

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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## October 2014

Autumn draws on! After a couple of thinish issues, it has been a tight squeeze this month. Nice to see some reports of recent events intermingled with future events. Harvest, History, the Benefice, the Parish Councils, Nature and Music feature strongly. Film Flix and the Abbots Mitre make a welcome return. I hope as many people as possible will keep up the pressure on High Speed Broadband. You have a great team producing this magazine, but some vacancies will soon need to be filled to keep us at full strength.

Enjoy your read.

*Andrew Flanagan*

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# Church Matters

## The Downs Benefice The Reverend Jax Machin

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### From the Church Records

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name (s)</i>
<b>Chilbolton</b>		
Baptism	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2014	Abigail Foster
Blessing of the Baby	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	Maisie Jamieson
Baptism	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	Penny Gallagher
<b>Wherwell</b>		

# Church Services

Services October 2014	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme			2.30 pm		
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>					
Wherwell School Harvest Festival					10.00 am
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
House Communion			10.00 am		
Flowerdown Harvest Festival			4.30 pm		
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i></b>					
Family Communion				10.00 am	
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Harvest Festival			10.00 am		10.00 am
Benefice Evensong	6.00 pm				
Peace & Wholeness			6.00 pm		
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October Messy Church</b>					
Crawley Church Room		4 – 6 pm			
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i></b>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00 am		
Harvest Festival				10.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Benefice Evensong					6.00 pm
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
Sparsholt School Harvest Festival				9.15 am	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>					
Flowerdown HC			2.30 pm		
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i></b>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
CW Holy Communion – REME Service	10.00 am				
Family Service					10.00 am
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
Matins				10:00 am	
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>					
Meditation			7.00 pm		
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October <i>The Last Sunday after Trinity</i></b>					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Family Service	10.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship with Sunday School		10.00 am			

<b>Church Flowers</b>	
<b>Wherwell</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October                      FESTIVAL GROUP (Harvest) 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> October                      Anne-Clare Whiteside
<b>Chilbolton</b>	Beryl Lawrence & Dawn Rickatson

## **The hospitality of Harvest**

*‘Wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.’*

(John 4: 36)

To me, autumn is the crowning glory of the year and this particular Indian Summer is proving to be a spectacular joy in this beautiful Downs landscape, with the blessing of warm sun, crisp breezes and the relief of seeing harvests being gathered in long rain-free days, topped by crisp clear nights under the watchful gaze of a bright, full moon. I have been reminded of Keats’ poem to autumn in which he describes ‘Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom-friend of the maturing sun.’ Bliss!

Well, bliss for me, at any rate. For others, the threshold of autumn is met with a shudder as the changing seasons herald the prospect of falling leaves, shorter days, dark evenings and cold, wet winter weather. I am mindful that for those facing the prospect of the coming winter months alone these are very real and isolating concerns. Christ draws us into a relationship of love and hospitality – both with Him and with each other. At harvest time, a time of plenty and nourishment for so many, Jesus calls all Christian people to think carefully about how we might each use the rich harvest of our own gifts and resources to reach out to those who are in need of nourishment and enrichment, both spiritual, emotional and physical; sowing the seeds of hospitality which will make real the harvest of God’s love for all. The writer and environmentalist, Edwin Way Teale, offers us a vision of God’s creational provisioning as mankind and nature each share in this cycle of stewardship of the other: *‘For mankind, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad.’* Speaking of the Spiritual Harvest in Chapter 4 of John’s Gospel, Jesus encourages us all: those planting in hope, those harvesting in faith and those reaping the rewards of these labours with open hearts, that we might nurture each other in the sharing and stewardship of all which first comes from God. This harvest time I pray that our parishes are invitational – welcoming all to share in the rich harvest of our Christian faith, perhaps by taking the risk to invite family, friends, neighbours and complete strangers to share our Harvest Suppers with us and by welcoming them to one of our Harvest services. One little seed sown now might reap a rich and bountiful harvest of mellow fruitfulness beyond our wildest imagination!

With my love in the harvest of Christ.

**Jax**

## Breakfast, Fun & Family Bike Rides - Chilbolton Village Hall



Simply Sunday

Informal Church for Families



Join us for breakfast and informal church in Chilbolton Village Hall, followed by indoor activities or mountain biking.

Breakfast is at 0930 and we are usually back from the ride by 1200-1230

If you're cycling, don't forget your, helmet, long trousers and a drink for the ride. Breakfast is provided free of charge.

For further information, please contact Gaynor and Max Childs,  
Tel: 01264 860044

[SimplySundayBiking@gmail.com](mailto:SimplySundayBiking@gmail.com)

*Chilbolton & Wherwell Churches, part of the Downs Benefice*

### Next Dates:

Sunday 5 October 2014

Sunday 2 November 2014

Sunday 7 December 2014

**Location:** Chilbolton Village Hall.

**Time:** 0930-1200



## WHERWELL HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Sunday 5 October 2014*

*Ploughman's Lunch at 12 noon  
in the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall*

*Tickets £5 (children free) from*

*Pam Prince 01264 860 441 / [w.prince04@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:w.prince04@tiscali.co.uk)*

*Anna Lipa 01264 860 879 / [anna@stefanlipa.co.uk](mailto:anna@stefanlipa.co.uk)*

*10 am Harvest Service at St Peter & Holy Cross  
followed by teas and coffees*

## Charlotte Nash

Charlotte Nash will be licenced at the Cathedral on Saturday 11th October at 11.00am as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) -formerly a reader- to the Downs Benefice.

As a Benefice we would like to celebrate this occasion with Charlotte at a small lunch party at Chilbolton Church at 1.30pm on the day.

All are most welcome to attend the service and/or the lunch party. If you will be attending the lunch please would you be kind enough to let your churchwarden or the Benefice Office know by the 6<sup>th</sup> October to help with the catering arrangements.

*Many thanks.*

### *The Downs Benefice - ALL SOULS SERVICES*

All Souls Day has been a traditional time for the Church to remember all the faithful departed. Our churches mark this season with special services to which we invite those who have been bereaved in the parish during the past year or more. The opportunity is given in the service to light a candle to remember those you love who have died, and we hope that you will find renewed hope and fresh confidence in the Christian message of resurrection and the life to come.

Those families for whom we have conducted a funeral or thanksgiving service in the last year will receive an invitation to join us, but everyone is welcome to attend the service, and in all our churches there will be a box with cards for you to fill in with the names of those you would like remembered.

The services this year will be held on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at the following times:

- 10.00 am at St. Mary's Church, Crawley
- **3.00 pm at the Church of St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell**
- 6.00 pm at St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt
- 6.00 pm at St Catherine's Church, Littleton

### **Rydal** - a date for your diaries

The next Benefice holiday at Rydal Hall in the Lake District will be on  
**9th to 16th July 2016.**

We have booked the complete facility (all rooms en-suite)  
and have also 'applied' for a sunny week!  
Further details as the months progress.

