

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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A slim magazine this month but lots of interest, in particular for the outdoorsy among us. A little autumnal gardening to be done, a questionnaire on rewilding your garden, another enjoyable local walk, and a map of King Alfred's Way, a new 350km off-road cycle, riding and walking route around Hampshire. Christmas isn't far away. There won't be the usual razzmatazz, and for some there'll be little to celebrate - as demands on the foodbank testify - but fortunately for our two villages, Chilbolton stores is always full of good cheer, great coffee and Nicky's delicious cakes. Good to see Stockbridge Cinema back in action too.

Tessa Youell

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Dear Friends,

'They will sing about what the Lord has done, because the Lord's glory is great!'(Psalm 138: 5)

I am sitting writing to you late at night on a very dark September evening, with the rain pouring down in unforgiving torrents outside, and feeling more than a little pang of wistfulness for the long balmy summer nights which now feel but a dim and distant memory.

My thoughts are buoyed by an uplifting reflection from prolific American Christian writer, Max Lucado. He asks a question: *'Although Christ could have used His power for personal comfort, he never did. Why is that to our benefit?'* I wonder how we might each attempt to answer that?

For my money, one answer might be found in the Psalms: *'They will sing about what the Lord has done, because the Lord's glory is great!'* For when God entered the world in the human form of Jesus, He who was until this point beyond form became bound by the same bodily limits to which we are constrained. Scripture documents fragments of the thirty-three years of Jesus' earthly ministry. Yet there is no evidence to suggest that, when He was subject to the same sort of rain which lashes against my windows tonight, Jesus was ever tempted to change the weather! Neither did He, when the Nazarene heat beat down upon Him enough to blister His lips, cause the sun to dim! Not once do we hear of Jesus giving in to using His omniscient Godly powers to avail Himself of personal comfort. With one word, He could have softened the weather or deflected the punishing blows of the soldiers who beat Him on His journey to the Cross. Instead, Jesus bore the worst that our weather and human nature could wreak. Jesus chose to be obedient to God: to honour the earthly work to which He had been sent and to see that work to its eternal fulfilment.

'They will sing about what the Lord has done, because the Lord's glory is great!' This quote from Psalm 138 speaks about God entering into the reality of human time and describes the spiritual truth that those who are close to God live in reality, whilst those who believe in *human* power live in a world of fantasy! It reminds us unequivocally of our human powerlessness: of our need to endure and to trust in God - not for human gain but for eternal salvation! The Psalmist's hope is that God's love and care for His world will endure forever, acknowledging the trials and troubles which plague both our personal and corporate lives across time, and reassuring us how, like the Psalmist, we are sure to overcome even the worst onslaught of tragedy and trial with God's help.

Seventeenth Century English Nonconformist Puritan theologian, Thomas Watson said: *'Walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost - while we walk with God, what sweet music doth the bird of*

conscience make in our breast! They shall sing in the ways of the Lord.’
Watson points us all to the simplicity of trusting God - *in all things and through all things.*

So, despite an uncertain winter of Coronavirus and the possibility of torrential rain, I commend to you the only way forward – that we knuckle down and endure, trusting in the Lord and rejoicing in the truth of His steadfast love for each and every one of us. For in the selfless nature of Christ do we find our eternal joy in the glorious light and greatness of God’s love, which always works to our benefit!

Yours in the radiant glory of Christ,

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer

(From the hymn ‘To God be the Glory’)

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin;
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.
Amen.

Church Services Rota

For the services please check on our website
www.downsbenefice.org to check dates and times of services.

Downs Benefice Office

Wherwell Coronavirus Helpline

With coronavirus infections rising and people having to go into isolation please remember that we have support in place for Wherwell, Cottonworth and Fullerton residents. To let us know you are in isolation, to find out more or get help with prescriptions, shopping or anything else, please get in contact with your local team or call us on **01264 860060**

No Sign of Stopping



The Wherwell Estate on the River Test in Hampshire has inscribed a bench to celebrate 50 years of work by its riverkeeper Bill Hawkins.

In 1969, after 18 years as a miner at Manvers Main Colliery, Yorkshire, Bill saw his job advertised in *Trout & Salmon*. He jumped into his red VW Beetle with his wife Betty and roared down the A1. His love of fishing and the countryside got him the job.

At the start he was mentored by Mick Lunn, famous keeper for the Houghton Club. Bill made mistakes, but never made the same mistake twice. Back then it was hard manual work — bone-shaker mowers and cutting bank fringes with a hand scythe. Today, Bill still wades the river cutting weed. He describes his weed cutting skill as “knowing what to cut and what not to cut”. His cutting sculpts the underwater landscape and cleans the riverbed. He is always thinking about the best habitat for fish and encouraging fly life.

In the early years Bill welcomed "Lords and Ladies" to Wherwell. Today, the fishing is enjoyed by a diverse group of guests, including Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer while filming for their latest *Gone Fishing* TV series.

Most anglers don't get to experience Bill's favourite time of year - winter. He loves the solitude of the river. Misty morning landscapes merge with smoky bonfires that keep the banks accessible for the new season that's just around the corner.

At the age of 86, Bill does not look like giving up work anytime soon. He said, “As long as my health holds out and I don't lose my interest in the job, I am keeping going. I want to die on the riverbank, then they can chuck me in and I will float away.” However, Betty might have something to say about that.

Mark Shickle

Celebrating Charity 25 years of ups and downs in fundraising



2020 will be a memorable year for many reasons but for Wherwell-based fundraising consultants Stefan and Anna Lipa, it marks a quarter-century of helping charities to raise money for both landmark and community projects.

Over that period, the Stefan Lipa Fundraising Consultancy has helped charity groups raise funds for projects ranging from conservation and development work in Norwich Cathedral to refurbishing Stockbridge Town Hall and the Theatre Royal, Winchester, and building new church rooms for St Mary's Church in Kings Worthy, as well as major building repairs to St Peter & Holy Cross in Wherwell. They calculate that they have helped raise around £100 million for good causes in that time.

