

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

August is traditionally a quiet month, as people take off on their holidays. Not in Chilbolton and Wherwell, it would seem! As this month's magazine proves, this is a community that has a wide range of activities and events on offer over the next few weeks. So while we wait for summer to begin, why not prepare your garden produce and even get baking for the Chilbolton Flower show on the 27th, or start training your dog to catch sausages for the fun day at the Wherwell Sports and Dog show on the 29th, to mention just a couple of possibilities. And let's hope for some sun!

Euan Ramsay

Thank you to Sue Blazdell, Tessa Youell and Euan Ramsay for producing this month's magazine, to Michael Payne for printing and to Alan Crisp 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

Flower Rota August

Wherwell

The flower rota for Wherwell is suspended while the Church roof is undergoing repairs and the building is out of action.

Chilbolton

Aug

Vivien Shrimpton and Cynthia Bezance

St Mary the Less: Church Cleaning & Maintenance This is suspended until the main clean-up in the autumn. Date to be arranged. Many thanks. Jane Spence

******* STOP PRESS - JOYRIDES*******

Hampshire County Council has just announced that they are withdrawing Joyrides from their Concessionary Farepass scheme. Joyrides will now come under the Test Valley Community Services (TCVS) 'Dial A Ride' scheme.

From 1 August 2011 onwards, all Joyrides users will have to pay 50% of the costs of using the scheme, which will mean it will now cost users £2 for a return trip to Andover. There will be no other change to way that Joyrides operates, or to the days and routes covered, apart from this fare increase.

Joyrides are expecting more changes in October, when the County Council may be cutting some rural bus routes as part of their continuing savings measures, but watch this space for further news.

Magazine Advertising for 2011-2012

October marks the beginning of a new advertising year for the Magazine and I am in the process of contacting all our existing advertisers to invite them to renew for the coming year. If you would like to advertise or know of anyone who may be interested then please get in touch.

Up until the September Magazine 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. From September 2011 this will change and we will accept a half page advert for £25 (up to a maximum of 2 adverts per issue).

The Magazine Committee would like to use this opportunity to thank all our Advertisers as it is their contributions, together with all our valuable volunteers, which enables us to continue to produce the Magazine and distribute it free of charge to all 750 households in the two villages.

If anyone has any questions or comments relating to advertising, please do get in touch.

*Sally Hawke, 01264 861363
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Church Services August 2011					
	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Wednesday 3rd August					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Westholme			2.30pm		
Sunday 7th August <i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion	8.00am				
Family Communion			10.00am	10.00 am	
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Evensong	6.00pm				
Wednesday 10th August					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Sunday 14th August <i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00am		
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Wednesday 17th August					
Holy Communion	10.30am		9.30am		
Thursday 18th August					
Flowerdown HC			2.30pm		
Sunday 21st August <i>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am	8.00 am		
Matins				10.00 am	
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
CW Holy Communion	10.00 am				
Wednesday 24th August					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Meditation			7.00pm		
Saturday 27th August					
House Communion			10.00am		
Sunday 28th August					
Family Service	10.00 am				
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
4 th Sunday Worship with Sunday School		10.00 am			
Peace & Healing			6.00pm		
Wednesday 31st August					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		

From the Church Register

Chilbolton		
Weddings	2 July	Michael Hernandez and Sarah-Jayne Matthews
	6 July	Brian Brown and Lesley Boswell
Funerals	8 July	Joe Smith
	22 July	Kathleen Monro
Wherwell		
Burial	8 July	Joe Smith

Pause for Thought

The Rectory
Littleton
August 2011

Dear Friends

May I begin by saying a huge thank you to all who have been so kind and patient during the last few months when I was ill. Your flowers, messages of encouragement and sympathy, and your prayers meant a great deal to me, and I am truly thankful to be fit and well once more.

Recent developments in the ‘phone hacking’ scandal have been interesting, as we learn of the hacking into Millie Dowler’s phone when she was missing. The sense of revulsion is almost tangible as people wonder how journalism could have sunk so low. Perhaps we simply have a few journalists who are without compassion or conscience, but I think there is more to it than that.

I would want to be the first to say that you do not have to be a Christian to be a good person, and there are plenty of Christians who have made serious mistakes in life, and plenty of fine people of other faiths, or none. But all people need a firm moral and ethical framework to their lives which informs their choices and directs their actions. When that is not present, then other factors easily take over, such as the one that caught many MPs out in the expenses scandal - the ‘everyone else does it, so why shouldn’t I?’ kind of pragmatic relativism which goes along with what others do and what we can get away with.

Sometimes we seem to believe that right and wrong are obvious moral absolutes that everyone ought to know and share, yet we know that there are cultures where bribery is accepted as a feature of trade and government, that some countries still use the death penalty, or view adultery as a crime to be punished by the state.

Morality is clearly influenced by culture, and I worry about a largely Godless culture which has no firm base for its morality. Neither Christ, nor the Bible can relieve us of the responsibility to work out our own ethical dilemmas, but they do provide us with the basis for our judgements. That basis is the self-sacrifice, generosity, forgiveness and love which Christ offers us and which he wants us to share.

With love in Christ, Juliet

Countess of Brecknock Moon Walk

On the night of 25th June, a team of thirteen ladies took part in the sponsored walk organised by The Countess of Brecknock Hospice to raise valuable funds for them. The start time was midnight and we managed the 6½ mile in around two hours. We walked as 'Mikes Team' in memory of my Dad and Laura's Grandad, Mike Keys, and have raised in excess of £2000. The team consisted of Sue Austin, Sue Batchelor, Helen and Hannah Brown, Angie and Laura Budd, Sheila Laughton, Phillippa Munns, Judi Palmer, Ros Rason, Sue Sheath, Fiona Talbot and Gilly Walton. If you would like to donate and haven't done so yet, there is still time if you go to:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Angela-Budd>

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who either took part or sponsored a member of the team, and who have looked after us during this very difficult time. Also to John Laughton, Colin Sheath and Dave Walton who were in the team of marshals and to our supporters on the night - Tim and Amy Budd, Annette Keys, Nigel and Georgia Munns and Jon Trickett. A special thank you to Sue Sheath who organised us. Dad would be so proud of us all. Keep your eyes peeled for next year as we are planning to walk again but with a larger team . . .

