

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

Where can you find an amateur dramatic group, history society, singers, walkers, badminton players, book clubs, social networks and more? Welcome to June - and what a month it will be - we have 2 village fetes, lots of summer walking, picnics, fundraising and fun for all the family. Let's all hope the weather is good to all of the planned events and no more of the early morning frosts we have seen well into May. If you are new to the village or been here a while summer is a great time to meet new people and get involved in the abundance of good social networks which span our corner of Hampshire.

Carole Marits

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Sarah Tall



# Church Matters

## The Downs Benefice

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## From The Church Records

### Chilbolton

#### Funeral

3rd May 2012

Jean Taylor

### Wherwell

#### Wedding

26th May 2012

Bryan Thomas Strom and Elizabeth Jane Hampson

Church Services June 2012					
	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Trinity Sunday</b>					
Family Communion			10.00am	10.00 am	
Common Worship with HC					10.00 am
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Evensong	6.00pm				
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme			2.30 pm		
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June First Sunday after Trinity</b>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00am		
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Evensong					6.00 pm
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June The Second Sunday after Trinity</b>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
Family Service					10.00 am
CW Holy Communion	10.00 am				
Matins				10.00 am	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
Holy Communion	10.30 am		9.30 am		
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>					
Flowerdown HC			2.30 pm		
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>					
House Communion			10.00am		
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June The Birth of John the Baptist</b>					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Family Service of Thanksgiving following the Fete (Marquee on fete site)	10.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship with Sunday School		10.00 am			
Peace & Healing			6.00pm		
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
Meditation			7.00 pm		

## THE RECTORY LITTLETON

June 2012

Dear Friends,

Here we are at last! The years and months of preparation and gathering excitement have finally brought us to the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. But I wonder how many of you have really thought about what a jubilee is? It is a word we are all vaguely familiar with, you know it means a celebration, but beyond that you may not realise that it has its roots in Jewish history.

The Book of Leviticus in the Old Testament (Chapter 25 v 1-17) speaks of how every 7th year should be a sabbatical, a year of rest, for the land. After 7 x 7 years, the 50th year then becomes a kind of super sabbatical year – the year of jubilee. The procedure for it was quite explicit, first it should be declared a sacred year, a year of liberation for all the inhabitants, which was particularly important for slaves at that time. Everyone was to return to their ancestral home, and land reverted to its original owner, so people only bought land by leasehold, for the number of years left to the next jubilee. The land was left fallow that year, with the people eating whatever happened to come up.

Underlying all this was an exhortation not to exploit other people or the land – in fact the instructions go on to say ‘Land will not be sold absolutely, for the land belongs to me (God), and you are only strangers and guests of mine’. As time went on western civilization tended to adopt a rather different approach in which the tendency was towards dominating, conquering and exploiting the land, and one can imagine the horror today if everyone had to return their property to the original owners!

However, I think we can see something of the spirit of Jubilee in the planting of trees taking place across the land, and the growing sense of responsible stewardship and care for our fragile planet. The street parties to which all are made welcome capture something of the generosity intended in the original jubilee year. Perhaps the most fitting tribute to our Queen and to the God in whom she believes and trusts, would be to carry that spirit of jubilee forward through the remainder of this year and into the future. If we embrace the principles of good stewardship of the land, giving back as much as we take, and dealing fairly with each other, without exploitation, surely this would be a land fit for a queen and for her sovereign Lord.

With love in Christ,

*Juliet*

## Wherwell Church Restoration Project

Dedication Service conducted by the Bishop of Basingstoke



On Sunday 29th April, the Church was packed with a full congregation including members of the Downs Benefice Community. The Rt Rev Peter Hancock, Bishop of Basingstoke and Reverend Juliet Montague conducted a service to celebrate the completion of phase one of the

major restoration project which included a new nave roof, the re-shingling of the tower and spire, and the installation of a chiming apparatus for the bells.

The congregation also included representatives of grant-making trusts who had supported the project. In particular Lady Appleyard, Chairman of the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust who congratulated all those involved with this project and briefly spoke about the work of the Trust.

This service in part replicated a similar service held in December 1858, when the then Bishop of Winchester dedicated the recently completed 'new' church. As then, Bishop Peter was greeted by '*a merry peal*' from bells that until the installation of the Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus had not been rung regularly for more than half a century. Quoting from a newspaper article on the service in 1858, the Bishop hoped that he could emulate the then Bishop and give '*an eloquent and striking discourse*' which indeed he did.

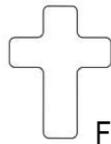
The opportunity was also taken to dedicate two sets of new vestments, purple and red, made by Churchwarden Pam Prince. In all there are four sets of differing colours, totalling 44 pieces, donated by families associated with the church and took Pam four years to complete.

This was also an opportunity to use Wherwell's Church plate dating from 1650 which was almost certainly used by Bishop Sumner at the 1858 Dedication Service. The silver chalice and two patens are usually held in the Treasury at Winchester Cathedral for safe keeping, but were brought out for this special occasion.

The Wherwell Singers under the direction of Dr. Dale Webb took part in the service and their repertoire included Hubert Parry's 'I was Glad' accompanied by trumpeters and horn players from the Andover Town Band.

Phase two of the restoration project is now underway. This will include a new heating system, the refurbishment and enclosure of the Vestry and interior decoration. It has also been decided to bring the peal of five bells back to full-circle ringing.

*Anna Lipa*



Simply Sunday

Fun, food and activity for families



### **Family Bike Rides and Tea -**

17 June, 15 July, 16 September, 21 October 2012

Meet at Chilbolton Village hall at 2.30pm.

Off-road bike rides suitable for all for all ages and abilities.

Short rides for little people and longer rides for bigger people followed by tea at the village hall. Please bring your bike, helmet and a drink for the ride. Tea is provided free of charge.

If you would like any further information, please contact  
Gaynor and Max Childs, Tel 860044



### **Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch Report**

Two things have come to the fore during the last month. Firstly, the number of silent calls: we have sometimes had two a day. Although we are registered with TPS (Telephone Preference Service 0845 070 0707) calls are still getting through. The calls are probably from abroad and there is little that can be done to stop them. When I do get a live response, I have been advised to get the name of the company and complain to Trading Standards tel. 01962 833620.

Secondly, those of you who have registered as members of Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch and are on e-mail will have received details of the anti-doorstep cold calling campaign run by the Daily Mirror on 3rd May. In the newspaper they produced a bright yellow strongly worded sign telling cold callers to go away and not come back. They say this can also be downloaded from their website [www.mirror.co.uk/investigations](http://www.mirror.co.uk/investigations) but I can't find it! However, I can send you a copy if you let me know you want one.

Last but not least, I reiterate that if you see something suspicious, please dial the police on 101 THERE AND THEN, with a vehicle number and description if appropriate and the police will respond.

*Maria Watson Tel: 860415 e-mail: [mwatson.cottage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mwatson.cottage@hotmail.co.uk)*

## The River is Flowing

A Celebration of Wherwell Abbey in Words and Music, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012

What a relief it was to awake on Saturday morning to bright sunshine - the prolonged wet spell had been the greatest worry for the Production Team! It was wonderful that over 350 people gathered in the grounds of Wherwell Priory to celebrate the past glories of Wherwell Abbey in song and verse, uniquely performed by the Andover Town Band, the Spotlight Singers, Craig Morgan Robson, the Wherwell Singers, 26 children from Wherwell School – with their music teacher and headmaster, and a small group of actors. The musical director was Professor June Boyce Tillman from Winchester University who also played the *River Woman*; the River Test was the motif flowing through the Pageant - and literally through Wherwell Priory!. She was partnered by the *Green Man* (George Marits) a historic figure from pre-Christian days. Together they narrated the story from the dinosaurs up to the present day.



