

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

The mornings are getting colder and crisper and we are all hunkering down for the winter season, a rather wet summer now a distant memory. But there is plenty of cheer to be found in Chilbolton and Wherwell as autumn turns to winter – Christmas is nearly here now and we have a feast of activities for young and old! You can get out and about for some fresh air by helping clear up West Down (9th Nov) and the Chilbolton Churchyard (13th Nov), then test your brain power at the Wherwell Annual Quiz (13th Nov), or laugh and tremble at the Chilbolton Players light-hearted take on the Grimm Brothers (26th and 27th Nov). Finally, get all your Christmas presents at the Wherwell Christmas Fayre and the Chilbolton Christmas Fair (28th Nov). Keep wrapped up warm when out and about!

Euan Ramsay

Thank you to Ken Churchill, Terry Gilmour and Euan Ramsay who produced this month's magazine, to Terry Gilmour (again!) for printing and to Mike Keys and helpers for collation and distribution. Thanks too to Victoria Ramsay for her

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

30th September Funeral

Michelle Purver

CHILBOLTON CHURCH

There will be a one-day closure of the church whilst some of the floor boards are treated against wood boring insects. The date has not yet been fixed but is likely to be towards the end of November or early in December.

For more information please contact Lawrence Wild.

Church Services November 2010

| | St Mary the Less Chilbolton | St Mary's Crawley | St Catherine's Littleton | St Stephen's Sparsholt | St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday 7th November <i>The Third Sunday Before Advent</i> | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | 8.00 am | | | | |
| Family Communion | | | 10.00 am | 10.00 am | |
| Morning Worship with All Souls | | 10.00 am | | | |
| Matins with HC | | | | | 10.00 am |
| Evensong | 6.00 pm | | | | |
| Thursday 11th November | | | | | |
| Remembrance – War Memorials | 10.55 am | | 10.55 am | | |
| Sunday 14th November <i>The Second Sunday Before Advent Remembrance Sunday</i> | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | | | | 8.00 am | |
| Remembrance at Barracks | | | 10.30 am | | |
| Remembrance Communion Service | 11.00 am | | | | With CH |
| Remembrance Service – War Memorial | | 10.55 am | | 10.55 am | |
| Sunday School (village hall) | | | | | 4.00 pm |
| Evensong | | | | | 6.00 pm |
| Wednesday 17th November | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | 10.30 am | | 9.30 am | | |
| Thursday 18th November | | | | | |
| Flowerdown | | | 2.30pm | | |
| Sunday 21st November <i>Christ The King The Sunday Next Before Advent</i> | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | | 8.00 am | 8.00 am | | |
| CW Holy Communion | 10.00 am | | | | |
| Morning Worship | | | 10.00 am | | |
| Family Communion | | | | | 10.00 am |
| Matins | | | | 10.00 am | |
| Benefice Evensong | | | 6.00 pm | | |
| Wednesday 24th November | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | 10.30 am | | 9.30 am | | |
| Meditation | | | 7.00pm | | |
| Saturday 27th November | | | | | |
| House Communion | | | 10.00 am | | |
| Sunday 28th November <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i> | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | | | | | 8.00 am |
| Family Service | 10.00 am | | | | |
| Family Communion | | | 10.00 am | 10.00 am | |
| 4 th Sunday Worship with SS | | 10.00 am | | | |
| Candlelight Service (After Xmas Fair) | | | | | 4.30 pm |
| Advent Carol Service | | 6.00 pm | | | |
| Peace & Healing | | | 6.00 pm | | |
| Monday 29th November | | | | | |
| Wives Fellowship Advent | | | 10.30 am | | |



Tea @ Wherwell village hall every 2nd Sunday at 4-5.30 pm
14th November and 12th December

Breakfast @ Chilbolton Rectory every 4th Sunday at 8.45 followed
by the family service at St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton
24th October and 28th November (none in December)

if you would like any further information, please contact Rev'd Stuart
and Ros Rason, tel 860258 or Gaynor and Max Childs, tel 860044.

CAN YOU SPARE A LITTLE TIME TO HELP CHILBOLTON CHURCH?

We recently lost several of our longstanding and valued helpers – Noreen Colvin, Di and Lawrence Wild and Jemma Fortune – who after many years of giving their time and energy, have decided it's time to hang up their dusters or, in Jemma's case, to move 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 Chilbolton Church once every 4 months, please ring Deborah Richardson 861082. Many thanks.



Wherwell Church Flower Rota

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|--|----------------|--------|
| 30 th Oct. & 6 th Nov | Mrs. Moldon | 860067 |
| 13 th & 20 th November | Mrs. Henderson | 720231 |
| 27 th Nov. & 4 th Dec | Mrs. Conte | 860789 |

Chilbolton Church Flower Rota

November Annette Keys

Chilbolton Village Hall

The Hall continues to be a busy and well used Village amenity, with a good range of social and educational activities. Two activities are worthy of mention, one being a new function and the other a resumption of a regular feature.

Firstly: - there is now a regular coffee morning held on the third Saturday of each month from 10.30 am to mid-day. Admission is only £1.00, inclusive of coffee, biscuits and raffle. There is also a bring and buy feature table, so plenty of things to look at and the opportunity to socialise and catch up with all the news.

