

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

Welcome to the October edition of our magazine. Autumn is now upon us and the nights are longer than the days, the colours in the trees change daily and the flora and fauna around the village go to sleep until the spring. Autumn is a time for warm soup and long walks, reaping the last of our summer vegetables and thinking about winter vegetables.

Thanks should go to our parish councillors for running such a well attended meeting about the common. It was so well attended there was only standing room. Our common is such a valuable asset to both villages it was good to see so many of both communities united in attendance. We look future to seeing the report in future editions.

Also to remind you we are always seeking contributions and ideas for contributions. Our team of volunteer's works to tight deadlines to bring this magazine to you, so all contributions should be sent to us by 15th Month for inclusion. Finally a note to let you know that the magazine team on the September magazine was incorrect, it should have read Victoria Ramsey, Stephen MacDonald, Carole Marits, Chris Mason and Mike Keyes.

Carole Marits

Thank you to Sue Blazdell, Jim & Maggie Duffy and Hilary Jennison who produced this month's magazine, to Ed Treadwell for printing and Ray Blazdell and helpers for collation and distribution.

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

4th September - Baptism of Margaret Louise Jobbings

Flower Rota

St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell

2 Oct	Festival Group	
16/23 Oct	Mrs Whiteside	860530
30 Oct	Mrs Molden	860067

Chilbolton

Beryl Lawrence



Church Services October 2010					
	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Sunday 3rd October <i>The Eighteenth After Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion	8.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Harvest Festival					10.00 am
Taize Service	6.00 pm				
Wednesday 6th October					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme			2.30 pm		
Sunday 10th October <i>The Nineteenth After Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Family Communion (with SS)		10.00 am			
Harvest Festival			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Sunday School					4.00 pm
Evensong					6.00 pm
Wednesday 13th October					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 17th October <i>The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am	8.00 am		
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
Family Service					10.00 am
CW Holy Communion	10.00 am				
Matins				10.00 am	
Wednesday 20th October					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
BCP HC	10.30 am				
Thursday 21st October					
Flowerdown			2.30 pm		
Saturday 23rd October					
House Communion			10.00 am		
Sunday 24th October <i>Bible Sunday</i>					
Holy Communion					8.00 am
Family Service - REME	10.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
4 th Sunday Worship		10.00 am			
Service of Peace & Healing			6.00 pm		
Wednesday 27th October					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Meditation			7.00 pm		
Sunday 31st October <i>All Saints Sunday</i>					
5 th Sunday Family Communion		10.00 am			
All Souls	With WH				4.00 pm

Pause for Thought

THE RECTORY,
LITTLETON

October 2010

Dear Friends,

Just a couple of weeks ago we said farewell to another curate, as Jill Aussant left us to take up her ministry as assistant priest at Romsey Abbey, much closer to her home in Chandler's Ford. When Jill came to us three years ago it was not part of her plan. She went to Cuddesdon Theological College believing that she would return to the parishes of Compton and Otterbourne, but the vicar left unexpectedly, and just a few weeks before her ordination Jill was told that she could not return there without a training priest to oversee her curacy. So with little choice in the matter, she was strongly encouraged to come to us instead. Like most of us, Jill thought that she had control of her life, that she knew where she was going, and the experience of losing that control was far from easy for her. She came to us in a state of disorientation and frustration as most of us are when we have had the 'rug pulled from under us'. What happened over the following year was a remarkable transformation which I know Jill would attribute to the grace of God, but which I know also had a great deal to do with her strong sense of vocation, her commitment to what she had undertaken and her capacity for loving.

In the space of a year she had overcome the upheaval and grown to love us, as we had also grown to love her. Now her time as a curate has reached its natural conclusion and it was time for Jill to find a place where her travelling would be much less, and where her high church (Catholic) churchmanship could find greater expression. She will be sorely missed in this benefice for her quiet, faithful and sacrificial ministry among us. She has been a wonderful colleague, team member and good friend, but fortunately Romsey is not far away and knowing Jill, she will not forget us.

Jill's experience provides us with a living parable, for we all like to feel that we are in control of our life, and yet in an instant we can be knocked off course by redundancy, illness, the breakdown of a relationship, or bereavement – the list could go on. Just when we think we know where we are going we can find our world is turned upside down, and it is tempting to waste our energies railing against cruel fate, and being fearful of an uncertain future. But if, like Jill, we are able to open ourselves to the possibilities that lie ahead and trust that unlooked for blessings may await us along the unexpected path, we may find ourselves pleasantly surprised. Some would call this serendipity – happy chance- but Jill and I would call it the grace of God at work in us, giving us the strength to go forward and enabling us to find the good in any unwanted circumstance. We wish Jill and Victor every blessing for the future. May the grace of God be with us all!

With love in Christ,
Juliet Montague

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



**CAN YOU SPARE A LITTLE TIME, ONCE EVERY
FOUR MONTHS OR SO, TO HELP ON OUR
CHURCH CLEANING ROTA?**

We have recently lost several of our longstanding and valued helpers – Noreen Colvin, Di and Lawrence Wild, Jemma Fortune – who after many years of giving their time and energy, have decided it's time to hang up their duster, or in Jemma's case, she has moved to pastures new. A big thank-you to them for their dedication and reliability over the years. Anyone who feels able to give a little time to help care for our Church, please ring *Deborah Richardson 861082*. Many thanks.

Benefice Walking Week 16th to 22nd August 2010

Thirteen walks covering 63 miles, 110 walkers from 5 parishes, 12 water-wagoner stops, 2 sea crossings, 4 pub meals, and 84 people at the barbeque; the Benefice Walking Week was certainly a busy time for many, not to mention the weeks and months of planning that went into it beforehand.

The walks took place from Monday to Saturday, with half day (up to 5.5 miles) and full day (up to 11.5 miles) walks to choose from each day. The barbeque rounded it all off on the Sunday lunchtime.

Each of the walks had a link to a literary figure and were based around Minstead (Conan Doyle), Tennyson Down on the Isle of Wight

(Tennyson), Chawton (Jane Austen), Watership Down (Richard Adams), Selborne (Gilbert White), and Twyford (Keats and Trollope).

The walking week has taken place every two years for many years, old friendships are renewed and new ones made. This year the walks had in excess of 20 people from all five parishes of the Benefice.

The weather was fairly kind with perfect sunshine on the Monday and only some rain on the other days, but not enough to dampen anyone's spirits. Some excellent photographs were taken on Tennyson Down with the walkers shrouded in thick mist.

Many thanks to everyone who took part and all who were involved in the organisation of the week, particularly to Eryl and Clive Thompsett who provided such warm hospitality at the end of walk barbeque.

Trevor Mahood, Littleton

Putting a human face to our Ugandan connections

Four visitors from Madi & West Nile, our linked Diocese with Andover Deanery, will be visiting from 1 to 18 October. A programme is being put together to enable our visitors, two clergy and the Diocesan Secretary and the Planning & Development Coordinator, to see for themselves how we live in Hampshire. This is their first trip outside Africa.

