

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

Driving through Wherwell recently, and to a lesser extent Chilbolton, you could be forgiven for thinking that the future is orange, and in some communities the visit to the polling station on May 6<sup>th</sup> would be the only happening of note this month. Not in our villages! Leading the way in May are the Wherwell Auction of Promises on the 8<sup>th</sup>, two school fetes on the 9<sup>th</sup> (Chilbolton Pre-school) and 15<sup>th</sup> (Wherwell Primary) and two excellent concerts by visiting groups in Wherwell Church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Choraline) and 28<sup>th</sup> (Birmingham Conservatoire Guitar Concert). Not to mention a fun run and a wildlife walk. An important fundraising project for Wherwell Church roof is also being launched on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The future is Chilbolton and

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# Church Matters

## The Downs Benefice

The Revd Juliet Montague, BTh (normal day off: Monday)

Curate: The Rev'd Stuart Rason, The Rectory, Chilbolton Tel: 860258

**Benefice Administrators:** Vanessa Denham & Maggie Hobbs

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### From the Parish Registers:

<b>Chilbolton</b>		
Wedding	Andrew Holtham and Madeline Emily Farrand	10th April
Baptism	Harrison Stewart Kent	17th April
Interment of Ashes	Margaret Pumfrey	16th April
<b>Wherwell</b>		
Funeral	Mamie Evelyn Glover	9 <sup>th</sup> April

### Church Flower Rotas May 2010

Chilbolton - Jeannie Goodeve-Docker, Julie Lloyd

Wherwell - Mrs Horne (1st & 8<sup>th</sup>); Mrs Henderson (15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>); Mrs Gee (29<sup>th</sup>)

<b>Church Services May 2010</b>					
	<b>St Mary the Less Chilbolton</b>	<b>St Mary's Crawley</b>	<b>St Catherine's Littleton</b>	<b>St Stephen's Sparsholt</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; Holy Cross Wherwell</b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>					
House Communion			10.00 am		
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>					
Holy Communion	8.00 am		8.00 am		
All Age Worship			10.00am		
Family Communion				10.00 am	
Matins with HC					10.00 am
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Evensong	6.00 pm				
Service of Peace & Healing				6.00 pm	
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme Service			2.30 pm		
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00 am		
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Evening Communion					6.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day</b>					
Holy Communion followed by breakfast			7.30 am		
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday After Ascension)</b>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am		
Family Service					10.00 am
CW Holy Communion	10.00 am				
Matins				10.00 am	
Benefice Evensong					6.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>					
Flowerdown HC			2.30 pm		
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Day of Pentecost</b>					
Holy Communion					8:00 am
Family Service	10.00am				
Family Communion			10:00 am	10:00 am	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship with Sunday School		10:00 am			
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Meditation			7.00 pm		
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday</b>					
Benefice Family Communion with BBQ @ Northwood Park				10.00 am	

## Pause For Thought

Who could miss Easter? With two bank holidays making a long weekend, a holiday from school or work, maybe a trip away, time with the family, plenty of chocolate, eggs and chicks, it would be hard to overlook it.

But hidden away in the middle of the week after next and, largely unobserved and unnoticed in 21<sup>st</sup> century Britain, is an anniversary that is no less significant than Easter or Christmas to the Christian religion. Thursday 13 May will be Ascension Day. In many countries it is a public holiday. Ascension Day is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday. It is an ecumenical feast that is recognised by all branches of Christianity. Whilst it always falls on a Thursday, with the permission of the Pope in some countries it may be celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church on the Sunday immediately following (16 May), 6 weeks after Easter Sunday. Ascension Day proper is followed 10 days later by Whitsunday or Pentecost (23 May) and then a week later it is Trinity Sunday (30 May).

By now, you may be a little confused. Let me try to explain...

Ascension Day marks the day when, according to accounts in the New Testament, in the sight of his disciples, Jesus ascended into Heaven. The clearest account is in The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, verses 9-12. *"...While they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight..."*

The nature of Jesus' presence on earth between the Resurrection on Easter Sunday and his ascent into Heaven on Ascension Day has been and will remain a matter for theological debate. I will say no more about that. But after Ascension Day, it is generally believed that he was no longer *visible* here on earth.

At Pentecost, the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, as promised to them by Jesus just before his ascension – for them, an exchange of the visible for the invisible?

The Trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) was completed and that is celebrated on Trinity Sunday. My thought is this: it is not easy for us to understand some of the mysteries of the Christian faith, based as they are on accounts handed down through so many generations and translations, embellished and elaborated in the re-telling and with apparent inconsistencies and arguably different meanings. Contrast the clear and simple message that Jesus has passed on to us, and not just for special occasions: *Love God, and your neighbour as yourself.*

*Gavin Hamilton*



## Concert Fundraising

The Downs Benefice Choir would like to thank all of those who supported our concert in Sparsholt in March in aid of Wherwell Church Roof Appeal. We raised a tremendous £903. Also, the Wherwell Singers would like

to thank everyone who donated to Breast Cancer Care at our Christmas Concert, raising £194 for this important charity.

As the fundraising for Wherwell Church roof moves into its next stage, the Wherwell Singers have decided to give the entire profits from our forthcoming concert on **19<sup>th</sup> June** to the appeal. Our aim is to raise £1200 on the night. We'll be singing Spirituals, Anthems and Songs from the British Isles and even selling cocktails during the interval!

