

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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Looking through the contents of this magazine is a humbling experience: so much energy, talent and downright hard work voluntarily given to make our corner of the planet a beautiful and happy place. Among the many who quietly beaver away to improve our lot, special thanks are due to John Rowles and his team (largely 'senior' members of the community) for transforming West Down and the playing fields, not to mention the continual management of The Common and footpaths (see pp11-12). Now that summer is here we can go out and enjoy the fruits of their labours!

Tessa Youell

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The Reverend Jax Machin



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ST MARY THE LESS, CHILBOLTON

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From the Church Records

Chilbolton		
Wedding	6 th June	Colin Rumble & Kelly Patterson
Internment of ashes	15th	Ivy Raynsford

Services July 2015	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Wednesday 1st July					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme			3.00 pm		
Saturday 4th July					
House Communion @ 6, Rozelle Close, Littleton			10.00 am		
Sunday 5th July <i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Matins with Holy Communion					10.00 am
Benefice Evensong	6.00 pm				
Peace & Wholeness			6.00 pm		
Saturday 11th July					
Messy Church Crawley Church Room		4-6 pm			
Sunday 12th July <i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00 am		
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Benefice Evensong					6.00 pm
Wednesday 15th July					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme Holy Communion			3.00 pm		
Thursday 17th July					
Flowerdown Holy Communion			2.30 pm		
Sunday 19th July <i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
CW Holy Communion	10.00 am				

Matins				10.00 am	
Family Service					10.00 am
Sunday 26th July <i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Family Service	10.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
4 th Sunday Worship with Sunday School		10.00 am			
Wednesday 29th July					
Meditation			7.00 pm		

Church Flowers July

Wherwell	4th July	Pat Lloyd
	11 th & 18 th July	Sarah Tall
	25th July	Judy Conte
Chilbolton	Vivien Shrimpton	Cynthia Bezance

Church Fete Dining Raffle

John & Judy Conte wish to thank the 'Friends of our Fete' for their generous donations to our Dining Raffle, and ask our readers to kindly support them:

Abbots Mitre
Chilbolton
01264 860348

The White Lion Inn
Wherwell
01264 860317

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Houghton
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French Restaurant
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Perfect weather and setting – and takings of over £260

This was the headline for the newspaper cutting saved in the Wherwell Women's Institute Scrapbook for 1965 – the WI Golden Jubilee year.

“The lovely grounds of Priory Lodge, Wherwell, home of Marjorie, Countess of Brecknock, were popular on Saturday afternoon when a big crowd turned up for Wherwell Church fete. The weather was ideal and the stalls did a brisk trade throughout the afternoon, resulting in takings of over £260.

The fete was opened by the Countess of Brecknock, and one of the big attractions was an art competition, organised by the Countess, Mrs. M. Liddell and Mrs. E. Taitt, and judged by Mrs. Fisher of Andover. There were numerous entries in each of the two adult and four children's sections, and some of the paintings were of a high standard.

Mrs. Margery White, of Wherwell, won the oil painting section, with Lady Busk second. In the water colour section first place went to Paul Jewitt with Mrs. Geoffrey Liddell in second place. The children's section winners were as follows:

(under 7 years old): 1 William Liddell, 2 Rosalyn Brown;
(7-11 years) 1 Peter Rowles, 2 Gerald Smith;
(11-16 years) 1 Kim Chetwyn, 2 Christine Budd;
(16-21 years) 1 Michael Taitt, 2 Mrs. Barnes.

The clay pigeon shoot, organised by Mr. W. Batten, Mr. M. Batten and Mr. T. Smith was also a big success. The novice section was won by Mr. Lawes with Mr. Wells in second place. Mr. N. Leamon won the open section and Mr. J. Hurst was runner-up. The gamekeeper's prize went to Mr. Gandy with Mr. Stratton second.

Stallholders: Miss V. Young (raffle); Mr. W. Blake (records); V. Sessions and P. Daubney (strawberries and ice cream); Major and Mrs. C. Liddell (bottle); Mr. Basil Browning and Mr. J. Atterton (bingo); Miss Tilley, Lady Orde and Mrs. Andrews (fancy goods); Mrs. Udell, Miss Frappe (knitted garments); J. Cox (ladder golf); Mr. H. Carter and Mr. P. Bryant (bowling for a pig); Mr. K. Lissner (skittles); Mrs. Russell-Chapman (fortunes); Mr. W. Robbins and Mr. B. Hunt (three bowls); Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Pilkington (confectionery); Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Pyke (teas).”

Gross revenue for the Wherwell Church Fete has consistently beaten £6000 over the past 12 years, with 2007 a best-ever £8370. These figures easily exceed the inflation adjusted 1965 takings of approx £4500.

Andrew Flanagan

Chilbolton Horticultural Society

Kathy and Keith Flannagan gave a very informative and interesting talk at the May meeting on cacti and succulents. Both are keen collectors of these plants and through their hobby have travelled all over the world. As well as seeing some stunning photos, members were able to handle the different varieties of plants and had the opportunity to buy a wide selection of both cacti and succulents. The group was impressed by the Flannagans' enthusiasm, knowledge and patience in answering all the questions at the end of the talk. By the way, do YOU know which species of cacti is pollinated by bats?

Maggie Duffy



Wherwell Home Guard Club

The Old Hill, Wherwell, SP11 7NB

Saturday 4th July

8.00 pm

Janet's

BINGO NIGHT

with CASH prizes



Friday 17th July

8.00 pm

Tables of six - £2.50 per person

Light refreshments

Cash prize for winning table

Non-members welcome (nightly GUEST fee £1)

for further details, please contact

Cliff Goodall (01264 860 445) or Sue Coleman (0126 860 508)

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 or telephone 01264 860462

WHERWELL HOME GUARD CLUB



As we entered our fourth year since re-opening (doesn't time fly?), the Home Guard Club had an AGM on the 21st May. It was well attended, the accounts had been audited and were in good order and we have maintained the programme of improvement with the provision of an outside seating area, the refurbished bar in the back room and a new kitchen area. These should be an asset to the club in the future.

Looking ahead into the next year, we intend to re-site the oil tank to allow access to the back wall of the main bar as

we have a damp problem that needs attending to. At the same time we need to make alterations to the heating system to make it more efficient.

This year, as we look back at the VE day celebrations, we remember that next year is the seventieth anniversary of our club and we intend to mark the occasion with some special events. These will be promoted at the end of this year.

