

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

Gloomy with occasional sunny intervals probably sums up the weather for 2012 and also the state of our economy! Hopefully, your Community Magazine has been a little ray of sunshine landing on your doorstep every month. Both villages appear to be thriving. We are grateful to all the advertisers and people who have contributed to this publication. You have given us interesting articles to read and kept us informed about the four pillars of any village – church, school, pub and shop, alongside the sterling efforts of our Parish Councils. You have tempted villagers with events galore – the specials, such as the Wherwell Abbey Pageant, Proms 2012, Wherwell Singers and Chilbolton Players, along with the kaleidoscope of talks, quizzes, food evenings, skittles, film shows and live music. So, let’s move past the shortest day, treat ourselves to some ‘quality time’ and then listen out for our church bells ringing in a bright New Year. We would like to wish all readers a very Happy Christmas.

Andrew Flanagan and the Magazine Committee

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Church Matters

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From The Church Records

Chilbolton

Baptism	21 st October	Lilly Collis
Baptism	3 rd November	Harvey Barnes

Wherwell

Baptism	21 st October	Lucas Selvey
Baptism	3 rd November	Ella Abbott-Lister
Memorial Service	23 rd November	Hilary Thrupp

Dear Friends,

Once again Christmas is almost upon us, at the end of a truly momentous year, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics lifted the spirits and fired the imaginations of most people at a time when we really needed something to boost our spirits and make us believe in ourselves again. Now as the nights grow longer and the leaves fall from the trees, another beacon of hope comes to encourage us.

Christmas comes every year, so may not be as uniquely exciting as the other events of this year, but its message remains powerful in spite of its familiarity. For some people Christmas simply presents the opportunity for a break from work, lots of food, drink and presents, and family time (especially with the children).

But there is a darker and more powerful meaning to Christmas if we will only look. A baby is about to be born at a most inconvenient time when his parents are obliged to travel, although his parents could afford the equivalent of a Premier Inn, everywhere is full to overflowing. So Jesus is 'on the edge' from the very beginning of his life relegated to a stable with the animals. In our terms it is all badly planned, precarious and unhygienic, but in the midst of it all an angel sings. For this is how he chooses to work with us, not in spite of our human frailty and weakness, but because of it, for it is in our human frailty that the grace of God is most easily seen and most welcome.

For as we look back over the past year the backdrop to our uplifting events has been the ever deepening financial crisis in the Eurozone, the terrible suffering and loss of life in Syria, revelations of child abuse by one who was viewed as a hero, and the destructive powers of Hurricane Sandy on the east coast of the United States which has devastated so many lives. We are never going to be able to create a perfect world, human nature will not let us, there will always be those who want to incite discord rather bring peace, who nurture hatred rather than love and human happiness is a fleeting thing which needs to be cherished. But God, who chose to get mixed up with us by being born as a baby boy, can find in all this mess and conflict the opportunity to reveal his grace, his love and his peace. So this Christmas I wish you all the love, peace and hope of God among your families and in your home, now and for the future.

With love in Christ,

Juliet

Church Services December 2012

	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Sunday 2nd December <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>					
Family Communion				10.00 am	
Posada Service			10.00 am		
Candlelight Service after Christmas Fayre					5.30 pm
Advent Carol Service		6.00 pm			
Evensong	6.00 pm				
Wednesday 5th December					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme			2.30 pm		
Sunday 9th December <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00 am		
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Benefice Evensong					6.00 pm
Tuesday 11th December					
Christingle				9.15 am	
Wednesday 12th December					
Sparsholt WI Carol service				4.30 pm	
Sunday 16th December <i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
Carol Service	4.00 pm		6.00 pm	6.00 pm	10.00 am
Monday 17th December					
Flowerdown Carol Singing			2.30 pm		
Holy Communion	10.30 am		9.30 am		
Westholme Carol Service			2.30 pm		
Village Carols		6.00 pm			
Thursday 20th December					
Flowerdown Christmas Communion			2.30 pm		

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	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Wherwell School Carol Service					6.30 pm
Sunday 23rd December <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Family Communion	10.00 am				
Carol Service		6.00 pm			
Monday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>					
Crib service	4.30 pm		4.00 pm	4.00 pm	3.00 pm
Posada		4.00 pm			
Midnight Communion	With Wherwell		11.15 pm	11.30 pm	11.15 pm
Tuesday 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Family service non communion	10.00 am	10.00 am			10.00 am
Wednesday 26th December					
Meditation			7.00 pm		
Saturday 29th December					
House Communion			10.00 am		
Sunday 30th December <i>St. Stephen's Patronal Service</i>					
Benefice Family Communion				10.00 am	
Peace and Healing			6.00 pm		

3rd NOVEMBER

We wish to thank everyone who joined us for Harvey's christening.
His day was filled with love and laughter, truly a day to remember.

Love: Gilly, Dave, Sarah + Harvey.

Services January 2013

	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Wednesday 2nd January					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme Service			2.30 pm		
Sunday 6th January <i>The Epiphany</i>					
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Matins with Holy Communion					10.00 am
Benefice Evensong	6.00 pm				
Sunday 13th January <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00 am		
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Benefice Evensong					6.00 pm
Wednesday 16th January					
Holy Communion	10.30 am		9.30 am		
Thursday 17th January					
Flowerdown HC			2:30 pm		
Sunday 20th January <i>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
Dedication of Facilities with Bishop Peter	2.00 pm				
Matins				10.00 am	
Family Service					10:00 am
Wednesday 23rd January					
Meditation			7:00 pm		
Thursday 24th January					
Wherwell School, Christingle					1.45 pm
Sunday 27th January <i>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i>					
Benefice Service – Juliet's Farewell service				10.00 am	
followed by lunch in Littleton Memorial Hall					

Church Flowers

St Mary the Less, Chilbolton

December
Christmas

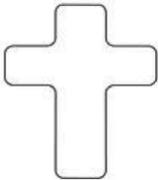


Gail Bailey
All arrangers

St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell

8th December
15th December
5th and 12th January
19th and 26th January

Judy Conte
Festival Group (Christmas)
Ana Lipa
Brenda Headley



Simply Sunday

Informal Church for Families



Breakfast & Family Bike Rides

2nd December 2012 and 6th January 2013

Meet at Chilbolton Village Hall at 9.30am.

Breakfast and informal church, followed by off-road bike rides suitable for all ages and abilities - short rides for little people and longer rides for bigger people! Please bring your bike, helmet, long trousers and a drink for the ride. Breakfast is provided free of charge.

If you would like any further information, please contact
Gaynor and Max Childs, Tel: 01264 860044

MIDDAY MUMS

Christmas Midday Mums will take place on Monday December 17th!