Not everyone knows that under the lawns and house of Wherwell Priory lie hidden the ruins of a great Benedictine Abbey, founded in the 10<sup>th</sup> century by *Queen Elfhryth*, (known popularly as Elfrida), wife of *King Edgar the Peaceful* (959-975). History tells us that the Queen founded the Abbey and church to atone for the death of her step-son, Edward, (known in Corfe, Dorset as *Edward the Martyr*) – in whose murder she was implicated - to ensure the succession of her own son, Ethelred, to the throne.

Wherwell Abbey - or nunnery - was one of the six great Anglo-Saxon monasteries founded by the descendants of Alfred the Great; in its heyday, the Abbey was over 60 metres long and comparable in size to Romsey Abbey.

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What transformed this performance from being a mere spectacle, was not just the audience participation in hymns and songs, but a sense of re-creating the past as part of Wherwell's life today. We sympathised with the repentance of *Queen Elfrida* (played by Anna Lipa); we marvelled at the achievements of the *Abbess Matilda* (Revd. Juliet Montague) – who travelled from St Omer in Flanders - and mourned her early death in a remarkable hymn which has survived. Her niece, the *Blessed Euphemia*, (Mary Grey), developed the Abbey and its farms to its most historic achievements. Queen Elfrida's maid servant was valiantly played by Alice Hobbs, who nimbly skipped over 200 years to reappear as the servant of Abbess Euphemia. A fair was established – Wherwell's sheep fair was famous and the folk songs of the Spotlight Singers captured the mood very well.

After the destruction of the Abbey by Henry VIII – sung dramatically by the children “*Tramp, tramp, the beat of the drums*”, the earth reclaimed the convent. At this point in the story, the church bells rang out a special prelude and then the whole audience moved in procession from Wherwell Priory to Wherwell parish church, singing “*We are walking on the way that leads from old to new*”, accompanied by Andover Town Band. Thus was the Abbey's history carried into the present, through some wonderful motets by the Wherwell Singers. Not only were figures from the past, who had contributed to the development of the Church commemorated, but the Queen's Jubilee was included - most notably by Sir John Tavener's *Hymn to a Sovereign* – which had only ever been sung once before.

Past and present came together through the inter-faith prayers which occurred after each verse of the hymn, and by the children leaving posies of fresh herbs on the tomb of Blessed Euphemia, as they left the Church – and once again the church bells rang out loud and clear.

It was certainly a day to remember. Not since 1936 had there been a Wherwell pageant and some of the original text, written by Paul Jewitt, had been interwoven. Long may the title song stay in our memories:

*A mighty stream flowing, Rippling, Whirring  
Whirr well my brother and sister ....*

We hope the Pageant will have raised nearly £2000 towards the restoration of Wherwell Church. It was a truly splendid and memorable Community Event, ably supported by teams of performers and a large volunteer back stage crew. Special thanks go to Clare & James Hogg, our hosts at Wherwell Priory, Chris & Toni Molden, Winchester University, King Alfred Singers, Doug Bailey, all the advertisers in the Souvenir Programme and everyone who bought a ticket. Thank you.

Mary Grey

Wherwell History Group



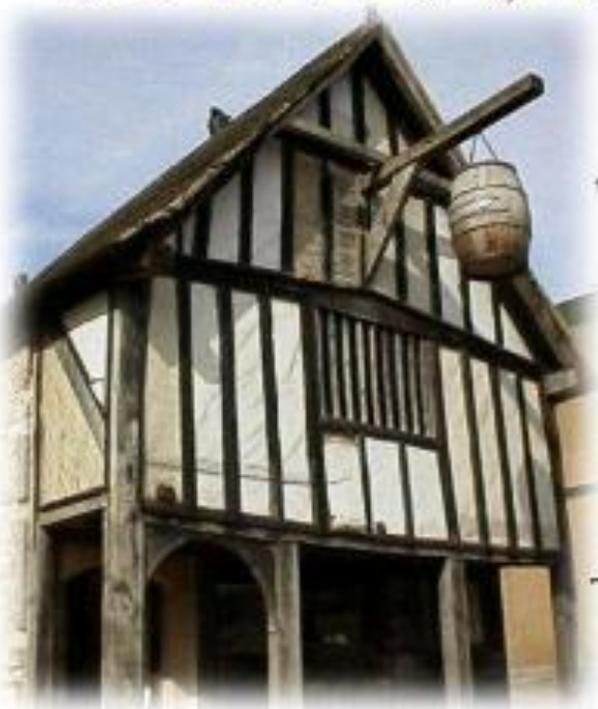
An illustrated talk by  
Jack Wilson

# MEDIEVAL SOUTHAMPTON

At  
Colonel Jenkin's  
Memorial Hall  
Wherwell SP11 7JJ

Friday  
15th June  
at 8.00pm

All Welcome  
Admission £3.00  
Tea/Coffee/Biscuits  
included



## Hampshire's Oldest Bellringer

How lovely to hear the bells of St. Peter & Holy Cross ringing out across Wherwell village once more, at Sunday services, weddings and Tuesday rehearsal evenings. Plus, of course, last month – when Jennie Bailey and young son William, helped David Etchells peel the bells after the Wherwell Pageant. A press report from the Andover Advertiser dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 1950 records:

*“The oldest bell-ringer in the County, Mr. Lewis Andrews, of 5 Forton, Longparish, celebrated his 90th birthday and 74 years of bell-ringing when, with several others, he rang 60 of Grandshire Triples at St. Nicholas Church recently.*

*Mr Andrews, who has lived in the Andover district all his life, has rung in practically every tower in the district, but his favourite is still the tower where he first rang as a boy – Longparish. Barton Stacey is next in his preference. Only four years ago, Mr. Andrews rang changes in six churches in one day. Mr. Andrews son Albert is following in his father's footsteps and has more than 20 years bell-ringing to his credit.*

*Born in the village of Longparish, Mr. Andrews is the only one left of a family of 12. He moved from Longparish and lived in Chilbolton and Barton Stacey until he joined the Royal Navy in 1892 in the reign of Queen Victoria and served for six years. He also served in World War I in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps for a period of three years. Since his retirement from Kennedy and Kemps two years ago at the age of 88 he has been doing gardening and odd jobs in the village.*

*Married at St. Mary's Church, Chilbolton, in 1892, he and his wife, formerly Miss Emma Smith, celebrated their golden wedding seven years ago when bell-ringers rang a peal in their honour. Mr. & Mrs. Andrews have two surviving children of the six that were born to them.*

*Mr. Andrews is a member of the Old People's Club, who congratulated him at their party in the Guildhall recently.”*

The Wherwell Chiming Team has ten members, but with a busy diary of engagements, David is looking for new ringers to join the team. Inexperienced ringers can easily be trained to use the Ellacombe Chiming mechanism. If you are interested to know more, please contact David on

01264 860 575 ... and ... listen out for the bells at the Jubilee Street Party.

*Andrew Flanagan 860560*



**MIDDAY MUMS** this month is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 10.30am - noon in Wherwell village hall, to play and have a cup of coffee or tea.

Look forward to seeing you. Please put July 16th in your diaries which will be our next morning.

*Susan Ansell 860775*

## **Jane's Kitchen**

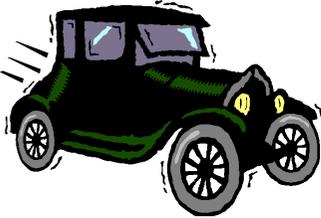
At present my kitchen is under renovation, the sink is in the middle of the floor on a trestle and the cooker is in a warehouse somewhere in England!

