

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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## December 2020

So here it is, Merry Christmas! Yuletide is upon us and this year, like the traditional tub of chocolates that will inhabit a lot of people's sitting rooms, it's a bit of a mixture. In your magazine this month; details on how you can support Wherwell Primary School by buying your Christmas tree from them, some festive poetry, a couple or 3 movies and an interesting article on our local vineyard and winery. As I write this, lockdown is due to lift on 2<sup>nd</sup> December – here's hoping that goes to plan and we can all find some seasonal cheer in small and maybe unexpected ways. Please give a thought to the food bank if you can.

*Lucia Foster-Found*

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**From the Church Records**

<b>Chilbolton</b>		
Interment of Ashes	16 <sup>th</sup> October	John Smith
<b>Wherwell</b>		
Interment of Ashes	14 <sup>th</sup> October	Ray Blazdell
Funeral & Burial	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Sheila Roberts

Dear Friends,

***‘Thanks be to God for His gift that is too wonderful for words.’***  
(2 Corinthians 9.15)

In Christmases past, one of the regular explosive cries I hear from my girlfriends is *‘Why do we do it?’* Time and again, year after year, we find ourselves sharing exasperated moments, snatched amidst the baking and the cleaning and the decorations and the interminable shopping trips for that perfect tie for Cousin Dennis ... and every year I hear myself threatening my family .... *‘This is the LAST time!’* Next year will be different .... No presents, a simple roast dinner and NONE of the madness!!!! And every year, even though I have tried very hard to pare back our Christmas to the bare minimum, I still find myself trudging miserably around a shopping centre searching for that one extra-special elusive gift or oh-so vital yet completely obscure ingredient to make our celebrations complete.

So why DO we do it? When I stand in supermarket queues and gaze in horror at the burgeoning trolleys about me, stuffed with what looks like an obscene amount of food and drink for one day of the year, if I’m really honest, I congratulate myself for my relative frugality! Yet, I’m just as culpable! I’m still there in the thick of it!! Last year it was a hunt for pomegranate molasses which had me joining the fray; the year before a ‘must have’ but sold out pair of trainers for one of my sons which had me driving miles against my better judgement!

However much you might be reading this and *thinking ‘Shame on you Reverend Jax! Of all people you should know better!’* I imagine somewhere in the inner recesses of your hearts you will identify with my sorry tale. Why do we do it? Simple – we do it for love. For the joy on our children’s faces, opening that longed for toy. For the delight in welcoming family, friends and neighbours who might otherwise be on their own to join our tables, sharing delicious food and convivial festivities.

That’s why we do it: LOVE! And that’s why God did it too. He gave us a gift too wonderful for words. He gave us the gift of His precious Son. And He did it because He loves us. Eternally. Next time a sunrise takes your breath away, or the sound of birdsong leaves you speechless, remember that your Creator is saying *‘Do you like it? I did it for you!’* And this Christmas, despite all the difficulties of Coronavirus which threaten to turn the traditional patterns of our Advent and Christmas upside down, take some time to sit awhile and reflect on the enormity of God’s personal gift for you, wrapped perfectly in the being of Jesus! God has blessed each of us with the gift of His grace, which breaks through ‘... And the Word became flesh, and

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dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glor as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . .' (John 1: 14) God is saying: *'Here is Jesus. My Son. Just for you!'*

Every New Year, as we pack away the decorations, we reflect on how quickly memories of turkey and tinsel fade. Yet God's Christmas gift to us will never fade or tarnish or lose its power in our lives. God's greatest gift is the Christ-child, who comes into our world and lights the darkness of our lives with a love that will last forever. Love that gifts us with God's grace. Love that gifts us with God's truth. Love that gifts us with God's hope.

So, why do we do it? Why do we put ourselves through the annual madness of preparing for Christmas? So that we can celebrate the coming of love into our world, that's why! This year, perhaps Coronavirus restrictions will be a blessing in disguise as we are given the stillness and space to truly value the enormity of the gift God has given us. So enjoy it. Marvel at it. Give thanks for it. The Greatest gift ever given has YOUR name on it. And it is too wonderful for words.

Yours in the gift of Christ,

**Jax**

**Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice**



**Prayer of Thanksgiving – Isaiah 9: 1-6**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.  
You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy and they rejoice before  
you

as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the  
plunder.

For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that  
burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning; will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Amen

## Note from Benefice about Church services

In the constantly changing situation caused by Coronavirus restrictions, we are unable to confirm service patterns as far in advance as we would normally aim to do and, therefore, are unable to provide the service rota to the magazines to meet their publication dates. The most up-to-date information can be found on our website [www.downsbenefice.org](http://www.downsbenefice.org) but appreciate that not everyone is happy to check online or has access to a computer. We would, therefore, request that if you know someone who is unable to access information online you would consider supporting them by passing on the relevant service details. We can assure you that as soon as life returns to some form of normality, we will be publishing our service information and details in the magazines but, in the meanwhile, ask for your patience and understanding.

<b>DECEMBER 2020</b>	<i>St Mary the Less, Chilbolton</i>	<i>St Mary's, Crawley</i>	<i>St Catherine's Littleton</i>	<i>St Stephen's Sparsholt</i>	<i>St Peter &amp; Holy Cross, Wherwell</i>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December – The Second Sunday of Advent</b>					
Family Communion				10am	
Morning Prayer		10am			10am
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			9.30am		
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – The Third Sunday of Advent</b>					
Family Communion	10am				
Morning Prayer			10am		
Christmas Music & Readings by candlelight				6pm	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>					
Advent Readings & Prayers	10am				
Morning Prayer			10am		
Readings & Music by candlelight		4pm			
Crib Service				4pm	
Evening Prayer					4pm
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve</b>					
All Churches closed					
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – CHRISTMAS DAY</b>					
Family Christmas Service	10am	10am		10am	10am
Family Christmas Communion			10am		
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – The First Sunday of Christmas</b>					
Patronal Holy Communion				10am	

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### Local Business Update

It has to be said, that for all of us the past few months have proven to be a difficult time. This has been especially evident for my business as I've obviously been unable to open for business throughout the lockdowns. I'd like to thank my clients one and all for your continued commitment to me, I am eternally grateful for your continued custom.

To help keep everybody safe and to abide by guidelines, customers coming to me will have experienced a few changes. Before entering, your temperature is taken before being asked to wash your hands. Hand gel is also available. On making appointments you are reminded about bringing and wearing masks. I do have a supply for those that forget. In between clients a clinical clean is carried out so that so that all can have confidence in attending their appointment. There is also a QR poster for those using the NHS app.

I'm taking every possible precaution to ensure all of my customers remain safe when visiting my business. If you would like to know more or to book an appointment for when lockdown ends, please contact me. Contact information is available in my advert. I look forward to seeing you again soon when lockdown is over.

*Nicole Mawer, Beauty Treats*

## Wherwell Church

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October having been postponed from April due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Mrs Pam Prince was re-elected as Churchwarden and her husband, Bill, retired from the PCC after over 40 years' service. His hard work over all these years has been much appreciated and despite leaving the PCC he was back cutting the Churchyard hedges the next day!

The Treasurer, Nigel Waters, summarised the 2019 PCC Accounts and also highlighted the large fall in income seen in 2020 caused by the cancellation of the Auction of Promises, Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre fundraising events. Whilst it is hoped to breakeven in the current year, this will be as a result of being unable to pay the majority of the Common Mission Fund payments due to the Winchester Diocese.

The PCC wishes to thank the army of volunteers who freely donate time, money and effort in maintaining our wonderful Church and long tradition of worship in our historic village.

*Nigel Waters*

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## CHRISTMAS TREES !!!!!!!!