Angie and family





Chilbolton Flower Show 27th August 2011



Chilbolton Village Hall

Open to all residents of Chilbolton and Wherwell, not just Horticultural Society members

9.30am Hall open to receive exhibits

11.15am Doors close for judging

2.00pm Doors open to public

3.45pm Presentation of cups

Please try to return your completed entry forms to the Show organisers by **Thursday 25th August 2011 (25p/entry)**.

Schedules available from the Shop or Show organisers.

Show organisers

Sheila Evans: 860 697

Waverley, Station Road

Sue Batchelor: 860 307

1, Room Cottages, Village Street

Maggie Duffy: 860 267

Charlcott, Branksome Avenue

Mary Gilbert: 861 142

Beech Cottage, Station Road

Phillipa Munns 860 625

Brinks Cottage, Newton Stacey

Sue Keen 860 571

4, Durnford Close.

Why not take part this year?

You do not have to be an expert gardener, or cook. The more entrants there are, the greater the fun. Schedules are **free** and available from either the shop or your committee members



CHARITY BRIDGE AFTERNOON

In Aid Of St Mary-The-Less Church, Chilbolton

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2011 between 3.30 – 6.00 PM

ENTRY FEE: £10 PER PERSON

NO NEED TO BRING A PARTNER

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE

Donations for the Raffle gratefully received

Apply to Jane Spence (860726) or Mary Gilbert (861 142)

Blooming Great Tea Party fundraiser

Our Blooming Great Tea Party on July 19th was part of a national Marie Curie fundraising event and a fun way to make some money for this very worthwhile cause. Organising a tea party outside in mid-July was always going to be a bit of a risk, and slight panic set in when the weekend before was exceptionally wet and dreary. In the event, however, we didn't need to turn to plan B (decamping to the village hall): the sun broke through and the rain held off (until the raffle, that is, when we all piled in under our large gazebo).

About 50 people arrived at Abbots Rest and the Chilbolton Tea Ladies – Janette, Barbara, Aileen and Jane – decorated the house, brought out the best china and served the finest cakes and sandwiches in great style; Barbara organised a very well-supported raffle (thank you Stuart for doing the honours) and a bring and buy; and Marion Gilmour showed off her extensive knowledge of tea by winning the quiz and going home with a super fruit basket. We've had some lovely feedback from people saying how much they enjoyed the occasion (even Sue Blazdell who got a tad wet), and the chance of getting together with neighbours, so they can now put new names to faces.



The event wasn't just confined to villagers, however, and here I must give a special mention to Frank Finn who was an absolute star. He stood outside the festooned house with a silver teapot and cake stand and tirelessly knobbled passers-by for donations and enticed people in to the party – including a Thai taxi driver from Winchester who had just dropped off a fare and two solar panel contractors, Phil and Carl, who had been working in the village – they had a whale of a time and thoroughly entered into the spirit.

The amount raised on the day was a splendid £386.10 plus donations online of £95 (the link is still open if you would like to donate <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AbbotsRest>). With Gift Aid this brings the Grand Total to a stupendous £581. Thank you to everyone who came to tea and to those who couldn't but supported. My special thanks to Janette, Aileen, Barbara and Jane for bringing the idea to fruition, for being such a great team and for making the occasion such fun.

Victoria Ramsay

Chilbolton Parish Council

We are fortunate to have PC John Viney attend many of our meetings and to take an interest in our problems. John has chased up sightings from Maria Watson, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, about suspicious cars and people. In addition, several further cautions were issued by John in respect of vehicles parking on the Common or in front of gates, and one car owner was fined £30 for pushing over a dragons tooth so he could park. With John's help we are taking more control of the parking and BBQ problem on the Common, as best we can, so if you see any vehicle parking on the grass or in front of the gates, please take a photograph and send it to me.

The Common was closed to vehicles in mid July for repairs to the track. These repairs are necessary due to the number of vehicles using the tracks and the speed at which they drive. The cost of materials is circa £600 and the work was carried out by the Community Pay Back team for whom we are grateful. Without their participation, the cost would have been considerable more.

Discussions with Enterprise Inns about the play area have been delayed due to a change of staff within the company. We are still eager, as is Tom, the new licensee, for the project to proceed as soon as possible.

With regret we have decided, after taking expert advice, that the large popular tree on Old Pond Green needs to be felled. Planning consent is being sought and we hope the work will be carried out by students and staff from Sparsholt College for a nominal cost. At the appropriate time a replacement tree will be planted.

David Griffiths has agreed to look after footpaths in the village, and has bought a scrub clearer to help him with the task. Owners of property adjoining footpaths will be aware of their responsibilities in respect of these paths and if you find any difficulties with walking the village footpaths please contact David. David, a keen cyclist, gave us news of the cycleway 246 passing through the village and will provide news on the Sustainable Transport charity.

Pot holes are another cause for concern to villagers, as many of the roads around here are narrow. In the hope of speeding up repairs, Tony Ewer who is in charge of highway matters for the Parish Council, will now be reporting defects to HCC directly by email to their website. If any matters relating to the highways are concerning you then Tony is the person to contact. Tony is also to raise the problems caused by the size and speed of school transport buses passing through the village.

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The Localism Bill, to be published in July, is promised to give more devolved powers to local communities - we will see. With this in mind we have asked Andrew Gibson to see if we could acquire West Down for the Parish from HCC. If we were able to take control of this area of land then we might expect to receive a grant which should help us to improve the manner in which the area is maintained. This could be an exciting project if it were to happen.

The advertising for new Clerk proceeds, with reluctance. If there is anyone out there who might be interested in the post please contact me.

Finally, a meeting is to be held shortly between representatives of Wherwell and Chilbolton Parish Councils to see if the ties between the villages could be strengthened for the mutual benefit of both communities.

Alan Crisp, Chairman

Chilbolton Parish Council - Parish Clerk Vacancy

Applications are invited for the part-time position of Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Clerk is the 'responsible officer' of the Council. Committee skills, including preparation of agendas; minute taking; booking-keeping and financial experience, combined with good communication and organisational skills, are important.

The appointment is from **1st October 2011**, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Hours are approximately six per week and involve one evening meeting a month.

Pay will be in the region of £250 per month with an additional payment for use of home as office.

Applications, in the form of a CV, with covering letter and names of two referees, should be sent to the Chairman: Alan Crisp, The Old Cottage, The Common, Chilbolton SO20 6BD, or via email

aii@lineone.net

The closing date is 31st August 2011.