Plenty of time to plan for the. . . . TEAS AT  
CHILBOLTON FETE ON SATURDAY 23RD JUNE  
fers of help and supplies of cakes, scones, biscuits  
etc will be very welcome - please call 860726 or 860584  
*Jane Spence*



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## **Chilbolton Village Hall Fun Run Drive and Quiz Sunday 10th June**



**Start time: 10- 10.30 a.m.  
Chilbolton Village Hall Car  
Park**

*A beautiful 22 mile drive  
down country lanes you  
never knew existed – fantastic scenery, historic  
stop offs and finishing at a great country pub  
for lunch if you choose*

***Solve the cryptic clues to win the mystery  
prize***

*£5.00 donation to Village Hall funds per car*

***Ring now to book your start:***

***Alan Crisp 860641 John Temple 861334***

***Maureen Treadwell 860380***

# **WHERWELL FETE**

**Saturday 9th June**

**12 noon**

**Raffle draw at 3pm**

**FREE PARKING**

**Hot Dogs, Pimm's Tent, Strawberries & cream, Ice Cream,  
Teas, Tombola, Climbing wall, Donkey Derby, Bric-a-Brac, Raffles, Face  
painting, Cakes, Plants, Produce, Books, Gifts, Games, Bouncy Castle, Air  
Rifles and more**

**Music from Andover Town Band**

**Lucky programme £1.00**

**In Aid of St Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell**

**Please, we need your help!!**

## **Wherwell Fete Cake Stall**



**Could you kindly bring  
something to the cake  
stall in Church Street,  
any time after 9am on**



**9<sup>th</sup> June. Please don't limit yourselves to cakes;  
anything delicious would be much appreciated. Rachel  
Liddell is very happy to collect before the day, if  
required. Many Thanks! Telephone 01264 860221**

## Wherwell Church Fete - Teas/Refreshments in the Hall

We would really appreciate donations of delicious cakes, scones or savouries for the Teas/Refreshments on 9th June. Please phone us to arrange collection or please bring to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fete.

Also, during the Fete, it would help us a great deal if someone could spend an hour or so, from about 1.15pm, taking tea to the very thirsty, hardworking stallholders.

Please ring Pam or Andrew Flanagan on 860560, thank you.

## Potting up for Spring?



**Wanted for the Wherwell Church Fete Stall on June 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Vegetable plants
- Flowers – annuals & perennials
- Shrubs and trees
- Gardening books
- Gardening tools, plant pots, etc
- Gardening furniture & ornaments

**If you can help, please deliver to the stall on the day to or ring for us to collect:**

**Diane at Silver Birches, Longparish Road, Wherwell, Tel 720464**

**OR.... Jo at 2 Fairpiece, Tel 860319**

## Sunday 17th June Broughton – picnic walk

A beautiful walk, with wonderful views, across Broughton Down Nature Reserve and back along footpaths to the centre of village. Most of this walk is on good footpaths. (*Estimated time – 2 hours*)

Bill & Liz Cooper , 860417    Maureen & Ed Treadwell , 860380



# **CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE AND VILLAGE BBQ**

**SAT 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

**12.30 – 3.30 P.M.**

**AT**

**THE MANOR**

**Village Street**

**Beer & Pimms Tent, Fantastic BBQ, music from Test Valley Brass,  
Games & Competitions, Stalls**

## **Fun Dog Show**



**Come and join in all the fun  
Free Parking**

### **Can you help?**

We need more people to erect and dismantle the marquees  
etc on the Friday evening and after the event.

Please contact Lesley 860584 /Maggie 860749/

Jolyon 860852

# CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE AND VILLAGE BBQ AT THE MANOR

Sat 23rd June 12.30-3.30p.m.

## Donations Please !

Stallholders who need donations/entries at this year's Fete are:-

Cakes	Janette Finn	860134
<i>(from Friday afternoon or on the day)</i>		
Books/DVDs	Nigel & Judi Palmer	860780
Teas	Jane Spence	860726
Grand Draw	Jenny Hamilton	860058
Bottle Tombola	Georgiana Geernaert	860374
Plants	Sue Batchelor	860307
Nearly as New	Sylvia Baker	860572
Toys	Sheila & Steven Cooper	860087

We would be very grateful for your continued support

**ALL** these stalls need supplies!!

Please give the stallholders a ring.

Chilbolton Fete 23rd June  
Cake Stall donations welcome!



Limited freezer space available – better still bring  
to Manor Farm fete site Saturday 11am

Contact Janette Finn 860134 or

Ceri Lloyd Davies 860807

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# Chilbolton Church Fete & Village Bar-B-Q

## Fun Dog Show

The Manor, 23 June, 12:30-3:30

Bring your dog, enter on the day

Dogs must be on lead at all times

### DOG SHOW CLASSES

1. Prettiest bitch
2. Most handsome dog
3. Cutest puppy (up to 18 months)
4. Dog with the Waggiest tail
5. Dog most like its owner
6. Jubileelympics

(Dog or Owner or both to be regally attired to run a short obstacle course)



## GRAND DRAW

Chilbolton Church Fete and BBQ 2012

The Grand Draw is one of the best fund raisers at the Fete - *please* help by donating a prize or your time by helping on the day

Please call or e-mail: Jenny Hamilton  
01264 860058 [familyhamilton@gmail.com](mailto:familyhamilton@gmail.com)

## CHILBOLTON MEMORIES 1944 – 1956 Part I

*Helen Jones, from South Wales, contacted David Griffiths of Upcote Cottage, Chilbolton, when she read his article 'Digging up the Past' on the Chilbolton website. She has many lively memories of holidays spent with family in the village as a young girl and sent David photos and her account in the 'hope that somebody may find them of interest'. Her account is extraordinarily detailed, especially about nature, and gives a vivid and touching insight into life in Chilbolton for a youngster over 60 years ago. In the first of two parts, we hear of Helen's life in her great-grandparents' house in Station Road. In the July issue, we will be printing Helen's account of the village during the War.*

My great-grandparents bought Westonville in Station Road in 1920 (*see photo below*). The family, at that time, consisted of Jesse and Lizzie Whitehouse (*see photo overleaf*) and their daughter Adelaide Louise, my great aunt, who was my mother's father's sister. Auntie continued to live in Chilbolton after the death of her parents until the mid-70s when she died. My parents inherited and then sold the bungalow as it was not a viable proposition to retain it. Living as we did in the Home Counties, it was not fashionable at that time to have a second home!



I have vivid memories of the pre-electricity\*, pre-mains water days when oil lamps were in daily use, with candles for bedtime, and every drop of drinking water was drawn from the 90ft well in the greenhouse and rainwater was used for washing. When we stayed with Auntie, the laundry was taken down to the "little river" below West Down to be rinsed and my brother and I were given a "good wash"!!

The path to the river went down from where the seat is now situated and the footpath to the Common ran along almost next to the river, not where

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it goes now. Another memory I have is of being woken up and taken into the garden in my nightie to hear the nightingale sing. I was quite small as Mother carried me to save getting my feet wet from the dew.

The well in the greenhouse at Westonville was brick-lined to a depth of about six feet and then went down through the chalk. There was only a wooden trap-door over the top: no protective barrier at all. As children, we were not allowed into the greenhouse if Auntie was drawing the water. I can remember her leaning over the top of the well, winding the handle with her right hand and steadying the rope with her left hand in order to stop the bucket swaying too much and losing water on the way up (Health and Safety ??!). The water was always freezing cold and it stood in the bucket by the (covered) well and we just dipped into it as required. There were water butts and tanks everywhere to collect the rainwater, all of which somehow fed into a large tank in an outside shed from which a pipe ran into a tap over the sink in the kitchen which had muslin over the end to catch the bugs!

The "privy" was about 50m away – brick-built with slate roof and wood-shed attached and loads of spiders! There was a wooden bench with a hole over a bucket. This was emptied and scrubbed out with Jeyes Fluid every day. A trip to the loo, as a child, in the dark, was a spooky experience – remember, no electric light; you could imagine all sorts of horrors especially if it was windy! In case you are wondering where the bucket was emptied, Grandpa had three large and very productive vegetable plots... one full of vegetables, one resting and one the receiver of the privy bucket. While he was alive they were self-sufficient for vegetables and grew amazing currants and gooseberries. There was a beautiful, mature orchard with plum, apple and pear trees including some apple trees that Grandpa had grown from seed and propagated himself. There were also two beautiful walnut trees which produced loads of nuts, and a group of cob nuts at the top of the front lawn which were also very productive.