Wherwell Primary School are selling **Christmas Trees!**  
**Nordmann Firs** grown at Hinton Ampner and cut to order  
this week.

If you would like one – please get in touch ASAP  
We can deliver safely to your door whilst adhering to all appropriate social distancing measures or you can collect from the school.

### Contact us:

Wherwell PTA – on 07968847516 or call **Ruth Guy** 861144

Or email on [hello@wherwellschoolpta.com](mailto:hello@wherwellschoolpta.com)

**Prices:** 5-6 ft - £30 ; 6-7 ft - £40 (*Delivery £5*)

Larger trees are available to order price on application up to 10 ft.

**Payment:** Bank transfer: to 33062764 / 11-05-05  
or cheque to **Wherwell PTA**

Please text/ring Ruth if placing an order.

**Collection:** First delivery is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December (orders by 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec)

Second delivery is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December (orders by 8<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Collection on the morning specified from the front of

**Wherwell Primary School**

You will be given a 'time slot' nearer the date in order that households remain separate and we do not pose any risk of overlap to customers

**We will all be wearing masks**



## Chilbolton Christmas ADVENTURE

### Calling all Villagers!

Every December Mary and Joseph and their donkey travel around Chilbolton and Wherwell having lots of adventures. This year, due to Covid they're unable to make their travels. But the **GOOD NEWS** is they will be in the church porch from **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December** until **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** and they would love to see you! But please don't come empty



with the Nativity.  
as a Christmas  
picture, or  
craft or  
contact



handed! It would be lovely if you can bring along something you have made at home to do. It can be as simple card, a poem or perhaps a piece of handiwork. Please

[charlotte@cjnash.com](mailto:charlotte@cjnash.com) or [janie.painter@yahoo.com](mailto:janie.painter@yahoo.com) for an activity sheet or for further information.

**Adults and all villagers** – we're also asking for YOUR help in making our church porch look festive. We would ask you to bring something around the Christmas story too. We're also asking for 'Star Prayers', short prayers written on glittering stars that we can hang in the porch. The more the better...

*Let's make this Christmas special for one and all!*



## The Boaz Project

Boaz is a local farm-based project that welcomes people with learning disabilities to the world of horticulturally focused work. Over more than a decade it has grown to be a community of volunteers from all walks of life and a few staff who gather during the week to encourage and enable these people to work. The virus and various restrictions have made this harder, but not impossible!

With God's help, the project has re-opened and remains open even during Lockdown 2! The site is a beautiful spot, with lots of fresh air, old breezy wooden tithe barns and wonderful views out across the downs. The location, combined with Covid Secure procedures, has kept the organisation safe, simple and still fun for everyone. During the week you'll find Boaz alive with people feeding chickens, working on allotments, walking donkeys, cooking food, crafting interesting items or doing woodwork.

The organisation does need YOUR help please - but in turn, you'll find you'll discover new things about yourself. So, whether you are able to offer some time, funding or particular skills, please do visit the website and fill out the volunteer application form:

<https://www.boazproject.co.uk/become-a-volunteer.html>

or you can click through to donate.

Easier still, just call up and ask for Stuart or Sally on 01962 961749  
or leave a message.

Many of our members have been attending for over ten years. For them it is their workplace, filled with friendly faces, a part of their identity and a place where they engage in meaningful work at a pace that suits them. As one of our volunteers said recently:

*"It's an honest place where you can be yourself. You come away knowing you have made a difference. You feel good there."*

Boaz is all about working and learning together.

There is a place for you here!

More info on [www.boazproject.co.uk](http://www.boazproject.co.uk)

And on Facebook @ Boaz Project Hampshire

### Chilbolton Coronavirus Support Group

Just a reminder that if you are required to go into isolation and require support with shopping or medication collection, you can contact us:

**by email:** [chilboltoncoronahelp@gmail.com](mailto:chilboltoncoronahelp@gmail.com)

**or telephone:**

Fiona: 01264 860264

Anna or Geoff: 01264 860333

Sue: 01264 860277



## **'Twas the Night Before Christmas**

*by Clement Clarke Moore*

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,  
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
while visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.  
And Mama in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the roof there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
tore open the shutter, and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
gave the lustre of midday to objects below,  
when, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
but a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles, his coursers they came,  
and he whistled and shouted and called them by name:  
"Now Dasher! Now Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! On, Cupid!  
On, Donner and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch!  
To the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

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As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky  
so up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
with the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.  
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
the prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head and was turning around,  
down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
and he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
His eyes--how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
and the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
and the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
and I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head  
soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
and filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
and giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,  
**"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"**



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## **A Brief Note about the Author and the Poem**

Clement Clarke Moore's famous poem, which he named "A Visit From St. Nicholas," was published for the first time on December 23, 1823 by a New York newspaper, the Sentinel. Since then, the poem has been reprinted, translated into innumerable languages and circulated throughout the world.

Clement Clarke Moore was born in 1779 to a well-known New York family. His father, Reverend Benjamin Moore, was president of (what is now) Columbia University and was the Episcopal Bishop of New York. Moore's father also participated in George Washington's first inauguration and gave last rites to Alexander Hamilton after Hamilton was mortally wounded in an 1804 duel with Aaron Burr. Moore himself was an author, a noted Hebrew scholar, spoke five languages, and was an early real-estate owner and developer in Manhattan.

Despite his accomplishments, Clement Clarke Moore is remembered only for "Twas the Night Before Christmas," which legend says he wrote on Christmas Eve in 1822 during a sleigh ride home from Greenwich Village after buying a turkey for his family. Some say the inspiration for Moore's pot-bellied St. Nicholas was the chubby, be whiskered Dutchman who drove Moore to Greenwich Village to buy his holiday turkey. Moore never copyrighted his poem, and only claimed as his own over a decade after it was first made public.

Moore read the poem to his wife and six children the night he wrote it, and supposedly thought no more about it. But a family friend heard about it and submitted the poem to the Sentinel, a newspaper in upstate New York, which published it anonymously the following Christmas. Moore's poem immediately caught the attention and imagination of the state, then the nation, and then the world. Finally, in 1844, he included it in a book of his poetry. Moore died in 1863 and is buried in Trinity Cemetery in Washington Heights, New York. Because of his "mere trifle," as he called it, 175 years ago Clement Clarke Moore almost single-handedly defined our now timeless image of Santa Claus.

### **Hey children here are some questions about the poem!**

1. How do we know that it was very quiet in the house before Saint Nick's arrival?
2. What woke everyone up?
3. What are the names of the reindeer?
4. How is Saint Nick's final greeting different from what we say today?
5. What do you say first thing on Christmas morning?

*Anna Cockram*

## Wherwell Parish Council

### Report from meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (*virtually*)

The Parish Council met via zoom and was joined by HCC Councillor Gibson, District Councillor Drew, a representative from SSE and two members of public.

Helen Vass of SSE gave a very interesting presentation regarding help that is available from SSE during sustained power outages and for the vulnerable in the community. Power outages can be tracked on a smartphone App, or by phoning 105. Helen talked about the SSE priority services register which is available for the vulnerable residents to sign up to. She also reported that their resilience fund opens soon for community organisations to apply for grants for generators or equipment etc. to help with resilience. More information from Helen can be seen elsewhere in the magazine.

The minutes of the September meeting were agreed. There was one matter arising: It was noted that the gentleman who cleans the bus shelter has kindly agreed to also clean the inside of telephone box that houses a defibrillator at no extra charge.

