

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

August may have been a quiet month full of both sunshine and showers. We all hope you have all had good holidays. September is very promising as its full of options of events and activities for you to undertake. From Knitting, to keep fit, fundraising and theatricals believe me it's all there this month.

As the summer comes to a close, children return to school, and the harvest is gathered its time to think about preparing for winter. According to the weathermen we are in for a spectacular spread of autumnal colours so we hope you can all enjoy the coming season.

Carole Marits

Thank you to Gail Budd, Ray Blazdell and Carole Marits for producing this month's magazine, to Terry Gilmour for printing and to Sue and Ray Blazdell and helpers for collation and distribution.

Church Matters

The Downs Benefice

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

Curate: The Rev'd Stuart Rason, The Rectory, Chilbolton Tel: 860258

Benefice Administrators: Vanessa Denham & Maggie Hobbs

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

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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

Church Services September 2011

	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Sunday 4th September <i>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion	8.00am				
Family Communion				10.00 am	
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Evensong	6.00pm				
Littleton Show Service			10.00 am		
Wednesday 7th September					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme			2.30 pm		
Sunday 11th September <i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00am		
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Welcome Worship				10.00 am	
Wednesday 14th September					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 18th September <i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am	8.00am		
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
CW Holy Communion	10.00 am				
Matins				10.00 am	
Benefice Evensong		6.00 pm			
Wednesday 21st September					
Holy Communion	10.30 am		9.30 am		
Thursday 22nd September					
Flowerdown HC			2.30 pm		
Saturday 24th September					
House Communion			10.00am		
Sunday 25th September <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Harvest Festival	10.00 am	10.00 am			
Family Communion			10.00 am	10.00 am	
Peace & Healing			6.00pm		
Wednesday 28th September					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Meditation			7.00 pm		

From the Chilbolton Church Records

Baptisms

17 July 2011 - Elexus Reeves
7 August 2011 - Joshua and Lauren Armstrong

Weddings

6 August 2011 - Nicholas Webb and Sarah-Jane Lush
20 August 2011 - Mark Foster and Carly Green

Funerals

29 June 2011 - George Taylor (Burial of Ashes)
26 August 2011 - Sue Austin



Harvest Festival



St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton
Sunday 25th September at 10am

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

After the service the harvest produce will be auctioned.
Proceeds to the Crisis Centre, Andover.

Harvest Lunch at Chilbolton Village Hall

Sunday 25th September at 12:30pm

Everyone welcome!

Tickets in advance from
Jane Spence Tel: 860726

Adults £6.50 Children £3



Hey What about the Bible?

I hope this article may help some folk to relax about the Bible, and so enjoy it more. It really is all right to have favourite bits to enjoy, and unfavourite bits to ignore. The Bible was written by men of great faith and out of their learning and experience. It was not dictated by God, and it can be mistaken. The thirty-nine books were written over a period of some 2,500 years, so of course all the writings do not agree.

Our religious faith is based on three pillars, the Bible, Church teaching and (not least) common sense. At its best Faith springs from all three in agreement, but at its worst one of the three takes over – and look out.

The First half of the Bible, is the Old Testament (OT), then comes the apocrypha which is probably not in your Bible, and finally the New Testament (NT) which tells us about Jesus and the very early Church. It is not a history or a science book, but an account of man's discovery of God and of what that implies. 'History begins at Genesis Chapter 11' was the dictum of Archbishop Blanch. This is the story of Abraham which reflects the gathering of the tribes of Israel. Everything written before that was of the myths and parables that prepared for what was to come. It gave us a context to accept the sovereignty of God and a theology in those times equal to that of surrounding powerful nations. With Jesus Christ and the NT we take a giant step further!

If you are not used to the Bible, use a guide/commentary, which you can find at the Bible Bookshop on Bridge Street. Don't read the Bible from cover to cover, but start perhaps at 1 Samuel for the OT. For the NT, start with the Gospels which I would read in the sequence - Mark, Luke, Matthew and John. Leave Revelation for much later. Scholars argued as to whether it should be included in the NT until about 400 AD and then made the wrong decision, in my opinion!

Isaiah is a lovely book. Start in anywhere. But remember it has at least three authors, and was written over a period of 240 years. Ezra and Nehemiah do nothing for me, but Daniel is great once you appreciate it was not written in 500 BC as it purports, but in 162 BC as a parable to strengthen the faithful under the oppression of Antiochus Epiphanes. Hence the lions' dens and fiery furnaces.

I love the little book of Jonah, so often misunderstood. There is no way to date it, but it probably came from the oral tradition period, to teach: a) God is Lord of all the earth, and even of the sea. b) Having this faith we also have a mission to the world c) God forgives the penitent, and therefore so must we. Wow! That is a lot of teaching in four very short chapters. Anyone looking for whales has sadly missed the point of this lovely parable. That's all for now.

Piers Warburton.

SPACE IN THE CITY AUTUMN 2011

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THE KING JAMES BIBLE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 12.30 – 1PM

28th Sept - 19th Oct & 2nd - 23rd Nov

At

THE UNITED CHURCH, JEWRY STREET,
WINCHESTER.

28 th Sept	The Unmediated Voice of God? Who 'spoke' the King James Version?	The Rev'd Dr David Holgate - Principal, Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme, Salisbury.
5 th Oct	The Winchester College Bible	Dr Geoffrey Day, Fellows' & Eccles Librarian, Winchester College.
12 th Oct	The King James Bible and the English Language	Dr Christopher Mulvey, Trustee, The English Project; Emeritus Professor of English, University of Winchester.
19 th Oct	The Bible and Judaism – the Jewish approach to biblical literature.	Dr Helen Spurling Ian Karten Outreach and Teaching Fellow, the Parkes Institute, University of Southampton.
2 nd Nov	Lectio Divina	+ Giles Hill, O.S.B. Abbot of Alton Abbey
9 th Nov	The Bible in translation today – Bible Society	James Catford Group Chief Executive of the Bible Society
16 th Nov	'What the Bible means to me....' Debbie Thrower in conversation with...	Debbie Thrower, Broadcaster; Reader & Simeon Chaplain to Older People, Alton.
23 rd Nov	Fast Bible – accessing the Bible in the 21 st Century.	The Rev'd Dr Stefan Collier, Assistant Curate, East Winchester Benefice.

Sandwiches available ~ Admission Free. Donations welcome

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Chilbolton Parish Council

Even though there was not a meeting of the Parish Council in August life in the Village goes on. The warm weather attracts the crowds from far and wide to the Common with the usual parking and congestion problems on the Common and in Village Street. It has been suggested by villagers that we should ask HCC to put more white line down from the top of Joys Lane to the shop as parking in this area is dangerous. There is a meeting of the Parish Council in September and I will raise this issue.

Another fire was started on the Common by youths who ran away towards Wherwell when approached. A month or so ago another fire was started which became so fierce that the fire brigade were called. There is very little we can do to prevent such incidents except be alert. The no B-B-Q signs seem to work although last weekend one was lit in a secluded position and the B-B-Q was later thrown in a hedge. These cheap B-B-Qs destroy the roots of the grass for well over a year and the charcoal is often dumped on the grass or in the river. If you do see fires being lit please either confront the people or call John Rowles or me. The police will take action against anyone causing criminal damage to the Common.

