they both have given to collecting, without exaggeration, several hundred food items. Sadly, they are soon moving, but I am very pleased that Tessa Youell, who conveniently lives very near the Chilbolton shop, has kindly offered to take over from Jo and David.

If you can, when visiting the supermarket or ordering your shop on line, please consider buying at least a couple of items from the list below. The following items are always in demand.

- Long life fruit juice and milk
- Low sugar fruit squash
- Pasta and rice
- Sauces for pasta
- Tinned vegetables including potatoes, baked beans and spaghetti
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned fruit, custard and rice pudding
- Cake and pancake mixes
- Personal cleaning items including handwash, toothpaste and brushes
- Household products, e.g. bin bags, scourers and dish cloths

If you prefer to make a cash donation or to set up a standing order please contact us. We do have gift aid forms available. A monthly donation, even of £5, can really help the Food Bank to feed families who are struggling through no fault of their own.

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Cats Protection



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

Little Rose has been lucky enough to find her forever home and has settled in really well. This beautiful ginger cat is Annie. Annie is 6 years old and looking for a new home with no young children. She has lived in a flat but we're sure she would love a garden to explore once settled into her new home

Just like many other charities, we have been hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. For anyone interested in donating to help the cats and kittens within our care, we have an Amazon wishlist. Any gift ordered off the list would be most welcome and a big help to us. A link to our wishlist can be found on our Facebook page.



Rescue from the River on Chilbolton Cow Common



It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a child had to be rescued from the river on Chilbolton Common last month.

As far as we understand it the incident happened at approximately 9 pm when the daughter of a family on the common went for a swim and became trapped in deep water. Her family did not hear her screams but she was heard by Howard Taylor from Freelands Boathouse who was fortunately in his garden and was able to rescue her.

“There is a deep pool as the water flows on the other side of our island & into the far stream of water that flows under the bridge along the bank of the Common. There is also a bit of an associated whirlpool, where the fast moving water meets the slow moving water from the middle section.”

The above sign has now been erected near the Long Bridge. Hopefully this will alert people to the dangers of swimming in the area of the bridge.

Chilbolton Parish Council

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – September

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays	Longstock Water Garden is open for 2-hour visits (morning and afternoon) on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays by ticket only. Admission is £10/person (under 3yrs free). https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/visit-longstock-park-water-garden-2hour-visit-tickets-111601414836 Further Information 01264 810 904 (correct at time of writing)
Sat & Sun 5 th /6 th	Dogstival at Burley Park, New Forest - A festival for dogs and dog lovers in the New Forest National Park. Hosted at Burley Park in the heart of the New Forest! The festival will have some of the best food and drink producers from across the New Forest, a vintage fun fair and live music. Further Information 01590 676644
Sun 6th 6-8pm	A Little Light Music - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-little-light-music-tickets-115378277534?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse Mill Meadows Farm, Westbourne (near Emsworth)
Visit a garden	National Garden Scheme – if you're looking to arrange a day out or get some ideas go to https://ngs.org.uk/openings-by-arrangement/ Gardens are added every Monday, see if there's anything that tickles your fancy
Shows Throughout September	https://www.mayflower.org.uk/Whats_On Box office: 02380 711811
Sun 27th	Josie Long – Tender - at the Theatre Royal Winchester 8pm 01962 840 440
Downloadable Walks	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/downloadable-walks-in-hampshire
Wed – Sun 11am - 4:30pm	Houghton Lodge Gardens, Stockbridge (pre-booked tickets only) https://houghtonlodge.co.uk/
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 4: Thirt Way Loop via West Down

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

Distance: about 3 miles (3.6k);