During her financial report, the clerk thanked Cllr Hasselmann for undertaking a half yearly mini audit of the PC accounts and reported everything was found to be in order. The Council agreed to sponsor a prize at Test Valley School presentation evening which is to be held virtually this year. It also agreed to purchase an additional dog waste bin to be fitted in the station yard area in Fullerton and to cover the cost of additional shop/café survey questionnaires from the Plunkett Foundation. The PC considered the purchase of second-hand speed activated signs for the village and the possibility of a dedicated PC website, both were agreed in principle but are subject to further investigations and sufficient funds being available.

The findings of the village survey for a community shop/office were briefly discussed but will be covered in greater depth at a special virtual public meeting to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December. A report will be available on the Chilbolton & Wherwell website and those wishing to receive a printed copy or attend the meeting should contact the clerk by email or phone.

Councillor Gibson reported that HCC worked with partners to immediately distribute £150,000 of funding to support food banks and charities that are helping to support the most vulnerable families in Hampshire during the half term break. As we approach a potentially wet winter, advice on how householders can be prepared, can be found here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanning/whattoplanfor/floodingadvice>

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To sign up for flood alerts visit:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>

Cllr Gibson also reported that recycling centres will remain open during the second lockdown and that the HCC highways department has been completely reorganised. Councillor Drew reported that parking charges in Andover town centre car parks have been suspended for the period of the second lockdown. He also reported that TVBC have received £2.5 million to award discretionary grants to businesses across the borough. Community support groups are still up and running to support residents. Cllr Drew offered his support with on-going “hurdles” with the war memorial repairs and the planning application at Bluebell Lodge.

Three planning applications in the parish were considered by the PC, one was supported, the PC objected to the other two. Decisions, from TVBC, on earlier applications were noted. The PC also agreed to contact TVBC planning department

The owner of the land identified in latest Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) for development has confirmed that they wish to take the project forward in partnership with a developer. The development would provide a combination of private dwellings and semi-detached social housing in the village.

Cllr Hutton reported that things at the Playing Fields are quiet at the moment, but a dangerous fence had been replaced. The recycling centre has been relocated to the playing fields without any loss of parking spaces. TVBC were really engaged with the project and thanks were extended to Michael Platt and his team for their hard work. He also reported that there are more pupils than ever enrolled at the Primary school and higher gates had been erected during the half term break to keep the children safe.

Several road and rights of way issues within the parish have been reported on the relevant HCC portal.

With the increase in the number of cases of Covid-19 and now a second lockdown the Parish Council is keen that residents contact the Coronavirus helpline (01264 860060) if they need help. Cllr Newell is generously continuing to make face masks in lieu of donations to the food bank, anyone requiring one should contact Diane on 01264 720464 or via email: [diane.newell@btinternet.com](mailto:diane.newell@btinternet.com).

Cllr Hasselmann reported that the local small business group is still on-going and thanked Cllr Drew and David Gleave, Economic Development Manager from TVBC for their support.

The PC will be holding an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

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to consider the findings of the shop/café questionnaire, and to consider the notice of disposal of one the community assets at 23 High Street.

The next scheduled meeting will take place in **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January.**

*Sean Hutton, Chair*

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## **Laurie Lee**

I was first introduced to “**Cider with Rosie**” by **Laurie Lee** when still at school and I immediately fell in love with his poetic and highly descriptive way of writing! He really brought to life growing up in the Cotswold landscape and his love of nature.

Chilbolton/Wherwell could almost be an echo of a Cotswold village with the regular sound of the horse and trap passing through and thatched cottages in abundance!

Laurence Edward Alan "Laurie" Lee, [MBE](#) (born in Stroud Gloucestershire on 26 June 1914 – died 13 May 1997) was an English poet novelist and screenwriter, who was brought up in the small village of Slad in Gloucestershire, from the age of 3.



He is best known for his autobiographical trilogy “Cider with Rosie” (1959), “As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning” (1969) and “A Moment of War” (1991). But his first love was always poetry, in which he set out to capture the beauty of the English countryside.

When Laurie Lee died in 1997, *The Guardian* published an obituary which said, “He has a nightingale inside him, a capacity for sensuous, lyrical precisions.”

Here are a few excerpts from Laurie Lee’s writing:

### **Village Christmas**

*‘Christmas today often falls ahead of its time, with signs in the shops appearing soon after the summer holidays. But in my childhood, Christmas began at the proper season, only just before the Feast itself.’*

He goes on to say:

*‘Christmas in the country meant feasts and fires, a few brief days of excess, when even the poorest among us would confront the stern gods of winter with the bravest possible show of good living. Everybody was busy this morning, chopping wood, carrying in logs or sitting on the doorstep plucking ducks or geese. Now had come the time for us to go up to the woods and collect leaves for decorating the house. Among*

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*the black bare trees we shook the snow from the undergrowth with frost-reddened fingers, seeking sharp-spiked holly, bunches of laurel and ivy, cold clusters of moon-pale mistletoe. With these, our sisters transformed the familiar kitchen into a grotto of shinning leaves, an enchanted bower woven from twigs and branches sprinkled with scarlet berries’.*

Are we returning to an appreciation of these precious traditions and natural way of living during lockdown times?

### **A Cold Christmas Walk in the Country**



*‘Outside there is no surprise in the coldness of the morning. It lies on the valley like a frozen goose. The world is white and keen as a map of the Poles and as still as the paper it’s printed on. Icicles hang from the gutters like glass silk stockings and drip hot drops in my hand as I breathe on them.’*

*‘It is a morning for heroes and exhilarating exile, a time to shock the blood back to life, while I go stamping frost-footed along the pathways of iron, over grass that is as sharp as wire, past cottages hollowed out like Hallowe’en turnips all seething with lights and steam.’*

So descriptive and evocative - a picture of a beautiful winter scene. Finally to complete the Laurie’s walk:



*‘I climb back to the village sliding on frozen puddles. They are like holes of sky in the road. A sudden blackbird alarmed skids out of a bush chipping chains of sharp cries behind him. A true note of winter, like an axe on a tree, a barking dog or a daylight owl – each pure and solitary in the pause of silence from which the past and future hang.’*

Anna Cockram

## COVID19

### Safety Measures when trades people visit your home

During this lockdown trades people can continue to visit you to undertake work for you both emergency and routine activity. However, to safeguard you and the trades coming to your home remember:



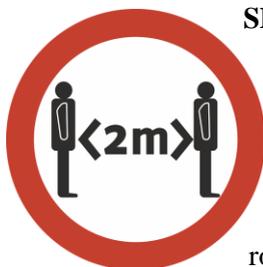
**HANDS:** don't be afraid to ask your trades person to use sanitizer or wash their hands when entering your home. Also try and minimise the surfaces/ door handles they need to touch. Keeping a sanitizer spray near entrances to your home is a good idea for all visitors to your home. Remember gloves are not magic and can harbour germs and viruses as well, especially if not changed regularly, or the hands were

not sanitized before picking them up and putting them on.



**FACE:** Trades peoples should wear a face covering when in your home, don't be afraid to ask them to do so. To safeguard everyone when you or any members of your household are in their vicinity, you too should all wear face coverings. If you cannot wear a face mask style

covering, then consider a face shield.



**SPACE:** Try to ensure you give the trades person as much space as possible and ventilation with open windows and doors where practical. Maintain 2 metre distance where possible and also minimise the number of people in your household that they come into contact with.

Once the work is completed remember to clean the rooms where they have been working, as well as any door handles they may have come into contact with elsewhere in your house with a suitable disinfectant.

**Every little bit helps us all keep safe and well.**



## **Chilbolton Pre-School – Learning Through Play**

Wow...I can't believe another month has passed us by...and so much has happened...we are delighted to be able to remain open during this next lockdown and will continue to ensure the children stay safe, happy and have lots of fun.