## Thank you (the finale)

Bill and Betty Hawkins have moved back into Antler Cottage, Church Street, Wherwell, sixteen months after a fire on Good Friday, 2013, destroyed the roof of their cottage and the neighbouring Apple Cottage. There was a full report of this tragedy, and how the village rallied round on the day of the fire and during the weeks which followed, in the June 2013 edition of this magazine.



Bill & Betty held a party for family, friends and neighbours at Wherwell Home Guard Club at the end of August. Ray Blazdell kindly entertained everybody with fantastic keyboard and vocals. Sue Coleman turned up trumps with the buffet spread. A ‘thank you’ speech was read out by Andrew Flanagan and a couple of items deserve a special mention.

Last summer, members of the Home Guard Club engineered a *Ground Force* style surprise makeover of the pathway to Bill & Betty’s mobile home. They were thrilled to have a veranda to sit outside in the daytime or watch the setting sun. Come the New Year, when the wettest first few months on record turned their garden into a small lake, the decking and elevated pathway were even more beneficial.

There was another surprise sprung on Christmas Day, when they were given an envelope containing a cheque for new furnishings. Once again, they were overwhelmed by the generosity of so many village folk and the cheque was substantial enough to buy some bedroom furniture, curtains and 3-piece suite.

Naturally, Bill & Betty are delighted to have moved back into a much improved but still very cosy cottage – complete with some antlers, which once adorned their old living room and are now keeping watch over the front step. Life is ‘back to normal’; and yet in many ways, life has been nothing but normal. They have stayed throughout in Church Street. Bill has continued his duties as Water Keeper, tended his vegetable plot and played Snooker ‘up Club’ Betty has looked after Mole Hall and Wherwell Church. They will always be truly grateful to Sir Peter Cresswell for given them an immediate roof over their heads and then letting them have the run of his beautiful and historic cottage for an indefinite period. Thank you may be just two small words, but they sincerely and lovingly convey an immense amount of gratitude to everyone who has looked after them throughout their journey back into Antler Cottage.

*Betty Hawkins & Andrew Flanagan*

## **Brass cleaning at Wherwell Church**

After many years of sterling work cleaning the church's collection of brass and preparing rotas, Gordon Pack is now retiring. On behalf of us all I would like to thank him for the many hours of work he's put in and for the rotas to keep us on track.

We do need some more volunteers to come forward, as we are now down to four. The cleaning only takes two hours every month and with more helpers the load would be spread more lightly. Gordon has asked me to take over the rota, so if anyone would be willing to join our group please get in touch with me at 3 Kingsmill Cottages, on 01264 860461.

Thank you very much.

*Ken Wilson*

## **Chilbolton Village Plan**

Chilbolton is preparing a new village plan.

The existing Chilbolton Village Design Statement was adopted by Test Valley in January 2003 and probably needs updating.

The Test Valley Local Development Framework is currently being reviewed by Government and is likely to be adopted in 2015.

The Parish Council considers that the time is appropriate to prepare a new Village Plan and has set up a working group for this purpose.

All villagers are invited to be part of the process of suggesting the things that should be included and to prepare statements that after discussion can be agreed by a majority of village residents. Briefly:

- ✓ those things that are valued and should be retained;
- ✓ those things that should be changed, improved or upgraded
- ✓ those things that are desired and should be provided.

Some suggested Chapters are:

### **Countryside and Environment**

- open spaces, river Test, footpaths and more

### **Health, Wellbeing and Recreation**

- play areas, allotments, countryside activities etc.

### **Guidelines for Future Development**

- Housing, new, elderly and affordable, services

Please send any comments, suggestions or offers to help to:

Chilbolton Parish Council Clerk [chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk)

or Working Group Chairman [tonyewer@me.com](mailto:tonyewer@me.com)

The village website will be used to publish working drafts

<http://www.chilboltonandwherwell.info/index.php/chilbolton-village-plan>

*Tony Ewer*

## Chilbolton Festival at War Memorial Playing Field

We had an amazing evening for our first festival, perfect clear weather, a nearly full moon and a flyby of Canada geese. The event was really well attended; over 250 people from the village and a good cross section, with ages ranging from 4 months to 80+.

It was great to see the young children playing on the play equipment and to continue with it even after it got dark running round with torches. The older ones made good use of the football pitch.

Many thanks to our local musicians, who played for free. Their contact details are [EchoTape](#) and [Facombe'all](#) if you want to go and see them again or hire them. If we do this event again it would be good to have some more, so if you know of any other up and coming bands in the village please let us know.

Thanks to Newman's car dealer for sponsoring the tickets and posters. And

of course thanks to [Taste](#) and Simply Scrumptious for organising the food.

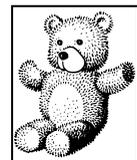
Thank you to everyone who came and for all the positive feedback it makes it all worthwhile. The event raised over £1800, which will be ring fenced for the playing field. We are not sure what we will use it for yet but will keep you posted.

Your ideas are very welcome. We did have an

ideas board on the night but everyone was too busy enjoying themselves to add to it!. So if you want to email ideas that would be good.

We hope the event reminds people that the playing field is there to be used. So you too can organise things. It would be nice to have a village rounder's match or ultimate Frisbee game. This kind of thing can be done informally and if you want to open and use the pavilion for a nominal fee just get in contact.

*Claire Pigott* ([Claire.pigott@btinternet.com](mailto:Claire.pigott@btinternet.com))



### MIDDAY MUMS

Middy Mums will be on **20<sup>th</sup> October** 10.30am to noon and the following one on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

All welcome with babies or toddlers.

*Joyce Payne* [01264 860296]

## A Promise Fulfilled

In 1953, at the tender age of fourteen, I was taken to the Guildhall, in the City of London, to witness the making (I believe that is the right term) of the Lord Mayor, Sir Noel Bowater. I was also taken on a visit to Goldsmiths Hall and Fishmongers Hall. It was a very memorable and never-to-be-forgotten day.

My host and potential benefactor, an elderly man in his eighties and a member of my parish church, was Francis Raikes Le Blanc Newbery, a descendant of Robert Raikes, founder of Sunday schools, and Francis Newbury, a friend of Dr. Johnson and Oliver Goldsmith. Mr. Newbery was himself a Freeman of the City of London and a member of several Livery Companies.



Following this visit, Mr. Newbery promised to arrange for me to become a Freeman. Unfortunately, at that time, I was too young, and he became too old – he died before he could fulfil his promise! I thought that was the end of the matter, and then, last year, in a casual conversation with Stephen Scott, a past Master of The Worshipful Company of Farriers, he told me he could step into Mr. Newbery's shoes and fulfil that promise made to me sixty-one years ago!

So, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014, I became a Citizen and Freeman of the City of London! In consequence I look forward to driving all of you (my flock) over London Bridge (even if the privilege of doing so is only a myth!). The photographs tell the rest of the story.

*Norman de la Mouette*

## Wherwell Christmas Fayre - Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November



### CAKE STALL

Please donate homemade cakes, pies, cupcakes, breads, jams, or whatever your baking speciality...



Kindly bring to the Village Hall between  
2:00pm and 2:30pm on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

Thank You Very Much !!

*Judy Conte, Tel: 01264 860 789*

### WHERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Some readers may be unaware that, unlike Chilbolton, as Wherwell has a smaller population, the Parish Council only meets on alternate months, with an extra meeting held in April, to coincide with the end of the financial year. The AGM is held in May. However, there is always plenty for the clerk and councillors to do in between the meetings. Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings and have the opportunity to raise any issues with the PC.

No Parishioners attended the September meeting, but County Cllr Andrew Gibson and Cllr Drew from Goodworth Clatford were present.

An amended application for the Lime Tree site in Fullerton Road has again been opposed. The decision from the Planning Inspectorate is still awaited regarding the plot adjacent to Apple Cottage, at the end of Church Street.

The cherry tree on the War Memorial Green has been very much inferior to the previous cherry tree there, but ironically it was quite magnificent this year. However, its roots and branches are compromising the Memorial and it has to be removed. Advice will be sought regarding a replacement tree.

Cllr Gibson informed the PC that the whole structure of HCC's Highways Department is being reviewed. The condition of the road network throughout the county, means that the highways authorities are under pressure to prioritise the extensive road repairs that are currently needed. It was agreed that Cllr Gibson will be provided with a list of the most serious highway concerns. Included will be that one pot hole in Longparish Road has been repaired four times this year. A 40 mph speed limit along part of Longparish Road has been repeatedly requested as residents have reported, on several occasions, vehicles have been hit exiting their drives, by speeding traffic.

More extensive repairs are yet again to be done to the bridge on the B3420 at Winchester Corner. Hopefully the work replacing the Chilbolton water main,

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necessitating the closure of Coley Lane, will have been completed by the beginning of October as it is proposed then that the B3420 is to be closed from 9.30am to 3.30pm whilst the bridge repairs are carried out. Repairing the bridge yet again seems pointless whilst repeated requests have been ignored for signage to be installed, restricting the use of Longparish Road by HGVs coming off the A303. It is HGVs that cause damage when they get stuck on the bridge. Similar signs have also been repeatedly requested at the gateways to Wherwell off the A30, the A3057 and the B3420.

Highways agreed, more than a year ago, that the condition of the verges and the road surface along Fullerton Road urgently needed attention especially as a temporary barrier to the edge of the road, where there is a steep drop, was erected along there more than three years ago.

Accidents frequently occur in the vicinity of the old railway bridge at Fullerton on the A3057 due to speeding traffic and vehicles exiting Coley Lane. There are serious concerns that a vehicle will, sooner or later, go over the very steep unprotected drops off both sides of the road. An oil tanker very nearly did this some years ago– the resulting pollution would have been disastrous to the River Test.

Hopefully a grant application, from the British Heart Foundation, will be successful and with additional funding from Cllr Gibson and Cllr Neal two defibrillators are being purchased. The telephone kiosk has now been repainted and adapted for one to be installed there. In view of the number of heart attacks that occur in quite young people, whilst participating in sport, a further defibrillator will be sited at the Playing Fields.

Southern Water have reported, that the flooding problems experienced by Chilbolton, during last winter, could have been exacerbated by residual fat deposits building up in waste pipes. Residents who are on main drainage are asked not to dispose of any fat down their waste pipes. Southern Water are proposing to issue fat funnels to facilitate waste fat to be drained into plastic bottles in order that it can be disposed of within the black general domestic waste bins.

The PC has agreed to purchase four ceramic poppies from the display at the Tower of London commemorating the lives lost in WW1. The poppies will be part of a War Memorial displayed in the church.

Residents with hedges bounding the road side are requested to cut them back as we have received complaints from pedestrians that, in places but mainly along Fullerton Road, the width of the lane is narrowed by the overgrowth. This results in vehicles passing in very close proximity to pedestrians which is quite frightening but also very unpleasant when it is raining.

Next PC meeting:

Tuesday 11th November 7pm Colonel Jenkins' Hall, Wherwell.

Jane Andrews Chairman Tel: 01264 860635 Email: [flyjohndrews@aol.com](mailto:flyjohndrews@aol.com)

## CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL (CPC)

CPC met at 7.00pm on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. No members of the public were present.

I am pleased to report that almost no ragwort is visible on the Common. The creeping thistles have been cut with a brush cutter. There is a small area of thistle that remains to be cut. I will try and do it in the next few days. I think the Common is looking particularly fine in the late summer sunshine. Peace has returned now the summer holidays are over.

The adjacent playing field is looking good too. The new mowing contractors seem to be doing a good job. The fringes have had to be tidied up by committee members using brush cutters. Football has begun with 2 teams now using the field so doubling the income. As I walked across it yesterday I was impressed by the manager of the New Street U 15's. He was busy scattering seed in the goal area where the grass has become worn. He did it without being asked which I think augurs well for the future.

It is good to see so many children and parents using the play equipment. I have had a complaint about litter and dog excrement on the play area. Please pick up litter and put it in the bin provided. Dogs are only permitted on the playing field on leads and are not allowed on the football pitch or play area. If you see anyone breaking the rules please tell them-politely!

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September we had a social gathering on the playing field organised by the WMPF Action Group. For more details see Claire Piggot's report on page 77. It was great fun and brought together a very wide cross section of the village. The fine weather certainly helped the beer to flow. We ran out of real ale! My wife did justice to the excellent NZ Sauvignon Blanc. Locally brewed beer; locally produced food; local bands and locals: what more could one want? The event raised funds for the playing field - about £1800 I believe. Congratulations to all those who worked hard to make the occasion a success.

If there is sufficient support we are thinking of reintroducing bonfire night fireworks next year.

Those of you who have been on West Down will have noticed the New Forest ponies. One has recently had a foal. They seem to like their new home. At the end of this month we will begin clearance work on West Down. We are in the process of purchasing the necessary machinery. Some of us are being trained in the safe use of brush cutters and chain saws. Do come and give us a hand.

Six more villagers have been trained in First Aid.

We are continuing to press HCC to do more to prevent flooding in the winter. Hopefully a meeting will take place soon. I am pleased to report that the Abbots Mitre has a new tenant. I am told that the pub will reopen on 1<sup>st</sup> October, after refurbishment. See you there!

