

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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**February 2017**

The month of St Valentine is here and although we're still in the frigid grip of winter, the evenings, you may have noticed, are gradually creeping out, getting lighter. There's hope that Spring is not so very far away. Alongside such interesting and informative pieces on India and scam emails, this month's edition is happily full of local events and activities to entice you up and away from your comfy sofa and cosy fireside. A trip to the movies, quiz, history and horticultural talks, fish & chip supper Ladies' night – even a Murder Mystery to unleash your inner sleuth... and more!

*Lucia Foster-Found*

Thank you to our contributors this month, and to our production team – Sue Blazdell, Ray Blazdell, and Lucia Foster-Found – and to our distribution coordinator Michael Payne and distribution helpers.

Special thanks to Tim Whiteside, our new 'What's On' Coordinator.

We are a group of volunteers supporting our community. To help us please submit your copy to **cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk** **no later than the 10th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's magazine. It is important that your articles are submitted in MS Word using an A5 template and font Times New Roman size 11. For adverts for local events, please keep to half of an A5 page and please don't create any fancy formatting as this causes setting problems - MS Word text with clip art inside a border is fine.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the Magazine Chairman, Stephen MacDonald, on 01264 860246 to arrange for your article to be typed by one of the team.

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### From the Church Records

#### Chilbolton

|                 |                    |               |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Naming Ceremony | 11th December 2016 | Lily Jamieson |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|

| <b>Church Services<br/>February 2017</b>  | <i>St Mary<br/>the Less,<br/>Chilbolton</i> | <i>St<br/>Mary's,<br/>Crawley</i> | <i>St<br/>Catherine's<br/>Littleton</i> | <i>St<br/>Stephen's<br/>Sparsholt</i> | <i>St Peter &amp;<br/>Holy Cross<br/>Wherwell</i> |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Wednesday 1st February</b>   |   |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Holy Communion  |   |                                   | 9.30am                                  |                                       |   |
| Westholme   |   |                                   | 3pm                                     |                                       |   |
| <b>Thursday 2nd February</b>  |   |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Wherwell School<br>Christingle Service  |   |                                   |   |                                       | 9.30am  |
| <b>Sunday 5th February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b> |   |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Holy Communion<br>(BCP)   |   |                                   |   | 8am                                   |   |
| Family Communion<br>(CW)  |   | 10am                              |   |                                       | 10am  |
| Café Church in<br>Church Room   |   |                                   | 4pm                                     |                                       |   |
| Fireside Praise @<br>Beech House,<br>Paddock Field,<br>Chilbolton,<br>SO20 6AU    | 4pm   |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| <b>Saturday 11th February</b>   |   |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Messy Church @<br>Sparsholt   |   |                                   |   | 4-6pm                                 |   |
| <b>Sunday 12th February – Third Sunday before Lent</b>                            |   |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Family Communion  |   |                                   | 10am                                    |                                       |   |
| Welcome Worship   |   |                                   |   | 10am                                  |   |
| Morning Worship   |   | 10am                              |   |                                       |   |
| Morning Prayer  | 10am  |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Benefice Evensong at<br>Watermill Cottage   |   |                                   |   |                                       | 6pm   |
| <b>Wednesday 15th February</b>  |   |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Holy Communion  |   |                                   | 9.30am                                  |                                       |   |
| Westholme Holy<br>Communion   |   |                                   | 2.30pm                                  |                                       |   |
| <b>Saturday 18th February</b>   |   |                                   |   |                                       |   |
| House Communion<br>@ 6 Rozelle Close,<br>Littleton                                |   |                                   | 10am                                    |                                       |   |

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| <b>Sunday 19th February – Second Sunday before Lent</b>               |   |                                   |   |  |   |
| Holy Communion<br>(BCP)   |   | 8am                               |   |  |   |
| Family Communion<br>(CW)  | 10am  |                                   |   |  |   |
| Matins  |   |                                   |   | 10am                                   |   |
| Family Service  |   |                                   |   |  | 10am  |
| Morning Worship   |   |                                   | 10am                                    |  |   |
| Peace & Wholeness   |   |                                   | 6pm                                     |  |   |
| <b>Tuesday 21st February</b>  |   |                                   |   |  |   |
| Flowerdown HC   |   |                                   | 2.15pm                                  |  |   |
| <b>Wednesday 22nd February</b>  |   |                                   |   |  |   |
| Meditation  |   |                                   | 7pm                                     |  |   |
| <b>Sunday 26th February – Sunday next before Lent</b>                 |   |                                   |   |  |   |
| Holy Communion<br>(BCP)   |   |                                   |   |  | 8am   |
| Family Communion  |   |                                   | 10am                                    | 10am                                   |   |
| Family Service  | 10am  |                                   |   |  |   |
| 4th Sunday Worship<br>with Thanksgiving<br>for the Gift of<br>Baptism |   | 10am                              |   |  |   |

## Church Flowers – February

|                   |                               |                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Wherwell</b>   | 4th and 11th<br>18th and 25th | Mary Gee<br>Anna Parnell    |
| <b>Chilbolton</b> |                               | Jill Maynard<br>Betty Geary |

## ***He loves me, he loves me not ...***

On February 14th we celebrate St Valentine's Day as a day of love and romance. Yet the reality behind this day of fluffy bunnies and chocolate hearts is believed to have been far from romantic!

Historical records document that on February 14 in the year 269, a young man named Valentine was executed in Rome: he was tortured before being beheaded, though we have no clear understanding as to why. Some legends say that Valentine was a Christian priest who refused to make sacrifices to pagan gods. He is believed to have spoken about his faith in prison. On hearing his words, the gaoler's daughter came to know the Lord. On the day of his execution he left her a note of faithful encouragement in Jesus's love, signed '*from Your Valentine*'.

Other narratives tell the story of Valentine as simply being a young Roman man, who, though not a Christian himself, became actively involved in helping Christians whom he saw being martyred for their faith. Arrested for his activities, Valentine was said to have converted to Christianity whilst in prison. Knowing he was going to die for his love of Jesus Christ, he is said to have written letters to his friends saying '*Remember your Valentine*'.