The little man logo at the top of the page has recently been returned to us by Mr Terry Daubney: it used to be the club logo and we intend to use it again. We need to give him a name – if you would like to have a go at naming him, please put your name and the proposed name on a piece of paper and hand it in over the bar or put it in the letter box at the club by 30th July. Maybe you know what he was called in the 1960s when he first appeared, or who drew him and gave him to the club? This brings us on to a bigger problem: we are worried that the history of the club is fast disappearing, as the older members leave us the past goes with them. We would like to get as many of these memories as we can on tape, or in writing, as soon as possible (this summer). If you have memories of the club, parties, new year events, people who stuck out in your thoughts, sports occasions, or if you have photos of family members who were in the Home Guard or were founding members, chairmen or officers of the club at any time, PLEASE get in contact with us either by phone or by letter – we would be over the moon to talk to you!

Cliff Goodall (Chairman) 01264 860445

WHERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

An extraordinary PC meeting was held recently to consider two planning applications. The meeting was attended by eight members of the public, including members of the Parochial Church Council.

The first application considered was for amendments to the approved plans for a cottage to be built, at the bottom of Church Street. John Simpson, the applicant, sent his apologies for not being able to attend but he had sent a report that was read out. The approved plans include provision for remedial works to be carried out to the walls bounding the plot and the church car park. Prior to commencing the rebuilding of the section of the wall nearest the lych gate, investigations had been carried out, by a consultant arboriculturalist to assess the implementation of the approved plan to protect the roots of the trees abutting the wall. It was reported that, due to the density and extent of the roots, it would not be possible to construct the proposed foundation of bridging lintels, without adversely affecting the trees. The proposed solution is to build four buttresses to support the wall against the force of the trees that are pushing against it. It was considered that this would be far less invasive for the trees than the new foundations that would be required, in order to rebuild the wall.

After listening to the views of the public and a lengthy debate, the PC voted to object to the proposal of buttresses as it was felt that they would adversely impact on the street scene and that there were concerns that the buttresses might not prevent the wall, that is in places in poor condition, from being pushed over by the trees.

The second application was for minor amendments to the approved plans to build a timber enclosure for a biomass heating system and installation of silos at Wherwell Priory. James Hogg, the applicant, explained the amendments and the PC voted to support the application. Mr Hogg also explained how he had obtained access to high speed broadband for his business, based at the Priory, and the possibility that this might facilitate access to HSBB for some areas within village.

The Wherwell Playing Fields Committee is a sub-committee of the PC chaired by Cllr. Sean Hutton. For several years he has been trying to secure funds to renovate the old tennis courts with an all-weather surface with provision for playing tennis, football, netball and basketball. The work needs to start shortly as a TVBC grant of £10k expires at the end of June. Cllr. Hutton informed the meeting that the WPFC currently has £12k to put towards the cost of the renovation. £8349 will be realised from section 106 payments levied from the developments at Mill Close and the barn

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conversion at Fullerton Farm. This money might also be lost if the work is delayed. In addition, some years ago the PC received a legacy from Lord Camden's sister, Lady Mary. It was felt, at the time, that it was important that the legacy should be used for a specific project, rather than on several smaller projects. At the meeting the PC agreed that it was appropriate that the legacy be put towards the cost of the tennis courts' renovation. It is hoped that further funding will be found as, in spite of some of the work being carried out by volunteers, there is still a shortfall of £4K and the costings do not include provision of nets and posts.

Several residents of Longparish Road have now contacted HCC to inform them of the accidents they have experienced whilst attempting to exit their drives, caused by the speed of passing traffic. On several occasions significant damage has occurred to their vehicles. The PC shares their concerns that, sooner rather than later, a serious accident involving personal injury is going to happen.

In spite of the number of complaints that HCC have now received, the same response continues to be sent out. It states the speed limits on all A and B routes in the county were assessed in recent years. The criteria for setting speed limits include road character, the level of roadside development, the accident history and road safety issues, the frequency of junctions and private entrances and the presence of amenities that attract both motorised and non-motorised road users. To be effective a speed limit is reliant on drivers responding to a range of these factors, particularly those with a visual impact. A speed limit provides drivers with information of the surrounding environment and the activity that is likely to be encountered, but where these expectations are not met then speed limits can be ineffective and not achieve road safety benefits.

Local residents and the PC feel very strongly that, based on this statement, there is definitely justification for there being a speed limit in the area and to continue to ignore our requests for one is not acceptable. A detailed description of the north end of the Longparish Road, together with photographs is to be sent to HCC with a request that a site visit, accompanied by the PC, is carried out without delay.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 14th July at 7pm in the Colonel Jenkins' Memorial Hall.

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

CHILBOLTON OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)

Annual Report – to April 2015

Part 2

Future Activities

Activities for the coming year should become more routine as the COSC enters its second year. A major effort involves sign rationalization in the parish, and the design of a new logo, a '***Marbled White Butterfly***'. Many of the signs, especially those on West Down nature trail will include **QR** codes so that those with a smart phone will be able to access more information on the community web site. Using **QR** codes is intended to help stimulate young people's interest in the environment and nature.

West Down – rare-breed sheep and ponies will be used to help control the vegetation re-growth to reduce time spent by volunteers. The use of cattle is no longer feasible with the latest bovine TB test regulations. ***Sparsholt College*** will progressively remove all sycamores starting in the autumn. Trees donated by members of the community will be planted within the fenced area this autumn. Flowers and bulbs will be planted around the outside periphery, especially in the bottle bank area. Three new map boards will be mounted; one in the upper car park, another at the bottom of the road leading up to the car park and a third in the bottle bank area. The CPC grass-cutting contractor will cut the leisure area i.e. outside fenced area; the paths twice during the summer and the grasses on the three field areas once in the autumn. A nature trail is being designed with signs identifying trees and areas of interest. It is planned that each of the signs will contain a simple description with a **QR** code to provide detailed information stored on the community web site. The CPC will organize a party for the community on West Down on the 11th of July.

The Common – Routine activities will continue as before and the 'top grass cut' will be done in the autumn by the CPC grass-cutting contractor. The usual grazier will return again on the understanding that we build a corral for managing bovine TB testing. Major activity started on the 1st May, details of which are presented in the paper '***The Common Flood Control Project***', to prevent flood water putting six properties at risk. The six individual tasks will further strengthen the flood defence emergency work carried out during the floods of 2014.

