

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

Maybe it's because there's so much in this month's contributions about the countryside and nature, but there's a comforting 'life as it used to be feel' to this issue of the magazine. With advice about natural honey remedies, encouraging news about the health of the local butterfly population and enthusiastic work going at West Down, one could easily imagine nipping into the pub and finding Laurie Lee (or his Hampshire equivalent) sipping a pint of cider in the corner. A Wherwell History Group talk by Gerald Ponting entitled 'Scenes from a Hampshire Childhood' should further enhance this mood if you're so inclined. Notwithstanding such warm feelings, however, there's a stark reminder in an update on the work of a locally inspired charity, that life is not so easy on the other side of the globe at the moment. It makes for an interesting reflection on the idea of the Indian Summer that we are all looking forward to. Best wishes

Stephen MacDonald

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Church Matters

The Downs Benefice

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

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From the Parish Registers

Chilbolton

13 July – Funeral of Peggy Mumford at Salisbury Crematorium

14 August – Wedding of Johnathan Barker and Alaina Morris

19 August – Burial of Ashes of Barbara Foster

Wherwell

1 August – Baptism of Olivia Hill

5 August – Burial of Ashes of Marian Prince

29 August – Baptism of Ceala Mead

Church Services September 2010					
	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparshot	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Wednesday 1st September					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Westholme			2.30pm		
Saturday 4th September					
House Communion			10.00 am		
Sunday 5th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion	8.00am		8.00am		
Family Communion				10.00 am	
Harestock & Littleton Show			10.00am		
Holy Communion					10.00 am
Easter Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Evensong	6.00pm				
Service of Peace & Healing			6.00 pm		
Wednesday 8th September					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Sunday 12th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Family Communion with Sunday School		10.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am		
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Wherwell Sunday School					4.00 pm
Evensong					6.00 pm
Wednesday 15th September					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Thursday 16th September					
Flowerdown			2.30pm		
Sunday 19th September The Sixteenth 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	
Benefice Evensong					6.00pm
Wednesday 22 September					
Holy Communion	10.30 am		9.30 am		
Meditation			7.00pm		
Sunday 26th September The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Harvest Festival	10.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Harvest Festival with Sunday School		10.00 am			
Wednesday 29th September					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		

Wherwell Church to undergo important repairs

Following recent reviews of the fabric of St. Peter and Holy Cross (Wherwell) Church, a project team of volunteers have been asked by the PCC to help them raise monies and project manage a repair programme. The PCC were keen to involve villagers who are not necessarily regular church-goers in the repair and fundraising programme, as they are anxious for the Church building to be seen as another community resource. Below, you will find the Reverend Juliet Montague's views regarding the Church and its place within the wider community. Why not read it – and let me have your views!

The Community has a real stake in the Church

The church belongs to every person in the village - it is not just the preserve of a few believers. Those who worship in St Peter and Holy Cross (Wherwell Church) are continually looking at ways of making our worship accessible to everyone.

All people are spiritual beings. Those of all faiths or none still ask the same questions, such as “Is there life after death”? “Why do good people suffer”? “What is the meaning of life, and in particular our own life”? There are times in all our lives when we experience a sense of awe and wonder, an awareness of something/someone greater than ourselves. Often the Christian church with its long history and traditions clings to words and forms of worship which are too rigid to be readily understood, or to adequately express the spirituality of many people in today's world.

But even when our worship may seem obscure, the building remains as majestic as it has always been. Its walls steeped in generations of prayer, it is rooted in the community it serves and continually invites all who wish to step inside to take a few minutes out of the busy pace of life, to be still, to draw breath, to experience a moment of calm in the midst of whatever life chooses to throw at us. It is for this reason that I believe passionately that all churches should be unlocked, at least during daylight hours – and I am delighted that Wherwell Church is open for all who wish to enter.

The church is also a place where all may come to mark those great life-changing events that are often referred to as ‘rites of passage’. Many people still want to give thanks for the birth of a baby and bring the child into the family of God through Baptism/Christening. Despite the rising trend towards secularism many still come to us to be married, to make their vows before God and receive his blessing upon their union. Some people don't

come to us because they do not believe that they ‘qualify’ – not being regular worshippers they feel they have no right to approach the church to be married, or to have a funeral for a loved one. This is pure mythology, for the only qualification necessary is to have lived in the village for some time during one’s life.

There is one more thing that the church does for the whole community, and that is to chart its history. A look at the registers will give a picture of the lives of some of the old village families, while a walk around the churchyard can be like visiting old friends, whether it is those we have known personally, or those we have heard of in village stories.

I hope that all this shows why I believe that the church belongs to the community, and that the community has a real stake in the church.

Reverend Juliet Montague

If you have any views about Juliet’s brief comments above, then please feel able to ring me on 01264 861250, or email at phill@phill-jennison.com. I am one of a small number of non-churchgoers who have volunteered to help the Church fund and manage its repair programme.

Phill Jennison



Wherwell Church Flower Rota

4th & 11th September
18th & 25th September

Mrs Headley 860253
Mrs. Lipa 860879

St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton
Sunday 3rd October at 6pm

Taizé Service

Taizé is a style of worship based on monastic tradition originating from France. It is quiet and meditative with music made up of repeated phrases, often from the Psalms. You are welcome to come and join us and experience this peaceful service which will last no longer than an hour.

Autumns Lectures on Catholic Social Teaching

You are invited by Hampshire Downs RC Parish Justice and Peace Group to an Autumn Series of Lectures and Workshops on Catholic Social Teaching:

- **Wed Sept 22nd Canon Paul Townsend "Family - The Vital Cell of Society"**
Canon Paul Townsend is Parish Priest of Hampshire Downs Parish and Episcopal Vicar for the Formation of the Clergy.
- **Wed Sept 29th Michael Hornsby-Smith "Economic Life"**
Michael Hornsby-Smith is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the University of Surrey and was chairman of the Justice and Peace Commission in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.
- **Wed Oct 13th Rev. Dr James Sweeney "Human Work"**
Fr. James Sweeney teaches in the Pastoral & Social Studies Department at Heythrop College, University of London and is secretary of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain.
- **Wed Oct 20th Bruce Kent "Justice and Peace"**
Bruce Kent is a retired priest and is now a Vice President of Pax Christi, CND and the Movement for the Abolition of War. He was once President of the International Peace Bureau in Geneva.
- **Wed Nov 3rd Dr Keith Chappell "The Human Person and Human Rights"**
Dr Keith Chappell is a member of the Las Casas Institute on Ethics, Governance and Social Justice based at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford and of the Maryvale Institute, Birmingham where he teaches Catholic Social Teaching.
- **Wed Nov 10th Professor Mary Grey "Safeguarding the Environment"**
Professor Mary Grey is an ecofeminist liberation theologian until recently D.J.James Professor of Pastoral Theology at the University of Wales and now professorial research fellow at St Mary's University College, London.