We will be in Wherwell Village Hall from 10.30 – 12.00 with toys, biscuits, mince pies and coffee/tea.

Our first morning in the **New Year** will be Monday 21st January 2013, same time and place, please put this date in your diaries.

Susan Ansell 01264 860 775

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CARTER
JONAS

Last words from Juliet ...



It is with very mixed feelings that I write to say that I am leaving the Benefice. Many of you will have been aware that my mother lives with Fred and me; Mum is now 94, and Fred is 78, neither are in the best of health. This year I reached my sixtieth birthday and completed 30 years in full time ministry, it is hard to believe how the time has flown by, especially the fourteen years with Littleton, Crawley and Sparsholt, the last four of those with Chilbolton and Wherwell.

Looking back to the beginning of my ministry I would never have imagined that I would ever be the incumbent of five parishes, and it has been an amazing journey. Now, the time has come when I can no longer sustain the increasing needs of my family, alongside the needs of a large and busy benefice. I have been very fortunate to secure a house for duty post in the Benefice of Shedfield and Wickham in the Diocese of Portsmouth to work two days a week plus Sundays, so I will be leaving the Benefice at the end of January 2013. It is right that I must go; you all need fresh leadership, someone with more energy, time and vision than I have at the moment, but to leave so many friends, so many good, kind, generous and supportive people will not be easy. You are a very special benefice, and I am not only speaking of those who attend church regularly, but also of all those who support the churches and me in so many ways. Thank you for allowing me to share your journey with you, I will be taking with me many unforgettable memories, and there will always be a warm welcome in Waltham Chase for any of you who are passing that way.

Juliet

Juliet's Farewell Service will be at Sparsholt Church
on Sunday 27th January 2013 at 10.00 am
followed by lunch in Littleton Memorial Hall

Winchester Churches Christmas Project 2012

Dear Friends

I write again this year to invite your congregation to join this ecumenical initiative which supports individuals and families in Winchester who have had a particularly difficult year. Christmas can be a very tough time for many. Money for the Project is raised each year through the churches – from whole congregations and from individuals.

Before Christmas, each pair of volunteers will visit a family that has been referred to us (by professional social work agencies) to ascertain their needs and to then shop with, or on behalf of, the family. Each family has a set amount of money allocated. Those visited are in charge as much as possible - they choose what will make Christmas special for them. Help given might include Christmas presents, Christmas food shopping, a morale-boosting treat, payment of a worrying bill or second hand furniture. Sometimes the money is almost incidental - knowing that someone is prepared to spend time and take the trouble to listen can make a great deal of difference. There are no strings attached to our help. We show our Christian faith and witness in caring for and helping those we visit.

Last year, thanks to 92 volunteers from many churches, we were able to help 31 families including 51 children (many of whom are on the child protection register), 15 single people and 15 young people. Your support is really needed as in some years in the recent past we have been unable to help all the families referred to us.

You can help by praying for the project, becoming a volunteer and of course making a donation.

We will be delighted to welcome new volunteers - who would always be paired with an experienced visitor. For more information or if there are any queries I can be contacted via The United Church office 01962 849559 or on deanacre@talktalk.net.

We have managed to transform Christmas for many families and the volunteers have found an extra blessing in their own Christmas celebrations.

We would be so grateful for donations which should be sent to the Project Treasurer, Mrs Jessica Tringham, “Nelmes”, Cheriton Road, Winchester SO22 5AY. Please make cheques payable to “Winchester Churches Christmas Project”, ideally by mid November. I realise that this seems an early date but we do need to have some idea of what funds we have available before allocating money to volunteers. If individuals wish to Gift Aid their donation then envelopes will be available from the end of October from The United Church.

We look forward to your support.

Yours sincerely

Helen McTiffin (Joint Co-ordinator of the Project)

News from Wherwell School

The buzz of energy, enthusiasm and commitment that our children have is always great to see. This was never more evident than at two recent Rural Schools Cross Country events where, despite the cold, the children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 ran extremely well. The school team as a whole came second in the first meeting and the Year 5/6 team won their race at Winton School when Joey Gibson finished in an impressive first place. The children from Years 5 and 6 also enjoyed a rather warmer indoors athletics festival at Test Valley School.



For those children who prefer the more creative, rather than physical there have been plenty of opportunities for them to show their talents too. Artwork from children of all ages has recently been on display in the children's section of Andover library. What a colourful way to show our school and our children to the community. Dress as Your Hero, in support of National Heroes Day, was a chance for the children to let their imaginations run and to test their parents' creativity for a change. Children represented family members with a military story to tell, historical figures from politicians to sporting legends and members of the medical and emergency services were also represented.

The creativity continues as children are busily rehearsing their lines, and making props and assembling costumes ready for the Christmas productions. Add into this the enjoyment of decorating the classrooms there is plenty of festive fun going on around school. Through the successful fundraising that the PTA carry out throughout the year, the children will be enjoying a well earned treat as they head off to watch either *How to Catch a Star* or *Aladdin*.

With such a full term of work all of the children, and the staff, will be ready for a well-earned Christmas holiday. The new term starts on the **8th January 2013** but, in the meantime, should you require any further information about our school then please do contact us on 01264 860384 and talk to Mr King (Head Teacher) or Mrs Pritchard (Administration Officer). You can also look at the school website for further information, calendar dates and newsletters. www.wherwell.hants.sch.uk.

Julia Simmonds

‘HELLO PUD-SWAN’ ... Report 2012

THE NEW AND UNIQUE CHILDREN’S BOOK

Website www.pud-swan.org

*Sold in aid of Naomi House Children’s Hospice
For children in the 7-10 age group*

Our latest £1000 cheque to Naomi House from the sales of the book was duly presented just before Christmas last year at the Children’s Hospice shop in Romsey. This makes over £4000 presented so far from our readership. The total of books sold has risen to 400 and the response from the children is most encouraging... my thanks to all who have supported this project. I should like to add that I would be happy to continue to respond to invitations from schools, where I can explain the role of Naomi House to children in Years 3 and 4, ‘how and why’ the book came to be written, and read some of the actual story.

The sequel for the same age group... ‘PUD-SWAN AGAIN’ remains for future publication at the moment because time is now being spent on our newest book called ‘ENGLAND’S STORY’. This is a history of England from Julius Caesar to the present day, and will be fully illustrated, and in due course even more money may be raised for Children’s hospices in U.K.

May I remind readers that the whole set of three parts [in a slip-case] is on sale for £20... or each part may be purchased separately for £8.99. Credit or Debit cards can be used to place orders ‘online’ via the PayPal button on the **pud-swan** website. Alternatively, **Waterstones** and other bookshops can supply them, and they are also available from the official **Naomi House shops** and their website ‘shop’ in the GIFTS/TOYS and GAMES sections... not forgetting also, that it can be obtained directly from **the author and publisher**, who can be contacted on **01264 365 190**.

