

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

Enjoying the sunshine? Summer is on its way and the fete season is upon us. The Wherwell spring fete was a very successful day. Planning is well underway for both village fates in June, do take a look and see how you can help.

We are keen to include more articles , so don't be shy, send us your articles on village life or your hobby and see your name in print. Your magazine is still looking for some volunteers to help us out on the editing and production of the magazine. If you could spare any time once every 2-3 months please do let us know.

Carole Marits

Thank you to Sue Blazdell, Maggie and Jim Duffy and Carole Marits who produced this month's magazine, and to Chris Mason for printing and Mike Keys and helpers

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

From the Parish Registers:

Chilbolton		
Baptism	26 April	Susan Keen
Wherwell		
Wedding	17 April	Valdemar Hefer and Katie Woods
Wedding	29/04/10	David Clarke and Alexandra Lawton-Bryant

Church Services June 2010					
	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Wednesday 2nd June					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Westholme Service			2.30pm		
Saturday 5th June					
House Communion			10.00 am		
Sunday 6th June The First Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion	8.00 am		8.00 am		
All Age Worship			10.00 am		
Family Communion				10.00 am	
Common Worship					10.00 am
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Dessert Island Hymns	6.00 pm				
Service of Peace & Heal			6.00 pm		
Wednesday 9th June					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Sunday 13th June The Second Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00 am		
Sunday School at Crawley		am			
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Wherwell Sunday School					4.00pm
Evensong					6.00 pm
Wednesday 16th June					
Holy Communion	10.30am		9.30am		
Thursday 17th June					
Flowerdown			2.30pm		
Sunday 20th June The Third Sunday after Trinity					
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	
Wednesday 23rd June					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Meditation			7.00 pm		
Sunday 27th June The Fourth Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Family Service (in fete marquee)	10.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
4 th Sunday Worship with Sunday School		10.00 am			

Pause for Thought

Earlier this year, I was invited to appear on Songs of Praise. The program was coming to Winchester Cathedral and my name was put forward by one of the presenters, Pam Rhodes. I wrote her into an episode of *The Brittas Empire* once, being savagely pecked by an emu, and we have kept in touch. So I got a call from a researcher at the BBC who told me they'd like a story of how my faith has helped me through some crisis, or perhaps about how I try and express my faith in my books, or... well, she said, I'm sure you know the sort of thing we want.

And I do. I know exactly what they want. I'm a regular watcher of Songs of Praise (it's how I learned to cope with the culture shock of moving from *Immortal Invisible* to *Shine Jesus Shine*) and I enjoy the bits in between the hymns where someone describes how, after years of alcoholism, they saw a vision which changed their lives forever. Those stories of people who have been to the depths and somehow survived through faith can be deeply moving.

The trouble is, as quickly became clear to the BBC researcher, I don't have a story like that. My faith is real enough, but it is not based on visions nor on personal tragedy. It is founded on beliefs that have been slowly acquired over years of reading books, talking, meditating and, on a somewhat irregular basis... of going to church.

To be honest I never thought the church bit was particularly important. I sit in the choir stalls, sometimes, wearing those strange robes and wondering if we're not all barking mad but if I stay away too long I miss it dreadfully. I miss the churchwardens' greeting at the door, I miss singing in one of the friendliest most inclusive choirs in the country, I miss that sense of being among kind, generous, caring people who are openly searching for the truth just as I am. So perhaps going to church does mean rather more than I sometimes admit. Apart from anything else, there aren't many places that let you sit beside Patrick Pirie Gordon on a regular basis. And I defy anyone to do that without picking up something of what it means to be a Christian.

But saying that isn't really the sort of story that will grip the punters on Songs of Praise as the researcher cheerfully told me. So I was dropped and you won't be getting to see me on tv this autumn after all.

Not unless I get the conjuring set down from the roof, put Jane back in the spangly leotard and apply for a Britain's Got Talent audition...

Andrew Norriss

THE RECTORY,

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter the week before the general election. By the time you read it we shall know who will be bearing the weight of responsibility for the government of this country for the next few years. It has made me think a great deal about leadership and in particular, how our political leaders view the electorate. The involvement of the media in a new way in this election campaign may have had an effect upon the way politicians behave but what I have observed draws me to certain conclusions that are disappointing. The first is the implication that the general public are basically selfish, and will vote according to the maxim 'What's in it for me?' Of course there may be some truth in that but if that is truly what we have come to, it is a sad indictment of our society. Secondly, for a country deep in personal and national debt, it would seem that no politician believes that we are mature enough to be able to deal with harsh reality, that telling us how it is and putting forward a manifesto that took tough measures to avoid us going the way of Greece, would render them unelectable.

So what should we look for in our leaders? Clearly honesty and courage in public and personal life are vital. The willingness to take responsibility and not look to 'pass the buck' when things go wrong is another basic requirement, as is personal integrity, the adherence to core values that says 'Here I stand, I can do no other'. All these qualities build up trust and confidence in the leader. We need too, leaders who can take us through difficult times, who can inspire us and encourage us to play our part in building a more just and unselfish society. If we look back at the great statesmen of the past we find those who rallied people in difficult times to work together for good, like Winston Churchill, who said in a speech in 1940 'I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat', or John F Kennedy in 1961 'my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country'. I believe that we stand in need of such statesmen today.

There is one more quality demanded of good leadership, and that is seen most of all in Jesus Christ, accounting for why he is still followed by millions of people around the world today. That quality is self-sacrifice, that wonderful self giving which is worked out in service to those for whom one has been given responsibility. Sacrifice is an unfashionable word in our society but at some time or another it is crucial to almost any relationship.

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I remember very clearly the sermon preached by the Bishop of Lincoln to my female colleagues and me just before we were to be ordained priest. He said 'You will be like candles, burnt up at both ends'. At the time my natural instincts towards self preservation screamed out against such a dire prophecy but with the benefit of hindsight, I can see that he was right. Yet the reality is not destructive as I imagined it might be but rather a full life, costly but shot through with the privilege and the joy of serving communities I have grown to know and love. It is a pattern I see too in the lives of many people in our parishes who give sacrificially in so many ways in the service of the church and the community. That is where the reward should be for all those in positions of leadership not in financial gain or fame or popularity but in the joy of making a real contribution to the lives of those we serve, the privilege of making a difference. With love in Christ,

Juliet Montague

Desert Island Hymns

Sunday 6th June at 6pm
St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton

Hymns, slides and experiences of
a New Zealand Summer
Everyone Welcome!