Catholic Social Teaching is often described as one of the best-kept secrets of the Catholic church! Each evening will start with a short (approx 30-45 minutes) Lecture followed by a short Q and A session and then by a facilitated Workshop. We start at 7pm with a glass of wine and some nibbles with the Lecture at 7.30pm and finishing at about 9pm. The venue is Milner Hall next to St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. **The meetings are open to all church communities in Winchester and Alresford.**

Benefice Holidays: Summer 2011

Some people have approached us to see if we would be willing to re-run one of our pilgrimage/holidays again. After consideration we would be willing to take a small group (12 people) to Cyprus, staying in the Troodos Mountains for a fortnight but visiting most important places in the island, or a group of up to 40 people to Northumbria for 5 days for "Northumbria in the age of Bede". Neither of these is available "off the peg" so this would be a special opportunity. Either would need a lot of work in both setting up and costing. The first step is to see if there are people who would be interested in joining either option. To obtain a brochure with greater detail, or to express an interest in either, please either ring Graham and Liz Trasler on 01264 359843 or e-mail on costadelanton@btinternet.com.

Graham Trasler

St Mary the Less Chilbolton

CHURCH FLOWERS – HARVEST

We will be decorating the church for harvest on Friday 24th September from 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Contact Jane Spence 860726



Harvest Festival



St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton

Sunday 26th September at 10am

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for our **Harvest Festival Family Service**.

After the service the harvest produce will be auctioned off, all proceeds going to the Crisis Centre, Andover.





Harvest Lunch at Chilbolton Village Hall



Sunday 26th September at 12:30pm

Everyone welcome!

Tickets in advance from
Jane Spence Tel: 860726
Adults £6.50 Children £3



CANCER RESEARCH UK



The Winchester Committee of
Cancer Research UK
invites you to

GOLDEN MOMENTS FROM OPERA

Presented by the Hatstand Opera at Norton Park, Sutton Scotney SO21 3NB

ON SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2010

Champagne reception from 5.30 p.m. Show starts at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets £25 each (includes glass of champagne and performance)

Scene Restaurant will be serving post Show suppers for an extra charge of
2 courses £20, 3 courses £25.

For further information and tickets please contact Lindy Baines on 01264
860448.



Thanks

Phyllis Harding would like to thank everyone who helped and supported her at the 'Tea at Three' on July 21st. The garden at Mount Cottage looked lovely and grateful thanks to Audrey Hansford for providing such a perfect venue. The sum of £350 was raised for the Naomi House Children's Hospice – a fantastic result.

Chilbolton Play Space Update

Over the past few months the Parish Council has continued to work on plans to provide a children's play space for Chilbolton. Our negotiations with Enterprise Inns continue but, like all things legal, they always take longer than you would like. However, we are now very close to agreeing very generous terms with Enterprise Inns to lease space next the Abbots Mitre Pub. At the same time we have continued to work with the selected preferred bidder for the provision of the play equipment and two designs were considered by a special meeting of the Parish Council convened in August to ensure the project kept moving forward. The design selected also has to be agreed by Enterprise Inns and Test Valley Borough Council before we can proceed further. We are also keeping the neighbours informed as the project progresses.

Our next challenge is to secure the necessary grants to make this happen. We already have some money available from the 106 contributions made by developers in the village over the past few years, which is currently sitting with Test Valley Borough Council, but this unfortunately is not enough to cover the total cost. However, we hope to secure the necessary funding during September.

Once everything has been agreed we intend to post pictures of the design at the village hall and at the pub to allow all villagers to see what is going to be built. We will then proceed to build a play facility which we hope will bring many happy hours of enjoyment for the children of this village and those visiting us in a location that we have now discovered historically used to have a play area.

Cllr Gwen Picco

Annual Chilbolton Village Quiz

Lesley and Andrew, Graham and Mary are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Chilbolton Village Quiz

*to compete for the Errol and Sue Trophy
Friday 29th October Chilbolton Village Hall*

*Further details in October magazine
Lesley and Andrew 01264 860584 Graham and Mary 01264 860795*

Chilbolton Village Hall

Those villagers who attended the Summer Quiz evening on the 16th July were set some demanding questions by our quizmaster, David Waghorn, but most importantly everybody entered into the fun of the evening which raised £373 for the Hall. Another quiz is planned for next April, but before then, Mary and Graham are to mount one of their excellent general knowledge quizzes, with half the proceeds for the Hall and half for Cruise Bereavement Counselling. This event is set for Friday 29th October; so do book your places when you see the adverts.

Our film season kicks off on the 1st October and we look forward to your attendance. There is usually an amusing short film to start, followed by an interval for tea or coffee (with biscuit!), with the main feature starting about 8.30 pm. It is very much a social gathering with wine and choc ices available for purchase. Look out for the posters dotted around the village, usually on yellow paper.

On the third Saturday of each month, starting 18th September at 10.30 am, the Hall will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Hall funds. A nominal entry fee is payable, but a free raffle draw is included. It is purely a social gathering for a hot drink and chat. Some of you have joined the recently launched 100 Club and may be wondering – what next? Well, the first draw is to take place at the Coffee Morning, so there are at least two reasons for coming along. Remember, half the membership subscriptions are returned to the successful ticket holders and half are retained by the Hall to help with running costs, and the more members, the bigger the prize fund. On this occasion two tickets will be drawn, one for £15 and the other for £10.

The Management Committee very much appreciates all the help that is freely given by so many of the residents, but there is always more to be done and we look forward to you volunteering in the future. Additionally, we welcome anyone who would want to join the Management Committee. It is hard work but great fun and enables you give something back to the Village.

John Temple, Chairman.