Yet another account sets Valentine as a Christian priest in Rome who defied Emperor Claudius's edict prohibiting the marriage of young people. Claudius believed that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers, because married soldiers were afraid of what might happen to their families if they died. Father Valentine was said to have secretly married couples so the husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured. Whilst under house arrest at the home of Judge Asterius, Valentine was supposed to have healed Asterius's blind daughter with such astonishing effect that Asterius himself became Christian. Nonetheless, in the year 269 AD, Valentine was sentenced to execution all because of his stand for Christian marriage. In this version of events, it is said that the last words Father Valentine wrote were in a note to Asterius's daughter, signing it, '*from your Valentine*'.

Whichever of the versions we believe of his life, St Valentine's martyrdom draws us to the words of Jesus: '*Greater love has no one than this, that they lay down their life for their friends.*' (John 15: 13) Valentine lived out this truth, exemplified on the cross by his Lord and Saviour. In faith, Valentine understood that there comes a time where we each of us have stand up for what we believe in: that we must love each other as Christ first loved us.

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And with the power of the Holy Spirit we can do that - even to the point of death. Each of us will have been touched by the faith and courage of those who have indeed given their lives for us to live in peace. All across the world today, people are still dying for their faith in Jesus Christ. Though not being persecuted for *our* faith, Jesus asks each of us to have the courage to live in the shadow of the cross, like St Valentine and all the martyrs.

We must practice sacrificial love by the way we listen, encourage, help and give to others. We must also be prepared to speak out and help people to know God's love through Jesus Christ: putting Him first in our hearts and living out our lives to His praise and glory... loving others enough to ensure justice brings true, Godly peace to all the world.

St Valentine has come to be known as the patron saint of lovers. May our Christian community be similarly known for its love to all, freely given in the name of Christ.

**Jax      Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice**

**Prayer:** God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you,  
and you alone are the source of life and love.  
Without you, we cannot please you;  
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love,  
that we may worship you now with thankful hearts  
and serve you always with willing minds;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Chilbolton Poppy Fund Donations**

A huge thanks to everyone involved with the collection last November. Including a donation from the PCC at St Mary the Less, a grand total of £1164.52 was raised this time. I am most grateful to our team of 'helpers' – both those walking the streets and the staff at the shop and pub.



Thanks once again for all your endeavours.  
*Davina Bruce*

## **Lent Series 2017**

### **Responding to God's Call**

|        |   |   |                                    |
|--------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Wednesday<br>1st March<br>ASH WEDNESDAY | Holy Communion and<br>Distribution of Ashes | St. Catherine's,<br>Littleton      |
| Week 2 | Monday 6th<br>March                     | Ben Martin<br>Street Reach                  | St. Mary's, Crawley                |
| Week 3 | Wednesday<br>15th March                 | Michele Price<br>Winchester Nightshelter    | St Mary the Less,<br>Chilbolton    |
| Week 4 | Friday 24th March                       | Speaker tbc                                 | St Stephen's, Sparsholt            |
| Week 5 | Tuesday<br>28th March                   | Bishop Nick Drayson                         | Millennium Hall,<br>Littleton      |
| Week 6 | Thursday 6th April                      | Julie Winning<br>Karis Kids                 | St Peter & Holy Cross,<br>Wherwell |

### **Wherwell Church Family Service & Harvest Festival**



**We hold a service for the whole family on the 3rd Sunday of every month with special presentations and hymns for little ones. There is also a play area for the children.**

**The next one is on  
Sunday 19th February at 10.00am**

**Why not come and join us?**

# Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 26th March at 10 a.m.

We would be delighted to welcome you to one of our  
Mothering Day services in the Downs Benefice:

Chilbolton: The Church of St. Mary-the-Less

Crawley: St. Mary's Church

Littleton: St. Catherine's Church

Sparsholt: St. Stephen's Church

Wherwell: The Church of St. Peter & Holy Cross

*May God's blessings of joy, love and peace be with mothers everywhere, everyday*



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## **Chilbolton Parish Council**

The Council met on 9th January 2017. All members of the council were present but, unfortunately, no members of the public. One or two matters were mentioned that may interest you. We have been informed by TVBC that the amount of council tax paid by property owners in the village towards the costs of CPC (the precept) is mostly less than £1 per week! I say that because Band H, the highest, is only £50 per year. Most of you will be paying less than this! CPC will receive about £8,500 per year in grants from Natural England under agreements in relation to The Common and West Down.

We have just entered in to a new Stewardship Agreement in respect of West Down. If anyone is interested in the terms and conditions please contact Mandy. We are grateful to Glynne Evans who undertook the time consuming and patience trying task of negotiating this. I am sure you agree that the money we receive makes this worthwhile and helps us to keep the precept down. Mention of West Down prompts me to tell you that Rick Nightingale has kindly agreed to supply free of charge all the trees we intend to plant this winter. The students from Sparsholt College will plant them for us. This means that we will not need to take up the many generous offers from parishioners to donate trees. We will be contacting these persons and asking if they would mind deferring their donations until next winter.

Those of you who walk on West Down will have noticed that we have already cleared more areas of bramble than we did last year and we still have six weeks to go before we must stop. We are required to stop clearing at the end of February so as not to disturb nesting birds. We badly need volunteers to rake up and burn what we have cut. You will have noticed that the cattle have been removed. We intend to bring them back in the spring.

The cattle have been removed from The Common too and they will be back in about May. Unfortunately, before they left, they ate two Christmas wreaths that Alan Crisp had hung on his doors! They also managed to escape onto adjoining properties. It may not be widely known but CPC, as owners of The Cow Common, are not obliged to fence to prevent the cattle straying on to adjacent properties. It is the responsibility of the owners to fence their properties to prevent the cattle straying on to their properties. We will be writing to all owners of property that abuts The Common to remind them of their obligation.

One or two people have mentioned seeing persons ferreting on The Common and West Down. CPC do license ferreters to control the rabbit population.

Recently vehicles have been seen driving on The Common. CPC wish to  
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make it clear that noone is allowed to drive over The Common without the express permission of CPC (of course I exclude those who live on The Common and their visitors).

We hope to have new benches on The Common, West Down and the permissive path along Little Drove soon. The process of applying for S.106 money took longer than expected then the suppliers were tardy.

I am pleased to report that Andrew Gibson has given his firm undertaking that HCC will clear the side growth along The Mark Way. Andrew and Helen Bradley kindly carried out some clearance but more drastic work is needed.