Village & Greens – A contractor will continue with the routine tasks. It is planned to replace the two stiles on the path between Grindstone Green and the Common with self-latching gates as on the Memorial playing field. A black, more-pleasing waste bin will replace the old green bin. The task of rationalising the signs and adopting a Chilbolton Colour and the '***Marbled White Butterfly***' logo will continue. Now that Village Street has had a facelift, the focus will shift to beautifying other streets.

Memorial playing field – The CPC grass-cutting contractor will cut the grass 13 times during the year. A map board like the new ones to be erected on West Down will be mounted on the corner of the Test Way path and the entrance to the playing field.

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Allotments – The rabbits will be controlled and peripheral weeds treated. There are plans to install large water tanks with a rainwater catchment system.

Footpaths – HCC will only maintain certain paths and it will be up to community volunteers and landowners to deal with the rest. The CPC's tools purchased mainly for work on West Down, would be useful for any volunteer who wants to help.

Concluding Remarks

The COSC has moved forward on many fronts in line with the community's wishes. It is hoped that the momentum generated acts as a catalyst for greater community involvement; further ideas on how to improve the village environment and in giving practical help. Chilbolton's beauty and pleasing ambiance is partly down to the efforts of the community's volunteers. Its upkeep is reliant on encouraging a ready supply of volunteers. We are now the custodians of West Down as well as Cow Common - both outstanding nature areas in the beautiful Test Valley. We want to inspire the next generation's appreciation and enjoyment of nature. Young people's involvement in an organised scavenger hunt linked with clearing rubbish would help engender pride in and appreciation of the environment they are privileged to live in.

John Rowles, Chair of COSC, 18th April 2015

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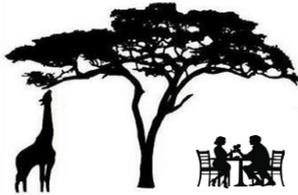
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Safari Supper in Chilbolton 8th August 2015
Start time 7pm

Enjoy a summer's evening of food and drink at mystery locations around the village. In return be prepared to supply one course for six, including yourselves. This is NOT a cookery competition – the evening demands simple suppers due to travelling between the venues.

Cost per person £15 includes welcome drink and 3 course dinner (one of which you supply).

Further information on how a safari supper works, what it entails and to book tickets ring Pat St Leger Harris (860887). Tickets need to be booked to allow time for organisation. Closing date is 1 week before the event. So book early!!

Proceeds from this event will go to St Mary the Less Church roof repairs.

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Management Committee is delighted to announce that our application for a grant from Scottish and Southern Energy under the SEPD Resilient Communities Fund has been successful and that a grant of £10,431 has been offered to us.

This grant will enable the Village Hall to operate as an emergency centre for Chilbolton under the Chilbolton Emergency Plan and also make it possible to cater for large events that might be without heating, cooking and lights should there be a power failure.

Specifically, the grant will enable us to purchase and install a stand-by electrical generator, a commercial electrical oven with gas hob and extractor hood, a bottled gas supply, a large refrigerator and a telephone line and WIFI hub.

The emergency telephone and WIFI are already installed and the other equipment should be installed by the end of 2015.

Special thanks to Chilbolton Parish Council for their support and to Liz Blakemore who prepared the grant application.

Tony Ewer Chairman



Half Term gave the staff and children a chance to recharge their batteries and return to school full of energy to enjoy the remainder of the summer term.

This time of year is always busy for us; we are welcoming the teachers that visit from the local Primary schools to do transition talks. This lets the child's key carer share valuable information with the child's teacher.



The bad weather has prevented us from paying as many visits as we would have liked to the forest school area. We are looking forward to letting the older children spend some 1-1 time in the woodland, using tools and toasting marshmallows on the fire pit after collecting correct size sticks. We have enjoyed playing leaf bingo with the children, doing treasure hunts and having a session on the joys of stinging nettles!

Our theme this term is healthy eating and exercise. We have been looking at fruit and vegetables and which country they come from:

we have a big map that the children look at. Clarey has dressed up as a banana and the children decorated bananas with feathers and faces!

We are looking forward to Sports day later this month and then welcoming our new September starters to come along and meet their key carer. We are busy planning our last day of term leavers' party – it should be great fun for parents, children and the staff.

The Pre-school is now full for September and we are taking forms for September 2016. The Pre-school is committee-run and our AGM is being held on 20th July 8pm in the Pavilion. If you are interested in joining the committee please come along, we need some good ideas for fundraising and plenty of helpers. There is lots of info on our website:

www.chilboltonpreschool.com

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
DEFIBRILLATOR / FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE
SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2015 (09:30 – 12:30)

Chilbolton Village Hall

If you would like to attend, please inform Mandy Amor
(chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk) by 24 July. The course fee will be part
funded by CPC, attendee fee £10/person.

Winchester Wellbeing Fair

Helen Barnard, local Bowen Therapist and one of our magazine's regular advertisers, reports on the Winchester Wellbeing Fair, to aid research and awareness into ME, Fibromyalgia and CFS.

On Sunday 17th May, I joined a diverse group of Complementary Therapists at a beautiful four-storey Edwardian house on St Cross Road, Winchester. Our aim was to provide taster sessions of our therapies to the public, to raise awareness and funds for research into Fibromyalgia, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS).

I am a Bowen Therapist and have been practising this technique since qualifying in 2008. The fair was opened by the Mayor of Winchester and was really well attended. I treated twelve people during the course of the day and spoke to many more who wanted to know how the therapy might help them. Sufferers of ME, Fibromyalgia and C.F.S. have a very diverse range of symptoms and the Bowen Technique seems to help by promoting deep relaxation. This encourages the immune system to function more effectively and the body to heal itself. There were a range of other holistic therapies on offer including reflexology, nutritional therapies, cranial osteopathy and deep tissue massage.

The day was organised by Opal Webster-Philip of Hampshire Solutions, The Alliance for Fibromyalgia, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, which works to create greater awareness and aid research into this complex range of illnesses that currently impact upon the lives of 250,000 people in the UK. The Alliance works in partnership with university professors, the medical profession and research scientists to encourage more biomedical research and understanding.

We all had a wonderful day and I would like to thank Debra Grech for opening her home to us.