*David Griffiths - Chairman*

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telephone number: 07515 670919.

## Bee Diary October 2014

### Never throw anything away.....

2014 has been a wonderful year for honey bees, many other insects and birds, possibly the best in 20 years. The warm wet winter enabled honey bee colonies to get off to a flying start in the spring, and the periods of hot weather, interspersed with regular rain, meant that plants continued to yield nectar without those times of dearth that we see in an average season. The result has been a record harvest of honey and far too many colonies of bees to manage. For us beekeepers this has meant a lot of hard work but the honey harvest has made up for it.

There has been much talk in the newspapers about the lack of wasps this year, which seems strange, considering the success of the bees. Wasps had a really dismal 2013. If you recall, we didn't see much sun in May/ June 2013, a crucial time for wasps, and although the sun shone through July, they missed the boat and I suspect produced fewer queens to go into winter. No doubt they will bounce back in 2015.

Our record spring honey harvest in May this year was followed by an even bigger harvest in August; we had well over half a ton of honey to take off the hives. As I was preparing the honey separating equipment I found that the electric spinner wouldn't spin, due to the loss of the ball bearing upon which the world turned. Where do you find a 1 cm ball bearing when you have 1100lbs of honey threatening to solidify in the combs?

John Rowles' shed, where we separate the honey, is a treasure trove of engineering tools and equipment, most of it in triplicate, but John couldn't find me a ball bearing. I had visions of driving into Basingstoke to find the ball, but I tried John Fry first. He also has a workshop with everything you normally need.

*"Have you got a 1cm ball bearing, John?"*

*"No but I have got some balls of lead".*

I couldn't imagine that a ball of lead would do, but we went through a drawer, and sure enough there were the balls of lead.

*"What have you got these for, John?"*

*"They're for killing Germans"*

Hitherto I hadn't detected any signs of Euroscepticism in John, but then again he had in the past professed an admiration for UKIP.

*"Where did you get these balls of lead from, John?"*

*"I took them out of 12 bore shotgun cartridges given to me by the Home Guard"*

*"When was that John?"*

*"Oh, about 1940!"*

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It would seem that in 1940, the Home Guard were somewhat short of weaponry, and anyone who had a 12 bore was issued with special cartridges with lead balls in them, for killing invaders. The young John Fry managed to acquire some of these cartridges, and cut out the lead balls. History doesn't relate to what he did with the cordite.

Still, a lead ball wouldn't work as a bearing, but as we poked through the balls, there was a shiny one, it was steel, it was 1cm across, it fitted the spinner, we were in business! As John says, he never throws anything away; it will come in useful someday. In this case it did, 74 years later!

*Jolyon Pope*

# **Vocalium in concert**

**Director: Dale Webb**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm**

**St. Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell**

The programme includes sacred music from Russia and Estonia, folks songs from Wales, Tudor anthems and contemporary pieces.

Tickets £8

Via Dale Webb on 01264 860074 or on the door.

***Save the date !***

*Wherwell  
Singers*

**The Wherwell Singers Christmas Concert**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell

Carols for audience, plus some of the loveliest Christmas music from Handel, Rutter, Lauridsen, Taverner and a beautiful Russian carol to bring tears to your eyes.

## The Abbots Mitre

Our local Chilbolton pub has two new publicans and will be open for business very soon. Here is a statement from Simon Townsend, CEO of Enterprise Inn, in a letter to David Griffiths, Chairman, CPC.



*As you may know, we have been attempting to secure a long term future for the Abbots Mitre and have been extensively marketing the business over the last two years, even though the interest we received from prospective publicans during that time was either limited or was simply unsuitable.*

*However I am pleased to report that we have now found new Publicans who wish to take on the pub, .... in the hope that our new Publicans will be in situ towards the end of September. There will be a period of closure whilst refurbishments are carried out.*

*I hope you will support our new Publicans and that you will continue to enjoy the Abbots Mitre. Thank you once again for your interest.*

### **The Abbots Mitre has re-opened its doors as a traditional English pub.**

- ✓ **Open all day every day**
- ✓ **Freshly cooked food**
- ✓ **Traditional local ales**

**Steve and Lee look forward to welcoming you soon.**

**01264 860348**

**[www.abbotsmitre.com](http://www.abbotsmitre.com)**

## High speed broadband – we still need your help

As you may know, under current Hampshire County Council plans, fibre optic broadband is due to be brought to Chilbolton and Wherwell between **June and December 2015**. Fibre optic broadband is at least three times faster than the current ADSL broadband that we currently ‘enjoy’ in the area.

What you may not know is that it is no means certain that fibre broadband will be installed as planned - this all depends on demand and on the necessary funding being made available. In these austere times, the funding may not be available at the planned time, particularly since there will be a general election in May 2015.

Because of the rural nature of the area, it is not economic for BT Openreach to install fibre optic broadband in Chilbolton and Wherwell without subsidy, which is where HCC comes in. We need to keep reminding HCC that there is a strong demand for high speed broadband in the area.

You can do this by registering your interest on the HCC website, as per the advert below. Registering does not commit you individually to take the new broadband when it is available, of course, you can make that decision at the time. But by registering with HCC, you will help to ensure that this essential utility is in place for us and for future generations. So **please register your support!**

*Euan Ramsay*

### Hampshire County Council and its partners are now rolling out access to faster broadband in parts of Hampshire that have poor internet speeds.

Evidence of high demand, especially in more sparsely populated areas, will encourage the commercial companies to invest in the network infrastructure. It will also help our funding go further, ensuring that faster broadband reaches more people.

**Register your support online at  
[www.hants.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.hants.gov.uk/broadband)**

If you don't have internet access you can write to us to express your support - please include your contact details or we won't be able to keep you up to date on improvements in your area. Write to Hampshire Broadband Programme, Hampshire County Council, Three Minsters House, Winchester SO23 8UL. Or you can call us on 0845 6035638. Call costs may vary.