Time: about 1.5 hours

Level: easy

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

1. Leave the pub and TR and walk about 100 yards along the village street.
2. TR down gravel track. This is Cart Lane (indicated by a finger post) with a cart carved 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.
3. Continue along this path until you reach an obvious junction with tarmac and the gates to Hunts (John Deere dealers). You will see a grass island with statues on it. Keep SO down a wide tarmac road. Ignore the roads to left and right. Hunt's place, with lots of agricultural machinery, is on your right. The road soon narrows and becomes a grass track. There is a Dutch barn on your left. Shortly, you will see houses in front of you. The path bends sharply to the left. Continue SO along it until you hit tarmac. This is Martins Lane.
4. TR and walk along the road for about 60 yards. Then TR down a wide gravel track with houses on both sides. You will see a post indicating that this is a BW. You are now in Birch Grove. Continue SO until you come to a T junction of tracks. The wide gravel track across your bow is Drove Road.
5. TL and walk along Drove Road until you come to a T junction with a concrete road. This is the Thirt Way. Ahead of you, you will see the HBS Oil and Gas Storage Depot.
6. TR and you will see a very large steel gate. To the right of this you will see a way marker. TR and go through gap then TL and walk along a wide, level grass path (Thirt Way Path). There is a hedge on the left and a fence on your right. To your right you will see a large radio telescope. This is the Chilbolton Observatory. Keep SO until you reach a T junction of paths and a fingerpost. The path that crosses your bow is the Mark Way.

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7. TR and walk along the Mark Way. You will pass close to the observatory on your right. Carry SO. You will come to a fingerpost on your right at a gap in the hedge indicating the Little Drove Path (a permissive BW) on your right. Ignore this and carry SO. 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 slightly up hill. 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 has been designated a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). West Down is managed by Chilbolton Parish Council.

8. There is a path on the left and a path to the right. Ignore them and take a path SO. Walk through some trees until you come to a post and rail fence. Ignore the path on your left just before the fence and go SO through the gap in the fence. Ignore the obvious grass path veering to the left and take the grass path which goes SO hugging a hedge on its right. Follow this path until you meet a broad grassy path coming from the left. Join it and TR along it. Go through a gap in an earth bank and you are in the top car park of West Down.

9. Go SO. You will see a green refuse bin. Head towards it. Look left and you will see a notice board and a dog poo bag dispenser. It is also the start of the Nature Trail marked by a post.

10. Immediately after passing the refuse bin TR along a concrete road. Follow the road to the right. Almost immediately look for a gap in the trees to your left. TL, mount the kerb and go along this narrow track through trees. On your left you will see the ruins of a brick building which was once part of a wartime airfield. Shortly you will come to a wider path crossing your bow. (This is a permissive BW). Ignore it and head for a wooden kissing gate in front of you. Go through the gate and take a grassy path which veers slightly to the right. You are now in the enclosed area of the Chilbolton Nature Reserve, a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). Red Devon (Ruby Reds) cattle are kept here as conservation grazing. They are very attractive and docile.

11. Shortly, you will see a wooden bench and beyond it some houses. Walk down the hill which is covered with ant hills. Head for a cattle pen with a

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wooden kissing gate to the left of it. Go through the kissing gate and TL to follow the Test Way along the verge (way marked).

12. When you reach the tarmac road (Coley Lane) TL and almost immediately TR (signposted) and cross the road. Go through a gap in the hedge. You will see the Coronation Tree to your left with a bench underneath marking the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen. There is a fine view of the River Test. After a few yards TR along a narrow path. You will see some attractive water gardens on your left and the gardens of Watch Cottage on your right. You are on the Test Way.

13. 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 Chilbolton 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.

14. 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 that passes the Old Cottage on the 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 until it emerges onto a wide gravel track with the Old Cottage in front of you: TL.

15. You have now reached Chilbolton Cow Common a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This is conservation grazed in the late spring and summer. There are many varieties of wild flowers and fine views of the River Test to enjoy. 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.

16. Before you get to the cattle grid TL. There is a dog poo bag dispenser at this point.

17. 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. If you

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wish to explore the common TL along a BW. Otherwise, about half way to the Old Inn, you will see a grass path heading off diagonally to your right. Walk along it. It leads towards a small 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.

David Griffiths



- Do you live locally to Chilbolton or Wherwell?
- Do you like helping charities?
- Do you believe in investing in your community?
- Do you have a few hours a month to spare?

**If you answered yes to the above, then
we need you!**

We desperately need new committee members to help run our thriving Charity Run Pre-School. Village members are very welcome. Please email:
admin@chilboltonpreschool.com to register your interest or for more info. Thank you!!



11th-20th September 2020

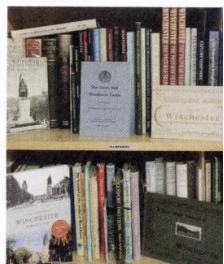


STILL FUN, FABULOUS AND FREE - THIS YEAR WE'RE DIGITAL!