U3A Visit to Chilbolton

On a drizzly, overcast day, Tuesday 17th August, we entertained a 27 strong group from Andover University of the Third Age (U3A). Their interest in Chilbolton centred on the village and its history. We decided to take them to the Church, to Cow Common and to the Airfield and Observatory. To give them a perspective on life in the village, Jeremy Baines took them from Stone Age man and the 4000 year old grave goods which were found in 1986, through Roman and Saxon times, when, in 934, King Athelstan gave Chilbolton to the Cathedral clergy at Winchester, to modern times – well, post Domesday Book at any rate! He explained that Chilbolton, a rich farming community, changed hands between church and state until the Restoration when it finally went to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester.

Jeremy had plucked a few human stories from Eleanor Lockyer's *Chilbolton Fragments*. He spoke of the day the brewery blew up in 1884, when a maltster was thrown over the hedge by the blast. He referred to Test Cottege, the site of a hunting lodge built by King Egbert in 829 AD and, nearby, Bannuts Barn which became a rallying point for Royalist troops in 1643 during the Civil War. He mentioned the great fire of 1811 which destroyed a quarter of the village and the agricultural riots on the introduction of threshing machines. This led to two of the rioters being hanged for their part, a fate narrowly avoided by a Chilbolton lad who was transported for life instead. He told the harrowing tale of Hannah Joys in 1845 and referred to the association of Testcombe with the Disraeli family.

Gwen Picco showed that she was a master of her brief when she took the party through the history of the airfield from when the Air Ministry requisitioned it in 1935 to date. Originally seen as a satellite airfield to Middle Wallop, Chilbolton became a front line airfield in 1943. It was active during the Battle of Britain and in 1942 was handed over to the US Army Air Force. Spitfires, Hawkers and Hurricanes all flew from Chilbolton. After the war, the airfield was used for jet aircraft testing before finally closing in 1946.

In 1967 Chilbolton became the home of the Science and Technology Facilities Council for the study of radio science, weather and climate. The vast 25m radio telescope was constructed and the site opened officially in April 1967. It is now a hugely important site, upgraded to provide better weather forecasting and to map deepest space.

Gwen finished with reference to the Mark Way, the important drovers' route which flanks the airfield at this point.

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John Rowles took the party through the history of Cow Common, pointing out that with the Old Inn and its adjacent cricket field, the Common was once the heart of the village. Frog Lane leads from the Old Inn into the village and it is said that at one time Frog Lane was fringed with thatched cottages. None remain and we wondered whether they were razed in the great fire of 1811.

The Church was presented by Victoria Ramsay. She traced its history from the 10th century, explaining its 12th century structure of flint rubble and chalk, with some dressed stone from the Isle of Wight. This is as it stands today. The side aisles were added in the early 14th century. Several of the memorials remember Rectors who, since 1284, have played such an important role in village life. She pointed out the fine, late Elizabethan pulpit with moulded and carved panels and its *guilloche* ornamentation and the projecting book-board.

The Church once had a rood loft, still in place in 1908, but now gone, however the priest's hole remains, high above the pulpit. High above the chancel is suspended the figure of the risen Christ, created by the sculptor, David Begbie to mark the millennium. Victoria took the visitors round all the stained glass windows and memorials and then briefed them on the important buildings in the vicinity, the Manor, Northwood House,, formerly the Rectory, Church Farm House and the old school house.

Finally, the guests repaired to the Abbots Mitre. Judging by the generous tributes, they were well pleased with their visit. For my part I would like to acknowledge the essential sources of reference, Eleanor Lockyer's *Chilbolton Fragments* and *Chilbolton – A History of our Time* and the recently updated history of the Church. The last two of these are available from the Village Shop and the Church respectively.

Jeremy Baines

CHILBOLTON 100 CLUB

Organised by Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee

FIRST DRAW

We are very pleased to announce that the First Draw of the Chilbolton 100 Club will take place on Saturday, 18th September, 2010, at 11.30 am in the Village Hall at the Saturday Coffee Morning by kind permission of the organising ladies.

CHILBOLTON PLAYERS
PRESENT
**NOT SO GRIMM FAIRY
TALES**

3 SHORT PLAYS

Sir Saddlesore and the Dragon

BY DAVID LEMASTER

Snow...Sort of...White

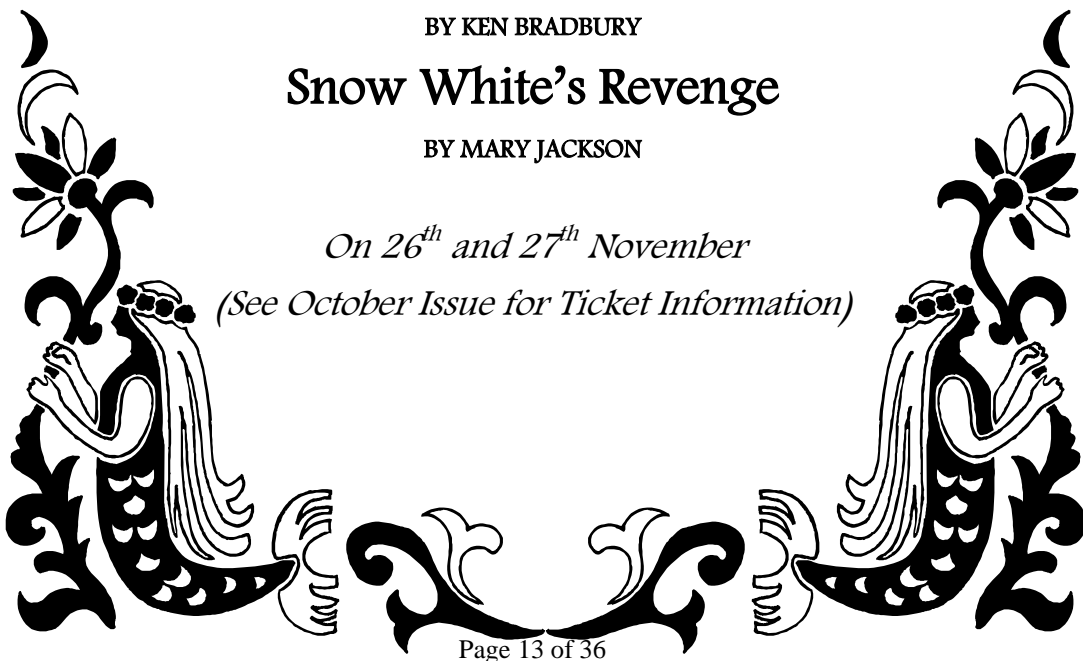
BY KEN BRADBURY

Snow White's Revenge

BY MARY JACKSON

On 26th and 27th November

(See October Issue for Ticket Information)



The Movies are
back !!!



CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

INVICTUS (12A)

Directed by Clint Eastwood, this is the true story of how Nelson Mandela joins forces with François Pienaar to rally South Africa's underdog rugby team as they make an unlikely bid for the 1995 World Cup Championship. Starring Oscar nominees Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon

In Chilbolton Village Hall

on

Friday, 1st October, 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

Grand Tour Part Three – first 4 weeks in Oz



We arrived in Perth, having flown from Auckland (NZ) via Sydney, which was a very long trip and checked into the YHA. We initially put our watches back 2 hours on arrival at Sydney and then a further 3 hours on arriving in Perth.

Our first piece of excitement in Perth was when Hilary (my wife) was apprehended by a sniffer dog. We were “clean”, but apparently the dog could detect the residual smell of apples in her rucksack. The Ozzies, like the Americans, are very particular about what food items are brought into their country, so don’t think that carrying fruit is ok!

We spent our first full day in Perth, travelling by train to Freemantle, a suburb of Perth. “Freeo” as the Ozzies call it (they abbreviate every name given the opportunity) was very warm - 35degrees. Early evening we went to the cinema to see *Invictus*, the inspiring film about South Africa’s success in hosting the Rugby World Cup, when Nelson Mandela and Francois Pienaar, “collaborated” to bring success for the “Rainbow Nation”. The theme seemed very apt, because Perth is a very multi-racial city, home to many Asians of different backgrounds as well as Europeans.

Day two we took a bus trip around Perth to get our bearings. We saw some stunning views of the Perth skyline from the beautiful King’s Park - skyscrapers and the famous Swan River. Perth is very prosperous because of the “pull” of the Australian mining industry, which is situated to the north. The next day we travelled south by hire car to spend 3 days in the famous Margaret River region. We passed through the seaside towns of Bunbury and Bussleton en route. It was obvious that a great deal of investment was being made in these towns, and the mining industry was clearly funding it.

The Margaret River region and its wine industry was hosting the famous Cow Parade - life size, fibre glass cows, painted different colours by a number of different international artists. The cows are displayed in bars, on roofs and shops – anywhere they are likely to be seen. We had previously seen another Cow Parade in Costa Rica, so were keen to contrast and compare. On the day we returned to Perth, we visited an Aboriginal cultural centre – it was an enlightening visit. We learnt that Aborigines account for only about 2% of the population of Oz but that they are drawn from about 300 different tribes or groups.

Back in our Perth YHA, Hilary found herself talking to a Scottish welder in the laundry room, as you do – he had “got on his bike” from

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Kilmarnock, to find work. He was welding in the Oz mining industry, earning more than he could in the UK and also Sydney. His girlfriend was working in a bar earning 20\$ per hour! It was clear, that Perth and Western Australia (WA) are cash rich. Remember Aberdeen in its heyday?

After a week, we left WA to fly to the famous Alice Springs – the “red hot” centre of Oz. In Alice (notice the abbreviation) we stayed in a very nice motel (one up from a YHA!) Alice is a relatively tiny place, perhaps half the size of Andover, but known to many all over the world. We were here primarily to visit Ayers Rock (now known by its Aboriginal name Uluru) and Kings Canyon. The first day we left our apartment at 6.00am to travel by coach to the Canyon. We travelled for six hours along the single carriageway roads, which are what you encounter in the centre of Oz – no motorways or dual carriageways. We spent about 3 hours walking around the rim of the canyon – a bit like being in the US Mid-West, eventually arriving back in Alice at mid-night. Oz is a very big country!

The next day but one, we embarked on yet another 18 hour round trip by coach, to visit Uluru and the Olgas. It was a memorable day – the guides were knowledgeable and good fun, we walked around part of the base of Uluru – culminating in a champagne BBQ at sunset, along with a few hundred other people of course, all watching the colours of Uluru progressively change during about an hour or so – or was it the effects of the champagne? Whilst staying in Alice we also visited the Flying Doctor centre, the Telegraph Office museum and also a fascinating reptile centre, where we were encouraged to hold lizards of varying sizes as well as pose for photos with an adult python draped around our necks. I let Hilary go first with the python! We were also given a first aid course in dealing with snake bites (gulp!).



After 4 days we flew north to Darwin, with the objective of visiting the “nearby” Kakadu National Park and Katherine Gorge. Darwin, like Perth, is another fast growing Oz city. It is an important US military base, as well as being very close to South East Asia – so trade is very important to Darwin. As a consequence, the population of city is very mixed, being home to many of Chinese, Indian and Japanese descent, as well as to those with roots in Europe. Oz feels at ease with itself regarding the diversity of its population.

During our long day coach trip to Kakadu we saw crocodiles, known

as “salties”, wild buffalo, wallabies, two long necked turtles crossing the road, and various birds of prey. The highlight of the trip however was a 50 minute flight in a small seven-seater plane over the National Park – well just a part of it! It was a tremendous experience as we circled over various canyons with steep cliff faces, tall waterfalls and a vast expanse of bush.

From Darwin, where we stayed for 5 nights, we then flew to Melbourne, the second city of Oz, which has a population of about 4 million. It’s amazing to think that Melbourne and Sydney both have bigger populations than anywhere in the UK, with the exception of London. Once again, Melbourne felt very “young” and multi-cultural – both in terms of ethnicity and religion.

Melbourne combines both “the old” and “the new.” Nineteenth century public buildings sit alongside twentieth and twenty-first century tower blocks. It is also home to one of the most iconic sports stadiums in the world – Melbourne Cricket Ground, known as the MCG. We were able to walk to the MCG from the centre of Melbourne and have a guided tour around the ground, which hosts both Australian Rules Football, as well as cricket. It is huge modern, but tastefully built ground, with a seating capacity of 95,500. Adjacent to the MCG were at least three other stadia, including the Rod Laver tennis centre. All were very modern and stylish. The Ozzies love their sport!

One of the impressive things about Melbourne is the ease with which tourists can travel around the city. There are free tram and bus services, as well as other bus and rail services taking people out into the extensive suburbs – many in the south, like St. Kilda, bordering the sea.