Dog waste is another perpetual issue with some users refusing to clean up after their animals. John Rowles was involved in an aggressive confrontation with one man who refused to clean up saying the waste was harmless etc. The new bin for poo bags on the Long Bridge was immediately emptied of 200 bags and now has been vandalised. Why people should do such things is a mystery. Local people do seem to clear up after their pets but visitors are often not so concerned.

I have been contacted by various people about the building of a dwelling adjoining Copyhold. The application to build this house was considered last year by TVBC and approved. At the time the Parish Council put forward very strong objections to the proposals and wrote a well argued two page letter which is on the TVBC web site, reference 10/01469/Fulln. In our opinion the development is totally unsuitable for the site but it was approved. In the past the Parish Council has fought very hard to resist the building of dwellings in the Village where it is felt they are unsuitable or breach guidelines etc. We do what we can but our powers are limited.

And finally I have never experienced such widespread grief in the Village following the sudden and tragic death of Sue Austin. Our thoughts can only go out to Will and his family for this tragic loss.

Alan Crisp



The White Lion and Age UK Andover & District Afternoon Tea at The White Lion, Wherwell

2nd Monday of the month Aug-Oct

Sept 12th & Oct 10th 3pm

£2.00 tea and cake/scones. Just come along - no booking required. ALL welcome (regardless of age or which Hampshire village you live in!)

Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch Report



This month has been relatively quiet for our Neighbourhood Watch.

One thing that has been happening is that people are gradually becoming aware that to be able to say they are members of their local Neighbourhood

Watch Scheme is helpful when coming to renew their household insurance.

Early in July, I circulated an e-mail received from the Diocese of Winchester telling us that in addition to the continuing lead/metal thefts, there has been a new spate of burglaries from church safes. Having broken into churches in Basingstoke, Odiham and Whitchurch, the burglars drilled into the back of the safe to extract the silver and money. Other dioceses have also been targeted.

In the middle of July there was a disturbing report of a dead dog seen up on the Mark Way. As it was a Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cross it was thought that it may have been to do with dog fighting. When the dog warden went to look for it, it had disappeared. I live next to West Down and have to say I have never heard dogs barking in the way they would if taking part in organised fighting, but I understand it would not be the first time such activity has taken place there.

My most recent report has been about a bag snatch. I have since discovered that this is an old story and I must stress that it happened in Southampton but nevertheless worthy, I think, of repeating. It seems that a lady had her bag snatched from over the door of a public lavatory. She later received a phone call, supposedly from John Lewis, to say it had been found and would she come to collect it. Having agreed a time she arrived at the shop to discover this was a hoax arrangement. In the meantime her house was burgled. It is well to remember that a bag can also be snatched from under a door or partition, wherever there is a gap.

Again there were the usual reports of aggressive behaviour when the ex-prisoners came knocking at the end of the month. Please remember that you should try to ask for their identity card and note the number so that if you have cause to report them to me or the police you have a reference. Failing that, a good description helps too. You can, of course, call 101 and report them yourselves. No further sightings of the suspicious vehicles previously mentioned have been reported.

Maria Watson

Tel: 860415 e-mail: mwatson.cottage@hotmail.co.uk

Dog Theft Ring

Dog thieves, two men and a woman operating from a white van, are targeting off lead dogs in the area. They have been sighted in the Test valley, Meon valley, Andover, Newbury, Salisbury and Salisbury Plain areas. They try to catch dogs that are running off lead even if close to their owners and are audacious in their attempts. A woman who tried to lure a friend's Labrador out of a pub, literally from under his nose, may be part of this ring.

Please report any attempts to the police. Even a partial car registration number or description of the people seen may help catch them. As the police no longer have responsibility for lost dogs, you may find, as I did, that they are reluctant to classify a loss as theft or record details of an attempted abduction. If the police are not interested, I am happy to compile a log as part of the Wherwell Neighbourhood Watch initiative (I am one of the area co-ordinators). Please feel free to contact me on 860659 or email me at phyllisbennethome@yahoo.co.uk if you have any concerns.

Phyllis Bennett

Chilbolton Village Hall News

Elsewhere in this edition of the magazine, readers will find details of the Autumn Film programme which I feel offers a strong and enjoyable selection, well worthy of your support. The cost is modest and the company good, refreshments are available in the form of tea or coffee, together with generous glasses of wine and choc ices for purchase - don't miss it.

The 100's club has reached its first anniversary and has proved to be an appropriate way for villagers to financially support the Village Hall, whilst at the same time providing the excitement of perhaps being a winning member at the monthly draw. So new members are very welcome and can purchase one or several tickets for £6 each, being equivalent to only 50 pence per month, with the possibility of winning the monthly £15 (first prize) or £10 (second prize). Myself or Michael Gilbert will be collecting renewal subscriptions in early September from those existing members who chose not to complete a bank standing order mandate when first joining. Please telephone me (861334) if you want to join.

As ever the maintenance of the Hall is a priority for the Committee, and visitors will notice that the paving slabs to the front and rear have been re-laid as they were broken, uneven and a bit "rocky". Not an exciting bit of work, but nonetheless entirely necessary.

John Temple
Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee

*The Chilbolton Players
Present...*

"Maurice Dancing"

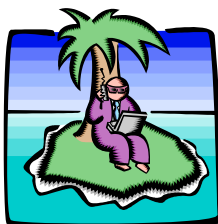
*A Comedy
By Michael Snelgrove*



And

"Costa Del Packet!"

*A Farce
By Anthony Booth*



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

Box Office Now Open: 01264 861082

Kingfisher

Continuing the occasional articles about creatures of the Common, the Kingfisher is an uplifting sight as its sapphire flash speeds down the river. The posts we have erected around the waters edge to fix notices about those areas of the Common to be kept free of dogs are proving to be an attraction for the Kingfisher. From my office I can see a bird perched looking into the water before flying to 20 feet or so, hovering like a humming bird over the water and then diving down. If a fish is caught the bird will return to the post where it took watch to eat it or fly to the next one. They do not appear to dive down into the water from the top of the post, maybe they cannot see into the water due to the refraction. When they dive into the water they drop vertically and do not appear to penetrate too deeply, they plunge into the water rather than dive and create quite a large splash.

Before the posts were erected a Kingfisher could often be seen at the end of a branch by the small bridge ready to fish into the pool by the ford. They keep very still so that their chestnut colours are hidden in the foliage until they dive and then the unmistakable electric blue-green colours startle the eyes as it hits the water and then makes a quick, direct, arrow like flight away to the next vantage point. I have never seen them fish twice from the same spot; if they fail they fly on and try again somewhere else. Maybe the force of the impact as they hit the water disturbs the fish. They are a shy and a quiet bird, the rapid movement of their wings should make a sound but I have never heard it and the shrill ringing 'cheet' of their song does not last long and is more an alarm call than a mating call.