We may not be able to visit our favourite museums and heritage sites in person but, thanks to the magic of the internet, that doesn't stop us from discovering new places and learning new things.

Join us as Heritage Open Days journey behind closed doors and share tales of the past through pre-recorded walks, talks, online exhibitions and live-streamed events.

Look out for activities and great resources being shared on our website, social media accounts and, from August, our very own podcast channel!



Andover's Watercress Beds

Jenny Upton remembers when her mother worked at the watercress beds in the area where Cricklade College and Artist's Way estate were built. Her mother, Esme Lawrence, had to give up her WAAF career when she married in 1946 and she started work again when Jenny and her sister moved on from primary school. In 1963-66 she worked part-time in the watercress beds as a 'watercress stripper'. Jenny says that she and her sister took great delight in telling all their friends at school that their mother was a stripper!



1964

Esme Lawrence, Nancy Nibblett, Mrs 'Willy' Williams

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In this second picture, Esme Lawrence and Mrs Williams are at the back and Nancy Nibblett is at the front in the blue blouse.



Lunch at the watercress beds 1966

Did any residents, or members of their family, in Wherwell and Chilbolton work at these watercress beds? Any information will be passed across to Erica Tinsley, Chair, Andover History & Archaeology Society.

Andrew Flanagan (01264 860 560)

How I long ...

How I long for the lockdown to end
To go out and have play days with friends
Have my life back to normal
From before the Covid-19
How I long to see my friends
To play with them, not just my sister
Have a laugh and lots of fun
While the work is being done
How I long to go to school again
Follow normal rules and routines
Do the science and some maths
And of course the English too
How I long to have a proper holiday
To travel to Poland and different countries too
To visit those I cannot see
And places longing for me
All I ask is for the lockdown to end
So my life can mend.

Mikolaj

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Would you like to.....

- ✓ Be part of a valuable village activity
 - ✓ Freshen up your IT skills
 - ✓ Work in a friendly team
 - ✓ All without huge commitment

Then you'd be an ideal member of the magazine team!

Where do we need volunteers?

Role	Type of person it suits
Content Manager	Enjoy exchanging emails with people in the villages
First Editor	Enjoy reading, improving and formatting articles

What's the commitment?

A few hours a month **just three times a year**, with full training and shadowing provided before you 'go live'

Who's on the team?

Currently twenty-three of us – a mix of full time employed and retired from both villages, all with an active interest in village affairs

Do I need a computer?

You need a computer with an email account. Familiarity with Microsoft Office helps with the editing roles, but no more than you'd use for home or work. Everyone shares their expertise

Is there a social side?

Yes - when you're working on an edition, that month's production team meets to discuss any issues. At Christmas we have a party. It's a good way to meet lively, like-minded people

What next?

If you're interested, **call or email me** and I'll put you in touch with a current team member who'll give you more detail on the role and help you decide.

Stephen MacDonald (Mag Chairman) smacdonald500@btinternet.com or 860246

Local Business Group Makes Great Strides

The **Chilbolton and Wherwell Small Business Group**, an association of sixteen local businesses, has met regularly via Zoom during lockdown. Its aim has been to engage with TVBC, the local Chamber of Commerce and MP, Caroline Noakes about access to financial support packages announced by the Chancellor, Rishi Sunak. The group has also discussed wider business challenges, including ways to maintain good mental health during lockdown.

Virtually every session has been attended by Local Councillor, David Drew, and TVBC Economic Development Officer, David Gleave. As David Drew says: “It has been an opportunity to update the group on the Council’s progress in distributing central government grants to businesses across the Test Valley, as well as understanding the challenges faced by small local businesses and supporting the group’s ambition to highlight the needs of the business community to central government through the local MP.”

In common with well over a million businesses nationwide, despite their owners being to all intents and purposes self-employed, members of the group are mostly run as small limited companies and have not therefore qualified for government support. The challenge in accessing funding for such businesses has been adopted at national level by ExcludedUK, a group lobbying collectively on behalf of those entirely or largely excluded from the UK Government's Covid-19 financial support measures.