Secondly: - we have restarted our first Friday monthly evening film shows. However, with great regret, we felt it necessary to cancel the September show as ticket sales were small in number and it would not have been cost effective to continue. So, many apologies to those residents that did commit to purchase a ticket, sorry you were disappointed. Our next film show is on the 5th November, doors open at 6-45pm giving enough time to purchase and enjoy a glass of wine and/or a choc-ice before the film starts at 7-30pm. Coffee or tea is served during the interval, but without your support this facility cannot continue. So do please look out for the posters around the Village and book your tickets. The evening is bound to sparkle and go with a bang!

More News

The first draw of the 100's Club took place on the 18th September. Julie Lloyd won the first prize of £15.00 and I was the second prize winner with a £10.00 prize (oops!). Julia Booth won the Coffee Morning raffle prize. Please telephone me (861334) for a 100's Club application form if you have not already joined.

For Sale

We have a wheeled table tennis table that is in good condition, but unused and therefore surplus to requirements. If interested, please telephone me.

All these activities are necessary, but enjoyable, and mounted to generate funds for the well being and maintenance of the Hall. This is a vital focus for village activities and one that deserves your support.

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on the 8th November. It is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend, it commences at 8-00pm in the Durnford room.

John Temple
Chairman

**ST MARY THE LESS
CHILBOLTON
CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2010

**3-5pm
at Chilbolton Village Hall**

FREE ENTRANCE

**Christmas gifts (including jewellery,
wood craft and wooden toys), cards,
foods**

and much, much, more

Refreshments, including mulled wine

Visit Santa Claus

Cookery demonstration at 3.30pm

**COME ALONG AND JOIN
US!**

**For further details contact Mary Gilbert on 01264 861142
or Jackie Compton on 07771 610162**

Chilbolton Parish Council

The Flood Advisory Group met to check preparations for winter. They heard that the promised extra grit boxes should arrive this month. They noted Hampshire County Council plans to add some community roads to the priority one and two roads which are to be treated in severe weather. Leaf sweeping is planned for November as is the cleaning of culverts and drains. Riparian owners are urged to complete their preparations as well but all villagers are asked to note any drains which are blocked by debris and clear them if able.

Following the enthusiastic response by both Wherwell and Chilbolton to the proposals for the Common at the 14 September meeting, we are now planning to start the work, mindful of the need to cater for those of limited mobility as well as the fully fit. By the end of January, visitors to the Common will see:

- ◆ The existing parking area protected by dragon's teeth allowing it to recover
- ◆ A gate restricting access beyond the sleeper bridge over the stream thus limiting to 14 the number of cars on the common at any one time
- ◆ A traffic calming hump on the track at the edge of the cattle grid
- ◆ New signs changing the current "dog free area" sign to read "people and dog free area"
- ◆ New signs prohibiting the use of barbecue stoves on the Common

The reaction to the meeting on 14 September and contacts afterwards seemed to indicate a mood for a closer relationship between Wherwell and Chilbolton and perhaps, in the New Year, we might organise another one to inform the community of other amenities each Parish has. In the meantime, do note the 30th November, when Glynne Evans will give an illustrated talk on the flowers, birds and insects to be found on the Common. It will be in Chilbolton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council will next meet at 8pm on Tuesday 2nd November in the Durnford Room of Chilbolton 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 £7.00 (including supper) from:

Sue Blazdell 860462

Peter Granger 860870

**This is always a popular event so please book early Enter
either individually and join a team on the night or bring
your own team of up to 8 players**

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK & GLASSES

**There will be a raffle at half time with proceeds going to
the Hall improvement fund**

Wherwell PTA Newsletter

Annual General Meeting

The PTA held its Annual General Meeting on 4th October. Sally Hawke stepped down as Secretary and was thanked for all her hard work. The majority of existing Members have elected to serve on the Committee for another year:

Debra Armstrong – Chairperson

Julie Dinkele

Emma Way – Treasurer

Edel Dratwa

Jo Hancocks – Secretary

Claire Piggot

Leanne Baldwin

Julia Simmonds

Gaynor Childs

Vicky Trentham

Debbi Cook

We welcomed one new Member, Denise Hall, and a returning Member, Clare Gibson. If you would like to become a Member or Friend of the PTA, please contact either Debra or Jo. Our next meeting will take place on 1st November.

Your Class Representatives for 2010-11 are:

Class 1 Gaynor Childs Class 4 Mary Proctor

Class 2 Lynne Flynn Class 5 Julie Connor

Class 3 Nina Carey-Hodges and Trine Abildgaard

PTA Donations 2009-10

We are proud to report another very profitable year, largely thanks to our 'Sporting' Spring Fete which raised over £4000. Other notable fundraisers were the Christmas Hamper Raffle, the Quiz & Curry Night and Fun Run. Both the 'We Are Writers' book and the School tea towels proved to be extremely popular and financially rewarding. We were also fortunate to be awarded £400 from the Waitrose Community Giving fund.

Our donations to the school have helped fund the outdoor classroom, restore the pond and construct a new dipping platform, provide six new picnic benches, a visualiser (a digital presentation tool for the teachers) and music CD's.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Woodland and Pond Clearing – Saturday 6th November

URGENT - HELP WANTED! Please contact Claire Piggot if you are able to help.

Sponsored Hell Run – Saturday 27th November

Emma Way, Claire Piggot and Carmen Griffiths are currently in training for the Puma 'Hell Down South' multi-terrain 10-12 mile run held at Longmoor Military Camp in Bordon. According to the Hellrunner website, they will be "taking on nature at its toughest"! These tough cookies will be looking for sponsorship – more details to follow.