Charlotte and Simon Nash



Chilbolton WI report

On 20th April, John Smith gave us a very interesting talk on the work of the Special Operations Executive at Beaulieu and told us about the lives of some of the courageous men and women involved during the Second World War. Our president held an enjoyable ploughman's lunch on 30th April at her home, attended by about 15 members.

At our May meeting we debated and voted on the Resolutions to be put forward at the NFWI AGM in June. We also had a talk by Katy England on "Living in the Stone Age."

On 15th June we look forward to Jack Wilson attending our meeting to tell us all about "Southampton's Medieval History."

Simply Sunday

Wherwell Tea Every 2nd Sunday 4 – 5.30 pm

Instead of our usual venue of Wherwell village hall, we thought it would be good to be out enjoying the summer.

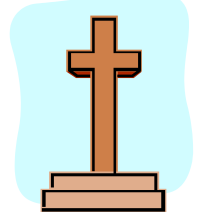
13th June - Beach outing

Bring a picnic and join us for fun at Chilbolton 'Beach', Chilbolton Common at 4pm.



11th July Biking and Tea

Meet at 4pm Chilbolton Village Hall – various rides suitable for all ages.



Chilbolton Rectory Breakfast

Every 4th Sunday From 8.45am
27th June & 25th July

We welcome families to come for a relaxed and informal breakfast at the Rectory followed by a family service at 10am at St Mary The Less, Chilbolton.

Simply Sunday is organised and funded by and for the people of The Downs Benefice enabling the events to be free of charge. If you would like any further information, please contact The Rev'd Stuart Rason, Tel 860258 or Gaynor and Max Childs, Tel 860044

Books Delivered to your Front Door!

Andover Library has a team of dedicated volunteers ready to bring books/tapes to those that find it difficult to get to the Library themselves and have no-one to do it for them. We in the library service believe it is important to continue to find pleasure in books and see it as a priority that everybody should have access to their local library. If you or someone you know would like to have this service please contact Andover library staff to discuss on 01264 353063.

Barbara North Heads South

They say all good things come to an end and at our meeting last month the committee said a very sad goodbye to Barbara North, our advertising manager, after a fantastic fifteen years in the job. As you know, Barbara and Robin moved to Stockbridge at Christmas but Barbara kindly suggested that she should stay to see the advertising year out. This is nearly at an end, and with lots to do in the new house as well as new pastures to explore Barbara has decided to call it a day. We are all immensely grateful for her contribution to the magazine. Over the years she has got the advertising down to a fine art, keeping advertisers happy and ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Her efficiency behind the scenes has meant that the magazine is financially healthy and can continue to be delivered free to all households in our two villages. Managing the advertising hasn't been Barbara's sole contribution to the magazine, however. She has been an invaluable member of the committee: her clarity of vision has helped to shape the magazine so that it has a sustainable future and she's even managed to teach the fluffier amongst us all about good governance! Barbara is a great team player and we shall all miss her drive, commitment and the odd glass of wine at Newton House.

At the meeting, we gave Barbara some Longstock Nursery vouchers so that she can buy something for her garden which she and Robin are busy turning into a showpiece. This gift was on behalf of everyone in our two villages as a thank you to you, Barbara, for your great contribution to the life of our community in this and many other ways . We'll miss you!

Victoria on behalf of the Magazine team

Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee

You are cordially invited to our Summer Quiz on Friday 16th July. Mr David

Waghorn is our Quiz Master who will start questions at 7.30 pm.

An alfresco supper will be provided within the ticket price of £5.00 per person. Wine and soft drinks will be available for separate purchase.

So book your table for 8 and organise your team.

Please telephone John Temple (01264 861334) with your reservation.

Wherwell Auction of Promises A BIG Thank you!

Anna and Susanne would like to thank everyone for their generosity and high spirits during the Auction of Promises which was held on 8th May 2010 in the Wherwell Village Hall. We raised a total of over £13,000! This amount will make a much needed contribution to the funds required for the new church roof. Our thanks therefore go to everyone who offered such attractive auction items, and then those who bid for them so generously. However, such a successful night would not have been possible without our volunteers. Our special thanks go to Robert Lawrence who made the delicious food and who was in charge of the kitchen; Victor Fauvelle who was a fantastic auctioneer and made sure that we all left the evening feeling much poorer (but richer in promises, of course!); Mary Gee who made the Ratatouille (I need that recipe!) and everyone else who helped out. We would also like to thank the following companies for giving so generously:

Born PR
Caviste, Stockbridge
Fiona Baldwin, Taxi Driver
George Hampson,
Human Capital Development
Infin8pulse Fitness, Andy Hillier
John Robinson, Family Butcher
Julian West, Carpenter & Joiner
The Liddell Estate
Ray Alexander, Dog Trainer
Richard Rowles, website designer
Studio Productions, furniture maker
The Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge
The MayFly Pub
The Peat Spade
The Wherwell Priory, fishing
The Smokery, Chilbolton
The White Lion Pub
Wherwell Farms

Chilbolton Players



The Chalice

an original whodunnit

Thursday 8th July - "The Picnic Edition"

at 7:30pm, guests to bring their own meal and drinks

Tickets: £6

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th July

at 7:30pm (*licensed bar from 7:00*)

Tickets: £12.50

including 3 course dinner

Tickets available from the box office:

Richard Richardson,
Digby Croft Cottage, Winchester Street, Chilbolton

01264 861082

or The Chilbolton Village Stores & PO
from 1st June

Chilbolton Book Club

The Number 1 Chilbolton Book Club has now vacancies for a few new members who enjoy a good read, fine wine, optional, and a good chat.