*Station Road in the 1950's*

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Westonville's land extended down to the road with the exception of the corner where the large modern white house now stands. This little plot was occupied by Mr. Whale's little wooden house; he had a pond in his garden and there were always masses of frogs hopping around his flowerbeds, as there were on the Common. I can remember walking across to Longbridge with my father just after the War and, as he prodded the clumps of grass with his walking stick, the frogs jumped out in all directions.

Where the estate of houses has been built next door to Westonville, there was a house called White Poplars. This was where Grandpa kept chickens and rabbits, not as pets - they were all part of the self-sufficiency system. The land was sold after my Grandma died in 1926, I don't know who the house belonged to but Augustus John rented it for a while in the 1930s. [*White Poplars has since been pulled down to make way for a new housing development.*]

As there was no electricity all the cooking was done, originally, on a range, but Auntie had this taken out and used a small oil cooker about the size of a modern microwave, and a paraffin chimney stove. She was a very good cook and used to win a lot of prizes at the WI, particularly for her Victoria sponges; also for her crochet and needlework. The oil and paraffin required for the lamps and cooking was delivered by the "oil man" who came round once a week, I think, in his green van with all sorts of things for sale - soap, candles, wicks, lamp glasses, buckets, mops, firewood, string, matches, tapers, soap, rubber boots and, of course, oil and paraffin.

I remember some of the people in the village during and just after the war: **Mr Baverstock**, the blacksmith; **Mr Dennis** kept a sweet shop in a cottage opposite the Church [*Bruce Hunt thinks this was Mr Stanley*]; The **Hunt family** ran the village shop - their son caught Weils disease from swimming in the river [*Bruce confirms this!*]; **Peggy Jenkins** lived in the cottage set back from the road to the left of the village shop - she distributed the concentrated orange juice during the war - there was a white picket fence and gate covered in perennial sweet peas; **Mrs de Silva** lived at Watch Cottage; **Miss Parrott** lived next door to Westonville; **Mrs Johnson and her son Colin** lived opposite Westonville and bred rabbits; **Mr Bradbury** lived near the top of Station Road; he kept bees and sold honey. **Mrs Disraeli** lived in the large house towards Fullerton (Testcombe) and her chauffeur was called **Mr Titt**.

\* [*Bruce Hunt remembers that there was electricity in the village at the time but that during the War the blackout was in force so lights could not be turned on.*]

Victoria Ramsay

## Diary Dates

### June

2	Wherwell coffee morning	WVH	10.30am
3	Jubilee Cream Teas	Kingfishers, Lynton Meadows	2.00-6.00pm
4	Wherwell Jubilee Street Party	Church Street	2.00pm
<b>7</b>	Chilbolton PC	CVH	8.00pm
9	Wherwell Church Fete	Church Street	12.00 noon
10	Treasure Hunt/car trail	CVH	10.00am
10	Magazine Deadline		
12	Red Garter	CVH	7.30pm
12	Test Valley Aviation Club	Wherwell Playing Fields Pavilion	8.00pm
15	Wherwell History Group	WVH	8.00pm
16	Chilbolton coffee morning	CVH	11.30am
17	Simply Sunday Bike Ride	CVH	2.30pm
17	CVH walk	Broughton Cricket Ground	10.30am
18	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30-12noon
19	Chilbolton WI 'Wrong Side of the Blanket'	CVH	Business Meeting 7.30pm 8.00pm
23	Chilbolton Church Fete	The Manor	12.30-3.30pm
24	Wherwell Open Gardens	WVH	1.30-5.30pm
26	Chilbolton Hort Society outing	Longstock Water Gardens	2.00-4.30pm
29	Wherwell History Group tour	Mediaeval Southampton	7.30pm
29	Chilbolton Pre-School Fundraiser	Wherwell Playing Fields	7.30-12.00 midnight
29	Glow Worm walk	West Down	10.00pm
30	Overnight Ladies' sponsored walk for Brecknock Hospice	Andover Leisure Centre	

### July

3	Chilbolton PC	CVH	8.00pm
7	Wherwell coffee morning	WVH	10.30-12 noon
10	Wherwell PC	WVH	7.00pm
15	Simply Sunday bike ride	CVH	2.30pm
16	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30am
21	Chilbolton coffee morning	CVH	10.30am
24	Chil Hort Society members only	Sue Batchelor's garden	

## Chilbolton Parish Council

The AGM was well attended with standing room only and the appearance of several new faces, which shows that this smallest unit of democracy is of interest to the people it serves.

The membership of the Council remains the same but Will Austin has decided to resign but will still give advice and will help with the erection of the children's play area. Someone has offered to serve and we will make an appointment at the next meeting, new members are so important to keep the momentum and the proactive attitude of the PC continuing. I announced that this will be my last year of chairmanship but would continue to serve, if required in any capacity. I really do believe in refreshing committees with new people and ideas.

The meeting dealt with the achievement of the past year which were the appointment of a new clerk, the planting of over 100 trees including the oak to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee with more to come, the installation of benches and a table on the sports fields, end of May. The painting and cleaning of phone boxes, benches, road signs and other village furniture, new allotments, and improvements to the Cow Common made possible only by the hard work of so many people with John Rowles directing and working with them. The footpaths are in great order and the drains are flowing freely and the Poplar trees will soon, sadly be down and parts reused in the play area when the documents are finally exchanged with Enterprise Inns. Litter has been picked around the Village and the roads leading to it and dog-poo, that great curse of the Common is less than it was due to action by Villagers and the installation of new bins and bags. Villagers in Chilbolton and Wherwell are to be commended for clearing rubbish on the Common throughout the year and especially after busy weekends. The culprits are often offensive and aggressive when confronted but we need to keep the Common in good shape. The removal of dragons' teeth, signs and bins has opened up the vista of the Common, which is much appreciated. Both barn owl boxes, which were only erected a few weeks ago, are now occupied by breeding pairs so watch out for owls as you walk at dusk.

The PC has increased its grant to the pre-school as they have lost circa £6,000. Their case is being taken up by Andrew Gibson to see if he can help, without the pre-school the number of children going to Wherwell School and therefore its funding could be affected. Our grants to the Church and the Village Hall have continued at a slightly increased level to help these essential village facilities. Funding was also made during the year to Joy Riders and we made it clear that we will give more if asked.

Many people came to ask questions about the Core Development Plan,

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which John Irish and I have worked hard on to put forward strongly the views of the local community, which were at odds with the TVBC Planning officers. We are happy with the compromise proposals, which we hope TVBC will agree to.

The clumsy manner in which the social housing provider made their proposal to the Parish Council was also the subject of debate. There might well be a case for some limited social housing of a first time and last time type but it is for the Parish to determine matters not some outside agency.

Our discussions in respect of taking a lease on West Down continue and I hope to report more after HCC have considered matters again.

So, this smallest unit of government with modest funds has made changes this year, which improve the life of the community.

Alan Crisp

## **Wherwell Parish Council**

### **Summary of AGM 2011/12**

Jane Andrews and Sean Hutton were re-elected as chairman and vice chairman. We received reports from the PCC, the School Governors, the Village Hall and the Playing Fields Committees. As chairman I gave a detailed report of the PC's work throughout the last year.

There have been seven PC meetings plus one planning meeting this year. The number of parishioners attending meetings has varied from one to seven. The PC was saddened this year by the deaths of Bea Green and James Hellier. We very much miss James's attendance and contributions to our meetings.

As I said at last year's AGM it is frustrating that many projects not only get carried on from one meeting to the next but from one AGM to the next! History seems to repeat repeats itself!

**PLANNING** - The PC considered thirty planning applications this year. This was an increase of 9 from last year. Twenty- six applications were supported, six were objected to and five were withdrawn. Two applications were considered twice as revisions were made to the original plans submitted. Permission was given for all applications with one decision still pending.

The PC did not agree with the Planning Department delaying the consent for the winery at Cottonworth until Fullerton Farms gave permission for a new bridleway from Fullerton Station Yard to Coreys Lane. however the bridleway will make it a lot safer for pedestrians and horses to cross the A3057.