Liz Blakemore

**Afternoon Tea at
The White Lion, Wherwell**



2nd Monday of the month Aug - Oct
(Aug 8, Sept 12, Oct 10)
at 3pm

£2.00 for tea and cake

Just come along - no booking required

ALL welcome (regardless of age or which village you live in!)

The White Lion and Age UK Andover and District

ALEX LANGLANDS
of



**the BBC's Victorian Farm and Edwardian Farm fame,
will talk about his involvement with these projects
on 16th August at 7.30pm
in Chilbolton Village Hall**

**This is a ticket-only event initiated by the WI
Adults: £5.00. Accompanied young people: £2.50
Refreshments included**

**Tickets available from
Sylvia: 01264 860 572; Mary: 01264 860 795;
Sue K: 01264 860 571**



Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch Report

The most striking impression this month of Neighbourhood Watch events in the village is the number of suspicious vehicles reported. There have been at least three, and possibly four, transit vans and their occupants behaving strangely.

The first in Paddock Field, was a white van carrying ladders and two men, possibly father and son, who were snooping round one of the vacant houses there. A registration number was spotted - Y513 JCR - which proved to be incorrect or maybe a stolen number plate. If it is seen again the police should be notified on 101.

The second white van carrying ladders was parked on the Common with two men inside. No registration was noted but it was thought peculiar that they should be parked up for some time, did not get out and had no dog with them.

The third sighting was a cherry red SWB transit van - HG09 CXW or CKW. The two occupants, again possibly father and son aged around 50 stout, and 30 slender, were seen behaving oddly on West Down by the Ivy Farm perimeter fence during the late evening of July 1. The police can find no details of this van on their national computer and ask that if anyone sees it again to ring them at once on 101 and explain that it was previously seen in suspicious circumstances and that you have been advised by police that they are eager to check the vehicle and its occupants. In the meantime, the police will pay special attention to Chilbolton.

The fourth suspicious vehicle was on July 7 at the same vacant house in Paddock Field. This time it was an open transit pick-up with a lot of rubbish in the back – R140 C?J – with a blue body and white cab. Police have been informed. The people in this vehicle also tried to con an elderly lady into having a tree unnecessarily cut down. Luckily, her gardener overheard the conversation and they drove off in a hurry when he arrived on the scene.

July 6 brought what is looking like the regular monthly visit by ex-prisoners cold calling in the village. Again, one of them behaved aggressively.

I should be delighted to sign up more members, especially if you have an email address, so that such information as the above can be dispersed quickly throughout the village and enhance the chances of averting a crime. Please contact me as below:

Maria Watson, Co-ordinator Tel: 860415
mwatson.cottage@hotmail.co.uk

**WHERWELL PLAYING FIELDS
SPORTS & FETE
MONDAY 29th AUGUST
1.00 P.M.**

Children's races – *free admission to all races*

Super Sports Star Competition

Jazz Band Mini Funfair

Crafts Stalls Sideshows

Hot Dogs and Burgers from 1.00 p.m.

**PARKING AND CHILDREN FREE – ADULTS £1 WITH
PROGRAMME**

DEMONSTRATION RING

Have a go - steeple chase – games – exhibitions



Also featuring a Fun Dog Show

SHOW RING

Most handsome dog - Prettiest bitch - Best 6 legs

Best veteran - Best rescue - Dog most like its owner

Last sausage saloon - Best fancy dress - Best skittle recall

Fastest recall - Musical squares

Best trick handler under 10 & 11 - 16

Best junior handler under 10 & 11 - 16

Longest stay - Fastest down - Waggiest tail

Best sausage catcher

ENTRY ON DAY

Wherwell Parish Council Report

As the deadline for the magazine is now the 10th of the month it will mean that reports of our PC meetings will unfortunately not be published until six weeks after the PC meeting.

Our last meeting was the AGM in May. Since then we have been trying to progress various projects but sadly with little success. There is still no progress regarding the commencement or work to provide the footpath down from Chant Close in front of the pub.

The response that we have received from HCC regarding the possibility of introducing a 20 mph speed limit through the village states that, following national advice, they will only consider it if the average speed of traffic on a road is already at or below 20mph. Whilst the PC finds the logic for this hard to follow we were told the reasoning for this criteria is that experience has shown that if a speed limit is reduced when speeds are much higher, the introduction of the limit has little, if any, impact. We were told that speed limits of 20mph are usually put in if they are backed up with traffic calming measures so that they are not reliant on Police enforcement. Also that traffic calming is expensive so it tends to be put in to address specific accident and safety issues rather than with the aim of introducing a lower speed limit. I am sure that reading this you will be as perplexed as the PC are about such a policy and you too will wonder why risk assessment, which governs so many aspects of our lives, seems to be disregarded when it comes to road safety. It is hard to accept that there may have to be a serious accident before any action is deemed necessary to slow down the traffic in the village. Our MP, Caroline Nokes, also looked into the possibility of the 20 mph limit on our behalf and came back with the same information.

We have, however, already arranged for a speed audit to be done in September. The statistics below were the result of the survey that was done in 2001 when the speeds were recorded in the vicinity of the Old Forge and make, I think, interesting reading.

On average cars travelling towards Andover in a 24 hour period:

617 cars were at speeds below 31 mph.

253 travelled at speeds between 31 and 36 mph.

41 were doing between 36 and 41mph.

Over the whole period of the check (not sure how long it was!): 12 cars were travelling at between 41 and 44 mph

13 were travelling between 44 and 56 mph

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Wherwell Parish Council Report (continued from page 14)

On average cars travelling towards Winchester in a 24 hour period:

593 cars were at speeds below 31 mph

224 were at speeds between 31 and 36mph

35 between 36 and 41 mph

Over the whole period of the check:

11 were at speeds between 41 and 44 mph,

11 were travelling between 44 and 56 mph

To summarise the information from the survey:

1210 cars were below the speed limit and 600 were over it.

The summary by the police traffic officer at the time stated ‘There is not a real problem of speed within the village. A small minority exceed the limit but it would appear that the limit through Wherwell is fairly well respected.’ He also said, ‘The figures, combined with a lack of personal injury crashes within the village, puts Wherwell low on any enforcement list.’ At the time the PC was incredulous that with virtually 50% of cars exceeding the speed limit the police felt these were a small minority and that there was no real problem of speed within the village. We found it hard to comprehend that it was acceptable for nearly 50% of drivers to be breaking the law.