Those with access to Google Books can read the first twenty pages or so, completely free! As readers of my previous four reports will remember the book is **interactive** in so far as the child readers are encouraged to do all their own illustrations by drawing or pasting their own pictures, and is entirely **educational** in its story line, thus promoting imagination and learning.

‘It makes a good gift and supports a good cause’

Bryan Beggs

Wherwell History Group

I wonder how many people know that Wherwell has its own breed of chicken ? It was a heavy breed (male 10 lb, hen 8lb) described in the British Poultry Standards (1960) as: *“Egg colour tinted. Single comb. Face red, beak white or horn striped with white, eyes yellow to red. Body broad across the shoulders with prominent butts. A compact outline showing good depth of body with rounded sides and wings. Toes, four. Gold and silver varieties.”*

During the 60's & 70's, John Graham of Branksome Close (and formerly Cottonworth) was an accomplished breeder and exhibitor of the Large Buff-faced Wyandotte (see adjacent picture). John tells us that the Wherwell breed was created by Jim Smith, the poultry man for Mrs Jenkins at Wherwell Priory, from a cross between Light Sussex hens & Indian Game males. John remembers that Vic Pyke, from the White Lion in Wherwell, paid a lot of money to Jim Smith for a sitting of Wherwell eggs. When hatched and raised to maturity, they were his pride and joy.



We would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers Jim Smith or the Wherwell breed. Please email wherwellhistory@gmail.com
Our first three monthly meetings for 2013 cover such diverse subjects as the Smallpox Virus, England's Oldest Working Steeplejack and Treasure Trove.

Andrew Flanagan

WHERWELL HISTORY GROUP

EDWARD JENNER AND THE SMALLPOX VIRUS

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY DR. TIM MASON
FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY AT 8.00PM

ALL WELCOME ADMISSION £3.00 TEA/COFFEE AND BISCUITS INCLUDED

The Upper Clatford 2013

All Saints Winter Lecture Series

The Arts in War We have been very fortunate to get the following two lecturers, both with deep personal insights on two individuals who, through their art, had great influence on people in conflict.

“Lev Kerbel - Sculptor of Lenin”

by Phil Wilkinson

Monday 14th January 2013

Phil Wilkinson, a well known resident of Upper Clatford, brings our first view of the artist in war, describing the work of a principal monumental sculptor of the Soviet Union. Lev Kerbel worked large and small, from small tributes to military heroes, to huge expressions of State power. His talk will move across this broad range and draw on the intense personal relationship that developed between artist and speaker during Phil's years in Moscow as the UK Defence and Air Attaché at the height of perestroika.

“Sassoon's War Poems”

by Dennis Silk

Monday 28th January 2013

We are delighted to welcome **Dennis Silk CBE**, for a wonderfully informative and personal illustrated lecture on Siegfried Sassoon, one of the greatest poets of the First World War. Dennis has a deep and unmatched personal knowledge of the poet. He and Sassoon became and stayed great personal friends, united by a love of literature and a mutual devotion to cricket. Up until the time of the Sassoon's death in 1967, Dennis made an extraordinary and unique series of recordings of the poet at his home in Wiltshire. He will be known by many in the area, as he taught at Marlborough College and in 1968 became Warden (headmaster) of Radley College.

Tickets cost £10.00 each. Half the funds raised will go to All Saints Church. The balance will be split between causes selected by the speakers.

Tickets will be on sale in **The Clatford Stores Post Office** and at **The Abbotts Ann Village Store** from 1st December.

Tickets can also be ordered through **Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre** at The Old Malthouse, Upper Clatford, Andover, SP11 7QL: Tel 01264 35 25 30 or e-mail nicki.eyre@talktalk.net.

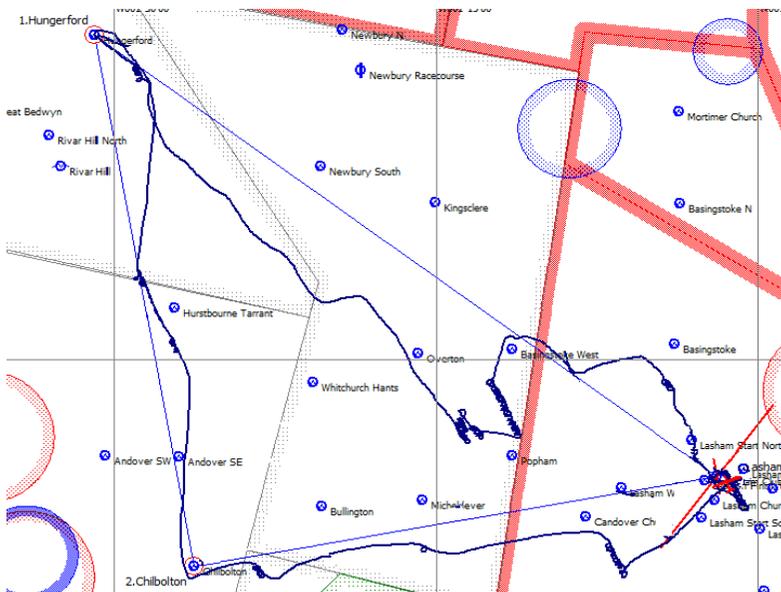
Please send in a cheque, made out in favour of *Upper Clatford PCC* and confirm how many tickets you want for each talk.

Both talks take place in the **King Edward VII Memorial Hall, Upper Clatford**. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the lectures start at 8.00 pm.

Gliding report No.2 – but Liz is No.1!

Once all the major international competitions have been completed each year, a unified world ranking list is produced. This was published last week and I am exceedingly proud to say that I am now officially ranked No.53 overall, and I am the World No.1 female glider pilot. I should point out that there is no money and no fame in this, but it is an honour and I am delighted by it!

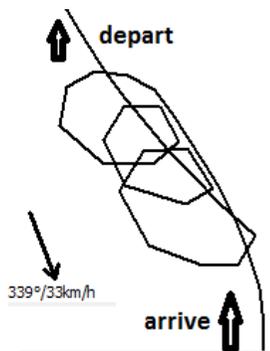
I promised to ‘write up’ a flight, so ... here we go – get in the glider, do your straps up, do the pre-flight checks, hook on to the launch rope and we’re away! I’ve picked a short ‘task’ to give you the idea – a 101km triangle from Lasham to Hungerford then (of course!) Chilbolton and back. Remember that on good days in the summer we make flights of 5-10 times this far! We carry a GPS which logs position every few seconds – the file shows where you went as here:



You can see the glider track – it’s the dark wiggly line. The triangle marks the ‘task’ to be flown. The other lines are airspace boundaries where either we can’t go at all or can’t go above a certain height. At the bottom right is Lasham where I took off before heading NW to Hungerford.