Please come and support us on what we hope will be a glorious mid-summer's concert. Tickets: £8 (£5 concession) Available from Dale Webb (01264) 860074, Diane Newell (01264) 720464, the White Lion Pub and on the door.  
*Dale Webb*

## Abbots Mitre Quiz Night

11th May

8pm

Celebrity guest

Kevin Ashman

from

BBC Eggheads



Chilbolton, Stockbridge,  
Hampshire, SO20 6BA  
Tel: 01264 860348

[www.abbotsmitrechilbolton.co.uk](http://www.abbotsmitrechilbolton.co.uk)  
[abbotsmitrechilbolton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:abbotsmitrechilbolton@hotmail.co.uk)

## Post-Easter Forum

Following the high level of interest shown in last year's pre-Lent forums, we are running three more, this time after Easter. There has been a tendency in the church to concentrate on the New Testament at the expense of the Old, so if you would like to understand more about the relationship between the two Testaments, then 'The Old Testament as a basis for the New Testament' will definitely interest you.

Do you think that hell is an outdated concept? Does it have any value for us today? And what can we know of heaven? Join us to consider those issues and more at 'Heaven and Hell'. While in the last of the series we shall be looking at what our duty to God might be, what he might expect of us.

The evenings will take the form of a presentation followed by plenty of opportunity for questions and debate, do come and join us.

The following dates have been set to hold the Post-Easter Forums and will be open for all to attend:

- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 'Heaven & Hell' at Crawley church room at 7.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 'England expects every man to do his duty – what does God expect?' at Littleton Church room at 7.30pm.



### Wherwell Music Season at St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell



- ❖ **23 May at 3 pm**
- ❖ Choraline - a French choir from Nantes sing their mixed programme of music from mediaeval to jazz
  
- ❖ **28 May at 7.30 pm**
- ❖ Guitar concert featuring final year Birmingham Conservatoire students
  
- ❖ **19 June at 7.30 pm**
- ❖ Wherwell Singers – back by popular demand! (see page 12)

**Please come and enjoy the music on offer and help us to raise  
(money for) the roof!**

Wherwell Primary School  
Spring Fete  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
11.30pm – 2.00pm

BBQ, Beer & Pimms  
Traditional Teas & Cakes  
Pre-Loved Toys  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Books, CDs & DVDs  
Bouncy Castle  
Kids' Games  
Grand Prize Draw

**CPRE trip to Kew Gardens 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

The Test Valley Branch of the Campaign to Protect the Countryside has organised a coach trip to Kew Gardens. These are arguably at their very best in May.

The cost is £28.00 to non members (£26 to members); this is for the coach, entry to the gardens and to the Palace. If you are already a member of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, entry to the grounds is free and the cost is £18.

We leave from the Wickes car park in Andover at 9.15 am and will return there at about 5.30, giving you lots of time in the gardens.

**To book a place contact Moya Grove on 01264 860411**



## **Chilbolton Horticultural Society**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm until 9:00pm**

### **Evening walk for Wildlife, led by Glynne Evans**

Meet at junction of Branksome Avenue & Station Road.  
No dogs please. Walking boots or trainers recommended. We will walk around West Down and across the Common. Non-members welcome.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

### **Day trip by coach to Oxford University's Botanical Garden and Arboretum**

Depart Branksome Avenue 9:00, return 18:00  
Morning visit to Botanical Gardens and afternoon visit to Harcourt Arboretum. Non-members welcome.

Cost inclusive of entrance Members £25, Non-members £27.  
Details of the gardens at <http://www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk>

*Further details for both events from Sheila Evans*  
Tel: 860697 Email: [Sheilalillian@hotmail.com](mailto:Sheilalillian@hotmail.com)

### **Wherwell Church Fete – Saturday, 12th June Refreshment/Tea Stall**

It's Fete time again and we would be very grateful for donations of delicious cakes and scones to sell with the teas on the Refreshment Stall. Sausage rolls or other savouries would be very welcome too.

We are happy to collect if you contact us on the numbers below or please bring to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fete.

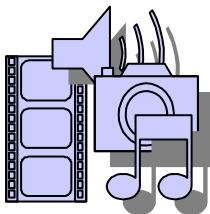
**Thank you so much.**

Gill & Peter Granger 860870

Pam & Andrew Flanagan 860560



The Movies are back !!!



CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

**Amelia** (PG)

The story of legendary aviatrix Amelia Earhart,  
the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic,  
starring Hilary Swank, Richard Gere and Ewan McGregor

In Chilbolton Village Hall on  
**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, at 7.30 pm**  
Doors open 6.45 pm

Tickets £5.00 - In advance  
Or £5.50 - On the door (subject to availability)

Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits  
Wine and choc ices will be on sale

To book your ticket, please ring Sheila Laughton on 01264 860460,  
Maureen Treadwell on 01264 860380  
or Beryl Lawrence on 01264 860618

**CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE &  
VILLAGE BBQ**

**SAT 26th JUNE**

**12.30 – 3.30 P.M.  
AT BANNUTS FARM**

**Beer & Pimms Tent**

**Huge BBQ  
of Local Produce**

**Stalls, raffles &  
live music**

**FUN  
DOG SHOW**

**Games & entertainment  
for all the family**



**Come and join in all the fun**



**MIDDAY MUMS**

This month is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, which is the third Monday of the month. We meet at Wherwell Village Hall from 12.30 and would be delighted to see you at our 'bring and share' lunch for Mums and, usually, pre-school children. But anybody is welcome really!