OTHER NEWS

School Website - CAN YOU HELP?

The school's new website is almost ready for launch, but support is needed to keep it up-to-date. Can anyone spare some time to work with the school and help with this important task? No experience necessary – training can be arranged! If you can help please contact Mr King.

Wherwell School Supporters' Club The Supporters Club currently has 29 members and the next Draw will take place the week before Half Term (£25 prize). Why not join in time for the £250 Christmas Draw? Contact Edel Dratwa for more information.

Easyfundraising Another great way to help raise funds. Use Easyfundraising to visit your favourite websites when shopping online and the school will benefit. If you have not yet registered then contact Debra Armstrong for more details.

There is a **PTA Suggestion Box** in the school office for your comments (polite ones only please!), fund raising ideas and wish list requests. The children are also welcome to contribute. You can contact us via the PTA tray in the School Office or our email address:

pta@wherwell.hants.sch.uk



Many of you will have seen me in recent months out on my bicycle. By the time that you read this article I will have, hopefully, completed my recent 450 km cycle ride across the Beijing Province of China, in aid of Women for Women.

Women for Women is Robert Winston's charity that raises funds to research the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a range of devastating conditions which affect childbirth, including genetic disease, miscarriage, still birth, pre-eclampsia, infertility, cancer and brain damage.

Every day in the UK 550 women experience a miscarriage. With up to 250 babies dying each week in the UK due to complications during pregnancy, this work has never been more essential for women and babies nationwide.

In March 2009 I completed a similar challenge in Cuba to support this groundbreaking medical research. In November 2011 I will be doing it again.... Next time I will be cycling 490 kms through Cambodia and Vietnam again over 5 days.

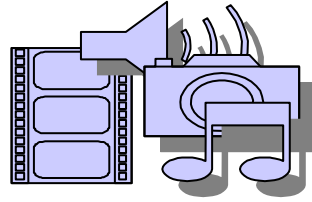
Thank you to everyone that has already sponsored me; with your help I have already raised £6,500+, but I have set myself a new target and want to reach £10,000.

I will be organising another Grand Ball on **Saturday 12th March 2011** with music by No Kan Do and catering by Taste. It is going to be a fabulous evening, so put the date in your diary now and more details will follow in the next issue.

Alternatively if you would like to sponsor me you can do so online at www.justgiving.co.uk/nina-cary-hodges or complete the sponsorship form in the village shop.

Thank you in advance. Nina Carey-Hodges (tel. 861281)

*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

Wine and choc ices will be on sale

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

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

3 SHORT PLAYS

Sir Saddlesore and the Dragon

Snow 'Sort of' White

Snow White's Revenge

**On 26th and 27th November
(and 2:30pm on the 27th)**

For ticket information please see

Richard Richardson

Tel: 01264 861082

Adults £6.50

Children £5.00





Dates for your Diary November



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| 2 nd Nov | Chilbolton PC | CVH | 8:00 pm |
| 3 rd Nov | Test Villages U3A | Grosvenor Hotel Stockbridge | 2:00 pm |
| 5 th Nov | Film <i>'Nowhere Boy'</i> | CVH | 7.30 pm |
| 8 th Nov | Chilbolton VH AGM | CVH | 8:00 pm |
| 9 th Nov | West Down Clear Up | West Down Car Park | 10:00 am |
| 9 th Nov | Longstock Garden Club | Longstock VH | 7:00 pm |
| 9 th Nov | Wherwell PC | WVH | 7:00 pm |
| 13 th Nov | Churchyard Clear Up | Chilbolton Church | 9:30 am |
| 13 th Nov | Wherwell Annual Quiz | WVH | 7:30 pm |
| 15 th Nov | Midday Mums | WVH | 12:30 pm |
| 18 th Nov | Wherwell School Open Morning | Wherwell School | 9:00 am |
| 19 th Nov | Heritage of the New Forest Talk | WVH | 8:00 pm |
| 20 th Nov | Chilbolton Coffee Morning | CVH | 10.30am to 12 noon |
| 26 th Nov / 27 th Nov | Chilbolton Players <i>'Not So Grimm Fairy Tales'</i> | CVH | 7.30 pm & 2.30pm (Sat) |
| 28 th Nov | Christmas Fayre | WVH | 2:00 pm |
| 28 th Nov | Christmas Fair | CVH | 3:00 pm |
| 30 th Nov | Chilbolton Wildlife Talk | CVH | 7:30 pm |
| 4 th Dec | Caroline Noakes MP Surgery | CVH | 9.30 – 11.30 am |
| 7 th Dec | Wherwell Wives | WVH | 7.15 pm |

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Theatres:

30/10/10 to 27/11/10: **The Picture** by Philip Massinger. Performances at 7.30pm (Mon-Wed), 2.30pm & 8pm (Thu & Sat, no matinee 30/10), 8pm (Fri) at Salisbury Playhouse. Tickets £13.50-£20. Tel (01722) 320333

www.salisburyplayhouse.com

02/11/10 to 06/11/10: **The Madness of George III**. By Alan Bennett. Produced by Wilde Enterprises at 7.30pm & matinees (Thu) 1.30pm & (Sat) 2.30pm at Theatre Royal, Winchester. Tickets £17 (£15 concession) Tues to Thurs eve, £19 (£17 concession) Fri & Sat eve, £14 (£12 concession) matinees. Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

11/11/10: **The Caretaker**. By Harold Pinter. Presented by London Classic Theatre at The Lights, Andover at 7.30pm. Tickets £14-£15, Concessions £13, Schools £9. Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk.