Amongst the highlights of our week in Melbourne were a one day trip along the beautiful Great Ocean Road, stopping to photograph the “Twelve Apostles” and “London Bridge” and Healsville Sanctuary (the Oz equivalent of Whipsnade Zoo) where we saw Tasmanian Wild Devils, Dingos, Koalas, Emus and Duck Bill Platypus. This was Oz at its best! We also visited the Parliament Buildings in Melbourne for the State of Victoria and had the chance to talk to the Speaker of the Lower House about Ozzie politics. My big question was how many Ozzies actually understood Ozzie Government and who was responsible for what, because there are at least three levels – the National Government (or the Commonwealth), the State Government and Local Authorities, as we know them. Delegated government does cost money. By the way, the claiming of expenses has also recently been an issue in Oz – so it’s the same the whole world over!

NextOz – part 2 – travelling up the East coast

Phill Jennison



Dates for your Diary



4 th Sept	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30
5 th Sept	Golden Opera Moments	Norton Park	5.30
6 th Sept	Red Garter		
7 th Sept	Chilbolton PC	CVH	7.30
12 th Sept	British Heart Foundation Sponsored Walk	Meet South Street Car park Andover	10-10.30
11 th Sept	Last Night of the Proms	Wherwell Playing Fields	from 6.30pm
14 th Sept	Chilbolton Common public meeting	CVH	7.30
17 th Sept	Wherwell History Group	WVH	8.00
18 th Sept	Chilbolton Coffee Morning and 100 Club Draw	CVH	10.30
21 st Sept	Wherwell PC	WVH	7.30
21 st Sept	WI Meeting	CVH	8.00
24 th Sept	Harvest church decoration	St Mary the Less	10.00
26 th Sept	Chilbolton Harvest Festival and lunch	St Mary the Less/CVH	10.00/12.30
28 th Sept	Wherwell Wives Group	WVH	8.00
29 th Sept	Magazine Collation	CVH	6.00
1 st Oct	Invictus	CVH	7.30
3 RD Oct	Taize Service	St Mary the Less	6.00

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Theatres:

02/09/10 to 02/10/10: **A Voyage Round My Father.** By John Mortimer. Performances at 7.30pm (Mon-Wed), 2.30pm & 8pm (Thu & Sat, no matinee 02/09 & 04/09), 8pm (Fri) at Salisbury Playhouse. Tickets £13.50-£20. Tel (01722) 320333 www.salisburyplayhouse.com

13/09/10: **Ross Noble – Warm Up.** At Theatre Royal, Winchester at 8pm. Age recommendation 15+. Tickets £16. Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

18/09/10: **Arthur Smith – At Large.** At The Lights, Andover at 8pm. Tickets £15.50-£16.50 (concessions £14.50). Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk.

20/09/10 to 25/09/10: **Mindgame.** By Anthony Horowitz. Presented by RAODS at Plaza Theatre, Romsey at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 on 20th, £9 on 21st to 25th. Tel (01794) 512987 www.plazatheatre.co.uk

21/09/10 to 24/09/10: **Morecambe.** A celebration of the life of comic Eric Morecambe presented by Guy Masterson and Theatre Tours International at 2.30pm & 8pm at Theatre Royal, Winchester. Tickets £24 (£22 concession) evenings, £16 (£14 concession) matinees. Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

Music:

09/09/10: **Animals & Friends.** At The Lights, Andover at 7.45pm. Tickets £14-£15 (concessions £13). Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk.

11/09/10: **Last Night of the Proms-Southampton Concert Orchestra** at Hillier Gardens nr Romsey. Gates open at 6pm. Tickets £15, accompanied children (under 16s) free. Tel (01794) 369318 www.hilliergardens.org.uk

17/09/10: **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** perform at Romsey Abbey at 7.30pm. Tel (01794) 512987. www.romseynet.org.uk/musicromsey.htm

Other events:

25/09/10 & 26/09/10: **Michaelmas Fair.** At Fairground Craft & Design Centre, Weyhill near Andover from 10am to 4pm. Adults £1, children free. Tel (01264) 773438

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 every Friday, 7.30am – 1pm

Farmers' Market Dates:

12th September Winchester, 19th Sept Andover (Food Festival), 26th September Winchester

Wherwell History Group



An Illustrated talk by

Gerald Ponting

SCENES FROM A

HAMPSHIRE CHILDHOOD

Friday 17th September at 8.00pm



At Colonel Jenkin's
Memorial Hall
Wherwell SP11 7JJ

All Welcome Admission £3.00
Tea/Coffee Biscuits available

The Wherwell History Group

This month, I thought it would be interesting to look “**Back Through the Pages**” of the **Andover Advertiser** in 1985 – twenty-five years ago.

The economic failure of the Andover-Redbridge Canal

The idea of a canal was first mentioned as a commercial project in an Act of Parliament dated 1666, but more than 100 years passed before the route of the canal was first surveyed in 1770, by an engineer named Robert Whitworth. An Act of Authorisation was passed in 1789 and work commenced immediately. The canal, built at a cost of £48,000, was 22 miles long with 24 locks, which allowed a fall of 179 feet to sea level. The four locks closest to Wherwell were at Goodworth Clatford, mid-way between Westover and Cottonworth, Kitcombe bridge and Leckford (level with the church).

Some well-known Andover names (including Joshua Iremonger) were listed as promoters of the canal. They raised £35,000 in 350 equal shares, and the remaining £13,000 was taken up by way of a loan. The Andover Canal Company did not distribute a dividend throughout its life and the investors did not reap their expected reward.

By 1827, the canal company was really struggling and was eight years in arrears with its loan interest. Come 1851, things had picked up a little and the company was only one year in arrears with its loan interest. But, the death knell had already been sounded; for in 1846 the Manchester & Southampton Railway had agreed to buy the canal for £30,000. The canal ceased to function in 1859 and less than six years later the railway was opened on 6 March 1865.

The canal was marked out in quarters of a mile and on this the freight charges were based. The barges were up to 60 feet long and 8 feet wide, with a draught of less than 3 feet 6 inches. The barges were allowed to navigate between 4.00 am and 10.00 pm (quite a long working day!). Goods carried included coal, iron, wheat, flour, oats, malt, timber, stones, bricks, grass seed, sugar, tallow, soap, starch, tobacco, vinegar, spirits, beer, butter, fish, hemp, paper, rags & manure.