*Susan Ansell 01264 860775*

## Chilbolton Village Hall

I make no apology for again drawing readers' attention to our fund raising initiatives.

Firstly, there is the previously mentioned website **easyfundraising.org.uk**, which is straightforward to use and gives access to over 2000 well known retailers who donate a percentage of your purchase cost to the Village Hall – Simple (as the confused Meerkat would say!)

Secondly, we are launching a “100’s Club” whereby we invite enrolment at an annual cost of £6 per ticket. We would hope that most participants would buy perhaps 4 tickets at an annual cost of £24, which is equivalent to only 50 pence per week. Prizes will be drawn regularly and winners reported in the Parish Magazine. 50% of subscriptions are to be returned to draw winners and 50% will be retained by the Hall to help defray maintenance costs. So do please read the enclosed flyer and complete the required details.

Membership subs can be paid by cheque, standing order or indeed by real money. Completed applications can be returned to me at Tintern House, Branksome Avenue, or left with Jo at the Village Shop.

Our first Sunday walk of 2010 was an enjoyable potter around the footpaths of our village on what turned out to be a nice spring day with the hedgerows sprouting their blossoms and leaves. On the second Sunday in May (10<sup>th</sup> May) we shall again set forth for a leisurely walk lasting about 2 hours. Our route is still being worked on, but will start at the Village Hall at 10.30 am. We may drive a very short distance to give a change of scene and variety. As ever, all villagers are welcome as are any dogs wanting a walk.

*John Temple - Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee*



### **Easter Lilies in Wherwell**

Many thanks to everyone who so generously donated money for the Easter lilies, a total of £131 was collected. After the purchase of the lilies, a donation of £51 was made to Church funds.

*Jo Baughen*

*Wherwell  
Singers*

**Summer Concert**

In aid of Wherwell Church Roof  
Appeal

**Spirituals,  
Anthems &  
Songs from the  
British Isles**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at  
7:30pm,**

St. Peter & Holy Cross Church,  
Wherwell

**We want to raise £1200 from this  
concert**

**for the Wherwell church roof**

# The Wherwell History Group

The **Broadlands Archives** are one of the foremost collections of manuscripts in the country. The 4,500 boxes of documents date from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century to the present. They are an exceptional collection, shedding light on the unique history of the UK and its relations with its colonies and foreign powers. The archives have been housed in the University of Southampton Library's Special Collections for the past 20 years and have been widely used by scholars in the UK and internationally.



The Trustees of the Broadlands Archives have determined to sell the collection. The price is a substantial £2.85 million. A major fund-raising campaign has been running since late 2009. If time runs out or negotiations fail, the expectation is the collection will be sold at auction, and probably broken up and dispersed. Many parts may be lost to public access.

## Papers of a Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister

Broadlands was home to Henry John Temple, third Viscount Palmerston (1784-1865), who held high office in Whig-Liberal governments – he was Foreign Secretary on three occasions, Home Secretary 1852-5 and Prime Minister twice between 1855 and 1865. His archive contains cabinet papers and ministerial opinions, literary papers, speeches and journals, correspondence filled with detail of life at foreign courts and 1,200 letters from Queen Victoria which lay bare his difficult relationship with the Crown.

## The Mountbatten Papers

The papers of Earl Mountbatten of Burma (1900-79) are essential to comprehending empire and the end of colonialism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Mountbatten was appointed to South East Asia Command in August 1943, when Japan had occupied Burma and the Allied Forces were in serious difficulty. His papers are a prime source for understanding inter-allied operations, the priorities of the different powers and the uneasy relationship between them. After WWII, the papers give insight on whether a post-independence India should be partitioned. *(Continued on page 14)*

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### **Philanthropy and Social Reform**

The diaries of Lord Palmerston's son-in-law, Anthony Ashley-Cooper, seventh Earl of Shaftesbury (1801-85), run to more than 1 million words and provide an essential commentary on the great social reforms of Victorian Britain. Shaftesbury was the architect of measures addressing the evils of employment in factories and mines, the use of child labour and the treatment of lunatics.

### **The Great War and its aftermath**

Lord Mountbatten's father, Prince Louis of Battenberg (1854-1921) married a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, becoming First Sea Lord, 1912-14. His papers include important military and naval material.

## Wherwell History Group



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ

At  
Colonel Jenkin's  
Memorial Hall  
Wherwell SP11 7JJ

Friday 21st May  
at 8.00pm

All Welcome Admission Free  
Tea/Coffee Biscuits available

Our first full-year AGM is this month on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. We have had a very successful year, we are pleased with the interest generated by the Group and very appreciative of the support we have had, especially at our monthly meetings. The AGM & Quiz is an open meeting. We would like to support the Broadlands Archives Campaign by taking a collection. You can read more about the campaign at:

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/supportus/broadlands> *Andrew Flanagan*



# CHARITY GARDEN FETE

IBTHORPE MANOR FARM  
IBTHORPE SP11 0BZ

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2–6pm**

**\*\*NEW & NEARLY NEW TABLE TOP SALE  
\*\* PLANT STALL \*\* TOMBOLA \*\* RAFFLE \*\*  
\*\*CREAM TEAS\*\* PIMMS & BEER TENT\*\* PONY RIDES\*\***

2.30 pm – Mini Olympics for Children  
3.0 pm – Gerald Balding's Puppet Show  
3.45 pm – Children's Fancy Dress  
4.30 pm – Puppet Show

Tables can be booked on 01264 736390 at £10 each

**TO CELEBRATE THE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF RDA, EVA MILITZKE WILL BE WALKING 100km ACROSS THE JORDANIAN DESERT IN FIVE DAYS. ALL PROCEEDS TO RDA ANDOVER  
Charity No. 1073578**

[www.ibthorpe Manor Farm.com/events](http://www.ibthorpe Manor Farm.com/events)

## Care Group

On behalf of the Care Group I should like to thank Jane Andrews and the magazine team for compiling and adding our appeal for more volunteer drivers to the March edition. To date, as a result of this flyer, we have six more drivers, including two from Wherwell where we are still under 'personed'!