You may have noticed a large crack in the east gable wall of the pavilion on the playing field (the wall with the memorial plaque on it). We were advised that this may have been caused by waste water from the kitchen sink discharging near the north-east corner. A soak-away has now been dug and the crack repaired.

Footings have been placed under the gates to make them as rabbit proof as possible. There are signs of badger damage to the surface of the playing field adjacent to the play area. Hopefully the new footings will deter the badger but they are difficult animals to stop. The self-closing gates have been rehung so they should work better. The top spindles had been fitted upside down. We intend to burn the piles of brash at the end of the field in the next four weeks.

The police have invited all of us to “have a say” on how our area is policed. If you wish your voice to be heard could you follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TestValleyJan17> or contact PCSO 15062 Trowbridge at the Police Office, Stockbridge, SO20 6HF.

A fair amount of time was taken up discussing how to reduce excessive speeding by drivers within the 20 mph area. One problem area is the beginning of the 20 mph limit as you approach the village from the Mayfly direction. Very shortly after the 20 mph sign walkers using the Test Way have to cross the road. Some of you may not be aware of this. Their safety depends upon drivers slowing down as they pass the 20 mph sign. In my experience some drivers make no effort to do so. We are looking at ways of warning drivers of walkers crossing the road. Meanwhile, you can all help by making sure you slow down as you pass the 20 mph sign and keep a look out for walkers. We will be asking HCC for advice on what measures are likely to be most effective.

Well, I think that's it. Must go and pack as we are off to Newcastle to look after three boisterous grandsons for ten days! Best wishes for 2017.

*David Griffiths, Chairman*

## Thirsting for Water

Last month, the charity “Wells for India” published a book to celebrate its founding 30 years ago to relieve the suffering caused by a severe drought in 1987. Today, it has a vision to give the poorest people in rural Rajasthan year round access to good drinking water, even when the monsoon fails, and water supplies sufficient to grow crops for everyone and fodder for their animals. These goals would remove from women the stress of seeking and fetching water and give villages opportunities to focus on key life-giving activities such as health, education, income generation and empowerment of women. To quote Sir Mark Tully, Patron: “Over the last thirty years Wells for India has brought water to more than 1500 villages with a combined population of 1.2 million. It has pioneered improved traditional small-scale methods of storing water which now harvest about 1.6 billion litres of water every year. Forgotten methods of water harvesting have been revived and improved and it has brought villagers together for their mutual benefit”.



Rajasthan is well known to tourists from all over the world, who visit the Delhi/Jaipur/Agra ‘Golden Triangle’. Rajasthan has a population of 75 million. It is the second poorest state of India and contains the most densely populated desert in the world. The harshness of the desert terrain contrasts with the majesty and beauty of its mountains and the poverty, poor nutrition and poor health in the desert contrasts with the richness of its cultural history/art and showcase cities.

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Ramsahai Purohit was a follower of Gandhi and a seeker of peace who, in 1973, walked from India to Rome on a Peace March. He was arrested by Italian authorities for denouncing Nuclear Weapons and rescued from prison by Pope Paul VI with refuge in the Vatican. A visit to Rome by Nicholas and Mary Grey, led to a remarkable friendship with Ramsahai and a visit in 1974 to Dudu his home village in India. Thirteen years later, a severe drought caused wells to dry up and 60 million animals to perish. This tragic situation needed an immediate response. Ramsahai resurrected an old Gandhian non-governmental organisation (NGO) "Gram Seva Mandal Idankabas" and Nicholas founded "Wells for India" to be a support and fundraising NGO. Born in the Isle of Wight, Nicholas was a research chemist with ICI for 20

years, during which the family lived in Holland and Belgium. In the late 80's, Mary & Nicholas lived at Ryehurst Farm – a small pick-your-own fruit farm in Binfield, Berkshire. Mary is a writer and theologian, having worked in various Universities, including Nijmegen (the Netherlands), Southampton and Wales (Lampeter) as well as being a Fellow of Sarum College, Salisbury, and honorary Professor at the University of Winchester. She has worked on peace issues in the Middle East and written many books. They have 4 children, and 6 grandchildren. Nicholas and Mary moved into their West Mill cottage in 1997. Wells for India is grateful for the various financial donations they have received from



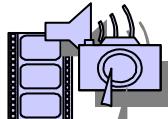
local Church PCCs over past years. "Thirsting for Water" is a soft-back book co-written by Nicholas and Mary. It is packed full of colour photos and charts the people and places who have developed successful methods of water harvesting, storage and irrigation and brought relief and independence to remote villages. It will resonate with all those who have an interest in rural India.

*Andrew Flanagan*

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## **Spoofed emails from online shopping sites**

**Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)** has received several reports from victims who have been sent convincing looking emails claiming to be from Amazon. The spoofed emails from “[service@amazon.co.uk](mailto:service@amazon.co.uk)” claim recipients have made an order online and mimic an automatic customer email notification.

The scam email claims recipients have ordered an expensive vintage chandelier. Other reported examples include: Bose stereos, iPhones and luxury watches.

The emails cleverly state that if recipients haven't authorised the transaction they can click on the help centre link to receive a full refund. The link leads to an authentic-looking website, which asks victims to confirm their name, address, and bank card information.