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The listing of the 'Ancient Wall' in Church Street was investigated but it was agreed, that as it is in the conservation area, it already had sufficient protection.

It is still hoped that a solution will be found regarding the removal of the derelict mobile home from the corner of Beech Grove.

The PC submitted responses regarding the Public Open Space Audit, the Test Valley Access Plan and the TVBC Draft Development Plan.

**FINANCE** - As per the last four years the precept for this coming year remains at £7500. The internal audit has been completed successfully.

Grants of £750 were given to the Playing Fields, the Church, the Village Hall and to the Pre-School Group because their funding was significantly reduced, by HCC, at short notice. A grant of £100 was given to the Joyrides scheme and to Andover Citizens' Advice Bureau. A donation of £25 was given to the Test Valley School for an academic prize. A grant of £20 was given to help fund the provision of video vests for beat policeman. £500 has been given to the committee organising the Jubilee Street Party. A donation was received from Cllr Gibson's devolved funds and was passed on to the Parochial Church Council.

Cllr Gibson helped to get the Playing Fields reimbursed for the legal costs, incurred from the aborted proposal, by HCC, to purchase part of the site of the tennis courts.

**VILLAGE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE** - A grant of £850 from the Lengthman's scheme was received to pay for the demolition of the old pavilion at the Playing Fields.

Repairs to the Longbridge were carried out and fencing has been installed to facilitate the access to the river by horses and riders.

The new signpost to the church and village hall has finally been resited on the War Memorial Green.

Testway housing was again chased, on behalf of the Chant Close residents, for repair to the lights on the steps down to Fullerton Road. They have still to provide a grit bin for their Chant Close residents and to organise the repair of the potholes at the entrance to Beech Grove. They were reminded that it was not the PC's responsibility to sort this out.

**TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS** - Little progress has been made regarding our most serious traffic concerns. A speed audit was carried out by TVBC and the average speed between 8 and 9am on the stretch of road leading from the village to Winchester Corner was 41mph. Our beat policeman, PC Jewell, was asked to help enforce the 30mph speed limit, however, his only attempt was at 3pm in the afternoon, when the volume of traffic was low. No more checks are planned, due to his lack of time and health and safety

issues regarding where it was safe for him to stand, to do the checks. This is ironic and hard to accept as we are requesting the speed checks to try and protect the parents and children who **have** to walk along this stretch of road to get to school. It is unacceptable that nothing will be done because there have been no accidents resulting in injuries. Risk assessments are done for just about every other aspect of our lives except road safety. Understandably priority for speed control has to be given to dangerous stretches of roads but routes to schools must also be a priority.

It had been agreed to implement a speed limit, of 40 mph, along strategic parts of the Longparish Road but this decision was then reversed, as there have been no injuries, although accidents continue to occur regularly. Discussion took place about the installation of drivers' feedback signs but no decision was taken pending the speed checks being carried out by PC Jewell. The cost of installing feedback signs, on the approach to Winchester Corner, will now be considered. We appreciate there are budget constraints but we will investigate whether we can source funding for the signs.

It was infuriating that the Police, that attended the accident that occurred at the junction of Church Street and High Street, refused to consider that the vehicle parked at the junction certainly contributed to the accident. The number of large HGVs through the parish continues to cause concern due to the danger to pedestrians, the damage to road edges and to the bridge at Winchester Corner. The bridge was eventually repaired after we informed HCC that it was totally unacceptable for the unsightly temporary repairs to remain indefinitely, within the conservation area. Ongoing complaints regarding the condition of the surfaces of Longparish Road have been made. We have been informed that repairs to Fullerton Road are to take place shortly.

Our MP, Caroline Noakes, has been kept informed of our concerns for road safety. Regarding the possibility of a 20 mph limit through the village she passed on to us the information she was given, that only if the average speed of traffic was at or below 20mph, would a speed limit of 20mph be instigated!

**HOUSING** - Since last year we have been in touch with Testway regarding the refunds in excess of more than £350 that are still owed to some tenants, for years of overcharging for the lighting of the communal areas. Other charges are also being disputed. Concerns have been raised as to how badly the management of the flats has been handled and why the rents for the flats are virtually the same as for three bedroomed houses in Chilbolton.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION** - Projects outstanding are the updating of the Community Directory and the information on the Parish Council's village web site page.

Following a meeting with Alan Crisp, the chairman of Chilbolton PC, it is hoped that in future the two parishes can work together on some projects.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS** - It was a real pleasure to welcome Susanne, the daughter of Vic and Mary Pyke to unveil the engraved plaque with details of the cockatrice that is sited on top of the village hall, in memory of her parents.

After a seven year campaign the plans for the provision of a footpath, down from Chant Close, in front of the pub, are agreed and we are awaiting notification of the start date for the work to be done.

A complaint was made regarding the ongoing lack of expertise shown by HCC print room staff in preparing the layout of the leaflets 'Exploring Wherwell' and the four map boards. Thankfully the final drafts have now been approved and hopefully we will soon have copies of the leaflets to distribute and the map boards will be in place at the four designated sites within the parish.

The sudden closure of the Home Guard Club gave rise to a lot of concern for some Wherwell residents who were members. For several months investigations have been ongoing, to try and get the club reopened. It is now hoped that this might happen for a trial period, to see if a new committee can generate more use of the facilities for members who relied on it for a social life and hopefully new members will also join. Some funding has been made available from the PC in the form of a loan. This is to be funded from a bequest that was made to the PC. A barn dance is to be held on Saturday 26 May, to raise funds for restocking the bar and for improving facilities at the club prior to reopening.

**THE FUTURE** - Besides the ongoing projects that I have mentioned there are some other topics and projects to consider. If the Localism bill, that is currently going through Parliament, is passed the implications will have to be considered very carefully as it may necessitate a total review of the ways parish councils operate. The possibility of finishing the Village Design Statement should be considered. We need to ascertain if the VDS was available on line whether TVBC would still accept it as for use as a supplementary planning guidance document. We do not feel printing glossy

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copies can be justified. It was agreed that, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we would undertake a bulb planting exercise throughout the parish, but due to lack of manpower, this has not taken place. Hopefully, it will happen later this year, but this will depend on getting some offers of help from villagers.

**THANK YOUS** - The AGM is a good opportunity to mention some of the activities that go on in the village and to thank publicly the people who contribute so much to village life. I feel they deserve a public mention.

We are grateful to Robert Little for agreeing to take over the role of flood warden. Hopefully the drought and heavy rains will balance things out and he will never find the job onerous. The Goss family continue to ensure that the bus shelter is kept neat and tidy and Matthew Bryant maintains the War Memorial Green and does various other jobs throughout the parish.

They are also many unsung heroes who generously volunteer a lot of time and energy to do a large variety of tasks within the parish and they deserve to be thanked. Sean Hutton, works incredibly hard as vice chairman of the PC as well as chairing the School Governors' and the Playing Fields' committees. Not only does he deal with all the admin and paperwork but he is very involved in, not only organising but carrying out a lot of the work of maintaining their buildings and grounds. As Father Christmas Sean, together with deputy Santas Bill Picket and John Andrews handed out presents to more than 1700 children at the garden centre's Christmas grotto, raising over £3.5K for the Playing Fields. Many parishioners are probably unaware that approximately 200 children come to the Playing Fields every week to play football during the season.

The school governors also contribute a lot of time and effort facing the challenge of meeting the exacting standards of modern education. The school is also fortunate to have a good PTA who work hard fundraising.

Thanks are also owed to village hall committee, the fete organisers - how a small

parish such as Wherwell manages to have three fetes, in the summer and a Christmas Bazaar is amazing. So much hard work is done by the community magazine team, the Proms organisers - which were once again a great success, the flower arrangers, the History group, the Wherwell Choir, the Wives' and Middy Mums' Groups and Sue Coleman and Sandy Brown who are so often responsible for the excellent catering at village events. Thanks also to all the members of the Playing Fields' and the Village Hall's committees and to the coaches and organisers of the junior football and the cricket teams.