Covid-19 has unfortunately forced Stefan and Anna to cancel plans to mark their business silver jubilee but they remain upbeat. They have seen national, and global, economic crises come and go over the years, not least the 2008 credit crunch, but despite the severity of the current recession, Stefan is seeing some green shoots in the voluntary sector having taken on some new clients recently.

The landscape for charities will continue to be challenging as many of them have relied on running events or renting out premises to raise funds, all of which has been suspended during lockdown. However, Stefan also believes that the charity sector is adapting.

“Charities are having to do things differently, said Stefan. “We can see that with the way they’ve moved effortlessly to things like Zoom, but they are also looking at new ways to fundraise and are already starting campaigns.”

Stefan looks forward to a positive, if different, future continuing to help charities add to the fabric of the nation and to society.

We wish Stefan and Anna a Happy 25th Business Anniversary!

Susanne Hasselmann

Chilbolton Village Shop, Tea Room and Post Office



Thank you to all our customers for their ongoing support during this difficult time and for all the kind words we have received both in the shop and in previous issues of the magazine. We are still taking orders and doing the odd delivery and we would like to expand this service going forward. The tearoom is open and we ask that customers continue to wear a

face covering until they are seated and we would like to thank everyone for their co-operation with this.

Looking forward: We are currently working on a new website so look out for the ‘go live’ date! The tea-room seating area will be getting a new floor on the 21st and 22nd October with the main shop floor to follow early next year.

Christmas is very much in the planning and we will again be taking orders for Turkeys and Geese from Noah’s Arc farm and for Christmas trees, Greenfield Pork and fruit and vegetables. Order forms will be available soon.

We are also making up gifts of local produce including hampers and cheeseboards and home baked goodies from Nicky’s kitchen.



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Lions Message in a Bottle

If you needed emergency help from paramedics, how would they quickly find out about your health condition, allergies or any medication you take?

When time is saved, lives are saved.



The Message in a Bottle scheme is a simple idea designed to encourage people to keep their personal and medical details on a standard form and in a common location - the fridge.

When the emergency services see the special sticker by your front door they will know to look in your fridge for a green and white bottle which will contain your essential information and any repeat prescriptions.

Another sticker goes on the outside of your fridge to make it clear where to look.

The Message in a Bottle scheme is sponsored by the Lions Club International and is free to users. You can get a bottle from your local health centre, GP surgery or chemist.

This summer, an updated guidebook:

“**Connect to Support Hampshire Care Guide 2020_2021**” was published. It contains a wealth of healthcare information and can be downloaded from:

[https://www.carechoices.co.uk/wp-](https://www.carechoices.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Connect_to%20Support_Guide_2020_L.Res.pdf)

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Recently published in the Itchen Valley Forum

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Instead of our normal coffee morning in aid of this charity we raised money from donations, small gatherings in our homes and lots of cake making. I am delighted to report that, so far, over £400 has been collected for Macmillan.

Thank you so much to all of you who contributed so generously to this very worthwhile cause.

Mary Gilbert



FEED THE ANDOVER FOOD BANK UPDATE



The letter below was recently attached to one of Andrew Flanagan emailed news updates However it is being reproduced here as we are aware that there are many residents who currently do not receive the bulletins.



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15th September 2020

Dear John and Jane,

We just wanted to drop you a line to say a huge thank you to all those involved in the Chilbolton and Wherwell Group who have been so generously donating to the Andover foodbank during the Covid 19 pandemic, and especially to the two of you for co-ordinating it all.

We have been overwhelmed by your continued support and generosity and we thought you might be interested to know how much you have donated over the past few months. In total, you have donated **1,657.48kg** of food items, **131.12kg** of toiletries, **108.88kg** of cleaning products and **11.92kg** of other items including nappies and pet food. This incredible amount, just short of 2 tonnes! - has made such a difference to our being able to help those who have been in need during these difficult and testing times. We are incredibly grateful to you.

As you can imagine, the last few months have been incredibly busy as we responded to people's needs during the coronavirus pandemic. Demand for food boxes rose dramatically as we all went into lockdown and we have been amazed by the generosity and resourcefulness that people have shown in order to keep donations coming in to us during this time. It has enabled us to continue to help those in our community who have been, and still are, struggling in the current situation.

We know that the virus is going to have a long-term effect on the economy and employment. Your donation has helped support people now and will go on to help vulnerable people in the future too. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Jenny LeLean
Community Manager

We very much wanted to share it with everyone who has supported our appeal. Thank you to every who donated, but please do continue to donate as demand for help from the Food Bank continues to grow.

Items currently needed by the food bank:

Washing up liquid, hand wash and sanitizer, long life fruit juice and milk, tinned meat, fish and vegetables, rice, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Children's Christmas boxes:

For many years, Wherwell resident Phyllis Harding organised Christmas Shoe Box Appeals for Christmas gifts for children in Chenobyl. We are hoping that both villages will follow this tradition by supporting **The Andover Food Bank Christmas appeal for gift boxes of presents for local children who otherwise may not receive any presents.** A flyer is included with the magazine giving details of how to support this project. We have collected some boxes so do contact us if you would like one. If you do not feel able to fill a box, please do consider buying any of the items suggested on the flyer, and put them in the Food Bank collection boxes in Wherwell Bus Shelter and outside the Chilbolton shop.

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Wherwell War Memorial



The Parish Council would like to thank those residents who very generously made donations towards the repairs of the war memorial. An amazing £1,800 has been collected and together with the £3,000 that the PC has also set aside there is now sufficient money to fund the project. **THANK YOU.**

It is hoped that the repairs will be able to get under way soon (hopefully by the time you are reading this), to rightly return the war memorial to its former glory. Thanks also go to Councillor Bryant for his hard work on this project.