As you will know they breed in deep nests excavated in the riverbank and lay a clutch of three to eight white eggs. The nests are often made from the skeletons of fish so the smell at the end of the tunnel where they are located must be overpowering. Harsh winters can kill young birds when ice makes feeding conditions difficult and rats or mink will quickly empty a nest. Also the BBC reported that up to 25% of hatchlings die trying to feed when they are newly fledged. So the Kingfisher struggles to survive and we are fortunate to have a pair living and breeding in a garden in the Village. They are widespread in England but rare in Scotland. I have never seen a pair of Kingfishers together or young, small birds.

I have been fortunate to see kingfishers in every continent except South America, the Kingfishers in other parts of the world are usually larger, have different colourings but are essentially still Kingfishers as they move and act in the same manner as their smaller English cousins. None have the startling electric-blue colours and the warm bright chestnut feathers that make our birds so impressive in flight. To encourage them maybe we should create a bank in the far western corner of the Common, near the otter holt, where the birds might nest?

Alan Crisp

Telephone Scam affecting BT Customers

I received a call from a 'representative' of BT, informing me that he was disconnecting me because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00 or it would be £118.00 to reconnect at a later date. The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media, allegedly VM have to pay BT a percentage for line rental!

I asked the guy's name - he gave me the very 'English' John Peacock with a very 'African' accent, and phone number - 0800 0800 152. Obviously the fellow realized I didn't believe his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how and he told me to hang up and try phoning someone - he would disconnect my phone to prevent this. **AND HE DID!!** My phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned me again.

Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made and he said credit card, there and then. I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT.

He hung up. I dialled 1471 - number withheld. I phoned his fictitious 0800 number - not recognized, so I phoned the police to let them know. I wasn't the first! It's only just started apparently, but it is escalating. Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please make as many friends & family aware of this.

How is it done? This is good but not that clever. He gave the wrong number - it should have been 0800 800 152 which takes you through to BT Business. The cutting off of the line is very simple, he stays on the line with the mute button on and you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying (This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it). When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back. You could almost be convinced! The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool the elderly and vulnerable.

By the way this is not about getting the cash as this would not get past merchant services - it is all about getting the credit card details which include the security number so that it can be used for far larger purchases.

Andy Orpin, Police Community Support Officer

Wherwell Church Restoration – Phase 1 on track.



By the time you read this article the oak shingling on the spire should be finished, the renovated weathervane back in place and the dismantling of the upper scaffolding should have started. In addition the strengthening of the spire and bell frames will also have been completed. All in all very satisfactory progress, with the target date for completion of this first Phase still being around the end of October.

The work being undertaken has been gaining some notoriety, with the Hampshire Chronicle running a long article on the history of the Church and this current restoration. Not least because they had reported on the

consecration of the ‘new’ church by the then Bishop of Winchester when it was completed in December 1858! The Andover Advertiser also ran an article on the project but it has to be said got a lot of its facts wrong! We also thought at one moment that BBC South Today might come and visit us but this now looks unlikely. The article in the Hampshire Chronicle has been reproduced in the village website <http://www.wherwell.net/church-restoration-project.htm>

Fundraising continues with grant-making Trusts and Charities, including English Heritage, having now contributed £175,000 and with the community as a whole having donated a massive £76,000 to date. We have had one small ‘hiccup’ in that the Government has moved the goalposts as regards recovering VAT through the Listed Places of Worship Scheme and it is possible we will have to find a further £20,000 from other sources. This has not affected the funding of Phase 1 but we are going to have to work a little harder to secure the funds for Phase 2; namely some alterations to the vestry and the replacement heating system which will now probably be a dual system that will heat the nave/chancel and vestry separately, opening up the opportunity of making better use of the latter.

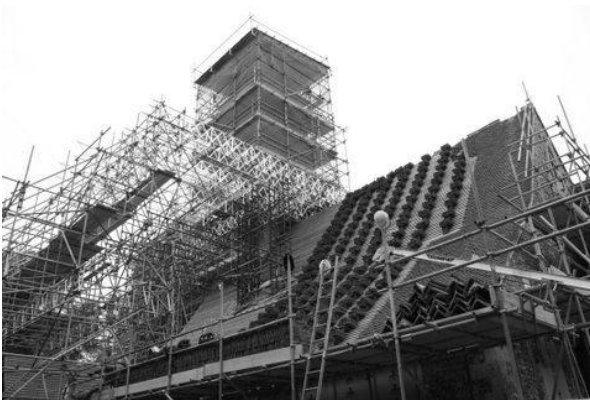
Our Project team has seen some changes with Phill Jennison moving to Winchester and David Ball due to move later this year to Winchester as well. We are delighted to welcome Antony Ansell to the Team to replace David as Project Finance Manager and Sir Michael Parker is also joining us bringing his undoubted expertise both in fundraising and event management. We also have Judith Herridge and Clare Gibson joining us to help Anna with fundraising activities.

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish Phill and Hilary all the best for the future and to thank Phill for his huge contribution to the Restoration Project and indeed to thank both of them for their contribution to village life in so many ways during their eleven years in our community.

Our previous article seeking bell ringers produced results and we now have a fledgling Chiming Team in place; eight in all, and have had our inaugural meeting. The next step is a visit to St. Catherine's Church in Littleton in early August to be introduced to, and have some practice on, their Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus. There to help will be Tim Speakman who is their principal chimer and Edmund Wratten our Church correspondent. Here again we have been gaining some notoriety, with the Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers taking a keen interest and indeed there will shortly be a write up on what we are doing in their monthly newsletter. It needs to be remembered that the stability of the spire, post the renovation work, will be tested and this will determine whether or not we can consider moving forward to full circle ringing using the existing Victorian bell frames.

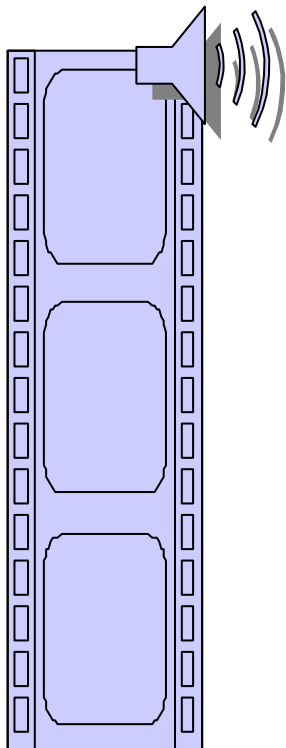


We should again remind everyone that we still have a long way to go in fundraising if we wish to achieve all Phases of the project. Besides our ongoing applications to newly targeted grant-making Trusts and Charities, the fundraising activities within the community

will continue. Over the next few months there will be further information events hosted in private homes and in the village hall as well as other imaginative fundraising activities. There will also be another Auction of Promises set for April 2012.

Finally, there is of course always the option, should you prefer, of simply contacting Anna Lipa on 01264 860879 or anna@stefanlipa.co.uk who will be more than happy to visit you in your home and personally explain what we are doing and how you can contribute in a tax efficient manner.

