

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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## JUNE 2015

How time flies! We have barely finished our summer planting, when here comes the month of long daylight hours and warm evenings. There are plenty of outdoor events on offer; Open Gardens, West Down Working Afternoons, Winchester Morris Men and two Village Fetes. By contrast we have a Cream Tea, a talk on Winston Churchill, Sewing Crafts and a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Finally, the abridged version of the COSC annual report gives key activities and achievements for West Down, from the Management Plan adopted at the public meeting in November 2013. Andrew Flanagan

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# Church Matters

## The Downs Benefice

The Reverend Jax Machin



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## From the Church Records

Chilbolton		
Baptism	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Edward Thomas
Baptism	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Jack Jobbings
Funeral	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Ivy Raynsford
Funeral	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Evelyn Baverstock
Wherwell		
Baptism	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Molly Foster

<b>Services for June 2015</b>	<b>St Mary the Less Chilbolton</b>	<b>St Mary's Crawley</b>	<b>St Catherine's Littleton</b>	<b>St Stephen's Sparsholt</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; Holy Cross Wherwell</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme			3.00 pm		
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
House Communion			10.00 am	at Monk's Rest, Church Lane, Littleton	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Morning Worship with Celebration of Marriage		10.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Common Worship with Holy Communion					10.00 am
Benefice Evensong	6.00 pm				
Peace & Wholeness			6.00 pm		
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
Messy Church Sparsholt Memorial Hall				4-6 pm	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00 am		
Welcome Worship (dedication of new flagpole)				10.00 am	Bishop David presiding
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Benefice Evensong					6.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme Holy Communion			3.00 pm		
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
Flowerdown Holy Communion			2.30 pm		
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> <i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
Morning Worship			10.00 am		

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> <i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Family Communion	10.00 am				
Matins				10.00 am	
Family Service					10.00 am
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
Meditation			7.00 pm		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Family Service – Thanksgiving for Fete	10.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship with Sunday School		10.00 am			

### **Church Flower Rota**

<b>Wherwell</b>	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Anne-Clare Whiteside
	June 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Clare Hills
	June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Lloyd
<b>Chilbolton</b>	June	Maggie Duffy & B A Thomas

### **Chilbolton Village Hall - Dishwasher**

In view of recent problems with the dishwasher, we would ask all regular and group users of the Hall to ensure that, if they wish to use the dishwasher, they are fully aware of how to operate it and particularly the necessity to ensure it is drained and cleaned at the end of each event.

Recently, the Management Committee have had to pay £160 for an engineer to come out because a hirer did not follow the instructions and, obviously, we cannot afford for this to happen again.

All ‘outside’ or ‘one-off’ hirers’ will be given instructions by our Booking Secretary to ensure they are fully aware of how to use and clean the machine. It would be appreciated if all concerned would co-operate to ensure that this valuable new addition to the Hall facilities can continue to be used by all hirers without incurring undue repair or servicing costs.

If anyone has any problems whilst they are in the Hall, they should contact either Tony Ewer, Chairman, 860486 or Kate Ballard, Booking Secretary, 860524 or any other member of the Committee.

Thank you for your assistance.

*On Behalf of: Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee*

Dear Friends,

***‘The riches of His grace.’ (Ephesians 2:7)***

I am fast coming to the conclusion that there is nowhere scarier nor more dangerous in the environs of Downs Benefice than Waitrose car-park on a Friday morning. This morning, I popped down to the store at 9am, on what I had supposed would be a 5-minute sortie for a couple of essential groceries. How wrong could your rector be? As I negotiated entry to the inky darkness of the underground car-park, it slowly began to dawn on me that something was very different about this particular morning. I had completely forgotten, of course, this was the first May Bank Holiday weekend! My usually benign and cheerful co-shoppers seemed to have become transformed by this fact into white-knuckled demon drivers, intent on beating all other vehicles into parking slots which sat tantalisingly vacant on the opposite side of the subterranean gloom; throwing all such conventions as one-way lanes and pedestrian walk-ways to the wind in their haste to beat other drivers to the space. The store held its own frenzied range of trolley-wielding shoppers. Was it my imagination, or were people actually directing their trolleys *at* me rather than around me? Certainly the woman behind me at the check-out seemed to be of the opinion that, if she rammed her trolley into my back with enough force, she might surely hasten the process of accommodating her purchases onto the conveyor belt ahead of my own. Bless her, I thought, what a privilege it was to pray for her as I waited my turn to pay –judging by the food mountain in her trolley, the poor dear had clearly been charged with feeding the 9<sup>th</sup> Army singlehanded this coming Bank Holiday Monday!

As I sat, bruised and bewildered, back in my car waiting to be marshalled out of the fume-filled cavern, I reflected on the madness of it all. I found myself wistfully remembering my time travelling around pre-perestroika USSR. In the Moscow suburbs, housewives queued, grimly resigned to the sight of empty shelves with just a handful of sorry carrots to feed their families. They linked arms with me and stroked my soft hands, showing them to each other and kissing them with reverence and awe. I remembered too reaching remote Mongol villages, which had neither electricity nor water, and where large extended families welcomed me with open arms, inviting me to eat the best of the little they had. Despite their poverty, the warmth of their smiles and their generosity of spirit has remained with me to this day. The psalmist describes well their outpouring of love and their reliance upon God for their salvation: *‘They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness and will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.’* (Psalm 145: 7). I have been thinking a great deal of these people as news of the deaths of so many refugees fleeing atrocious living conditions and the earthquake in Nepal hit our Western living rooms. What have these already impoverished

communities of people done to deserve such tragedies? Nothing, I think you will agree? As Christians, if we too are to live out our lives in the light and truth of God's abundant goodness and righteousness we are called to act through God's grace, responding in mercy and love to those in need, locally and internationally. We must be mindful of these words from the psalmist too: *'The LORD supports the afflicted; He brings down the wicked to the ground.'* (Psalm 147: 6). Of course, there is nothing at all wrong in enjoying our Bank Holiday festivities to the full as we gather with friends and family. However, we are called by Christ to live balanced lives. Not losing sight of the God who first blessed us with the abundant riches of His grace, nor forgetting to share with all the earth *'the loving kindness of the Lord'* (Psalm 33: 5), particularly those less fortunate than ourselves.

Donations to DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) can be made by telephone: 0370 60 60 900 and online at the DEC website. Donations can also be made via any high street Charity Shop, Bank or Building society (except Nationwide or Britannia), and at any local Post Office branch.

Yours, in His grace,

**Jax**

### **CHILBOLTON COMMUNITY SHOP GROUP UPDATE**

As we write this update, our team is busy delivering the Market Survey to all houses in Chilbolton and Wherwell. If by the time you read this article you have not replied to the Survey or would like extra copies please contact our Secretary, Janet Gray (01264 861385). We have asked for responses to be returned to various collection points by 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We will, of course, be happy to include any late responses when we assess the findings. Included with the Market Survey is a letter asking if any other pieces of land might be available should we need to re-site a shop and Post Office.