In 1840, Normandy stone was shipped across the channel from Caen to Southampton and conveyed to Andover by barge, for use in the building of St Mary's Church. The charge was seven shillings and sixpence (37.5p) for every ton transported, a specially reduced rate because of the vast amount of stone being conveyed. One of the last barges to use the canal was captained by a Mr Glasspool, and delivered six tons of iron to Mr Tasker at Clatford

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The Chilbolton Flower Show 1985

Despite the poor summer, 51 people put in a total of 206 entries in 40 different classes. The six classes in the children's section attracted more entries this year. Mrs Penny Burnfield presented an impressive array of cups. The Parish Council Challenge Cup for the holder of the highest points in the show was won by Mr. Charles Baverstock, who also won the Challenge Cup for produce. Mr George Leeves won the John Dale Challenge Cup for flowers and Mrs Maureen Prevett the WI Challenge Plate for cookery and homecraft.

Frances Batchelor, aged eight, won the Atkinson Challenge Cup for the highest number of points in the children's section and first prize in the four to eight age group. Rachel Prevett and Thomas Batchelor won the joint first prize in the nine to thirteen age group.

The working Crafts Fair, held in Bannuts Barn aroused much interest, with 22 craftsmen and women from all over Hampshire demonstrating their crafts. These included spinning, wood turning, glass engraving, metal cast animals, patchwork, smocking and bonsai jewellery. Flower Show committee members Mrs Sue Batchelor, Mrs Margaret Duffy, John and Betty Dale and David and Jan Waghorn arranged the Craft Show.

The Wherwell Sports and Fete 1985

Fete organisers were pleased with their efforts this year – the weather was excellent and the crowds large on Monday. Races went on through the afternoon, interspersed by a display of medieval combat by the 'Sword in the Stone' Society, and by a flying display from three microlight aircraft which arrived in close formation and swooped around the field to the delight of spectators.

At the end of the day, Lady Brecknock presented the cups and prizes and drew out the tickets for the grand draw. The main prizewinners were: penalty king – Dean Goodyear, runner up – Graham Howard. The hardworking goalies were Malcolm Rowles, Graham Howard and Ian Whitam. In the tug-o-war, Chilbolton managed to avenge their defeat by Wherwell over the last two years.

And finally ... there are several other cuttings of interest, some of which require further research. If anybody has information about local artists Sally Milligan and Susie Slater, or the Chilbolton Dance Group with trainer Marianne Frost, please telephone 860 560 or email the History Group (wherwellhistory@gmail.com).

Andrew Flanagan



Andover and District

Have you a lively interest in your community?

We need a little volunteer help and advice! We're looking for people to be "local links" between Age Concern and their village. No set times- just a flexible, friendly approach. For more details on this and other ways to support your local Age Concern, call Iris on 01264 354425 or e-mail acandover@hotmail.com



WHY WATCH THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS AT HOME?



**Experience the atmosphere at Wherwell Playing Fields
on Saturday 11th September 2010**

Live music (choral, jazz and opera) from 6.30pm to 9.00pm followed by giant screen projection of the "**Last Night of the Proms from the Royal Albert Hall**" until 11.00pm.

Each ticket includes a Hog Roast and dessert.

Full licensed bar will be available.

All profits in aid the Countess of Brecknock Hospice
and Wherwell Playing Fields.

Adults £15; Children £10; and Family Ticket £40

Ticket sold in advance only from:

Richard Rowles (01264861101: email richard@rowles.co.uk)

Or Diane Newell (01264720464:

email diane.newell@btinternet.com)

Or via the village website www.wherwell.net

New to Chilbolton
Coffee Morning



To be held in the Village Hall
Every third Saturday of the month,
between 10.30 and 12.pm.
Starting Saturday September the 18th.



Everyone welcome. This includes all the family

Come for a chat and to meet other villagers.

Have a coffee or tea with biscuits for just £1.

This also includes a raffle, Books and CDs will be on sale

For more information contact Sheila Laughton 860460,
Lesley Boswell 860127 and Debbie Richardson 861082



GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY IN THE AREA
SEPTEMBER 2010

Sunday 5th September

Longstock Park Water Garden is open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of The Rainbow Centre. Admission is £5 for adults, £1 for children under 14. Teas are available at Longstock Park Nursery. www.longstockpark.co.uk

Saturday 11^h September

The Buildings, Broughton, Stockbridge open for The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £3, children free (share to Friends of St Mary's Broughton and St James' Bossington. Home-made teas. www.ngs.org.uk

Sunday 12th September

The Buildings, Broughton, Stockbridge open for The National Gardens Scheme. Details as 11th September.

Sunday 19th September

Longstock Park Water Garden is open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of Lanterns Children's Centre. Details as 5th September.

Global Warming - snapshot from the Rajasthan Desert of India.

Many people from both Wherwell and Chilbolton have, over the years, been generous in supporting the work of the charity, *Wells for India*,¹ founded in 1987 by Nicholas Grey (my husband) and myself. Our goal is to achieve “water security and dignity” to some of the poorest and most vulnerable people of the desert state of Rajasthan, in north-west India. This we do by catching and trapping monsoon water in traditional ways, called the “ancient wisdom of the desert people.” Once water flows in a village and the long, weary search for it – the task of women- is over, life returns, and it is possible to focus on health, education, the lives of women and children as well as the improvement of agriculture.

But these are days of mounting concern about global warming: while parts of England have been enduring hose-pipe bans, lawns have turned yellow and semi-drought conditions prevailed, people in many states of India watched anxiously the path of the monsoon – the annual rainfall on which they are acutely dependent for their very survival. And the wider context in which poor farmers wait for rain is one where the world thinks of India as an increasingly powerful nation, where individuals are acquiring immense wealth. The 2009 Asia-Pacific Wealth Report notes that the number of extremely wealthy people in India² is expected to be more than three times its 2008 size by the year 2018, with emergent wealth playing a key role. At the same time, the other face of India is one of increasing poverty: *India is home to roughly one-third of all poor people in the world. It also has a higher proportion of its population living on less than \$2 per day than even sub-Saharan Africa.* 8 Indian states have more poor than 26 of the poorest African nations and one of these is Rajasthan.

In a recent visit in February, Nicholas and I caught a glimpse of what this means. We were taken with one of our partners to a remote district - Kotra- in the Aravali hills south of the ancient city of Udaipur in south Rajasthan. In one village we encountered communities poorer than we had ever seen. There was no agriculture, water had to be carried from a distance of 5 km, and people were constantly hungry. For nine months they ate only a

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few chapattis³ a day, for the other three just water and buttermilk. Children went to be hungry and were on the edge of starvation. Infant mortality was high. This had an effect on community relationships - and people were constantly in conflict with each other. In fact the name of one village was “They murdered the dog” – another was “They murdered the sheep”. The police were afraid to approach them. As these people are so remote and poor, medical help is non –existent. The day we visited a young woman of 24 had just died of fever. Hopefully our projects can begin to make a difference.