Helen Barnard Cert.ECBS, MBTPA, CNHC www.helenbarnard.co.uk

AFTERNOON TEA at the White Lion Inn, Wherwell



Friday 3rd July 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

SUMMER WALKS: 17th to 22nd 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 th	Ashmansworth	Highest Village in Hampshire	8.0 miles	4.5 miles (am)
Tues 18 th	East Meon	Old Winchester Hill Fort	9.3 miles	None
Wed 19 th	Whitchurch	River Test and five mills	9.0 miles	4 miles (am) 5 miles (pm)
Thurs 20 th	Old Sarum	Castle site and 'Rotten' borough	7.0 miles	4.5 miles (am)
Fri 21 st	Selborne	Gilbert White, naturalist. Zig Zag.	8.1 miles:	3.8 miles (am) 4.3 miles (pm)
Sat 22 nd	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



ChilFest 2015

It's back - bigger...better...brighter...

- ⦿ Earlier start of 4pm
- ⦿ Childrens Games - please volunteer
- ⦿ More Beer - any local ales you'd like to try?
- ⦿ More Bands - Know any? 🎵 🎶 🎷
- ⦿ More BBQ - two sittings children earlier, adults later



MORE VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!



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Diary Dates

July 2015

3	Age UK tea afternoon	White Lion	3pm
4	Janet's Bingo	Home Guard club	8pm
4	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
5	Longstock Water Gardens open for Simon Says charity	Longstock Park	2-5pm
6	AD HOC ADVERTISING DEADLINE		
6	Chilbolton PC	CVH	7pm
8, 9, 10,		Borne House,	6.30 for
11	SADS: Tom Jones	King's Somborne	7.30pm
10	MAGAZINE DEADLINE		
11	Village Picnic	West Down	Midday
11	Jax propping up the bar	Abbots Mitre	11am
11	COSC Community Party	West Down	12-3pm
11	Watermill Theatre: A Little History of the World	CVH	7 for 7.30pm
12	Ragwort Pull	West Down	9.30am
12	Berkeley Ensemble concert	Chute Lodge Chute	5pm
14	Wherwell PC	WVH	7pm
16	Crafty Sew 'n' Sews	CVH	7-9pm
17	Tea Party for Nepal	Abbots Rest Chilb'n	From 3pm
17	Quiz Night	Home Guard club	8pm
18	Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30am
18	Peggy Beesley 100th celebrations	WVH	2.30pm
20	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30am
20	Chilbolton Pre-school AGM	Wherwell Pavilion	8pm
21	Chilbolton WI 'The Ladies of the Tower'	CVH	7.30pm
24	Half Night of Prayer	St Stephen's Sparsholt	6pm-midnight
25 & 26	Open Gardens	Stockbridge	1.30-5.30pm
27	CVH Committe meeting	CVH	8pm
28	Wherwell Ladies Evening	Dancing Ledge	7-9pm

August 2015

1	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
3	Chilbolton PC meeting	CVH	7pm
6	AD HOC ADVERTISING DEADLINE		
7	Age UK tea afternoon	White Lion	3pm
8	Defib and First Aid course	CVH	9.30-12.30
8	Safari supper	Around Chilbolton	from 7pm
10	MAGAZINE DEADLINE		

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

<p>1/7 Dom Joly Here Comes the Clown, A Stumble Through Show Business. Winchester Discovery Centre 7.30pm 01962 873603</p>
<p>1/7-2/8 Hampshire Food Festival. Various locations around Hampshire. For programme see www.hampshirefare.co.uk or call 02380 733830</p>
<p>3/7-11/7 Winchester Festival of the Arts. For programme see www.winchesterfestival.co.uk or call 01962 857276</p> <p>Opening night event Rachmaninov Vespers in Winchester Cathedral Nave 8pm (includes a pre-concert drink in the Deanery Garden).</p>
<p>3/7-5/7 Winchester Hat Fair. Britain's longest running celebration of outdoor arts. Free. See www.hatfair.co.uk or call 01962 849841</p>
<p>4/7 The Bridge Music Festival, Stockbridge. In aid of the Alex Lewis Trust. Stockbridge Recreation Ground. Gates open 12.30 pm. Live music, fireworks, and local food. Family friendly. For further details see www.bridgefestival.org.uk.</p>
<p>4/7-5/7 Days Out with Thomas at Eastleigh Lakeside Steam Railway. Gates open 9.45 am. www.steamtrain.co.uk 023 8061 2020</p>
<p>4,5,11,12/7 Lavender Fields Open Days, English Hampshire Lavender, Hartley Park Farm, Alton. Tour of Lavender and wild flower fields, tractor trailer rides, lunches and cream teas. 11am-4pm www.thelavenderfields.co.uk 01420 511146</p>
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<p>11/7/15 Let's Rock Southampton. Family friendly 1980s festival. Southampton Common. Gates open at 11am. www.letsrocksouthampton</p>
<p>11/7/15 Motown Summer Soul Spectacular. Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. Live band. Gates open 6.30pm. 01794 369318</p>
<p>11/7 Beggars Fair, Romsey. Jazz, folk, blues, world music, dance, children's entertainment. Free. www.beggarsfair.org.uk</p>
<p>17/7 Late Night Bach by Candlelight. Salisbury Cathedral 9.15pm 01722 320333</p>
<p>26/7 Treasure Island. Mottisfont. Afternoon performance for families 4.00pm-6.00pm. Booking essential. 0844 249 1895</p>
<p>Farmers' Markets</p>
<p>Romsey 5/7 Winchester 12/7 and 26/7 Andover 19/7</p>

Chilbolton Parish Council Minutes

CPC met on Monday 1st June 2015. All members of the “new” PC were present. I say “new” as there had been elections in May. You will be relieved to hear that no election was necessary in Chilbolton as the number of candidates matched the number of places. We were all spared the quite considerable cost of an election. I am continuing to chair CPC for another year, ably assisted by George Marits as Vice-Chairman. I begin with some very good news. As I am sure most of you are aware, a buyer has come forward at the eleventh hour for the village shop. Although as I write the sale has not been completed there is good reason to be optimistic. Jo and David have withdrawn their application for a change of use. I have met the lady who wishes to buy the shop. Her name is Nicky Bond. She seems just the sort of person who could make a success of the shop. Let’s keep our fingers crossed! This time last year we faced the prospect of losing the pub and the shop. It is a great relief that both will survive and, we hope, prosper. CPC will provide any support it can. I would like to thank all those in the campaign to keep the shop, in particular those who worked so hard in the Chilbolton Community Shop Group.