When this next survey is done it is hoped that we may be able to record the speeds of cars in the village centre, and travelling towards and away from Winchester Corner. In the meantime the vegetation on the roadside in this area and the hedges in the village centre are to be cut right back and the white lines denoting the ‘virtual footpath’ leading to Winchester Corner are to be repainted. We shall also be investigating whether any form of traffic calming could be installed in this area and what the cost would be. If it is possible, and likely to be effective, we would then see if there was any way that the parish could fund it, as it is highly unlikely that any monies from HCC would be available.

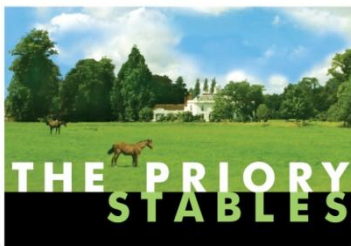
The road markings in the vicinity of the junction of High Street, Fullerton Road and Mill Lane are also to be repainted and the possibility of replacing the bollard near the stone trough with something more robust is being investigated as it is continually being knocked over.

We hope that the long-awaited map leaflets and map boards should be available shortly.

A meeting has been arranged with Cllr Alan Crisp, chairman of Chilbolton PC to consider how the two PCs may work together on projects.

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

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



Kimberley Haslam-Collister wins the Sparsholt Dressage Championship

Kimberley Haslam-Collister of The Priory Stables, Wherwell, won the Sparsholt Dressage Championship last Saturday (25th June) with an amazing final score of 70%.

Kimberley, and her beautiful and talented stallion, Rio, qualified for the championship earlier this year, ‘but I wasn’t sure we would be able to compete.’ she explains, ‘we’ve had a lot of new riders joining us recently, and I’ve been busy organising our summer events, so we haven’t been able to compete at all. Rio can tense up a bit with all the noise and bustle if he’s not used to it, but in the end he was fine. I’m so proud of him.’ The judges were also impressed with his beautifully balanced canter and free walk.

Kimberley, a qualified BHSI, is based at The Priory Stables in Wherwell. ‘We’ve all invested a great deal to develop this yard over the last year. The new facilities are fantastic, but it’s also a really relaxed and friendly stables’.

One other from The Priory Stables also did well – Lynn Mead, on Thomas, a young horse, was placed fourth. Thomas’s improvement whilst at The Priory Stables has led Bourne Valley Riding Club to select Lynn to join their second team at Badminton Dressage on 20th July. To see a video clip of Kimberley and Rio go to: www.thepriorystables.co.uk.

For further information contact Clare Hogg:

Tel: 01264 860186 Fax: 01264 860180 Email: clare@wherwell.com

Web: www.thepriorystables.co.uk

The Priory Stables, Wherwell, Andover, Hants SP11 7JH Tel: 01264

Congratulations, Charlotte!

Charlotte Murrell from Room Cottages was the winner of a Silver Gilt Award at Hampton Court Flower Show with her wildlife-friendly ‘Small Garden’ design. Look for it on the RHS website.

Silver Gilt at Hampton Court.

Wherwell Primary School Summer Visits

Links between the village and Wherwell primary school have continued to grow this summer. Mary and Mike Gee have been lucky enough to have had the opportunity to work with the teachers of both Class 3 and Class 4, helping them to organise educational visits around the village.

Class 4's teacher, Mrs Leigh, chose Wherwell as their Topic for this half term to help the children in all areas of their work, especially in history and geography. Mike, whose family came to the village in 1928, was pleased to be able to arrange visits and accompany them to various houses of interest.

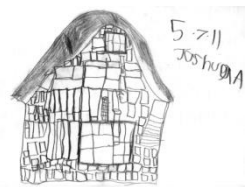
The first outing was to the Priory where Mrs Hogg very generously welcomed them into her beautiful home. She talked to them about the fascinating history of the Abbey that had once stood on the site of the present house and the connections it had with the early kings and queens of England. She also showed them the garden and a model of the old abbey.

The second outing, a week later was made possible by Mr and Mrs Payne who also very kindly opened their home to the children. It had belonged to Mrs Payne's aunt, Mrs Grace Morgan, and before that had been the village shop and bakery. They were shown around the house and the garden and were told about its history by Mrs Harding, who also knew the house well. Going down into the cellar with Mr Payne proved to be a highlight of the visit! They then went to visit Mr Browning in the garden of his little thatched cottage where there was a pump - it still worked but needed a lot of help from the children! Mr Browning was most helpful in answering the children's questions about what it was like living in the village when he was young explaining how different it was then. As they walked around the village they also learnt about some of the other buildings which they passed, such as the Old Smithy, Toll cottage, Shepherd's cottage and the little wooden house where the local nurse used to have her surgery.





Class 3, on the other hand, were looking at buildings in a different way through drawing them! Mrs Collins happened to mention to Mary Gee that she had been talking to her class about buildings having personalities and character and would like them to have the chance to actually draw them to try and capture this. So a visit to the Gee's 16th century cottage in Church Street was arranged. It was a magic morning. The sun shone on all the little artists as they beavered away at their beautiful drawings from the front and the back of the cottage. The children (and the cottage!) really enjoyed the happy and productive time spent together. After a cup of homemade elder-flower cordial, Class 3 waved goodbye and took their beautiful drawings back to school to put on display and use as a basis for further work.



Mary and Mike would like to take this opportunity to say how much they enjoyed the time they spent with the children of both classes and how impressed they were by their interest, enthusiasm, good behaviour and also their excellent 'Thank You' letters. We look forward to continuing these links as it has been most rewarding, as well as great fun!

Mary Gee

*The Chilbolton Players
Present...*

"Maurice Dancing"

*A Comedy
By Michael Snelgrove*



And

"Costa Del Packet!"

*A Farce
By Anthony Booth*



*On Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September
At 7:30pm*

Box Office : 01264 861082

Cycling from Switzerland to Italy (1,470 kms)

A team of nineteen friends, including the support team, cycled from Switzerland to Sicily covering 1,470 kms in aid of Cancer Research UK (CRUK). The project is part of a two-event package with our Cycle4Life event in Winchester on 4th September 2011 which is aiming to raise £100k.

The ride included my son Tom and myself from Chilbolton, and Martin Gossling as one of our advisers. CRUK is strong in Chilbolton where Lindy Baines and Jane Gossling work tirelessly as Board members of the Winchester branch of the charity.