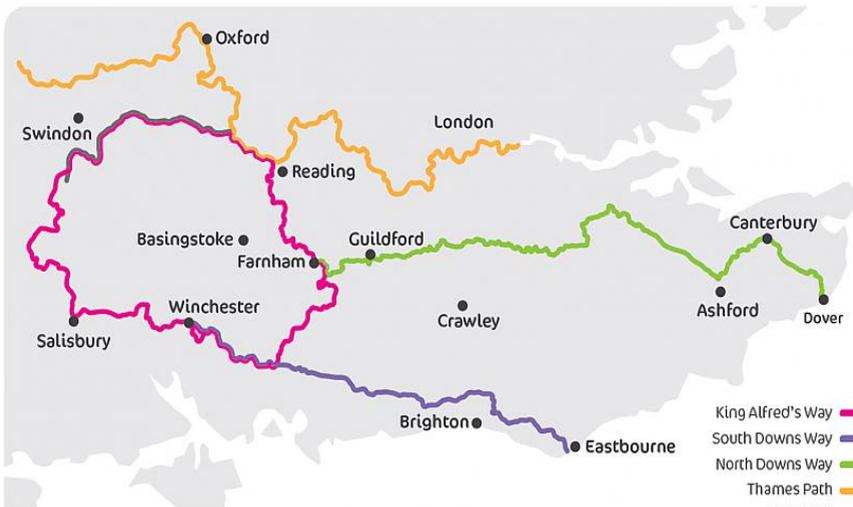
Sean Hutton, Chair

King Alfred's Way

A new 350km off-road bike route launched on Friday, 28th August, taking cyclists through 10,000 years' worth of history in the south of England. The route creates a loop of gravel tracks and off-road trails which pass through the heart of Surrey, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Berkshire countryside.

King Alfred's Way, named after the Anglo-Saxon ruler of the ancient kingdom of Wessex, runs for 220 miles. It passes several iconic locations including World Heritage Sites at Stonehenge and Avebury and Iron Age hill forts at Old Sarum and Barbury Castle, while also riding straight through the heart of quintessential England.

The charity [Cycling UK](#) has spent three years working on the route, which connects four of England's National Trails: North Downs Way, South Downs Way, Ridgeway and Thames Path. The route was developed by upgrading certain sections of footpath to allow cycling, and also includes existing bridleways, byways and quiet country lanes.

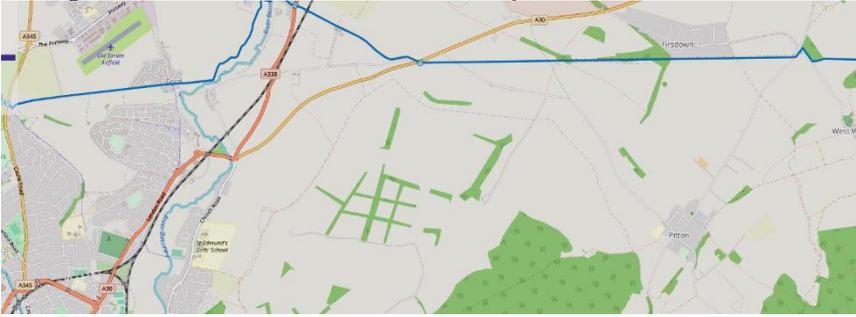


How King Alfred's Way connects with four National Trails

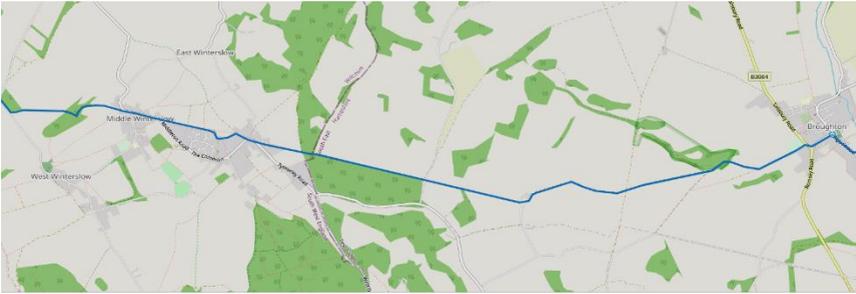
Sophie Gordon, Cycling UK's campaigns officer behind the creation of King Alfred's Way, said:

“The pandemic has understandably changed the British public's appetite for foreign travel but with King Alfred's Way we're hoping to at least quench its thirst for adventure.”

A map of the four sections from Salisbury to Winchester



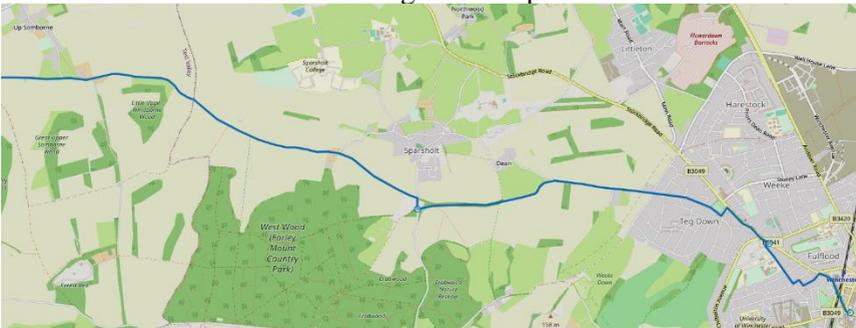
Section Old Sarum to West Winterslow



Section West Winterslow to Broughton



Section Broughton to Up Somborne



Section Up Somborne to Winchester

“There’s no need to fly or, for many, even travel far for a challenging trip. King Alfred’s Way is 220 miles of literal ups and downs looping through a quintessential southern England made up of thatched cottages, Iron Age hill forts and stone circles.”

The route passes within an hour’s journey from home for 17 million people. King Alfred’s Way is the perfect staycation for the more adventurous traveller and promises challenging riding through an ever-changing landscape.

The closest point of connection with Wherwell and Chilbolton is in the centre of Kings Somborne. Overleaf, are maps of the four sections from Salisbury to Winchester. A larger print version of these maps is available from the ‘Local Publications’ section of the village website [HERE](#).

You can browse the whole route, or download sections of the route as GPX files, here:

<https://www.cyclinguk.org/route/king-alfreds-way-gpx-route>

England has 15 national trails, but only two of them are cyclable from end to end: the Pennine Bridleway and the South Downs Way. Cycling UK’s wider goal is to create a network of long-distance off-road routes across the length and breadth of Great Britain, through amazing places and wild landscapes.