The thick wiggly bits of track are where I stopped to thermal and climb – first after the launch before I started and then from time to time to gain height along the route. If you look, you’ll see they all show the glider drifting downwind to the SE as it circles. Close up, they look like this:

See how the glider arrives from bottom right and goes all the way up to the north then starts to circle. Each circle drifts a little with the north-westerly wind back towards the SE. After the third turn I straightened up on track to the NW – higher than when I entered the thermal. The analysis software shows that it was quite windy that day – 33kph or 20 mph.



Sometimes you find lines of rising air as thermals line up downwind in what are known as ‘streets’. I did that from SE of Overton all the way to Hungerford. When racing, especially going into wind, that’s much faster than stopping to climb - so we always look for these lines of energy.

It took 1h 20mins, or 75kph – not fast as cloud base was not high at just over 3500’ - but this was in February when we often don’t get strong enough conditions to fly cross-country at all. It was a lovely day, and the visibility was superb – you could see the Welsh hills from Hungerford. In summer we don’t just view those hills from a distance, we fly over them! As this season winds to an end, roll on next summer...

Liz Sparrow

LATE POST



I recently wanted to catch a late post and it was very difficult to find out last posting times locally. So here they are, if you find yourself in a similar position:

Chilbolton Post Office	Monday-Friday 5.00 pm;	Saturday 10.00 pm.
Stockbridge Post Office	5.30 pm;	10.00 am
Andover Main Post Office	7.00 pm	1.00 pm.

The last post from Winchester (outside the old Post Office) is 6.30pm and there is a later collection from the main sorting office in Southampton at 7.30pm.

Victoria Ramsay

Chilbolton Parish Council

Firework Night was on the 6th of November at the Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall as plans were discussed for the children's play area. The history of the removal and the failure of the Council to find another site were discussed but it was agreed to form a committee to explore placing equipment at the Memorial Playing Fields, the only possible site actually owned by the Council even though it is not in a perfect location. At the same time discussions are in hand with the Committee of the Village Hall to see if a small play area could not be built there. Enterprise Inns might also build at their expense a play area in the grounds of the Abbots Mitre but we need to wait and see. It was also suggested by the PC that a Kids Club be started at the Village Hall for which the PC could well provide initial finding but there were a lack of volunteers to lead that project. The climate here means that any play area cannot be used for most of the year but an activity in the Village Hall can.

On another matter it has been said that the PC blocked the HARA proposals but we just stood on the sidelines and they reported a strong level of opposition to any more low cost housing in the Village. The PC do not own any land suitable for development and housing associations need to convince landowners to sell to them in order that low cost homes can be built. However I do believe that in the future it is inevitable that another Drove Hill style development will take place and then the developer as part of the planning process will build affordable housing. In the meantime we are trying to see that if any existing low cost accommodation becomes available in the Village then it is allocated to local people.

As winter comes near, Age UK Andover has asked us to find out if there are any old people in need of special help at this time of year. So if you need help or know of anyone who might please call 01264 354425 or let Mandy Amor know. Also Mike Davis who runs the Chilbolton Care Group desperately needs someone to help him run the organisation so that drivers can take sick people to the doctors or the hospital. If anyone thinks they have the time to help could they please contact Mike on 01264 860594.

We are taking steps to accelerate our control of West Down and will report more on that soon, I hope. In the meanwhile it would be nice if we had volunteers prepared to help organise our management of the land so if you feel you might wish to take part in this exciting project please contact me or John Rowles.

Finally, now that the leaves have fallen from the trees on the Common, a mass of rubbish can be seen in the undergrowth which kind people are collecting, thank you.

Alan Crisp



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- pay your bills electronically
- create lovely documents or photographs

Perhaps Santa is bringing you a computer and you don't know what to ask for on your Christmas list.

We are starting a local Silver Surfers group, for anyone over 50 years old, as a joint venture between Age UK Andover and the Wherwell Home Guard Club on Thursday evenings. £2 per session (tea/coffee included).

Learn from friendly, informal local instructors. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Computers will be provided, but please bring your laptop along if you have one. If you are interested then come and chat to us at the:

Home Guard Club, The Old Hill, Wherwell, SP11 7JB on

Thursday 13th December 2012, from 7.00-9.00 pm.

or telephone Diane Newell 01264 720 464.

Epic Spitfire Flight by Paul Beaver

An illustrated talk on ferrying a Spitfire TR9 from Kjevik in Norway to its new home at the Boulton Flight Academy at Goodwood.

Tuesday 4th December 2012

1930 for a 1945 start

Wherwell Sports Pavilion

£2 on the door --- cash Bar



Test Valley Aviation Club

Chilbolton W.I. Report

A plethora of unusual kitchen gadgets from the past illustrated Jenny Carter's talk entitled 'Kitchenalia and much more'. Memories were stirred as she explained the use of unusual items such as the *spirtle* (recognised by Jill Maynard). Jenny is an excellent speaker and her talk stimulated lots of conversation over tea afterwards. More parcels of jumpers have been sent to Zimbabwe where large-sized ones are particularly welcome. Now we have an e-mail contact over there, we can let her know when the parcels have been sent, and she can let us know when they arrive and where they will go.

Four members attended the Autumn Council Meeting and were impressed by the two speakers, a guide from Bletchley Park and Adam Henson of 'Countryfile' fame. Members are looking forward to Mette McCollin's talk on 'A Danish Christmas' and will get together on the 18th December for a Christmas lunch at 'The Mitre'. January's speaker will be Jill Bentall, with her talk entitled, '*Animals N' Us*'. We always meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm with a talk at 8.00pm. Why not come along? - you will be assured of a warm welcome.

President: Sue Batchelor 01264 860 307

Secretary: Sylvia Baker 01264 860 572

Chilbolton W.I.

Tuesday, 15th January 2013 in Chilbolton Village Hall

Meeting starts 7.30pm. Talk at 8.00pm

'Animals N' Us'

Speaker: Jill Bentall.



Visitors welcome: donation of £3.00 to include refreshments.