David Etchells



The Movies are coming back to Chilbolton!

We have now booked films for the Autumn season as follows:

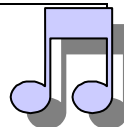
7th October	West Side Story
4th November	Bridesmaids
2nd December	Jane Eyre

Please put these dates in your diaries now, so that you will be ready to book your tickets when you see the posters around the villages.

We need your support for this season, if we are going to be able to continue showing films next year. Many thanks

Beryl Lawrence

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.



Wherwell Village Hall Coffee Morning Saturday Sept 3rd – Bar Refurbishment

The latest phase of the Hall Improvement Plan is scheduled for completion on 26th August and is the complete refurbishment of the bar area. Sue Blazdell who recently stepped down as chair of the management committee has kindly agreed to formally declare it open at the next coffee morning.

So, if you would like to see how some of your generous donations are being spent, come along anytime between 10.30am and 12.30pm when you can also take the opportunity to have a good old get together as well.

Entry is only £1 per person and includes coffee, biscuits and raffle.
Can you afford not to be there? *Peter Granger*

The Artisans Concert

Friday 2nd September, Wherwell Village Hall, 8pm

A concert by an exciting new medieval and Renaissance band emerging 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.

Tickets £8.00, concession £6.00, from Doug Bailey
01264 860569 or email to doug.bailey@wildgoose.co.uk

The Last Night of the Proms Wherwell Playing Fields 6.30 pm Saturday 10th September 2011

Live concert from local divas – jazz, blues, operatic
Big screen TV from the Albert Hall, Barbecue supper included, licensed bar
In aid of Age UK, Wherwell Church Restoration, Wherwell Playing Fields

Tickets £15

from Richard Rowles, 861101, richard@rowles.co.uk or at the door



Midday Mums Coffee morning

Midday Mums will meet for coffee on Monday September 19th at 10.30 – noon, at Wherwell village hall. Please come along with or without your children, we look forward to seeing you.

We have discontinued the lunches as coffee time seems to suit people better. Ring Joyce on 860296 if there are any queries.

Susan Ansell

Alzheimer's Society Winchester 2011 Memory Walk.

Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Society's flagship fundraising event. Since 2002, Memory Walk has raised over £1,700,000 for people living with dementia. Throughout September, thousands of people will take part in walks across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Winchester Memory Walk takes place on Sunday 18th September at Prince's Mead School, a 19th Century building with extensive grounds looking over the Itchen Valley.

You'll have a unique opportunity to take part in a 2, 5 or 12 mile walk incorporating the River Itchen and the local historic villages that surround the beautiful Hampshire countryside. Take part in a Zumba warm up before the 2 and 6 mile walks or enjoy a vintage bus ride to the start of the 12 mile walk. Tea and cakes will be available for everyone at the end of the walks. There will also be entertainment in the grounds of the school throughout the afternoon, including live music, classic cars on show, and much more.

The money you raise through Memory Walk will be used to fund our local services so by taking part in your local event, you will be supporting people affected by dementia in your community.

Walkers can register at <http://www.memorywalk.org.uk/winchester>. Contact Natalie Bettinson at Alzheimer's Society, John Pounds Centre, 23 Queen Street, Portsea, Portsmouth, PO1 3HN, by phone on 07702 353360 or email natalie.bettinson@alzheimers.org.uk for more information about taking part in one of the walks or volunteering on the day. Volunteers are needed to register walkers, support leaders on the walks, bake cakes and help with refreshments.

Elsbeth Howie, Alzheimer's Society



Tea and Coffee in aid of Naomi House at Mount Cottage, Wherwell on 8th September at 10.30am

Cakes, raffle and Bring & Buy

Thank You



Thanks to you all for coming to celebrate my recent 80th Birthday in the Lions' Den, Wherwell, and making it such a wonderful day.

Thanks also to Jane, Katie and Cameron for all their help, which was much appreciated, and to Andrew who did an excellent job of taking photographs and looking after me.

Pam French

Thank you

Thanks to all who attended Joe's funeral, for the many cards and messages received and to the Reverend Stuart Rason for the lovely service.

Special thanks to Phyllis for arranging cakes and tea, Connie for sandwiches and Sue Coleman for sausage rolls. Donations in church were £114.38

Queenie Smith & family



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!

John Rowles - Part Three: To School and To Work

When John and his siblings first went to Wherwell School, there were sixty children from five to fourteen divided between three classes. This grew to about eighty with evacuees arriving from Southampton and Portsmouth.

Unable to read or write, John was put in the 'Infants' with Miss Burn. Right from the start he had a hunger for learning, and before long caught up with his age group, his aptitude for maths already apparent.

Mrs. Jenkins, chairman of the school governors ensured the children were suitably educated for work on the estate. While there wasn't much in the way of games, allotments were provided where they could learn about growing things. John loved working with plants, and with his friend, Peter Stokes, won the prize for the best garden.

They had no books at home. However, Fred took a daily paper during the War, and every day John would follow the progress of war across North African. It expanded his horizon, making him long to explore faraway places.

His teacher said he should take the entrance exam to Andover grammar school. However, this was out of the question. Like other farm labourers in the village, his parents couldn't afford the uniform or the bus fare. And besides, what was the point? He would start labouring at fourteen.

From an early age, John saw how little his father earned. Thirty-nine shillings (just under £2) for 48 hours' labouring a week, which he supplemented by gardening for people after work. He *had* to do something different.

At eight, he started rat-catching for 2d a tail, and sat for an artist in his torn trousers and jacket, with a dead rabbit slung over his back. Then Mrs. Sykes took him on at 6d an hour (2½p) to help at the Old Vicarage.

She didn't have any children and treated John almost like a son, letting him build a rockery in the garden. When it rained she showed him how to bake cakes and allowed him to read the books in their library. This vastly increased his awareness of what the world had to offer, and made him all the more determined to continue learning.

He now earned enough to buy all his own clothes, and to pay for the family's first day-trip to the seaside. He could also afford the bus fare to Andover, and at thirteen he started at the Boys' Secondary Modern School.

He found himself way ahead in maths and was put in the 'A' stream. With his enquiring mind and desire to get on, Mrs. Sykes suggested he could become an electrician. The idea took hold and was to have a profound influence on the course of his life.

In 1947, at 15, he left school to apply for an apprenticeship with the SEB, only to be told he lacked the necessary qualifications. His head-master, also his maths teacher, had been so pre-occupied in becoming mayor of Andover, he never got round to teaching the boys algebra, trigonometry or quadratic equations. . .