29/11/10 to 04/12/10: **Noises Off**. By Michael Frayn. Presented by RAODS at Plaza Theatre, Romsey at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 on 29th, £9 on 30th to 4th. Not suitable for children under 12 years. Tel (01794) 512987

www.plazatheatre.co.uk

Music:

09/11/10 to 13/11/10: **The Yeomen of the Guard**. Presented by Winchester Operatic Society at Theatre Royal, Winchester at 7.30pm (matinee Sat 2.30pm). Tickets £14.50 (concessions £13.50). Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

13/11/10: **Romsey Choral Society**: Holst-Hymn of Jesus, Karl Jenkins-The Armed Man at Romsey Abbey at 7.30pm. Tel (01794) 512987.

www.romseynet.org.uk/musicromsey.htm

13/11/10: **Ralph McTell**. At The Lights, Andover at 8pm. Tickets £17.50-£18.50. Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk.

Other events:

01/11/10 to 28/11/10: **A Material World**. An exhibition at Hillier Gardens near Romsey. Gardens open 10am to dusk. Free admission to exhibition. Tel (01794) 369318 www.hilliergardens.org.uk

Country Markets:

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

Farmers' Market Dates:

14 Nov 2010 – Winchester

21 Nov 2010 – Andover

28 Nov 2010 – Winchester

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



Wherwell Church (St Peter & Holy Cross) Fundraising for the Restoration Project

You may have heard or read about a *major restoration project concerning our local village Church*. In summary, the project, which is now underway, includes plans to:

- repair the Nave roof, tower and spire
- strengthen the bell frames and rehang the bells, so the bells are “ring-able”
- replace the heating system
- and redecorate the church interior

The project aims to save the church for the future of our community, by ensuring that it is watertight, structurally sound and more comfortable to visit. We currently envisage the overall cost being around £400,000. The Church has already secured a significant funding commitment from English Heritage (c£150,000). Furthermore, the Church has raised additional monies through various fundraising activities, donations and reserves. We now need to start raising the balance, with **£25,000 urgently required before mid December of this year**. Some monies will be raised from grant-making trusts. The remainder will be raised over the next few years from donors, both individual and other organisations.

Our volunteer project group, which includes both churchgoers and non-churchgoers, is starting to arrange *fundraising events around the village*. We anticipate inviting villagers to a number of informal information events during late October and early/mid November. **Watch your post or email or await a phone call for your personal invitation!**

We see the church being a focal point of our village, not only for worship, but for marking important rites of passage (christenings, marriages and funerals). In our minds, the church is also a social meeting place, a venue for cultural events and a community re-enforcer through activities such as the Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre.

Please support our efforts in saving our village church – we urgently need to raise £25,000 before mid-December of this year!

Phill Jennison – on behalf of the Restoration Project Committee (David Ball, David Etchells, Phill Jennison and Anna Lipa)
Contact details: 861250 or phill@phill-jennison.com

Test Villages U3A

What is U3A? The University of the Third Age is for anyone over fifty years of age and no longer in full time employment. To join you need no academic qualifications. Activities include a variety of interest groups, monthly meetings (with speakers) and monthly visits.

Inaugural Meeting

Following a well attended public meeting in Longstock Village Hall on 12 October a steering committee has been set up to start a new U3A for all the villages in the upper Test Valley. The inaugural meeting will be held in

The Grosvenor Hotel

Stockbridge

at 2.00 pm on

Wednesday 3 November 2010

If you are interested please come along to the inaugural meeting

. **OR** contact a member of the steering committee to register your interest:

Mike Liberson 01264 810610, Kim Candler 01264 811776

Ed Farrand 01264 860492, Tony Hales 01264 810565

Wherwell Primary School

Open Morning

Thursday 18 November, 9 -11.30am

Are you looking for a school place for September 2011? Then please join us for a tour of the school. Meet pupils, staff, Governors and members of the PTA. Visit our woodland. Say "hello" to our chickens!

Spaces available in Reception 2011 and in some other year groups.

01264 860384



*Wherwell
Singers*

Christmas Concert

*Highlights from Messiah
British and Russian Carols
& Congregational favourites*

*Saturday 11th December 2010 at 7:30pm,
St. Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell*

Mulled wine and mince pies on sale!!

*Tickets: £7 (£5 concession)
Available from Dale Webb (01264) 860074
White Lion Pub
And on the door*

Rattle Rattle THUDUMP!

Do you recognise that sound? It's the sound of this magazine arriving on your doormat every month packed with articles advertisements and notices about your villages relevant to you. It is produced and distributed by your friends and neighbours, all as volunteers. So we would like to bring you the story of Maggie – your village magazine and how she gets to your door.

Maggie arrives at your door courtesy of over 40 volunteers who collect or receive multiple copies of the magazine from the key distribution contacts in each village. A few days before it arrives it is actually a pile of about 7,000 blank A4 pages, 6,000 A4 pages of adverts and 750 high gloss covers.

Advertisers will pay a fee to be included in the Magazine for a whole year from the October Magazine to September the next year. The funds received from advertisers pay for the paper and printing of the magazine each month. One of our volunteers spends the months of July and August seeking companies who want to advertise, collecting the artwork and agreeing layouts with our printers. We are fortunate to be able to store our advertising print courtesy of another of our volunteers.