To all those drivers and users of the Care Group who have enquired, I am pleased to tell you that Peter Ward is making a good recovery and has taken over the allocation of drivers again.

Thanks to our volunteers a further donation of £250 was made to Countess of Brecknock Hospice last month.

*Mike Davis 01264 860594*

## Chilbolton Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 6 April and heard that one of the two claims, arising out of motor accidents on the bad bend where Martins Lane meets Winchester Street, had been settled. The Road Safety Team of Hampshire County Council have started to compile data about traffic speeds in Martins Lane with a view to making the junction safer.

The Commons Committee was able to report that the track has been repaired and will be closed for a while to allow the repairs to settle. Meanwhile, 200 metres of fencing on the south-west boundary has been replaced, to be followed by 90 metres on the east side. For their help in these projects as well as scrub clearance, we thank the Community Payback Team for their support. The Dog Free signs to protect ground nesting birds have also been put out.

All plots on the allotments have now been let and are being worked with vigour. Fruit trees are to be planted to the left of the wire fence, where the ground is unsuitable for traditional crops.

The Planning Committee reported that the application by Test Valley Housing to build on the land at the top of Branksome Close had finally been approved by TVBC Planning Control after a long struggle by the Council.

Cllr Andrew Gibson, representing Hampshire County Council, reported that he was auditing the work carried out on the roads through Highways contracts. As well as this he had called for a report on transport in local villages to see if further support might be made available to voluntary care groups. He said that the Lengthsman Scheme had started which allowed 40 hours of work for this Parish.

The May meeting of the Council is its AGM, which will be followed by the Parish Assembly when the activities of the past year will be reviewed. It will take place on Tuesday 4 May in the Durnford Room of the Village Hall at 8 pm.

*Jeremy Baines, Chairman, Chilbolton Parish Council*

### ***A polite request....***

We've received a plea from one of our readers for people to wait until the late afternoon before lighting bonfires. She's rather fed up of having to fetch her washing in with it smelling of smoke!!





## GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY IN THE AREA MAY 2010

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Longstock Park Water Garden is open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of Jane Scarth House (Wessex Cancer Trust). Admission is £5 for adults, £1 for children under 14. Teas are available at Longstock Park Nursery.

[www.longstockpark.co.uk](http://www.longstockpark.co.uk)

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Mottisfont Abbey & Garden open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 1pm to 5pm. Admission £8.50, child £4.50 [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Crawley Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 5.30pm. Combined admission £5, children free. Home-made teas available at Village Hall. [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Longstock Park Water Garden is open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute. Details as 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Crawley Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 5.30pm. Details as 16<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Monxton & Amport Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 5.30pm. Combined admission £4, children free. Cream teas available at Village Hall. [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Romsey Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 11am to 5.30pm. Combined admission £4.50, children free. Home-made teas available at King John's Garden. [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Monxton & Amport Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 5.30pm. Details as 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Romsey Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 11am to 5.30pm. Details as 30<sup>th</sup> May.



# **Jazz by the river**



**By kind permission of the Houghton Fishing Club  
& the Burnfield Family**

**In The Meadow at the  
White Bridge, Stockbridge**

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Field opens at 12 noon –  
Lunch served at 1pm - **please bring your own chairs**

Ticket includes  
A Hog Roast lunch by John Robinson  
Adults £15 Child £8 **under 3 free**

Band Jubilee Trad Jazz  
Full Bar available

**Tickets from  
John Robinson, Garden Inn, Beccy's Greengrocers**

Raffle & Amazing Auction

**In aid of 14<sup>th</sup> Andover (Stockbridge) Scout Group Hut Appeal  
and the Rupert Trust to help disabled people in the area**

## ADVOCACY? WOZAAAT?

So many people say this to me that I thought it was time to write a short article about it.

**Who needs advocacy?** Well, the typical advocacy client is vulnerable for a whole range of reasons, including old age, disability, ill health, stigmatisation or any other reason. Their problems are extremely varied and no two cases are the same. Their problems might be that they cannot exercise their rights; are unable to secure appropriate benefits because of the complexity of the system; they cannot access justice, social care, secure suitable housing, or they have a nagging problem that they cannot resolve, which is affecting their health and wellbeing.

**So what is advocacy?** Independent advocates are independent (!); they respect confidentiality; they empower their client and the advocacy assignment is client led. On a typical assignment, an advocate would visit their client and get to know them. This is important because there needs to be a relationship of trust for advocacy to work well. Several visits may be necessary for very disabled people. The advocate will then explain what he or she can and cannot do and then attempt to understand the problem or aspirations of client. The advocate will then support the person to understand the scope of the issue, establish what their goals are, and what information the person may need in order to decide a way forward. The client is supported to get the information and work out what options he has open to him. The advocate will then support the client to understand what the pros and cons of each option are and on the basis of this, the client will decide what they want to do. The advocate will enable the person to complete the process until a satisfactory outcome is achieved, if this is possible.