Once all the replies are received we will collate the results and publish a summary on the website and have the results available for people to see.

The Group has now completed all necessary forms and checks for the Bank and we await confirmation that the bank account is up and running.

Last month we let you know that Test Valley Borough Council had deferred the Change of Use Application to Full Planning Committee to be heard at some stage in June. We now know it should be heard either in the first or last week of June but as yet do not know which. In the meantime we continue to investigate all possibilities and it is still our intention to prepare a report to present to the Village as soon as possible and we are aiming to do that around the end of June/early July. Full notice will be given of any future village meeting.

*Fiona Barrie 10 May 2015*



## Wherwell Open Gardens

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

**Sunday 28th June, from 1.30pm - 5.30pm**

Fantastic homemade cakes ++ Teas ++ Plant Stall

Entrance £5 for adults at Wherwell Village Hall, SP11 7JJ  
Children under 11 free  
includes a garden information leaflet

**All Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall Improvement Fund  
Free Parking**



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***Assisting with clubs held after schools hours in our bungalow , occasional external activities for young carers, 'buddying', minibus driving, odd jobs in/around our bungalow including gardening, maintenance and other general support.***  
**Interested? Or would like additional information?**

If you feel you may be interested in one or more of the above roles you are very much encouraged to come forward.

You can reach us at

[info@andoveryoungcarers.co.uk](mailto:info@andoveryoungcarers.co.uk) or

ring 01264 333788

***You will be amazed and gratified by just how much even a little help can improve the lives of our Young Carers***

SAVE THE DATE IN YOUR DIARIES



Saturday

18th

July

2.30 pm



## 100th Birthday Celebrations

As many of you know Peggy Beesley will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Tuesday 14 July 2015.

She has so many friends in both of our villages and many of you have asked me how we are going to celebrate this milestone in her life!

**You are invited one and all to celebrate with her on  
Saturday 18th July at 2.30pm  
in Wherwell Village Hall with cake and fizz.**

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, but please RSVP to me, thanks! Sue Blazdell  
[sueblazdell@yahoo.com](mailto:sueblazdell@yahoo.com) or telephone 01264 860462

## **Wherwell Parish Council**

The recent AGM was attended by three members of the public, Anna Lipa, in her capacity as Church Warden, and David Drew our newly elected District Councillor, who has over 25 years experience in local government.

I am focussing this AGM report on the ongoing frustrations the PC has had during the last year in its dealings with TVBC and HCC and, on a more positive note, the projects that the PC is considering for the future.

A lot of time has been spent with two planning applications for new builds in Wherwell. The PC worked on the application to build a cottage at the bottom of Church Street, for more than two years. Presentations were made, first to the TVBC Northern Area Planning Committee and subsequently to the Building Control committee who overturned the permission. An additional written presentation was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, who overturned the decision of refusal. Preparing these presentations involves a lot of work and speaking at planning meetings is nerve wracking, because the structure of the meetings, and the way those addressing the meeting are treated, is unnecessarily high handed. On occasions, one feels a lack of respect for participants and sympathy for the impact these decisions have on applicants.

The second application was for three cottages on the Lime Tree site. Eight years ago an application for one additional dwelling on the site was refused. The PC objected to the application, and were very surprised that TVBC was recommending permission be given. The application went to committee and we were extremely unhappy to be refused permission to display photographs in support of our verbal presentation. The reason given seemed both spurious and insulting, given that the PC is an elected and accountable committee. Sending photographs to individual councillors prior to the meeting is very time consuming, with no guarantee that councillors will look at them. Our photographs were a vital part of our case about the parking problems in Fullerton Road, a problem which we feel was misrepresented by other participants. Permission was duly given.

My article in last month's magazine detailed that we are incensed that the funds to be levied from the developer of the Lime Tree site, expected to be more than £11K, have erroneously been allocated to projects other than those we had identified. The Playing Fields Committee are struggling to find sufficient funds to renovate the old tennis courts to provide multi-use games provision with an all weather surface for tennis, football, netball and basket ball. We await clarification of how these funds will be allocated.

TVBC has been undertaking the Local Plan Review which will govern development within the parish until 2029. The PC made an important and logical case for an expansion of the settlement boundaries in parts of Church

Street (agreed) and Fullerton Road (refused). Thus there are no new sites within the parish where development can take place and there are very few sites with possible redevelopment potential.

For years, we have had ongoing problems dealing with the Highways Department at HCC. It took seven years to get the Chant Close footpath built. We have been campaigning for a 40mph speed limit along part of Longparish Road, and for repairs and better signage in several areas. In September 2013 we spent a morning with two highways officers looking at various problems within the parish, which were subsequently confirmed in writing. Months went by and we continued to chase the various issues, with little result, only to find that the two officers we had met were no longer working for the Highways Department. In March this year we had a meeting with two new highways officers who seemed sympathetic to our concerns. However, we subsequently received a letter dismissing nearly all the issues we raised. It contained many inaccuracies, especially with regard to speed and traffic related problems. We continue to fight for resolutions to these problems.

We have delivered letters to residents at the far end of Longparish Road asking them to report to Tim Lawton, Head of Transport at HCC, the problems they have exiting their drives and confirming the large numbers of pedestrians, cyclists and horses that use the road. We have also contacted HCC regarding non-urgent highways' works commencing without any prior notification to the PC. Residents then complain to us that they have not been informed. We do ask that if parishioners have highways issues they inform the PC as well as contacting HCC. You can report any pot holes **on line**.

Having read all this, I hope you will understand why the PC feels that the Localism Act carries no weight. We will continue to pass on our frustrations to TVBC and HCC. With the support of Cllr. Drew, we hope that our new Clerk, Jo Baughen, will be able to build improved working relationships within local government.

At the AGM, projects that we hope to consider were discussed. We need to review the PC webpages and our standing orders. We will continue to pursue access to High Speed Broadband. Various footpath improvements need to be assessed. The purchase of Speed Activated Road Signs is to be considered. In the long term, using the old railway cutting between Fairpiece and Beech Grove for recreational use could be investigated. The patch of land at the corner of Beech Grove remains a concern. If the owner can be contacted, all options will be considered, including purchasing or renting the land. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any suggestions you wish us to consider.

**Next meeting** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 7pm Colonel Jenkins' Memorial Hall  
*Jane Andrews* Tel: 860635 email [wherwellclerk@gmail.com](mailto:wherwellclerk@gmail.com)

# CHILBOLTON OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)

## *Annual Report – to April 2015*

### **Part 1**

#### ***Background and Responsibilities***

The COSC is tasked with ensuring that all open spaces within the parish of Chilbolton are maintained in favourable condition for biodiversity, and for the safe use and enjoyment by residents and visitors. The committee's brief includes footpaths, bridleways, greens, seats, gates, trees hedges, community litter-picking events and provision of advice to the Parish Council on environmental matters.