Raffle ☞ **Flower of the month competition** ☞ **Trading stall**

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

1	Chilbolton Players Dickens evening	St. Mary the Less	7.30 pm
2	Simply Sunday – Family Biking	CVH	9.30 am
2	Christmas Fayre	Home Guard Club	3 – 5 pm
2	Carol Concert	Wherwell church	5.15pm
3	Fish and Chip Sing-a-long lunch	Wherwell Pavilion	12.30 pm
4	Chilbolton Parish Council	CVH	8.00 pm
4	Test Valley Aviation Club talk	Wherwell Pavilion	7.30 pm
7	Wherwell Coffee morning	WVH	10.30 am
7	Chilbolton Film	CVH	7.30 pm
8	Wherwell Singers Concert	Wherwell church	7.30 pm
8	Fancy Dress Disco	Home Guard Club	7.30 pm
13	Silver Surfers Group	Home Guard Club	7 – 9 pm
15	Chilbolton Coffee morning	CVH	10.30 am
17	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30 am – 12 noon
18	Chilbolton WI	Abbotts Mitre	
22	Carols & Grand Christmas Draw	Home Guard Club	8.00 pm
30	Wildlife Working Party	West Down	10.00 am

JANUARY

5	Wherwell Coffee morning	WVH	10.30 am
6	Simply Sunday – Family Biking	CVH	9.30 am
7	Afternoon Tea	White Lion Inn	3.00 pm
8	New School Term starts	Wherwell School	
8	Chilbolton Parish Council - TBC	CVH	8.00 pm
8	Wherwell Parish Council	WVH	7.00 pm
10	MAGAZINE DEADLINE		
14	Upper Clatford “Arts in War” talk	King Edward Hall	8.00 pm
15	Chilbolton WI meeting & talk	CVH	7.30 pm
18	History Group talk	WVH	8.00 pm
19	Chilbolton Coffee morning	CVH	10.30 am
19	Stu Walker – singer & guitarist	Home Guard Club	8.00 pm
21	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30 am – 12 noon
22	Chilbolton Horticultural Society	CVH	7.45 pm
27	Juliet’s Farewell Service	Sparsholt church	10.00 am
27	Wildlife Working Party	West Down	10.00 am
28	Upper Clatford “Arts in War” talk	King Edward Hall	8.00 pm

FEBRUARY

1	Moviola – film to be announced	CVH	7.30 pm
2	Wherwell Coffee morning	WVH	10.30 am
2	Valentine’s Dinner Dance	Chilbolton Pre-school	
5	Chilbolton Parish Council	CVH	8.00 pm
8	Quiz & Curry night	Wherwell School	

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Theatre & Music:

The Christmas season starts on December 1st with a **Bach Christmas Oratorio** at the Southampton Guildhall (023 8063 2601). **Handel's Messiah** at the Anvil, Basingstoke (01256 844244) is on December 2nd. Christmas continues with **Carols at The King's Theatre**, Southsea on December 2nd; the **BBC Wiltshire Carol Concert** at Salisbury Cathedral on December 16th (01722 320333) and the **Lord Lieutenant's Christmas Concert** at Winchester Cathedral on December 14th, introduced by **Alan Titchmarsh** (01962 857275). **The Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market** is on until December 23rd.

The Lights, Andover has **A Christmas Carol: Ballet Theatre UK** on December 15th and a **Christmas Craft Fair "Wrapped Up"** at the beginning of the month, on December 1st (01264 368368). You can also see **Tenorissimo** on December 20th, **The Johnny Cash Roadshow with the No1 UK tribute band** on January 18th '13, and **Chris Jones of the Weyhill Electronic Organ Society** on January 19th, '13, all at The Lights, Andover. **Aladdin** is on at the Theatre Royal, Winchester from December 12th to January 6th, '13 (10962 857275) and **Sleeping Beauty** is being performed at the Salisbury Playhouse from December 5th to January 6th, '13 (01722 320333)

Other Activities

For those who prefer the outdoors amongst many activities there is **Birdwatching: Wildfowl, Waders & Raptors** at the Needs One Reserve Beaulieu on December 2nd (01590 612401). For those who prefer to be indoors and are not sure what drinks to serve at Christmas head for **Pairing Christmas Food with Festive Wines** at No 5 Bridge Street Bar, Winchester on December 13th (www.hampshirewineschool.com). By New Year you may want to explore **A Workshop of Life Goals: Travelling Light** at the Longparish Village Hall on January 6th (01264 720571)

And if you know of anyone over 55 years of age who will be alone this Christmas, put them in touch with Abbeyfield: inviting anyone for companionship at Christmas at various locations in Hampshire (0845 052 3553).

Farmer's Markets Dates

09/12; 13/01 Winchester	16/12 Andover (to be confirmed)
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Wherwell Home Guard Club



On Armistice Day, members gathered at the Club in appreciation of those who helped with the War Effort on home soil. We remembered those who kept us safe or “kept the home fires burning”, including the Forestry Corps, the Bevan Boys who served down the mines, the farmers and Land Army girls, the Home Guard and the many other reserved occupations.

In November, over 50 members and guests sat down to a Fish & Chip supper and enjoyed a superb session of live music by Sharon Vennall and Ray Blazdell. Sharon is an accomplished jazz singer, well known to patrons of Wherwell Proms and Ray is an undoubted master of the keyboard; together they sang several lovely duets. Coming soon, we present ...

Fancy Dress Party

Saturday 8th December 2012

7.30pm – midnight

Disco and Buffet

£5 per Person

Tickets available at the Club

Or phone Julian on

01264 860 392 or 07717 570748



Return visit to the Club

Stu Walker

Singer

&

Guitarist

Saturday 19th January 2013

8.00 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm)

Live Music & Light Refreshments

£6.00

Non-members welcome (£7.00)

Tickets available at the door

Christmas at the Club

The Old Hill, Wherwell, SP11 7JB -- tel: 01264 860 314

Saturday 1st December - HGC switch on **Christmas Lights** (open at 7.30pm)

Sunday 2nd December - **Wherwell Christmas Fayre** at HGC 3pm – 5pm

Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th – Normal opening times

Saturday 8th December - HGC **Fancy Dress Disco** (open at 7.30pm)

Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th – Normal opening times

Saturday 15th December – **Fundraising event for Blind Veterans UK**

Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Friday 21st – Normal opening times

Saturday 22nd December – **U3A Ladies Choir & Grand Christmas Draw**

(open at 7.30pm, carols & singing at 8.30pm, draw at 9.00pm)

Monday 24th December - Christmas Eve at HGC (open at 8.00pm)

Tuesday 25th December - **Club CLOSED**

Wednesday 26th December - **Club CLOSED**

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th – Normal opening times

Monday 31st December – **Member's New Year's Eve Event**

Tuesday 1st January - HGC Special **lunchtime** session 12 noon – 2.00pm

Tuesday 1st January - HGC **Bingo Evening** (open at 8.00pm)

Thereafter, the Club will be open on normal days at regular times ...

