

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

As if sensing the threat of addiction to *Downton* or *Strictly*, village organisers have chosen this month to unleash a fearsome array of stimulating events up and down the valley. Interesting that here at the top end of the valley we are invited to talks about *The Restoration of Charles II* and *Monet's Home and Garden at Giverny*, whilst down river in Longstock, it's all about mushrooms and further down still, in Kings Somborne, there's the promise of some blasts from the folk music past at their new village hall music sessions starting in November. Meanwhile, the overlap of the seasons is emphasised by reports of junior cricket appearing in the same month as advance notice of Christmas Fayres. Let's just hope we don't blink and miss the Autumn!

Stephen MacDonald

Thank you to Victoria Ramsay, Stephen MacDonald and Euan Ramsay for producing this month's magazine, and to Terry Gilmour and helpers for the 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

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Flower rota – October

St Mary the Less Chilbolton

Mrs Beryl Lawrence and Mrs Dawn Rickatson

St Peter and Holy Cross Wherwell

The flower rota is suspended whilst the Church is being renovated

From the Church Records

Chilbolton

Baptism 18 September - Freida North

Longparish

Wedding 3 September at St. Nicholas, Longparish - Joanna Clay and Simon Foster (*Joanna's family are from Wherwell but the marriage took place in Longparish due to the unavailability of St Peters Holy Cross Wherwell.*)

Church Services October 2011

	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparshot	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Sunday 2nd October <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion	8.00am				
Family Communion				10.00 am	
Morning Worship		10.00 am			
Harvest Festival (Wherwell to be in the Village Hall)			10.00 am		10.00 am
Evensong	6.00pm				
Wednesday 5th October					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Westholme			2.30 pm		
Sunday 9th October <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion				8.00 am	
Morning Prayer	10.00 am				
Family Communion		10.00 am	10.00am		
Harvest Festival				10.00 am	
Wednesday 12th October					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 16th October <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>					
Holy Communion		8.00 am	8.00 am		
Matins				10.00 am	
Morning Worship			10.00 am		
CW Holy Communion - REME	10.00 am				
Wednesday 19th October					
Holy Communion	10.30 am		9.30 am		
Thursday 20th October					
Flowerdown HC			2.30 pm		
Saturday 22nd October					
House Communion			10.00 am		
Sunday 23rd October <i>Bible Sunday</i>					
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 26th October					
Holy Communion			9.30 am		
Meditation			7.00 pm		
Sunday 31st October <i>All Saints Day</i>					
Benefice Family Communion			10.00 am		
All Souls Service	3.00 pm				

St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton – Special Services



ALL SOULS - Sunday 30th October at 3pm

All Souls is a time when we remember those who have died. Chilbolton has lost many loved ones this year and we hold this service to remember them, and also our families and friends who have died recently or a long time ago. We warmly invite you to this peaceful service of remembering our loved ones.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 6th November at 4pm there will be a confirmation service. Several candidates have been preparing for this special day and we look forward to welcoming Bishop Peter who will be taking the service. This will also be Bishop Peter's first visit to the village.

Chilbolton Church 'enhancements'- Update

We are making good progress with our plans to enhance the Church's facilities by providing a new toilet (accessed via the door near the font) and an open-plan preparation area for light refreshments, which will include a new sink, work-tops and cupboards. As a result, this ancient sacred building in the midst of our community will be able to be more hospitable and welcoming to all and also enable us to host more cultural and social events without in any way competing with the Village Hall.

The facilities will be especially appreciated by many of all ages who regularly use the church and by wedding and funeral guests some of whom may have travelled long distances. For example this year we have had six weddings and ten funerals, attended by hundreds of people, plus all the other services in this busy church.

Our architect has now drawn up a full building specification which will be on view in the Church later in the year once the necessary go-ahead is obtained from various authorities. Work is likely to commence next year with tenders being sought in January. The cost is expected to be around £55,000. The PCC is willing to provide up to £20,000, leaving sufficient reserves to cope with any future repair work. We have already received over £5,000 from individual members of the church and a further £5,000 from other sources. Another £15,000 is expected from grants, corporate sponsorship and tax relief on Gift Aided donations.

This leaves £10,000 which we are hoping and trusting that other residents in Chilbolton will be happy to provide since the church is very much a village asset. Its regular income (including from the Fete) is only just sufficient for normal running expenses.

You will soon receive a letter which will enable you to make a donation to this worthy project if you are able and willing to do so. Spending some pounds now will enable visitors to spend pennies for years to come!

Rev'd Juliet Montague and Rev'd Stuart Rason on behalf of Chilbolton PCC

THE RECTORY, LITTLETON - August 2011

Dear Friends,

After the riots in August a number of people commented on the fact that the churches did not seem to be speaking on the subject, so I thought I might make a contribution to the debate.