The 50-acre West Down Nature Reserve with a *Natural England* (NE) **Higher Level Stewardship Agreement** (HLSA), and Chilbolton Cow Common with **Site of Special Scientific Interest** (SSSI) status and a NE HLSA, are particularly demanding, both in terms of upkeep and in keeping track of funding and grant schemes.

#### ***Management Preparation***

Management Plans have been produced, machinery and hand tools purchased and assessed for use by volunteers, and volunteers trained to use and maintain them. Contracts have been placed to cut main grass areas, clean out ditches, treat weeds on periphery of allotments, strim round the entrance of the Common and the various seats and clean out the stream on the Common. Sparsholt College has agreed to a mutually beneficial collaboration whereby COSC receives advice and work by their students - a relationship of particular importance should we lose expertise in COSC.

#### ***The Past Year's key activities and achievements***

**West Down** – The fenced HLSA area received most attention to remove brambles and saplings which had grown following the removal of large trees eight years ago. Most of the vegetation was removed by volunteers. Contractors cleared the paths and cut vegetation in the leisure area. Trees and bushes were cleared to give a clear view from the picnic tables across the valley. A small memorial nut plantation was planted at the top of Dobbs Field, four oak trees strategically planted in the fenced area and shrubs planted to help conceal the bottle bank.

**The Common** – Mainly routine maintenance; filling potholes in the tracks, strimming around seats, clearing the small stream, cutting grass etc. The latest bovine TB testing regulations meant the cattle had to be rounded up and tested on the Common which proved very challenging for the grazier without corral facilities.

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**Memorial playing field** – Clearing the vegetation growing over the perimeter fence, repairing the rabbit fence and strimming around the benches and play equipment.

**Streets and Greens** – Routine cutting of the grass on the various greens and cleaning of the ditches and odd new tasks have been given to the contractor as the COSC has become more organised. A major effort this year has been made to give Village Street a facelift; green oak bollards were erected around Grindstone and Stocks Green, the path renewed across Grindstone Green, bushes cut down and trees planted on Pond Green, and at entrance to River View Close. Some signs on Grindstone Green have been replaced with a map-board. These latter moves are part of the ongoing task to rationalize all the village, common and West Down signs.

**Allotments** – The rabbit problem has been dealt with and the wire netting replaced with a stronger more rabbit-proof version. A determined effort has been made to treat the peripheral weeds with round-up.

**Footpaths** – Of our 20 kms of paths, certain major paths are still cut by HCC, others are cleared by committee members and landowners.

*John Rowles, Chair of COSC, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015*

**See next month's magazine for Part 2 "Future Developments"**

### **Half Night of Prayer**

Andover Deanery will be holding a Half Night of Prayer on  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm until Midnight**  
At St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt.

The Night of Prayer is not just for Deanery Synod members, it is open to all members of our congregations throughout the Deanery to come and pray for the Deanery and any other topics you may want to pray for.

We do hope you will be able to support this opportunity to come together as a creative church community of prayer and worship that lives out kingdom values.

### **MIDDAY MUMS**

Midday Mums will be on 15<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am to noon in Wherwell Village Hall for those with babies/toddlers from both villages.

*Joyce Payne (860296)*

## SUMMER WALKS: 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015



There will be a week of walks again this summer and we plan six circular (not linear) walks; this will help with the logistics of having cars in the right place. It is for the whole communities of Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell;

**All are welcome.**

There will be six full length walks of between 7 and 9.5 miles and also eight half-day walks of circa 4 to 5 miles. We have chosen the walks for their variety and views but we have ensured that the area also has points of interest.

BYO picnic lunch. The six areas will be:

Date	Area	Interest link	Full-day walk	Half-day walk
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ashmansworth	Highest Village in Hampshire	8.0 miles	4.5 miles (am)
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	East Meon	Old Winchester Hill Fort	9.3 miles	None
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Whitchurch	River Test and five mills	9.0 miles	4 miles (am) 5 miles (pm)
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Old Sarum	Castle site and 'Rotten' borough	7.0 miles	4.5 miles (am)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Selborne	Gilbert White, naturalist. Zig Zag.	8.1 miles:	3.8 miles (am) 4.3 miles (pm)
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Burley, New Forest	Reptile centre. Portugese memorial	9.5 miles	4.3 miles (am) 5.2 miles (pm)

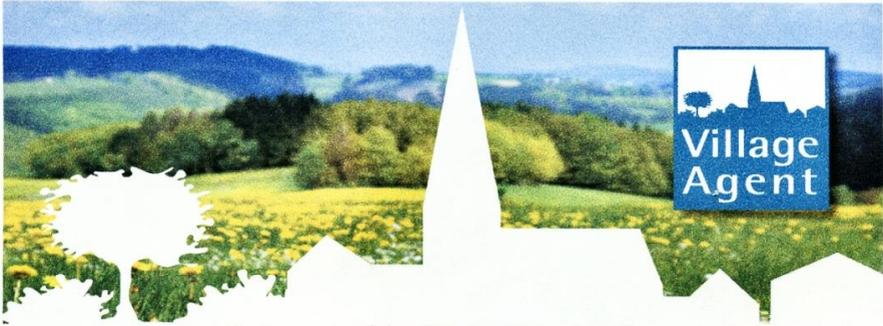
In addition those who so wish will meet again in the evenings to visit pubs in and around the benefice on five evenings for an evening meal

Last year we had 122 walkers (20 children) who each walked on average 2.2 walks. It is hoped that all five communities will support this initiative; it will be great to meet you.

We also need Water waggoners. They meet walkers at pre determined points with water (and often home-made cake!); their car is available in the unlikely event of anyone needing urgent transport. If this appeals, please ring Eryl or Clive on 01962 885039.

**Forms for letting us know which walks you want to do will be in each village's church, pub and shop (where there is one) from early June.**

*Eryl & Clive Thompsett*



Interested in Volunteering?  
Enjoy being active in your local community?  
Then why not consider becoming a  
**Village Agent**

We are looking for volunteers in rural villages in Test Valley to signpost older people to local services and information. You would offer a few hours per week and be fully supported with training sessions and informal get-togethers with other Village Agents across the county.

If you are interested in being a Village Agent in your area please contact the Village Agent Co-ordinator:

Tel: 01962 892443 or Freephone 0800 328 7154  
email: [villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk)



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## Chilbolton Auction of Promises...

... we raised **£6,500!**

A big "Thank You" to all the  
Donors and Bidders from Chilbolton

*Neil & Jane Bowen*



## Chilbolton Pre-school

This term we are talking about Superheros and how they can help us learn about different things. We have covered road safety and the children enjoyed playing with the new road signs and using the zebra crossing. Clarey became the road safety rabbit wearing a helmet and a high vis vest. We are now covering stranger danger and what to do if we get lost. This leads nicely into talking about people who help us and we are lucky enough to have a paramedic calling in to see the children.

A few weeks ago all our school leavers' parents came along to play with the many resources that we use to cover numbers and letters. It was lovely to see the parents being able to spend some time away from home playing with their children. The feedback from all the parents was amazing and the children found it really fun.