Please contact Alan Crisp 860641

Wherwell Spring Fete - 2010

At the amazing Wherwell Fete on Saturday 15th May, lots of exciting events were held. One of the most entertaining events was seeing the young laughing children dressing their fearful teachers in crazy wigs, summer hats and flowery dresses!



There were lots of interesting stalls for children to spend their pocket money on(and their parents money), such as: hair braiding, face painting, a nail painting stall, pottery smash (otherwise known as anger management!!) a toy stall, tuck shop, splat a rat, hoopla, win a lollie, guess how many sweets in the jar and lots more. And all of the parents were at the Beer & Pimms tent.

All the classes helped out. Class 1 did a brilliant sports dance, and made the parents join in. Class 2 did a colourful maypole dance as well as Class 3. Class 4 did a loud but fantastic samba presentation and Class 5 helped out behind the busy stalls.

Suddenly, the burgers and hot dogs stall had a long wavy line. You could smell the eye watering onions and the tasty food sizzling on the black metal Barbeque.

Long lines were building up at the Jousting and Bouncy Castle, which everyone enjoyed, and had another go.

In the School Hall, lots of detailed displays from the year were up all on the wooden yellow walls. As people looked at the displays, happy memories came flooding back.

Lots of competitions were being held and many people won fascinating prizes such as a day at Thrupton race track. This prize raised a lot of the money for the school.

Throughout the warm day we raised nearly £4000. The School is planning to spend the money on a new dipping platform for the School Pond so we can explore the wildlife.

By Rachel Chambers + Hanneke Pigott-Rowles (Class 5).

WHERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

At a recent planning meeting plans were considered to demolish Watermeadow in Church Street and to build a new dwelling and garage on the site. Seven members of the public attended together with the owner of the site and his architect. The PC was therefore able to clarify various aspects of the proposed plans. Concerns were voiced by some members of the public regarding the size and design of the proposed house and circular garage. The PC informed TVBC that whilst they have no objections to the design of the house they felt the size and design of the garage was unacceptable. The PC is now informally considering amendments to the plans before the new proposals are submitted to TVBC.

At the recent AGM it was very disappointing that only one member of the public attended. I was re-elected as chairman with Sean Hutton continuing as vice chairman.

At the AGM it was reported that the PC had held seven meetings in the last year. Lizzie Broadbent had joined the PC in September as a councillor. The new County Councillor Andrew Gibson had attended several of our meetings along with District Councillor Jim Neal and both were present at the AGM.

As in past years the PC is frustrated that projects frequently get carried on from year to year due to procrastination by TVBC and HCC. HCC Highways Department is undergoing staff changes resulting in no progress being made regarding the proposal for a footpath down from Chant Close. The PC is also very disappointed that after four years TVBC has still not enforced the clearing of the land on the corner of Beech Grove.

In spite of several calls and emails to Vodafone and O2 call centres their customer service departments have still to address the problem of the very poor service coverage within areas of the parish.

During the past year seventeen planning applications have been considered by the PC. Only one was objected to but after some alterations to the plans it was then supported. The PC wrote to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the insistence by TVBC that long straw should be used to re-thatch Windwhistle Cottage but was disappointed that the objection was not upheld.

The PC was very pleased that Tesco withdrew from the proposed mega shed development and the Co-op will be building a shed of half the originally proposed size incorporating more green features.

It is obvious that children are already enjoying all the equipment at the new playground. It will be known as the Rowles' Family Play Area in recognition of the family's connection with the playing fields ever since Mrs Jenkins first donated the land to the parish. The new equipment shed will soon be

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completed and hopefully the new tennis and multisport courts will be built soon. The playing field committee were congratulated on all their efforts to maintain and improve the facilities and for their continuous fund raising activities.

Many parishes had found it difficult to access from TVBC the funds levied from the developers of new dwellings in the parishes and we were therefore very pleased to receive £2390 towards the cost of the work at the playing fields and there are still funds remaining which will hopefully be accessed in the near future.

The PC has been given a grant of £950 towards the cost of producing map leaflets and map boards of local walks. It is fortunate that the PC, church and village hall all have a very good success rate for getting additional funding through applying for grants. Long may it continue!

The precept for the year 2009/10 remained the same as the last two years at £7500. This is the money the PC receives from TVBC to 'run' the parish. Our outgoings last year totalled £6024. The balance remaining is for the expenses of ongoing projects.

We have had no major expenditure for repairs and maintenance as all the works carried out on the drainage system in various locations and the felling of three trees on Old Winchester Hill was carried out by HCC.

There are concerns about HGVs continuing to come through the village causing ongoing damage. We have requested a road sign off the A303 warning that the road is unsuitable for these vehicles. We have also requested a sign to warn drivers of vehicles in the centre of the road as they enter the High Street down Old Winchester Hill. Both District Councillor Jim Neal and County Councillor Andrew Gibson are supporting our outstanding request for a speed limit along Longparish Road.

Over the last year the PC has considered and responded to a variety of initiatives from both HCC and TVBC mainly regarding their plans for the future.

The clerk and some residents attended a presentation by the fire brigade. If any owners of thatched cottages have still not received an information pack please contact our clerk Tel: 860385.

We hope that the village hall's roof will soon be adorned by a replica of the legendary cockatrice. Vic and Mary Pike's daughter has offered to fund this as a memorial to her parents.

The AGM is an opportunity to acknowledge the time and energy that the various committee members and other parishioners put into maintaining the village facilities and running all the varied activities that now take place

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within the parish. In particular I would like to mention Sean Hutton who contributes so much to the parish as chairman of the school governors and the playing field's committee as well as vice-chairman of the PC.

Sean, Debs and Kevin have just celebrated their first year at the White Lion and should be congratulated on all they have done to make the pub so attractive and now very much more of a social centre for the village.

More drivers have been found for the Care Group but it is not too late to volunteer. Phone Peter on 860528 or Mike on 860594.

In addition to the projects already mentioned, in the future the PC will amend the PC web page and the Village Directory. We will consider finishing the Village Design Statement providing it can be on the website as a supplementary planning guidance document and we are not required by TVBC to print off many copies.