The group continues to meet fortnightly and members are pleased with progress. Ruthie Rolfe-Tarrant of *Chilbolton Chair Company* said: “The Business Group has been extremely helpful, providing excellent support both on financial schemes and the use of social media for businesses.”. Domini Hogg of *Tried and Supplied* added: “The Group has provided emotional support during lockdown, as well as practical advice on grants, social media and online services. Through it I was introduced to a logistics consultant who has helped in developing a core part of my business. It has been great to see people from such different professions coming together in mutual support.”

To find out more about the group, or to become a member, please e-mail tvlb@scirum.co.uk. Meetings are held via Zoom every other Thursday at 11am. The group also supports other local businesses in Test Valley via the hashtag #testvalleylocalbiz and the associated social media channels of ‘Test Valley (Local) Biz’.

Stephen MacDonald



Recipe of the month

Tomato Chutney



As we all start to harvest our tomatoes here is a recipe for Tomato Chutney from one of our favourite restaurants.

Tomato Chutney

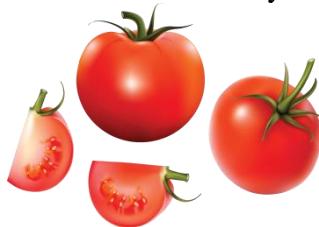
8 plum tomatoes
Pinch of chilli flake
120ml white vinegar
60g castor sugar
Sprig of Thyme
1 clove of garlic

Bring the sugar and vinegar to the boil.

Cut the tomatoes into 8th's and add to the pan.

Cut garlic into pieces and add with chilli, garlic and thyme.

Cook until the mixture is sticky and reduced.



Sue Aiken

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 ☺

One Quarter of Native Mammals in Britain now at Risk of Extinction



Water vole near the Long Bridge, Wherwell in 2010

The first official Red List for British Mammals highlights species most at risk of national extinction in the near future, with researchers calling for urgent action to prevent their loss. The table below lists species per threat level in GB.

Critically endangered	Endangered	Vulnerable
Wildcat	Beaver	Hedgehog
Greater mouse-eared bat	Red Squirrel	Hazel dormouse
	Water Vole	Orkney vole
	Grey long-eared bat	Serotine bat
		Barbastelle bat

The first official Red List for British Mammals, produced by the Mammal Society for Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, Scottish Natural Heritage (NatureScot) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, shows that 11 of the 47 mammals native to Britain are classified as being at imminent risk of extinction. A further 5 species, including the Mountain Hare

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and Harvest Mouse, are classified as “near threatened” - meaning that there is a realistic possibility of them becoming threatened with extinction in the near future, and 4 are “data deficient” — meaning that their conservation status is unknown owing to a lack of information.

Crucially, the Red List for Great Britain has received authorisation on behalf of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) at a regional level. This is significant as it means that the threatened British species have been identified using the same robust, internationally-agreed, system that is applied to classify threats to species such as elephants and tigers.

The reasons for the declines vary between species. For some, such as the wildcat, pine marten, and beaver (which is doing well in the scattered locations where it has been reintroduced), there has been extensive historical persecution. For bats and the hazel dormouse, habitat loss is the main threat; while the water vole, red squirrel and Orkney vole suffer from the combined effects of habitat degradation and the introduction of non-native species. Natural England Chair Tony Juniper said “This is a wake-up call, but it is not too late to act. We are working with our partners to recover our threatened and widely loved mammals, including licensing the reintroduction of beavers into England, and supporting the recovery of dormice and the grey long-eared bat, but there is so much more to do.”

Central to the recovery of these and other creatures will be the protection and restoration of large areas of suitable habitat, including through the creation of a vibrant and wildlife-rich Nature Recovery Network, enabling populations of rare animals to increase and be reconnected with one another.”

Reintroductions can offer hope for some species, but they are not a solution - because the causes of their declines have not been rectified. Instead, fundamental change is needed in the way we manage our landscapes and plan future developments, so that we provide the space and habitat needed for our wildlife to thrive.

For more information, please visit <https://www.mammal.org.uk/> or to get involved with keeping an eye on Britain’s mammals, the Mammal Society offers a free [Mammal Mapper App](#).

Andrew Flanagan

CHILBOLTON PRE-SCHOOL A G M

**This is an open invitation to attend
the Annual General Meeting of
Chilbolton Pre-School
on Thursday 8th October 2020
at 7.30pm at The Pavilion**

Hear all our news, vote in the New Committee

Wine & Nibbles Provided

***All necessary social-distancing measures
will be observed.***

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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