Anna Lipa and David Etchells, together with members of the PCC, worked so hard to organise the extensive work that was needed to restore the fabric of the church. Many of us will remember watching the steeplejacks, silhouetted against a clear blue sky, at the topping out ceremony -it was an amazing site and it is so good now to hear the church bells ringing out once more. It is really good news to hear that eight weddings have been booked at the church this year.

A special thank you to Stephen MacDonald, for chairing the committee of the community magazine, but also for all the help he gave to the group of people who are hoping to get the Home Guard Club re-opened. Thanks also to Andrew Flanagan who always seems to be involved in village activities. He chairs the History Group. Together with Mike Gee and Ray Blazdell he sorts out the electrics and lighting for many village functions. He organises the Keep Fit Class and has also been very involved in trying to re-open the Home Guard Club as well as in several other activities outside the village. Mike is often to be seen taking photographs of events and is on the History Group Committee and Ray plays the organ in church but also at many other events and is treasurer of the Playing Fields' Committee. Earlier today all three of them were out in the pouring rain preparing for the Wherwell Pageant.

We are also fortunate to have Diane Newell, the chairman of Andover Age UK, living in the village. Together we have organised monthly tea parties in the White Lion and following the success of the first Sing along Tea Party in February another is due to take place shortly. A final thank you is to our two councillors Andrew Gibson and Jim Neal - their support is very much appreciated.

A number of people, some for many years, organise or help out at village events or are members of the various committees that to help to ensure that Wherwell remains a special place to live. So often, though it is the same people who roll up their sleeves or pick up the phone to make things happen. New faces are needed to come forward to help our existing volunteers. If you are new to the village, or you have not yet been involved in any village activities please think about offering some help, even if you cannot volunteer on a regular basis –all offers will be very much appreciated. The monthly coffee morning, held on the first Saturday of the month in the village hall, is a very good place to meet people and find out more about what is going on in the village and what help is needed. It would be really good to see more of the young families in the village there.

**Next meeting Tuesday 10th July at 7pm at Wherwell Village Hall.**

*Jane Andrews Tel: 860635 Email: flyjohnandrews@aol.com*

## June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall 'The Wrong Side of the Blanket'

Our speaker, Peter Redmond,  
of 'Weyhill Fair' fame, will tell us how  
he traced his complicated family history.

Peter is a renowned local speaker.

Business meeting 7.30pm

Visitors welcome at 8.00pm.

A donation of £3.00 is suggested.

*Refreshments*



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## Chilbolton Village Hall

Firstly, I must say a **BIG** thank you to all those villagers who came to our general knowledge quiz evening on the 27th April. About £550.00 was raised for the general maintenance fund of the Hall and the success of the event was in no small measure down to our quiz master and question setter, David Waghorn. He came up with some challenging topics and head scratching questions and also commissioned a trophy, designed and made by Carol Easton, the village wood turning expert. No doubt the winning team will pass it amongst themselves before handing it back for next year's quiz.

Looking forward, there are some outdoor events – and I am praying for the arrival of warm, dry, sunny days-The Sunday walk scheduled for 3rd June has been rescheduled to the 17th June so that you can all celebrate and enjoy the Jubilee either at an event or by following the river procession on television. This walk starts at the Broughton Cricket Ground at 10.30 and will take about two hours. If the lack of transport to Broughton is a problem then assemble at the Village Hall at 10-15 for a lift or follow in convoy if you are not sure where the Cricket Ground is to be found.

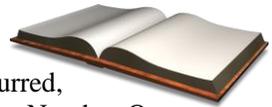
On the 10th June we have arranged a car trail/treasure hunt of about 25 miles of easy motoring along local byways that you may not have discovered. The older the car the better and the more passengers the merrier. Elsewhere in this edition is an advert giving full information.

Our regular Coffee Morning is at the Village Hall on 16th June when a free raffle takes place, providing you have paid £1.00 for your coffee and a biscuit. Also the 100's Club draw for June will occur when three winners will be announced. The regular film shows will resume in October when an outstanding selection of films will be presented over the winter months.

*John Temple - Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee*

## Chilbolton Number One Book Club

Sometimes in life rare opportunities come along which have to be grabbed at, such an opportunity has now occurred, as there are vacancies for new members at the Chilbolton Number One Book Club. There are a dozen or so members but new blood would be welcome to add to the stimulating conversations that take place about the books we read.



The format is for books to be selected, mainly works of fiction, at the beginning of the year and we meet in member houses. The books are discussed, poems read and drinks and nibbles served on fine china. There is usually a Christmas meal where even more wine is drunk than usual.

So, anyone wishing to apply to join should form in an orderly line at dawn break on the 1st June outside The Old Cottage or contact me by e-mail or telephone.

*Alan Crisp*

# Chilbolton W.I.

At April's meeting, members discussed the new joint WI / Flower Show initiative, knitting tiny cardigans and hats for neo-nates at local hospitals, and patterns were shared. The President's coffee morning raised more money for posting jumpers to Zimbabwe and fifteen parcels sent off, containing thirty-five jumpers and ten hats for the orphans there. We now have a link via e-mail and can correspond with the WI leader t

Our speaker was Neil Stewart who gave a fascinating illustrated talk enjoyed by twenty-two members and five visitors, entitled

## **'Bhutan – Land of the Thunder Dragon'**

Bhutan is a small land-locked Kingdom of 18,000sq miles at the foot of the Himalayas with China, India and Burma as its neighbours. Its population of over a million has an average life span of 63yrs, where health care for all, including visitors, is free, cigarettes are illegal, men and women are treated as equals, education is free, the technical colleges teach traditional crafts and the first university opened in 2003. The King looks after the people: when a village house burnt down he personally organised for its re-building. Civil servants must wear national costume and the longer the cuff the more senior the person is. Men practice archery, women play darts with a small target at ground level and large metal darts. The Bhutanese are hard task masters with their Indian and Nepalese illegal workers who do all the menial manual work. Women with children strapped to their backs build roads, hauling large rocks, while the few modern machines shift the frequent land- slides. Roads are narrow and precarious with Yaks on the roadside. There are no traffic lights and traffic jams can lead to a two-hour wait. Some of the Monasteries are built on sides of mountains and can only be reached on foot by hair-raising steps or ladders. Tourist numbers are controlled, so the Bhutanese are keeping their traditions. All this information was given while we watched slides of this mountainous, colourful country and its people.

**Chilbolton Horticultural Society**

## **Longstock Water Gardens**

**Tuesday 26th June 2012 14:00 to 16:30**

**A private visit accompanied by the head gardener.**

**£7.50 members and visitors welcome**

**Further details from Sheila Evans, 860697**





## Jubilee Celebrations at Chilbolton Pre-school!

With the Queen's Diamond Jubilee fast approaching we are bringing kings and queens to life for the children, reading fairy stories, making a castle, making crowns, dressing up and lots more regally-themed activities!

The Sensory Garden has a huge amount happening at this time of year with sunflowers planted and growing and also potato, onions, carrots and lavender. The children enjoy caring for the plants, watering and watching them grow, giving them a real appreciation for the outdoors.

We had a very successful Positive Parenting coffee morning at the end of April. Lots of parents came and we shared advice and swapped stories. We will be trying to run other coffee mornings to support our parents concentrating on issues affecting all parents.

We would also like to express our thanks to both Wherwell and Chilbolton Parish Councils for supporting us during our crisis over the drop in Government funding for Pre-school children. As a charity all monies paid into Pre-school go straight back out in the form of our excellent staffing, hire of the hall, cost of new equipment and more. With just two weeks' notice Hampshire County Council dropped our hourly rate from last year for funded children which left us with a large shortfall.

As a result of this we will be doing extra fundraising over the next few months. We are looking forward to our Jubilee Tea Party at the end of May which is an event for children at Pre-school and those who used to attend – it's sure to be a memorable occasion for all!