As the cover also contains major advertising it is agreed annually for advertising content and then overprinted each month with the appropriate date. This is collected monthly from the printers. So Maggie has everything she needs apart from the input content and information from the villagers and supporters which will fill those 7,000 blank pages.

So let's start at the beginning of the month. The articles and notes and information are submitted to a generic email box up to the 15th of the month. We are not able to accept articles after the 15th of the month as there is so much done by volunteers after this date to make sure it arrives with you as early as possible the following month. From the 8th to the 15th of the month one of our team of Content Managers will read and review all articles submitted. These articles are extracted from the emails and transferred to the magazine website ready for processing. Ideally we like to receive articles in MS Word format, A5, narrow margins, Times New Roman and font size 11. This makes the next stage of our process so much easier and less time consuming for our volunteers. If there are any queries arising we will go back to the originator at any stage. Just in case you were wondering, we have between 25 and 40 contributions a month to deal with.

From the 16th of the month for approximately 5 days the process moves into first edit ing where another of our volunteers prepares the articles ready to input to the magazine. All the original files are saved before editing so we always have the initial version to refer back to. This ensures any errors are kept to a minimum and we know at any stage which files have been processed and which have not. During this process, dates are collected from the articles for the diary page and a new diary for the current month is produced. Please remember when you tell us something is happening that we need to know the time and location as well as what date it's going to happen .

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At this stage we may decide that we need to exclude photographs from the text. Due to the printing methodology we use, photographs do not print clearly, so unless there is real good definition in your submission we may need to exclude it from the finished article.

The next role our volunteers fill is that of Setting Editor. This pulls together all of the articles into one document, ensuring they fit well on the page. Our format means that we have to ensure the articles will fit into 36 pages of text or less in multiples of 4 pages. There may be times you submit a full page or large advert that can only be included if its size is reduced. This is to ensure we can fit as much into the magazine as possible for you, our readers. Where relevant we may add or remove some graphics to enhance the appearance of the finished document.

A final copy is then printed in booklet format and delivered to the volunteer printer. We have an agreement and pay a fee to use the Kings Somborne PCC printer. This takes about half a day as there are 750 copies of each page to print. A master is generated from which the copies are printed. The prints are then delivered to the Collation Manager. On a set day each month up to 20 people meet at Chilbolton Village Hall to collate the content pages with the covers and advertising pages. Once the pages are collated, they are manually folded, stapled and bundled, ready to go to the village distributors and deliverers.

Then as soon as possible after this you get the rattle, rattle, thudump and so it begins again.

So how can you help us?

- Our teams are always looking for new volunteers. The process is all broken down, so each individual fills an editorial or printing role once every three or four months. If you are willing to help please contact one of the magazine team from the first page of this magazine. Dependent on your skills and time we can work to find the best role for you.
- When you send in articles please use our guidelines (A5, narrow margins, Times New Roman and font size 11) as it saves us time in editing and we prefer to use word 97-2003.
- Send us your ideas and your articles as even if you don't want to write the article yourself. One of our team may be able to write it for you.
- Tell us what you would like to see in the magazine.
- Please don't send in photographs for the reasons mentioned above and then we won't disappoint you if we can't include it.

If you have any questions or want to find out more, then please do contact me at carole.marits@btinternet.com

Finally to all of our volunteers, helpers, collators, advertisers and supporters..... Thank you for making our village magazine a success.

Carole Marits, Secretary to the Chilbolton and Wherwell Magazine Committee

The Chilbolton Snake

There is a giant slow moving snake that appears this time of year on the Common. It can normally be seen from the Purlygig Bridge and it is so long that it finally disappears into the trees as the Test leaves the Common. It hovers above the river and even though it is always moving it never changes position. Sometimes it swoops down to envelope the cows, mingles with them a while and then lifts away ignoring them as it has been ignored.

If you are lucky then you can see one of the two barn owls who hunt the Common swoop in and around the snake as they seek large moths or just play hide-and seek. The slow beat of their wings can be heard against the still air and you often hear them before you see them as they keep low over the footpaths seeking prey silly enough to break cover from the long grass. The cows weigh a ton and yet move silently whereas the owls, although they are large, weigh a few ounces and yet you can hear them clearly.

And all the while the snake hovers and lingers until the magical moment when the air temperature over the river changes and the snake of warm air vanishes and you can see the stars again.

At this time of year the Common is especially attractive, there are still a few vestiges of colour in the grasses and flowers and the trees are changing from their green shades to the rustic colours of autumn. The cold night air and the lack of light pollution to the north creates a thick back drop of stars with the occasional shooting star or maybe it is a plane going to Birmingham.

I linger looking over my stable door until I am as cold as the Common itself and then retreat back to the warmth. But before I close the door I see a deer emerge from the mist and cross the river. It stops and stares at me, then eat some weed in the river and moves away back into the trees. Dusk has gone and night is here.

Alan Crisp

CHILBOLTON CHURCH CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP SATURDAY 13th NOV

Come along equipped with gloves, rakes etc, for an enjoyable hour or two tidying up the churchyard from 9.30 onwards. We will also do some extra cleaning inside the church.

Your help will be very much appreciated.

Light refreshments provided.

Further details from Lawrence Wild 860358

Jane's Kitchen

Chocolate Brownies Recipe

For all those who came to the Macmillan Coffee Morning in church and fought over the brownies, here is the recipe! Enjoy!