### **Suspicious e-mails often contain:**

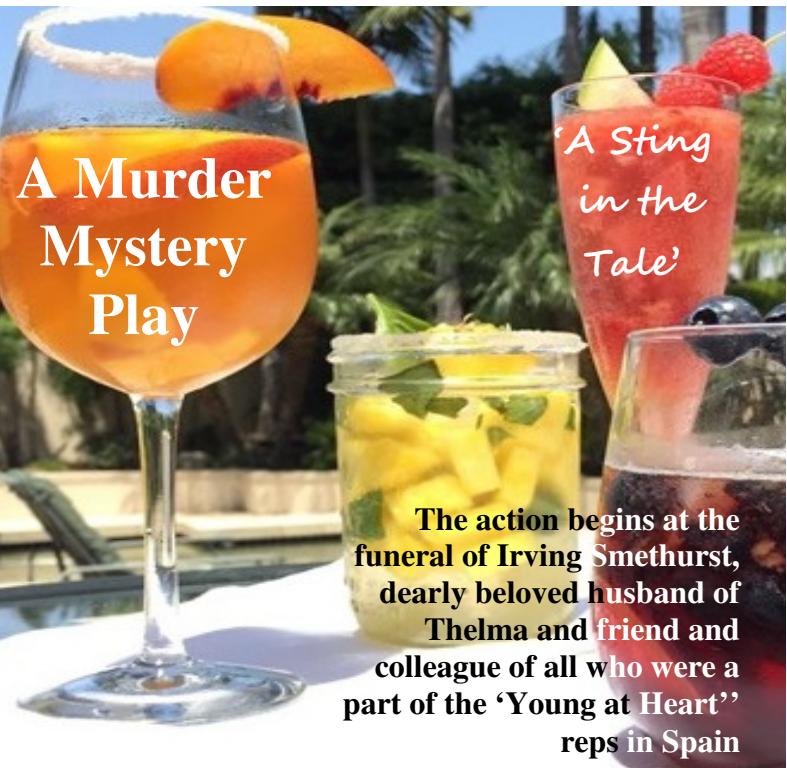
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**If the email looks suspicious, always visit your Amazon account to verify order information, account status, etc. NEVER through a link in the e-mail.** You can read more about Identifying Whether an e-mail is from Amazon [here](#). Spoofed emails from sites such as eBay are also being circulated and similar precautions apply.

To report a fraud or cyber crime, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

*Andrew Flanagan*



### A STING IN THE TALE

'The Geriactors' present 'A STING IN THE TALE' a Murder Mystery evening in three acts  
...a weekend course for newly recruited holiday reps at a sun-drenched Spanish resort

*...but one person won't be going home!*

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BYO supper and drink to enjoy between acts



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## A Sting in the Tale!

Now in their 10th season, the Geriactors' murder mystery plays are classic 'who dunnits'. The group perform free of charge for various charities and over the years have raised well over £100,000 for their separate causes. So come and support women's cancer charities and enjoy a real fun evening at Sutton Scotney near Winchester (absolutely no audience participation!).



**Saturday March 4th, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start.**

See advert on page 16 for more details.

*Sue Aiken*

## AFTERNOON TEA at the White Lion Inn, Wherwell



**Friday 17th February**

£2.00 includes tea and cake



at 3pm, ALL are welcome (regardless of age !)

and . . . EVERY month on the **THIRD FRIDAY**

Further details from Jane Andrews (01264 860 635)  
including enquiries about the possibility of transport

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shortbread, marmalade, etc., for the**

## WHERWELL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

*Thanks to all your generous donations of tasty, tempting delights...*

**The CAKE STALL raised £120!**

**Thank you so very much !!**



**Judy & John Conte**

## Hampshire Tudor Mansion Needs Your Help



**Make 2017 the year you give back to your community and become a volunteer at The Vyne. Tick off a New Year's resolution by tapping into your charitable side and help to save North Hampshire's much loved National Trust property, the Vyne.**

**This former Tudor mansion is embarking on a major roof conservation project to save the property from water damage. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for local communities to get involved and protect The Vyne for future generations to enjoy.**

The Vyne has stood strong for 500 years; it has seen kings and queens come and go but now it's losing its battle against age and the elements. In October 2016 the property began its £5.4 million project to re-tile the mansion roof and repair the wonky chimneys.

The roof project is an opportunity for visitors to see The Vyne as never before. From early 2017 the mansion will showcase a new layout including exciting interactive and immersive experiences.

From March onwards, visitors who are curious about the roof works will be able to scale new heights with an all access rooftop walkway. This lift-accessible walkway will give visitors a 360-degree view of the works below and a unique bird's-eye view across the estate. Much like the carpenters of the past, visitors will get the opportunity to leave their mark on The Vyne and 'Tag-a-Tile' to go on the new roof for a small donation of £5.

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Tag-a-Tile will start from February 18th onwards and all proceeds go towards funding this vital conservation work.

Visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-vyne/features/tag-a-tile](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-vyne/features/tag-a-tile)

With the start of such a large project The Vyne is calling all local people with a passion for heritage to come and join their team. Volunteers will be crucial to making this project a success and The Vyne simply cannot do it without you. There are two key roles available; roof guides and events assistants. Roof guides will supervise the walkway and talk to visitors about the history of The Vyne, whilst event assistants will oversee fundraising activities and special events such as Tag- a-Tile.

Making new friends, learning new skills and helping to ensure the future of this beautiful estate - do something different and join The Vyne's volunteering team. You can send The Vyne an e-mail expressing your interest in either role to [volunteering.thevyne@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteering.thevyne@nationaltrust.org.uk) or fill out an application form online at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer) Recruitment will be ongoing but the property will train their first group of new volunteers in January and February 2017.

*The National Trust*

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## Diary Dates

### February

|    |  |                   |                    |
|----|--|-------------------|--------------------|
|    | West Down working party                          | Every Tuesday     | 2.00 pm            |
|    | Short Mat Bowls at CVH                           | Every Monday      | 7.30 – 9.30 pm     |
|    | Keep fit at WVH                                  | Every Tuesday     | 9.15 – 10.15 am    |
| 3  | Film - Bridget Jones's baby                      | CVH               | 6.45 for 7.30 pm   |
| 4  | Wherwell coffee morning                          | WVH               | 10.30 am           |
| 6  | Chilbolton PC meeting                            | CVH               | 7.00 pm            |
| 6  | <i>Ad hoc advert deadline for March magazine</i> |                   |                    |
| 10 | Rural Communities Matter                         | Sparsholt College | 9.00 am all day    |
| 10 | <i>Copy deadline for March magazine</i>          |                   |                    |
| 11 | Jax propping up the bar                          | Abbot's Mitre     | 11.30 am           |
| 11 | Bingo evening                                    | Home Guard Club   | 7.30 pm            |
| 13 | Midday Mums                                      | WVH               | 10.30 am – 12 noon |
| 17 | Afternoon tea                                    | White Lion        | 3.00 pm            |
| 17 | Wherwell History Group                           | WVH               | 8.00 pm            |
| 18 | Chilbolton coffee morning                        | CVH               | 10.30 am – 12 noon |
| 18 | Club Medley evening                              | Home Guard Club   | 8.00 pm            |
| 19 | Family Service                                   | Wherwell church   | 10.00 am           |
| 26 | Simon's Quiz                                     | Home Guard Club   | 7.30 for 8.00 pm   |
| 28 | Chilbolton Horticultural talk                    | CVH               | 7.45 pm            |
| 28 | Ladies' Night                                    | Abbots Mitre      | 7.30 pm            |