Parishioners will have a real opportunity to hear about life in a rural Uganda at

Open Forum on Thursday 14 October in St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm

And in turn our visitors will be able to give their impressions of their visit. Please do all you can to ensure that everyone is aware of the visit and the opportunities to meet our guests – benefice activities are being arranged.

We will be looking for a number of people, from across the Deanery, who would like to take part in a return visit to Uganda in 2012. In particular we would like to encourage young people to take part.

*Jacquie Waller Overseas Committee member
(on behalf of Rev Andrew Ashdown)*

RYDAL 2011: Saturday 28th May to Saturday 4th June 2011

This popular bi-annual Benefice holiday will take place in May 2011. All from Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell communities are invited to join us and will be made most welcome.

Rydal Hall is set in beautiful grounds with fine views, right in the heart of the Lakes being less than two miles from Ambleside and three from Grasmere. It is the Carlisle Diocesan Conference Centre and Retreat house. You can relax in good company, enjoy super meals and delight in the peace of this lovely setting in whatever way suits you best. Each day, walks are arranged for all levels of ability or you can enjoy the many other amenities of the Lake District, such as boat trips, visits to country houses or drives around the area. Spiritual batteries can also be re-charged as there are daily services or reflections for those who wish to join in.

The upper limit on accommodation is 48 and there are single, double or triple rooms; all rooms are now en-suite and are to a high standard. Fuller details, including likely costs, are given on the sheets at the back of each church. Do take one, read it and give serious consideration to joining us on this super holiday. If requested, we can put you in touch with a previous attendee who can give you a flavour of how the magic of Rydal works.

Eryl & Clive Thompsett 01962 885039

Chilbolton Observatory

Following on from last month's announcement about the kind granting of the two new 'Permissive Paths' by the Chilbolton Observatory, I have been informed that during August, 4 men were caught walking their dogs on the private grounds of the Observatory, putting at risk expensive research. If this continues to happen, not only will the Observatory be forced to take legal action against any offenders but we stand a chance of losing the right to access the new paths going forward. Therefore please make sure that we all observe the rights of the land owners and do not trespass over their land! For clarification, please do not climb over any fence or open any gate to gain access to the Observatory land, without express permission from the Observatory. If you see anyone doing so, please report them to the Parish Council. If anyone has any issues relating to legal access to the land and their rights etc, please do not hesitate to either contact the Observatory directly or the Parish Council for advice and clarification.

Cllr Martin Gossling



Annual Village Quiz ***Compete for the Errol and Sue Trophy***

Friday 29th October 2010
Chilbolton Village Hall
7.00pm for 7.30 start

Maximum 8 people in a team – if you can't form a team then book a place and we will put together a team for you

Cost £7 per person to include supper.
(bring your own drink and glasses)

To book your place and help us with numbers for catering purposes
phone Graham on 01264 860795

(Proceeds from this event will go to the local charity Cruse Bereavement Care and the evening is being supported by the Mayor of Test Valley's charity appeal)

Heating oil 'tagged' to tackle rural theft in Hampshire

Police in rural parts of Hampshire have joined forces with farmers and the rural community in an attempt to trace stolen heating fuel by "tagging" it. They are working in the Test Valley to introduce a liquid substance which can be added to fuel to "chemically tag" it. If it is stolen it can then be traced back to its original owner. During September, free bottles of the substance will be given out to the rural community.

The initiative comes after fuel thefts quadrupled in western Hampshire last winter, police said. By adding just 100ml of the liquid to their oil tanks and putting stickers on them, rural residents and businesses can protect their fuel and deter thieves.

Seven premises in the Test Valley area have been targeted in August and police anticipate there could be an increase in thefts over the coming months as people fill up their heating fuel tanks ready for the colder weather.

A few oil tanks in Wherwell have already been tagged, if you want to know more about the scheme please contact PC Bill Williams from the Rural Safer Neighbourhoods team on 0845 045 4545.

Sue Blazdell

CARE GROUP

Thanks once again to our willing group of volunteer drivers, a further donation of £200 was made to Countess of Brecknock Hospice in September for which they expressed their gratitude.

Mike Davis 860594

ADVERTISING

October marks the beginning of a new advertising year for the Magazine. Once again some of the previous businesses have decided not to renew for a variety of reasons, however there have been more than enough new advertisements to fill our pages and I already have a waiting list for next year.

The income from these advertisements pays for the Magazine to be produced and enables it to be provided each month free of charge to about 750 households.

Please do have a good look through to spot the new advertisements and remind yourself of the huge variety of services on offer and if you do choose to use someone then please do let them know that you saw their advertisement in the Magazine – it all helps when it comes to renewal time!

During the year we are able to include Flyers for a charge of £25 – normally up to two per issue. If you would like to insert a flyer, we need 750 copies a couple of days before collation is scheduled and it's always better to reserve a space in advance by e-mailing or ringing me.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to all our advertisers and also to Bulpitt Print for their flexible, cheerful support whilst organising the various copy from around eighty different businesses. As always, if anyone has any questions or comments relating to advertising then please do get in touch.

Hilary Jennison

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Chilbolton Parish Council

With great regret the Council said farewell to Peter Collis, who felt obliged to resign his position due to the demands of a new job. The Council thanked him for his wisdom and commitment over the past four years.

The Council's focus this month has been the Parish Meeting to discuss the management of Cow Common. This precious asset is in danger of damage due to its discovery by fun seekers from some distance away. We would like to express our gratitude to PC John Viney and the Police support which helped the Common Committee handle the crowds on hot weekend days.

Close to 100 villagers from Chilbolton and Wherwell came to the meeting on 14 September to discuss the management of the Common. They heard about the status of the Common, what makes it special and how it is

currently managed. They heard about plans to improve the management and were invited to submit their views. The spontaneous applause which rang out showed the commitment of the villages to these proposals. A resume of the meeting will be prepared for a future magazine. Meanwhile anyone willing to help in the maintenance of the Common is invited to contact one of the Committee.

Two designs for a play area have been received and a draft agreement has been drawn up with Enterprise Inns regarding the use of a piece of land. The major question now is how to pay for it. In the current financial climate this is a challenge which the Parish Council are now having to address. Once we have a firm proposal, it will be presented to the village for their thoughts.

With Cllr Gibson away cycling from Winchester to Gibraltar in support of Cancer Research UK, a Hampshire County Council Report was not available, but he did pass on the welcome news that grit boxes would be delivered during October. This will coincide with preparations for winter and riparian owners should now take steps to ensure their surface water dispersal system is fit for purpose.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 8pm on Tuesday 5th October in the Durnford Room of the Village Hall.

Jeremy Baines
Chairman, Chilbolton Parish Council

The Wherwell Annual Quiz

Hosted by Brian & Lydia Knight

Saturday 13th November in Wherwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

Tickets £7 are available from:

Sue Blazdell 860462

Peter Granger 860870

Price includes supper

please bring your own drinks and glasses

All proceeds to Hall Improvement Fund



A Thought

I have a marvellous book with which one tries to seem learned, 'The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations' which was a wedding present to me in 1963. It has stood me in good stead, even if between the book and me we have never fooled anybody!