50g unsweetened chocolate
110g butter
2 size 1 eggs
50g plain flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
200g sugar



- Pre-heat oven to Gas 4, 180C
- Line the base of a 20cm square tin with greaseproof paper
- Melt the butter and chocolate in saucepan over a low heat
- Stir in remaining ingredients but allow mixture to cool before adding the eggs
- Pour into the lined tin and bake for approx 30 minutes.
- Allow to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before dividing, and finish cooling on a wire rack.

Chilbolton Coffee Morning To be held in the Village Hall

**Our next meeting will be on the 20th November 10.30 to 12 noon.
Everyone welcome - this includes all the family and friends**

**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 CDs, DVDs and produce etc. will be on sale as well as other seasonal stalls
selling gifts and cards.**

THE 100 CLUB DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11AM

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

Wherwell History Group



An Illustrated talk by
Frank Green

HERITAGE OF THE NEW FOREST

At
Colonel Jenkin's
Memorial Hall
Wherwell SP11 7JJ

Friday
19th November
at 8.00pm



All Welcome Admission £3.00

Tea/Coffee Biscuits included



MIDDAY MUMS

The next meeting of Midday Mums will be in Wherwell Village Hall on Monday, 15th November 2010 at 12.30 p.m.

It's a great opportunity to meet other Mums while the children play.

Please bring something edible to share for lunch. *Susan Ansell*

WHERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Our regular meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday every other month. However the September meeting had to be postponed until the 21st as our regular date clashed with the public meeting being held by Chilbolton PC regarding the Common. As the magazine copy deadline is the 15th of the month the report of the September meeting could not be put in the October magazine.

It is hoped that our beat policeman PC Jewell will attend the meeting on 9th November to provide more information regarding the proposal that Parish Councils pay £100 towards the cost of radar/handheld speed guns being used on occasions in identified locations within the parish.

Parking as ever is a problem in the village. The police are to be asked to monitor the problems caused by cars continuing to park opposite the entrance to the pub and too close to the junction of the High Street, Mill Lane and Fullerton Road. Drivers parking on the road at night are reminded to ensure that the rear of their vehicle is facing the oncoming traffic.

The PC is continuing its efforts to improve the appearance of the piece of land on the corner of Beech Grove.

The planning application for Lime Tree House was withdrawn in order for a bat survey to be done. The PC supported the application for internal alterations to the Old Rectory.

As it was decided that little benefit was gained from the membership of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils the PC membership has been terminated.

The 2009/10 Annual Return has been passed by the Audit Commission. By incorporating the insurance of the Playing Field with the PC a saving of £500 has been achieved. Test Valley School have been given a donation of £25 to sponsor a prize for school leavers.

It was very disappointing that at the last minute HCC withdrew its offer to purchase part of the tennis courts' site. Unfortunately a sizeable bill of approximately £3K has been accrued for legal costs. HCC are being asked to reimburse us for these costs.

The old pavilion at the playing fields has now been demolished and the play area has been fenced.

More daffodils are to be planted at sites within the parish.

Concerns had been raised regarding funds donated to the church. Future funding given by the PC will be specifically for maintaining the fabric of the church and churchyard. *(Continued on page 24)*

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Progress is being made with the production of footpath leaflets and map boards. Currently descriptions of three walks have been prepared and are now being walked to check that the directions are user friendly.

Due to a staffing change at HCC the plans for the proposed footpath down from Chant Close in front of the pub are being reviewed. We have been told that funding has been allocated this year for the project. Hopefully this funding will materialise!

A replica of the cockatrice, the legendary emblem of Wherwell, has been erected on the roof of the village hall. A plaque giving information about the legend is to be placed on the wall. Suzanne Triggs has kindly paid for the cockatrice, in memory of her parents, Vic and Mary Pyke long time residents of Wherwell and previous licensees of the White Lion.

We would very much appreciate more members of the public attending our meetings. Feedback from parishioners is important and very much welcomed.

Next PC meeting on Tuesday 9th November commencing at 7.00pm in the Colonel Jenkins' Hall.

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



THE LEGEND OF THE WHERWELL COCKATRICE

Legend has it that a duck's egg was incubated by a toad in the cellar of Wherwell Priory. It grew into a cockatrice and set about withering everything around. A reward of four acres of land was offered to anyone who could kill the beast. Several champions came forward only to be slain by the deadly glare of the beast.

Finally a Priory servant named Green lowered a polished steel mirror into the creature's cellar lair. It took its own reflection for another cockatrice and attacked it. Once it exhausted itself fighting its own reflection Green leapt down and killed it with a spear.

It is rumoured that until the 1930's older Wherwell residents refused to eat ducks' eggs. There is an area in Harewood Forest known as 'Green's Acres' where no trees grow. This is reputedly the land given to Green for killing the cockatrice.

A weather vane shaped as a cockatrice adorned the church of St. Peter and Holy Cross church in Wherwell. This weather vane somehow found its way to Chilbolton and was then donated to Andover Museum where it is still displayed. The cockatrice is included in one of the Andover High Street mosaics by Alan Potterin. There are two cockatrices in the coat of arms of Aelfred of Wherwell born in the 10th century.



Longstock Garden Club

Longstock Garden Club members enjoyed the first meeting back after the summer break which included a talk from Stuart Lees on ‘Adventurous container gardening’. It was a pity that our audio system was found to be faulty just before the beginning of the talk as Stuart is rather softly spoken. Donation prizes to the raffle were extremely generous, and kept Peter calling the numbers for longer than usual. Many thanks to all who contributed, as this additional income helps defray our speakers’ costs.