### March

|    |                                  |                   |                    |
|----|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 3  | Film show                        | CVH               | 6.45 for 7.30 pm   |
| 4  | Wherwell coffee morning          | WVH               | 10.30 am           |
| 4  | Murder Mystery evening           | Sutton Scotney VH | 7.00 for 7.30 pm   |
| 6  | Chilbolton PC meeting            | CVH               | 7.00 pm            |
| 11 | Jax propping up the bar          | Abbot's Mitre     | 11.30 am           |
| 11 | Jumble Sale – donations at 10.00 | CVH               | 2.00 pm            |
| 14 | Wherwell PC meeting              | WVH               | 7.00 pm            |
| 17 | Afternoon tea                    | White Lion        | 3.00 pm            |
| 17 | Wherwell History Group           | WVH               | 8.00 pm            |
| 18 | Chilbolton coffee morning        | CVH               | 10.30 am – 12 noon |
| 20 | Midday Mums                      | WVH               | 10.30 – 12 noon    |

## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA FEBRUARY

|   |               |                  |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| <b>02/02 - Big Chris Barber Band</b> – Celebrating the Centenary of Jazz at The Lights, Andover 7:30 pm - 01264 368368  |               |                  |
| <b>03/02 – Comedy Gala with Tom Allen</b> – Theatre Royal Winchester 8pm 01962 840440 or <a href="http://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk">www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk</a>           |               |                  |
| <b>04/02 - Around the World in 80 Drinks</b> - Theatre Royal Winchester   |               |                  |
| <b>09 – 11/02 - Hysteria</b> – Theatre Royal Winchester - <b>London Classic</b><br>Matinée (Sat) 2.30pm   |               |                  |
| <b>14/02 (Valentines) An Evening with Pam Ayres</b> - Theatre Royal Winchester 7.30pm   |               |                  |
| <b>07/02 – 04/03 Billy Elliot the Musical</b> - Mayflower Theatre Southampton 02380 711811  |               |                  |
| <b>02 – 25/02 Worst Wedding Ever</b> – Salisbury Playhouse<br>Mon-Sat at 7.30pm Thu & Sat matinees at 2.15pm (exc. 2 & 4 Feb)   |               |                  |
| <b>18/02 (Saturday) Rumours of Fleetwood Mac</b> – 8:00pm<br>The Anvil Basingstoke - 01256 844244   |               |                  |
| <b>21/02 - Philharmonia Orchestra</b> – 7:45pm<br>The Anvil Basingstoke - 01256 844244  |               |                  |
| <b>23/02 to 26/02 Gangsta Granny</b> 2pm & 7pm (Sun 11am & 3pm)<br>The Anvil Basingstoke - 01256 844244   |               |                  |
| <b>27/02 – Chris Ramsey – Is that Chris Ramsey</b> - Theatre Royal Winchester 7:30 01962 840440 or <a href="http://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk">www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk</a> |               |                  |
| <b>28/02 &amp; 01/03 The Craig Chalmers Experience</b> - Theatre Royal Winchester 6:00pm, 8:00pm - 01962 840440   |               |                  |
| <b>28/02 – Lord of the Flies</b> - The Lights, Andover 6:00 pm - 01264 368368   |               |                  |
| <b>Farmers' Markets</b>   |               |                  |
| Romsey 05/02  | Andover 19/02 | Winchester 26/02 |

## CHILBOLTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



### 'SOFT FRUITS'

A talk by Peter Barwick from Liss

February 28th at 7.45pm in Chilbolton Village Hall

Refreshments Raffle Visitors - £3 donation please

Recycle your glass bottles and jars and be a

### RECYCLING STAR

Recycling Star is encouraging residents to recycle their glass bottles and jars this winter. From wine bottles to pasta sauce jars, all sorts of glass can be recycled at local recycling centres (LRCs) across the borough. Recycling glass helps to reduce the amount of waste in your black bin and helps the borough recycle more.

There are over 100 LRCs throughout the borough so it is easy to find a site that is convenient. To find your nearest recycling centre visit

[www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling](http://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling)

For more information about Recycling Stars visit

[www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingstars](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingstars)

For regular recycling updates and recycling hints and tips,  
“Like” Recycling Stars on Facebook.”

*Alice Keeping TVBC*

## Broadband update

You are probably aware that we have been working hard to get faster broadband to our villages. Many households currently receive broadband speeds of between 1 and 10Mbps, whilst Ofcom, the communications regulator, states that speeds of at least 10Mbps are necessary to deliver an acceptable user experience. In addition, forecasts say that data usage is increasing by 50% every 18 months. This means that within six years those currently receiving 20Mbps, let alone those with 1Mbps, will be left behind.

Need4Speed Test Valley, a group of community champions, approached Virgin Media at the beginning of last year about bringing fibre broadband to homes and businesses within the Test Valley and parts of Wiltshire. We have been working with Virgin Media on a project that has brought together villages from Goodworth Clatford to West Tytherley, forming a Virtual Town where Virgin Media is proposing to install fibre directly to every home subject to certain sign-up rates.

Our first target was to reach 1,200 expressions of interest by the end of 2016 across all the villages making up this Virtual Town. In addition, we were asked to reach a sign-up percentage of 30% per households for every village participating in this project. We have reached the overall target with the final numbers being as follows:

1261 premises registered on [www.virginmedia.com/cablemystreet](http://www.virginmedia.com/cablemystreet).  
140 Chilbolton residents registered their interest (36%) and 71 residents in Wherwell (39%).

Virgin Media will now begin their marketing campaign. If 1,000 local residents sign up to buy services by the end of March 2017, Virgin Media will launch a multi-million pound investment to bring speeds of 200Mbps to Test Valley homes, and 300Mbps for homeworkers and small businesses. As part of the deal agreed between Need4speed and Virgin Media, local residents will need to pay an additional community contribution on top of the one-off connection charge of £99 and the standard Virgin packages to support the cost of building the new infrastructure. Contributions will vary based on residents' council tax bands with those in bands A and B being exempt from the community charge element; they only pay the £99 install charge.