Sophie Gordon continues by saying “73 years ago, legislation was passed (the Countryside Act 1947) which led to the creation of our national parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and long-distance trails. It’s a godsend for walkers, but for ramblers with bikes not a lot has been done since then in terms of improving access for cycling.”

“With King Alfred’s Way we want to show what is possible if we fill those missing links between our national trails and start making the countryside accessible for everyone – walkers, horse riders and cyclists.”

King Alfred’s Way follows the launch of the 800-mile Great North Trail (Peak District to Cape Wrath / John o’ Groats) in 2019, and the riders’ route for the North Downs Way in 2018.

Cycling UK urges everyone who is contemplating riding King Alfred’s Way to make sure they are aware of and observe current public health advice related to managing the pandemic before doing so.”

To date, six riders have ridden the complete route.

Andrew Flanagan



Chilbolton Parish Council

The Parish Council met via a Zoom video call on the 5 October and we were joined by our District and County Councillors and one member of the public.

Jo McMenemy has recently resigned as a parish Councillor due to time pressures and other commitments. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to her for her insightful contributions whilst on the Parish Council. Jo certainly brought a fresh and distinct perspective to our discussions and we thank her for all of her hard work. We have advertised for a replacement for Jo and will hopefully co-opt a new Councillor at our next meeting.

We discussed the current consultation with Wherwell residents on their views about opening up a shop and or tearooms. We agreed to liaise directly with Wherwell Parish Council to discuss mutually agreeable solutions which do not adversely impact Chilbolton Stores who currently provide services to both villages.

We have also become aware that some of the proposed works at Freelands to improve the River Test as reported in the last Magazine could have an impact upon land within the Councils ownership. We have not been formally notified of any proposals and have raised the matter with Natural England and the Environment Agency stressing that no works on our land can be undertaken without our express agreement and approval. I have agreed to meet with Natural England on site to discuss the proposed works and our future plans for the Common over the next five years.

We were advised that the Village Hall Committee has now reviewed all of the latest guidance with regard to Covid 19 and can proceed with a limited number of activities in the Hall. Users will need to sign into the venue using the NHS Covid19 app.

As residents may be aware the Parish Council is looking to proceed with two highway schemes designed to reduce speeds of cars travelling through the village. The first is to create a gateway and crossing for users of the Test Way footpath on the Coley Lane entrance to the village. The other is for a “virtual” footpath between Station Road and Drove Road.

At our meeting we approved in principle the detailed designs put forward by HCC Highways. However, the current costings for the schemes far outweigh the funds we have available so we will be asking the Highways Authority to look again at the costings. Hopefully we will be able to give final approval to one or both of these schemes at our next meeting.

David Neudegg, Chair



Chilbolton Pre-School – Learning Through Play

What a busy time we have all been having – our theme of ‘Autumn’ is my absolute favourite as it is such a wonderful time to help children learn about the ever-changing environment in which they live. We have enjoyed such a wide variety of activities - conker rolling, play dough shapes, looking at ‘nature books’, musical instruments, exploring new textures in our Autumnal sensory tray...I could fill so many pages with all the fabulous activities that the children have at their disposal.

Our fabulous Forest School reopened at the end of September and the children absolutely love it. Our Forest School Teacher Babs prepares such amazing activities for the children, including nature trails, conker painting, clay hedgehogs, leaf printing, magic tissue pictures...the learning opportunities here are endless. Fabulous!

As always, we make the most out of the outside areas and get as much fresh air as possible. We set up lots of mark making outside, puzzles, train tracks, counting pots, hopscotch, water trays, dinosaur digs...not forgetting of course the favourites – our bikes, didi cars, balancing beams and diggers. Lots of fantastic physical development and some great spatial awareness as the children zoom around and manoeuvre around obstacles and each other!

Back inside.... We welcomed back ‘Dancing Claire’ – who leads our weekly ‘movement to music’ sessions. From stomping like dinosaurs to flying like insects...the children exercise and dance whilst having the best fun.

On a more relaxing note – the children take part in little ‘cosmic yoga’ sessions where they practise their deep breathing and become more aware of their bodies.

We are so lucky to have such a fabulous Team of Practitioners and the activities they lovingly prepare are a reflection of their care and dedication to helping the children ‘learn through play’. After half term our themes will include ‘Nursery Rhymes’, ‘Diwali’ and all things relating to ‘Christmas’.

We do have spaces, so if you know of anyone looking for a Pre-School space for their child (aged 30 months+), please pass them our details.

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

Clarey Gibson
Chilbolton Pre-School
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WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – November

Sat 7th	Owls by Moonlight Tickets: £35 – adults, £21 – children (includes supper, hot drink and chocolate brownie) Enjoy a magical evening at the Hawk Conservancy and step into the magical world of owls. 7pm – 9:30 0126 4773850
Thurs 12 th	Choice Grenfell is a wonderful tribute featuring some of the best of Joyce's hilarious songs - a socially distanced and Covid-19 respectful pilot event, Andover Lights 7:30pm
Sat 21 st	Carl Hutchinson (stand-up comedy) is allowed to play out again! Venue pilot event Andover Lights 7:30pm
Visit a garden	National Garden Scheme – if you're looking to arrange a day out or to get some ideas go to Gardens are added every Mon https://ngs.org.uk/openings-by-arrangement/
Downloadable Walks	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/downloadable-walks-in-hampshire
Sunday 29 th	A Very Vegan Christmas – Learn how to prepare and cook the most delicious Vegan and Gluten Free alternative Christmas dinner for all of the family. Lainston House 01962 797851 SO21 2LT 9:30 am & 4:30 pm
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	

BIRCH GROVE - The Children's Lane

Forever young, it's the children's lane
With its wayside hedges, flowers,
And many must soon come again
To enjoy more pleasant hours.

In early days they thought it fun
It gave them such enjoyment,
Working, playing in the sun
It wasn't like employment.