Our pumpkin season was great – not only did we enjoy them in our sensory messy tray – cutting and squishing...but our fabulous Committee organised a 'pumpkin pack' fundraiser – which was a great success. A big thank you to XPO Andover who donated some pumpkins to the pre-school for our pumpkin pack fundraiser. The children were provided with a pumpkin, stencils, lights and sweets to take away during half term.

We have also just celebrated Bonfire Night by creating some marvellous sparkly firework pictures with special glitter paints. The children practised their snipping skills by making some firework crafts, great manual handling practise. We all swirled and danced with our coloured scarves, pretending we were fireworks zooming in the sky – some great physical development with this one.

We are currently making the most of our Forest School and all the wonderful opportunities in this area – but we know that once the weather turns and it gets too windy we will have to postpone our visits to this area. Risk taking is a big part of a child's development – having the courage and confidence to 'have a go' is important to us all. Forest School is a wonderful area for this and supervised tree climbing, bug collecting and using different tools all goes on down in the woods.

Most recently the children took turns to use a bow saw with Babs and they pushed and pulled the saw together to cut out little wooden discs which were made into magical spinners - some fantastic listening to the safety rules and following Bab's instructions for this one. What an amazing activity!

As we are a free flow setting, the children are always able to access activities both inside and outside on our patio area – where they get lots of lovely fresh air whilst having more physical fun. We play games such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf', 'Hopscotch', use the giant bricks for construction games, love rolling the cars down the guttering into the 'car wash'...as I said, we really do make the most of our lovely patio.

We are looking forward to our Christmas activities and are determined to

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pack as much fun as possible into the coming weeks. We will be performing our special Nativity Story and will be videoing or live streaming this for the parents to see (as they are still not allowed into the setting). Wow....modern technical and this online magic is fantastic...but it's all beyond me! We are keeping our fingers crossed that Father Christmas may even be able visit us on the patio – for a social distanced wave through the window for us and we will be enjoying lots of Christmas craft, games and songs at our end of term party.

We are looking forward to the New Year and the new adventures that this will bring to us all. We are hoping that things will be a bit 'more normal' for us all by then – but whatever happens you can be sure that Chilbolton Pre-School and its Practitioners will continue to put the children's needs first and we will keep them safe, secure and provide amazing activities for them to enjoy within every area of our beautiful setting.

Whether they are looking at books in the book corner – making playdough snails – creating masterpieces at the paint easel – pretending to be a train driver in role play or building towers with the bricks....the children will all be developing important skills by learning through their play.

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

More fundraising will be taking place during December with our Christmas Prize Draw - we have some fantastic prizes available from local businesses for all members of the family, and we hope to make a real success of raising much needed funds for the children. This will all be done magically 'online' so if you are able to support us by buying a raffle ticket please contact us at Pre-School, or keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website.

Alternatively, if you would like to buy a Christmas gift for us please copy and paste this link into your browser:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2Q1QXQS65B7OZ?ref\\_wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2Q1QXQS65B7OZ?ref_wl_share)

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

*Clarey*

*Gibson*

*Chilbolton Pre-School  
07753 378182*

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## MY TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas my true love  
said to me,  
“I’m glad we bought fresh turkey and a  
proper Christmas Tree”.



On the second day of Christmas, much laughter could be heard  
as we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird.

On the third day we entertained the people from next door.  
The turkey tasted just as good as it had the day before.

Day four, relations came to stay; poor Gran is looking old.  
We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snow-flakes flurried.  
But we were nice and warm inside, for we had our turkey curried.

On the sixth day, I must admit, the Christmas spirit died.  
The children fought and bickered, we ate turkey rissoles, fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love he did wince,  
when he sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince.

Day eight, nerves were getting frayed, the dog had run for shelter.  
I served up turkey pancakes, with a glass of Alka Seltzer.

On the ninth day our cat left home, by lunchtime Dad was blotto.  
He said he had to have a drink to face turkey risotto.

By the tenth day the booze had gone (except our home-made brew).  
And if that wasn't bad enough, we suffered turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, the Christmas tree was moulting.  
The mince pies were as hard as rock and the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day, my true love had a smile upon his lips -  
The guests had gone, the turkey too and we dined on fish and chips.

*Anon*

*Published in Chilbolton & Wherwell Parish Magazine (December 1999)*

## **Chilbolton Parish Council**

The Parish Council met via a Zoom video call on the 2 November and we were joined by our District and County Councillors and one member of the public.

Following our advertisements to co-opt a new member of the Parish Council I am pleased to say that we unanimously approved the appointment of David Hall. David and his family have lived in the village since 2007. He is currently the Chair of the Chilbolton and Wherwell Business Group and a Governor of Test Valley School.

Following the government's recent announcement to introduce further restrictions, the Parish Council's Coronavirus Support Group has agreed to contact vulnerable residents to see if our volunteers can provide any assistance. If you are concerned or in need of assistance then please e-mail [chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk)

Our local Councillors advised us that the household recycling facility and playgrounds will stay open; car parking charges in Andover will be suspended; HCC will fund free school meals over half-term; and TVBC will provide financial support for rate-paying local businesses.

We recently met with Natural England to discuss the longer-term management and maintenance of the Common. As part of this we have agreed not to cut the whole of the common in future years but to focus on topping seed, forming weeds and other invasive species. A small amount of this will take place shortly before the cattle are moved off the site.

We also identified quite an area of blackthorn/bramble/privet scrub which needed knocking back towards the boundaries of the common including along the boundary with the river. This winter we agreed to focus in the north-west corner of the common including removing the low-hanging branches of the willows so that they don't have a chance to root and grow further out.

In previous editions we have stated that we had hoped to discuss the future management of the Common at a Public Meeting when it was safe to do so. Given that this does not seem likely to happen soon we have agreed to seek views in a different way. At its next meeting the Parish Council will consider a briefing paper setting out issues, concerns and options for future management. We will then seek feedback from residents on our proposals

*David Neudegg, Chair*



# THE MAYFLY

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We are looking forward to welcoming you back to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year!

Head chef Nicholas Gunn is joining the team for our re-opening. Come dine in with our pub favourites, signatures dishes, or book ahead for our festive dining menu.

[www.mayflyfullerton.co.uk/christmas](http://www.mayflyfullerton.co.uk/christmas)

Reservations recommended.

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## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – December & January

With so many restrictions as to what we can do and where we can go, “What’s on” now includes online activities.

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Love Actually - Drive in Cinema at Finkley Down <a href="http://www.driveintheatre.uk">www.driveintheatre.uk</a> - Film starts 6pm (entry 5-6)
Bringing Fitness Home	Davina McCall – <a href="http://ownyourgoalsdavina.com">ownyourgoalsdavina.com</a>
Animal Live Webcams	<a href="https://www.marwell.org.uk/zoo/keep-in-touch/webcams">https://www.marwell.org.uk/zoo/keep-in-touch/webcams</a>
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Home Alone - Drive in Cinema at Finkley Down <a href="http://www.driveintheatre.uk">www.driveintheatre.uk</a> - Film starts 6pm (entry 5-6)
	Moscow Drug Club - an intoxicating & intimate musical experience at the Andover Lights, 8pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carl Hutinson’s – Is allowed to play out again! stand-up comedy (AL) 7:30pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Market at the Guildhall Winchester, SO23 9GH – Enquiries 07522 523 519
	Family theatre – Who Goes There, Little Snow Hare at the Andover Lights 1:30pm and 4:30pm
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Polar Express – Drive in Cinema at Finkley Down <a href="http://www.driveintheatre.uk">www.driveintheatre.uk</a> - Film starts 6pm (entry 5-6)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Santa’s Christmas Cracker - Family theatre 10:30am and 1:30pm (AL)
Downloadable walks	<a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/downloadable-walks-in-hampshire">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/downloadable-walks-in-hampshire</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Four Dames in search of a Panto! “A hugely successful” pantomime at Theatre Royal Winchester
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2021	Steam Illuminations on the 'Watercress Line' Fri to Sun 15:50 pm – 21:50 pm - 01962 733810
Wed Jan 13th	Funny Women are inviting you to their Comedy Workout – <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/comedy-workout-january-tickets">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/comedy-workout-january-tickets</a>
Up to 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Andy Singleton - Bodies: Inner/Outer Worlds Exhibition - Winchester Discovery Centre - 873603
Farmers’ Markets open (social distancing) - Enquiries 01420 588671	
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	