Sadly, the signs this year are that rain is scanty and patchy – once again, a drought year. Global warming is meaning that drought alternates with flooding. The water crisis has already taken its toll even on cattle, especially in the rural areas, where the farmers - unable to provide for fodder and water - are either abandoning the animals or selling them. When you see groups of cattle wandering in the desert it is a sign of encroaching crisis. The spectre of famine haunts. It is a cry to us, beginning to be aware of the crucial value of water in our own society, that to doubt the seriousness of the reality of global warming and its effect on the most vulnerable people in the world is not an option for responsible people.

Mary Grey
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¹ See www.wellsforindia.org. We have an office in Winchester, with a UK Manager, and a small office in Udaipur, Rajasthan staffed by 4 people.

² These are known as HNWI – high net worth individuals, about 120,000 people.

³ Chappatis are similar to pancakes- made with flour and water. They form the staple diet.

Chilbolton Fete – Thank You

Dear Friends,

This article just missed inclusion into the August issue, so apologies for the delay. The Chilbolton fete on June 26th proved to be another wonderful success this year. The event was generously hosted by Tessa and Richard Youell and we enjoyed splendid weather in their large and beautiful garden. One of the wonderful things about a fete is the way in which everyone can participate from the youngest to the oldest. Of course there were lots of stall holders and people running games, but then so many people had given bric-a-brac, books, cakes and prizes, while others had set up the tables required. It seemed to me that those running the barbecue had the toughest job as they melted slowly in the combined heat of the sun and the cooking, with great good humour, throughout the afternoon. Particular thanks must go to Jeannie Goodeve-Docker and Jennie Pope for motivating and managing the whole team once again.

The phrase emerging from the politicians at the moment is ‘The Big Community’; it is all about helping one another and pulling together. It may be new to the cities, but here in the villages community is alive and flourishing. Well done Chilbolton!

Juliet Montague



CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE 2011 CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

To bring together the already successful stalls, side shows and competitions that go to make up this enjoyable annual Village Event which is an important fund raiser for Chilbolton Church.

Please, if you are willing to help in this way or any other, contact Jane Spence on 860726 or Jeannie Goodeve-Docker on 860792.



Calling Friends of West Down! New Season 2010/2011

News from West Down

As I'm sure you've noticed we've moved 3 cows back on to West Down to continue the grazing programme from last year. They will be tackling the young sycamore re-growth and keeping the grass in good condition to improve the chalk grassland and encourage the butterflies to continue to increase in number and variety.

If you're a regular visitor to the site I'm sure you'll see us working on the Down during the rest of the month as we plan to sow grass seed on the area we cleared last year, (weather permitting of course). We have already removed large amounts of rubble and metalwork from this area and are having 2 volunteer days to help us clear the remaining wood. We will be mowing and harrowing in order to prepare the ground and then sowing seed to restore the bare areas. We have spent some time finding the most appropriate mix of seed with local provenance in order to ensure it will do well on the site.

We would appreciate your help in maintaining and improving this site for the future so from October Friends of West Down will be running a practical task on the second Tuesday of every month. It's a great opportunity to benefit the Down whilst making new friends and keeping fit!

The dates are:

Tues 12th Oct
Tues 9th Nov
Tues 14th Dec

Tues 11th Jan
Tues 8th Feb
Tues 8th Mar



First Task of the Season

Tuesday 12th October 2010

Help remove sycamore seedlings

Meet top car park at 10.00am.

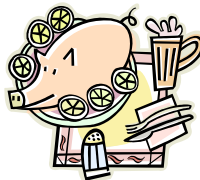
Please wear stout foot wear and gloves

If you have them please bring loppers and bowsaws.

For more information please ring the Countryside Service on 01962 860948

Jane's Kitchen

Cherries are in abundance this year and so are new recipes. I made this for a BBQ recently and was asked to 'put it in the magazine please', so here it is.



Cherry and Almond Flan

Serves 8.

Using a loose bottomed flan tin about 20cm, line with rich shortcrust pastry, home or ready-made. Preheat oven to 190/375F/Mk5.

Filling

150g white marzipan

Zest of 2 lemons

50g plain flour

3 med eggs

200ml creme fraiche

300g fresh cherries pitted

2 tbsps flaked almonds

icing sugar for dusting



Grate the marzipan and add the lemon zest and flour, mix well. In a separate bowl beat the eggs and add the creme fraiche add to the marzipan mixture and turn into the pastry case. Bake for 15 minutes until the top is just beginning to set. Remove from the oven and scatter the cherries over with the flaked almonds gently pushing them into the mixture. Bake for another 30-35 minutes or until the filling is lightly set in the centre. Dust with icing sugar.

MIDDAY MUMS

Please note, everyone, that there will be **NO** meeting this month as both Annette and Susan will be away on the third Monday. However, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 18th October.

British Heart Foundation Sponsored Walk September 12th 2010

This year the walk offers two alternatives: 9 miles starting in Stockbridge or 5 miles starting in Chilbolton. Participants will need to sign in at the South Street Car Park (opposite the Police Station) in Andover between 10.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. You will then be taken, by vintage bus, to your choice of start point (Stockbridge or Chilbolton) to start your walk. However, if you live in Chilbolton or nearby and wish to do the shorter walk, it will start from the recycling centre, at the far end of West Down, at 11a.m. approximately. This may remove the necessity to travel initially to Andover (we can book you in at the finish) but you will have to provide your own transport back to Chilbolton after the walk. Both walks will end at the Salvation Army Citadel, just round the corner from the start point in South Street, where tea and biscuits will be provided.

Please join us in raising some funds for this worthwhile charity which continues to fund facilities for heart surgery patients and research into heart disease. Sponsor forms are available from the British Heart Foundation shop at the top of Andover High Street or contact me for one or for further information.

Dave Waghorn Telephone 860408



Bee Diary September 2010



Who needs doctors?

Back in the days before the National Health Service, when visiting the doctor often cost money; I imagine people were more inclined to try natural remedies to their ailments before going to the expense of seeing a doctor. With modern medicines, many of these old remedies have been forgotten and not passed down. Honey has always been a vital constituent in many natural remedies, together with cinnamon and cider vinegar. My father always had a glass of honey and apple cider vinegar every morning, he reckoned it gave added vitality and prolonged life. The trouble was he tended to choke on the vinegar, we often thought it would cause his early demise.