Thanks to James Liddell it is hoped that the path leading under the A3057 road bridge and over the River Anton at Fullerton will soon become a permissive footpath which will provide much safer access from one side of the this very dangerous road to the other.

Hopefully more members of the public will attend our meetings in the future as feedback from parishioners is important.

Next PC meeting on Tuesday 13th July commencing at 7.00pm in the Colonel Jenkins' Hall.

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

Chilbolton Parish Council

The regular meeting of the Parish Council took a different form in May. It was the Council's AGM at which all Councillors agreed to serve on for another year. This was followed by the Parish Assembly, a review of all that took place in the Village in the past year.

As for the work of the Parish Council, let me start with the Commons and Paths Committee, led by Cllr Rowles. The Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which we maintain under a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement (HLS) on behalf of Natural England (NE). This agreement requires the Council to maintain the Common as an uncultivated organic open grazing area for which the Council receives an annual payment from NE. The agreement has three separate parts: basic management, encouragement of young people to visit the Common as part of their field studies and a capital works element.

Looking at these headings in more detail, and taking basic management

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first, the ragwort was cleared in good time, followed by the thistles and nettles and an extensive top grass cut in the autumn. Ditches and streams were cleared, 100 metres of fencing was replaced and the main track was refurbished.

Next the School/College visits. These were a major success. NE required us to host 4 such groups; we hosted 10 field study groups, supporting them with a Teachers' Information Pack which itself was produced by the Committee.

The capital works programme included the design, production and mounting of footpath and car park orientation signs, which also promote the attractions of West Down. The main purpose of these was to try to reduce the number of vehicles on the Common which NE insist we should. The programme also included a large scale clearance of scrub and trees at the neglected western end of the side of the Purligig Stream, the replacement of 290 metres of fencing and the building of an otter holt.

At this point, it is right to pay tribute to the Community Payback Team whose support had been invaluable on these and other projects.

The Commons Committee are rightly proud of their achievements this year and have a full programme planned for next year. Their success has been marked by Dr Mervyn Grist, Chairman of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust's NW Area Group who has said that the state of the Common was the best he had seen for over 50 years. Cllr Rowles and his Committee are congratulated for an outstanding year of achievement.

Turning now to the achievements of Cllr Gossling who as Amenities Officer sweeps up those matters which have no focus. He has produced a draft vision paper which will guide the action plans of the Council for some years to come. He has overseen the development of the allotments so that now we have 11 with tenants. The allotments have rainwater on site and are surrounded by rabbit-proof fencing. An orchard is planned.

Road safety, particularly during harsh winter conditions, has been the focus of Cllr Gossling's attention,. He plans to supplement the efforts of the Borough and County Councils with grit boxes at strategic points throughout the village. Meanwhile he is working with local police to make signing more effective. He has also drawn attention to a Test Valley initiative to loan mopeds to improve the mobility of students and job seekers.

The Planning Committee, led by Cllr Picco, has reviewed 29 applications and has represented a case before two Test Valley Planning Committee meetings and one Building Control Committee meeting. During the year, they had the first meeting with TVBC in relation to the review of village

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boundaries as part of their strategic planning process.

Finally, the Council is pleased to have been able to maintain the precept at the same level as in 2009.

Your Council has a full list of projects planned for the coming year. Foremost among these is a Children's Play Area but also work on the pavilion to support the efforts of the new team manager and repairs to the rabbit – proof fence surrounding the playing field.

Looking back over the year, I am struck by the vigour the Cllrs and the Parish Clerk have shown in pursuit of making the village a better place and I would like to express my appreciation for their efforts. Add to that the tireless support of our Borough and County Councillors and local police and I conclude we are very fortunate to have such commitment.

The next meeting, at 8 pm on 1st June, will revert to its traditional format.

*Jeremy Baines,
Chairman, Chilbolton Parish Council*

Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee

100's Club

Initial interest in our soon to be launched fundraising club has been good, but the more members, the greater the benefit for the Hall and the larger the payback for ticket holders.

An application form was included with last month's magazine, but if yours is not now available, please telephone John Temple on 861334 for a duplicate.

Tickets are £6.00 each, with payment by cash, cheque or standing order. Multiple ticket purchases are encouraged.

Kids Football

Chilbolton FC is looking to set up a kid's team for the 6 to 8 year age groups. We are also willing to have an under-tens side if there is sufficient demand.

If you have children wishing to join the teams please contact Andrew on 01264 861138.

The team would play on our playing fields on Saturday mornings and an appropriate sized play area will be marked out.

Wherwell Fun Run 2010

This was the 4th Wherwell Fun Run and the event was well attended with around 115 competitors. The weather was kind and the bluebells lovely. The event raised approximately £965 which is equally divided between the Wherwell Playing Fields Association and Wherwell Primary School PTA.

Once again we had lots of youngsters on the course. The first young female back was Izzy Hawke 1hr 9minutes closely followed by Harry Coles.



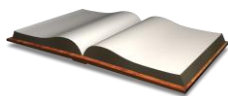
In the adults section first man back was Jason Wray from Goodworth Clatford in an impressive 44.40 and first women was Mandy Butcher from Andover in 56.30.

44.40	Jason Wray, Goodworth Clatford
45.53	Philip Scard, Goodworth Clatford
46.37	Andy Hawke, Chilbolton
46.58	Robert Parkinson, Southampton
47.00	Ian Malone, London
47.30	Kevin Bossley, Chilbolton

56.30	Mandy Butcher, Andover
57.05	Julia Abab, Salisbury
-----	Angela Brown, Eastleigh

Once again many thanks to those who helped Marshal, man the water stop and provide the food. Without your help we would not be able to run this event. Hope to see you all again next year. [Check out our website for photos from the day www.wherwellfunrun.com](http://www.wherwellfunrun.com)