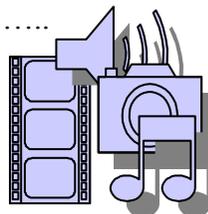
... Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.00pm and Saturday from 7.30pm.

Saturday 19th January - Live Music with Stu Walker (return visit to HGC)

Andrew Flanagan (01264 860 560)

The movies will be back next year

Our next film show will be on **Friday 1st February 2013**, but at the moment we do not know the title! (Please note there's no film in January.)



Please keep the date free, and watch out for posters and leaflets in due course. On behalf of Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee, thank you for your support this year



The new school year years fundraising & first film club & cake very popular.

has started, & with it the events. We have held our sale which as always were

With Christmas on the horizon the preparations for the children's Christmas parties are well in hand, with the infants looking forward to a visit from Father Christmas & the Juniors warming their vocal cords ready for the karaoke. There are also trips to the theatre for all of the children.

The PTA has also set up its own Facebook page so please 'like' us, & keep up to date with upcoming events.

Upcoming Fund Raisers & Events

Next PTA Meeting – Monday 3rd December 2012 at 7.30pm. Check school newsletter or Facebook page for location.

Christmas Hamper - Wednesday 19th December 2012. Tickets will be available from the school office as well as parents, if you would like the chance to win one of our lovely Hampers.

Bags2school Collection - Friday 25th January 2013. If you have any pre loved textiles, shoes, soft toys, bedding, towels & clothes please save them for collection, & help us raise funds for the school.

Quiz & Curry Night - Friday 8th February 2013. Put the date in your diary & start organising your teams.

Susan Watt

Chilbolton PCC Meetings Secretary

Chilbolton Parochial Church Council (PCC) is looking for a Meetings Secretary.

There are normally six meetings each year which are held in an evening, for which the Secretary prepares and circulates the Agenda and Papers in advance, in liaison with the Chairman. He/she attends the meetings and takes minutes. There may be a few items of correspondence between meetings.

There is no requirement for applicants to be regular church attendees. A modest payment is available if required. **Please contact Andrew Kent, PCC Chairman on 860584 for further details.**

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Friday 7 December at 7.30pm

Doors open at 6.45 pm

Tickets: £5.00 (in advance) / £5.50 (on door)

To include tea/coffee and biscuits. Wine and choc ices on sale.

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Chilbolton Football Club – Monthly Report - December 2012

28/10/2012 Chilbolton 7 v 1 Eastleigh Town - Cup
04/11/2012 Chilbolton 5 v 2 Popaganda Allstars - Cup

We had an early break in the season with two weeks without a game due to a bit of fixture confusion over cup games and it seems winter has arrived in the meantime!!

Our first foray into the cup was against Eastleigh Town in the North Hants cup, a team we have not come across previously. They only managed to field 8 players and we were able to record a good win with Pete Southworth grabbing a hatrick and further goals from Ryan Woods, Tom Blackwell, Steve Jenkins and Steve Cox. We will now face Basingstoke side Eastrop Eagles in the second round.

More cup action followed this time the Junior Cup against Propaganda Allstars in a rain soaked encounter. The first ten minutes saw 4 goals as Chilbolton first took the lead through Hiro Nidaira with a fine solo effort that he finished well. Propaganda then equalised before Bijan Karki fired home to retake the lead. A driven shot from Ollie Southworth made it three before Propaganda grabbed one back just before half time. The second half saw Chilbolton add two more goals, the first a penalty after Hiro Nidaira was brought down and David Mattock tucked the ball into the bottom right hand corner. An own goal made it five as we progressed into the second round of the Junior Cup.

Three more cup games complete the fixtures for November and so far we have a 100% record of success this season so fingers crossed we can keep that run going. You can also keep in touch with the team at www.chilboltonfc.co.uk and we look forward to seeing you at one of our future games, supporters are always welcome.

Sam Horne (07969 055300) – Manager



Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch Report

In response to the various calls and emails I have received about the attempted abduction mentioned in my November report, I can confirm that the police are pursuing their investigation.

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Saturday 8th December 2012 at 7:30pm

St. Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell, SP11 7JJ

Tickets: £7 (£5 concession)

*Available from Dale Webb (01264 860074), from our
website www.wherwellsingers.org and on the door*

Mulled wine and minced pies will be on sale.

Get your tickets early – last Christmas we almost sold out!

Chalara Ash Tree Dieback



**To see a larger
version of this map
and to see a video
explaining how to
identify Chalara,
visit:**

<http://ashtag.org/>

Chalara fraxinea is a disease that has decimated Ash tree species throughout Northern Europe, already affecting over 90% of Ash trees in Denmark and Sweden and is present as near as Belgium. There are about 80m native Ash trees in the UK, making up 30% of our indigenous deciduous woodland.

Andrew Flanagan

*DEAR CHILDREN EVERYWHERE,
HAVE YOU ALL BEEN VERY GOOD THIS
YEAR?*

*AS YOU ARE ASLEEP WHEN I COME ON
CHRISTMAS EVE I DO NEED TO FIND
OUT WHAT PRESENTS YOU WOULD
LIKE.*



*I AM AT MY GROTTO AT ANDOVER GARDEN CENTRE AT
VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT DECEMBER.*

*YOU COULD EVEN HAVE BREAKFAST OR TEA WITH ME.
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TICKETS £5.00

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(DIETARY RESTRICTIONS - ADVISE IN ADVANCE)

(TRANSPORT A PROBLEM - WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP)



It's nearly Christmas at Pre-School!

This half of term the children are learning all about Being Healthy, and of course Christmas! The children even made their own Christmas cards, which I'm sure some of you with grandchildren at Pre-School will be receiving.

Earlier in the year we had to make cutbacks, and as part of this, the weekly session with 'Dancing Clare' was stopped. Some parents came forward and proposed that parents pay for her sessions as she was so greatly missed by the children. So we are delighted to be able to welcome 'Dancing Clare' back to Pre-School.

Many of you may have noticed some fundraising events that we have held recently. In particular, the Falklands Talk which was in November. We would like to thank Smiths Gore, Sarah Tall, and her father in law, Jeff, for organising this. And thank you to all the villagers that came along to support this event.

Lucy Liddell held her fantastic Fullerton Fair, which Pre-School benefitted from. Thank you Lucy for all your efforts, and again to those who came out and supported us.

If you are interested in your child attending our fantastic Pre-School please contact us on 07732 095814 or 07919 130777 or email enquiries@chilboltonpreschool.com.