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## Wherwell School News

It has been simply fantastic to welcome all of the children back to school. The school is buzzing and alive again, as it should be. The children all seem very happy to be back at school, albeit a slightly different school to the one that they are used to. Everyone is trying very hard to keep each other safe by staying in their bubbles, but also maintaining as many of our school routines as we can so that it feels familiar. As ever, we are incredibly proud of the children who appear to have slipped seamlessly in to our new routines and are embracing everything that school has to offer them.

As we were very aware that our children had very varied experiences during lockdown, as indeed had the staff, we began the school year by working very hard to build on our sense of community. Just one of the methods we used to achieve this was our whole school writing project, using this delightful book “**You’re Never Alone on Planet Earth**”, by Oliver Jeffers. The book covers: some of the nuts and bolts of what planet earth is; the nature of the people and creatures living on it; how we don’t understand it all yet; how we need to look after it and ourselves; and most importantly for us, how the reader always has someone to turn to if they are unsure about anything at all. The children thoroughly enjoyed the book and produced some lovely work.

Right at the beginning of term we enjoyed an **Activity day**, again part of plans to bring our community back together as one. During this day the children from years 1 to 6 had great fun trying out lots of new activities such as tri-golf, archery and yoga to name a few. This year has taught us to be creative and think differently at every turn. As we are not able to open our doors to prospective parents who are seeking a school place for September 2021, we have filmed a virtual tour with the help of some students from Winchester University. We are very proud of the results, which can be seen on our school website.

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Here are just some of our highlights of the term to date.

Some of **our youngest children in Robin's** Class have been writing to the fairies who live in the trees and the fairies have been so impressed with the children's work that they have written back. The children have also made little fairy doors so that the little folk can get in and out of the trees whenever they want



to.

**Puffins** have been doing some Yoga in the classroom using a Halloween Cosmic Kids story called Ruby Broom.

**Kingfishers** Class was buzzing with excitement when they planned and carried out an experiment to find out what the best material was to make a Roman boat float. They made boats out of different materials, making sure the boats were all the same shape and size and then tested them in water to see which materials worked best. We found out that fabric is a terrible material for the Romans to use for their boats because it is absorbent but plastic (bubble wrap) and metal (tin foil) worked the best. There was an extra layer of excitement in the room as the film crew were in filming the results of the experiment!

**Sparrowhawks** have been studying the Plantagenet Family Tree in their history lessons. They have been learning about Edward IV and the House of York (the white rose) and Henry VI and the House of Lancaster (the red rose). The class had divided opinions on whether Richard III was guilty or not guilty of murdering his two nephews in The Tower of London (in common with historians all over the world!)

**Our oldest children in Housemartin's** have been learning about fossils and they recreated the layers of rock using a very creative method. They made a model using trifle ingredients to represent the fossil record. The different layers represented the sedimentary rocks over time. There were two colours of jelly, whipped cream, custard, crushed cereal and edible glitter. The children buried 'fossils' (different sweets) in the layers, to show how fossils changed and evolved over time. The oldest fossils were in the bottom layer and newest at the top. They then 'discovered' the fossils when they became uncovered due to rock uplift and erosion (basically by sticking spoons in and eating the trifles!).

We have also been working very hard on our remote learning platform. The children have been able to practice accessing it at school so that are familiar with how to use it should they need to. It has proved popular with children, parents and teachers and has already been put to good use! *cont on page 26*

As ever, we encourage the children at Wherwell to be considerate citizens who think about others and not just themselves. To this end, we have taken part in two charity fund raising events. Firstly, in September we wore our Jeans to school in order to raise money for Jeans4Genes and were very proud to raise £151. In November we raised money for Children in Need by coming to school in our own clothes again. Recently, we have really been thinking about the theme of “Making the Best of Things” so our theme for Children in Need is to wear mix and match clothes.

As ever, we remain very grateful to our parents for their support and positivity, hugely thankful for our marvellous staff team and above all tremendously proud of our children who have adapted to all of the challenges that we are presented with.

*Mrs. M. Collins Headteacher*



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

Please note we will be closed for rehoming over the festive period as this is often a busy time so can be stressful for a new cat to settle. Please get in touch if you would like to offer one of our cats a home ahead of our closure, or, in the New Year once we have reopened.

Dot is at least 15 years old and looking for her ideal home to live out her twilight years. She came into care as a stray in a very bad state and after many visits to the vets she is now stabilised on her thyroid tablets. She is looking for a quiet home where someone is home part of the day and can provide a cosy bed.

Every year we run a shoebox appeal for the cats in our care at Christmas time. The idea is to fill a shoebox with items our cats can enjoy so they can have some excitement on Christmas Day. We suggest items such as blankets, toys, treats and food, plus they will also love the box. Boxes can be left at Pets at Home or, for those unable to drop off, please call us to arrange collection.

**We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.**





## **Woods in Autumn and early Winter – a Sensory Experience**

A second lockdown has thrown us back onto nature again. Although not as stringent as the first lockdown, the inevitable stress of coping is calmed by walking in woods. The permanence and the solidity of trees is very soothing. Take your time. Notice what is around you. Stay quiet. Use all your senses to the max.

One morning on the edge of the Harewood Forest under a clear blue sky suddenly there was the smell of apples. Scattered below a small twisted tree, were hundreds of small golden apples glowing in the sunshine, their cidery scent filling the air. Musky smells of leaf mould hung under the trees, from the amazing network of mycorrhizae snaking through the earth between them. This acts as messaging system and as a food source. It alerts trees to damage and at the same time enables the uptake of nutrients. A massive fallen beech tree with riven branches and leafy boughs must have sent urgent messages far and wide as, still in leaf, it cracked and fell in a recent gale. Its canopy space, now empty, was filled by a soaring buzzard. New life will surge into the unaccustomed light next spring and the scents will change.

Looking up, the colours are wonderful. As the trees withdraw their green chlorophyll, beautiful yellows, oranges and reds emerge. In the light airs the constant patter and movement of falling leaves is kaleidoscopic. The earth is beautifully patterned with them. Look for reflections in rain drops and cloud shadows as you walk. Take time just to look.

Take time to listen. There's less traffic and no aircraft so you can hear tiny sounds, leaf fall, birds' contact calls fretting the air, wind moving silkily through the grass. Water makes a wide range of noises of varying pitch, rain hangs and drips from twigs, and one branch creaks against another. You can hear the wing beats of pigeons noisily leaving their perches above you and the changing sound of your footfall.

Taste the wind, it really tastes different under trees than in the surrounding fields! Feel it on your face.

Trail your fingers over the smooth bark of a beech. Oak by contrast is deeply furrowed, and seems inhabited by tiny lichens and insects beloved of tree creepers. Bird Cherry has amazing alternating rings of bark circling the trunk, some smooth and silky, some rough and crisp; all beautifully coloured in grey and russet. Shut your eyes and explore them through your fingertips.