Tessa Youell



SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES



2nd	The Artisans concert	WVH	8.00	pm
3rd	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30	am
5th	Red Garter	CVH	7.30	pm
6th	Chilbolton Parish Council	CVH		
8th	Naomi House coffee morning	Mount Cottage	10.30	am
8th	New Zumba class	CVH	6.00	pm
9 th	Jazz night at the Abbots Mitre		8:30	pm
9th/10th	Chilbolton Players Performance	CVH	7.30	pm
10th	Magazine Copy Closing Date			
10th	Last Night of the Proms,	W Play Fields	6.00	pm
10th	Historic Churches 'Ride and Stride'		10am-6pm	
12th	Age UK afternoon tea	White Lion	3.00	pm
13th	Wherwell Parish Council	WVH	7.00	pm
13 th	Pub Quiz Night at the Abbots Mitre		8:00	pm
16th	WHG Wherwell church history	WVH	8.00	pm
17th	Chilbolton Coffee Morning including Neighbourhood Watch	CVH	10.30	am
19th	Midday Mums coffee morning	WVH	10.30	am
20th	WI talk by Alison Carter	CVH	7.30	pm
25th	Harvest Lunch	CVH	12.30	pm
28th	Wherwell School Open Morning		9.15	am
30 th	Jazz Night at the Abbots Mitre		8:30	pm

The Charity Bridge Afternoon scheduled for Thursday 15th September is postponed until further notice.
Jane Spence 860726

OCTOBER DIARY DATES

1st	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30	am
4th	Chilbolton Parish Council	CVH		
10th	Age UK afternoon tea	White Lion	3.00	pm
11th	Red Garter	CVH	7.30	pm
17th	Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30	am

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Theatres:

08/09/11 to 08/10/11: **Way Upstream** by Alan Ayckbourn. Performances at 7.30pm (Mon-Wed), 8pm (Thu-Sat), 2.30pm matinees (Thu & Sat from 15/09) at Salisbury Playhouse. Tickets £12-£21. Tel (01722) 320333

www.salisburyplayhouse.com

13/09/11 to 17/09/11: **Dead Certain** by Marcus Lloyd. Presented by RAO DS at Plaza Theatre, Romsey at 7.30pm. Not suitable for children under 16. Tickets £9 (£7 on 13/09). Tel (01794) 512987 www.plazatheatre.com/shows

27/09/11: **The World Outside**. Presented by Forest Forge Theatre Company at The Lights, Andover at 7.30pm. Tickets £8-£9. Tel (01264) 368368

www.thelights.org.uk.

30/09/11: **I, Elizabeth**. Performed by Rebecca Vaughan at Theatre Royal, Winchester at 8pm. Tickets £13 (concessions £11). Tel (01962) 840440

www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

Music:

03/09/11: **The Magic of Gilbert and Sullivan**. Performed by The Wandering Minstrels at Plaza Theatre, Romsey at 7.30pm. Tickets £15. Tel (01794) 512987

www.plazatheatre.com/shows

17/09/11: **A Celebration of Brass and Voice**. Woodfalls Band with Cor Meibion Male Voice Choir at Romsey Abbey at 7.30pm. Tel (01794) 512987

www.romsnet.org.uk/musicromsey.htm

23/09/11 & 24/09/11: **The Best of Times**. Presented by Southampton Musical Society at Theatre Royal, Winchester at 7.30pm (2.30pm Sat matinee). Tickets £12.50 Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk

29/09/11: **Spiers & Boden** at The Lights, Andover at 7.45pm. Tickets £13-£14.

Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk.

Other events:

03/09/11 to 02/10/11: **Solent Scene**. Art Exhibition at Hillier Gardens, near Romsey. Free admission. Gardens open 10am to 6pm. 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:

Sep 2011 – Romsey

Sep 2011 – Winchester

Sep 2011 – Andover

Sep 2011 – Winchester

For more information, please ring (01420) 588671, or visit the website at

www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk.



Royal Hampshire County Hospital **275 years of caring for the community.**

The RHCH in Winchester marks its 275th anniversary on **Tuesday 18th October 2011**. To celebrate this remarkable institution there will be a service of celebration and thanksgiving in **Winchester Cathedral at 7pm** and we invite you to share this with us.

The focal point of the service will be a choral work for massed children's choirs by **June Boyce-Tillman**. This will be performed by several schools from across our catchment area. We do hope you can join us and ask that you email us at Julia.fordham@wehct.nhs.uk or phone 01962 824359 to let us know if you would like to attend.

More than ever, patient care is at the heart of all that we do and forms the basis of many of our policies. To ensure we have the best possible environment for our patients we have launched two major fundraising appeals:

The Magic Wand Appeal to rebuild our children's unit to include more day care assessment and treatment whilst adding six rooms with en-suite facilities for parents to stay with their child.

The Stroke of Luck Appeal to build a unique rehabilitation gym with state of the art technology and an area to prepare patients for their return to life at home. Our Hyper Acute Stroke Unit is rated as one of the top 25% in the UK and certainly one of the best in the South of England.

Details of other 275th anniversary events can be found on our website www.wehct.nhs.uk together with more information about our appeals and how you can support us. If you would like to help by donating or hosting an event for us please contact our Fundraising Manager, Nikki Oliver at nikki.oliver@wehct.nhs.uk or phone 01962 825377.

Thank you! We so hope you will support your local hospital.

Nikki Oliver

Advance Notice of Forthcoming Event

Lesley and Andrew, Graham and Mary are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Village Quiz to compete for the Errol and Sue Trophy. Friday 28th October at Chilbolton Village Hall. Further details in October magazine.

Lesley and Andrew 01264 860584 Graham and Mary 01264 860795



Calling all knitters - beginners to experts

Age UK Andover and District (previously Age Concern Andover and District) are appealing to local knitters to get clicking for the Big Knit. Age Concerns and Age UKs all over the country are starting to knit very small bobble hats for *innocent* smoothie bottles. The bottles of smoothies, wearing their own little woolly hats, then go on sale in November. For every little hat that we send in to *innocent* we get 25p to carry on our efforts to help local older people cope with winter.

Our target is 3885 hats and would really welcome hats to help us meet our target. They are very simple and quick to make, and you can use up small oddments of wool. There are various ways to hand in your hats: they can be dropped off at Town Mill House in Andover Mon to Fri 9.30 to 12.30, taken to the Wherwell afternoon tea at the White Lion 12th Sept or 10th October 3pm-4.15pm. You can get patterns and instructions from the number below, or the website www.ageconcernandover.org, or christina.ageconcern@hotmail.co.uk, or at the afternoon teas.

Hats are being accepted until the beginning of October. Warning – once you start knitting, you will find them addictive. There is no end to the colours and designs you can create- but whether elaborate or simple, with or without bobbles, all hats are welcome.

Remember too that we are here all year to help local older people with enquiries, pensions and benefits concerns, and advice - call 01264 354425.

Christina Moran 0754 229 0081



HAMPSHIRE & THE ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



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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



GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY IN THE AREA – September 2011

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September

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 4th September

Longstock Park Water Garden is open in aid of Waterside Cancer Support Centre from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £5, children £1. Teas are available at Longstock Park Nursery. www.longstockpark.co.uk

Sunday 18th September

Bere Mill, London Road, Whitchurch open for The National Gardens Scheme from 1.30pm to 5pm. Admission £5, children free. Home-made teas. www.ngs.org.uk:

Sunday 18th September

Longstock Park Water Garden is open in aid of Hampshire Search and Rescue from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £5, children £1. Teas are available at Longstock Park Nursery. www.longstockpark.co.uk

Village Keep Fit Class

The Keep Fit class in Wherwell Village Hall is now well established; having run continuously since April 2010. We are a small and very friendly group (from both villages) who are keen to welcome newcomers.