The Wherwell sports fete was well attended by Pre-school parents and children. We were running the children's area and we had a bouncy castle, nail painting, face stencils and tattoos all on offer. We managed to raise £208.00 which we will use to buy some new equipment.

Unfortunately the lovely Marquee that we saved up for, and lots of parents came to help put up, only lasted a few weeks. It is such a windy corner that high winds ripped it out of the patio and bent the bars. This had been so well used in the few weeks that we had it, it made the outside patio far more appealing in the rain and we missed it last week when it was so sunny.

We started our forest school programme ensuring all the children had a visit to our Forest school site each week. We will be looking at our Forest school site and teaching the children the rules and boundaries. As it is the time of year for the horrid stinging nettles, we will also be looking at some plant ID. The saplings we put in pots are doing really well and are ready to plant into the ground, something the children will be helping us with over the next few weeks. The two larger trees have also taken really well.

The Pre-school is practically full for this September and we look forward to welcoming our new starters in June for a play afternoon to meet their key carer.

*Gemma Thompson*

# Jason Oram

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### Complimentary Initial Consultation

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Financial Credibility

Effective Decision Making

Working Capital Issues

**Part Time FD Support  
(1 to 3 days per week)**

People Management

Poor Management Information

Cash Control

Management Information

### Professional SME Finance Support Services

4 month cash control  
( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 day)

Financial Model Included

5 Year Strategy  
(2 days)

**Business Planning  
Implementation & Training**

Current/Next Year Planning  
(2 to 5 days)

Investment plans

Hard to pay suppliers,  
HMRC or staff

More Financially Stable

What do I look like in 3 to 5 years time?

Not making profit on ideas

B H Management Solutions Timsbury,  
Hampshire  
07949 462920



## Crafty Sew 'n' Sews

A quick catch up of events;

March saw a successful month where art was the focus, we learnt how to sketch, watercolour and moved onto acrylics and oils. This was a good foundation for further development. Fun was had and lovely artwork achieved.

During April Easter crafts was the focus using many of the techniques we had already learned. Ceramic design on egg cups, a reversible bunny bag and decoupage eggs. Our second meeting was sewing household items from tea towels and lovely aprons, cushion covers and carrier bag tidys were created. May has seen us back to soft furnishings with lined cushions and lined bolsters the subject.

As a busy group we have decided that two meetings a month have been a bit demanding so we have decided to meet on the third Thursday of each month commencing on June 18<sup>th</sup>, the location and times remain the same; 7-9pm at the Durnford Room, Chilbolton Village Hall. I would also like to say that should you have a project you are working on and you need some help, advice or just a place for a couple of hours to focus on it, please come along. We are happy to help.

As always refreshments are available and cost is nominal.

Please contact me at [melrae70@gmail.com](mailto:melrae70@gmail.com) or on 01264861060 for any information

*Stay Crafty*

*Melanie Rae*

## Chilbolton W.I.

### Summer Programme

4 <sup>th</sup> June 10.30am to 3pm	Drop into Stockbridge Town Hall
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	A creative look at healthy eating.
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Ladies of the Tower.
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	A Summer Social event.
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	WI Centenary Celebrations Day

We have a short business meeting from 7.30 to 8pm, then our speaker followed by refreshments.

Our meetings are open to non members for a donation of £4.

Just come along and see if you would like to join us, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Chilbolton Village Hall.

Please ring Sylvia Baker 860572 for more information.

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### CHILBOLTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The plant swap at our AGM in April was very successful with members swapping a range of vegetables, flowering plants, shrubs and garden related sundries. The gardens of Chilbolton will be very colourful and productive! We were given a short demonstration on splitting garden centre plants to make many more.

*Jennie Seddon*

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



**Friday 5th June at 3pm**  
**£2.00 includes tea and cake**



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

**And . . . EVERY month on the FIRST FRIDAY**

*Please note the day of the week is no longer a Monday*

## Stockbridge Music

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Stockbridge

### THE BROOK STREET BAND

This concert will be the final of three concerts making up our 'Early Music Series' which has been very well attended - SANSARA CHOIR was a sell out!



**The Brook Street Band** rapidly established itself as one of the country's foremost interpreters of Handel's music since its formation in 1995. That period includes such great composers as Bach & Corelli, both of whom feature in their programme for the evening.

They perform on period (baroque) instruments, two violins, cello and harpsichord, thereby creating the less resonant sound heard in the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, adding authenticity to their performance.

Regularly heard on BBC Radio 3 & Classic FM, their recordings receive comments such as "finely balanced, deliciously spiced, infectiously musical" (Radio 3 Record Review).

**Tickets £14** available from;

The Lights Theatre, Andover 01264 368368 (credit card facilities)

Robinsons Butchers, High Street, Stockbridge (cash & cheques)

Roger Tym, The Old Manse, High Street, Stockbridge 01264 810363

(s.a.e. cheques made payable to Stockbridge Music)

### **LOST PROPERTY?**

A large (3 litre) bottle of ASDA Sunflower Oil (partly used) has been left in Chilbolton Village Hall kitchen by a hirer.

If it was you and you wish to claim it, please contact me and I will arrange for you to collect it.

The 'Use by' date is November 2015.

If not claimed by 30<sup>th</sup> June, it will be disposed of.

*On Behalf of Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee*

*Beryl Lawrence 01264 860618*

## Diary Dates

### June 2015

1	Chilbolton Parish Council	CVH	7.00 pm
2	West Down Working Party & Tuesdays 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	West Down Chilbolton	3.00 pm
3	Winchester Morris Men in Church Street, Wherwell		7.45 pm
4	WI Drop in Stockbridge Town Hall		10.30-3 pm
5	Age UK Tea	White Lion	3 pm
5	White Lion Afternoon Tea	White Lion	3 pm
6	<b>AD HOC ADVERTISING DEADLINE</b>		
6	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am
6	Concert at St Peters Church	Stockbridge	7.30 pm
10	<b>MAGAZINE DEADLINE</b>		
13	Wherwell Church Fete	Church Street	12 to 3 pm
13 14	Longstock Open Gardens	Longstock	1.30-5.30 pm
14	Charity Cream Tea	CVH	2.00-4.30 pm
15	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30 am
16	WI Healthy Eating	CVH	7.30 pm
18	Crafty Sew 'n' Sews	CVH	7-9 pm
19	Wherwell Group	WVH	8 pm
20	Sparsholt Fete		1-4 pm
23	Horticultural Soc	CVH	7.45 pm
24	Winchester Morris Men in Stocks Green, Chilbolton		7.45 pm
26	Setting up Fete	Bannuts Farm	6 pm
27	Chilbolton Church Fete	Bannuts Farm	12.30-3 pm
28	Wherwell Open Gardens	WVH	1.30-5.30 pm
30	Wherwell Ladies	WVH	8 pm