The flints and stones were gathered fast
For ruts and puddles too,
'Til they grew old that road must last
And through many years it's true.

To them this sort of work was play
And often done by many,
Having fun with work this way,
Their reward, the golden penny.

"We'll have to plant some proper trees,"
Said Mr Sharman,..... Mr Brake.
"Silver Birch are sure to please,
What a picture they will make."

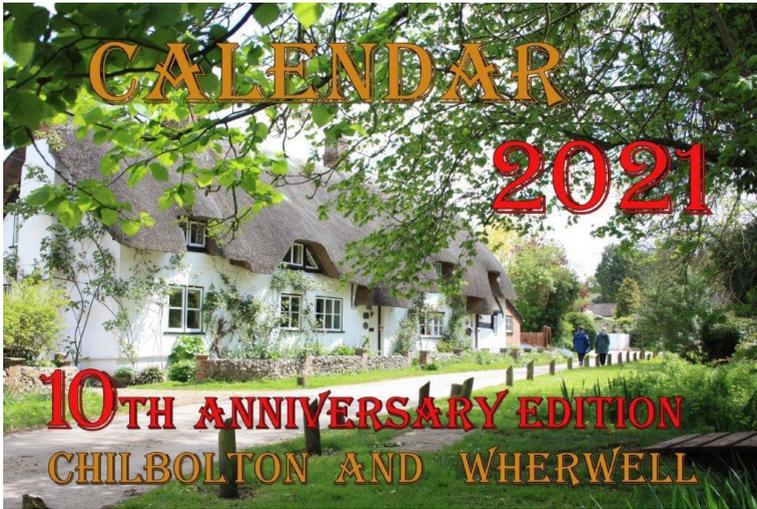
Between the cornfields of the day,
Through centuries of seasons,
So many feet have passed this way
For countless different reasons.

Fifth Avenue, Americans called this road
Did the Romans have a name?
It doesn't matter what the load,
Birch Grove is still the same.

Bruce S Bendell

*Dedicated to the American servicemen of 1944 whose jeeps made
this a busy thoroughfare, and who called Chilbolton lanes after
their streets of home. They called Birch Grove - Fifth Avenue.*

Wherwell History Group 2021 Calendar

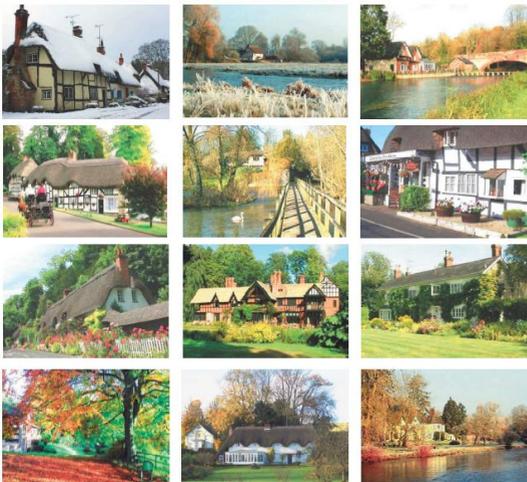


Celebrating 10 years of producing a 'Bygone' or 'Now & Then' Calendar, 2021 will be the last WHG Calendar - a special limited edition of 100 copies. The Calendar opens up to portrait A3 size. The top half has a colour photograph, the bottom half has a monthly calendar with plenty of space for appointments.

Photos will be specially selected to represent both villages and will be accompanied by History Notes.

On sale from early November, priced at £7.50 each.

Please contact Judith (01264 860652), or use the email below, to place an order.



Cover picture

email: wherwellhistory@gmail.com

Places featured in 2021:

Chilbolton:
Chilbolton Common
Chilbolton Village Shop
Mayfly
Poplar Dene
Testcombe

Wherwell:
Aldings
Bickerstaffe
Church Street
Freelands
Longbridge
Shepherds Cottage
War Memorial

Willow and Tudor Cottages

Mike Gee & Andrew Flanagan

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is now fully set up and prepared for safe operation with necessary Covid 19 precautions in place. To reduce risk, the kitchen and Durnford room are not in use and only the disabled toilet is available. There are sanitiser units and distance signs near the entrance and the QR identification for use by the NHS app on phones. Extra cleaning is being carried out after every use.

At the moment, potential users are very restricted due to government regulations but with appropriate precautions, organised sports and recreation are possible including Pilates, yoga and short mat bowls plus weddings and funerals with limited numbers. The position is under constant review by the management committee and our booking secretary Kate Ballard is keeping up to date with regulations and will be able to help potential hirers of the hall. (Contact details on last page of magazine) It is necessary for hirers to collect information on everyone attending but this will be kept securely and destroyed after the minimum time required.

Our AGM should normally take place on Monday 23rd November but at this time, this appears impossible. The management committee are considering either a public zoom meeting or postponement until the New Year.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during this difficult time and will keep looking at legal ways to get the hall operation back to normal.

Tony Ewer

Walk 6. WHERWELL LOOP via the Test Way and Harewood Forest

Abbreviations: turn right **TR**; turn left **TL**; straight on **SO**; footpath **FP**; bridle way **BW**.

Distance: about 4.25 miles.

Time: about 1 hour 50 minutes.

Difficulty: easy/moderate.