Those of you who have been to The Common recently will have noticed the work we are doing to repair the river bank and to restore the path at the Purleygigg Bridge. We have been able to keep the cost down by employing students from Sparsholt College who used the project as a training exercise. I am told they greatly enjoyed the work so we are all winners! The holes in the access roads have been filled in. I would like to thank John Rowles for organising this. We welcome the return of the cows. Grazing is essential to the maintenance of The Common. We will be keeping an eye open for ragwort and creeping thistle. Those of you who have been on West Down will have noticed the sheep grazing on the western slope. They are rare breed sheep who, we are told, are not fussy and will eat anything including brambles and sycamore that we want to control. Things got off to a rocky start. Within days of their arrival someone stole the energiser for the electric fence and set fire to the fencing: charming! The theft has been reported to the police. If you see anyone acting suspiciously on West Down, please let me know. There are more horses there at the moment. We had hoped they would help control regrowth. We are not sure this is happening and, as I write, we are reviewing the matter. I quite like seeing horses grazing but I know some dog owners feel differently. We are continuing our work parties on Tuesday afternoons. We have concentrated on tidying up the road and verges leading to the top car park to give the place a more “cared for” appearance. The picnic area and open spaces have been given a trim by our contractor. Talking of picnics: we hope you will join us on the 11th July when we will be holding a Village Picnic on West Down. On the 12th July we will be holding a ragwort
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pull on West Down. This will be a challenge as there is a lot of it. We succeeded in clearing ragwort from The Common when it was a sea of yellow. There is no reason why we cannot do the same on West Down. We will need fresh blood as some of us veterans from ragwort pulls on The Common are not as fit as we were!

Other news: the implementation of the 20mph speed limit is due to take place in July. We are still pressing HCC to cut back the hedges along Coley Lane. As far as I know all the footpaths are clear but growth is fast at this time of year. Glynne and I will be inspecting them soon. You can help us by reporting any problems. A further First Aid course will take place on 8th August at the Village Hall. It is not too late to join us but tell Mandy as soon as possible. We intend replacing the stiles between the Grindstone Green and The Common with gates to improve access for the elderly (pets as well as persons!) and mums with push chairs. CPC look forward to another year working hard on your behalf to maintain and improve our village.

David Griffiths, Chairman

CHILBOLTON COMMUNITY SHOP GROUP UPDATE

There are two pieces of important news this month. The first is that there is now a potential purchaser for the shop and Post Office as a going concern. Whilst this is undoubtedly exciting news for all concerned, the discussions are still in their early stages. We would therefore ask that the community respect the privacy of Jo and David at this time. They, the Parish Council and the Community Shop Group are all working together to achieve a positive outcome. The second and related item of news is that in the light of the potential sale and purchase Jo and David have now withdrawn their application for Change of Use.

The main other work this month has been the collection and assessment of the Surveys. The rate of return is somewhat disappointing at around 24%, but on a positive note, of those returned there is an overwhelming wish to see a shop and Post Office continue and very useful information has been gathered on a wide range of matters from possible opening hours to suggestions for stock. We are still collating the information so it is not too late to complete and return your Survey if you have not already done so. Please call Sue Aiken (860277), Sue Sheath (861227), or Fiona Barrie (860264) and we will come and collect your Survey or you can drop it in to us. The more replies we get, not only does it give us more valuable information but perhaps, more importantly, having a substantial numbers of replies makes it an awful lot easier when applying for potential grant funding. We all hope the sale and purchase goes through but, should it not, we still need to be ready to fundraise so as to maintain a shop and Post Office.

Fiona Barrie

Watermill Theatre Company in Chilbolton

They are coming back!! on Saturday 11th 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 11th 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.

St Nicholas Fundraiser: The Berkeley Ensemble Sunday 12 July at Chute Lodge

Kindly hosted by Kate Holt and Andrew Gay, we are delighted to invite you to a very special afternoon concert by members of the professional chamber group, The Berkeley Ensemble. Hailed as ‘an instinctive collective’ by *The Strad*, the award-winning Berkeley Ensemble were formed in 2008 with the aim of championing British chamber music alongside more established repertoire. Flexible in its configuration, we’re delighted to welcome Gemma Wareham, cello and Lachlan Radford, double bass for an intimate afternoon of music in a rare opportunity to hear these bass instruments of the orchestra in virtuosic solo repertoire. The concert starts at 5pm with drinks at 6pm and the programme includes **Bach** solo cello suite and **Rossini’s** duo.

After the concert, stay on for a drink and an opportunity to meet Gemma and Lachlan, who regularly perform with orchestras including BBC Concert Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Bournemouth Symphony, Manchester Camerata, and New Zealand Symphony.

Tickets £30 each with all profits going to support St Nicholas Church, Chute. To book, please contact Susie Harries at suearty@hotmail.co.uk or call 01264 730307

The Downs Benefice

Part-time administrator: good salary – free parking

The Downs Benefice (comprising five Church of England parishes: Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell) is seeking an additional part-time Benefice Administrator, to provide administrative support to the Rector, Reverend Jax Machin, and members of her ministry team; also to handle those tasks, that, for reasons of confidentiality and/or efficiency, are centralised in the Benefice Office in Littleton, where the successful applicant will be based.

The successful applicant will work with the Benefice's current team of two part-time Administrators for 10 hours per week, divided equally between Tuesday and Friday afternoons and, dependant on the applicant's availability, could also, from time to time, include some hours on Saturday mornings. Also, he/she will be required to work additional hours during the other Administrators' holidays or periods of sickness.

The successful applicant will be required to work effectively with the other Administrators, and be self-motivated. Computer literacy, and the ability to prioritise and deal with a multitude of tasks is essential. The Administrator must share our vision of growing Christ's mission in the Benefice.

For further information, please contact Alick Kay on 01794 388497, alickkay@btinternet.com or office@downsbenefice.org.uk

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Anaphylactic shock or a serious allergic reaction?



The end of May is always the time to take off the first honey crop of the year, just as the oil seed rape fields are changing from yellow to green. If you leave the honey on the hives any longer it generally sets solid in the combs and is much more difficult to separate. When honey sets in the combs, the process requires heating the combs so that both wax and honey melts and therefore destroys all the hard work the bees have put in to build the combs.

We try to recruit a team of beekeeping beginners to help with the harvest; it gives them an opportunity to see the whole process and to get some idea of what a sticky job it is to do if they opt to do their own honey separating at home in the kitchen.