## DIARY DATES

<b>October 2014 (weekend events shaded)</b>			
	West Down Working Parties	See notice in mag.	
1	Chilbolton PC	CVH	7 pm
1	Space in the City lectures <i>The Seven Deadly Virtues</i>	United Church, Winchester <i>Repeated every Wednesday</i>	12.30 – 1 pm
2	Sew 'n' Sews	CVH	7-9 pm
3	Film <i>The Monuments Men</i>	CVH	6.45 pm
4	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am
5	Simply Sunday Biking	CVH	9.30 am
5	Wherwell Harvest Lunch	CVH	12 noon
6	Age UK Tea Afternoon	White Lion	3 pm
7	Chilbolton Open Spaces Working Parties	West Down <i>repeated every Tuesday</i>	2 pm
10	<b>Copy deadline for November issue of magazine</b>		
11	Charlotte Nash Licencing	Winchester Cathedral	11 am
11	Vocalium Concert	Wherwell Church	7.30 pm
11	Bingo	Wherwell Home Guard Club	8 pm
12	Walk The Test Way	See <a href="http://www.walkthetestway.org.uk/">http://www.walkthetestway.org.uk/</a>	
16	Sew 'n' Sews	CVH	7-9 pm
17	Wherwell History Group <i>History of Penton Lodge</i>	WVH	8 pm
18	Open Spaces Working Party	West Down	10 am
18	Chilbolton Coffee morning	CVH	10.30 am
18	Antiques Quiz	WHGC	8 pm
20	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30 am - noon
21	Chilbolton WI	CVH	7.30 pm
24	Movie Night	WHGC	7.30 pm
28	Chilbolton Hort Soc	CVH	7.45 pm
28	Wherwell Ladies	WVH	8 pm
31	Halloween Party	Wherwell Home Guard Club	7.30 pm
31	Quiz	CVH	7 pm
<b>November 2014</b>			
1	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am
2	Simply Sunday Biking	CVH	9.30 am
2	All Souls Service	Wherwell	3 pm
11	Wherwell PC	WVH	7 pm

### Chilbolton Parish Council

Due to several members of the Parish Council being unable to attend the scheduled October meeting, the meeting shall now be held on WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER at 19:00 in the Durnford Room, Chilbolton Village Hall.

*Mandy Amor. Chilbolton Parish Council Clerk*

## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

**2/10 Watercress Line to the Bluebell Railway. Mid-Hants Railway, Arlesford. See website for ticket options. (24/10 – 26/10 Autumn Steam Spectacular).**

**2/10 – 5/10 Winchester Comedy Festival Theatre Royal, Winchester. Ticket prices tbc. [winchestercomedyfestival.co.uk](http://winchestercomedyfestival.co.uk)**

**3/10 – 7/10 The Havant Literary Festival, at various venues in Havant. 02392 471811. [havantlitfest.org.uk](http://havantlitfest.org.uk)**

**4/10 Joan Armatrading City Hall, Salisbury. 7.30pm. £29.50 & £27.50. 01722 434434.**

**4/10 – 5/10 Winchester Cathedral Harvest Festival**

**4/10;18/10;25/10 Owls by Moonlight Hawk Conservancy Trust, Weyhill. £29.50;£16.00. 01264 773850**

**7/10, 11/10 Drawing Workshops. The Gallery, Fairground Craft Centre, Weyhill. 10am – 4pm. £50 per wokshop. 01264 773438.**

**10/10 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Mozart & Bruckner. The Anvil & The Forge, Basingstoke. 7.45pm. £39 - £10. 01256 844244.**

**11/10 – 12/10 World Space Weekend. Telegraph Way, Winchester. 10am – 5pm. £9, £6.50. 01962 863791.**

**11/10 to Jan '15 Soldier's Journey: portraying Hampshire's role throughout WWI. The Andover Museum and the Museum of the Iron Age. 10am – 5pm.**

**23/10 Autumn by Candlelight at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. £12.50. Timing tbc. 01794 369318.**

**25/10 Monstrous Mottisfont Hallowe'en Trail at Mottisfont Abbey. 10am to 5pm. Normal admissions applies. 01794 340757.**

**To 26/10 The Great War: Remembrance Silk. Whitchurch Silk Mill. For more information: 01256 892065.**

**26/10 "Photowalk" in Winchester. Capturing your best shots of streets and buildings with an expert tutor. 11am – 2pm. £15. 079700 34498.**

**28/10 Autumn Colour on the Commons. Sandpit car park, Ringwood. Ranger led walks. 10am to 1pm. £5. 01794 344020.**

**30/10 Stephen K. Amos: Welcome to my World. The Lights, Andover. £17, £18. 01264 368368.**

**To 1/11 From David Bomberg to Paula Rego – The London Group. Southampton City Art Gallery. 023 8083 2277.**

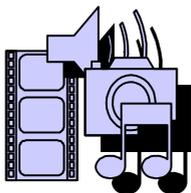
### Farmer's Markets

**5/10 Romsey**

**12/10 & 26/10 Winchester**

**19/10 Andover**

**Come to the Movies!!**



**CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Proudly Present**

# **The Monuments Men**

**(12A)**

**Starring George Clooney and Matt Damon**

An unlikely World War II platoon is tasked to rescue  
art masterpieces from Nazi thieves  
and return them to their owners

**In Chilbolton Village Hall**

**on**

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2014, at 7.30 pm**

**Doors open 6.45 pm**

**Tickets £5.00 - In advance**

**Or £5.50 - On the door (subject to availability)**

**Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits**

**Wine, beer, orange juice and choc ices  
will be on sale**

**To book your ticket, please ring Beryl Lawrence on 01264 860618  
or Sheila Laughton on 01264 860460**

## Andover Food Bank

Thank you so much for continuing to donate to the Food Bank bin in Wherwell Church. We receive regular thanks from Andover Food Bank's administrator, and this month, they have listed essential items as required:

### VERY URGENT

- LONG LIFE fruit juice 1lt
- Rice
- Sugar – 1kg and 500g

### URGENT

- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Instant mashed potato
- Dried powdered milk

*Other items that would be useful are:*

Saucepans & Frying Pans– VERY URGENT (can be old ones)

Razors – VERY URGENT

Deodorant – male and female

*Anna Lipa*

# SPACE IN THE CITY Autumn 2014 The Seven Deadly Virtues

*Seven eminent speakers address the question:-*

*Are the virtues of Faith, Hope, Restraint, Justice, Courage, Prudence & Love something still worth striving for in this 21<sup>st</sup> century post-modern world of ours, or are they just too out-moded for words*

Seven Wednesdays 12.30-1pm

1<sup>st</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014

at The United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester

*No charge*

*Donations welcome*

*Sandwiches will be available*

[www.spaceinthecity.org.uk](http://www.spaceinthecity.org.uk)

## Chilbolton Open Spaces Working Parties

We're now entering our first winter season of managing West Down, and there is now a tremendous opportunity to start properly controlling the Sycamore and other scrub re-growth. We're optimistic that the use of brush-cutters and small chain-saws will speed the process, and several people have been trained in the use of these. The Parish Council also now has its own equipment. But although the power tools will help with the speed of cutting, the increased amount of cut material, requires even greater effort in clearing up the brash, burning, and general tidying up; for every person using a power tool, we probably need two people clearing up! So anyone can help; carrying stuff to a bonfire or just feeding the fire, are just as important as doing the power-tool cutting. All you need are old clothes, thick gardening gloves and stout shoes or boots.