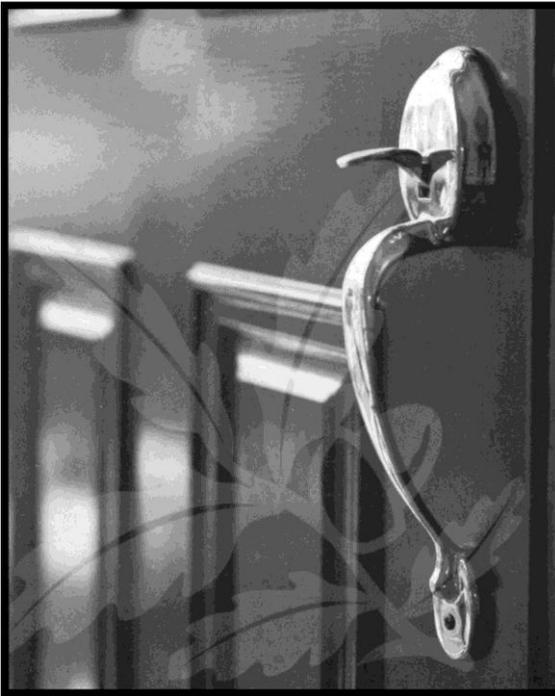
We are busy organising a fantastic Valentine's Event for

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CHRISTMAS

Coffee Morning

To be held in the Village Hall

Saturday 15th December 10.30 to 12 noon

**Everyone welcome. This includes all the family
and friends.**

Come for a chat and to meet other villagers.

Have a MINCE PIE and coffee or tea for just £1.

This also includes a raffle.

MEMBERS OF THE U3A

**‘SINGING FOR FUN’ GROUP WILL BE PROVIDING
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The 100+ Club draw will also take place today

N.B. Our January Coffee Morning will be on the
19th January 2013 at the usual time of 10.30am.

Books CDs, DVDs, cards etc. will be on sale

**For more information contact Sheila Laughton 01264 860 460,
Lesley Brown 01264 860 127 or Debbie Richardson 01264 861 082**

Wherwell Parish Council

The Parish Council was very sad to hear that Hilary Thrupp had passed away. Hilary took an active interest in many aspects of village life, over many years and she was a very valued member of the Parish Council until she retired, due to ill health. Above all, she was a gracious, lovely lady and she will be sorely missed.

The PC would have been pleased to enjoy, at last, a sense of achievement as four long overdue projects were recently completed, but it was not to be. Without doubt, the new footpath, leading up from the White Lion, greatly improves the safety of pedestrians, in the area, but we have passed on complaints about the poor management of the project and the incongruous design of the new retaining wall. We are also unimpressed by the quality of the new mapboards' frames, supplied by HCC, and we are querying the cost that has been charged. Thankfully, the map leaflets are satisfactory and being distributed. They are available in the pub, church and hairdressers. Fullerton Farms agreed to a new footpath being constructed which now provides safe access from Fullerton Station Yard to Coreys Lane, avoiding the need to cross over the A3057.

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We have received a response from MP Caroline Nokes that no date has been announced, for the consultation regarding the proposed relaxation of the requirement for planning permission, for some extensions to properties. She also informed us that permission would still be required for extensions within the Conservation Area.

A pre-planning consultation has taken place regarding the land adjacent to Apple Cottage, Church Street. Planning Applications have been supported for the change of use of the Folly Building, Longparish Road and for a single storey rear extension to 6 Chant Close.

As Cllrs Andrew Gibson and Jim Neal have informed us that they have some funding available, various projects are being assessed for eligibility, prior to grant applications being submitted.

Damage to the Church Street bridge has been caused by the root systems of sapling trees. We are very grateful to Flood Warden Robert Little who has organised for the damage to be repaired. An extra rail at the bottom of the bridge has been requested as the gap exceeds the recommended 10 mms. The bridge at the junction of the A3057 & Coreys Lane has again been damaged. The streetlight at the top of Church Street needs the bulb replacing but alternatives to using a cherry picker, to do this are being investigated. The clearing of the road drain in this area has also been requested. The regularity of the emptying of the refuse bin at the Longbridge is being monitored.

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Owners of the overgrown roadside hedges, particularly along Fullerton Road, are asked to cut them back as soon as possible.

Concerns were raised regarding the safety of pedestrians along Fullerton Road. A speed check is therefore to be requested.

Work is in progress setting up a new village web site and the PC has agreed to pay £150 towards the cost of the work.

Concerns regarding the slow broadband speeds, in various locations, have been passed on to Cllr Gibson to investigate.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7pm in the Colonel Jenkins' Hall

Jane Andrews Chairman Tel: 860635 email: flyjohnandrews@aol.com

Chilbolton Play Facilities

Some of you may know, I wrote a letter to the Chilbolton Parish Council in October complaining about the lack of play facilities in the village. My daughter's 14th birthday had sparked me into action. I had attended the Parish Council meeting nearly 12 years earlier, when my daughter was a toddler. At that meeting, the decision was made to remove the swing and slide on the playing field. We have all been waiting for a replacement ever since.

As a result of my letter in October, the Chilbolton Parish Council wrote to me and agreed to consider looking at the village hall and the playing field as potential locations. This was after acknowledging that the plan with Enterprise Inns had failed. I was invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 6th November. I decided to email anyone I could think of to see if anyone else was interested in this issue.

It turned out I had struck a chord with many in the village. A lot of people wrote letters of support and approximately 25 people turned up at the Chilbolton Parish Council meeting. At the meeting it was agreed by the Parish Council to set up a sub-committee with a view to starting, with immediate effect, to look at play provision on the playing field (taking into consideration all age groups), and that the Parish Council would approach the Village Hall Committee to look at a site at the village hall for younger children.

The sub-committee met for their first meeting on 12th November and met again on 28th November. Our goal (which maybe a little optimistic) is to have made a start of installing some play equipment on the Playing Field by Easter 2013. If you would like to get involved or would like more information then please contact Claire.pigott@btinternet.com.

Claire Pigott



Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife



This winter, I'm participating in a project that aims to find out more about our thrushes in winter – their distribution and numbers, and also how they use the resources of the countryside, especially berries. We're also looking at how berries are eaten in gardens – which berries are eaten first, and whether some birds prefer particular berries? In the first six weeks of the survey, it's clear that in the wider countryside, both the common resident thrushes (Blackbirds and Song Thrushes) and the wintering thrushes (Fieldfare and Redwing) much prefer to eat Hawthorn berries (haws). Even in the garden, the haws were first to disappear, mainly due to the attention of our local Woodpigeons. But the Woodpigeons and Blackbirds rapidly moved on to one of our Cotoneaster bushes, and then, to the Pyracantha. Other species seen eating Hawthorn, Cotoneaster, and Pyracantha berries, have included Green Finch, Blue Tit, and Robin – but I've not yet seen our wintering Blackcaps that normally go straight to the Pyracantha.