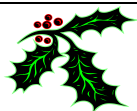
The first quotation under 'age' (with some two columns to choose from) is a bit of Shakespeare. 'The weariest and most loathed worldly life that age, ache, penury, and imprisonment can lay on nature, is a paradise to what we fear of death'

I have a feeling I have rather suddenly reached – wait for it - old age. After two falls in June I now have a red alarm button to wear, and a blue disabled parking permit, and a succession of medical tests which have not signified very much. But the trouble is that one (me) feels old and therefore perhaps one might look at that quotation again. Well, I certainly do not qualify for weariest and loathed worldly life. I have enjoyed my life and would not change much in it. Aches, yes plenty of those; penury, pretty close but scraped by; imprisonment, never too late but so far avoided or evaded.

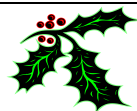
So with age comes perhaps a different sense of proportion and perspective. The crises of the past are gone, while perhaps family, manners, patience count for more. But the key is in the last phrase, 'is a paradise to what we fear of death' Do we? I am sure that there is 'life after death', and I hope I have often said so. And if that is so, then it is all part of God's creation, and this life is a low-key introduction to the life to come.

I don't want to go there quite yet, but I hope when the time comes people may be able to recognise, 'it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known'.

Piers Warburton



Advance notice!



Wherwell Christmas Fayre

2pm Sunday 28th November 2010

in Wherwell Village Hall

followed by Advent Carols by candlelight
in St Peter & Holy Cross Church at 4.30 pm

CHILBOLTON PLAYERS

PRESENT

NOT SO GRIMM FAIRY
TALES

3 SHORT PLAYS

Sir Saddlesore and the Dragon

BY DAVID LEMASTER

Snow...Sort of...White

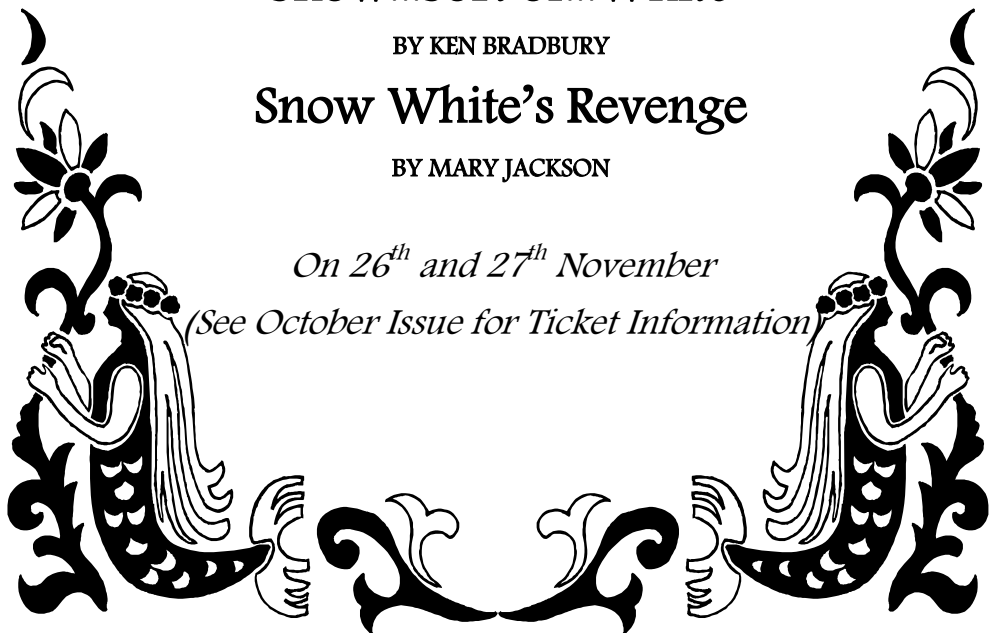
BY KEN BRADBURY

Snow White's Revenge

BY MARY JACKSON

On 26th and 27th November

(See October Issue for Ticket Information)



Chilbolton Players need help!

The Players are best known for their productions on stage, and very grateful for the fantastic support we receive from the village.

However, the actors on stage are supported by just as many people working behind the scenes. You don't have to crave the attention and the footlights to enjoy being part of a production. In fact, most of our supporting crew definitely do not want to be on stage!

We have two openings coming up that require people of a technical disposition: a lighting engineer and a sound engineer. 'Engineer' is a bit of a grand title, but both positions require the person to work with the director to design the lighting or sound effects, then set up and work the equipment both during rehearsals and the productions. The lighting sets the ambience of a production, makes sure the audience can see the stage, and provides visual effects during the show. The sound highlights a specific event - the creaking door, the gun shot, or maybe stands in for a whole crowd in the background. Timing for both jobs is essential and training is supplied!

The jobs are not onerous, but do require a commitment to be available on a Wednesday evening and a couple of Sunday afternoons for a few weeks before a show, and obviously on the nights the plays are staged.

If you are interested in learning more about either role please contact

Andrew Coombes

Email: andrew@chalkdellcottage.net Tel: 860886

What is Cruse Bereavement Care?

Everybody suffers a bereavement at some point in their life, whether it be a member of the family, a work colleague or the death of a friend. Some people need help to understand their grief and to cope with their loss. Cruse Bereavement Care offer that help and support. The Andover and district branch was formed over 15 years ago and has 20 fully trained volunteers to offer that support on a one to one basis. There are volunteers who are especially trained to help children and families of the Armed Forces.

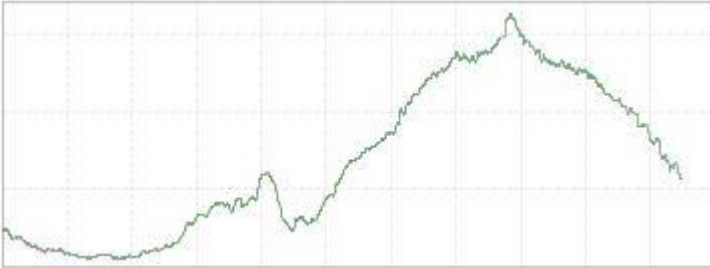
Although part of a national organisation all branches or areas have to be self funding. There is no charge for the service that is offered and so we rely on donations, fund-raising events and small grants to help us provide the Helpline, pay travelling expenses to the volunteers and pay for the specialised training courses to ensure that we provide the best possible service.

We are therefore very appreciative of being chosen to benefit from the proceeds of the Quiz Night.

Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline 01264 336006

Andy Finn Appeal

I'm planning to celebrate the 2500th anniversary of Battle of Marathon on the 31st October this year, along with a few thousand others, by following in the footsteps of Pheidippides' from Marathon to Athens. I'm hoping to avoid the dropping dead bit, although given my severe lack of training due to various setbacks and the course profile, that's not going to be easy.