Claire Pigott



Dates for your diary

June

1 June	Chilbolton PC	CVH	8.00pm
4 June	Film "A Single man"	CVH	7.30pm
5 June	Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
6 June	Desert Island Hymns	Chilbolton Church	6pm
12 June	Wherwell fete		12 noon
10 June	Mobile Library	See below	
13 June	Simply Sunday tea	Chilbolton Common	4-5.30pm
13 June	Jazz by the River	Stockbridge	12.00
15 June	Chilbolton WI	CVH	7.30pm
19 June	Wherwell Singers	Wherwell Church	7.30pm
21 June	Midday Mums	WVH	12.30pm
22 June	Chilbolton Hort Soc trip to Oxford		9.00am
24 June	Mobile Library	See Below	
26 June	Chilbolton fete and BBQ	Bannuts	12.30pm
27 June	Simply Sunday breakfast	Rectory	8.45am
27 June	Open Gardens	Wherwell	2-5.30pm
29 June	Wherwell Wives Group	WVH	8pm
29 June	Collation	CVH	7:30 pm
Tuesdays	Keep Fit	WVH	9.30 am

For more details, contact Andrew Flanagan (860 560)

or Gill Granger (860 870)

July

1.2.3 July	"Garden" Stockbridge Drama	Longstock	
2 July	Film "Its Complicated"	CVH	7.30pm
8 July	Mobile Library	See Below	
8/9/10 July	The Chalice, Chilbolton Players	CVH	7.30pm
11 July	Simply Sunday Biking and tea	CVH	4pm
13 July	Wherwell PC	WVH	7pm
22 July	Mobile Library	See Below	
25 July	Simply Sunday breakfast	Rectory	8.45 am

Mobile library

Wherwell, White Lion 11.15am to 11.45am

Chilbolton, Village Hall 12noon to 12.45pm

Chilbolton, Bannuts Farm 2.10pm to 2.30pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Theatres:

08/06/10 to 12/06/10: **Breakfast with Jonny Wilkinson.** By Chris English. Presented by RAODS at Plaza Theatre, Romsey at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 Tue, £9 Wed–Sat. Tel (01794) 512987 www.plazatheatre.com

14/06/10 to 19/06/10: **Peter Pan.** By J M Barrie. Performances at 7.30pm Mon-Fri, 2.30pm & 7.30pm Sat, at Salisbury Playhouse. Tickets £12-£19. Tel (01722) 320333 www.salisburyplayhouse.com

15/06/10 to 19/06/10: **The Caretaker.** By Harold Pinter. Presented by London Classics Theatre at 7.30pm & 1.30pm (Thu) & 2.30pm (Sat) at Theatre Royal, Winchester. Tickets £16 (£14 concession) Evenings, £12 (£10 concession) Matinees. Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

26/06/10: **A Midsummer Night's Dream.** Presented by Oddsocks Theatre Company at Romsey War Memorial Park at 2pm. Bring your chairs or blankets and picnics. Tickets £11, £9.50 concession, £38 family. Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk

Music:

05/06/10: **The Cavern Beatles.** At The Lights, Andover at 7.45 pm. Tickets £15.50-£16.50 (£14.50 concession) Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk

05/06/10: **Michelmersh Silver Band** perform Classic Brass - a programme of band music at Romsey Abbey at 7.30pm. Tel (01794) 512987. www.romseynet.org.uk/musicromsey.htm

10/06/10 & 11/06/10: **High School Rocks!** Presented by Nett UK Ltd at Theatre Royal, Winchester at 7pm. Tickets £15 (£13 concession). Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

Other events:

19/06/10 & 20/06/10 **Craft & Garden Fair.** At Hillier Gardens near Romsey. From 10am to 6pm. Entrance to Fair: Adults £3.50, Seniors £3, Children free. Ticket allows half price entry to Gardens. Tel (01794) 369318 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:

06 Jun 2010 – Romsey

13 Jun 2010 – Winchester

20 Jun 2010 – Andover

27 Jun 2010 – Winchester

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

CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE AND VILLAGE BBQ



Sat 26th June 12.30-3.30p.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
Parking available**

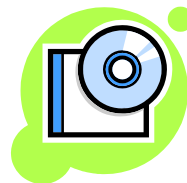
CAKE STALL



Please help to make this the best Cake Stall ever – no cakes, no sales!!
I would love any cakes, scones, biscuits, breads or buns that you
could make. Julie Connor (861311)

Can you help?

For the first time this year we are hoping to sell DVD'S
As well as books on the Book Stall All contributions to Nigel
and Judi Palmer (01264) 860780 (no vhs videos)



TOY STALL

It's that time of year again and we need your toys! Old or new, big
or small, in good condition to sell on the stall. Thank you
To arrange delivery or pickup please call

Sheila & Steven Cooper on 860087

JANE'S KITCHEN – Tea Tent



My kitchen will be very busy this month preparing for Chilbolton Fete.

I will be in charge of the tea 'tent' this year and so will be baking and freezing as much as I can in advance. I already have some offers of help but more is always welcome especially donations of -

Small cakes, Tray bakes, Scones, Savoury sausage rolls, Biscuits/ shortbreads, Or ready made sandwiches. If you can let me know in advance of what you would like to provide that would be very helpful.

With thanks in anticipation

Jane Spence

jane.spence39@btinternet.com



Good as New Stall

Any items for this stall can be delivered to either Jennie Pope (860852) or Jeannie Goodeve-Docker (860792) By appointment only please. *Please note, we are not taking any clothes, or electrical goods*

FIELD MARSHALS WANTED!

Lots of strong helpers required to put up tents, gazebos and marquees, move tables and chairs to the site of this year's Chilbolton Fete and to clear them away afterwards. This year the Fete is at Bannuts, so it is very close to the table storage. Would all volunteers contact Jolyon Pope on 860852 if they can assist on the following dates:

Programme

Friday 25th June from 6pm – 9pm, putting up marquees and moving tables, adjourning to the pub when it is done.

Saturday 26th June morning, helping stall holders, adjourn to beer tent.

Saturday 26th June from 4pm, clearing site, adjourning to pub upon completion.



The Great Fun Dog Show

Don't let your Dog be in the Doghouse, Enter now!

Classes will include: The dog with the waggiest tail

The prettiest bitch

The most handsome dog

The dog the judge would most like to take home

The dog that looks most like its owner and Much Much more!!