**And the Benefits...?** The benefits that accrue from good quality independent advocacy are almost limitless and peculiar to each case; however, most assignments enable the resolution of all manner of problems; achieve aspirations; give peace of mind, improve the sense of wellbeing and instil confidence. The whole process has been confidential and no-one else need know about it.

**How can I access independent advocacy?** Andover Advocacy Alliance is a local charity that provides independent advocacy across Test Valley. You can call it on 01264 336380 or e-mail to [mailbox@advocacy-alliance.org](mailto:mailbox@advocacy-alliance.org). The service is free to clients.

**Want to be a Volunteer?** High calibre volunteers are always needed to be advocates and there is currently a need for volunteers for administration tasks and to join its fund-raising team. If any of these interest you, call me on 01264 358361. *Tony Holland, Chair, Board of Trustees, Andover Advocacy Alliance*

# Wherwell Auction of Promises

## 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Wherwell Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 pm start**

**Three course meal and 2 bottles of wine per table plus bring your own!**

**Only £6 per ticket (£50 per table of 10)**

Tickets are sold at the White Lion, Wherwell and the Chilbolton shop.

**For table reservations call Anna Lipa on 860879.**

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The following additional lots have been donated:

76	Health assessment including Blood Pressure, Body fat % testing (calipered), postural analysis, lifestyle consultation, flexibility testing, VO2 Max testing worth £38.	Andy Hillier, Personal Trainer & Golf Biomechanic (Infin8pulse Fitness)
77	Golf biomechanics session, this will entail a length/tension test, swing analysis, and corrective stretches worth £40.	Andy Hillier, Personal Trainer & Golf Biomechanic (Infin8pulse Fitness)
78	A day's Fly Fishing Tuition and Casting Instruction by a certified instructor on one of the River Test beats. Timing to be arranged prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010	Steven North
79	A 3 Hour Fly Tying Lesson (3 basic patterns) with all materials and equipment provided. Timing to be arranged prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010	Steven North
80	Afternoon tea for 4 people in the Garden of 1 Hillside Cottage overlooking the Test Valley	Lisa & David Ball
81	A day's trip on the Solent for 4 People aboard a motor boat	Lindesay Rudd-Clarke
82	A visit for 4 people to the House of Commons with your Member of Parliament including tea on the terrace	

**If you want to bid for any of these and you are not able to make the evening event, please call Anna Lipa on 01264 860879.**

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO THE WHERWELL FETE, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>**

This year there are several new events planned, including an exhibition of wedding dresses (if you would like to contribute please call me on 720231) which will be held in the church. I am seeking Mannequin models that are used by dressmakers. If you have one that you would be happy to loan out, please call me. Tied in with this exhibition we are holding a competition for a wedding posy or hair garland arrangement. This will be divided into 3 age groups: 0-10years, 10-18yrs, and 18yrs onwards. Entry is 50 pence per posie/garland and there will be a 1st prize and runner up prize in each category. Final details will appear in the June issue of the parish magazine.

We are also holding a photography competition, the subject is a water feature in the Test Valley. This will be open to school children only and details will be posted in all schools around the Test/Andover region. This competition is being sponsored by Jessops of Andover.

And finally, a word of encouragement to clear the decks. Any good quality bric-a-brac, books/DVDs, unwanted gifts etc will be most welcome.

### **For donations please contact the following Wherwell Fete Stall Organizers:-**

Bric-a-brac: Brenda Headley  
Plant stall: Diane Newell  
Cakes: Rachel Liddell  
Books: Richard Henderson  
Gifts: Gail Starbuck  
Toys: Carmen Griffiths  
Chocolates: AnneClare Whiteside  
Bottle tombola: Ken Wilson  
Mystery prizes: Phyllis

Any other enquires please contact Claire Henderson on 720231.

# Potting up for Spring ?

## Wanted for the Wherwell Church Fete Stall on June 12th

Vegetable plants

Flowers – annuals & perennials

Shrubs and trees

Gardening books

Gardening tools, plant pots, etc

Gardening furniture & ornaments



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

Diane at Silver Birches	OR	Jo at 2 Fairpiece
Longparish Rd		Wherwell
Tel 720464		Tel 860319



## A unique opportunity for the right person

Have you thought of growing your own veg, but not got the space, wondered about an allotment but waiting list too long? Well, we might be able to help.

At Wherwell Primary School, over the past couple of years, the children have established some raised vegetable beds and have been successfully growing their own. The children would like to extend the types of crop they grow, but often crops are ready just when the summer holidays come along.

We are considering offering an allotment plot at the front of the school on the condition that whoever takes it on not only maintains their own plot but can take care of the children's plots outside term time.

This is very much at the idea phase so if you think you might be interested and would like to discuss the matter further, please contact Jane O'Boyle at school tel. 860384 or Claire Pigott tel.860522

## Chilbolton WI

Chilbolton WI's March meeting was held on 16th in the Village Hall. The meeting began with an informative talk about the work of the Andover Food Bank, which works with Neighbourcare to provide food for local people in crisis. Each food box contains 3 days' supply of basic tinned and dried foods. Chilbolton WI members will begin donating food boxes to help in this work.