**NB: There is NO Chilbolton Coffee Morning in June**

### July 2015

3	White Lion afternoon tea	White Lion	3 pm
4	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am
6	<b>AD HOC ADVERTISING DEADLINE</b>		
6	Chilbolton PC	CVH	7 pm
10	<b>MAGAZINE DEADLINE</b>		
11	COSC Community Party	West Down	12-3 pm
14	Wherwell PC	WVH	7 pm

## What's On in the Area in June

**1-30/6 Celebrating the Roses.** Mottisfont Rose Gardens. 01794 340757

**2-6/6 Romeo and Juliet.** Theatre Royal Winchester. Various times. 01962 840440

**2-6/6 Constellations.** The Nuffield Theatre, Southampton. Various times. 023 8031 5500

**3/6 An Audience with Rory Bremner.** (Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival) Salisbury Playhouse, 7.30. 0845 241 9651

**5/6 Emma Bridgewater- Toast and Marmalade,** Salisbury Arts Centre, 3pm. 0845 241 9651

**6/6 An Audience with John Cleese.** Salisbury Playhouse, 12pm. 0845 241 9651

**6/6 Alresford Music Festival.** Arlebury Park. 07444 552475

**6/6 Celebrate The Summer + Fireworks.** Live classical music and fireworks. Hillier Gardens. 6.30 pm. 01794 369319

**10/6 Killer Girls' Night In.** Author Event at Winchester Discovery Centre. 7.30 pm. 01962 873603

**12-13/6 Winchester Guitar Festival.** Winchester Discovery Centre. Various times and venues. 01962 873603

**13-14/6 Superhero Weekend at Finkley Down Farm Park.** 01264 324141

**18/6 The Disappearing Woman, Germaine Greer.** The Lights, 7.30 01264 368368

**19/6 Westcoast, Celebrate the Music of the Beach Boys.** The Lights, 7.45 01264 368368

**20/6 The Glory of Baroque.** St Mary's Church Andover, 7.30. 01264 368368

**23/6-4/7 The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.** Mayflower Theatre, Southampton. Various times. 02380 711812

**24-28/6 Cascades, A Festival of Flowers.** Winchester Cathedral, 9am-8pm. Flower Festival Concert on 27/6. Winchester Cathedral Chamber Choir.8.30pm. 01962 857275

### Farmers' Markets

**Romsey 7/6**

**Winchester 14<sup>th</sup> and 28th**

**Andover 21/6**



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### Charity Cream Tea

**Sunday 14 JUNE 2.00 - 4.30pm at Chilbolton Village Hall**

Martin Brown and Colin Sheath are cycling the 'Surrey 100', a 100-mile cycle ride on Sunday 2 August, to raise funds for Cancer Research UK and Shelter. All proceeds from the Cream Tea are aimed at boosting the funds and will be shared equally between the two charities.

#### **Raffle and Sweepstake game**

**Homemade cakes, Martin's bread, Sue's jams, chutneys and marmalades, and Helen's handmade cards**

Please come and support us and bring your friends

What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!  
We look forward to seeing you

*Sue and Colin Sheath, Helen and Martin Brown*

## Wherwell Ladies' Evening

Well how do you follow Peggy Beesley's 100 years celebration? This Ladies night involved most of the audience as well as some village gentlemen. 10 members of the group researched each of the 10 decades Peggy has lived through and fed back what was happening in our country and the world and this was linked to Peggy's own life story. We also asked Peggy what she thought was important to lead a fulfilling and valued life.

After an evening which involved so many people, all doing their bit it is time to meet another important woman who plays a role in our local community, however she is a relative newcomer in comparison.

**At our next meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, we will be having an evening getting to know our vicar, the Reverend Jax Machin.**

I know she has been propping up the bar in Chilbolton, so this will give Wherwell locals a chance to meet her. Not all of us go to church in our villages but many of us support our local church in other ways so this will give us a chance to meet Jax and find out her life story, how did she end up here?!



This will be our last meeting in the village hall before we break up for summer so please try and come. The meeting starts at 8 pm in Wherwell Village Hall and costs £2. We do provide tea or coffee and biscuits after the talk but you are welcome to bring along wine or soft drinks for during the evening's entertainment!

**All ladies are welcome.**

We do have a July meeting but this will be in the beautiful gardens of Dancing Ledge, our spiritual home, when gentlemen are invited to supper! You can contact me at [ahughes877@btinternet.com](mailto:ahughes877@btinternet.com)

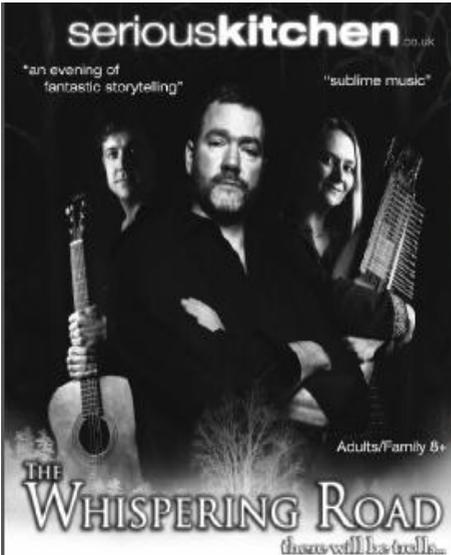
*Angela Hughes*

## Wherwell Primary School Fete

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Wherwell Primary School held its annual School Fete. Organised by our excellent PTA, it was very well attended by pupils past and present, parents, grandparents and villagers who all enjoyed the children's excellent performances as well as sideshows, stalls, burgers and Pimms!

A record breaking £3,295 was raised.

*Sean Hutton*



*A roller-coaster of a story, soaring from tenderness to wild hilarity, all in a perfectly formed folk tale.*

*Nick Hennessey, Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer combine as seriouskitchen to create a brand new show. Drawing on the rich heritage of Scandinavian myths and stories, The Whispering Road blends Nick Hennessey's spellbinding storytelling with Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer's experience in the Swedish folk music scene.*

*The evening is in two halves, first half is general song and music. Second half is the show, which runs at roughly an hour.*

*For more information go to [www.seriouskitchen.co.uk](http://www.seriouskitchen.co.uk)*

## **Wherwell Village Hall - Sunday June 28th at 7:30 for 8:00**

*Tickets £8 each from The White Lion or Doug Bailey at [doug.bailey@wildgoose.co.uk](mailto:doug.bailey@wildgoose.co.uk) or by credit card from [www.wildgoose.co.uk](http://www.wildgoose.co.uk) use the concerts drop down on the website  
You are welcome to bring your own refreshments - there will be no bar*

**Read more about Nick Hennessey, Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer [here](#)**

### **Watermill Theatre Company in Chilbolton**

They are coming back!! on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

The Watermill Theatre Company that brought you the sell-out shows "Some like it Hotter" and "The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde" is returning to Chilbolton with a show entitled "**A little History of the World**".

The world premiere adaptation of the international bestseller by **Ernst Gombrich** takes us on a light-hearted whistle-stop tour through the centuries from the Big Bang to the present day. Join Ernst, Ilse and Otto as they lead you with infectious enthusiasm through the fascinating and heart-warming history of the world.