All Dogs on a lead please

Call: Jennie Pope 860852



CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE AND VILLAGE BBQ



**Sat 26th June 12.30-3.30p.m.
At BANNUTS FARM**

Donations Please !

Stallholders that need donations/entries at this year's Fete are:-

Cakes	Julie Connor
Books/DVD,s	Nigel & Judi Palmer
Teas	Leslie Kent
Grand Draw	Jenny Hamilton
Bottle Tombola	Andy Hawke
Plants	Sue Batchelor
	Sue Keen
Good as New	Jeannie Goodeve-Docker
	Jennie Pope
Toys	Sheila & Steven Cooper
Dog Show	Jennie Pope

We would be very grateful for your continued support
ALL these stalls need supplies!!
Please give the stallholders a ring.

Can you help?

We need more people to run stalls and sideshows on the day
People to erect and dismantle the marquees etc.
Please contact Jeannie 860792 /Jennie 860852

WHERWELL FETE

Saturday 12th June

12 noon

Raffle draw at 3pm



FREE PARKING

*Exhibition of Wedding Dresses in the Church
BBQ, Pimm's Tent, Teas, Picnic Area,
Ice Cream, Tombola, Donkey Derby,
Bric-a-Brac, Raffles, Face painting, Cakes,
Plants, Produce, Books, Gifts, Games,
Bouncy Castle, Archery, Music and more*

Lucky programme £1-00

In Aid of St Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell

Bottle Stall

Please may we have your support once more for our Church Fete?

We will collect on the evenings of Tuesday 8 June and

Wednesday 9 June, or you can deliver your cans or bottles

to: Bill and Pam Prince 860441 or Ken Wilson 860461

Thank you again for your generous support



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

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

Wherwell Fete – Urgent!

We are still looking for dressmaking models to use for displaying the wedding dresses in our exhibition in Wherwell Church during the fete. If you have one please call me Claire Henderson on 720231. Also if you are happy to offer your wedding dress let me know. Prize draw tickets have been distributed and will also be on sale at Chilbolton store and The White Lion. This years prizes include Fishing for 2 rods on Wherwell lake, a mountain bike and tea for 2 at Lainston House Hotel, with lots of others including family ticket for the Hawk Conservancy, admission to ITIC in Winchester and many more.

All donations are most welcome, list of stall holders appeared in May's parish mag. If you wish for anything to be collected please call my number 720231. Lastly do remember the wedding posie or garland competition. Bring your entries on the day June 12th, 12pm to the Church.

Claire Henderson

Midsummer Mayhem

as Stockbridge AmDram stages
Alan Ayckbourn comedy-drama 'Garden'

'House' and 'Garden' are two linked comedy-drama plays by Alan Ayckbourn, which tell two sides of the same story: that of a group of somewhat-functional people playing out the drama of everyday life - in very comedic fashion – against the backdrop of a garden fete at a large, comfortable country house.



The two plays can be performed simultaneously or separately; Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society will present 'Garden,' appropriately, in the Garden at the Burrow in Longstock, on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Look for 'House' to be performed later in the year in Stockbridge Town Hall.

The ensemble cast of characters include two marriages that are on the rocks, more than one budding romance, a B-list French film star, a politician called Gavin Ryng-Mayne ('with a y'), a bullying fete-organiser and his fumbling wife, and a taciturn gardener whose relationship with the housekeeper and her daughter is more than a little bit complicated.

Ayckbourn's ground-breaking twin plays have garnered much critical attention since they were originally staged in 1999. Time magazine said 'the laughs are plentiful, but the comedy, as usual in Ayckbourn, is tinged with pathos and pain.' The Stockbridge production offers the unusual advantage of being performed in an actual garden – and a beautiful one at that.

Tickets cost £7.50 for the Friday, 2nd July and Saturday, 3rd July performances, and £12.50 for the gala charity night on Thursday, 1st July. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, 7 June at Leckford Shop, John Robinson Butchers, The Garden Inn at Stockbridge, and Kings Somborne Cross Stores, or through the SADS website at

www.stockbridgeamdrams.org.uk.

Summer Concert

In aid of Wherwell Church
Roof Appeal

*Wherwell
Singers*

Spirituals, Anthems & Songs from the British Isles

Saturday 19th June 2010
at 7:30pm,

St. Peter & Holy Cross Church,
Wherwell

**We want to raise £1200 from this
concert
for the Wherwell church roof -
please join us!**

Tickets: £8 (£5 concession) Available from Dale
Webb (01264) 860074

Diane Newell (01264) 720464 White Lion Pub and
on the door

Abbot's Mitre Quiz Night

Sam and Tom would like to extend their thanks to Kevin Ashman, who devised the very successful quiz evening on Tuesday 11th May. Kevin is one of the 'Eggheads' on the BBC's quiz show. He lives locally and was persuaded run the first quiz at the pub for many years. Kevin wrote all the questions and was quiz master for the evening, challenging a packed audience extending across both the restaurant

and bar, many of whom chose to combine the event with a pizza supper. For a nominal entrance fee each table housed a team that responded to questions that had us puzzled, perplexed, and sometimes pleased when we knew the answer! There was a good range of questions, and every team could answer at least some from the 7 rounds played. There was a cash prize for the winners, a booby prize for the losers, and £70 donated to the Church Fete appeal this year. The response was so good from those attending that the Abbot's Mitre will be running a quiz on the first Tuesday of each month, starting on 6th July.

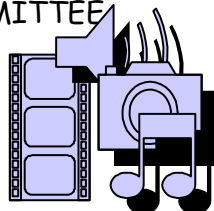
Hope to see you there!

Come to the Movies !!

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

A Single Man (12A)



A day in the life of a 52-year old British college professor in Los Angeles in 1962, struggling to find meaning to his life after the death of his long-term partner, Jim.

Starring Oscar winner Colin Firth, Matthew Goode and Julianne Moore
In Chilbolton Village Hall

on

Friday 4th June 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

PROMS IN THE VILLAGE

11TH SEPTEMBER - SAVE THE DATE

Surely this must be the musical highlight of your 2010. Live music from far and wide, the main Proms event on the big screen, gourmet food and champagne, all you need to do is bring a friend!