While the cycle was a tough test of endurance, the sheer beauty of Italy and its contrasting regional differences was a magnificent experience. It also revealed significant regional differences in the quality of life. We started in the rich mountainous north in Lugano, Switzerland and went via Chiasso and Milan to Bologna. Then onto the tourist oriented Adriatic coast for 3 days until Termoli where we cut across to the west coast through the mountains and rural Italy to Calabria. We then raced down to Sicily.

The cycle was started in Lugano by Professor Johnson, the senior CRUK Director and eminent physician.



L to R: Andrew Gibson, Prof. Johnson, James Wadley, Tom Gibson

With in excess of 40 degrees of heat each day the cycling was relentless but the views were amazing and I wish you could all have seen them. We do have a photo gallery if anyone is interested.

My son Tom was the only injury as he fell twice in the first few days due to suspect road surfaces. His second fall involved a spectacular somersault

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Cycling from Switzerland to Italy (continued from page 20)

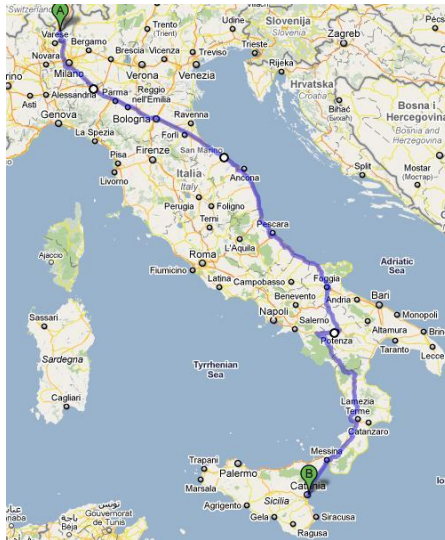
and impressive recovery, getting away with only minor grazes. As the tough Rugby player he is, Tom got up and got on with it.

We were also interviewed by the press four times, and in Lucera we met the Mayor who introduced us to Signor Del Grosso who has ridden the Tour de France five times and was a local hero.

The next day, going across the country to Calabria we hit the mountains and had several warnings of ice and snow, with the advice to put on snow chains!! We clearly understood that the mountains were going to be difficult and we actually climbed 3,000 feet during the day.

Eventually we reached Sicily and stayed in the beautiful town of Taormina just a few miles from Mount Etna. We had to take a ski lift up to the amazing old town majestically sitting on top of the mountain, probably the most fantastic town in Sicily. Finally we had an expectedly difficult ride to Catania. On the way we saw Mount Etna above us smoking gently.

See below the map outlining our route.



If you are interested in supporting Cancer Research UK please go to: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/andrewgibson1> or cheques to: Andrew Gibson, Test Valley Farm, Little Drove Road, Chilbolton, Hampshire, SO20 6AN. Tel. 01264 861138.

Also, if you are interested in our **cycle4life** charity ride starting in Winchester on 4th September, please go to: www.inspiredliving.org.uk/cycle4life

Chilbolton Horticultural Society: June meeting

Our trip to Hilliers was cancelled as the roses were over their best by the end of June. Instead, a large group of members and friends paid a private visit to a new addition to the Yellow Gardens Book: Terstan, in Longstock, which looks out over the water meadows. Our hosts, Penny and Sandie Burnfield, made us very welcome.

We marvelled at the collection of 'rooms' Penny has developed within her cottage garden, with a wealth of unusual plants. The evening was balmy and the setting sun did justice to wonderful colour combinations. Thanks to Mary Gilbert for arranging this.

Reminder: the Society is open to residents of Chilbolton *and Wherwell*. The Flower Show is open to **all** residents of Chilbolton and Wherwell, not just Society members.

Sue Batchelor



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to

THE CHILBOLTON COFFEE MORNING

We celebrate our 1st year on 17th September
at 10.30am

We have had the most wonderful year meeting lots of villagers
and have donated £590 to the Village Hall Fund

Please come along to our

Celebration Coffee Morning

and have a slice of our Birthday Cake with your tea or coffee

Sorry NO Champagne!

AUGUST DIARY DATES

6 th	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 a.m.
7 th	Sid Rowles Cricket Match	Playing Fields	10.00 a.m.
8 th	Age UK Afternoon Tea	White Lion	3.00 p.m.
10 th	Magazine copy closing date		
13 th	Moth watch with Glynne Evans	W. Down	8.00 a.m.
16 th	WI Talk by Alex Langlands	CVH	7.30 p.m.
27 th	Chilbolton Flower Show		
29 th	Wherwell Sports & Dog Show	Playing Fields	1.00 p.m.
30 th	Magazine collation	CVH	6.30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

2 nd	Doug Bailey Concert	WVH	8.00 p.m.
5 th	Red Garter	CVH	7.30 p.m.
6 th	Chilbolton PCC	CVH	7.30 p.m.
9 th /10 th	Chilbolton Players Performance	CVH	7.30 p.m.
10 th	Historic Churches 'Ride & Stride'		10 – 6 p.m.

AUGUST EVENTS

Please note that the Chilbolton Coffee Morning, Parish Councils and the Midday Mums do not have meetings in August.

The Langalanga Scholarship Fund

Ladies this is an opportunity for you to buy new hats scarves and bags, but before you do so the old ones need to be dumped. The Langalanga Scholarship Fund can help. Just deliver these items to me and I will take them to the Hat Fest and Hog Roast they are having at Weyhill Fairground on the 16th October and your wardrobe will be freed up for more space for more hats etc.

Call Alan Crisp 860641

Care group

Another donation of £200 has been made to the Countess of Brecknock Hospice, thanks once again to the continued selfless work of our volunteer drivers. Some of us are not getting any younger (well, I'm not!) so if any readers of this magazine feel they are able to give an occasional hour of their time to this good cause then Peter Ward (860528) or I would be pleased to hear from you.

Mike Davis (860594)

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Theatres:

During August several workshops and events for children are being held at The Lights, Andover www.thelights.org.uk. Summer schools and productions for children are also being held at Theatre Royal, Winchester www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk. There are summer holiday activities for children at Winchester Discovery Centre www.hants.gov.uk/wdc

23/08/11 & 06/09/11: **Lee Nelson – Warm Up for his ‘Well New Tour’**. At The Lights, Andover at 8pm. Tickets £15-£16. Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk.