I'm paying all my own expenses and my employer will also be matching any sponsorship I raise, so every pound you donate counts double and goes to Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

You can sponsor me using my just giving web page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Andy-Finn-Emulates-Pheidippides>

Or there will be sponsor forms in the shop.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity,

Andy Finn

Wherwell Keep Fit Class

Fitness Classes on Tuesday mornings have been running in Wherwell now for six months. We have a loyal core following, but would welcome new members. Come and try it – I have and I really enjoy it. It starts Tuesdays off with a bang! For more information please give me a call.

Andrew Flanagan 860560

Book Launch at Wherwell Priory

The evening of August 28th was one of the very few fine evenings in August, which was lucky because around 150 people gathered on the lawn in front of Wherwell Priory to witness the launch of Dr Rhoda Bucknill's booklet entitled '*The Foundations of Wherwell Abbey*'. Introducing her work, Rhoda treated us to a 10 minute whisk through the early history of the Abbey, the everyday life of a nun in Wherwell, and invited us to imagine how a mediaeval villager viewed the world.

The guests then enjoyed a glass of Pimms while wandering around the site of the old Abbey church which Clare and James Hogg had marked out on the lawn in front of the Priory house. Rhoda signed and sold many copies of the booklet, generously raising a good deal of money towards the Wherwell Church Roof Restoration Project.

We received several requests to re-print Rhoda address in the parish magazine, so here it is:

In compiling my booklet *The Foundations of Wherwell Abbey* it was my deliberate intention to create a popular booklet, not so heavy going as my 60,000 word analytical thesis which concentrates on the economic affairs of the abbey, but one that everyone could enjoy and one that would help explode the myth that medieval history was boring and incomprehensible. There is plenty in my story to excite and to shock : murder, intrigue, scandal, famine, fire and destitution and so on, as well as some stories to inspire. This is what medieval chroniclers and present day journalists have in common: they both strive to attract their readers, to tell and to sell their tale, and here I am doing the same thing.

But this evening, as we stand on the site of the old abbey, whose buried skeleton lies outlined before us, I'd like to try and conjure up the kernel of the meaning of all this, and to remind you of the timeless routine of prayer and devotion to God faithfully carried out by a community of nuns here for over 600 years. And now all gone.

We need to make a huge leap of the imagination to try and understand the minds of those who worshipped and served here, to reach back from our own secular age into this other world. These nuns had vowed to give a lifetime of service to God on behalf of the whole of humanity. They saw their world as being full of peril and belief in the supernatural was shared by rich and poor alike.

How many of us today believe that we encountered the Virgin Mary, the Archangel Gabriel and numerous terrifying demons just this last week as we went about our daily lives? The historian Robert Bartlett is not alone in suggesting that belief in these encounters was once commonplace, and a part of every day life. Furthermore, the Day of Judgement was believed to be imminent. In response to this, the church had declared an unremitting war against Satan, which it believed could only be maintained by the strenuous effort of its most dedicated disciples. This was too much to expect of the common man, and even the secular priests. Absolute purity, and that meant celibacy, must be adhered to, and thus it was that the monks and nuns of Christian Europe bore the chief burden of mankind's struggle, interceding with those who had gone before and acting as the principal mediators between this world and the next. It was their role to maintain the ceaseless task of prayer, reading, work and dedication which alone could conquer the evil that stalked the world.

The nuns at Wherwell followed the Rule of the sixth century Italian monk, St Benedict but over the hundreds of years of the life of this abbey later visionaries recast the same theme. Today, August 28th, is the feast of St. Augustine, one of the

great Fathers of the Church, who wrote the influential *City of God*. In this he outlined his vision of the church as representing the heavenly kingdom, the City of God, a city ruled by love; he believed that this kingdom would triumph over the earthly cities which were ruled by pride and self interest.

Do you wish to rise ? Then begin by descending.

You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds ?

Lay first the foundation of humility.

Difficult words to accept, perhaps, as we behold the fate of Wherwell Abbey today.

As well as the moral discipline demanded of the monasteries, there were the intellectual demands . Even something as simple as the monastic calendar looks like mumbo-jumbo to us today. The layout was intricate, and special knowledge was required to interpret it. We look at it now and can barely comprehend it. It contains quirkinesses and peculiarities which drive present day students nutty. For instance, today, is not just the Feast of St Augustine, still less, just August 28th, it is the V Kalends of September. All the monasteries in Europe conformed to the dating system that originated in Roman times. This system divided each month into periods of Kalends, Nones and Ides and the numbering went back to front. Remember the Ides of March, such a fateful day for Julius Caesar ? This little touch drives home to us how very old, rooted and complicated a lot of this ritual was, and knowledge of it was the preserve of the Church of Rome.

For the majority of us, this link with the past is lost, only a few of us know Latin and we question many of the basic tenets of belief. Incidentally, the Bishop's visitation records of the 14th century show how exasperated they were with the nuns' poor knowledge of Latin, even in those times. But the most important difference I think, is that we are less afraid. The point about the popularity of the monasteries is that medieval man feared desperately for his own salvation, and he supported the monasteries so that the monks and nuns would pray on his behalf. In an age when the fear of God was widespread, and the spectre of hell a reality, this was a desperately important task. Like life insurance. Document after document in the Wherwell cartulary, which was the main historical source for my doctorate thesis, contains words like these: *I Ralph Falconer, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my ancestors and heirs, give to the church of St. Cross and to the Abbess and Convent of Wherwell, I mark of rent in East Aston.....for the salvation of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and heirs.....for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my ancestors and heirs.* On such hopes Wherwell was founded and maintained for generations. For fear of God.

It would be a mistake, however, to think that the ordered life of prayer continued totally uninterrupted. Apart from the obvious destruction caused by outside forces which I chronicle in my booklet, monasticism was continually being reformed and reinvented. I make much of the renewal of the Abbey's fortunes at the end of the twelfth century, when the foundations of the great abbey which we are looking at this evening were laid. But this in itself, was part of a wider rebuilding. Fear of God had to some extent been expelled by an exuberant Love of God as expressed by the great Cistercian leader, Bernard of Clairvaux. This was in part a celebration of the peace

and prosperity that had recently come to Europe. The Vikings had at last ceased their raiding and those tiresome young men who had been causing ceaseless mayhem at home had been dispatched to the Holy Land to fight the infidel. Bernard's vision set in train a great re-building and a great renewal of monasticism throughout Europe in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. To quote the chronicler, Ralph Glaber:

It seemed as though each Christian community were aiming to surpass all others in the splendour of construction, so widespread was this building expansion that it gave the world the appearance of having bestirred itself, of having cast off old age and having put on all over a white costume of the church.

Destroyed in 1141 and rebuilt by the end of the century, Wherwell took its place as one of the many lovely Romanesque buildings constructed in southern England at that time, only to be tragically destroyed again by Henry VIII in 1539.

What remains ?