The current plan, starting at the end of September, is that we will have weekly sessions on West Down – meeting at the top car-park on

**Every TUESDAY afternoon at 2.00pm**

For those who can't make it mid-week, we'll also have one session per month at a weekend, starting with:

**SATURDAYS : 18<sup>th</sup> Oct + 15<sup>th</sup> Nov + 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.00am.**

For either Tuesday or Saturday sessions, you don't have to be there at the start – by all means come along later, and find us somewhere. To start with, we'll most often be in the fenced area of West Down. But there'll sometimes be jobs to be done elsewhere in the village – along the roads, on the greens, or on the Common, but we'll let people know when we're elsewhere.

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

on behalf of Chilbolton Open Spaces Committee

*PS. I'm afraid we can't offer huge salary bonuses for coming to a working party. But we can offer good exercise, good company, hopefully some little light refreshment, and at times there's likely to be as much wood as you want to take away for your wood burner.*

### CHILBOLTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## "Dahlias and Chrysanthemums"

**Speaker: Brian Madders from the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Society.**

Tuesday Oct. 28th at 7.45pm. Chilbolton Village Hall.

All welcome + Teas + Raffle + Plants for sale

*Non-members donation please.*

## Memories of Wartime Chilbolton – Part I

*(The following is abridged from a longer article archived with Wherwell History Group. Part II will appear next month.)*

**Betty, May and Ivy Ridout** moved to Chilbolton with their parents, Frederick and Lilian, in 1939. A short while ago, the three sisters kindly allowed me to record some of their childhood memories. We sat in Betty and May's sitting room in 'New Branscombe', set between Ivy's house and that of her son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Brenda Raynsford, in the garden of the original 'Branscombe', the house where they grew up. Though they number among Chilbolton's most senior residents, I shall refer to them as girls, for that is what they were during the period being recalled.

Their story starts in the 1920s, when Frederick Ridout, a young man from Dorset took the job of gardener on Mr and Mrs Govett's estate at Newton Stacy. He was given lodgings in Keeper's Cottage with George Bower, game-keeper to the estate. George, a widower, lived there with his pretty daughter, Lilian (Lily), and it wasn't long before Fred and Lily fell in love. They were married in Barton Stacy Church and in 1930, Lily gave birth to Betty. Two years later, May arrived and in 1936 Ivy. They lived together in Keeper's Cottage until 1939, when their grandfather died. In April that year, they moved to 'Branscombe' in Chilbolton, one of the so-called 'tin houses' in Drove Road.

Built almost entirely of metal, 'Branscombe' was a colonial-style bungalow



with two bay windows and a corrugated-iron roof, and like many of the tin houses it was painted in red oxide. Inside was a living-room, three bedrooms and a brick-built kitchen at the back.

As was common in those days, the lavatory, privy or 'dunnekin' as it was sometimes known, was in a separate building attached to the side of the garden shed. With no mains water or sewerage, it consisted in a wooden seat set above a bucket which was emptied into a hole dug by their father in a discreet corner of the garden. They used rain-water off the roof which after passing through a charcoal filter was captured in a huge concrete tank, then hand-pumped into a stone sink in the kitchen. During long spells of dry weather, there was always

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concern it would run out. For the weekly bath, water was heated on the kitchen range before being poured into a metal tub. The sisters bathed one after the other in order of age. By the time it was Ivy's turn, the water would be getting cold and an extra pan of hot water had to be added to the tub.

The house had little insulation and in summer it could be very hot indoors. Although they had electricity (unlike the houses in Birch Grove), there was no fridge, and to keep the milk cool, it was put in a hole which their mother dug in a shady part of the garden. Winters were colder in those days, and even with two open fires, it was often so cold indoors that any water left on the table at night would freeze solid.

Despite the hardships, their childhood was happy and carefree. When they weren't at school they were left to roam free with their friends, and in summer would spend hours playing in the river around the Purleygig Bridge, until the church clock chimed the hour to go home.

They never went hungry during the War. In addition to their rationed food allowance, they had their own vegetables and eggs, and milk from Mr Durnsford at Abbots Farm, and occasionally rabbit. In fact they were so used to rationing that when it ended, they didn't know what to do with any extra! Their chickens and ducks were fed on scraps from the kitchen, and at harvest time they had corn. In the 1940s and 50s it was still the tradition in Chilbolton for the farmers to let the villagers glean, or 'lease', whatever was left of the crops after the harvest. And so every year Lily Ridout, her three daughters and her friend, Miss Jones would go gleaning for corn in the fields around the Manor, then farmed by Mr Bayliss

In 1939, the population of Chilbolton was around 500, just over a third of what it is today. When the Ridouts arrived, Drove Road, Little Drove, Station Road and Branscombe Avenue were little more than tracks. Silver birches lined Branscombe Avenue with fields on either side, and the only houses were Mahon Bank and Louise Cottage. Similarly, in Drove Road, apart from 'Down End' and 'Upcote', the only houses on the lower section were 'Emcote' on the corner with Branscombe Avenue, then the Ridouts' house, and opposite them, the Eastman's house, 'Modesta'. Station Road was similarly sparsely populated with only a dozen or so houses set among the trees.

Life then wasn't only hard, it was also 'green'. There were few cars and most people worked within walking or cycling distance of their homes. Fred Ridout was no exception. As well as gardening for Commander Mudie at Bannuts and Revd Edwards at the Rectory (now Northwood House), he also cycled to Newton Stacy and Stockbridge to work. Ill health prevented him from joining up, but he was a member of the Home Guard, and in the evening after work would walk down to the Common for training exercises.

*Tessa Youell*

# Chilbolton W.I.

October 21st 2014 in Chilbolton Village Hall

**7.30pm** Business meeting



**8.00pm** *'What's in the Pantry?'*

One of our favourite speakers, Jenny Carter, will lead us on what is certain to be an interesting and informative historical food-journey.

Visitors welcome: £4.00 donation requested to cover costs.

≈ Refreshments ≈ Raffle ≈ Food Bank Collection ≈ Sales Table ≈



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£11 per hour

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## **AFTERNOON TEA** at the White Lion Inn, Wherwell



**6th Oct 2014 at 3.00 pm**

**£2.00 includes tea and cake**

**ALL are welcome (*regardless of age!*)**

**(and EVERY month on the *FIRST* Monday – *unless a Bank Holiday*)**



# **The Wherwell Annual Quiz**

**Hosted by Brian & Lydia Knight**

**Saturday 29th November 2014  
Wherwell Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

*Tickets £8 bookable through  
Stewart Carey-Hodges 861281  
or Peter Granger 860870*

**Supper is included**

This is always a popular event so please book early.  
Enter either individually and join a team on the night  
or enter your own team of up to 8 players.