Back by popular demand we are also planning a BBQ / Disco on Friday 29th June. **Please do come along with your friends for a truly fun night and most importantly to support our local Pre-school enabling them to provide such a high standard of care for our children.** Thank you!

Call Sam for more information or to arrange a visit on 07732 095814 or 07919 130777 or email [enquiries@chilboltonpreschool.com](mailto:enquiries@chilboltonpreschool.com).

*Sarah Tall*

### **Clarey's Coffee Morning – Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported my recent coffee morning. I am happy to say that as well as having a lovely time, we managed to raise £240.90 for the Church heating fund.

Thank you for your support.

*Clarey Gibson*



## **Friday Fun (draiser)**

We hope you can support us in our quest to raise vital funds for our fabulous pre-school

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 7.30pm-12.00 midnight  
at Wherwell Playing Fields Pavilion**

**Tickets £10.00 each – includes food!**

Available from: Clarey Gibson – 0797 078 0716

Or from Chilbolton Pre-School

If you are not able to join us you are welcome to make a donation...



**BBQ**  
**DISCO**  
**BAR**  
**AUCTION**



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## **Enham Trustee Challenge Fund 2012**

Could you do something which will have a positive impact on the lives of disabled people?

Disability charity Enham Trust has grants of up to £5,000 available for projects which will benefit the disabled adults they support.

Each application will be considered on its own merits. But the project must in some way benefit disabled people at Enham – directly or indirectly by:-

Improving the physical environment; Promoting health & wellbeing;  
Increasing people's independence; Enhancing community life

Chilbolton Village Hall Walking Group  
Programme of walks for 2012



*All welcome – come alone or bring  
friends family...and the dog!*

Start time: 10.30 a.m. at Broughton Cricket Ground  
(Meet at Chilbolton Village Hall Car Park at 10.15  
if you need transport or wish to follow)  
*£2.00 donation to Village Hall funds.*

All walks will have a stop off point – usually a pub and a picnic place.

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**Countess of Brecknock Hospice**

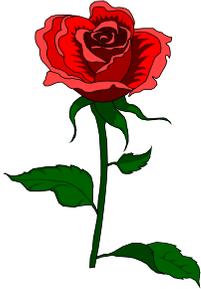
**Ladies only Sponsored Walk**

**Saturday 30th June/Sunday 1st July 2012**

Starting and finishing at Andover Leisure Centre  
Walk 13 or 6.5 miles to raise funds for your local hospice

A year has nearly passed since we lost Mike and once again we are hoping you can join us in “Mike’s Team” to raise much needed funds for the hospice who cared for him so wonderfully during his last days with us. If you would like to join us please register at the Hospice, Charlton Road, Andover (behind the hospital); Entry fee is £10.00. For sponsorship we have set up the following Just Giving site making donations a whole lot easier - just ask anyone wishing to sponsor you to donate directly at : [www.justgiving.com/Mikesteam2012](http://www.justgiving.com/Mikesteam2012). If you could also let me know if you will be joining us we can make sure we all meet up- [angie.budd@ntlworld.com](mailto:angie.budd@ntlworld.com) or 01264-395301. If you are not able to join us on the walk any donation will be gratefully received – one third of the running costs has to be met from private fundraising. Thank you in advance.

*Angie & the rest of Mike’s Team.*



# Wherwell Open Gardens



Ten delightful gardens will be open to the public  
by kind permission of the residents of Wherwell  
on

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
**1.30-5.30pm**

Teas will be on sale in the Village Hall with plants available to buy

**Entrance £5 at the village hall**  
**Which includes a free garden information leaflet**  
**Free Parking**

**All Proceeds in aid of the VH improvement fund**

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**Thank you from Wherwell Church**

The PCC of Wherwell would like to thank Clare Gibson very much for all her efforts to make money for the Church Restoration Project. Her latest event was a coffee morning at Herne Close on 26th April which raised well over £200.

*Anna Lipa*



In last month's magazine, Alan Crisp mentioned the Snake's Head Fritillary that flower on part of the Common in April. When the flowers were first noticed a few years ago, they raised some intriguing questions. Wild plants of the Fritillary are found in this country along the Thames valley and into Wiltshire, in ancient damp meadows not dissimilar to parts of our Common. So, might the ones on Chilbolton Common be truly wild? Well, the county's expert botanists thought not. There are no old records of the species here, and it doesn't occur naturally elsewhere in the Test Valley. It's thought that the bulbs were at some point in the past, planted on the Common by some well-meaning gardener. Generally of course, it's a very bad idea for garden plants to be planted out, or accidentally introduced to wild places. And with the Common being a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), there was some discussion with Natural England as to whether the Fritillary plants should be removed. On balance though, and because the species is a small slender plant unlikely to overwhelm the natural flora, and with no close natural relatives to hybridise with, it was agreed to leave them be.

Some other garden plants in the wild, are more of a problem. There was much national publicity this year about the scourge of the multi-coloured Spanish Bluebell. In our area, all the Bluebells on West Down have been introduced through dumped soil or garden throw-outs, and 100% are already of the Spanish species. In the Harewood Forest on the other hand, the Bluebells are a truly wild population of native Bluebells. So it's important that Wherwell gardeners take care not to let loose the Spanish Bluebells that may be in their gardens. The problem with Bluebells, is of course hybridisation that leads to mixing of colours and forms, and loss of the natural strengths of indigenous species and varieties. To some extent, we can't avoid this; bees can fly from gardens to meadows and back. I heard that some orange Cowslips had been seen on the Common this year, most likely a result of hybridisation with garden forms (I hope that someone didn't plant them!). We need to make an effort to remove them next year, before the orange ones become dominant.

The problems of hybridisation are largely to do with genetic strength and to some extent aesthetics. An even bigger problem of accidental plant introduction, is posed by invasive aquatic and wetland plants. Some clog up waterways, some carpet water surfaces and badly affect the sub-surface flora and fauna, and some such as the Japanese Knotweed even can cause structural damage. But I could write a couple of pages on that subject; suffice it to say, take care when clearing out your garden pond!

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

**"Glow Worm hunt"  
on West Down with Glynne Evans  
Friday 29th June**

**Meet at 10:00pm at West Down top car park**

Writing in mid-May, it seems I haven't seen the sun since March. So now I'm looking forward to those hot sunny June days and long warm evenings – just the time to come out late and enjoy the excitement of a Glow-worm hunt. I shall be leading a walk on **West Down on Friday 29th June; 10:00pm**. The female Glow-worms don't start glowing until it gets dark, so do bring a torch and wear tough footwear. We'll stroll around for about an hour, and if weather is suitable, also take a look at a moth light-trap.

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

**Accompanied children welcome.**

**Please wear walking boots or stout footwear.**

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***Jubilee Cream Teas & Ice-Creams***

***and sale of cakes and plants***

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***A fundraising event to support  
George Langdown's Kilimanjaro climb  
in aid of Cystic Fibrosis***

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***Sunday 3rd June 2012***

***2pm – 6pm***

***at Kingfishers, Lynton Meadow, Chilbolton  
(near the shop – signs will be displayed)***



## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

### Theatre & Music:

**7/06 Actors Masterclass** The Lights, Andover. Ages 13 to 21, tutorials and a masterclass, from £10. **'Hairspray' dance workshop** for 7 to 11 years. £16  
01264 368368

**9/06 And Furthermore with Judi Dench** Theatre Royal Winchester 6pm £15  
**16/06 The Sleeping Beauty, Ballet Theatre UK** The Lights, Andover 2.30pm  
and 7.30pm £16, £10, £11. 01264 368368

**20/06,21/06 Fawltly Towers Live on Stage** Ferneham Hall, Fareham 8pm £12,  
£10 [www.fernehamhall.co.uk](http://www.fernehamhall.co.uk)

**23/06 Solid Gold Country Legends**, The Lights, Andover 7.45 pm £16, £14.  
01264 368368

**23/06 Summertime with Michelmersh Silver Band** - music from shows and  
opera Romsey Abbey 7.30pm 01784 512987 [www.romseynet.org.uk](http://www.romseynet.org.uk)