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

1. With your back to the pub you will see a triangular green on the far side of the village street. It has a telephone box and an old grindstone on it. Cross the street and you will see a narrow gravel track running between the **Grindstone Green** on your right and a thatched cottage (Abbot's

- Rest) on your left. A fingerpost points to **The Common**. Walk along this track.
2. Shortly, you will come to a pedestrian gate. Go through it, making sure you close it after you. Cross the wooden bridge over the **Abbot's Stream**. You are now on **Chilbolton Cow Common** a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Conservation grazing by cattle takes place from late spring until autumn.
 3. Go **SO** along a grassy **FP**. Cross a gravel track. You will see three houses on your right. The middle one is the **Old Inn**. Continue along the grass path until it merges with a gravel **BW**. This is the **Test Way**. Follow the **BW** to the right and cross over the **Purleygigg Bridge**. Follow the **BW** straight ahead until you come to the **Long Bridge**. Cross over the bridge admiring the views of the River Test as you do so. You are now leaving the parish of Chilbolton and entering the parish of Wherwell.
 4. When you get to the tarmac road **TL** and walk a few yards and then **TR**. You will see a fingerpost indicting the **Test Way**. Climb up the steps ahead of you and **TR** where you see a broken stile. Ignore a grass **FP** that heads to the left up a hill and carry **SO** along the grass **FP**. You will see a white painted house on your right. You go gently uphill until the path bends sharply to the right. Go through the wooden barrier and you have reached the hairpin bend on the hill on the Wherwell-Andover Road. The **Test Way** is way marked here.
 5. Cross the road and head downhill for a few yards. You are looking for a small gap in the bank on the left of the road way marked **Test Way**. **TL** climb up the steps and follow the narrow **FP**. After about 300 yards the path emerges onto tarmac. On your right you can see the Home Guard Club. In front of you to your left is a row of semi-detached houses. This is **Beech Grove**. You will also see the **Test Way** marked **SO**.
 6. Walk along Beech Grove until, after the last house, the road becomes a narrow, shady **FP**. The **Test Way** is way marked on a telegraph pole on the right. Carry **SO**. You come to a wide gravel track in front of you. **TL** and descend the steps onto this track. This is **New Barn Lane**.
 7. **TL** and follow the way marked **Test Way** up hill along a sunken lane. After reaching the top of the hill the path descends until you reach a junction with buildings (**New Barn**) on your left and an open field on your right. Follow the **Test Way SO** as it veers to the right (way marked) and goes up hill. The path soon has wire fences on both sides.
 8. You will come to a junction of tracks. The **Test Way** goes **SO** indicated by a way marker. **Harewood Forest** is on your left. There is a wonderful display of bluebells in the spring. You will come to a yellow way marker indicating a path to your left. Ignore it and carry **SO**. You should look out for another way marker after about 500 yards on your right. You will

- see two arrows: one **green** to indicate the Test Way SO and a **yellow** arrow indicating a **FP** to your right. If you get to see derelict farm buildings on your left you have gone too far. Retrace your steps.
9. Follow the **yellow arrow** and **TR**. Walk along a wide grassy path on the left of a field. There is hazel coppice on your left. You will see woodland ahead of you. When you reach the woodland you will see a yellow way marker. Turn half left and walk along a track through the wood (sometimes very muddy).
 10. Shortly, you will see another yellow way marker on your left indicating ?. Carry **SO** along a track on the right of a field with more woodland on your right and more bluebells. You will come to a gap in the woodland on your right. You will see a yellow way marker indicating a right turn.
 11. **TR** and follow the gravel track as it descends steeply towards a large field. Follow this as it bends to the left and walk downhill along a wide track at the left hand side of the field. You will come to another yellow way marker indicating a half right turn. In fact you go more or less **SO**. Go under the old railway bridge. The bridge used to carry the Longparish Branch Line which ran from Fullerton Junction to Hurstbourne. Passenger services ended in 1931. It was used for freight until 1956. It was busy during World War 2 as there was an ammunition dump near Longparish. You will pass a house on the left with kennels. You will be greeted by a storm of barking!
 12. You will see a concrete road leading to a metal gate. Go through the pedestrian gate and you emerge onto the **Longparish Road** (tarmac). **TR** to head back towards Wherwell. You will pass Dublin Farmhouse; the sports field and Wherwell County Primary School all on the left. Soon you will come to a T junction. Shepherds Cottage is on your right with a spectacular display of roses.
 13. **TL** to head back towards Chilbolton. You will cross two bridges over the **River Test**. After the second bridge you will see several black and white chevron road signs indicating a left hand bend. After the last of these signs you will see a wooden stile on your right. Climb over this and take the grassy **FP** that goes diagonally left across a field. The **River Test** is on your right. You will come to a gap in the hedge in front of you. The path can be very muddy here. Go through the gap and follow the **FP** as it bends to the left.
 14. You will come to a wooden bridge over a stream. Cross it and follow the **FP** diagonally to the right (see yellow way marker on the handrail). You will come to a stile. Climb over it. You are now on tarmac.
 15. **TR** and walk along the road towards Chilbolton. You will come to a triangular green on your right as the road bends to the left. You will see the handsome Old Rectory on the left and Manor Farmhouse on the right.

- A bit further on you will see the Old School on your left (now empty). Opposite the Old School, on your right, you will see a gate and stile.
16. **TR** and climb over the stile and follow a grass **FP** through a field. Go diagonally left and make for the top, left hand corner of the field. You will see the parish church on your left. You will come to a kissing gate. Go through it and follow the **FP** to another kissing gate. Go through it. You are now in **Frog Lane**.
17. **TL** and you will shortly reach the village street. **TR** and walk along the street until you reach the Abbot's Mitre about 300 yards on your left.

You have reached the end of the walk. I hope you enjoyed it!

David Griffiths



Greener Villages Rewilding Project: Tell Us Your Story

At the Grow Wilder launch in March we asked if any residents of Wherwell and Chilbolton would pledge 1 sqm or more of their garden to grow wild and encourage greater biodiversity in our local area. We are now inviting those who took part to give feedback on their projects. Any information or photos would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to bring all the information together in a report that could be available to others via the website. We are also hoping to share it with everyone during a public meeting (face-to-face or on-line)

- What did you do with your metre square?
- Did you grow anything new to encourage wildlife to visit your garden?
- What plants and wildlife did you encounter in your garden and were they species that had not previously visited?
- Are you likely to carry on with the project in the following years?
- How can the Greener Villages group help you and encourage others to do more?

In addition, we would like to ask if during lockdown and whilst walking in the surrounding countryside you saw rare wildflowers growing on any unmown grass verges? If so where were they located? Did you happen to take any photographs which you would be happy to share?

Please send you information and photos to greenvillages@scirum.co.uk.

Imogen Matthews



NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

“November is the only time a gardener can take their holiday!”