The 50-minute class takes place on Tuesday mornings starting at 9.30am. The fitness programme includes warm-up session, stationary, floor and cardiac exercises, and finishes with stretching exercises; all under the expert eye of trainer Andy Hillier and all at a very reasonable £5 per week.

There is no need to pre-book and the programme caters for all abilities. So, just come along one Tuesday and give it a try. For further details, contact Andrew Flanagan (01264 860560) or Ann Clare Whiteside (01264 860530)

Andrew Flanagan

Just Looking

Fred's role in the conservation of West Down

On a golden evening in June I stood on the knoll on West Down. It was an unusually bleak spot amid the lushness of the Test Valley. Ghostly jagged shafts of long dead birches marshalled cohorts of foxgloves. The area was devoid of living trees and out of the thin acidic heath soil sprouted a variety of ugly, thorny shrubs. Walking off the trodden paths was only for the stout hearted and equally stoutly shod. My dogs abandoned me. The going was too prickly for them.

I knew from my tutorial the previous week that the acid cap was what made West Down so special and why Hampshire County Council has been investing in its regeneration for the last four years. West Down lies above the western extremity of Chilbolton, the sort of Hampshire village in which Miss Marple would feel at ease. The main street is fringed with rose clad thatched cottages and enough Georgian houses to serve an entire Jane Austen novel. As London lies little more than an hour's commute away, this little piece of paradise now comes with a very large price tag and its inhabitants guard their fiefdom vociferously. They are especially protective of the idyllic cow common bordering the River Test.

West Down has never had quite the same emotional pull. Up until 1939 it was mainly used for agriculture. Then the Air Ministry requisitioned it as part of its project to build an airfield at Chilbolton and the down reverberated to the tramp of the servicemen and women, moving between the airfield, their billets and the now defunct Fullerton junction railway station on the Sprat and Winkle line.

With peace came the slide into neglect of the northern part of the old airfield. Now the only visible remains of its wartime history are the ruins of a Nissen hut and bomb shelters, slowly being reclaimed by the woodland. The airfield to the south was redeveloped into a small industrial estate and an observatory built on the airfield itself. The steep slope of West Down was surplus to these requirements, of little agricultural use and protected by the planning laws from other development.

Slowly the scrub encroached on the ancient downland, destroying the habitat of the downland flowers and crowding and distorting the growth of the few trees. The environmental value of this scrub and woodland is inferior to the riches of the disappearing downland, whose small flowering plants provide a valuable habitat for many butterfly species. The value of West Down has been recognised and accorded a Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitat. Students from Sparsholt College are working with the

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council's rangers to plan the regeneration of the area. Over the last four years, part of the down has been cleared of scrub and secondary woodland, leaving just the older trees that had grown up on the pre-war downland. This caused controversy as some of the villagers opposed the felling of the younger trees.

Once the land was cleared, the conservation team had to find a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to prevent regrowth of the more vigorous scrub to enable the fragile downland plants to re-establish themselves. They decided to draft Fred and his team in to help this summer.

A newly trained volunteer, my job is to check on Fred and the girls once a week. That evening it looked as if I was going to fail before I had even begun, as there was no sign of Fred, even from the highest vantage point on the down. Surely his trademark russet hair was a flaming beacon. I began to worry. There was no point in calling him as he didn't know me.

Look, I told myself, that is what looking is all about. I checked the ground, retracing my steps away from the worst of the prickly scrub. Sure enough, back where the going was more comfortable, I picked up the trail. Fred's day job is eating and there were cow pats to prove that he wasn't shirking his duties. For Fred and his four cows are highland cattle, chosen for their ability to graze rough areas to keep the scrub that has been cut back from regrowing. They have been carefully chosen for their equable temperaments and aesthetic appeal. They are the crème de la crème of rare breed cattle, moved from one carefully chosen area to another and allowed to live out their natural lifespan, rather than being sent to the knackers at the end of their productive lives. Whilst commercially reared beef cattle never reach their third birthday and milk cows enter the pet food chain at around six, Fred and the girls may live to thirteen or more. In the interests of public safety, Fred has been neutered. Whilst he has the magnificent dignity of a Landseer beast, there is nothing threatening about him. With his soft eyes and abundant russet locks, he is almost cuddly, even with his two foot long horns.

At my approach the scattered herd looked up but showed no unease at the sight of my dogs. Fred regarded me benignly, munching away on ash saplings with the odd chaser of grass, whilst his cows, well spread out in the shade of the few remaining trees on that still hot evening, took their pick of oak, hawthorn and sloe, their leathery tongues dexterously stripping the young leaves from the branches. None was showing any interest in the

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brambles, hemp agrimony or clumps of sinister looking hound tongue with its dull pink flowers interspersed with teeth like leaves: snapping jaws of baying hounds.

I went through my mental checklist. The cattle were alert but at ease and in a loose herd formation. There was no discharge from eyes, mouths, ears or rears. Their coats were glossy and without injury, their eyes bright. They were standing and walking comfortably. They were doing what one of the rangers had summed up as 'cow like things'.

The rangers had emphasised that all that we volunteers had to do was to look. If we have any concerns we must never intervene but just call them on the mobiles they keep switched on, night and day. That's why it's called looking. They check the cattle themselves two or three times a week. I slipped my mobile back into my pocket: there was no need to call the rangers out.

I decided to start a private log of my weekly visits to help provide data on the herd's eating patterns. I sauntered off to take a look at the rock rose bank and anthills. Looking was making me more observant already and what used to be just a place to walk the dogs was revealing itself as a whole new world in miniature.

Phyllis Bennett

Fitness Divas - outdoor fitness classes for women

Monday 9.30am

Broughton Village Hall

Wednesday 9.30am

Stockbridge Recreation Ground

Friday 9.30am

Broughton Village Hall (*NEW!*)

Contact Jane on 07875 743 680 or email jane@fitnessdivas.co.uk;

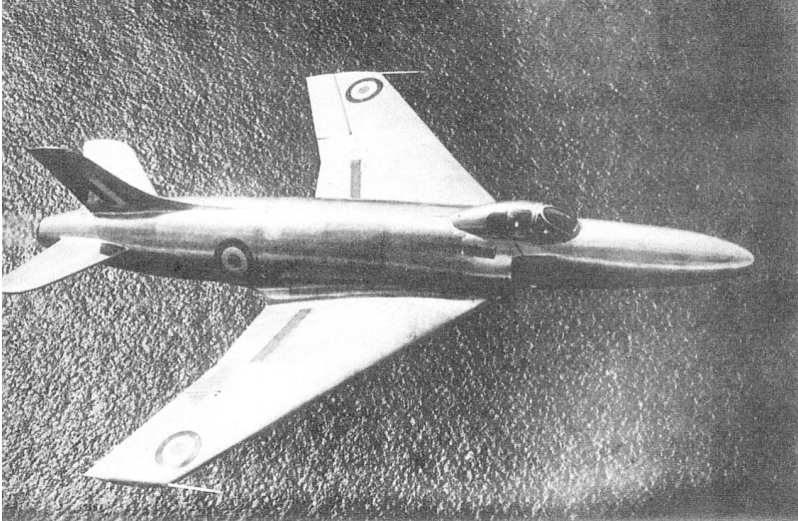
www.fitnessdivas.co.uk The fun alternative for women who want to lose weight, get fit and have fun in the fresh air! No need to book, all levels welcome, just turn up and get fit for a fiver!