Our next meeting’s talk on Tuesday 9th November is ‘Herbs and herb growing, their use and history’ by Paul Templeton to which all are welcome. I hope by then our amplification problem will have been repaired.

May I remind our occasional visitors that they may join the club at any time; however as our full programme starts at the February meeting, it may be more economical to pay the guest fee between now and then before paying the annual sub.

We are now taking provisional bookings for the bus trip to Ramster Gardens, Surrey, on 10th May 2011 for which both club members and guests are welcome. The woodland gardens at Ramster were laid out about one hundred and ten years ago. A mature flowering shrub garden of over 20 acres, it is full of unusual and interesting plants which flourish under the canopy of oaks and larches. In May, the brilliant display of rhododendrons and azaleas is at its best, while a carpet of bluebells fills the air with scent and the ever-changing colours of the garden are reflected in the pond. Some paths in the garden are suitable for wheel chair users, especially motorised ones, but there are none to borrow.

After a drop in numbers for the Oxford College’s 2010 summer visit, the committee has asked the club to give an indication at the coming November meeting if either – or both – the proposed 2011 day trips in July to Loseley Park and October to Westonbirt are wanted.

We look forward to hearing from you there.

Richard Richardson for the Longstock Garden Club

Chilbolton Common - a wildlife talk

Chilbolton Parish Council invite you to an illustrated talk by Glynne Evans, about the more unusual wildlife to be found on the common – the plants, the insects and the birds.

Tuesday 30th November
7:30pm at Chilbolton Village Hall
Free entry



Bee Diary November 2010



Travelling in China on business, (not beekeeping) I asked at the reception in Chinese owned Shanghai hotel:

“Please could I have a non smoking room?”

“Nosmokinroom, you want nosmokinroom?”

“Yes please”

“OK, you go lift 21st floor, see floor lady”

On 21st floor, floor lady greets me at the lift, having been briefed by reception: “You want nosmokinroom?”

“Yes please”

“You come this way.”

Floor lady takes me to room, walks in, picks up two ash trays, walks out and says: “There you are sir - your nosmokinroom.....!”

I now have some idea of what a bee feels when it is smoked. Smoke is a very important part of beekeeping and leaving your smoker behind is definitely not an option. The aim of using a smoker is to subdue the bees. The theory is that once bees detect smoke they hurry to the stores of honey and fill their honey stomach, in case the colony has to abscond to a new nest site. This trait has developed over the millennia as bees have inhabited holes in trees and have had to survive forest fires. With a full honey stomach bees are less inclined to sting, in fact some say they physically cannot sting with a full honey stomach, somewhat like us attempting to touch our toes after a big meal.

Opening a hive without smoke risks seriously upsetting the bees, an agitated colony will come boiling out of the hive and attack the person disturbing them. Used judiciously a waft of smoke over the frames as one takes the lid off has the effect of driving the bees down into the hive and preventing them from flying up in ones face. We generally don't open hives in November, unless urgent varroa treatment is required.

By November the bee colony has adopted its winter mode of operation. The bees have formed a cluster in the shape of a hollow ball on a number of frames in the hive and in the centre of the ball the temperature is maintained at 35 degrees C whilst brood is being reared. Brood rearing slows considerably at this time of year. Worker bees that were born in the autumn can live up to 6 months to see the colony through the winter.

The bees will still fly out of the hive on sunny days to collect water, but there isn't much nectar to gather at this time of year. *Jolyon Pope*



Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife



Thirty years ago, it was very usual to see the first frosts of the year at the beginning of October, and I recall that my office heating was always turned on for the first day of the month! This year, as in so many recent years, it has remained mild for many more weeks. Last week, there were overnight temperatures well into the teens. And as I write in mid-October - all of the trees are still green, I'm seeing butterflies on most days, and the birds are as yet, showing little interest either in my garden seed-feeders or my holly berries. It will of course all change, and as you read this in early November, we may be having a really cold snap! But my point is, that on the average, mild weather is lasting longer into autumn, and of course this in turn is impacting wildlife.

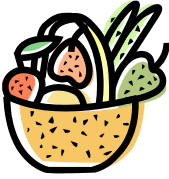
A good example of this change can be seen in the Red Admiral butterfly. Years ago, the species was an immigrant arriving in the late summer, but rarely surviving the winter. Numbers fluctuated from year to year, just as with the Painted Lady butterfly more recently. But we rarely saw a Red Admiral much after September. Nowadays, not only can we see the species on almost every sunny day in late October, but they then go on to hibernate here through the winter, and seem to survive very well. So, look out for Red Admirals in your garden during November. They need to build up their reserves for hibernation, and on sunny days they can be seen imbibing on the juices of rotten apples, or visiting ivy blossom for the nectar. You may even be lucky and see the Red Admiral on a mild sunny day in December or January; let me know if you do.

Chilbolton Common: Following on from the well-attended meeting that was held in mid-September, I've been asked to give an illustrated talk in November with much more detail specifically about the flora and other wildlife of the Common. So if you'd like to find out why the Common is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), or simply to hear about and see photos of some of Chilbolton Common's more unusual flowers, insects, and birds, then do come along. **The talk will be on Tuesday 30th November, 7:30pm at Chilbolton Village Hall.**

West Down Volunteers: Many thanks to those of you who turned out for the first of our monthly volunteer working parties on West Down. We will be continuing through the winter on the second Tuesday of each month and the next session will be on - Tuesday 9th November, 10:00am, meeting at the top car-park.