The honey supers (boxes of frames of honey) minus the bees are taken off the hives on Friday afternoon and stacked in John Rowles' shed for an early start on Saturday morning. This year we had the assistance of two avid beginners who set to with cutting knives and de-capping forks to prepare the combs for the centrifuge. As the morning went on the shed warmed up and the honey began to flow. It also awakened one or two bees that had come in with the supers. Unfortunately one lady helper got a sting on the hand and immediately collapsed unconscious on the floor. This happened once before about five years ago with another lady helper – it is possibly caused by anaphylactic shock from the sting, and it is certainly a serious allergic reaction. We gave her a Piriton tablet when she came round, called 999 and very quickly a paramedic arrived, to our relief. The patient had come to but was pretty groggy and was suffering from a swelling tongue. The ambulance followed and blocked Joys Lane to the common for almost an hour while they carried out various tests on the patient. We retired to the pub for lunch. Our helper came back from Winchester hospital later in the afternoon, looking as fit as a fiddle, having suffered no lasting effects. She has decided that beekeeping is perhaps not for her: a wise decision. There is no doubt that anti-allergy pills like Piriton are very effective in this sort of case, but it was nice to see the paramedic arrive.

We finished the honey separating in the day, not a bad harvest considering the cold May weather, but even so quite a lot of honey had started to harden in the combs and was not extractable by centrifuge.

Jolyon Pope



Recipe of the month

Salmon en Croute



A great summer's dish that is delicious served warm with steamed veg and new potatoes or cold with a light salad. This recipe can be scaled up or down – I've done it for 2 and for 10. For 4 people you will need:

1 side fillet of salmon (boned and skinned) - cut to form 2 square or rectangular pieces

320g ready-made puff pastry, lightly rolled, to form 2 squares or rectangles

50g unsalted butter, softened

2 pieces stem ginger, in syrup, well drained and finely chopped

12-14g currants

Half teaspoon ground mace

1 egg, beaten, to glaze

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Flour

Season the salmon on both sides with salt. Mix butter, ginger, mace, a little salt and pepper (optional) and currants to form a paste. Cut pastry, making one piece slightly larger than the other. Lay the smaller piece on a well-floured baking sheet and place the largest piece of salmon in the centre (skin side down). Spread the butter mix all over the salmon and place the remaining salmon (skin side up) on top to create a sandwich. Brush egg all around the exposed pastry. Cover with the remaining puff pastry making sure there are no air pockets trapped inside and crimp the pastry layers together. Trim pastry edges; take a teaspoon and gently roll the lip over the top of the pastry to form the appearance of fish scales.

Place in the fridge (covered) for several hours to chill (min 1 hr, max 4hrs). Preheat the oven to 200C/400F Gas mark 4 (fan assisted 180C) and warm another baking sheet. Transfer the salmon *en croute* onto the warm baking tray, brush with the remaining egg and bake in centre of oven for approx 30-35 minutes or until golden brown.

Robert Lawrence

Chilbolton and Wherwell Wildlife



This is the time of year when hawk-moths frequently come to my moth light-trap. The commonest hawk-moths include one of the largest British moths, the Privet Hawk-moth, which has a 12cm (4.7in) wingspan. Many of the hawk-moths are regulars in gardens, and are much more common than many people suppose. But these moths only fly late at night, so you'll be unlikely to see them other than after dark at a bright light. But you may of course come across the impressive caterpillars. Caterpillars of the larger hawk-moths are up to 8cm (3in) long, and all species have a spike-like horn at the rear end. As the names suggest, the caterpillars of the Privet Hawk feed on Privet, those of the Poplar feed on any variety of Poplar, and the Lime-hawk caterpillar feeds only on the leaves of Lime trees. The caterpillar you're most likely to find in the garden, though, is that of the Elephant Hawk-moth. The species is called Elephant, because the caterpillar can stretch itself out with an elongated head that someone has likened to a trunk; well, if you use your imagination! Even more confusing for potential predators, it has four eye-like markings, and can take on the appearance of a snake. Hmm – I've never thought of it as much like an elephant, but I can see how you might think it was a small snake. The Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillar feeds mainly on varieties of willow-herb, but for some strange reason it can often be found in gardens eating Fuchsia! The very colourful pink and khaki-coloured moth is flying now at the end of June, but you'll most likely encounter the caterpillar when it's nearly fully grown in mid-August.

One common hawk-moth that's less likely to be found in gardens, is the Small Elephant Hawk-moth. It's a good deal smaller than its big brother, but is an even more colourful pink and yellow. Caterpillars of Small Elephant Hawks feed on bedstraw species, especially Lady's Bedstraw. So the species is usually found on open grassland areas such as the Cow Common or West Down, rather than in gardens.

And finally, there's one hawk-moth that you will actually see as a moth, in your garden, flying about in sunshine. This is the Humming-bird Hawk-moth. It's relatively small compared with the others, but you'll notice it as appearing just like a humming-bird, hovering in front of nectar-rich flowers. It's not unknown for people to tell me they've actually seen a humming-bird, and to really believe it's an escaped exotic bird! Humming-bird Hawk-moths are strong fliers, and arrive here from further south, where they breed, at any time during the summer. I've seen several during early June this year, so it may be a good year for seeing this species in your garden.

Glynnne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)

Wherwell Ladies' Evening

Enjoy this lovely evening 7 until 9 pm Tuesday 28th July!

July's meeting is our annual supper and BBQ at **Dancing Ledge**, Fullerton Road which has a most beautiful garden on the river Test. All are welcome so please come to our community friendship celebration. The setting is delightful and the company fun and friendly; gentlemen are very welcome to this memorable evening.

I will need to know how many are coming so we get the catering correct. The cost is £7 for delicious marinated chicken, quality sausages and burgers as well as a variety of vegetarian dishes that all can enjoy. Visitors usually bring a pudding or a salad to add to the bountiful spread. We ask that guests bring what they would like to drink with them and something to drink this from! All other crockery and cutlery is supplied.

All are welcome, please feel free to come and if you would like to please bring your neighbours, family and friends.



You can contact me to confirm you are coming at: ahughes877@btinternet.com There will not be a meeting in **August**. Lastly, I would just like to thank everybody who came to celebrate Peggy's 100 years, especially for the individual efforts to research what was going on in those years. Even if handwritten they are all going into a 'This is Your Life' Book for Peggy whose birthday is this month.