The main speaker of the evening was Lynette Moss, who with her husband, an eye surgeon, told us all about their experiences in India, Bangladesh and Kenya, working alongside the charity IMPACT, performing sight-saving operations on the poorest people in those communities. They illustrated their talk with slides showing the excellent results of their work.

The Hampshire Federation WI Spring Council Meeting took place in Portsmouth on 24th March, and at the April meeting of Chilbolton WI John Smith talks about "The Special Operations Executive at Beaulieu". In May, we have our Resolutions Meeting, on the 18th, with debate and voting. There will be no speaker at that meeting.

*Dawn Rickatson*



## Yoga in Chilbolton

From September there is the possibility of a yoga class in Chilbolton Village Hall on a weekday afternoon. This would be taken by a local British Wheel of Yoga trained teacher and numbers would be limited to 10 to enable everyone to have plenty of space.

If you are interested or would like further details please contact Maggie on 01264 860267 as soon as possible.



## **Tower, Spire and Roof Project for Church of St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell**

If you would like to know what we have planned and what we have achieved so far, please come along to the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30 pm

There will be refreshments and a PowerPoint display followed by a walk to the church to inspect the problems. Those who wish are then welcome to attend a service of celebration at 6.00 pm. *Anna Lipa*



## **CHILBOLTON PRESCHOOL CIRCUS FETE**

Chilbolton Village Hall



**Sunday 9th May, 2-5pm**

**Please come and support Chilbolton Preschool's annual fundraising event & have a fun circus-filled afternoon!**

- ❖ **Juggling Jake will be on hand to teach his circus skills & finish the afternoon with a circus skills show**
- ❖ **Punch & Judy, preschool children's performance, pony rides, face painting, tattoos, candy floss, bouncy castle, tombola, coconut shy, hook a duck**
- ❖ **Hot dogs, Pimms, raffle & lots of stalls**

**Come in circus dress - a prize for the best circus costume will be awarded!**



## WHERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

There was an additional PC meeting in April to finalise business at the end of the financial year prior to the AGM on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Hutton and the playing fields' committee are to be congratulated on the completion on schedule of the landscaping and upgrading of the equipment in the play area. It was agreed by everyone at the meeting that it has really enhanced the area and that it will no doubt be a source of much enjoyment for children in the years to come. In addition to a generous grant from HCC the PC was very pleased that for this project we finally managed to access some of the monies held by TVBC that were levied from the developers of the new properties recently built in the parish. The building of the new equipment shed at the playing fields is progressing well and should also be completed soon.

The PC has supported the planning application for repointing the brickwork at 6 Chant Close. The tree warden will inspect the trees involved with regard to an application for tree works at Rosemary Cottage. TVBC has approved applications for internal alterations to Windwhistle Cottage, tree works at Mowle House and the conversion of the double garage to a sun room at Riverside House.

We are requesting a sign be placed in the vicinity of the road side chevrons on the descent into the village, indicating that oncoming traffic is likely to be in the middle of the road around the blind corner into the High Street. The river bridge at Winchester Corner has once again been damaged. It has been suggested that more big foreign registered lorries are now coming through the village. TVBC are to be informed again about the problems caused by large lorries coming into the parish and we have asked if there are any weight restrictions on the old railway bridges. The grass verges along Fullerton Road continue to be seriously eroded due to the numbers of lorries who are using this route to access the A3057. Once again deer warning signs for Fullerton Road have been requested as sadly several deer have recently been injured.

District Cllr Neal is pursuing the request that a 40mph limit is implemented along the Longparish Road. County Cllr Gibson is also raising this with HCC and is looking into whether staff changes at HCC will cause yet more delays to the proposed footpath from Chant Close down in front of the White Lion.

The PC shares the frustration of local residents that the derelict mobile home, vehicles and machinery on the parcel of land on the corner of Beech Grove have still not been removed.

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The PC believes that the current use of the land detracts from the amenity value of the area and therefore the current use breaches the terms of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 section 215. Cllr Neal is to ask TVBC Planning Department to look into this.

The original cockatrice, the emblem of the village that was once sited on the church roof, is now in the Andover Museum. After much debate and deliberation it is hoped that a replica of it will soon be mounted on the roof of the Village Hall.

It is felt that the galvanised steel handrails recently fitted to the cottages opposite the village War Memorial are not in keeping with the Conservation Area. Once it has been ascertained who installed them it is proposed that the PC offer to fund replacing them with wooden ones.

A grant for £950 has been secured from HCC to assist with the cost of printing leaflets of local walks, map boards and way markers.

Accounts for the last financial year have been approved and it is hoped that Hilary Jennison will kindly agree once more to undertake the internal audit.

The Primary Care Trust is to be asked why no provision was made in the refurbishment of the War Memorial Hospital's out patients' department for the WRVS tea bar. This facility was much appreciated by patients in the past.

**Next meeting AGM on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 7.00pm in the Colonel Jenkins' Hall.**

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

### **BIG THANK YOU!**

On behalf of all residents of Wherwell I should like to say a big thank you to Matthew Bryant who recently spent a day picking up litter throughout the parish. He collected about eight bin bags full! Could I suggest that if you are going on a walk perhaps you could you take a carrier bag with you and pick up any litter you find.