If you're free, do come along and help remove sycamore seedlings from the parts of the downland slope that are too difficult for machinery. It would be good to have many more villagers involved, and let me assure you it's not all hard labour! Last time out, we saw a pair of Kestrels at close quarters, and there were several Small Copper butterflies flitting amongst the flowers where we were working. For the November session, we expect to also have a bonfire to help clear the debris, so bring along a potato that can be baked in the fire!

Glynnne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)



Chilbolton WI

There was a well-attended monthly meeting on the evening of Tuesday, 19th October in the Village Hall. Our speaker, Roger Savage, gave a lively, good-humoured talk on his life as a nurseryman. Spurning an office job, he trained as a horticulturalist and has been running Choice Plants in Timsbury for the last 20 years. They sell a huge amount of hanging baskets and he deftly demonstrated how to plant our own, generously donating the finished product as a raffle prize. Not surprisingly, there was a late flurry of ticket-buying.

Major plant sales occur between March and June, so many nurseries have to diversify to support the business. Roger provides a café, with homemade produce and pottery and mosaic work.

Nice to see a couple of visitors; always welcome. Just arrive at 8 pm, clutching £3 and you'll get a speaker, tea, cake and a chat.

Monthly box of grocery rations collected to be taken to Andover Food Bank, supporting local folk in crisis. Also a box provided in the church if you'd like to contribute.

Sally Griffiths

Christmas Shoebox Appeals

If you are interested in making up Christmas shoeboxes for deprived children there are two alternatives.

1. Samaritan's Purse. This organisation sends boxes to needy children in the Third World. Leaflets are available in the church: you will need one of these as it contains all the information regarding the contents you are allowed, and not allowed, to send. You will need the label it includes. Once you have filled your box, please leave it at Chilbolton Rectory and Ros will take it to join the school's collection. It needs to be ready as soon as possible after November 1st.
2. The Citizen's Advice Board in Andover also welcomes boxes for children they are involved with in the local area. There is more time to make these up. Contact CAB for information.

Penny – by Dawn Rickatson

One day I realised with a sigh
Six Dogless months had passed me by
Since Sam'd reached the "kennel in the sky"

I visited the local home for strays
And wandered slowly through the bays
With a myriad of mutts before my gaze

So many dogs with soulful eyes
And all of varying breeds and size
Few of which would win a prize

One little face was so appealing
It quite sent my senses reeling
And, all at once I had that 'feeling'

A little collie cross is she
A pretty pup, who's named penny –
And so I took her home with me

On Walks through fields she runs and leaps,
And when I watch her as she sleeps
I know my Penny is for Keeps



CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

**ON SALE FROM
THE CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP
in the new "Eighteen 71" cafe in
WINCHESTER GUILDHALL**

**OCTOBER 25th - DECEMBER 16th
MONDAY -SATURDAY 10a.m. - 4.30p.m.**

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHARITY



Thanks

Connie (Sweet) would like to thank all her friends and family for their get well cards, messages and kindness following her recent operation.

Thanks to you all



**FATHER CHRISTMAS
IS COMING**

TO WHERWELL

WITH PRESENTS AND REINDEER

**Sunday 28th November 2010, between 3.00 pm and
4.00 pm at the
Wherwell Village Hall**

WHERWELL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Wherwell Christmas Fayre
28th November 2010**

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,

Thank You Very Much !! *Judy Conte 860789*



Chilbolton FC – October 2010



League Results:

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| 19.09.10 | Chilbolton FC | 2 | v | Wallop Wanderers | 2 |
| 26.09.10 | Burbage & Easton | 3 | v | Chilbolton FC | 0 |
| 03.10.10 | Chilbolton FC | 0 | v | Abbotts Ann | 4 |
| 10.10.10 | Kings Arms | 4 | v | Chilbolton FC | 5 |

Chilbolton FC have had a bit of an up and down month but at the end of it are top of the table and have two cup games back to back now. Two wins, a draw and a very disappointing loss was not an ideal run but confidence is high and I was really pleased with the way the squad has come together and bounced back from defeat to win away from home against Kings Arms.

Wallop Wanderers were a well organised side and it was an even game that could easily have been a loss or win with plenty of chances for both sides at 2-2 but credit to Micky Clark, Chilbolton's keeper, who made some excellent saves. Burbage & Easton have had a tough start to the season and it was important we didn't underestimate them making sure we played good passing football and it paid off with a clean sheet and three points away from home. The game against Abbots Ann, played in poor weather conditions was a the low point so far of the season with a well below par performance from the whole team. We were unable to control the pace of the game or get our close passing game going and paid the price with a heavy defeat.

Back on our travels against the Kings Arms it was critical the team delivered and they did, coming from behind twice and going on to win the game, a hatrick from striker Steve Philpot was the highlight and game us three points taking us to the top of the table.

Once again we have been well looked after by the Abbots Mitre after each home game with chips and pizza to replenish all the energy expelled on the pitch – big thanks to Sam and his team!

We have two cup games now to round off the month against tough opposition and it will be really good to be able to get away from the pressure of the league and go out and enjoy playing football it would be great to have some support so please take a look at our website - <http://www.chilboltonfc.co.uk/> - check out when we are next at home and come and see us.

On a more serious health and safety note can I please ask dog walkers to make sure you pick up any dog mess from the playing fields as we do have to play on it on Sunday and it's not good to have to play around it. Thanks and hope to see you soon!

Sam Horne (07969 055300), Manager