It is the community contribution that enables the partnership of Need4speed and Virgin to bring the network into the villages and that makes this project a reality. Homeowners' investment is likely to pay for itself, as a recent survey shows that fast broadband can increase house prices by 11%.

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The additional costs (community contribution per month by council tax band) are shown below:

Chilbolton is a Tier A village, Wherwell is in Tier B:

Indicative Community Contribution per Household per month\*  
(above the standard £99 install fee)

|               | Tier A | Tier B |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Council tax A | £0     | £0     |
| Council tax B | £0     | £0     |
| Council tax C | £8     | £13    |
| Council tax D | £13    | £17    |
| Council tax E | £17    | £38    |
| Council tax F | £38    | £58    |
| Council tax G | £58    | £79    |
| Council tax H | £79    | £121   |

\*payments will be made over a period of 24 months

To illustrate the costs, one of our village champions has researched the potential total costs for their household:

'At the moment I pay around £54 a month for my telephone line, telephone billing and broadband (unlimited). So with Virgin FTTH - it should be £58.33 (I am Council Tax Band F and live in a Tier B village) plus probably around £31 just for broadband (no TV package) plus maybe £11 per month for Vonage phone - total £100.33 for the first two years plus the £99 normal installation charge. However after two years it should drop to £42 a month once installation is paid off.

Alternatively I could pay the whole amount upfront. If the value add of fibre to the home proves to be an 11% increase in house price this becomes a no-brainer.'

*Susanne Hasselmann*

## Wherwell History Group – Winter Talks



# The History of British Coinage (part 2)

An illustrated talk by  
**Dave Walton**

**Friday 17th February 2017 at 8.00pm**

at Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street, SP11 7JJ

**All welcome, admission £3.00**

*Tea / Coffee and Biscuits included*



**March 17th 2017**

Susan Howe

**HISTORY**

**Minus the Boring Bits**



**April 21st 2017**

Howard Green

**The History of  
Mottisfont**

**Before the Abbey**

## **Wherwell Parish Council**

### **Meeting report for 10th January 2017**

The Parish Council was joined by District Cllr Drew, County Cllr Gibson and one member of the public.

The council has discovered that the Section 106 grant from the Lime Trees development that was designated for footpaths and cycleways around Wherwell has been allocated to HCC. The clerk will write to Annie Thomlinson of HCC explaining how the PC would like the funds used within the parish.

The proposed path build out by HCC around the porch of Gavel Acre which was a resident rather than PC initiative, has moved to the consultation phase with all residents advised to give their views to HCC.

The five Emergency Packs are to be stored at The Home Guard Club.

Cllr Drew reported that the final consultation on the boundary reviews would shortly go out to the parish councils. He also advised that he had supported additional safety signage further back from the solar park development near the sewerage works.

Cllr Gibson reported that he had been involved with further discussions with highways regarding safety issues at the railway bridges at Fullerton and The Mayfly corner.

The budget for 2017/18 was received and a detailed discussion took place. The budget was approved with the following conditions.

Following advice from Hampshire Association of Local Councils it was agreed that in future the PC would insure the playing fields, however by withdrawing the annual £750 contribution to the Playing Fields Committee this would result in no increase in the overall burden to the parish.

The three grant applications from the Village Hall, Church and Pre School were approved and will be paid as the precept is received by the PC. £500 will be allocated towards parish initiatives for older or more vulnerable members of the community. The Precept for 2017/18 will remain unchanged.

Cllr Gibson has offered a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of a link foot and cycle path from the end of Fullerton Road to Fullerton Station to enable pedestrians and cyclist to safely join the Testway. Cllr Drew agreed to offer another grant of £1000 subject to eligibility. After consultation with landowners the PC will instruct the contractor to begin the installation.

It was agreed to review the possibility of purchasing of a Vehicle Activated Sign to reduce speed until later in the year.

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It was also agreed to talk to Chilbolton Parish Council regarding the process they are engaged in to develop their Village Design Statement.

Over 1200 signatures have been received in the Virgin Broadband sign up initiative which will now move to the next phase where interested residents have to decide if they want to enter into a formal contract with Virgin Media which would only come into force when their existing broadband contracts end. There would be 2-year additional installation levy for each new Virgin customer as a contribution towards the infrastructure which would be based upon the council banding for each property.

*Sean Hutton*

## Ladies Night!

A Happy New Year Celebration!

All Ladies are invited to a Spring Bargain

**Fish & Chip Supper**

On Tuesday 28th February

At 7.30 pm at the Abbots Mitre

Please book your place via email to  
[ahughes877@btinternet.com](mailto:ahughes877@btinternet.com) or 860877

Looking forward to seeing some of you,

Angela Hughes



## Ladies Night!

What is this? It's an informal friendship group that meets on the last Tuesday evening a month. We usually meet up at Wherwell Hall at 8 pm. We can have a speaker or workshop that educates us but after an hour we have a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and get to chat to new friends and old (and that has always been my favourite part). It gives you a chance to meet local people and find out more about them.

We have had bread making workshops, beauty makeovers, local charities, flower arranging, as well as skittle nights, theatre trips and a beautiful annual BBQ down by the river. The last three have been enjoyed equally by many local gentlemen!!! So it's not always Ladies.

The highlight of last year was a visit to a local gin distillery which included their positive impact on the local ecology as well as cocktails. Many husbands, partners and male friends joined in on this occasion. We may return again this year for a private meal! We often enjoy wine during our meetings and visitors are welcome to bring along something they would like to drink and share with others.

Visitors come from surrounding villages and towns; some are house sitters once or twice a year. You don't have to come every month. If you would like to just drop in for one meeting that takes your interest we welcome all warmly. Ladies only though, gentlemen by invitation!

Eating is something most of us have in common so we like to start the year with a pub meal in the warmth so we kick off the year with fish and chips at a spring bargain price on Tuesday 28th February at 7.30 pm. All ladies are invited. If you would like to join in please let me know and I will book you a place and maybe sort out lifts if required. It gives our regular members a chance to welcome new people to the village or keep in touch with old friends.

Happy new year everyone, I hope to see you at one of our events.  
Please book your place via email to [ahughes877@btinternet.com](mailto:ahughes877@btinternet.com)  
or phone 01264 860877. Looking forward to seeing some of you!