Thank you to the people who have now volunteered as drivers to do hospital and doctors' visits for the Care Group. On behalf of both parishes a big thank you must also go to Paul Bulpitt of Bulpitt Print Ltd who printed the flyer circulated with last month's magazine asking for volunteers. Paul generously refused to accept any payment as he said he was only too pleased to help such a good cause. Please follow Paul's example of being charitable and volunteer as a driver. As the holiday season approaches more drivers would still be very much welcomed.

*Jane Andrews*

## Dates for your diary

### May

1st May	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
2nd May	Longstock Park Water Garden open	Longstock	2-5pm
4th May	Chilbolton PC	CVH	8.00 pm
4th May	CHS Walk for Wildlife - meet junc. Branksome Ave/Station Rd		7-9pm
4th May	Red Garter Club	CVH	8.00 pm
7th May	Film ' <i>Amelia</i> '	CVH	7.30pm
8th May	Wherwell Auction of Promises	WVH	7.00 / 7.30
9th May	Chilbolton Pre-school Circus Fete	CVH	2-5pm
10th May	Village Hall Sunday Walk	CVH	10.30am
11th May	Wherwell PC	WVH	7.00 pm
11th May	Abbots Mitre Quiz Night	Abbots Mitre	8.00 pm
12th May	CPRE Trip to Kew	From Andover	9.15 am
15th May	Wherwell Primary School Fete	Wherwell School	11.30-2.00
16th May	Wherwell Fun Run	W'well Playing Fields	
16th May	Wherwell Church Roof Project Launch	WVH	4.30 pm
17th May	Midday Mums	WVH	12.30 pm
18th May	WI Debate and Resolutions Voting	CVH	7.30 pm
21st May	Wherwell History Group AGM & Quiz	WVH	8.00 pm
23rd May	Choraline French Choir	Wherwell Church	3.00 pm
25th May	Wherwell Wives Group	WVH	8.00 pm
27th May	Magazine Collation	CVH	
28th May	Guitar Concert B'ham Conservatoire	Wherwell Church	7.30 pm

### June

4th June	Film ' <i>A Single Man</i> ' (with Colin Firth)	CVH	7.30 pm
5th June	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 am
12th June	Wherwell Church Fete	W'well Playing Fields	
13th June	Jazz By The River	Stockbridge	12 noon
19th June	Wherwell Singers Concert	Wherwell Church	7.30 pm
22nd June	CHS Trip to Oxford – depart Branksome Ave, Chilbolton		9.00am
26th June	Chilbolton Church Fete & Village BBQ	Bannetts Farm	11.30-3.30

## Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife

Quite a number of people have commented to me on the unusual number of ladybirds they've seen in their homes this spring and asked if this was because of the cold winter. The answer is no. The ladybirds that we now see in our houses, often in clusters around the corners of window-frames, are not a native species of ladybird. They are in fact the harlequin ladybird - *Harmonia axyridis*.

This is a native of eastern Asia that has been introduced in North America and parts of Europe in an attempt to control aphids. The harlequin first came to this country in 2004, and I saw my first one in Chilbolton in 2006. But like many introduced species, it seems to have few natural enemies and has increased to enormous numbers in a very short time.

Fine, you say, it feeds on aphids so that's good. Not so, in fact it's quite bad news! The harlequin is described by some, as the most invasive ladybird on Earth; the species has such an appetite, and is increasing in numbers so rapidly, that it's threatening to wipe out our native ladybirds.

And of greater concern to many people, it's becoming a real nuisance in our homes – because it likes to spend the winter indoors with our central heating. It's not too bad if there are only the 30 or 40 ladybirds that I've seen in my house, but some people in the London area have experienced tens of thousands! With their nasty habit of excreting a foul-smelling liquid when disturbed, this can make them rather unpleasant lodgers.

Oh, and if that weren't enough, they've also been known to bite people when they wake up hungry!! Anyway, I think they are here to stay, and are just another example of the unintended consequences that arise from well-intentioned introductions of non-native species.

Looking forward, what might you see in early-May? Well, look out for the Holly Blue butterfly. The blue butterflies that you see in gardens are nearly always the Holly Blue, and not the Common Blue. In the spring, the Holly Blue lays its eggs on the buds of holly; hence the name. The caterpillars feed on the holly buds, and eventually, new butterflies appear in late summer. But the summer individuals lay their eggs on ivy, and sometimes other garden shrubs. With their need for holly and ivy, Holly Blues are well at home in rural gardens, and though numbers fluctuate from year to year, they are quite common in Chilbolton and Wherwell.

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

## Jane's Kitchen



### BY REQUEST – Spiced Lamb Bake (as served at the AGAPE supper)

A mildly spiced supper dish, can be made in advance and freezes well

2lb Minced Lamb	3 eggs
1 level tablespoon mild curry powder	¾ pt whole milk
2 large eating apples	¼ pt of wholemeal bread crumbs
1 large onion	Seasoning
5 no soak apricots	Juice ½ lemon
3 oz whole almonds	

Prepare and chop the apples, onion, apricots and whole almonds. Fry the apple and onion in a small amount of oil or margarine. Add the lamb and cook quickly. Remove any excess fat and add the curry powder. Cook for a few minutes and then add the apricots, almonds and lemon juice. Simmer gently for about 20 mins.

Meanwhile soak the breadcrumbs in ½ of the milk and beat the eggs into the remaining milk. Add to lamb, season to taste and pour into a shallow ovenproof dish. Top with a few flaked almonds and bake at 180 degrees for 45 to 60 mins until the top is golden and mince mixture piping hot. Serve warm with fresh vegetables and side salad.