Whatever you call it, mindfulness, meditation, it is all really about allowing your senses to lead you. Enjoy your senses in the autumn and winter woods, take your time and restore a little calm.

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## Wherwell School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Like many schools, Wherwell rely on their **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** for fundraising to help provide the children with equipment and opportunities that are outside of the (very tight) school budget.

This term the PTA have provided the school with new iPads to allow the teaching staff to increase the provision of on-line and remote learning – very essential, given the present circumstances. We are now looking at fundraising to provide equipment to furnish some cosy corners for the children in school who need some space away from the classroom for quiet learning or support, along with continuing support for music and sport provision in school.

The PTA is a registered charity and is run by a group of volunteer parents, family members and staff of the school, who give their time and energy to fundraising and also to promoting the school as part of the local community. We would also warmly welcome members of the local community to come on board as ‘**friends**’ of the PTA, if they would like to be involved.

The committee over the last year have faced enormous challenges as their hard work planning the big ticket annual events, such as the fun run and school fete, sadly could not go ahead. This new school year has started with equally challenging fundraising restrictions in place and a difficult ambitious target to meet.

We would love the local community to get involved in our upcoming events and lend some much needed support to our local school.

The first event which we are planning this year is a **Christmas tree sale** – supplying fresh Nordmann Fir trees available for socially distanced collection on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December (local delivery that weekend, if requested, is available for a very small fee). These Nordmann Firs are fantastic value and with a large proportion of the sale price going to the PTA! We therefore urge you to consider buying your tree this way this year. Trees will need to be pre-booked so please see the flyer in this newsletter for details of how to purchase, or drop us an email at [hello@wherwellschoolpta.com](mailto:hello@wherwellschoolpta.com) and we will be in touch.



*Anna Pillar*



**Stockbridge Cinema**  
**December 2020 and January 2021 films**

Wednesday 9 December 2020

**Military Wives (12A)**

A feel-good film, inspired by true events, *Military Wives* follows a group of women in England whose partners are away serving in Afghanistan. Faced with the men's absences, they form a choir and quickly find themselves at the centre of a media sensation and global movement.

Friday 15 January 2021

**Cinema Paradiso (15)**

Giuseppe Tornatore's loving homage to the cinema tells the story of Salvatore, a successful film director, returning home for the funeral of Alfredo, his old friend who was the projectionist at the local cinema throughout his childhood. Soon memories of his first love affair with the beautiful Elena and all the high and lows that shaped his life come flooding back, as Salvatore reconnects with the community he left 30 years earlier. (In Italian with English subtitles)

Wednesday 20 January 2021

**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. [Postponed from November 2020]

***Information common to all 3 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](http://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.

*Paul Kidd*  
*Stockbridge Community Cinema*  
01264 811179  
07732 580721



## Project Blackcap – part 4

As you may have read in the magazine before, for past three years I've been helping with research into the migration of a small bird, the Blackcap. This is a joint project between the Universities of Oxford and Exeter, the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), and the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Biology in Germany.

Our UK breeding Blackcaps leave us in the autumn and spend their winter in Iberia or North Africa. But other birds come here, and spend the winter in our gardens. It's these wintering birds that are being studied – to find out where they come from, and whether they return to the same areas.

We fit coloured rings on their legs, so that each bird can be individually identified when seen again. During the past three winters, in my Chilbolton garden I've fitted over a hundred Blackcaps with colour rings. Several have returned to my garden in the following year, but one was seen spending the subsequent winter in Swindon, and another in Maidenhead. We expect many will again be returning to village gardens this month, which is where you can please help!

If you feed the birds and see Blackcaps in your garden, look out for any bird with coloured rings and please let me know if you see one. If you can, also note the colours on each leg, or photograph the bird. But that's quite difficult, so I'd like to hear about any Blackcap with colour rings even if you can't note all the colours.

How do we find out where the birds come from? Well, over twenty of the birds have also been fitted with tiny back-pack "geo-locator" devices that continuously record ambient light levels. If we re-capture a bird and retrieve the "geo-locator", it's possible to work out where it's been during the previous summer. It's not easy, but we have retrieved several of the devices in Chilbolton. These have given the project scientists some big surprises.

Based on a very small sample from past German research, it was expected that our wintering birds would be mostly from breeding areas to the east – probably southern Germany or Austria. In the event, one did come from just south of Munich, but three Chilbolton birds had spent the summer breeding season in different parts of central France, and one came from the Slovenian border of Italy. Also, by a remarkable chance, one of our Chilbolton colour-ringed birds was trapped by a research scientist whilst working on another project in northern Germany, near Rostock. Results from geo-locators retrieved elsewhere in Southern England, have revealed a

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similar pattern - with birds originating from a very wide area of continental Europe. Our Cornish colleagues even found a bird that had apparently been breeding in north-west Spain!

All of the UK results so far have been combined with results from parallel research in Austria and Germany, and have just this month been published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society. But there is always more to be learned, so do please contact me if you should see a colour-ringed Blackcap this winter. If we are very lucky, it might even be a bird with a geo-locator, and we might be able to work out where it spent last summer.

*Glynne Evans* ( [hantsbto@hotmail.com](mailto:hantsbto@hotmail.com) )

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## **TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL LICENSING ACT 2003 - Public Notice**

**Garth Jacobs of Clos du Marquis** is applying for the **new grant** of a **Premises Licence** for

**Nomads House, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire SO206HE**

If granted the application will allow the following licensable activities to take place:

**Sale of alcohol on the premises, sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises**

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so by writing to:

Licensing Manager, Legal & Democratic Service, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, ANDOVER, Hampshire SP10 3AJ  
Tel: 01264 368013 Email: [licensing@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@testvalley.gov.uk)

Representations may be made for 28 consecutive days from the date of this notice.

A copy of the application for the grant of the above licence is kept by the Licensing Authority at the above address. The application can be viewed during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and a person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to an unlimited fine.

**12 November 2020**

## **Award winning wine made right here in Wherwell BLACK CHALK**

If you've lived locally for a few years, you can't fail to have noticed the gradual cultivation of nearby hillsides as vineyards. Maybe you occasionally buy a bottle of the local 'champagne', serving it to friends alongside smoked trout as proof of the fabulous food pedigree associated with our beautiful stretch of countryside. You may also have wondered what has been going on at the bottom of Fullerton Road recently. A couple of years ago the familiar Cottonworth sign above the wine shop disappeared and was replaced by Black Chalk. On the shelves, Cottonworth white and rosé was replaced by Black Chalk Classic and Wild Rose.

### **Winemaking in Hampshire**

First, a bit of background. Most vineyards in Hampshire don't actually produce their own wine. Instead they send their grapes away to a winery for vinification and bottling, before selling the wine under their own label. Cottonworth was made in this way at the Hatingley Valley winery in Alresford - and by a specific winemaker, Jacob Leadley. After quitting the City of London in 2009, Jacob made the decision to retrain as a winemaker. He qualified at Plumpton College in Sussex, the UK's centre of excellence for wine education and research, then spent some time in New Zealand before starting his new career in Alresford. Having got to know Cottonworth and its grapes, he eventually approached the owners, local family the Liddells, with a view to taking over their vineyards and the red brick barns at the bottom of Fullerton Road, known as The Old Dairy.

### **Family affair**

Jacob set up Black Chalk with the help of his family, including wife Rebecca and brother-in-law, Andrew, who is the company's Sales Director. In total the company has acquired 30 acres of vineyards, with 45,000 vines capable of producing 90 tonnes of grapes and 80,000 bottles. To get the brand up and running, the company bottled their first Black Chalk wine in Alresford in 2018 using grapes from the 2015 vintage. Since then, Black Chalk Classic 2016 and Black Chalk Wild Rose 2017 have won three Gold Medals up against French champagnes at international competitions - not a bad start to life for the new brand.