WHY WATCH THE PROMS AT HOME!?!

And it's all for a good local cause. The Countess of Brecknock Hospice, which provides palliative care for those with terminal illness. Ticket price TBA, live music before the main event TBA. *Richard Rowles*



Wherwell Open Gardens



A variety of delightful gardens will be open to the public by kind permission of the residents of Wherwell on Sunday 27th June 2-5.30pm

Teas will be on sale in the Village Hall with plants also available for sale.

Entrance £5 at the village hall

£3 for OAPs & Children

All Proceeds in to the VH improvement fund

Free Parking available

Jazz by the river



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



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

13th 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

GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY IN THE AREA JUNE 2010



Sunday 6th June

Longstock Park Water Garden is open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of Stockbridge Youth Football Club.

Admission is £5 for adults, £1 for children under 14. Teas are available at Longstock Park Nursery. www.longstockpark.co.uk

Sunday 6th June

Longparish Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 6pm. Combined admission £6, children free. Home-made teas.

www.ngs.org.uk

Monday 7th June

Longparish Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme. As 6th June.

Thursday 10th June

Stockbridge Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 5.30pm. Combined admission £5, children free. Home-made teas.

www.ngs.org.uk

Sunday 13th June

Stockbridge Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme. As 10th June.

Sunday 13th June

The Old Rectory, Houghton garden is open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £3, children free. Home-made teas. www.ngs.org.uk

Monday 14th June

The Old Rectory, Houghton garden is open for The National Gardens Scheme. Details as 13th June.

Sunday 20th June

Longstock Park Water Garden is open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of The National Gardens Scheme. Details as 6th June.

Wednesday 23rd June

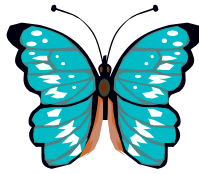
Crawley Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 6pm. Combined admission £5, children free. Home-made teas at Village Hall. www.ngs.org.uk

Thursday 24th June

Crawley Gardens open for The National Gardens Scheme. As 23rd June.

Sunday 27th June

Wherwell Gardens open for The Village Hall Improvement Fund from 2pm to 5.30pm. Admission £5, £3 concessions and children. Home-made teas and plant sale at Village Hall.



Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife

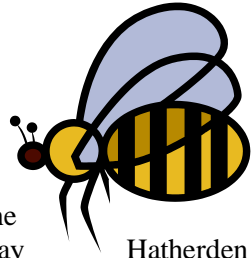
Last month, I suggested that you might like to look out for the Holly Blue butterfly in early-May. Silly me! I should have known that the wind would remain in the north-east and daytime temperature would barely rise above 13C! Not at all favourable for butterflies. A couple of seasons ago, Holly Blues were plentiful by the first week in April. But this year, as I write in mid-May, I've still only seen one in my garden! It's much the same with many other species, and lots of things are later than usual - many insects, the leaves on the trees, the flowers in our gardens. Today, in a frost hollow not far from Chilbolton, I saw fresh new leaves of beech, ash, oak, ivy, all completely blackened by frost. (And my wife's runner-beans are of course a write-off!) The trees will recover of course, but many of the caterpillars that feed within the fresh shoots of tree foliage, will have perished. Whole populations of some insects, will be depleted.

Birds of course, are very adaptable to changes in the weather. Many will have delayed their breeding season to some extent. Some, like Blackbirds and Robins, always breed quite early anyway – and then try again if things don't work out. This year, they've not had to contend with the usual hazards of rain or hail – but the prolonged dry spell is now making it difficult for them to find worms for their young. Other birds that should now be feeding mainly on caterpillars are also finding life difficult. There are Reed Buntings (normally a winter visitor to my garden) still coming to my seed-feeders every day, and the Tits and Great Spotted Woodpecker are regularly feeding on the fat-cake concoction I provide.

Looking forward to June, I hope I will not be once again tempting fate if I suggest it might be warm and sunny and there'll be lots of butterflies to see! The beginning of the month will be a good time to visit West Down to see downland butterflies (Brown Argus, Grizzled Skipper, Green Hairstreak), or take a walk in the Harewood Forest for butterflies such as the Speckled Wood and Orange Tip. If you're feeling ambitious, you could also look there for a nationally-scarce day-flying moth called the Drab Looper. But I should warn you that it has a wingspan of less than an inch, and the colour is described as "muddy-brown". Definitely a well-named moth!

Glynne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)

Bee Diary June 2010



12 hives departed from the field next to the smokery in Chilbolton in late April and they are now placed on John Cape's farm at Hatherden. John has been growing sizeable meadows of wild flowers in addition to arable crops as part of an environmental project and he wanted bees on hand to pollinate the flowers. During May was a sea of yellow autumn sown rape so the bees had plenty to be working on before the wild flowers, although the cold north easterly winds have restricted their honey gathering. The colonies have continued to expand dramatically and all the strong stocks are making preparations to swarm while we are doing everything we can to discourage them. Swarming is a natural instinct which is very hard to prevent as it is the means by which bees reproduce their colonies. As Bob Hunter said to me when I started keeping bees in 1990, "You can't stop animals from wanting to breed!" We go through the hives frame by frame every week, providing extra room for the queen to lay, giving extra supers to contain extra bees and honey. Even so there comes a time when queen cells are produced and active swarm control is required. Early in the year we mark all the queens with a coloured spot on their thorax to make them easier to spot and we also clip a section off one wing. This is a delicate operation which John Fry enjoys; it is the only time you have to take your gloves off. Clipping wings prevents the old queen from leading a swarm away from the hive. It delays but doesn't prevent swarming, since, if left to themselves, the bees will swarm when the first virgin queen emerges from her queen cell.

So this time of year is very busy for beekeepers and with 25 hives to look through over a weekend Jennie claims she is a bee widow. Even she was pressed into service when 20 Andover beekeeping novices came to a meeting in Chilbolton. She took a small group of them through an inspection of "her" hive, and sounded very much the instructor.