Please bring your own drinks for refreshment during the evening.  
There will be a raffle at half time with all proceeds going to  
*the Village Hall Improvement Fund.*

## Chilbolton Pre-School

We are pleased to welcome lots of the children back and also our new starters. We have been busy visiting all of our new starters at home as this really helps the transition between home and Pre-school.



We are looking forward to another busy term. Our theme is “All about me” and we will be looking at the family, ourselves, our homes and even our pets. Then we will finish with people who help us.

We are once again looking forward to taking the children into our forest area. The woodland committee have done a great job clearing the stinging nettles from our area.

Our website now has a weekly report of what we have been doing at Pre-school and any events that we have coming up.

Chilbolton Pre-school is managed by a voluntary committee, we welcome new members.

Pre-school is now full for this academic year. If you are interested in your child starting in September 2015 please download an application form from our website [www.chilboltonpreschool.com](http://www.chilboltonpreschool.com)

### Quiz Night

**The Quizmasters look forward to setting you some challenging questions!**

**on**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October at Chilbolton Village Hall**

**Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 prompt start.**

**Tickets cost £8 per person which includes a 2 course supper**

**Bring your own drink and glasses.**

**You can book a table for a maximum of 8 people but if you have less than this number or even want to come on your own do not worry because we can put you with others to make up complete tables. Tables have already been booked so to avoid disappointment ring Mary on 01264 860795 and please let her know of any special dietary requirements at the time of booking.**

**Proceeds from this event will go to St Mary the Less Church to help meet repair costs.**

*Andrew Kent*

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

## Events in October

Saturday  
11<sup>th</sup> October  
8.00 pm



Janet's  
Monthly Bingo  
Cash Prizes

*Bill's ever popular*

### Antiques Quiz

*with Bill Evans  
(Globe Galleries, Andover)*

Saturday  
18<sup>th</sup> October  
8.00 pm



Admission £5  
Buffet included

Friday  
24<sup>th</sup> October  
7.30 pm



Free admission

### Movie Night

*back by popular request*

*Details of film showing will  
appear on village website*

Friday  
31<sup>st</sup> October  
7.30 pm  
*with*

**Fancy Dress**  
prize



### Halloween Party

*Popular party music*

*'American Supper'*

*Free admission*

*Non-members welcome (nightly GUEST fee £1)*

*for further details*

*Andrew Flanagan (01264 860 560) or Cliff Goodall (01264 860 445)*

## Wherwell Ladies Evening

**You can have your cake and eat it!** I feel a bit cruel, following on from how to make delicious and so pretty macaroons at September's meeting by balancing the programme with how to live the life you love and still lose



weight!! Yes it is still possible to enjoy wine and nibbles, or treats such as macaroons and biscuits and lose weight, or for some, maintain amazing weight losses. We are lucky to have a really great teacher Nicky Trowers who is going to give us a talk which will encourage all to be eating healthily, with top tips and ideas for your health and wellbeing. Learn her secret weapons to optimise food choices.

Not all of us have a problem keeping a fit, healthy desirable body in shape but some of us may need help to look gorgeous at a Christmas ball, winter holiday or those family and friends seasonal gatherings where you want to look your best.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm in Wherwell Village Hall**

The meeting is open to all ladies. We charge £2 to cover the hall and other expenses. To keep the costs down we may introduce a raffle! Some ladies like to bring wine or other refreshments to share during the talk/demonstration, please feel free to join in. Everybody is offered free tea or coffee and biscuits after the talk when we get a chance to meet up with each other and develop friendships and get to know what is going on locally. This friendly group was set up to help facilitate friendships and to learn new skills to be better people!

All are welcome, please feel free to come and if you would like to please invite your neighbours, family and friends. You can contact me at [ahughes877@btinternet.com](mailto:ahughes877@btinternet.com) or phone me on 01264 860 877.

November's meeting will be our annual skittles night to which gentlemen are very much welcomed!

*Angela Hughes*

## Wherwell PROMS

For the fifth year, the Playing Fields at Wherwell rang with the sound of music on the evening to coincide with the Last Night of the Proms. This year we gave our audience of 190 "promenaders" a fantastic range of music - from our own favourite Jazz Inc, to the pops of The Retros and the harmonies of the new Cockatrice Choir. In addition, we were treated to the beautiful voice of Alex Long singing classical operatic arias. Finally, everyone was in awe of the

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wonderful talent of Hannah Read who at 16 years of age, has overcome her disabilities (not the least being the total loss of electric power during her performance) to sing us songs from West End shows. One of our best ever concerts.

As usual after the performances we switched over to the BBC Last Night of the Proms. This was minor miracle in itself as it took 4 men 3 hours earlier in the day to get the TV aerial to work! And then there was the food - Emma Way and the team at Taste once again excelled themselves with a hog roast that people were still nibbling at late into the evening. On top of this there was an unbelievable array of home-made desserts. Well done Taste.

Overall the evening was a great success but would not have been possible without all those volunteers who helped both on the day and during the setup and taking down. Finally the accounts are not quite complete but we estimate to have collected about £2,000 for our charities. Thank you to all.

*Diane Newell and Sean Hutton on behalf of the Organisers*

## Shoe Boxes for the troops in Afghanistan

### Suitable items to send in parcels

Letters	Savoury biscuits
Cards	Nuts
Postcards	Sweets
Photos	Toiletries – shower gel /
Tea bags	deodorant / toothpaste,
Coffee sachets	etc
Coffeemate sachets	Socks
Hot chocolate sachets	Books & Magazines
Biscuits (not chocolate)	DVDs
Cereal bars & Crisps	Puzzle Books

### NOT allowed

Chocolate
Fresh food
Blades
Guns

Parcels of up to 2Kg  
can be sent **free of charge**.

They need to be taken to the post office where  
the correct form will need to be filled in. Boxes  
should be addressed to

Revd **Stuart Rason**  
and he will then be able to distribute them.

Stuart's address is:  
Padre Rason  
30167739  
UK Joint Force  
MED  
GP Chaplain  
Camp Bastion  
OP Herrick  
BFPO 792

## Jane's kitchen

### JENNIE'S CHEESE SCONE RECIPE

This is the recipe I used for my cheese scones that won 1st place at the Chilbolton Horticultural show in August.