Angela Hughes

The Parable of the Star Thrower

I'm sure you will have heard the story of the old man who, when walking along an ocean shoreline, comes across a young lad who is frantically flinging back into the sea the many starfish which have been washed up onto the beach by the tide. *'What are you bothering for?'* the old man growls at the boy. *'There are thousands of starfish here. It won't make any difference at all.'* The boy stops for a moment, and then stoops down to pick up another of the stranded creatures from the sand. As he flings it back out into the water, he says to the old man, *'Well, it'll make all the difference to this one!'*

Recently, I have been reminded of this Parable of the Star Thrower as I have rejoiced in the many inventive ways people have responded to the call to help the people of Nepal – from church collections to coffee mornings – even a Masterclass of the sublimely beautiful Byrd Mass for Four Voices at

Wherwell Church, have each raised much needed monies to help those afflicted by a disaster *so* devastating, we could be forgiven for believing the challenge of offering our support to be pointless. At Sparsholt School, one year group decided to turn their study of '*all things tigers*' into a fabulous fundraiser! The children drew a life-size template of a tiger, and then set about asking friends, families, teachers and passing rector to empty out their pockets and purses of change. The result – a jewel-like tiger, with its body striped with bronze and silver pennies; its claws glistening with 20p pieces and its almond eyes shining with the gold of £1 coins. Each of these examples, rich in their diverse use of the gifts and skills of so many different people, mirror the moment of the birth of the church that first Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, empowering them to speak in languages which all nations understood – the language of the love of Christ.

As Christians, in our fragile world, may we continue to work in and through that love: not counting the cost, but striving for peace, equality and justice for all the earth's people and its resources. May this be our Pentecostal prayer – perhaps small as we each humbly offer it, yet transformational as it becomes the fire-filled vision by which the world and its people unite:

God of Creation, the Spirit came
and your Church was born,
in wind and fire
and words of power.

God of hope, the Spirit came
blowing fear aside,
and in its place
weak hearts were stronger.

Christ our Lord, the Spirit came
as your word foretold,
with dreams and signs,
visions and wonders.

Christ our Saviour, the Spirit came
and is here today,
to feed the hearts
of a world that hungers.

Yours, in the fire of Christ's love,

Jax



A Tea Party for Nepal

Abbots Rest Chilbolton (opposite pub)



Friday 17th July from 3pm - admission £3.50

Supporting Nepal

As a family, we feel very warmly towards Nepal and its wonderful people. During her gap year, our daughter, Alexa, was an Africa Asia Venture (AV) volunteer in Besisahar, working as a teacher in a local school. This organisation aims to improve educational opportunities for children in remote areas of Africa, Asia and Latin America, giving them the chance to break out of the cycle of poverty. In Nepal, Alexa formed lifelong friendships and she will never forget the warmth and kindness of the people she met in Nepal, and the beauty of the country.

The Nepali people have suffered terribly as a result of the devastating earthquake and its aftershocks in April and we would like to do something in response. When we heard that the AV Foundation had created a special fund to help with the rebuilding of Nepal, something which will take many years and enormous resources, we thought we would like to support it. We hope you will feel the same and join us for:

Any donations of cakes or raffle prizes would be gratefully received but most of all we'd love to see you there. In case you can't be with us and would like to donate online, there is a JustGiving Tea Party page: <https://www.justgiving.com/Victoria-Ramsay-Tea-Party-for-Nepal/>

Victoria Ramsay

MIDDAY MUMS

Middy Mums this month will be on 20th July from 10.30am to noon in Wherwell Village Hall. All with babies/toddlers are welcome.

Please note that there will be no meeting in August.

Joyce Payne Tel 860296

Stockbridge Music Review

The Brook Street Band performed to an appreciative audience at St Peter's Church on Saturday June 6th. They are four consummate instrumentalists who played sonatas written purely by baroque composers who lived between 1653 and 1764.

The concert's first half was devoted to three composers; that musical pioneer Corelli; Handel who, without doubt, was influenced by Corelli but didn't get on with him; and Jean-Marie Leclair, a less well-known composer who nevertheless wrote a great number of sonatas and founded the so-called French violin school by adapting the Italian baroque style to suit refined French taste. He also subjected his violin to dexterous gymnastics, well reflected in his composition 'The First Recreation of Music', which the Band played with virtuosic vigour. A superb performance.

Bach came along after the interval with two sonatas. While still officially baroque, how distinctive his chamber music sounds. Adagio or largo, the playing was fluid and sensitive. Vivace or presto, fingers ran up and down the frets at breakneck speed. The detail was impeccable.

And figured bass? As harpsichordist Carolyn Gibley explained after describing the workings of the instrument, the only music she had in front of her in each work was the bass line with numbers printed above every note. The baroque composers were happy for accompanists to provide their own musical decoration above the bass line, so long as they stuck to the harmonic structures indicated by the numbers. And if you understand that, you'll understand anything.

If ever there was an example of why chamber music should be heard live, this was it, especially when performed so expertly and with such evident enjoyment.

James Montgomery

Stockbridge Open Gardens

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July - 1.30pm to 5.30pm on both days
Stockbridge Gardens Open Weekend has been a major garden event in Hampshire for over 20 years. This year's event will include about a dozen gardens, many featuring streams and tranquil river and meadow views and all situated in the western end of the village. Once you have parked your car in the free off-street Open Gardens parking area, all gardens can be easily reached on foot. With a wonderful variety to visit, this is a great afternoon out in this thriving village. There will also be plant stalls on St Peter's Church lawn where lovely cream teas and cakes can be enjoyed whilst you listen to Amesbury Town Band who will be playing on both days.

Proceeds go to St Peter's Church. Your tickets can be purchased on the day from St Peter's Church, from individual gardens, or from the free off-street parking area. Prices are just £7 for adults, with U16s free. See www.stockbridgegardens.co.uk for pictures of previous events. For

Further information: 01264 810 516; email: Barnsiesdandj@yahoo.co.uk

Celebrating the Centenary of the WI at Buckingham Palace



The words rang out, “Are we all ready for The Palace?” Yes, we were ready! But was the Palace ready to be engulfed by some 6000 WI ladies?

The date, 2nd June 2015, and members of the WI were on their way to a garden party at Buckingham Palace by kind invitation of the Queen, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the WI. Each branch in the country was represented by at least one member and Pat Lloyd and I were fortunate to go from Chilbolton. The garden party was hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall who is a member of the Tetbury WI. Also present were the Countess of Wessex, Princess Alexandra and the Duchess of Gloucester.