**Join us on 11<sup>th</sup> July at Chilbolton Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 pm.**

Tickets £18, including refreshments, from

AgeUK Andover and District, Town Mill House, Andover 01264 354425,  
or from David Morgan 01264 720464.

## **‘Spiritual middens’ at Abbots Rest, Chilbolton**

Not long after we arrived at Abbots Rest, in 1988, we decided to get rid of a 1960s fitment and expose our inglenook fireplace. We were intrigued to find some little household treasures concealed in the chimney: a child’s wooden shoe (*below*), known as a patten, complete with an iron ring on the underside to raise it above the mud; a small piece of tallow wrapped in hide; something that looked like a little butter pat, a small piece of corduroy from a garment and a piece of hose. We’ve known for a long time that these were probably placed in the chimney as good luck charms, to ward off witches and to keep the inhabitants safe.

Just recently, I have done a bit more research into this practice and find that hiding such items, or ‘spiritual middens’, was relatively common in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, at the height of a ‘witch craze’. Our house is thought to have been built as an open hall in the 16th century, with the central bay ceiling and chimney inserted in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. The items were probably deposited at this time to safeguard the house: it was widely believed that a witch or their animal familiar could enter a house through the windows, doorways or the hearth. The open chimney was thought to be particularly vulnerable so ‘caches’ or groups of ‘middens’ (literally ‘rubbish’) were hidden there to protect the household. Even though belief in Christianity was strong at the time, people weren’t taking any chances!



*Child's patten; the view on the right shows the iron ring on the underside*

There are several reports of caches in our local area – at Hursley and Nether Wallop, for example, which you can read about on the website of an ongoing research project – The Deliberately Concealed Garments Project – which was set up in 1998 at The Textile Conservation Centre (read about the project at [www.concealedgarments.org](http://www.concealedgarments.org)). The project is supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Board (AHRB) and Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and aims to develop a better understanding of this folk practice.

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Meanwhile, the Abbots Rest cache stays safely where it has been for over four hundred years – tucked in the chimney, safeguarding the house.



Victoria Ramsay

*Abbots Rest spiritual middens:  
Tallow and hide (left) and corduroy and hose (right)*



## **Wherwell History Group**

**Winston Churchill**  
(1874 – 1965)  
Thoughts & Adventures  
(50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**An illustrated talk by  
Paul Courtenay**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 8.00pm**

at Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street, SP11 7JJ

**All welcome, admission £3.00**  
***Tea /Coffee and Biscuits included***

### **The Old Railway Line at Wherwell**

Inspired by the 130th Anniversary, on Monday 1st June 2015, of the opening of the railway through Wherwell, I am working on some research. I will be pleased to hear from anyone who has connections and reminiscences of the line and about properties built alongside or on the old track that was pulled up in the early 1960s. Please call me 01962 620925 or email [tk800@outlook.com](mailto:tk800@outlook.com)

*Tony Keniston, Winchester*

# **WHERWELL FETE**

**Saturday 13th June**

**Church Street, Wherwell**

**12 noon - Raffle draw at 3pm**

**FREE PARKING**

**Bbq, Pimm's Tent, Teas, Tombola, Bouncy Castle,  
Cakes, Plants, Produce, Books, Air Rifles, Raffles,  
Gifts, Tombola, Games and much more**

**with Music from Andover Town Band**

**Lucky programme £1-00**

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

## WHERWELL FETE - Saturday 13th June

The church needs to make the summer fete a real success in order to ensure its continued viability. If you are interested in sponsoring any of the fete stalls or activities, please do get in touch. Volunteers are always needed on the day and beforehand too – to help collect and store stall items. We would also be extremely grateful for the donation of any raffle prizes or any of the following objects for our stalls:

<b>Stall</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Books</b>	<b>Books, CDs, DVDs</b>	<b>Susanne Horne 860741</b>
<b>Bric-a-brac</b>	<b>Unwanted treasures</b>	<b>Susanne Horne 860741</b>
<b>Cakes</b>	<b>Cakes, biscuits</b>	<i>see advert below</i>
<b>Chocolate tombola</b>	<b>Chocolate bars / sweets</b>	<b>Anne Clare Whiteside 860530</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>New or nearly-new items</b>	<b>Gail Starbuck 860193</b>
<b>Pimms Tent</b>	<b>Pimms bottles</b>	<b>Anna Lipa 860879</b>
<b>Plants</b>	<b>Plants, trees, shrubs (labelled please!) gardening tools, books</b>	<i>see advert on next page</i>
<b>Produce</b>	<b>Jams, pickles, fresh produce</b>	<b>Robert Lawrence 860599</b>
<b>Teas</b>	<b>Cakes, sandwiches, etc</b>	<i>see advert on next page</i>
<b>Tombola</b>	<b>Bottles (full!) either alcoholic or otherwise</b>	<i>see advert on next page</i>
<b>Toys</b>	<b>Toys and games</b>	<b>Arte Cropper 860833</b>



### Wherwell Fete Cake Stall

Saturday June 13th

The stall will be just outside the lychgate of St Peter & Holy Cross Church.

Please bring your delicious home-made cakes, biscuits, quiches, bread and scones, to the stall by 12 noon or call me before Saturday on 01264 860 221 and I will collect them from you. Many thanks

*Rachel Liddell*

## **Wherwell Church Fete - Bottle Tombola Stall**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Pam, Bill and Ken will be collecting on the evenings of Monday and Wednesday, the 8th and 10th of June, *otherwise, please call us on 860441 or 860461.*

We would appreciate your continued support.

**Thank you very much!**

## **Wherwell Church Fete**

### **Teas/Refreshments in the Village Hall**

We would really appreciate donations of delicious cakes, scones or savouries for the Teas / Refreshments on 13th June.

Please phone Sue Coleman on 860508 to arrange collection or please bring to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fete.

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

Many thanks

*Sue Coleman*

## **Potting up for Spring ?**

### **Wanted for the Wherwell Church Fete Stall on June 13th**

**Vegetable plants**

**Flowers – annuals & perennials**

**Shrubs and trees**

**Gardening books**

**Gardening tools, plant pots, etc**

**Gardening furniture & ornaments**



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

**Diane at Silver Birches  
Longparish Rd  
Tel 720464**

**OR**

**Jo at 2 Fairpiece  
Wherwell  
Tel 860319**

## **Sparsholt Village Fete**

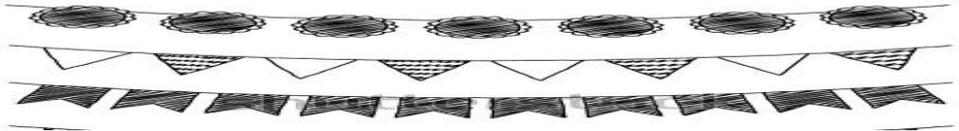
**Saturday 20th June from 1 - 4pm**

The Sparsholt Village Fete will be held on Saturday 20th June from 1 - 4pm in the heart of our beautiful village. Come along and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with something for everyone; help us to raise funds for the Church and the Village at the same time. The official opening of the fete will take place at 1.20pm by our delightful Rector, the Reverend Jax Machin.