31/08/11 to 03/09/11: **Singin’ in the Rain**. Presented by Ricnic Productions at Theatre Royal, Winchester at 7.30pm. Tickets £14 (concessions £10). Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

Music:

29/08/11: **Organ Recital** by Richard Hills at 4pm at Winchester Cathedral. Tickets £8. Tel (01962) 857275 www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

Other events:

05/08/11: **Pinocchio**. Free Open Air Theatre Show at Beech Hurst Park, Andover starting at 6pm. Arrive early with a blanket or deckchairs and your own refreshments. www.andovervision.co.uk

25/08/11: **Pirates of Penzance**. Outdoor theatre at Mottisfont Abbey, near Romsey from 7-9pm, gates open 6.30pm. Tickets £16. Booking essential. Tel 01794 340757. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events

27/08/11: **Family Summer’s End Picnic with Fireworks** at Hillier Gardens, near Romsey from 6-9pm. Tickets £12, children £8. Tel (01794) 369318 www.hilliergardens.org.uk

Until 30/10/11: **Art in the Garden** at Hillier Gardens, near Romsey. Free with normal admission. Gardens open 10am to 6pm. Contact details above.

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:

07 Aug 2011 – Romsey

14 Aug 2011 – Winchester

21 Aug 2011 – Andover

28 Aug 2011 – Winchester

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

Wherwell History Group

Our latest acquisition, courtesy of eBay, is the Sotheby's Catalogue for the sale at Wherwell Priory, 2nd May 1990, by direction of the Executors of The Late Countess of Brecknock, DBE. This catalogue details 680 lots, in over 100 pages, and includes English and Continental Furniture, Curtains, Carpets, Rugs, Linen, Ceramics and Glass, Silver and Plate, Clocks, Pictures, Books and Outside Effects.

On the front cover, there is a very fine picture of Wherwell Priory.



Included in the Introduction to the Auction Sale, there is a concise history of the life of Lady Brecknock.

'The Countess of Brecknock was born on 28th March 1900 and brought to Wherwell shortly afterwards. Thus began her deep and lasting love of Wherwell, the Priory, the estate, the village, the countryside and the people. In 1920 she married the Earl of Brecknock, elder son and heir of the 4th Marquess Camden; they spent part of their honeymoon at Wherwell.'

Between the wars Lady Brecknock was a spirited socialite; together with her cousin and closest friend Edwina, Countess Mountbatten of Burma, she undertook a series of exotic expeditions. They traversed the wilds of Mexico,
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Guatemala and Honduras; and subsequently to Chile and by train to La Paz in Bolivia where they became involved in a local uprising.

In 1938 she joined the FANYs (later to be embodied in the ATS) as a private, and during the 1939—45 War she served first with motor companies, then with the anti-aircraft artillery. By the end of the war she was the senior ATS woman officer at Supreme HQ Allied Expeditionary Forces in France and in 1945 she was mentioned in despatches and awarded the American Bronze Star.

From 1937 to 1939 Lady Brecknock was a Lady-in-waiting to Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, and it was during this time that she made her first contact with the St John Ambulance Brigade. After the death of Lady Mountbatten in 1960, Lady Brecknock became Superintendent-in-Chief of St John Ambulance and was made a Dame of the British Empire in 1967.



Lady Brecknock was celebrated for her driving and mechanical abilities; in her day she was one of the best lady shots in the country and was a skilled fisherman. She was always to be seen accompanied by her current much loved labrador.

Lady Brecknock, with her piercing blue eyes, was indeed a very remarkable person. Such was her indomitable spirit that as late as 1988 she founded the Andover Macmillan Hospice Appeal, and the foundation stone for the Countess of Brecknock House was laid by the Duchess of Kent on 31st May 1989. Her death in August last year came only weeks after she had hosted yet another spectacular Fete Champêtre at Wherwell in the presence of HRH Prince Philip.'

The above text is an abridged version of a much fuller account in Anthology VII (1980), written by Tom Hutton, which also features many photographs. The two reproduced below show Marjorie early in the twentieth century, and receiving St. John awards in 1959 accompanied by her mother, Mrs Jenkins.



Andrew Flanagan



GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY IN THE AREA AUGUST 2011

Sunday 7th August

Longstock Park Water Garden is open in aid of Winchester Live at Home Scheme from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £5, children £1. Teas are available at Longstock Park Nursery. www.longstockpark.co.uk

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th August

The Buildings, Broughton. Garden open for The National Gardens Scheme from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £3.50, children free (share to Friends of St Mary's Broughton and St James's Bossington). Home-made teas. www.ngs.org.uk

Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th August

Ibthorpe Tower, Windmill Hill, Hurstbourne Tarrant open for The National Gardens Scheme from 2pm to 5.30pm. Admission £4, children free. Home-made teas in aid of Tangleby Parish Village Hall. www.ngs.org.uk

Saturday 20th August

Gilberts Nursery open for The National Gardens Scheme from 11am to 5pm. Admission £2.50, children free. Light refreshments and home-made teas. www.ngs.org.uk

Sunday 21st August

Longstock Park Water Garden is open in aid of Barton Stacey Primary School from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £5, children £1. Teas are available at Longstock Park Nursery. www.longstockpark.co.uk

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August

Gilberts Nursery open for The National Gardens Scheme from 11am to 5pm. Admission £2.50, children free. Light refreshments and home-made teas. www.ngs.org.uk

DOG WALKING ON CHILBOLTON MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

We are very fortunate to have this excellent amenity free for all to enjoy in Chilbolton, and Chilbolton Football Club is a major beneficiary of the field and changing rooms. That said, I want to highlight a situation that has been raised in this magazine on previous occasions but which is still of great concern.

Through the generous support of the Parish Council the field is kept mown, and in the last few months considerable work has been undertaken to secure the perimeter, repair the rabbit damage and further improve the grass areas for use.

The football club weekly training sessions resumed on 7 July, and it is very disappointing to have to report that since the end of last season, considerable evidence has accumulated of dog owners failing to clear up after their dogs on the playing field. I can attest that for those wanting to use the grass this is very off-putting and possibly unhealthy. We are enforced to undertake a clear-up which unfairly delays the start of our football training.

Along with all other users of the playing field, the club and its players would really value, and benefit from, the co-operation of dog walkers to ensure that proper arrangements are made to clear up after their dogs.

Thank you, and enjoy using the playing field.