**24/06 Andy Abraham's History of the Big Bands Tour** The Anvil, B'stoke  
7.30pm £22.50 [www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk)

**28/06 Rod Gilbert**, The Anvil, Basingstoke 8pm 01256 844244

**20/06 The Pop Factor Andover Carnival Talent Show** The Lights, Andover  
7pm £7 01264 368368

### Other events:

**2/06 to 5/06 Hampshire Country Fair** Broadlands, Romsey 10am to 6pm  
Adults £11, children £4.

**10/06 The Clarendon Way Walk 2012** 26 miles from Winchester Cathedral to  
Salisbury Cathedral £15 adults £10 under 14. 01962 843513 or  
[yvonne.campbell@naomihouse.org.uk](mailto:yvonne.campbell@naomihouse.org.uk)

**16/06 England vs The West Indies ODI** The Rose Bowl, Southampton 10.45am  
£43, £10 under 16. 0800 1974404 [www.therosebowlplc.com](http://www.therosebowlplc.com)

### Country Markets:

Country Markets are held weekly in Andover and Stockbridge selling homemade  
and local produce. The Stockbridge market is held in the Town Hall every  
Thursday, 10.00am – 11.45am. The Andover market is held outside the Guildhall  
every Friday, 7.30am – 1pm

### Farmers' Market Dates:

)3 June – Romsey

)9 June – Winchester

.7 June – Andover

!4 June – Winchester

For more information, please ring (01420) 588671, or visit the website at  
[www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk](http://www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk).

## Fond memories of Jean Taylor

I got to know Jean when she offered her services as organist back in the 80's. There she was, every week for both the choir-practice and the Sunday service. I have only just discovered she was a *self-taught* pianist: no-one would have guessed. She just loved to play. If the hymn was upbeat, she would positively bounce on the organ seat.

She loved animals and gave a home to a succession of homeless cats from the Cats' Protection League. She was more than happy to feed people's pets: chickens, dogs, and cats while their owners were away. One of these cats she 'adopted'.

She was a very good neighbour, and went well beyond the call of duty to help her friends and neighbours. She loved her little red car, enjoyed driving and would take friends over to Broughton to the afternoon Bright Hour.

Her neighbours equally cared for her welfare. When she had a chimney fire, they sprang into action to help clear up the mess. Following concerns expressed by the Chief Fire Officer, Social Services became involved in her care and she benefited from a daily hot meal, overseen by a team of visiting care assistants.

I'll miss her quiet, dry humour and her chuckle... and her generosity: she never forgot my birthday. *Sue Batchelor*

Jean used to love walking. Up to a few years ago she would often be seen walking across the Common, or on her way to the village shop, or clutching a bunch of flowers on the way to Tom's grave. She would often tell me how much she missed him; the pain of separation did not get any less.

When I visited her there was always a cup of tea, served in a very pretty fine bone china teacup and saucer. It was a leaving present to her when she retired from work. She loved it, for it reminded her fondly of the people she had worked with.

Jean loved the church. Long ago she had been a Methodist Lay Preacher. When she wasn't playing the organ in Chilbolton she used to go to the Methodist church in Andover. It was a real treat to listen to her give the Bible reading. She had a beautiful clear voice and her belief in what she was reading compelled us to listen to every word. She herself chose the hymns and readings for her funeral service, hymns that she loved playing and singing, and readings that expressed her faith.

Jean had a great sense of humour which never let her down. I remember one occasion at house group we were talking very seriously about what happened when you died and how everyone would appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Suddenly Jean piped up, 'Well, the good thing is that with all those millions of people you're not going to get very long are you?' – And with a glint in her eye she said, 'That's a relief!' And we laughed! Her faith was very real and what sustained her. *Charlotte Nash*

### *Some background on Jean's life*

Jean was born in London, the youngest of four children. She was christened Gladys Mabel, known as Mabs by the family. Their mother died when 'Mabs' was nine months old. Her brother and two sisters were kept together and put in a Children's Home. Too young for the Home, she was fostered out but she used to visit them regularly. Then, when she was three, and should have gone into the Home to join them, she was adopted instead, taken away from everyone she knew, given the new name 'Jean', and acquired a new big brother aged twelve. They lived at Hedge End where her adoptive father was a Master Butcher. She said her adoptive family was very loving but she always had a sense that she did not fit. Her adoptive brother, of whom she was very fond and proud, was in the Air Force and became an Air Commodore. She did not discover she had been adopted until after her 'father' died and she found her adoption papers amongst his effects. She and her sisters then managed to find each other again and she saw them regularly.

She and Tom lived in Joys Lane, and in 1964 Jean gave birth to twins, Christopher and Christine. For whatever reason, she decided that she would not be able to raise them and they were fostered out just as she had been. Only very latterly did Jean confide in a few friends. She had never told her sisters about them (though near the end, her friends decided they ought to be told).

The two branches of her family met for the first time at her funeral and are now looking forward to getting to know each other.

*Sue Batchelor*

## **Village Contacts – Parish Councillors**

### **Wherwell Councillors**

Jane Andrews (Chair)	860635
Sean Hutton (Vice Chair)	860443
Liz Blakemore (Clerk)	860385
Peter Bryant (Tree Warden)	860541
Susanne Horne	860741
Steve Shean	860249
Lizzie Broadbent	860434
George Hampson	860721

### **Chilbolton Councillors**

Alan Crisp (Chairman)	860641
David Griffiths (V/Chair)	860313
Mandy Amor (Clerk)	860566
Will Austin	861204
Patrick Coates	860069
Tony Ewer	860486
John Irish	860526
Martin Gossling	861375
John Rowles	860308

## Village Contacts - District & County Councillors

### Wherwell District Councillor

Jim Neal 362456

### Chilbolton District Councillors

Daniel Busk 01794 388389

Peter Boulton 01794 301212

### County Councillor

Andrew Gibson 861138

## Village Contacts – Clubs & Organisations

### Clubs and organisations

Badminton	Jill Lord	860667
Beavers/Cub scouts	Leigh Dance	811074
Bridge Club	Gee Parry	861136
Brownies	Julie Shone	01962 761269
Care Group	Peter Ward	860528
	Mike Davis	860594
Chilbolton Players	Andrew Coombes	860886
Chilbolton Coffee Morning	Sheila Laughton	860460
	Lesley Boswell	860217
	Debbie Richardson	861082
Chilbolton Football Club	Sam Horne	07969 055300
Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch	Maria Watson	860415
Flood Advisory Group	Jeremy Baines	860448
	Terry Gilmour	860507
Horticultural Society	Sheila Evans	860697
Joyrides Community Bus	Mary Dunne	860398
	John Musters	810459
Pre-School	Sam Inglis	07732 095814
Short Mat Bowls	Deb & Richard Richardson	861082
Village Hall (Chil) - Booking Only	Mandy Amor	860566
Village Hall (Chil) - All other matters	John Temple	861334
Village Hall (Wher) - Bookings	Julie Dickenson	861494
Village Websites	<b><u><a href="http://www.chilbolton.com">www.chilbolton.com</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.wherwell.net">www.wherwell.net</a></u></b>	
Wherwell Church Flowers	Jo Baughen	860319
Wherwell Cricket Club	Richard Rowles (Chair)	861101
	Jo Baughen (Juniors)	860319
Wherwell History Group	Andrew Flanagan	860560
Wherwell Playing Fields	Sean Hutton (Chair)	860443
Wherwell Primary School	Mary Gee	860592
Community Governors	Sandy Farrand	860492
	Sean Hutton	860443
Wherwell Neighbourhood Watch	Richard Rowles	861101
Wherwell Singers	Dale Webb	860074
Women's Institute	Sue Batchelor	860307
Test Villages U3A ( <a href="http://www.testvillagesu3a.org.uk">www.testvillagesu3a.org.uk</a> )	Ed Farrand	860492