The other thrush species that I haven't yet mentioned is the Mistle Thrush. You never see these in large numbers, but their particular preference at this time of year, seems to be Yew; look out for them in our churchyards. One Mistle Thrush has also occasionally been feeding on my Pyracantha, and if past winters are anything to go by, I'm expecting a pair of them to soon take ownership of the big holly at the bottom of our garden. Holly berries are a favourite of all the thrushes, especially Redwing, and when the weather gets colder and the haws are exhausted in the hedgerows, we can expect our local Mistle Thrushes to fight a losing battle as they defend their holly bush from hungry flocks of Redwing.

The other fascinating thing that we can expect to see later in the winter, is that all the thrush species will gradually change their diet. At the moment, they all eat berries and you see them in bushes and hedgerows. But as the berries disappear, the birds turn to feeding on the ground – probing for worms and other invertebrates, or eating fallen apples where they can find them. But every winter is different, and in the February magazine I'll tell you what transpires for our local thrushes.

West Down working parties

Despite the valiant efforts of the Highland cattle, the wet summer has spurred on much scrub growth in areas where our butterflies don't want it! So we'll be once again having monthly working parties this winter.

Dates for your diary are **Sundays 30th December** (opportunity to work off some of those excess calories!) & **27th January**. We'll be removing small thorny scrub, so wear stout footwear, and bring loppers and gloves if you can.

Meet **10.00am** at the top car-park.

Glynne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)

Wherwell Cricket Club

Following on from the last three years of amazing growth, this year was seen as a time for consolidation, and thanks to the endless rain through the early summer it was more of a challenge to actually get a game played than I can ever remember. When the rains did stop we saw some great performances, the 1st XI playing in the County league for the first time achieved a mid-table finish that ensured the same level of competition next season, the 2nd XI though still playing in division 4 gave some good accounts and more importantly introduced a number of our juniors to the senior game with excellent outcomes. The juniors were hardest hit by the weather and the U11 played only one match but the U13 team again showed great improvement winning one game and giving many of the more established teams a run for their money.

From a club perspective we have been impacted by a number of administrative changes that have caused us to have to re-align the committee a couple of times this year; this is the first and most important driver for this update. As a club we have been successful on the field and have brought in a number of young players who are working hard to make the teams stronger but what we lack is those more senior in the organisational roles that are as critical in moving the club forward. What we would like to ask is for people within the community to come and get involved. As with most organisations the Cricket Club has a committee and a number of officers, some are clearly more aligned to the players / ex-players but the following posts could equally be filled by keen individuals looking to help out. If you have time and a genuine interest in getting involved then we have the following roles up for election at our AGM in February.

- . Club Treasurer
- . Club Secretary
- . Membership Secretary
- . Club Junior Welfare Officer
- . Club Junior Co-Ordinator
- . Groundsman/ Assistant Groundsman
- . Club development officer

If you would like to get more information on any of these roles or find out about any other opportunities to get involved please visit our website <http://www.wherwellcc.co.uk/> and use the "contact us" option.

So back to the future, our junior section has developed well. We have additional coaches being trained this winter and this will enable more focussed coaching to take place for 2013. Junior practice will be held at The John Hanson School on Monday evenings starting in January and going

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through until Easter when we will hope the weather would permit us to go back to the playing fields. One additional note here is that we are currently looking to have an artificial cricket strip in place for the coming season, this will enable us to complete more matches and provide the opportunity for even more people to get a game of cricket which is the most important challenge we face. There will be a requirement to raise funds for this project so again here's the plea, if there is anyone reading still that has experience in fundraising or just has a head full of ideas please get in touch.

Paul Whyton

Be Prepared for Winter Weather

Introduction. The geology of Hampshire is mainly chalk and rainfall is stored in impermeable rocks below ground, called aquifers. There is a natural cycle to the process. The aquifers are filled in the winter and are discharged into chalk streams like the River Test in the summer to provide a regular river flow all the year round. When the aquifers are filled to overflowing, winterbournes and natural springs are activated. These, and exceptional periods of rain, can lead to flooding.

Our Situation. Despite recent heavy rains, the surface water drainage system has coped well. At present, the water flows in the River Test are high but the aquifers are only at or about seasonal levels. The challenge will be to keep the system fit for purpose.

What Should Be Done? Everyone who lives near a water course or ditch must watch to see that they are kept clear. The same applies to drains in the road which need to be prodded clear. Where foliage has invaded the bed or banks of the watercourse, it must be cut back so that saplings do not start to grow. In such a case, or when a task is more serious, it should be reported to the Flood Advisory Group. The heavy weather which brings the rain can also bring down power lines so an emergency kit of heating, lighting and cooking equipment could be a wise investment.

What About The Parish Council? The Flood Advisory Group, on behalf of the Parish Council, will keep in touch with Hampshire County Council Highways Division and Test Valley Borough Council to see the road verges are swept after the Autumn leaf fall and culverts are cleared. They will publicise any warnings of anticipated flooding and should be regarded as the first point of call for advice on these matters. With this in mind, any member of the community who is elderly or infirm and worried may notify the Flood Advisory Group. They will offer advice and notify the Parish Council if necessary. Points of contact are Jeremy Baines (860448), Moya Grove (860411), Neil Watson (05601792623) and Terry Gilmour (860507).

Jeremy Baines - For the Flood Advisory Group

Wherwell History Group



The 2013 calendar is selling very well. There is still time to buy your copy (£6.00 each) at the Chilbolton Village Stores, White Lion Inn and William Stewart Hair Design (Wherwell) and Calendar Club or Waterstones (Chantry Centre, Andover); plus local coffee mornings, Christmas Fayres, etc.

Also available at the Wherwell Christmas Fayre is the **Wherwell Abbey Pageant DVD** – the complete works, over 90 minutes. Alternatively, please contact Andrew Flanagan (01264 860 560)

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 Sheen	860249
Lizzie Broadbent	860434
George Hampson	860721

Chilbolton Councillors

Alan Crisp (Chairman)	860641
David Griffiths (V/Chair)	860313
Mandy Amor (Clerk)	860566
George Marits	860293
Patrick Coates	860069
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Martin Gossling	861375
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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	Carole Marits	860293
Chilbolton Church Flowers	Jane Brown	860726
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	<u>www.chilbolton.com</u> & <u>www.wherwell.net</u>	
Wherwell Church Flowers	Jo Baughen	860319
Wherwell Cricket Club	Richard Rowles (Chair)	861101
	Jo Baughen (Juniors)	860319
Wherwell History Group	Andrew Flanagan	860560
Wherwell Home Guard Club	Cliff Goodall (Chair)	860445
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
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