Jane Barnes

Would you like to have fun and keep fit? Join a group of villagers in Chilbolton Village Hall. On Mondays 1.45 pm to 2.45 pm we **Ditch the Workout, Join the Party and zumba.** On Wednesdays 2.30 to 3.30pm join a small Pilates class. On Thursday 8th September 6.00 to 7.00 pm a new zumba class will begin. For more information please contact Sylvia on 80572

The Sound Barrier

Sixty years ago, in 1951, the then well known film producer David Lean (later Sir David Lean) arrived in Chilbolton with a team of Britain's foremost film stars. Their purpose was to create a film of a highly dramatic nature. For this they were not concerned with the village as a whole, or with its inhabitants. Their interest was focussed on Chilbolton airfield. But why was Chilbolton chosen for the filming?



It had so happened that, in 1947, the firm of Supermarine who had designed that famous World War II aircraft the Spitfire, had taken over this airfield for testing the Spitfire's jet propelled successors. These were to be used by both the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy. In addition, Chilbolton was well away from busy civil airports which might hinder the flying sequences in the film. For those interested in aviation history, the particular aircraft used for the flying scenes was a Swift - with the registration number VV119 (see picture above). For the purposes of the film however it was given the name of Prometheus, this being the name of a God who was supposed to have brought Fire to the planet Earth.

Perched on top of West Down this airfield had seen extensive use during World War II, but had been closed when the war ended in 1945. However, before the closure, the development of jet propulsion aircraft engines had made possible an enormous increase in aircraft speed, to the extent that

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some aircraft would soon be able to exceed the speed of sound (760 miles per hour at sea level). Unfortunately, this achievement brought with it many serious problems with the design of aircraft controls and structure; problems which, in many cases, would take a long and difficult time to solve. In the meanwhile no fewer than 32 Test Pilots were killed between 1945 and 1951.

In this context, David Lean's film was intended to expose this grim situation and, for the title of his film, he had appropriately chosen 'Sound Barrier' - a phrase which had come into popular use and which drew attention to the dangers of early supersonic flight.

When airborne filming was needed it took place from an ex RAF Lancaster bomber. Due to some unusually wet and cold weather the photographers sometimes had a very rough time trying to take shots through the bomber's open rear door. On some occasions we were all quite amused when a fellow friend of the actors, James Robertson Justice, turned up at the airfield. He also came to the Christmas party at the airfield in 1951 and caused much fun by dancing with some of the local girls.

The 1950s were nevertheless anxious times. Apart from the unfriendly attitude of our Russian wartime allies, the outbreak of the war in Korea in 1950 caused the UK government to introduce a scheme called 'Super-priority' for the rapid acquisition of new equipment for all our armed forces. This drew attention to the rather small size of each of our arms suppliers. In 1956 therefore Vickers Armstrong decided that the Supermarine works would be closed and located within the parent firm. Flight Testing activities at Chilbolton were to cease and be transferred to Vickers main base at Wisley near Guildford. Despite this, however, Chilbolton's flying days with high speed aircraft were forever recorded thanks to the film 'Sound Barrier'. For those who worked at Chilbolton Airfield in these final years it is possible to recall the scene. For others it is hard to believe that such an airfield with such frantic and noisy activity could have existed in such a tranquil place.

Charles Burnet

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Wherwell History Group

After a summer break, now is the time to remind readers about our programme of talks for the autumn season.

	<p style="text-align: center;">16th September</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anna Lipa & David Etchells</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wherwell Church – Past & Present</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">21st October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pamela Boyes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Restoration of King Charles II</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">18th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dave Walton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The History of British Coinage through Metal Detecting</i></p>

Three very varied and interesting subjects are being presented. David Etchells has done an amazing amount of research about St Peter & Holy Cross Church; and is certain to give us an illuminating and splendidly illustrated talk.

Also this month, on **Saturday 10th September** the Wessex Film & Sound Archive (WFSA) are hosting a double-billed event at the Hampshire Record Office, called **Reel History of Britain** a celebration of film archives for Southern England ****. In the **morning session** (10.00am – 11.30am) there will be talks by Bruce Parker (BBC ‘Reel History’ preview screener) and Dr. Mike Hammond, plus screening of a compilation by WFSA. The **afternoon session** (12.30am – 3.00pm) is billed as “Bring Your Own” cinefilm, video or other formats, and have them viewed and assessed by experts. On show **throughout the day**, there will be an exhibition on early cinemas in Hampshire. Booking is required for the speaker event, everything else is a free drop-in event. For more details, see the full-colour poster on the Wherwell website. Elsewhere, there is an article by Charles Burnet about “The Sound Barrier”. Next year, in July 2012, we hope to arrange a public screening of this film, which will coincide with the 60th Anniversary of the release of this 3-times BAFTA winner.

Andrew Flanagan

Jane's Kitchen - Cheese cake



I have not made a cheese cake for ages and the following was a real quickie and quite delicious.

Using an 8" loose bottom cake tin, make a base for the cheese cake with a small packet of digestive biscuits crushed and mixed with 3oz of melted butter. Press into the base and chill.

For the filling –

500 g Mascarpone cheese

3 good tablespoons of Lemon curd

½ teaspoon vanilla essence

1 tablespoon icing sugar.

Fresh or frozen fruit to top. (*Jamie Oliver marinates his strawberries in Elderflower cordial – that would be good too on the top!*)

Method: Beat the cheese and mix in the lemon curd and sugar. Spread evenly onto the biscuit base and top with fresh strawberries, raspberries or fruit of your choice. Chill well.

Jane Spence

Chilbolton Players - 'The Show Must Go On'

Chilbolton Players have had a difficult year with the sad loss of both Jim Dunne and Mike Keys. There continue to be problems with the new stage and the Village Hall committee are working to ensure this is resolved as soon as possible. At the moment rehearsals on the stage are not possible as a specialist engineer is needed to lower and raise the stage.

At the end of July another huge blow for the Chilbolton Players was the tragic death of Sue Austin. A keen and active participant of the players for many years, Sue has been a very accomplished actor in the cast in many productions. Sue was a committee member for many years and held the post of secretary and social organiser. Sue also co-directed a number of productions including the recent Wizard of Oz..