These words of advice were given to me fifty years or more ago by an old gardener. He was probably hinting that there is less to do this month in the garden due to the weather. Certainly, the really cold and foggy days of my 1950's childhood seem to have gone, but there are still jobs to be done on those fine days when a breath of fresh air and exercise are needed.

Lawns will benefit from removing fallen leaves and a light mow if the weather is warm and the grass is still growing. Remember to keep off the grass in frosty weather. Once the frost has turned the Dahlias black trim off the foliage and either lift and store in a frost-free place or cover with a thick layer of mulch. Lift and divide rhubarb crowns if your clump is big and woody. Any tender plants should be taken into the greenhouse or wrapped up with straw or bracken and hessian. The crowns of tree ferns in particular, need to be kept dry overwinter. Bare rooted trees, roses and shrubs can be planted now as they benefit from the residual warmth left in the soil from the summer.

Many of the old gardening books will tell you to dig over the soil in the kitchen garden to let the frost break it down. If your soil is heavy, sticky clay this may be advisable, but I have had great success in recent years by just covering the ground with a thick layer of garden compost and not digging. The worms take the compost into the soil and all I have to do is rake it over and start sowing in the spring. Covering with black plastic will inhibit weed growth and stop nutrients being washed out of the soil by winter rain.

Jenny Seddon



Wherwell History Group – Programme of Talks



THE UNION-CASTLE LINE M.V. "DURBAN CASTLE." 17,382 TONS.

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
- Face masks must be worn inside the Village Hall
- Free admission to Members only
- No refreshments will be served

Ever the optimists! WHG, with thanks to Dave Walton, have been planning their programme of talks for next year. The complete list is:

January	Dr. Clifford Williams	Policing Andover during World War 2
February	Graham Mackenzie	The Life and Times of SS Shieldhall
March	Duncan Colin-Jones	The Civil War in the Meon Valley
April	David Poole	Clockmaking Past and Present
May		AGM
June	John Smith	Roman life around Wherwell
June	Andrew Negus	Evening tour of Salisbury
September	Dr Christopher Prior	Cecil Rhodes, Britain's Empire in Africa
October	Erica Tinsley (AHAS)	Stephen & Matilda - fight for the throne
November	Lt. Col. Jeremy Prescott	Violette Szabo GC

An annual membership fee of £15 will give free admission to all WHG talks (and the Salisbury walk) up to December 31st 2021. For non-members, the admission fee is £4, per event.

Andrew Flanagan

AHEAD OF HER TIME

by Rosemarie Martin

*Sun 30 April 1950 ... I intend this day that my life
is going to be as exciting as I can make it.*



In the 1950s it was not done for a young woman to travel alone in another country.

Eleanor Lockyer (nee Hunt) knew there was more to life than her sleepy village of Chilbolton and wanted to travel the world. So, she sat down one day and wrote where she wanted to go and what she wanted to do.

After Mum died, I found her diaries and letters she had written about her travels. From her little village of Chilbolton to meeting the rich and famous in New York and working for Royalty around the World my Mum did it all because she was *ahead of her time*.

Newly published in 2020 at £9.99 plus p&p

Available to order from Etsy shop [DulcieRoseSoap](https://www.etsy.com/uk/listing/869555922/ahead-of-her-time-book-about-a-young?)

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CPRE Hampshire – Our response to ‘Changes to the Current Planning System’ Another “dodgy algorithm” October 2020

As part of its reform of the planning system, the Government has put forward a new method of calculating housing numbers. CPRE Hampshire thinks this is seriously flawed: another “dodgy algorithm” and we have responded to tell them of our concerns and how it will impact Hampshire.

https://www.cprehampshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/09/CPRE-Hampshire_Response-to-Changes-to-the-Current-Planning-System_Sep20.pdf

In its recent consultation paper “Changes to the Current Planning System”, the Government proposes to distribute 337,000 new homes annually across England, using a standard method. This method allocates 9,275 new homes every year to Hampshire, although the Office for National Statistics (ONS) projects only 4,097 new households will be formed. The formula applied is a blunt tool, which starts from the premise that increasing supply of new homes increases affordability. We at CPRE Hampshire, and a number of experts disagree with that premise.

Here are ten reasons why they should withdraw their proposals:

1. Rural areas will bear the brunt. The proposed new formula serves mainly to shift housing numbers from large cities to rural districts. For example, in Hampshire - East Hampshire numbers would rise from current ones by 50%, Winchester by 48%, Test Valley by 40% whilst Southampton is down by 17%, Portsmouth by 15%. Havant and Hayling Island rises by a whopping 91%.
2. Young people will still be on the housing waiting list. For England the formula arrives at 337,000 homes per annum, even beyond the Government’s manifesto aspiration of 300,000 pa. This is based not on need, but on market demand for houses to buy. It does not address affordability issues for those in greatest need.
3. Higher new housing target whilst population growth is actually slowing. Government is aiming to accelerate new housing at a time when population growth is not rising but slowing. Households are now only forming at around 164,000 per annum. For example, using the new algorithm, Rushmoor is projected to build 2,488% above its demographic projections. The graph at the end of this paper shows how this will impact each local authority in Hampshire.
4. No account is taken of environmental constraints. The formula does not take any account of constraints such as tighter planning environment in the South Downs or New Forest National Parks, nor the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, not the Sites of Special Scientific Interest that define Hampshire’s high-quality environment. Such “designated landscapes” form 86% of New Forest, 58% of East Hampshire and 41% of Winchester. Nor does the formula take account of chalk rivers or water resources. Nor of access to public transport hubs.

5. It does not deliver more affordable homes, but rather more expensive “executive boxes”. It entrenches the perverse incentives for housebuilders to build expensive homes in expensive areas and commences an ever-increasing endogenous loop disincentivising affordability. There is no incentive for land prices to fall, rather the opposite.

6. It does not take account of the fact that many homes for which planning permission has already been given have not yet been built. The proposed methodology does nothing to encourage (or force) the building-out of the 1,000,000 homes that are already permitted in England. The government is under the misapprehension that delays are solely due to the planning system, rather than to developers.