### INGREDIENTS

225g self-raising flour	5g parmesan cheese, finely grated
Pinch salt	Good pinch paprika
55g cold butter	150ml milk
20g mature cheddar cheese, finely grated	

1. Heat oven to 220C/425F/Gas7. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. Mix together the flour paprika and salt, and rub in the butter until it resembles fine breadcrumbs  
*Being short of time on the Saturday morning, I made the recipe up to the end of step 2 the night before, then covered it and left it in the fridge overnight.*
3. Stir in the cheeses, and then add the milk until you get a soft dough (you may not need it all)
4. Turn onto a floured work surface and form into a ball (don't knead more than necessary). Pat out to about 2cm thick, and cut into rounds using a straight cutter. Place on the baking sheet well spaced out.
5. Carefully brush the tops with a little extra milk (take care not to let it drip down the sides or they will not rise evenly.)
6. Bake for 12-15 minutes until well risen and golden.
7. Cool on a wire rack.

*Jennie Pope*

### **Chilbolton Horticultural Society FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW**

The **thirtieth** anniversary of our Show on 30th August produced an exceptional display of local talent.

The number of entries, the quality of the exhibits and the support of residents from Chilbolton and Wherwell contributed to a very successful event.

Many thanks to the organisers  
and especially to all of you that took part.

*Mary Gilbert*

## Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife

I'm writing this month's copy in late August, and what a poor August it's been so far. We were spoiled in July by lots of hot summer weather but this month has been cold and wet for most of the time – and the Bank Holiday Monday managed to cap it all with heavy rain all day! Anyway, today I led the local U3A natural history group on a little wander around West Down and Chilbolton Common, and though the weather was mainly overcast and humid, thankfully it remained dry till mid-afternoon.

I was pessimistic about seeing much in the way of butterflies but we did in fact get glimpses of the sun and within an hour we'd seen eight butterfly species - Red Admiral, Peacock, Large White, Small White, Speckled Wood, Meadow Brown, Common Blue and Brown Argus. Another flying insect was a Hawker dragonfly; it was probably a female Southern Hawker but it wouldn't settle for sufficient view to be sure.

Many plants had finished flowering, but once we started looking, it wasn't difficult to find such as Devil's-bit Scabious, Rock-rose, Harebell, St. John's-wort, Eyebright, and the relatively uncommon Fragrant Agrimony. Searching the ground for flowers, we also came across a large fresh Bolete - a member of the family of fungi known as sponge-caps, that have pores and tubes rather than gills. I wasn't sure of the species, but when the flesh was broken or bruised, it turned instantly blue. Those that commonly do this have a red or orange colouration on the cap or stem, but this one didn't, which leads me to believe it may have been an uncommon species called *Gyroporus cyanescens*. It's said to be good to eat, but other than for the Penny Bun (Cep) and Bay Bolete, I don't think I'd want to trust my Bolete identification skills all that much!

When we reached the Common, we of course found some very different, wetland plants still in flower. These included Meadowsweet, Great Willowherb, Water Mint, and by the river, Gypsywort and Skullcap. And on the Willowherb, an eagle-eyed member of the group spotted the 3-inch long brown caterpillar of an Elephant Hawk Moth; we could see the big 'pretend' eyes, but were less impressed by the 'trunk' that gives the moth its name.

Fungi are generally easier to find in woodland than on the open Common, but we did find one specimen. With a white cap and pink gills, a novice might have been fooled into thinking it was an edible mushroom species (*Agaricus*). But the slender shape and absence of a ring, showed it clearly was not. My guess was that it was perhaps one of the *Pluteus* species – though at the time, I'm afraid I actually said *Pleurotus*, which is the Oyster Mushroom and nothing like our specimen. I have a very poor memory for names anyway, but the problem with fungi is that you only see most of them in late summer and autumn, and I always find myself having to re-remember their names every year!

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Wherwell History Group

# The History of Penton Lodge

(part two)

An illustrated talk by **John Isherwood**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm

at Wherwell Village Hall, SP11 7JJ

All welcome, admission £3.00

Tea/Coffee and Biscuits included

## Defy November Blues



Always one of the darker months of the year! But you can choose to spoil yourself with an evening of cheer in Winchester Cathedral, organised by the **Romsey Male Voice Choir**. At 7.30 pm on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>, David Gower OBE (NB #) will be hosting *Men and Magnificent Music* in aid of the charity **Prostate Cancer UK**.

This is your chance to hear over 240 male voices for a once only Concert. The Voices of the 5 Male Voice Choirs come from Croydon, Hart (based in Odiham), Pontnewydd (from Cwmbran, South Wales), Romsey and Swindon. The Choirs will sing 3 individual pieces each, songs from shows, opera and folk songs from various countries. Then for the grand swell of sound and subtlety, the Choirs come together to perform 6 joint, heart-beating numbers. It promises to be a very special evening.

The funds generated from the Concert will be used to help research into Prostate Cancer, a disease which affects the lives of over 1 in 8 members of the male population. Tickets at £18, £15 and £12 are available directly from the Winchester Cathedral Box Office either in person, via the web on [www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/](http://www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/), or by phone 01962 857257.

# Subject to professional engagements

Alan Willsher

## Make it your New Year's resolution to join the mag team



Due to team members leaving our villages, opportunities are arising for enthusiastic helpers to join the magazine team as **Content Manager** and **Setting Editor** from January next year.

As **Content Manager** it means that three times a year, spread out evenly across the year, you'll spend a few hours at the beginning of the month opening and reading submissions sent by correspondents to the magazine website as well as chivvying up the regular contributors to get their articles in on time. You'll then place all the articles in a folder on the website ready for the First Editor. It's that easy!

As **Setting Editor** you'll take all the edited articles and use Microsoft Word to arrange them into the magazine template before emailing it to the printer. This will be 1-1.5 days, three times a year starting in January. Ideally you will know your way round Microsoft Office and enjoy working at a computer.

In both roles, full training will be given and you will shadow another team member the month before you 'go live'.

**'What's On' contributor (from November)** We also need someone to take over producing the *What's On* page. That means Googling around local websites to produce a list of events coming up in the area. This takes about half a day a month.

Every quarter the members of the magazine production team (currently numbering seventeen) meet to discuss recent editions and drink a glass of wine or two. We also have a Xmas Party. It's a nice way of getting involved in a community activity, but with the back-up of an established team. There's always someone to help out if you get stuck.

If you're interested, please email me at [smacdonald500@btinternet.com](mailto:smacdonald500@btinternet.com)  
or call me on 07715 944024 or 01264 860246.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Stephen MacDonald – Magazine Chairman*

## Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Wherwell

**Description:** B3420 Winchester Road to repair bridge parapets.

**Location:** From its junction with Longparish Road to a point 500 metres south.

**Period of Works:** It is expected the closure will be from

**6 October to 10 October 2014**

between 9.30am and 4pm each day.

Reasonable access to adjoining properties will be available while the works are carried out.

**Contacts:** If you have any queries regarding the diversion or works please contact Peter Mabey telephone 0845 603 5633. For all other enquiries, please contact Mr. Mayur Patel, telephone 01264 368727 on behalf of the Head of Planning Policy & Transport Service.

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