*Angela Hughes*



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The Police and Crime Commissioner, Michael Lane, will be holding five Rural Communities Matter conferences in February 2017 to enable people to give their views on rural crime and to help set future priorities that will eventually form part of a new rural crime strategy.

Conference dates and venues:

## **February 10th, 2017**

### **Sparsholt College**

February 11th, 2017

New Forest Outdoor Centre, Minstead Manor Estate, Emery Down

February 15th, 2017

Riverside Centre, Newport

February 17th, 2017

Netley Police Training Centre

February 23rd, 2017

Gill Nethercott Community Centre, Whitchurch

Free to attend - book online now at [www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/events](http://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/events)



## RURAL COMMUNITIES MATTER

### February 2017 conferences

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#### Venues and dates

Friday 10 Feb - Sparsholt College  
Saturday 11 Feb - New Forest  
Outdoor Centre  
Wednesday 15 Feb - Riverside  
Centre, Newport  
Friday 17 Feb - Netley Police HQ  
Thursday 23 Feb - Gill Nethercott  
Centre, Whitchurch

9am start at all venues  
For further information please email  
[opcc.comms@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:opcc.comms@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)



## Scrapbook 1987 - Choir Trip to Seaside

The newspaper cutting below has been archived in the Wherwell Women's Institute scrapbook. If any reader has photographs or memories from 20 or more years ago, then Wherwell History Group ([wherwellhistory@gmail.com](mailto:wherwellhistory@gmail.com)) would be delighted to archive them for you.

Wherwell Choir members made their first hydrofoil trip last week when they crossed over to Cowes on the Isle of Wight for their annual outing. Despite the rough crossing, they all arrived in one piece and settled themselves on a narrow strip of sand to enjoy the beach and the water. They returned by ordinary ferry and enjoyed a trip back to Southampton in brilliant sunshine.

Funds for the outing had been raised the week before by a friendly sing-song in the village Memorial Hall with co-operation from the Wherwell and Chilbolton Guides.

Everyone joined in the community songs accompanied by Mrs. Le Breton. There was also a group with Angela Rowles and Caroline and Rosemarie Coleman on recorders accompanied on the electric organ by Andrew Rowles with Jane Sweet and Mark Phillips leading the singing.

The older choir members who were not away on holiday or harvesting sang two solos (Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Webster) and a madrigal and two-part setting of "Greensleeves" (Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Makin). The younger members sang two old time music hall songs in appropriate style and the evening ended with the Guides' fireside sing-song and "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Queen."

Takings were helped by the sale of refreshments and members were grateful to everyone who helped and also to Mrs. Prince and Mr. Smith who added to the pleasure of the outing.

*Andrew Flanagan*

### MIDDAY MUMS



Midday Mums will meet again on  
**Monday 13th February** at 10.30am – 12 noon  
in Wherwell Village Hall.  
All with babies/toddlers welcome.  
The following one is on 20th March.

*Joyce Payne 860296*

## **Chilbolton Neighbourhood Plan - Update**

The Housing Need survey was circulated in December after a couple of delays with the printer. When the survey closed on 4th January some 220 responses had been received, representing a 48% response from Chilbolton Parish.

In similar surveys in Hampshire responses of 20% to 30% have been obtained.

A 30% response is considered **good** and is **reliable** for statistical purposes so the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is pleased with this 48% result.

The formal survey report should be received towards the end of January.

**Thank you Chilbolton Villagers** for this excellent response.

*Tony Ewer, Chair of Working Group*

## **Community Website**

New for 2017 – a [Community Notice Board](#). Residents of Chilbolton and Wherwell are invited to post comments which advertise OFFERS (of help or give-away goods), WANTEDS (help or articles or information) and THANK-YOUS.

This is not a discussion board, thus no reply comments will be allowed. It is recommended that advertisers give only a name and phone number for further contact. All comments will expire after 3 weeks has elapsed. There are two links to this notice board on the Home page; one shaded purple within the *Parish Council Notice Board* and one in the list of *More Articles* (scroll down to bottom). We hope readers will find this new feature useful and productive.

Trade adverts should be posted in the [Business Directory](#)

There are three web pages reserved for advertising current and future events. These pages, *Chilbolton Events*, *Wherwell Events* and *Save the Date* accept posters (PDF or image) or plain text and are all accessible from the Home page. Please email your material to the [webmaster](#)

*Andrew Flanagan & Sheila Evans*

**CHILBOLTON**  
**Village Hall**  
**Management Committee**  
are holding a

# **JUMBLE SALE**

on  
**SATURDAY, 11th March, 2017**  
**Doors open 2 p.m.**

**Village Hall**  
**Eastman's Field, Chilbolton**

**All donations of jumble to the Hall  
after 10 a.m. please**

**If you would like to help sort or sell on the day,  
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## Recipe of the month

### Slow cooking BBQ Ribs



You may have not thought about cooking spare ribs in a slow cooker!

Try it as it's by far the best way...

SERVES 4 as part of a meal

#### Ingredients

1½ kg meaty pork ribs

1 bottle barbecue sauce (350g approx.)

2 pork stock cubes

2 bay leaf

1 tsp coriander seed

1 tsp mustard seed

1 tsp peppercorn

#### Method

Put 4 tbsp of barbecue sauce along with the rest of the ingredients into your slow cooker. Top up with enough water to cover (roughly 1.5l). Slow cook on Low for 8 - 9 hours until very tender but not completely falling off the bone.

Heat the oven to 220C/ 200C fan/ gas mark 7. Remove the ribs from the slow cooker using a slotted spoon or tongs. Handle them carefully as the meat will be very tender and may start to fall off. Baste with the remaining barbecue sauce and lay on a foil-lined oven tray. Cook for 20 – 30 mins until starting to crisp on outside. Alternatively, cook on the barbecue, turning from time to time until piping hot throughout. Yummy...

*Robert Lawrence*

#### *Note from editor:*

*Please send in your recipes to cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk. If not published in the same month as submitted, they will appear in later issues ☺*



It was lovely to welcome back all the children after Christmas and hear about the fun they had with their families. We all enjoyed our end of term and our Nativity was a real success with lots of parents coming along to watch. The children finished with a talent show.

We have been welcoming our new starters and staff have been busy going on home visits, this helps settle the children.