Nick Horne
Chairman, Chilbolton FC



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Ride and Stride

Sponsored Cycle, Ride or Walk



**Saturday 10th September
10am – 6pm**



**Help raise funds for the restoration and repair of Hampshire and
the Islands' Historic Church Buildings.**

Half of what you raise goes to the church of your choice.

**For more information and sponsor forms please contact Charlotte
Nash Tel: 860831 email cj@cjnash.com**

John Rowles - Part two: Back to Wherwell

It was 1939, war had just been declared when the Rowles family arrived back in Wherwell. The Jenkins gave John's father, Fred, a farm-labourer's job with a tied cottage on the estate.

New Barn, thatched in those days, was a two-bedroom cottage on the edge of Harewood Forest, over half a mile from the village up a muddy track. With no electricity or running water, they used oil lamps and candles, and it was John's job to haul water from the well, 120 feet deep. On Friday evenings he had to fill the 'copper' with water which was heated over a fire for the weekly bath. A bucket in the garden served as the toilet.

At the bottom of their track was the smithy, always busy with horses to shoe and farm machinery to mend. Further down the street were two shops, and a post office. Dancing Ledge had newspapers and, sometimes, sweets. The 20th Century Stores was a bakery and grocer's, as well as being a bar where the farm labourers drank. The White Lion was for grander folk, with its large saloon bar, and rooms to stay in.

Dominating the village at the end of Church Street stood the Pound Tree, a huge old elm with a hollow trunk where children would hide. It was always, 'Meet you at the Pound Tree!'

Fuel-rationing meant there were few cars. Buster, a well-known character in the village, collected everyone's rubbish and delivered their coal in a horse-drawn cart. He also worked for Digger Young who, with his lopsided gait, was a familiar sight driving his four cows down the street.

Early each morning, John would run down the track to collect their milk from the Priory. During the holidays, their chores over, the children would spend all day in the forest. They knew every track, and to friends who came to play and go looking for birds' nests, John, being the eldest, was their leader. The War added exciting dimension. Bombs and light ammunition were openly stored by the side of the tracks. John and a friend learnt how to remove the bullet from 20mm canon shells and extract the cordite to make fireworks!

John's affinity with nature and animals grew. His pets were jackdaws and magpies which he reared from fledglings, a goat, and a red squirrel which he rescued when it was tiny. It went everywhere with him, even to Sunday school, stuffed into his jacket pocket.

He was adventurous from an early age, and wanted to find out about everything he came across. When he was ten, he set off alone one day and walked across the fields to visit his favourite uncle several miles away. Four years later he cycled to Cornwell, the following year to Yorkshire, and the next it was to Scotland and back.

In retrospect, he sees challenges such as these, and the determination to meet them, as the building blocks of his life. He passionately believes 'there's nothing you can't do provided you think long enough about it.'

At the time he had no idea what kind of life, or of the intellectual heights, to which that passionately held belief would lead him.

Tessa Youell

Don't fall foul of septic tank law

The following article appeared in the Hampshire Chronicle dated 30 June 2011, and may be of interest to Chilbolton and Wherwell residents who do not take the paper or who, like us, were unaware of this new regulation:

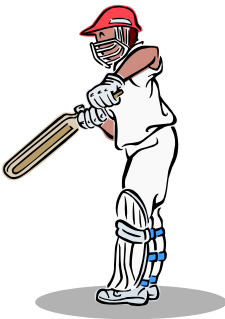
Rural homeowners in Hampshire could face a fine of £20,000 if they do not comply with a new septic-tank law by the end of the year. New rules state every home with a septic tank or private sewer system must be authorised by an Environment Agency permit or exemption by the end of 2011 under environmental regulations passed in 2010.

Sarah Jordan, an associate with Hampshire law firm Clarke Willmott, specialising in land and estate acquisition, said many homeowners would be unaware of the change in the law: 'Hampshire is a rural county where many properties have septic tanks. Unfortunately owners are probably not aware of the need for this permit. Now is the time to get a permit, whether considering selling a property or not.'

Registration is currently free. Homeowners who have recently bought a property or have had their sewage systems updated are likely to have a permit already.

For more information go to www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Tricia Cameron

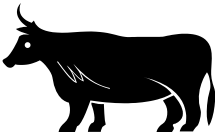


The Sid Rowles Memorial Charity Cricket Match

Sunday 7th of August 2011 at Wherwell
Playing Fields

Play starts at 10am, until dusk
Licensed bar, lunch, tea, and BBQ

Tickets are available from:
Richard Rowles on 01264 861101 or Richard@rowles.co.uk
The Event is in aid of the Wherwell Cricket Club and
Wherwell Playing Fields



Cows on the Common

The cows on the Common are a regular feature and have been for many years. They fulfil a very useful purpose in controlling the pasture and continuing the natural management of the land. The current herd is around thirty cows, heifers, and a calf born in late May. They are part of a mixed Angus and Friesian herd who are sometimes grazed in the New Forest and brought here for the season May to November. The grazier pays the Parish Council for the right to keep the cattle on the Common but they are his responsibility. In the past few years there have been two fatalities, causes unknown to me, and one cow hung itself behind the sport pavilion reaching for shoots high in a tree and slipped. I have noticed that over the years each herd has a different character, some are very friendly and others not so. But each herd moves around the Common in a similar manner depending upon the time of day.

The low-lying nature of the Common, which is alluvial lowland, was improved in times gone by to make well-regulated water meadows that are now suitable for cow commons. The 47.109 acres of the Common were used in the past for the pasture of beasts in common, but due to the boggy nature of the land and the risk of liver flukes, sheep were not thought to have been grazed on the Common. However in Tavener's, *The Common Lands of Hampshire*, it is recorded that an elderly shepherd said that in the spring of the year the sheep were driven to the water meadows from West Down and did well on the good feed there. The water meadows which had been covered in silt during the winter months stimulated early fresh grass that would produce good lambs for the Easter feasts.

The current grazier said that the mixed grasses available on the Common together with the heather and weed from the Test provide good food for the cattle. The cows can also be seen to eat branches and nettles to provide roughage. This year one cow has developed a taste for poinsettias and will put its head through the windows of the Old Cottage to eat the plants.

Thus the cows preserve the habitat of the Common and add interest to the views especially when they are in the river as the evening mist falls. *Alan Crisp*

Wherwell PCC is Searching for a Treasurer ...

... you don't need to be a qualified accountant, an experienced 'book-keeper' would be ideal, but anyone numerate and methodical could do the job... start date April 2012.