There will be stalls to stock up on gifts, plants, books, cakes and more. Try your luck at the raffle, tombola, the coconut shy, football speed goal or 'splat the rat'. Enjoy lunch from the BBQ, afternoon tea, a glass of Pimm's or a beer while you listen to the Jazz band and watch the children's country dancing display. Try your hand at bell ringing in St Stephen's Church and admire the classic car display. Children will love the rides, activities, circus skills display and story-telling.

Bring along an old plastic bottle transformed into a rocket using recycled materials, and enter our free competition. You may even win a prize!

Admission to the fete is £2 for adults and free for children. We hope to see you there.



*To enable the safe set up and running of the Village fete, part of Woodman Lane through the centre of the village will be closed from 10am – 5pm. The closure will be from the triangle at the junction of Watley Lane to the Junction with Church Lane. Traffic diversion signs will be in place. Please note that Home Lane will be operating a one-way system as sign posted on the day. We hope to keep disruption to a minimum.*

## **Saluting the Soldier in Wherwell**

'Salute the Soldier' Week was a fund raising scheme to encourage civilians to save their money in Government accounts, such as War Bonds, Savings Bonds, Defence Bonds and Savings Certificates. Cash would be paid into Post Offices or Banks. These Savings Group schemes were run every year, each with a different focus. The report overleaf was published in the *Andover Advertiser* on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1944. Andover Town and most of the surrounding villages, including Chilbolton, organised similar fund raising schemes. Allowing for inflation, £4425 is valued today at over £180,000, and £12000 (the four year total) at nearly half a million pounds!

## Saluting the Soldier – Andover Advertiser – 1944

“Wherwell has saluted the soldier well, over-shooting the target of £2000 by raising £4425. As in last year, the whole village has co-operated in the most friendly way, and as there are only 128 houses, the result must be considered excellent. When the National Savings Group was first started by the Women's Institute in June, 1940, the total amount collected during the first year was £33, and it was decided then to include the village. The first campaign was "War Weapons." and the Secretary felt almost hopeless at the idea of trying to reach a target of £150 ! However, one good friend, who has always helped, came forward and said "Don't worry, I'll give you your first gun." and put down £50, and from that moment the Group had gone steadily forward, and in the four years has raised nearly £12,000. Two assistant secretaries also carry on the work—Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Dowdell - and last year, owing to the Secretary's (Mrs. Jewitt) long illness, Mrs. Witt was in command, and admirably did her work during the "Wings for Victory" Campaign. The fete at "Freelands", the last of the entertainments, was a most enjoyable affair. There was a good crowd assembled in the beautiful grounds of Mr. Pleydell-Bouverie's home to try their luck in the treasure hunt, Bombing the Dictators, and other attractive side-shows, organised, as in last year's fete, by Mrs. Roughton. To add to the gaiety, a very good American Band played delightfully on the lawn. The catering for the tea was in the very capable hands of Mr. Wood, who had for two efficient helpers Mrs. Dowdell and Mrs. Wood, and they managed to deal with the rush for refreshments. Mr. John Morgan organised the children's sports, which evoked much interest and great laughter, especially the greasy pole, which was won by Ivy Sherrin, who beat all comers after a very determined fight, and she was loudly cheered at the finish. The tug-of-war between Chilbolton and Wherwell Home Guards provided a win for Chilbolton, in spite of such towers of strength as Mr. Alexander and Mr. Edmunds in the Wherwell team. Mr. Powell presented the prizes—the last time he will do this in his office of Headmaster of Wherwell Village School. Mr. Pleydell-Bouverie was a tireless M.C., overlooking nothing, and grateful thanks must be accorded him not only for the excellent way in which this thankless job was done, but in lending his beautiful garden to honour the soldiers of our own regiment, the Hampshires. The profits, including those from the Whist Drive, dance and a £5-5-0 donation from the Dance Committee, amounted to £41. The money has been invested in the National Savings for the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund.”

*Andrew Flanagan*

CHILBOLTON CHURCH  
FETE AND BBQ



**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**12.30 – 3.00PM**

**AT BANNUTTS FARM**



QUALITY BBQ, PIMMS & BEER TENT, TEAS, GRAND DRAW, BOTTLE TOMBOLA, CAKES, PLANTS, BOOKS, GOOD AS NEW, FISHING GAME, AND NEW THIS YEAR – THE GREAT EGG AND SPOON OBSTACLE COURSE!

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING STALLHOLDERS IF YOU HAVE PRODUCE ETC. TO DONATE:

GRAND DRAW	GEORGIANA GEERNAERT	860 374
CAKES	WENDY FAKES	860 237
BOTTLE TOMBOLA	SALLY EDWARDS	861 478
PLANTS	JENNY SEDDON	861 164
BOOKS/DVDS	NIGEL & JUDI PALMER	860 726
TEAS	JANE BROWN	860 726
TOYS	GEMMA THOMPSON	860 227

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## Chilbolton Fete Good As New Stall



**It's time to turn out your cupboards - we need all those unwanted gifts!**

**If you have any produce for our stall, please contact Sylvia Baker - 860572 or Leslie Brown - 860127**

## CHILBOLTON FETE TOY STALL

Please turn out your toy boxes and give generously to our Toy Stall

Contact  
Gemma and Chris Thompson 860227



## THE CAKE STALL NEEDS YOU

A request for cakes, scones, fruit loaves, biscuits and anything else you would like to cook for the cake stall. All contributions will be very much appreciated.

You can either leave your contribution in advance with Wendy Fakes at Grafton, Village Street (860237) or bring it to the fete by 10.30 am on the Saturday. Alternatively, I can collect on the Friday.

Many thanks. Wendy Fakes



# **FIELD MARSHALS WANTED!**

**TO SET UP  
CHILBOLTON FETE ON  
FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**IF YOU CAN COME ALONG AND HELP TO PUT UP  
MARQUEES, GAZEBOS, TABLES ETC.  
MEET AT 6PM AT BANNUTS FARM (opposite The Rectory)  
Adjourn to the Abbots Mitre afterwards!**

**WE ALSO NEED HELP TO PUT IT ALL AWAY LATE ON  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON.**

**IF YOU CAN HELP - PLEASE RING JOLYON POPE ON 860852**

## **Wherwell Cricket Club**

Our league teams had successful seasons as the first team once again maintained safety whilst the seconds had their most successful season picking up numerous wins and building a great team spirit in the process. We also play friendly fixtures on Sunday afternoons. The juniors practice on Friday evenings & we have a U11 team entered in a local junior league.

My first full year as chairman was always going to be tough as I adapted to the new role. I would like to thank Jo and Simon who made the transition easier by doing majority of the work for me. One of my main objectives was to encourage the club to grow and provide better facilities for us to play on. I'm pleased to announce that we have brand new covers in place for the season. This will allow more games to be played at both adult and junior level and a better playing area.