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Ailment	Remedy
Arthritis	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Bad Breath	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Boils	Honey and Cider vinegar
Bladder Infections	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Cholesterol	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Colitis	Honey and Cider vinegar
Constipation	Honey
Coughs	Honey and Cider vinegar
Eczema	Honey and Cider vinegar
Tired sore eyes	Honey and Cider vinegar
Fatigue	Honey
Flatulence	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Hair Loss	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Hay Fever	Local Honey
Headaches	Honey
Healing wounds	Honey
High blood pressure	Honey and Cider vinegar
Boost to immune system	Honey
Indigestion	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Infertility (men)	Honey
Infertility (women)	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Impotence	Powdered cardamom, milk and honey
Insomnia	Honey and Cider vinegar
Longevity	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Mouth infections	Honey
Pimples	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Prevention of scarring	Honey
Sedative	Honey and hot milk
Sore Throat	Honey and Cider vinegar
Toothache	Honey and Cinnamon powder
Ulcers	Manuka Honey
Weight Loss	Honey and Cider vinegar





In Georgia, beekeepers use many bi products of the beehive in their diet; they even eat the developing larvae, the stored pollen and the royal jelly. I have heard it is not unusual for these people to live to 120 or more on the "beehive diet".

If we tried some of these remedies for our ailments, perhaps the Stockbridge Surgery waiting room would be less crowded.

Jolyon Pope



Chilbolton WI

Our July speaker was Mick Batchelor, who gave us a fascinating account of his trip to Peru, Machu Picchu and beyond. The accompanying slides made his talk all the more attractive and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present, including some members' husbands.

The Danebury Group Summer Lunch was held on 14th July and was a great success, despite having to be held in Longstock Village Hall, due to rain, instead of in Marjorie Andrews' lovely river garden.

We had no speaker in August, but enjoyed a social "get together" of our members in the Village Hall on 17th. In September Keith Taylor will come to tell us how to get the best from our digital cameras. Visitors will be welcome to join us. The NFWI AGM was held in Cardiff on 2nd June, but none of our members was able to attend.

At each meeting, our WI has a box ready to receive contributions from members for the Andover Food Bank, which provides food and essentials for local people in crisis, and we then deliver it to the Andover HQ. We are making this an ongoing project, and are grateful for any donations.

Dawn Rickatson



Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife



After last year's plethora of Painted Lady butterflies, many villagers have commented that this summer's garden butterflies are a bit disappointing. People have seen very few of the Red Admiral and Peacock butterflies that normally adorn our buddleia bushes in mid-summer, and hardly any Painted Ladies this year. But this doesn't mean that all butterflies have done badly. During my weekly transect counting on West Down and elsewhere, I've seen fairly average numbers of most species. And in my garden, there have been more Common Blue and Brown Argus than ever before. I'm particularly pleased that the Common Blue now appear to be breeding in the garden, thanks to the gradual spread of some Bird's-foot-trefoil that I planted in my little wild patch a few years ago. Bird's-foot-trefoil is the preferred food plant for the caterpillars of Common Blue.

Last month, I said I'd report back on how many of you had found the caterpillars of the rare Striped Lychnis moth. Well, actually, I haven't heard from anyone! This may be because, as luck would have it, it's a poor year for the species. Sheila and I have searched a number of sites in Wherwell and Chilbolton where we've regularly found it before, and we didn't find any. But the moth is still in the vicinity – and we did find several caterpillars near Forton, and in the MoD's Barton Stacey Training Area.

Looking forward to September, it's the time of year to look out for unusual birds as they migrate, or as they disperse from their regular breeding areas. Watch out for Wheatears on the fields near the Mark Way; these are birds that typically stand on fence-posts, and display a bright white rump as they fly from post to post. Or keep an eye open for another white-rumped bird along the river – the Green Sandpiper. In gardens, you might get a glimpse of a Redstart, with orange-red flicking tail. Or rarer still, you might be very lucky and see a Wryneck stopping off on its southwards journey from Scandinavia to feed on ants on your lawn.

Finally, a quick mention of a couple of dates for your diary:

- Chilbolton Common Open meeting – 14th September, 7.30pm.
- West Down volunteer work-party – 12th October, 10.00 am.

Full details of both of these are elsewhere in the magazine.

Glynne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)



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PARISH COUNCILLOR CYCLES FROM WINCHESTER TO GIBRALTAR BETWEEN 4TH SEPTEMBER AND 18TH SEPTEMBER

Just to prove that Parish Councillors do have a sense of humour, our own Andrew Gibson will be cycling 2,000 kms through France and Spain during September to help raise a target of £1M for Cancer Research UK. The ride will finish with a reception in Gibraltar.

There will be a daily blog on the website below and a regular update as to where the team of 24 riders, all from the Winchester area, will be from day to day. **www.inspireliving.org.uk/**

The initiative has been driven by Dr Tim Frank who lost his wife last year to breast cancer and is keen to promote healthy living as a way to reduce cancer and to raise money for additional research.

In the October edition we will let you know how it went !

If you wish to donate please go to the Just Giving website and look for CRUK and Andrew Gibson.

CHILBOLTON FOOTBALL CLUB INSPIRED BY PRE-SEASON PERFORMANCES

Chilbolton earned a well deserved draw in their third pre season friendly, this time at home to division 2 side Wallop Wanderers. Chilbolton came from behind twice in a good spirited game and played some good passing football at times. No one would deny there is still some work to be done but progress is being made which if continued should set the village side up nicely for the season to come.



Chilbolton FC Manager Sam Horne said “I am really encouraged by the improvement over the last month and how the new players are blending into the team. It is all looking very good for the coming season.”

Sam is also keen to attract some new players to the squad and would like to extend an invitation to you all to call him on 07789 517710 if you are interested to play.

The Club will be looking to work with the Parish Council to refurbish the Pavilion. This will allow us the kitchen facilities to offer tea and cakes at matches and encourage more supporters from the village. It is also hoped that we will be able to offer tea and coffee during and after the matches.

For further information on the Football Club and match date's please look at the website at www.chilboltonfc.co.uk If you feel that you would like to know more about the team or details of the training sessions please contact Andrew on 01264 861138

Andrew Gibson