It's up to us, isn't it ? I believe the collective memory is important which is why I am an historian. I believe we should try and learn and understand, and draw lessons from the past, but we must also find our own individual response, for really this is a sort of spiritual issue that touches us all, whether we are church goers or not.

How does it affect us when we learn of such effort and devotion, and see such a void in front of us ? To aid this contemplation, and to bring a touch of joy to this evening, two sisters from the Order of the Assumption are going to sing for us the *Salve Regina*, one of the great medieval antiphons, written by the eleventh century, scholar, composer and mathematician, Herman, monk of Reichenau, the great abbey on Lake Constance. It was so well known in its day, it was surely sung here regularly by the nuns of Wherwell .

Hail holy Queen, Mother of Mercy.

Our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To thee do we send you our sighs

Mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,

Thine eyes of mercy towards us

And after this, our exile.

Show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O clement, O Loving, O sweet Virgin Mary,

Pray for us mother of God,

That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ. In a nutshell, the belief that our life on earth is an exile which can only be brought to an end at our death when we return to our Heavenly Father, remains one of the most poignant expressions of medieval belief that there is, and contains the kernel of meaning which sustained the nuns of Wherwell for generations.

Anna Lipa

See also photograph on page 37.



Dates for your Diary



October			
1 st	Invictus	CVH	7.30pm
2 nd	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
3 rd	Taize Service	St Mary the Less	6.00pm
4 th	Red Garter		8.00pm
5 th	Chilbolton Parish Council	CVH	8.00pm
9 th	Plant Sale	CVH	10am – 1pm
12 th	Volunteer work	West Down	10.00 am
12 th	Longstock Garden Club	Longstock VH	7.30pm
14 th	Open Forum on Uganda	St Mary's, Andover	7.30pm
15 th	Wherwell History Group	WVH	8.00 pm
16 th	Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30am
16 th	Teddy Bears' Picnic	CVH	2-5pm
18 th	Mid-day Mums	WVH	12.30pm
19 th	WI	CVH	7.30pm
26 th	Wherwell Wives	WVH	8.00pm
26 th	Chilbolton horticultural Garden Visit		
28 th	Magazine Collation	CVH	6.00pm
29 th	Chilbolton Annual Quiz	CVH	7 for 7.30pm
November			
5 th			
6 th	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
13 th	Wherwell Annual Quiz	WVH	7.30pm
15 th	Mid-day Mums	WVH	12.30pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Theatres:

October productions at Salisbury Playhouse: 05/10/10 to 09/10/10 - **The Game** by Harold Brighouse; 12/10/10 to 16/10/10 - **Von Ribbentrop's Watch** by Laurence Marks & Maurice Gran; 19/10/10 to 23/10/10 – **Punk Rock** by Simon Stephens. Performances at 7.30pm (Tue & Wed), 2.30pm & 8pm (Thu & Sat), 8pm (Fri) at Salisbury Playhouse. Tickets £13.50-£20. Tel (01722) 320333 www.salisburyplayhouse.com

16/10/10: **The Sleeping Beauty**. Presented by Vienna Festival Ballet at The Lights, Andover at 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets £17-£18, Concessions £16, Children £12. Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk.

18/10/10 to 23/10/10: **HMS Pinafore**. By Gilbert and Sullivan. Presented by RAODS at Plaza Theatre, Romsey at 7.30pm & 2.30pm on Sat 23/10. Tickets £9 on 18th, £11 on 19th to 23rd. Not suitable for children under 5 years. Tel (01794) 512987 www.plazatheatre.co.uk

19/10/10 to 23/10/10: **Romeo & Juliet**. By William Shakespeare. Presented by Pilot Theatre and York Theatre Royal at 7.30pm & matinees (Thu) 1.30pm, (Sat) 2.30pm at Theatre Royal, Winchester. Tickets £16 (£14 concession) evenings, £12 (£10 concession) matinees. Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

Music:

01/10/10: **Organ Recital** given by David Liddle at Romsey Abbey at 7.30pm. Tel (01794) 512987. www.romseynet.org.uk/musicromsey.htm

02/10/10: **Test Valley Brass 40th Anniversary Concert**. At The Lights, Andover at 7.30pm. Tickets £8, Concessions £6, Family £20. Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk.

07/10/10 to 27/10/10: **Along These Lines**. An exhibition of drawings and prints at Hillier Gardens near Romsey. Gardens open 10am to dusk. Free admission to exhibition. Tel (01794) 369318 www.hilliergardens.org.uk

09/10/10: **Celtic Tenors**. At Theatre Royal, Winchester at 8pm. Tickets £17 (concessions £15). Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

Country Markets:

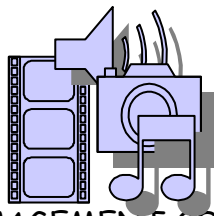
Country Markets are held weekly in Andover and Stockbridge selling homemade and local produce. The Stockbridge market is held in the Town Hall every Thursday, 10.00am - 12.00 noon. The Andover market is held outside the Guildhall every Friday, 7.30am – 1pm

Farmers' Market Dates:

03 Oct 2010 –Romsey	10 Oct 2010 –Winchester
17 Oct 2010 – Andover	31 Oct 2010 –Winchester

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

Come to the
Movies !!!



CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

Nowhere Boy ⁽¹⁵⁾

Directed by Sam Taylor-Wood, this is the story of John Lennon's childhood and youth, up to the Beatles' departure for Hamburg, with sharp scripting and outstanding performances by Bafta nominees

Kristin Scott-Thomas and Anne-Marie Duff

In Chilbolton Village Hall

on

Friday, 5th November, 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

Wince 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 Final Part – Honolulu and home

We left Cairns on 23 April to fly (via Sydney) to Honolulu which is the capital of the Hawaiian Islands. Hawaii is 20 hours behind Oz, so we arrived before we set off – a very interesting state of affairs! Honolulu is on the island of Oahu, one of the islands which make up the US state of Hawaii. Just out of interest - famous people born there include Barack Obama, Bette Midler and Nicole Kidman – yes really – Nicole Kidman (she has US and Australian citizenship as her parents are Australian).



Our first impression of Honolulu was the traffic – we couldn't believe how busy it was, or how built up it all is. We were staying in Waikiki – the beach made famous for us Brits (at least if you are old enough to remember) by *Hawaii 50* – can you remember the theme tune? We settled into our hotel – 15th floor, which we found a bit high really – particularly on the balcony - but suffered the height for the amazing sea views. Waikiki is a really 'buzzing' place – nightlife, beach life – it's all going on. Interestingly, the beach is man-made, which I hadn't realised. On our first day we took a public bus and spent 4 hours going around the island to get a feel for it. It has lots of different scenery – mountainous, beautiful beaches, calm seas, rough seas – very varied.

We bought a guide book and followed some of the tips eg. the most beautiful sunset can be enjoyed in a bar called '*House Without a Key*' at the Halekulani Hotel. They were right – it was amazing. We had a Mai Tai cocktail and watched the sun go down, were entertained with some Hawaiian dancing. The dancers, male and female, are so graceful. One of the dancers was a former Miss Hawaii.