We have a new Warre hive at home, currently empty but placed to entice a swarm of bees to inhabit it. Last year we had great success in attracting swarms to our bait hives. The Warre hive has glass windows in the side of each box. We are hoping to fit a CCTV camera (similar to a bird box camera) to the hive so that the activities within can be recorded, but first we have to catch a swarm.

If you have a swarm of honeybees, it will be like a large bunch of grapes composed of bees hanging from a bush or fence, do give us a call on 860852, Jennie will come and collect it!

Jolyon Pope

The Wherwell History Group

At our meeting in April, John Price gave a talk about “Researching Your Family History”. John is a volunteer member of the Berkshire Family History Society and has over 15 years experience. His talk covered all aspects of the subject and was very well illustrated with records and photos of his own family.

The Berkshire Family History Society was founded in 1975. It runs a Research Centre at Castle Hill, Reading which gives visitors access to a Help Desk, an extensive library, Census and Parish Registers, BMD (Birth, Marriage & Death) Registers and online access to the Library Edition of www.ancestry.co.uk. The Centre is open to everyone; only 20% of its records are pertinent to Berkshire

In England and Wales the national BMD Register was started on 1st July 1837. The responsibility for registering a birth lay with the Registrar; some were more diligent than others and many births went unrecorded. In 1874, responsibility passed to the parents. The Master Register is stored on microfiche at the National Archives in Kew, TW9 4DU. Copy Certificates are available from the General Register Office at £9.25 each.

Prior to 1837, BMD Registers were kept as Parish Registers, which originated in 1601 as part of The English Poor Law. These registers recorded Baptisms instead of Births. Early Registers are written in Latin or are difficult to read.

John’s talk gave many tips and anecdotes. Family history is more than ‘how far back to stretch a family tree’. Where to start – with yourself. Talking to family members – have a recorder handy. www.photographs.org = When, Where, Who. Have an enquiring mind & don’t believe everything you hear or read. Be methodical & keep a working diary. Supplement BMD with press cuttings, war medal & military data, graveyards & memorials. John’s slides showed how to use ‘FreeBMD’ and ‘FreeCen’. These websites allow free searches of the BMD & Census Registers; transcription is done by volunteers – the data should be more accurate than commercial sites, but coverage is patchy. For BMD in Wherwell there are searchable PDF files at <http://www.wherwell.net/history-intro.htm>

Andrew Flanagan

Wiltshire Family History Society
“Your Passport to Your Past”
A Family History Open Day
Saturday 19 June 10.00 am -- 3.30 pm
at Wiltshire College Salisbury SP1 2LW

Ham and Pea Soup

After the recent Bluebell walk in Wherwell we had a welcome soup lunch. Gill Granger's soup was much in demand so here is the recipe!

2 Cups cubed fully cooked Ham.
1-1/2 (that's supposed to be one and a half) cups split dried peas. (One cup equals 250g).
1 Cup chopped onion.
1 Cup chopped celery with leaves.
1 Cup chopped carrot.
2 tbsp snipped fresh parsley.
½ tsp dried Thyme leaves.
¼ tsp Pepper.
½ tsp Salt.
2 cups Chicken stock or broth.
1 cup Water.
1 cup Ham water.
1 tsp Cinnamon.
1 tsp Brown Sugar.

There is no need to buy a good quality joint of ham, even a bacon joint will do.

Place entire ham in a large pan of cold water and bring to the boil, once it reaches boiling point change water and repeat the process, but this time when the water boils leave the ham in the pan and reduce heat to a simmer. Once ham is cooked through and is tender remove and leave to cool. This is one way of cooking the joint but I much prefer the slow cooking method, by leaving the ham in the slow cooker overnight it almost guarantees a tender joint. To do this follow step 1 but instead of leaving the ham in the pan transfer to a slow cooker and add required amount of water.

Before adding the split peas they should be pre-cooked according to instructions, usually soaked overnight and boiled vigorously for 10 minutes. For a thicker consistency mash some of the peas. Once ham is cool, cube and place with all the other ingredients in a large pan, simmer gently for approx half an hour or until all of the vegetables are tender. The seasonings are only a rough guide, season to your preferred taste.

Midday Mums

Come and join us in Wherwell village hall on Monday 21st June from 12.30. We enjoy catching up on one another's news while the children play. Please bring a little something to share for lunch. See you then.



The Pre-school held a Circus Fun Day recently which was extremely well-attended despite the bitter wind and unseasonal temperature! There was also a fancy dress competition which was won by Abigail Farrell and her big sister as magnificent lions with runners up Emily Lloyd Davies and Jemima Turner

(both clowns). It was a great success and raised £1500 for our new sensory garden. A big thank you to all those involved and a special thanks to the local businesses that supported it by donating raffle prizes etc. We shall definitely be repeating it again next year so watch this space...

We still have spaces available for September 2010 so if you have a child who is approaching pre-school age, please call and arrange a visit.

For more information, please contact Sam Inglis (07732095814).

Susan Ansell 01264 860775

Chilbolton Flower Show

Calling photographers of all ages: get snapping!

There will be four photographic classes this year at *Chilbolton Flower Show*. Both for digital or non-digital cameras, the titles are 'Holiday Fun' and 'Celebration'. You have until August 28th to get your pictures ready. Pictures enhanced with Photoshop or the like will be accepted in the 'digital' classes, so why not get creative?

For those who like to make things, why not make a bag out of recycled materials, the more attractive the better. Make as many as you like. If you can bear to part with yours, they will be given to Andover Hospital for patients to carry round their bits and bobs. Or you could knit a hat for a sailor who brings you all your goodies through the storms. The standard patterns will be with the Schedule. Jam-making is 'cool' this year. Why not try **Raspberry**: an easy one for a novice. Free schedules for the show will be available shortly- from the Shop and all the committee members:

Sheila Evans Waverley Station Road

Maggie Duffy Charlcott Branksome Avenue

Sue Keen 4 Durnford Close

Sue Batchelor 1, Room Cottages Village Street

Phillipa Munns Brinks Cottage Newton Stacey Cross-roads