This season is Wherwell CC 150th year. A massive achievement, which we will be marking with an anniversary game vs. Crawley later in the year.

We would like to welcome new players, both adults & juniors, of any ability, or anyone who would just like to get involved (scorers, umpires or tea makers too). If you would like to join us or would like any more information please contact me on 07748630722 or [young\\_nathan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:young_nathan@hotmail.co.uk) .

Thank you



*Nathan Young*



## Recipes of the month



### Lobster Henderskelfe

Serves 4

Cooked meat from 1 large lobster  
3 oz butter  
1 clove of crushed garlic  
2 finely chopped shallots  
a pinch of fresh chopped thyme  
a pinch of freshly chopped rosemary  
a dessertspoon of chopped chives  
1/2 a pint of double cream  
salt and black pepper

Cook the shallot and garlic in the melted butter until soft but not coloured, add the lobster meat and cream and allow to warm through gently until nice and hot, but don't boil, add the herbs and seasoning, serve and enjoy. Good with rice or nice as a starter served in a filo basket surrounded by a few rocket leaves.

### Ginger and Syrup Ice cream

2 pints double cream.....whipped to softly stiff  
1 pint of Golden syrup  
8 oz finely chopped stem ginger  
juice of 1 lemon

Combine the syrup, ginger and lemon juice and stir gently into the cream, making sure that it is well blended. This is best done with an electric whisk.

Put into suitable containers and freeze for approx. 2 days before using.

This ice cream can be kept frozen for around a month before it will start to discolour, quite yummy served with meringues, an easy recipe to follow and no ice cream maker required.

*Beverley Jayne*

## Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife



Every year in spring, someone asks me about blue butterflies. They have usually seen a blue butterfly flitting about their garden, and this is always the Holly Blue. The Holly Blue is one of the earliest butterflies to emerge, and can usually be seen on warm sunny days any time after the end of March. Unlike the Orange Tip and Brimstone butterflies that are flying at the same time, it takes surprisingly little interest in flowers, but usually is seen flying around evergreen shrubs often quite high up. As the name suggests, the caterpillar foodplant is Holly, and the spring-emerging butterflies lay their eggs on the flower buds – for the caterpillars to subsequently feed on the flowers. After pupating, a second generation of butterflies then appears in late summer, but of course there are then no Holly buds. So the summer butterflies usually lay their eggs on the buds of Ivy.

Now, in June, a second blue butterfly will be appearing – the Common Blue. The male has a stronger and brighter blue colour than the Holly Blue, and flies low down amongst the flowers of open sunny rough meadows. You can see Common Blues wherever there is plenty of the caterpillar's preferred foodplant of Bird's Foot Trefoil. The butterfly is quite numerous on both the Cow Common and West Down, but Common Blues may even be found over a sunny wild patch in a large garden.

The Holly Blue and Common Blue are common throughout the south. But our third blue butterfly is quite rare. The Chalkhill Blue is slightly larger than the previous two species, and the male is a sparkling silvery blue-green colour. But you won't see this butterfly before mid-July. The caterpillars only feed on Horseshoe Vetch, and the butterfly is therefore only found where this plant grows - on warm and sunny slopes of uncultivated chalk downland. We're fortunate that we have a small colony of Chalkhill Blues at the south-west corner of West Down. During the past twenty years the Horseshoe Vetch at West Down became shaded by the growing trees, and sadly, our once strong and thriving Chalkhill Blue colony dwindled to only a few butterflies. But with removal of some of the trees, and better management of the slope, we're hopeful that the Horseshoe Vetch and Chalkhill Blues will recover. And maybe we will attract an even rarer chalk downland blue butterfly – the brilliant electric-blue Adonis Blue. I have only ever seen an Adonis Blue once on West Down, but a new colony has recently become established only two miles away, so there is a good possibility.

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



# ChilFest 2015

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- ⦿ More BBQ - two sittings children earlier, adults later



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## *Tom Jones – an 18<sup>th</sup> century romp in Stockbridge*

Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society (SADS)'s outdoor Summer Production has been a regular feature of the Stockbridge calendar for more than 20 years. This year will be one of their most ambitious productions ever: *Tom Jones* adapted by Joan Macalpine from the classic story by Henry Fielding and made famous for most modern audiences by the 1963 film starring Albert Finney. It is a fast moving comedy about the romantic adventures of Tom, a foundling who cannot resist feminine wiles. This weakness gets him into deep trouble by the end of the play. But there is a secret in his past which might save him in the nick of time.

It features a cast of twenty, a set on three levels, a hilarious fist fight, a dashing sword fight and much confusion as Tom finds himself embroiled with three women and a jealous husband simultaneously. This will all take place in the garden of Borne House in King's Somborne by kind permission of Steve and Margaret Burgess.



If the weather is very bad the performance will take place in Kings Somborne village hall. There are FOUR performances:

**July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday to Saturday)**

The first night will be a charity gala night. The price of £12.50 includes a buck's fizz and canapés and all profits go to the **Alex Lewis Trust**.

For the other nights tickets will be £8.00.

Tickets are available on-line at [www.stockbridgeamdrams.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgeamdrams.org.uk) (10% booking fee), John Robinson Butchers and Garden Inn (both in Stockbridge) and Kings Somborne Post Office. Bring your own chairs and wrap up warm.

*Clare Cotterell*

### **Wherwell 10K Sports and Fete**

At its new home in our calendar, Wherwell Playing Fields Sports & Fete on May 4<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. A celebration of sport, starting with the 10K run in partnership with Wherwell Primary School PTA, then moving into childrens races, football competitions and displays, plus cricket and the Tug-of-War it raised over £2,443 for the playing field and £767 for the school. Thank you to the PTA, my committee and helpers for all their hard work.

*Sean Hutton*

## OPEN GARDENS, LONGSTOCK

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 from 1.30pm – 5.30pm

New to Hampshire's list of Open Gardens Events, is the one to be held at Longstock, where 9 gardens will be made available for viewing, most of which have never previously been seen by the general public. The Village Allotments Association also hopes to put on a fine display.

Some of the gardens are maintained by retired professionals (formerly of Hilliers and Longstock Park Nurseries) and one prestigious garden enjoys National Gardens Scheme status. Many of the gardens are on sloping sites with poor chalky soil so why not come and see how these problems have been overcome. Several gardens enjoy fantastic views over the Test Valley.

Programmes (giving entry to all gardens) will be on sale at the Village Hall, SO20 6DP, and at other designated Car Parks from 1 pm onwards. Entry prices to all gardens are £6 for Adults and £2 for Children aged 5 – 16.

A limited amount of free mini bus transport will be available. Afternoon Teas will be on sale at the Village Hall from 1.30pm where there will also be a Plant Stall. **Unfortunately dogs are not allowed into any of the gardens.** All proceeds are in aid of St Mary's Church, Longstock. Any queries, please contact Garry Hedley (Church Treasurer) 01264 810284

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