The next day we visited Pearl Harbour, which is the top tourist destination in Hawaii. It was quite a sombre moment, particularly standing on the Arizona monument above the sunken ship, where small drips of oil still leak into the sea after 69 years. They are known as the teardrops of the Arizona. There were many Japanese tourists at Pearl Harbour, in fact they were very prominent in Oahu everywhere and we were told that it is mandatory for the children to learn Japanese in Hawaiian schools.

During the week we also visited the Iolani Palace – the only royal palace in the USA. The last queen was overthrown in 1893 and the palace was used by the government, but it has now been fully restored and operates as a museum. It is stunningly beautiful. In front of the palace is the Parliament House of Hawaii. We visited the House of Representatives where they were debating the Gay Civil Union bill, with supporters and opposers in the house listening to the debate, along with the TV cameras, so it was very lively (the bill was vetoed by the Governor, Linda Lingle in July this year). We then visited the Senate – where a relatively quiet debate was

taking place. Afterwards we went up to the Governor's office. On the door it said 'Aloha' – 'welcome', so we knocked and went in, where her PA insisted on taking a photograph of us at her desk! We were quite amazed how informal it all seemed after Australia and New Zealand parliament buildings, where security seemed much more to the fore.

We did a bit of walking in Oahu, spent most afternoons at the beach watching the surfers, catching the rays, having lunch –we know how to live! In the evenings, the shops are open late, so plenty of time for shopping. Compared to Australia and New Zealand prices were very low in Hawaii, so we did do a bit of spending there.

We flew home on 30 April via Los Angeles, leaving our hotel at 4am. The taxi company sent a stretch limo, so we arrived at the airport in style. We were collected at Heathrow by our youngest daughter, got back home and reflected on the experience. We had been away for 95 nights and I think we can both honestly say we enjoyed every minute of it – all of the countries we visited. We met some really interesting people – old and young, all nationalities. The backpacking was an experience, YHA's are friendly and welcoming, and to cap it all off – a luxurious week in Waikiki at the end – perfect!

Hilary Jennison



PLANT SALE!

She's back!

Who? - Dinah of Blooming Hill Plants, Somerset,
together with Test Valley Nursery of Romsey and
Cottage Gardens Nursery, Dorset

Where? - Chilbolton Village Hall

When? - **Saturday 9th October from 10-1pm**

End of season plant sale

Quality plants at clearance prices - from £1 upwards

Maggie Duffy

Chilbolton and Wherwell Flower Show 2010.

Despite the heavy rain-storms last week gardeners still managed to make it one of the best shows ever with more than forty entrants entering a total of nearly three hundred items. The judge, John Eckton, was impressed by the Fruit and Vegetables entered; he remarked that the standard of competition had improved year-on-year. Flowers had suffered from the storms but still brightened the display. The Food Section was better supported than ever. Our judge, Jo Dawes, was faced with groaning tables. Amongst the twelve classes there were ten boiled fruitcakes, nine chocolate cakes in the ladies' class, and five cakes in the men's class. The decorated cup-cakes were mouth-watering. The Craft Section photos were judged by Peter Dawes, a professional photographer. Pictures in the class entitled 'Holiday Fun' made him laugh as two depicted happy though rain-soaked holiday-makers. Needlewomen had made a number of attractive bags from recycled materials. Marks were given for ingenuity. This was a WI initiative; the bags are to be donated to the Hospital for patients to carry their bits and pieces around with them. The Floral Art Section attracted skilful arrangers; Mavis Cotton, our judge, considered Annette Keys' interpretation of 'Holiday of a Lifetime' very striking. There were entries from five children in the Junior Section with ingenious gardens on plates and delicious flapjack. Competition was fierce for the two cups, and each child was given a bulb in a pot to look after for the winter. The Reverend Stuart Rason kindly presented the Cups and, on behalf of all the competitors and visitors, thanked the committee for all its hard work.

Sue Batchelor

Chilbolton Flower Show Cup-Winners List 2010

1. Chronicle Cup for Vegetables and Fruit

First Mike Davis (24 points)
Second Sue Batchelor (17 points)
Third Annette Keys/ Nigel Goodeve-Docker (9 points each)

2. Dale Cup for Flowers

First Doreen Rowles (10 points)
Second Dawn Rickatson (9 points)
Third Annette Keys (8 points)

3. W.I.Plate for Food

First Sue Batchelor (14 points)
Second Sheila Evans (11 points)
Third Jane Spence (8 points)

4. Preveitt Award for Craft

First Sue Batchelor (11 points)
Second Glynne Evans (8 points)
Third Jane Green (6 points)

5. Marc Dale Cup for Floral Art

First Annette Keys (6 points)

Second Dawn Rickatson (5 points)
Third Sue Batchelor/Mary Gilbert (3 points each)

6a. Atkinson Trophy (under 8yrs)

First Poppy Williams (6 points)
Second William Lloyd (3 points)

6b. Bellis Cup (8-14yrs)

First Joe Drury (5 points)
Second Molly Williams (4 points)
Third Jacob Williams (2 points)

Parish Council Cup: most points in Show

First Sue Batchelor (50 points)
Second Annette Keys (29 points)
Third Mike Davis (26 points)

HELLO PUD-SWAN' ... Report 2010

THE NEW AND UNIQUE CHILDREN'S BOOK

Sold in aid of Naomi House Children's Hospice

For children in the 7-10 age group

The two highlights of this last year have been, firstly the production of the NEW VIDEO for the website, www.pud-swan.org and secondly the latest £1000 donation to the hospice on 24th July, making a total of £3000 raised from the sales of the book, since it was first published just before Christmas 2007... Thank you to all readers who have helped in this endeavour.

The video was kindly produced without charge, by TVPP a local Andover television production company as their contribution to the work of NAOMI HOUSE... do visit the website and see the children interacting with the story. Incidentally, the first twenty pages of PART ONE are now available for all to read on Google Books.

The whole set of three parts [in a slip-case] is still on sale for £20... each part may be purchased separately for £8.99. Orders may now be placed 'online' via the PAYPAL button on the website, or through any major bookshop **and** it is also available from the official NAOMI HOUSE website 'shop'... not forgetting also, from the author and publisher, who can be contacted on 01264-365-190.

As readers of my previous two reports will remember the book is INTERACTIVE in so far as the readers are encouraged to do all their own illustrations, and is entirely EDUCATIONAL in its story line, thus promoting imagination and learning.

'It makes a good gift and supports a good cause'

Bryan Beggs



Wherwell Christmas Fayre Sunday, 28th November

CAKE STALL

Please donate cakes, pies, cup cakes, breads, chutneys, jams, or whatever your baking speciality...

Bring to the Wherwell Village Hall between 12:30pm and 1pm,
Sunday, 28th November

Thank You Very Much !!

Judy Conte, Tel: 860 789

Longstock Garden Club

Do you enjoy your gardening but find the dark winter months a bit dull?