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Sue will be missed by all of her family and friends and we all have our favourite productions to remember her in. Whilst Sue cannot be replaced, the family are keen for the show to go on and the Players feel this is what Sue would want.... and so it willon 9th and 10th September at the Chilbolton Village Hall.

Costa Del Packet, a farce by Anthony Booth

A group of women go on a package tour with Flitwell tours after a long journey they find themselves stranded in a workman's hut and their troubles are only just beginning.....

Maurice Dancing, a comedy by Michael Snelgrove

Royalty is to visit a local sixth form college. Everything has been planned to the last detail. Surely nothing can go wrong..... join Maurice as he prepares for the arrival of a very special royal visitor.





September is now with us. You may think summer is over, and it's now too late for seeing butterflies. But actually, if we get some sunny days this month, there are plenty still to be seen. In fact, in north-west Hampshire, we have some quite rare species that only fly in August and September. The Silver-spotted Skipper lives on the open downland between Porton and Broughton, and the hedgerows west of Thruxton are home to the Brown Hairstreak. But these are difficult butterflies to find unless you know precisely where to look, and what to look for. Much easier, and just as rewarding, is to look locally for less rare species. The Small Copper and Common Blue can both be found on Chilbolton Common and West Down, and Speckled Wood is numerous along the sunny paths in Harewood Forest. The most colourful butterflies though, are often in your garden. The hibernating species will be gathering their energy for the winter – nectaring on any flowers, and into October feeding on the juices of fallen fruit. Species to look out for, are Red Admiral, Peacock, Comma, and the bright yellow of the Brimstone. Years ago, the Small Tortoiseshell was also common in gardens at this time of year, but they've become much less numerous in recent years.

September is also quite a good time for moths. A species that you should especially watch for, is the Red Underwing. It's quite a big moth, with a wingspan of about 70mm (up to 3 inches in old money). So if it comes fluttering to your house lights you're sure to notice it! The forewing is a simple pattern of grey, and that is all you see when the moth is resting on a fence or tree-trunk. But the hind-wing is bright red, and that's what you see when it flies around a light. The Red Underwing is relatively common, but I was very surprised recently, to find a much rarer relative in my garden light-trap – the Light Crimson Underwing. This is a rare Red Data Book Species that lives mainly in ancient oak woodland. Until recently, it was thought to be confined to the New Forest, but I trapped one at Longstock last year and another was recorded in Harewood Forest. So it seems fairly certain we still have this very rare species breeding in our area.

Glynne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)



Bee Diary September 2011



Last month I mentioned about a dog that had been badly stung by bees in Andover and had died two days later. This story caught the imagination of the media and within hours I was asked to be interviewed by BBC South Today. The baton was picked up by the public relations department of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) who issued a statement.

The story went on to be reported in the national press and featured a dispute between a lady member of our association and her neighbours, who wanted the bees moved. The neighbours contacted environment health and even Sir George Young was asked to bring the matter up in Parliament. The dispute culminated in a site meeting with BBKA, Test Valley Environment Health Dept. plus two members of Andover BKA. The verdict offered by the BBKA “expert” was that the siting of the hives was not inappropriate, but that they should be moved away for the time being to allow the site to be properly fenced.

With so many new people starting to keep bees, this sort of problem is likely to recur. New beekeepers want to see their pride and joy in their garden, not miles away on a farm. Way back in the “good old days”, virtually every cottage had a hive or skep of bees but generally they were left undisturbed until the honey harvest. These days beekeepers are taught to inspect their hives every week throughout the summer which can cause problems with neighbours. The problem is that for a day or two after the weekly inspection, a hive of good old “Hampshire mongrels” puts up a combat air patrol which will buzz anyone coming within 30m of the hive. If you take a swipe at the little blighters you are very likely to be stung.

My view is that keeping bees in small gardens is not a good idea and that rather than read a bee book, the bible offers the best advice – To be a good beekeeper, you need to be a good neighbour.

This leads on to that further question – are bees dangerous? I would have said a definite no to this until a week ago. Another lady member of our association and her husband were learning the techniques of honey separation with me. She mentioned she had received a mild sting on her cheek. Half an hour later she collapsed and had to be rushed to hospital. Since then she has had to give up beekeeping altogether. It seems to me that many more people these days are afflicted with allergies and reactions to stings, just as there seem to be more children suffering from asthma. The answer of course is to eat a spoonful of local honey every day.

Jolyon Pope

Chilbolton FC – Monthly Update September 2011

31 July 2011

Chilbolton FC 3 V 5 Southampton Arms FC (Friendly)

07 August 2011

Chilbolton FC 11 V 1 KTF Reserves (Friendly)

It's hard to believe that it has been five months since we last played a match but finally on 31 July we returned to action in a friendly match against Southampton Arms. It was a tough first test for us as Southampton Arms are a well established Division 1 side so a good example of what we can expect being newly promoted to Division 2 this season.

Despite losing it was not the result that mattered, more important was the performance which was excellent and saw the squad play some good passing football, controlling possession and closing down well. Goals from Pete Southworth and Kevin Hide in the first half and Ollie Southworth in the second and some excellent saves from Ed Holmes ensured that we gave an excellent account of ourselves.

The second game against KTF Reserves saw a rather makeshift Chilbolton side find its form scoring 11 goals and only conceding one. A strong start saw Robbie Floyd scoring twice in the early stages and that set the tone for the rest of the game. Playing good passing football we broke down KTF with ease and created numerous chances. Robbie Floyd completed his hat-trick early in the second half with a penalty and Steve Jenkins also scored a second half hat-trick.

We have two more friendlies left to play to continue to develop the squad ahead of the start of the season on the 5th of September.

Training continues to go well and I think we are slowly starting to exercise off the all the excess pounds put on during a relaxing summer!! We are there every Thursday evening at 6pm, anyone is welcome to join us, it's a nice mix of fitness and ball skills.

Keep in touch with the team at www.chilboltonfc.co.uk and we look forward to seeing you at one of our future games, supporters welcome with tea and coffee at half time and then after the game at the Abbot's Mitre where Tom and the team always look after us – See you there!

Sam Horne, Manager (07969 055300)

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Oh what a night!!

Chilbolton Pre-school BBQ raises valuable funds. Chilbolton Village Hall was the place to be on the evening of Saturday 23rd July where the Pre-school hosted a hugely successful evening of delicious food,

musical entertainment and splendid dancing! The committee are enormously grateful to the following for making it such fun and helping to raise a staggering total of over £1,700:

Neil Connor and his band "Facombe" all", Ian Walker for his Disco James Quinn for manning the BBQ, John Hearn for supplying some very fine wine!

Many thanks to the Pre-school Staff, the committee, friends from Chilbolton, Wherwell and further afield for their ongoing support and help in putting together such an event, particularly to Clare Gibson who worked tirelessly to make this both fun and worthwhile!

We are so grateful as the money raised will go towards providing local children with the little extras that make Chilbolton Pre-school the wonderful learning environment that it is.

Finally, if you would like your child (aged 2-5) to attend this unique and beautifully situated learning environment, then please do contact us for more information or to arrange a visit.

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