Interested? For more detailed information, please email
John Conte: WherwellBiz@aol.com

Concert of Mediaeval and Renaissance Music

At 8 p.m. on Friday, 2nd September in Wherwell Village hall, there is to be a concert by an exciting new mediaeval and Renaissance band from London. They have an interesting variety of well-researched programmes of music spanning four centuries from England, France, Spain and Italy, played on recorders, bagpipes, vielle, harp, rebec, symphony, oud and a variety of percussion instruments. Tickets £8 (concessions £6) from Doug Bailey 01264 860569 or email doug.bailey@wildgoose.co.uk.

Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife



Our evening glow-worm hunt at West Down was unfortunately spoiled by cool weather and persistent drizzle – not quite what we expected for a late-June evening! However, an enthusiastic band of villagers enjoyed a good walk round the nature reserve and we saw lots of interesting wild flowers. Glow-worms are best found on warm dry nights, and as it gradually became darker and wetter we found nothing, and everyone decided best to give up and go home. Then, perversely, the two of us that walked home across the Down in the dark were lucky enough to spot a bright light in the grass – a glow-worm, showing itself despite the drizzle and wet. And as we came back down the hill, we spotted two more. It was too late to tell the others, but it shows that glow-worms are still present on West Down – and that if you care to walk up on the Down after dark on a warm summer's night, you may well see one. It's the females that 'glow' when they first emerge. But once they have attracted a male and mated, then they glow no more. So, depending on the season, early-July is probably the best time. But you may be lucky and see one in August, so still time for you to go and have a look.

For our August visit to West Down, we're going to look at moths. I will put some moth-traps out over-night, and we'll meet in the morning to look at the moths. **Meet at the top car-park, West Down, 08:00, Saturday 13th August.**

If we have warm weather, this is a good date for some migrant moths as well as a wide range of colourful moths on the Down.

Glynne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)



Bee Diary August 2011



It was a great opportunity at the Chilbolton Church Fete to be able to talk to customers, old and new, about Chilbolton Honey. It was suggested that we were being generous in giving the day's takings to the Fete, but having enjoyed an extremely good honey harvest so far this year, we were really only paying our fair dues to Him Up There. One good question I was asked was 'did we leave many bees behind when we moved them from Chilbolton to other sources of forage?' I was able to give assurance that every bee returns to the hive at night and we don't shut them up until after it is dark, so every bee will go on her hols when we move the hives to the New Forest in early August for the heather.

The third week in June, about the time of the Fete, was when the second major honey flow of the year started. Up until that point the bees had suffered three weeks of nectar shortage and many hives were getting very light. For the first time in twenty years of beekeeping we had to resort to feeding in summer one or two hives with syrup. The following week the hives were full of nectar again as the summer nectar flow kicked in. This second honey flow has got the bees swarming again and phones have been buzzing with reports of bees in buildings, swarms in trees and busy beekeepers.

Are bees dangerous, I have been asked? These days increasing numbers of people seem to have a serious reaction to bee and wasp stings. Many novice beekeepers have to give up the craft after getting stung, which is sad because protective clothing is so good these days, I can go for weeks without a sting, as long as I remember to do up the zips. In the old days beekeepers were taught to handle bees without gloves, but unless the colony is very docile, I can't recommend it.

It is really important to keep bees and animals separated. I heard of an incident only today where a dog knocked into a hive, got badly stung and died 2 days later. Years ago a sheep got its head stuck in the apiary fence and died; of course the bees were blamed.

West Down has been a blaze of colour this year since the trees were cut down. The cleared areas have been a Mecca for many species of bees with foxgloves, ragwort, rosebay willow herb and many other wild flowers to forage. The five highland cattle have got some serious browsing and grazing to do if the area is ever to return to chalk grassland. As far as the bees are concerned, it's great just as it is.

Jolyon Pope

Chilbolton FC Monthly Report: 'We're Back In Action'

The first of our weekly training sessions for the 2011-12 season took place on the Memorial Playing Field on 7 July.

The enthusiastic approach that ended last season was evident from the sixteen attendees, comprising Chilbolton FC stalwarts and newcomers to the club. The sessions combine fitness skills and tactical drills designed to build team spirit and performance in an enjoyable and challenging way – and so it turned out!

Despite his professional commitment as a star Salisbury City player, and work as a Personal Trainer and Sports Masseur, Chilbolton resident Charlie Knight has generously provided input on our training programme and we hope that he will remain involved with the club throughout the season.

During the summer the Parish Council arranged for considerable work to make the field 'rabbit proof', and installed new showers in the changing rooms, and we are very grateful for that support. Please refer to a separate article in the magazine on how dog walkers on the Playing Field can do their bit to help us.

Our first league match will be on Sunday 5 September, but before then we will have a number of friendly matches. Already confirmed are games against Southampton Arms, KTF Reserves, Aldridge Vehicles, and Wallop Wanderers, on the 31 July and 7, 14 and 21 August respectively. Kick off at 10.30am on the Memorial Playing Field – please come along to support us.

In the meantime, we will welcome new players to join our training on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Feel free to contact me for more information or just turn up.

You can follow our progress via our re-vamped website at:
www.chilboltonfc.co.uk

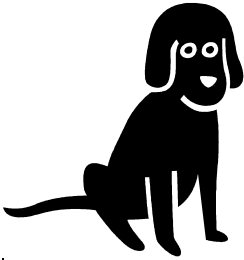
*Sam Horne, Team Manager
(07869 055300)*

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

are looking for volunteers to become Safety Advisors, Business Advisors and Community Advisors. These people will be trained to provide safety advice. If there is anyone out there interested please contact:

bob.ratcliffe@hantsfire.gov.uk or 023 80 644 ext. 4003

Alan Crisp



WHERWELL PLAYING FIELDS

DOG DAY AFTERNOON

Fun dog show and games
at Wherwell Playing Fields Sports and Fete

MONDAY 29th AUGUST at 1.00 PM

DEMONSTRATION RING

Have a go - steeple chase - games - exhibitions

SHOW RING

Most handsome dog - Prettiest bitch - Best 6 legs

Best veteran - Best rescue - Dog most like its owner

Last sausage saloon - Best fancy dress - Best skittle recall

Fastest recall - Musical squares

Best trick handler under 10 & 11 - 16

Best junior handler under 10 & 11 - 16

Longest stay - Fastest down - Waggiest tail

Best sausage catcher

ENTRY ON DAY