7. Unlevel playing field. The proposals fail to support the Government’s levelling-up agenda, with too much development and investment focussed on already wealthy London and the South East, and too little in the Midlands and the North of England.

8. Greenfield at risk. The objective of maximising use of brownfield land is not achieved with these proposals. This focus is not going to be good for the Climate Emergency.

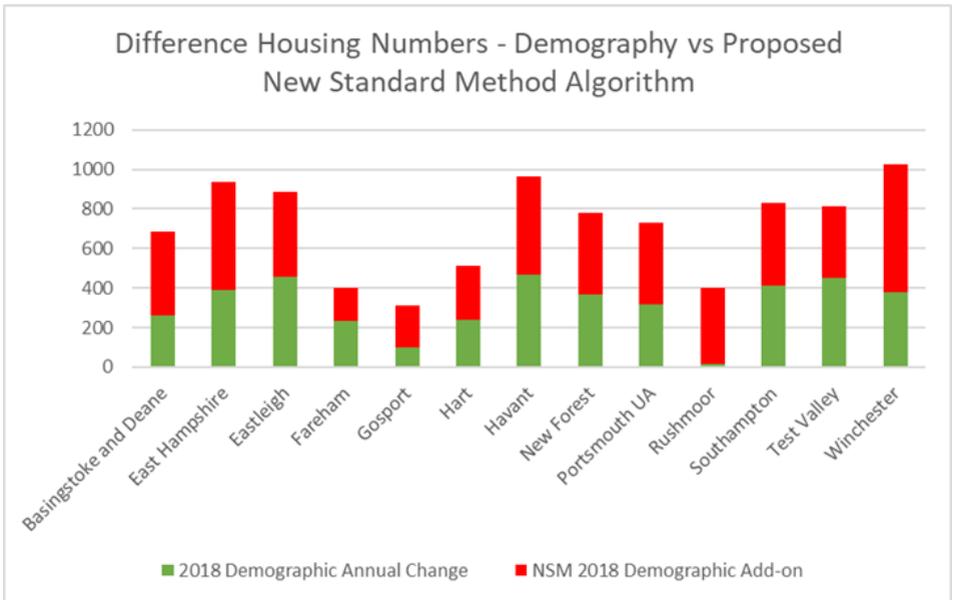
9. Removal of local decision-making. The proposals are likely to result in a significant loss of trust in the new system. Many applications will go through without any opportunity for local democracy to have a say, but rather under “permission in principle”.

10. One size cannot fit all. Each region and each district have different needs, constraints and growth factors. New housing cannot be distributed via a simplistic algorithm with no strategy.

What's the alternative?

The most recent ONS population growth statistics and household formation rates could form a starting point for each area. After that that each authority should look at:

- past delivery (which feeds back into population growth and can create a flywheel effect, with ever increasing targets. Test Valley is one example where this has happened);
- affordable need (identified through Needs Surveys or Strategic Housing Market Assessments) for those who cannot access the market to buy or rent - this is different from what the government standard method proposes;
- social housing. This is conveniently ignored by the government formula, which passes the buck neatly onto the market and expects developers to provide truly affordable homes;
- empty homes; second homes; student populations;
- employment levels; commuting patterns;
- And last, but definitely not least, environmental and other constraints on growth.



What can I do?

- **Sign the CPRE petition**

<https://takeaction.cpre.org.uk/page/66589/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=cpre-web-take-action>

- **Contact Your MP** – find their details at www.theyworkforyou.com

See our letter at <https://www.cprehampshire.org.uk/news/government-action-should-focus-on-building-the-one-million-homes-that-already-have-planning-permission-cpre-hampshire-writes-to-hampshire-mps/>

- **Respond to the 2nd consultation re democracy and planning - Planning White Paper: deadline 29th October**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>

Email: planningforthefuture@communities.gov.uk

*Caroline Dibden, Vice President
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STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA – NOVEMBER

Friday 13 November

They Shall Not Grow Old (15)

Through ground-breaking computer restoration technology, filmmaker Peter Jackson has created a moving real-to-life depiction of the First World War. Digitally remastered and in colour, the footage used lip reading experts whose transcripts were recorded and used as audio for the film, to honour those who fought and to more accurately depict this moment in history.



Wednesday 18 November

A Personal History of David Copperfield (PG)

Armando Iannucci co-writes and directs this comedy drama starring Dev Patel. Based on Charles Dickens' novel, the film follows the life of David Copperfield from childhood to maturity, with his own adventures and the web of friends and enemies he meets in Victorian England.

Information common to both films

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased online - price £6.25 plus £0.75p booking fee per ticket (£7.00 total) via www.stockbridgcinema.org.uk or by telephone from TicketSource **0333 666 3366** (£1.75 charge per booking in addition to online ticket price). Socially distanced seating and no bar. Wearing of face coverings is required. Visit our website for full details.



Christmas Posada



In previous years Mary and Joseph have been lucky enough to travel from family to family and enjoy many a child's wonderful hospitality. However, as we are all very well aware this year is no ordinary year and given these extraordinary times

we are sorry to say the Chilbolton Posada will not be travelling anywhere this December.

BUT we can still make this Christmas one to remember

AND for all the right reasons! So please join us children, grandchildren and adults alike to take part in decorating the St. Mary The Less Church porch. Further fun and creative details to follow in next month's Village Magazine.



For all homing, fund raising and volunteer enquiries;

Telephone: 0345 260 1501 or

Email: sylvia.cp@outlook.com

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

This gorgeous cat is Marley, she is about 3 years, very friendly but can be a bit unpredictable so would not be suitable for families with young children. She would love a garden to relax in once settled into her new home. Annie from last month has already gone off to her new home and is settling in well. Please get in touch if you think you could offer Marley, or any of our other cats, a home.



We are looking for a volunteer to help us run our eBay page. We use eBay to sell cat dinners which is a vital part of fundraising for our branch. If you have an hour or two you could spare every week to manage the page for us, please get in touch. A small amount of experience with the website would be helpful.

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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