### **Why Black Chalk?**

Branding is a subtle art form that can boost sales. A natural substance, black chalk was used by old masters from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to make preliminary sketches and, since



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the Renaissance, for finished drawings. The smudged chalk on the Black Chalk logo references this technique, alluding to heritage, artistry and a hand-made, rather than mass-produced product. Chalk, of course, is also the predominant geological feature of southern England where sparkling wine is produced. Simple!

### **New winery in Wherwell**

The company's ambition was always to make their own wine from local grapes and in 2019 the family made plans for a smart new winery in Fullerton Road. With an immediate objective of harvesting the 2020 vintage (25,000 bottles available for purchase in 2023), there was no time to lose in constructing the building and installing the necessary equipment. Inside the black shed are twenty-six fermentation vessels, a huge oak cask to impart flavour to certain wines, and a variety of mechanical devices, including the intriguingly-named riddling machine in which the bottles are rotated by small increments, using gravity to draw the sediment into the neck. The 2020 vintage has not been without challenges. In May, sharp frosts required the deployment of heated frost guards in the vineyards for eight nights.

### **Where is the wine sold?**

Anyone can walk into the shop and purchase Black Chalk sparkling wine, with a good case discount on offer. It is also available from wine shops in Alresford, Winchester and shortly in Stockbridge. However, despite the growing number of local connoisseurs, much wider promotion is needed to build awareness of the brand and reach target sales levels. Andrew looks after Hampshire business himself, with a dedicated team handling UK sales. Exports are also very important and Black Chalk is already exporting to Belgium and Japan, where it is on the menu at a number of Michelin starred restaurants including, for those of you who are desperate to travel again, Kikunoi in Kyoto and Sushi Sho in Tokyo, along with listings at high-end retailers Mitsukoshi-Isetan and Hankyu - just don't ask how much it costs there!

### **Future plans in Wherwell**

It's early days, but there are already plans afoot to attract more visitors to the winery and vineyard. Vineyard tours and lunches are set to increase – **see exclusive offer for local residents below** – and plans have already been approved to convert the old wrought iron workshop at the left-hand end of the building to a café with courtyard, where the wines and other delicacies will be on sale to locals, cyclists and other visitors. Corporate events are also on the horizon and romantic couples can continue to stage their wedding receptions in the beautiful setting of the 'Circle', a maze-like vineyard in the field between the winery and the Test at Cottonworth.

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On the production side, volumes of Black Chalk sparkling wine will gradually increase as demand grows and the Test Valley becomes a better-known growing region in the wine world. Something special to look forward to will be the production in 2021 of a still Rosé from local grapes harvested this year. Let's hope our social lives are all in better shape by the time it is ready!

**Final thought.....fancy a job pruning vines?**

There's no guarantee you'll possess the qualifications but, should you do so, all 45,000 vines need to be pruned in January each year. Each one takes five minutes – you do the maths!

*Stephen MacDonald*



The Black Chalk team in front of their pressing machine. Jacob Leadley (centre), Andrew Seden (second from left).

# **BLACK CHALK SPECIAL OFFER FOR MAGAZINE READERS**

Magazine readers will receive a **30% discount** off the Black Chalk vineyard tour and tasting vouchers purchased during December and January through the Black Chalk website [www.blackchalkwine.co.uk](http://www.blackchalkwine.co.uk) or by contacting the team on 01264 860440 or at [info@blackchalkwine.co.uk](mailto:info@blackchalkwine.co.uk). Promotion Code **W+C2020** must be quoted. The vouchers can be used whenever you like. Idea for a Christmas present maybe?



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## CHILBOLTON OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)

I last wrote an article in our magazine in June. I was then Chairman of the Parish Council. As you probably know I am no longer the Chairman. I am grateful to David Neudegg for taking on this role. I remain on the Parish Council as Vice Chairman. I also remain the Chairman of COSC.

COSC is a sub-committee of the Parish Council and is responsible for looking after the "open spaces" within the parish. Broadly these are the Common, the War Memorial Playing Field, West Down, the footpaths and bridleways, the allotments and various other small pieces of land e.g. Stocks Green. We meet once a month on the second Thursday. Currently we hold virtual meetings using Zoom. Anyone who wants to can "attend". Just tell our clerk Mandy in advance. With the responsibilities I have outlined, we are a very busy committee. In order to share the load, various people have particular areas of responsibility: Moya Grove (the Common); Glynne Evans (West Down); Nick Horne (the playing field); Terry Gilmore (the allotments); Alan James (machinery maintenance) and footpaths and bridleways (myself). I am writing this article in my capacity as the Chairman of COSC. I thought it was about time I reported on our activities. To report fully would take up much time and space and would probably tax your patience. These are the main matters I would like to share with you.

### **The Common.**

I don't propose to dwell on the difficulties we experienced during the lockdown and in the summer. I reported on these in my June 2020 article. As I pointed out then, we cannot prevent people from coming onto the Common. Although we, the Parish Council own it, a bridleway runs right across it entitling the public to walk or ride along it. We are not entitled to close the bridleway. If we did so, we would be acting unlawfully. We are entitled to make rules as to how the public use the Common. The trouble is we have no power to enforce them. There are a significant number of people who visited the Common this year who will not comply with them. A case in point is the Wild Life Area.

Natural England, with whom we have a Management Agreement, are very keen to keep people away from the banks of the Purleygigg Stream. It is an area very rich in wild flowers and these are being trampled on by, for example, picnickers. The problem is that, quite naturally, people like to picnic on the banks of the stream. I gave up trying to stop people after being subjected to vile abuse. This is likely to remain a problem without a solution. We think the changes we made to the area where cars are parked helped to maintain access to the four dwellings on the Common. Currently, we are organising the annual autumnal cut of the Common plus the clearance of the

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Abbot's Stream. We will be making a big effort next year to tackle creeping thistle. Ragwort is no longer a significant problem. We will also be repairing the gravel tracks as soon as we get a dry period.

### **The Allotments**

We have cut down two dying ash trees and tidied up the area surrounding the allotments. It is pleasing to see them being well used.

### **Machinery Maintenance**

We have replaced the two stolen brush cutters but we have not yet received any payment from our insurers. Mandy is chasing them. We are painting the container. The application of the green top coat is proving problematic. We will keep trying our best. Alan is an unsung hero. Without him maintaining our equipment we would have a very large bill.

### **The Parish Paths**

I am pleased to report these are all clear. As usual this time of year they are becoming rather muddy. There is nothing we can do about this. During the summer our volunteers were called on to remove trees that had fallen across rights of way. We were able to do this quickly at minimal cost to the tax payers.

### **Stocks Green.**

We are about to remove the dying tree and replace it. TVBC have given permission.

### **War Memorial Playing Field.**

With Covid 19 there is no football. The playing field has been cut regularly and looks in good condition. The play area is open. We have a problem with rot at the base of some of the posts. We are negotiating with the suppliers. about this. During the summer low level vandalism was a problem. The basketball hoops have been badly damaged by people swinging on them and climbing up onto them. Bored youths I suspect. We have an Action Group which is energetically looking at ways of improving the facilities.