A cold, wet and blustery morning didn't dampen our spirits. Pat and I boarded a coach in Andover and arrived at Buckingham Palace. Once through the gates, we walked past the guardsmen standing to attention wearing their bearskin hats, then through the front courtyard (how many famous people have walked here?) and up the red carpeted stairs into the Palace. We were led through two of the Queen's apartments with the Beefeaters lined up in their uniforms and smiling to greet us. As we stepped out into the glorious garden, the sky cleared, the sun came out and Buckingham Palace looked magnificent; a wonderful part of our heritage and

culture. Members of the Royal family arrived to the accompaniment of the national anthem and lines formed so they could greet WI members.

Our first stop was the tea tent! Tea was served by friendly royal staff who gave us their full attention and made us feel special as they described each miniature sandwich and cake to us. There was lots of choice and we did our best to try a bit of everything! It was all delicious! We enjoyed walking around the lovely gardens, chatting to WI members from all over the country and listening to the bands, one stationed at each end of the garden. I enjoyed gazing at the colourful dresses and hats other ladies were wearing, although at times hats were blown off in the blustery wind and had to be held on firmly!

As the Royalty departed, more lines formed and Pat and I had a good view of all the Royal Family. Then it was back on the coach to head home. A splendid day. A happy time. A day to remember. Thank you Buckingham Palace for inviting the WI to tea!

Charlotte Nash and Pat Lloyd

*The next meeting of the Chilbolton WI will be on
Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm*

Tony Trafford will be talking about 'The Ladies of the Tower'. Guests are welcome to the talk at 7.45 and refreshments afterwards.

Tom Jones – an 18th 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. A fast moving comedy about the romantic adventures of Tom, a foundling who cannot resist feminine wiles.

Performances **on July 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th (Wednesday to Saturday)** 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.

The first night is a charity gala and the price of £12.50 includes a buck's fizz and canapés – all profits to the **Alex Lewis Trust**. Other nights: £8.00.

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

Clare Cotterell



By kind permission of the John Lewis Partnership, Longstock Water Gardens are opening in aid of **Simon Says** with all proceeds going to the charity. **Simon Says** supports children and young people of Hampshire who have been bereaved of a significant person in their lives.



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Wherwell Church Fete

Thank you to everyone involved in this year's fete! It was a huge success, raising over £6,500 for church funds. So many people were involved, running stalls and other attractions, providing goods and prizes, preparing, clearing up – we really do have an amazing community!

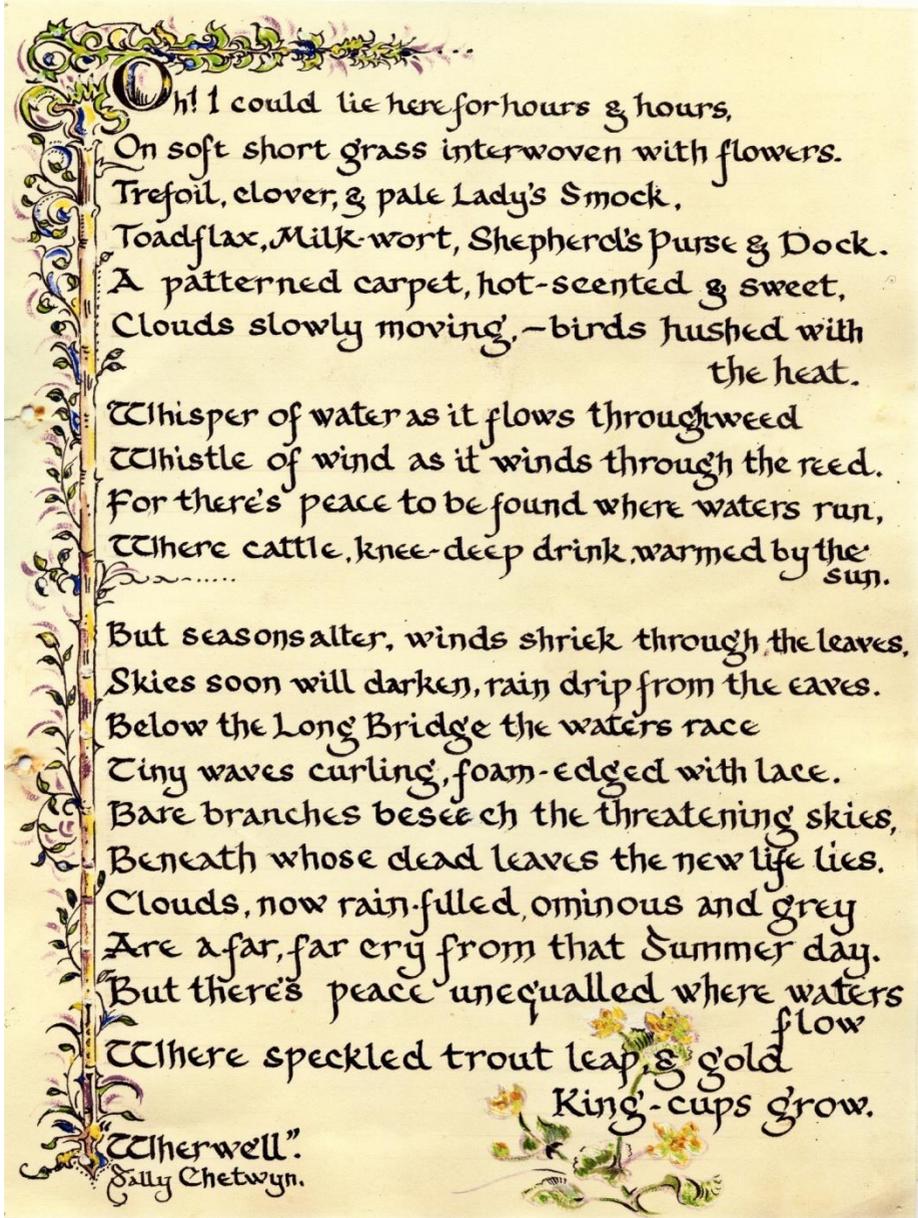
Despite rather cool, breezy weather, the crowds came and enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by the Andover Town Band and 'Steal the Beat', a delicious BBQ, teas, drinks, stalls and games. We'd like to thank all our sponsors and donors, including the very generous businesses below:

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This poem by Sally Chetwyn, who lived at 28 Church Street, Wherwell, was published in the first [Wherwell Anthology \(1974\)](#). This hand-written version was exhibited in the WI Scrapbook for 1965.



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