Why not come to our next meeting on 12th October when there will be a talk by Stuart Lees on 'Adventurous Container Gardening'.

Longstock Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month October to April in Longstock Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy an informal gathering that suits both amateur and professional gardeners alike with a speaker, refreshments and raffle for garden produce or plants.

We organise various trips each Summer. Next year's plans include visits to Frankham Farm and Mintern gardens near Dorchester, Chinthurst Lodge Garden and Loseley near Guildford and Mill Dene Garden near Westonbirt. Annual membership is only £8 while we ask £2 from guests for an evening.

Richard Richardson

Wherwell's Last Night at the Proms

From an idea chatted over after a couple of pints in the White Lion, Wherwell hosted its own Last Night at the Proms. What a treat we had in store – and all on our own doorstep!

The stages were set, the food and wine all arranged, tables and chairs set out, marquees decorated. We even had our own Prommers who came with tables, blankets – it was the real thing.

In the first half we were treated to live jazz from Jazz Inc., 'American Songbook' numbers from Sharon Vennall (what a voice!), blues from Elaine Mancini, probably better known to us as the landlady of the Cricketers in Longparish – who knew she could sing like that? We were then delighted by fantastic operatic singing from Janine Millward and the set was rounded off with a superb performance by our very own Wherwell Singers, finishing with all the artistes joining in on 'Summertime' – magical stuff!

During all this we were served with an excellent barbecue supper and puds, washed down with champagne and wine. At 9 o'clock, with amazing technology, it was over to the BBC so we could all share in the music from the Royal Albert Hall and wave our flags to the well known end. The odd rainstorm didn't deter us from enjoying the spectacle. We were all treated to a fantastic evening and could walk home – and we did!

I am constantly surprised at the wealth of talent that lies within Wherwell walls, be it musical, culinary, electrical, organisational or sheer muscle at getting the event set up.

Our thanks must go to Richard Rowles and everyone of the team who put together such a great night for us to enjoy. Many thanks and we look forward to the Last Night of the Proms, Wherwell, 2011.....!!

Sue Blazdell

See also photographs on pages 37 & 38.

Wherwell History Group



An Illustrated talk by
Don Bryan



Friday 15th October at 8.00pm

GUN RIOTS IN WINCHESTER

At Colonel Jenkin's Memorial Hall Wherwell SP11 7JJ

All Welcome Admission £3.00 Tea/Coffee Biscuits available

Friends of West Down



News from West Down

Many thanks to all of you who came up to help us clear more of the wood from the Down. We had a very enjoyable and productive day's work making piles of the smaller wood and taking away larger pieces for fire wood. Especially heartfelt thanks go to the two who came the next day as well to continue the work with a volunteer group who came up from Lepe Country Park to help out. As a result we have managed to clear a large area so we can get the harrow on site to disturb the top soil, because even as I write, the grass seed which we will be sowing later this Autumn is arriving at the depot.

We are pleased with the work the cattle are doing munching their way through sycamore leaves, nettles, thistles, brambles and the grass of course. They will be staying for several more weeks to continue the good work.

Dates for your dairies

From this month Friends of West Down will be running practical conservation events on the second Tuesday of every month. Why don't you give it a go, get out there and get involved. Make new friends, keep fit and help to improve the quality of the Down.

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

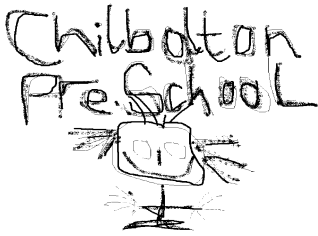
Help remove sycamore seedlings

Meet top car park at 10.00am.

Please wear stout foot wear and gloves.

If you have them please bring loppers and bow saws.

**For more information please ring the Countryside Service on
01962 860948 or Glynne Evans on 01264 860697**



We are so proud of our fantastic pre-school that we want to share it, by inviting you to a:

Teddy Bears Picnic
in our brand new, BIG lottery funded
Sensory Garden

2.00pm – 5.00pm

Saturday 16th October 2010

Chilbolton Village Hall, Eastman's Field, Chilbolton

Grand Opening of our Sensory Garden

Funded by the BIG lottery

Our New Charity Launch – 'Canine Partners' – bringing a puppy!

"Training assist dogs to transform the lives of people with disabilities"

Refreshments – come for a cup of tea and a cake

See our fantastic facilities – meet the team

Spaces still available at the pre-school – please ask for details

This is a community project and is open to everyone

We hope you can join us



CHILBOLTON Coffee Morning

To be held in the Village Hall

Every third Saturday of the month, between 10.30 and 12 pm

Our next meeting will be on October 16th

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 CD's will be on sale

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

Chilbolton WI

Keith Taylor from the Winchester Photographic Society joined us at our September meeting. He showed us stunning photos and explained why they work so well to gain our attention and interest. He offered tips on practical techniques and gave an insight into identifying a subject, selecting a context and considering composition and style to capture just such an image.

We meet again at 7.30 on October 19th at the Village Hall. Our meetings are always well attended and we were pleased to welcome visitors again this month. We are frequently joined by friends and husbands of members. Roger Savage has been invited to talk in October and we look forward to "The Ups and Downs of a Nurseryman".

Sue Keen, Secretary



Jane's Kitchen

I was delighted when Jane asked me to provide a jam recipe for this month's Jane's Kitchen. Here is a great recipe to make use of the bounty of 'help yourself' apples appearing at the side of the road throughout the village and the wonderful free gift of wild blackberries in the hedgerows.

Wild Blackberry and Apple Jam

(taken from 'The Basic Basics Jams, Preserves and Chutneys Handbook' by Marguerite Patten)

Makes 1.5kg/3½lb of jam

450g/1lb wild blackberries

450g/1lb cooking apples (weight when peeled and cored)

2 tablespoons water

900g/2lb sugar

Cooking time 25-30 minutes

I use preserving sugar not jam sugar as you don't need the added pectin and it gives a good finish to the jam.

Wash the berries in cold water and allow to drain well. Chop the apples into small pieces and put into the preserving pan (or any large pan) with the water. Simmer for 10 minutes then add the blackberries and continue cooking slowly until a soft puree. Add the sugar and stir over a low heat until dissolved then raise the heat and boil rapidly until setting point is reached. Spoon into hot jars, top with a waxed paper circle and then place a cellophane cover over the jar and seal.

The best way to test if the jam is set is to remove the pan from the heat and place a teaspoon of the hot jam onto a cold plate. Leave for a few minutes and then draw your finger through the centre of the jam. If the surface wrinkles well and the two halves remain separate, setting point has been reached. If not, boil again for 5 minutes and test again.

Sue Sheath



Bee Diary October 2010



Sense of humour required.....

Branch manager to tyre fitter, mid morning, business busy:

“Where have you been, I have been looking all over for you?”

Tyre fitter: “Oh, I just had to go and get a haircut”

Branch manager: “A haircut, you went out and had a haircut in company time?”