### **West Down**

I have just spent the afternoon cutting brambles. It was a lovely mild, sunny afternoon. There were about eight volunteers raking up and burning the cut brambles. We have made excellent progress and if you haven't been up to West Down recently, do take a look at the enclosed area. The three Ruby Red cows are still there. We have cut a path to a gate leading from West Down to Test Valley Farm. Andrew Gibson has kindly agreed to allow the cattle to graze his land. We will be able to move them to and fro as appropriate. The rest of West Down is about to be cut by our contractor. I would like to thank the volunteers for their hard work. It is actually very satisfying particularly when the weather is fine. Why don't you come and try it? We already have some fresh faces which is nice. Every little helps and it is good, healthy

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outdoor exercise. Just the thing to strengthen your immune system. Much better than those multi-vitamins! We meet every Tuesday at 2 pm in the top car park. Just turn up.

I would like to thank all the members of COSC for their massive contribution. I would like to thank the West Down volunteers. Finally, I would like to thank you. You know who you are. You picked up the disgraceful amounts of litter left by some visitors to the Common.

*David Griffiths  
Chairman COSC*

## *Clos Du Marquis - Exciting news for 2021!!*

*Clos du Marquis French Restaurant is relocating to Stockbridge High Street. After 16 amazing years at the Leckford Hutt, we are starting the New Year at Nomads House in Stockbridge (on the left near the Town Hall). We will offer the same quality food, service and ambience, in a new location. Looking forward to welcoming all our guests to an exciting new chapter for the Clos du Marquis.*

*We hope to open the Leckford restaurant as normal post 2nd December, subject to Covid regulations. Christmas menus will be available - please visit our Facebook page for further updates and to book online. A Merry Christmas to all our friends and regulars!*



### **Sitting on West Down looking at the view to the West**

It is surprising what the landscape holds. Sit for a while on one of the West Down seats overlooking the Mayfly, and, (ignoring the crash of bottles hitting the recycling bins....!) think about who has been there before you.

West Down is on a chalk valley-side sloping to the confluence of the Anton and the Test. It is topped with a deep spread of gravel. This dates from inter- and post-glacial times when the River Test roared its way across a higher landscape than now. It was heavily charged with debris released from upstream every spring by the thawing of the post glacial ice eroded land. The river has since cut itself into the landscape leaving this gravel river terrace high and dry.

A deep sided valley, now dry, holds the carpark (and the recycling centre) but also is the route for the hollow way called the Mark Way. You can walk up part of it until sadly, the old track runs out into a dump of debris cleared from the wartime airfield which cuts across it. This ancient trackway is one of a complex system of routes of all ages which crisscross England. Before the airfield cut it off it ran to the Leckford hut and on to Winchester. It was reopened on a different route past the radio telescope some years ago. Of the old roads some are drove roads for moving stock to market, some are Saxon **herepaths**, literally a war road, along which Saxon soldiers marched. But this one is older than that. It probably dates from the Neolithic, and it and its continuations extend from the Solent to Cumbria. We know this because along its length have been found Neolithic axe heads. Some of these ceremonial and precious objects were honed from much prized igneous rocks found only in Cumbria and traded throughout the land. The track maybe even older than that as a group of Palaeolithic axes were found near the confluence too. It is no surprise that the parish boundary follows the Mark Way. It is truly ancient.

There are several terraces on the western flank of West Down and these are ancient fields called **lynchets**. A lynchets is an earth terrace found on the side of a hill, a feature of ancient field systems of the British Isles. Continuous ploughing on a slope leads to the formation of a terrace and these tell of Iron Age people, the first to have primitive ploughs. Here would be a very sensible place to live and farm. It's a warm, west facing, dry site not far from relatives at Danebury Hill Fort and Stockbridge Down, on a useful cross road by a fish filled river. Sadly, if there were any traces of Iron Age farms in this area, pre-war gravel digging probably destroyed them. It is likely that the flat peat filled floor of the Test Valley was difficult to cross, so this spot where the Test is in one channel must have been a useful fording place.

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Later the Romans lived in the Anton Valley at the Villa at Fullerton; the Saxons founded Chilbolton village further up the Test Valley and the Vikings sailed up the river to Andover. A canal and a railway came and went and another long-distance path followed.

As you listen to the modern road traffic, hauling itself (often inaccurately!) round the bend at the Mayfly Bridge, it makes you part of an amazing continuum of people who have travelled past this spot since possibly 8000 BC.

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## FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DONATIONS



Every year the foodbank gives Christmas hampers to families and individuals who are struggling. These hampers make an enormous difference to the festive season, helping alleviate the many financial pressures and allowing people to celebrate the season rather than exist through it.

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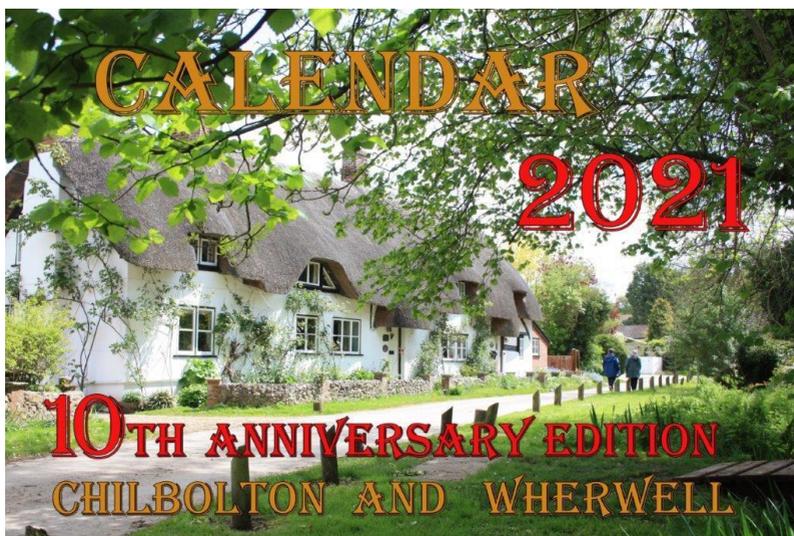
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Please continue your amazing generosity after Christmas. The winter will be very tough.

# Wherwell History Group 2021 Calendar



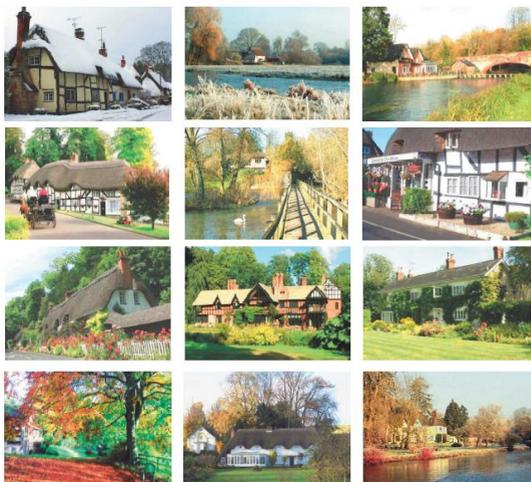
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Mike Gee & Andrew Flanagan

## Wherwell History Group – Programme of Talks



January 15<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Clifford Williams

### **Policing Andover during World War 2**



February 19<sup>th</sup>

Graham Mackenzie

### **The Life, Times and History of SS Shieldhall**



March 19<sup>th</sup>

Duncan Colin-Jones

### **The Civil War in the Meon Valley**

National Lockdown rules permitting, 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

For 2021, an annual membership fee of £15 gives free admission to all talks.

For non-members, the admission fee is £4, per event.

*Andrew Flanagan*

## To All Magazine Contributors

We are eternally grateful for the regular contributions provided by villagers for the magazine each month. However, we would be even more grateful if the submissions were all provided in the A5 Template format.

If you are a contributor and already doing this – thank you! If not, please ask the magazine Content Manager to email you the template next month before you copy and paste your submission into it. Many thanks.

*Stephen MacDonald, Mag Chairman*

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