Our current theme is "occupations" and some parents have visited us to share their occupation with the children. They have been really interested and asked lots of questions! The role play area has been transformed into many different things such as a builder's yard, vet's, office and doctor's. Despite the cold weather the children still enjoy accessing our outdoor area, riding bikes, playing in the sand and visiting our 'forest school'.



This is the woodland area by the field where the children can play with the mud kitchen, feed the birds and look for fairies. They have also been making and decorating 'boggits', illustrated here, which are planted in the ground so the children can tell them about their worries.

We look forward to returning to our original forest school site now the dangerous trees have been removed and we will start working on repairing the area. The children really enjoy feeding the birds at this time of year and quite often the birds are waiting for us to refill the feeders.

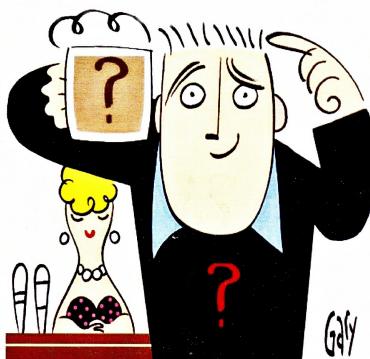
Our fundraising team have worked so hard since September and thanks to their efforts we have been able to purchase a new sand and water tray and also a dressing up unit. Many thanks to all the parents that supported us with our fundraising activities the children benefit from this and that is so important.

Please keep a look out for any upcoming fundraising events. We still have a few of our lovely handprint calendars remaining.

*Penny Hockley, Committee chair*

# Simon's Quiz

## 26th February 2017



**Cash Prizes**

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**Teams of  
up to 6**

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**Admission  
£2.50**

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**7.30 for 8.00pm**

at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**

The Old Hill, Wherwell, SP11 7JB

**Light Buffet Included**

Please phone Andrew (01264 860560) to reserve a table

**Saturday 18th February, 8.00pm**

**Club Medley Evening**

**with pub games**

**(darts, shove ha'penny, dominoes)**

**and mini-quizzes**

**(wine tasting, pictures, music)**

**Free admission to members, guests welcome for £1**

**Weekly Bingo Evenings on Mondays at 7.00pm**

**Monthly Bingo on Saturday 11th February at 7.30pm**

## **WHERWELL PLAYING FIELDS**

Many residents of Wherwell and Chilbolton benefit from the great sporting facilities, pavilion and play area that available at our Playing Fields. A very dedicated team of volunteers work hard to maintain and improve the facilities. Already the new all weather area is used regularly for tennis, football , netball, and for school activities.

Ironically, most members of the committee are quite mature and do not gain much benefit from the sporting facilities! New members are always being sought to join the committee. The extra support will be very much appreciated. If you could give some time to help please contact Chairman Sean Hutton, 01264 860443, [seanhutton@hcdltd.co.uk](mailto:seanhutton@hcdltd.co.uk).

Fund raising is always needed and is quite challenging. The biggest fund raiser undertaken by the committee is running the Grotto at the Weyvale Garden Centre. We have just received the final figure for last Christmas - it was an amazing £8600, exceeding the previous record in 2015 of £6000. May I take this opportunity to thank Santas Sean Hutton and John Andrews and all the volunteer elves for all the time and energy that was put in ensuring that more than 2000 children and their families enjoyed visiting the Grotto.

*Jane Andrews*

## **WHERWELL PLAYING FIELDS 200 CLUB**

For many years the Playing Fields 200 Club has helped raise funds. Membership costs £12.50 p.a. and draws take place at the end of each month at The Home Guard Club. There are two prizes of £25 every month from January to May and from July to November. In June and December there are prizes of £200, £100, £50 and £25.

**Just remember: YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

**A few memberships are now available so if you would like to support the Playing Fields please phone John Andrews 01264 860635 or Email [flyjohnandrews@aol.com](mailto:flyjohnandrews@aol.com). Some membership forms will also be available in the Home Guard Club, the White Lion and Wherwell Village hall.**

*John Andrews*

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# Village Contacts – Clubs & Organisations

## Clubs and organisations

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| Beavers/Cub scouts   | Frances Waghorn  | 01962 776048 |
| Bridge Club  | Gee Parry  | 861136       |
| Brownies   | Julie Shone  | 01962 761269 |
| Care Group (Driver Coordinator)<br>(Admin)   | Su Field   | 861338       |
| Chilbolton Players   | Sally Griffiths  | 860313       |
| Chilbolton Church Flowers  | Ford Bacon   | 07788470188  |
| Chilbolton Coffee Morning  | Jane Brown   | 860726       |
| Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch   | Sheila Laughton  | 860460       |
| Chilbolton Open Spaces Committee   | Denise Hall  | 860543       |
| Chilbolton Playing Field Action Group  | David Griffiths (Chair)  | 860313       |
| Cockatrice Community Choir   | Claire Pigott  | 860522       |
| Flood Advisory Group   | Denise Hall  | 860543       |
| Horticultural Society  | Terry Gilmour  | 860507       |
| Joyrides Community Bus   | Sheila Evans   | 860697       |
| Midday Mums  | Mary Dunne   | 860398       |
| Pre-School   | John Musters   | 810459       |
| Short Mat Bowls  | Joyce Payne  | 860296       |
| Village Hall (Chilbolton) - Booking Only   | Sam Inglis   | 07732 095814 |
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| Village Hall (Wherwell) - Bookings   | Kate Ballard   | 860524       |
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| Wherwell Church Flowers  | Tony Ewer  | 860486       |
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| Wherwell Home Guard Club   | Jo Baughen   | 860319       |
| Wherwell Ladies Night  | Nathan Young (Chair)   | 07748 630722 |
| Wherwell Playing Fields  | Lucy Williams (Juniors)  | 07767 664067 |
| Wherwell Primary School (Secretary)  | Andrew Flanagan  | 860560       |
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| Wherwell Neighbourhood Watch   | Angela Hughes  | 860877       |
| Wherwell Singers ( <a href="http://www.wherwellsingers.org">www.wherwellsingers.org</a> )        | Sean Hutton (Chair)  | 860443       |
| White Lion Folk Club   | Patsy Pritchard  | 860384       |
| Women's Institute  | Sean Hutton  | 860443       |
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