Tyre fitter: “Well, yes, it grows in company time, doesn’t it?”

Branch manager: “It doesn’t all grow in company time.”

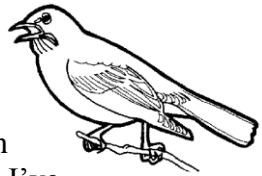
Tyre fitter: “Well, I didn’t have it all cut off, did I?!”

In bee-keeping, a sense of humour is also useful, particularly if bees get inside your veil when you are doing a hive inspection. John Fry and I subject each other to an elf and safety inspection to ensure our zips are done up before opening a hive of bees. Inevitably zips sometimes get left undone and you get that sinking feeling when one or more bees are buzzing around inside your veil. Bees have learnt over the millennia that mammals breathe out carbon dioxide and that the nose is a particularly good point of attack. Probably when a bear is raiding a hive, the only effective way of deterring it is for one or more bees to get inside the nose and sting. If it works for bears, then I can vouch from painful experience that it works very well for humans too, a sting inside the nose certainly brings tears to the eyes and a bright red conk the next day. I wonder if a bee attack could even be the source of that irritating expression “he really gets up my nose”. Next time a bee is buzzing round your face, try stopping breathing until it goes away.

During August, our twelve strongest colonies worked the New Forest heather near Slufers plantation. Each hive has to have a permit issued by the Forestry Commission. The ling heather was hardly flowering at all when we took the bees down in early August, everything was very dry, but they soon got to work. The bees came back to winter quarters in Chilbolton in early September. Most of the heather honey goes into the brood box as winter food for the bees, but the strongest stocks fill the supers as well. All hives have been treated with Thyme Oil aromatherapy to kill off the Varroa mites before settling down for winter. Our aim as always is to go into the autumn with strong colonies, heavy hives and a minimum of Varroa mites.

Jolyon Pope

Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife



I find it quite fascinating that regular and systematic recording of common birds and insects can often reveal some amazing things. Since 2003, I've contributed to the BTO's Garden Bird Watch project by every week noting the numbers of birds in my garden. That's over 400 weeks with a count for a dozen or so species in each week. The interesting bit is to now look at some of the numbers. The maximum number of Greenfinches noted in each of the eight years, 2003 to 2010, was 46, 34, 25, 27, 10, 13, 13, 9. We've gone from a maximum of 46 in the 6th week of 2003 down to just 10 in 2007 and scarcely any larger numbers since. Why should this be?

Well, we've known for some time that Greenfinches had begun to suffer from a disease called trichomonosis, a disease previously only regularly seen in pigeons. But in August scientists published a paper in the journal PLoS ONE that gives the full picture of how Greenfinches have been affected by trichomonosis. They report that the disease was identified in Greenfinches for the first time in 2005 and that in some areas of Britain Greenfinch populations then decreased by 35% between 2005 and 2007, exactly the same time that numbers dropped in Chilbolton. In fact my garden numbers seem to have gone down even more, but hopefully that's just a statistical variation.

For those who may be interested, *Trichomonas gallinae*, the cause of the disease, is a protozoan parasite and not a virus. Trichomonosis spreads where the saliva of an infected individual comes into contact with that of non-infected bird. This may well occur at garden feeding stations and at bird baths, so to reduce infection, it's important to keep these as clean as possible.

Finally, let me mention again that in October, monthly volunteer working-party days are starting on West Down. These will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from now till March. The first one is on

- **Tuesday 12th October, 10:00 am**, meeting at the top car-park.

If you're free, do come along and help remove some of the sycamore seedlings from the downland slope.

Glynne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)



MIDDAY MUMS

Midday Mums meet on the third Monday of the month in Wherwell Village Hall. This month it will be on Monday 18th October from 12.30pm, so please come. It's a great opportunity to meet other Mums while the children play.

Please bring something edible to share for lunch and make a note in your diary that the November lunch will be on the 15th.

Susan Ansell



Magazine Closing Date

Just a gentle reminder from the Magazine Team that the closing date for copy is the 15th of each month.

We have a team who put the magazine together each month and the process includes a Content Manager, First Editor, Setting Editor, Printer and finally the Collation & Distribution Manager plus the merry band at collation, so it is all time critical if everyone is to achieve their bit!

Because of the way the team works, each member has a span of time to carry out their specific role, so it is essential that copy is dealt with on time to allow the First Editor and Setting Editor time to complete the magazine ready for printing, collation and distribution.

As always, the email address to send in your copy is:

cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk

This email account is accessed from around the 8th to the 16th of the month as the Content Manager deals with emails received. Once the job is complete, the account may not be checked again until the following month.

Please remember, we are all volunteers, so we fit production of the magazine in around our everyday lives

Chilbolton FC – Monthly Update September 2010

League Results:

05.09.10 Chilbolton FC - 2 v Enham FC - 2

12.09.10 Chilbolton FC – 3 v Chute Reserves FC - 2



Chilbolton FC have started their season well with a draw against Enham and, this weekend, a victory against the highly rated Chute Reserves FC. After a solid pre-season which saw the team go from strength to strength we have now carried that form into the league and currently lie second. The team trains every Thursday evening down on the Memorial Playing Fields and the structured approach I am developing with my Coach Nick Horne is proving a hit and helping deliver results in the games.

With a lot of new faces, a new look kit and fresh approach Chilbolton are starting to see the rewards of their hard work over the last few months. With support from Hugo Fox.com who kindly paid for the new kit the team have a great new look for the season and its already proving to be a lucky strip!! We are also renewing links with the Abbotts Mitre who have provided post match food on home games for the players and are also looking at other potential areas for sponsorship.

We have also benefited from private sponsorship for the new season with Chilboltoners Steve and Diane Logan sponsoring new match balls which were very gratefully received, we do seem to lose a lot of balls in the hedges surrounding the pitch, put there by the opposition shooting of course!!! If anyone is interested in getting involved in sponsoring the team we would like to be able to carry on training during the week through the winter and would like to use one of the local schools sports halls and we would really appreciate any support. You can follow the fortunes of Chilbolton FC this season and also see the fixture list on our website. We welcome any supporters and offer a cup of tea and coffee to all (and if some baking has taken place possibly something to eat as well!!) Just go to the website below to see when the next home game is and we look forward to seeing you there - <http://www.chilboltonfc.co.uk/>.

Sam Horne (07969 055300) Manager

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and is followed by two pages of photographs
from the Wherwell History Group Scrapbook.

These photographs are displayed only in the internet version
of the magazine and were added after the paper version was printed.

These photographs relate to the Book Launch at Wherwell Priory
and the Proms Concert at Wherwell Playing Fields.



Rhoda Bucknill (centre) and Clare Hogg
at the book launch at Wherwell Priory (28th Aug)



Wherwell Singers & Soloists at Proms Concert (11th Sept)



Elaine Mancini with Jaz Inc at Proms Concert (11th Sept)



Audience participation at the Proms Concert (11th Sept)