*Jane Booth*



### Annual Fun Run

This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run at the Wherwell Playing fields. For those of you who want to get in training, the good news is you still have time. This year the event will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Check out the web for further information.

[www.wherwellfunrun.com](http://www.wherwellfunrun.com)

*Claire Rowles*

## What's on in the area

### Theatres:

29/04/10 to 22/05/10: Les Liaisons Dangereuses. By Christopher Hampton. Performances at 7.30pm (Mon-Wed), 2.30pm & 8pm (Thu & Sat, no matinee 29/04 & 01/05), 8pm (Fri) at Salisbury Playhouse. Tickets £12-£19. Tel (01722) 320333 [www.salisburyplayhouse.com](http://www.salisburyplayhouse.com)

15/05/10: An Evening with Gervase Phinn. At 7.30pm at The Lights, Andover. Tickets £16.50-£17.50. Tel (01264) 368368 [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk)

17/05/10 to 22/05/10: The Mikado. By Gilbert & Sullivan. Presented by RAODS at Plaza Theatre, Romsey at 7.30pm & 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets £11 Tue-Sat, £15 for Black Tie Gala Evening Mon 17th. Tel (01794) 512987 [www.plazatheatre.com](http://www.plazatheatre.com)

17/05/10: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Presented by European Arts Company at The Lights at 7.30pm. Tickets £12-£13 (£11 concession). Tel (01264) 368368 [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk)

18/05/10 to 19/05/10: Cider with Rosie. By Laurie Lee. Presented by Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds at 7.30pm & 1.30pm at Theatre Royal, Winchester. Tickets £17.50 (£15.50 concession) Evenings, £14 (£12 concession) Matinees. Tel (01962) 840440 [www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk](http://www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk)

### Music:

05/05/10: Thea Gilmore. At The Lights, Andover at 7.45 pm. Tickets £14-£15 (£13 concession) Tel (01264) 368368 [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk)

08/05/10: The Pearl Fishers. By Georges Bizet. Presented by Swansea City Opera at Theatre Royal, Winchester at 8pm. Tickets £19 (£17 concession). Tel (01962) 840440 [www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk](http://www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk)

22/05/10: City of Southampton Orchestra performs Vaughan Williams and Respighi at Romsey Abbey at 7.30pm. Tel (01794) 512987. [www.romseynet.org.uk/musicromsey.htm](http://www.romseynet.org.uk/musicromsey.htm)

### Other events:

22/05/10 to 31/10/10 Art in the Garden. At Hillier Gardens near Romsey. Open daily from 10am to 6pm. Free with normal admission. Tel (01794) 369318 [www.hilliergardens.org.uk](http://www.hilliergardens.org.uk)

### Country Markets:

Country Markets are held weekly in Andover and Stockbridge selling homemade and local produce. The Stockbridge market is held in the Town Hall every Thursday, 10.00am - 12.00 noon. The Andover market is held by the Guildhall and in Rendezvous, Union St. every Friday, 8.00am – 12.15pm

### Farmers' Market Dates:

09 May 2010 – Winchester

16 May 2010 – Andover

30 May 2010 – Winchester

For more information, please ring (01420) 588671, or visit the website at [www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk](http://www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk).



## Bee Diary May 2010



What did we do differently? With the long cold winter, we were very concerned that bee colonies would succumb, due to lack of numbers in late March, before the weather warmed up. This is what happened last year, a severe case of spring dwindling caused old bees to die in the spring before new young replacements could be raised. In the spring of 2009, we lost 18 out of 28 colonies, and some of the survivors were painfully weak. Imagine our surprise, therefore, when we confirmed in early April this year that all 25 of our colonies had survived this winter and were expanding very rapidly once the warm weather arrived after Easter. What did we do this year that we missed last year?

It could be true to say that a cold winter is good for the bees. In past years we have had warm periods in January and February, when the bees go out foraging, but find little to bring home. Old bees that go flying die sooner than those who stay home in a cold winter.

There is little doubt that our exercise in queen rearing 2 years ago, when we tried to breed gentle bees from foreign queens to improve the beekeeping experience, introduced a strain of bee that was less able to stand the rigours of our climate. In many cases it was those queens, or their progeny, that died out the following winter. So now we are back to the good old Hampshire mongrel, that survivor of the fittest, whose swarms last May we collected and hived and which now form the backbone of our 25 stocks. The Hampshire mongrels are not the quietest of bees; you need to dress up well when you go visiting, but they do take the weather into their stride and produce good crops of honey.

John Fry believes in cossetting the bees. For him a simple wooden roof on the hive is no good at all for winter. He set to in September and produced duvets for the hives; draft proof covers to go under the roof, filled with Alpaca fur, the very latest in bee hive loft insulation. Now Alpaca fur is full of Alpaca oil, not the sweetest smelling of substances, but none the less very warm. I could imagine the bees, legs crossed and stretched out in the warmth, holding their noses against the unnatural smell in the hive.

The duvets, now smelling sweetly of beeswax, have been removed for the summer, the honey supers are in place and we are hoping for some warm weather for the first honey flow of the year. You can always tell when a honey flow is in progress, there is that wonderful sweet smell of nectar in the air as you walk outside. It is a time when many trees flower and it drives the bees into ecstasies of hard work. Strong hives can add pounds of honey in weight every day a honey flow lasts.

*Jolyon Pope*