People were quick to rise up in indignation, children and young people were blamed, whilst poverty and the recession were put forward as factors in common, if not as justification. In the event we are finding that many of those coming to court already have a criminal record, so this was not a crime spree among hitherto ordinary law abiding people.

What we can see very clearly is that the quick and easy methods of communication which serve us so well in our daily lives, provide a way in which perverse, anarchic or antisocial people can find support and encouragement for their plans and point of view, where previously they were more likely to have been isolated disaffected individuals.

Perhaps the church nationally has been rather quiet because it would be difficult for us to speak with one voice, and while I write from the tranquillity and relative prosperity of our Benefice, I am acutely aware of my colleagues who make great sacrifices to be a presence for Christ in some of our troubled inner city areas, who have more right to speak than I do. But I would still want to say that, while we can have every sympathy with those who steal because they are hungry or impoverished, the level of violence and wanton destruction speaks of a lack of respect for people and property which reflects an equal lack of self respect.

Of course we Christians cannot claim a monopoly on moral and ethical behaviour, there are plenty of fine upstanding citizens among those of other faiths and none, and history reveals many sins committed in the name of religion. Yet in a secular society where are people to look for their bottom line, their moral benchmark? Surely it is all too easy to go with the flow, to do what you think you can get away with, to practice a kind of moral relativism which follows the trends of the day; and when money and possessions become the prime motivator and the perceived source of happiness, greed and selfishness must surely follow.

What Christ taught us was to love our neighbour as ourselves, and that is not an invitation to warm and cosy sentiments about those around us. It is a moral imperative based on real care and respect for others, which in turn raises our own self respect. It is about aspiring to be the best person we can be. Following this imperative rightly leads us to expect the rioters to take responsibility for their actions and face the consequences, but if they are to change, to be redeemed, the rage and condemnation of the press and the public is likely to prove less helpful. Humiliation is not a good agent for positive growth, Christ never used humiliation as he sought to change people's ways, he used disappointment, anger sometimes, and grief, and above all he demonstrated the full power of his sacrificial love.

With love in Christ, Juliet

The Hangar Doors Are Opening!

It is apparent that in and around Wherwell and Chilbolton there are a lot of people who have or had connections with aviation in their employment or others who are just interested in airplanes. Having talked to lots of people I decided that it would be good to meet up and socialise some time. All are welcome so do bring any interested friends from outside the villages with you to the Pavilion at Wherwell Playing Fields on Tuesday 1st November at 2000 hours! If you have any interesting memorabilia bring it along- the hangar doors will be wide open, but more important perhaps is that the bar will be as well. If enough people are interested then this could be a monthly fixture. There will be £2 admission fee. *John Andrews Tel: 860635*
Email: flyjohnandrews@aol.com



WHERWELL HARVEST FESTIVAL



In the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall
Sunday 2 October 2011

Service at 10 a.m.
followed by teas and coffees
Ploughman's Lunch at 12 noon,
to include 1 free glass of wine
Feel free to bring further supplies!

Tickets £5 (children free)

Pam Prince 860441 / w.prince04@tiscali.co.uk
Anna Lipa 860879 / anna@stefanlipa.co.uk

Found!!

A gentleman's coat was left in Wherwell Village Hall some months ago and still has not been claimed. Could it be yours? If so, please contact: Pete Granger Tel: 860870.

Chilbolton Village Hall 100 Club

The Management Committee would like to thank all members of the 100 club for their generous support over the last 12 months and hope that you will continue to support this valuable village amenity in the future.

There have been twelve monthly draws plus a bonus draw which has resulted in prize money of £345 being paid out to twenty-six winning ticket holders. Results are posted monthly on the outside notice board at the village hall.

More members would be great. It would increase the prize money and at the same time raise more funds to keep your village hall in good condition. This year only fifty households held membership, a figure we would like to increase. Why not give it a go?

Call Mike Gilbert 861142 or John Temple 861334 to get signed up.



Chilbolton Horticultural Society Monet – his home and garden at Giverny

An illustrated talk by Jennifer Carter

Tuesday 25th October 2011 at 7:45
Chilbolton Village Hall

There are two parts in Monet's garden: a flower garden called Clos Normand in front of the house and a Japanese inspired water garden on the other side of the road. The land is divided into flowerbeds where flower clumps of different heights create volume. Fruit trees or ornamental trees dominate the climbing roses, the long -stemmed hollyhocks and the coloured banks of annuals. Monet mixed the simplest flowers (daisies and poppies) with rare varieties.

Visitors welcome £3.00 or become a member £7.00 per year.

Further details Sheila Evans tel. 860697

Andover & District



**The Watermill Theatre and Oxfordshire Theatre Company
present, for one night only,
IN SUPPORT OF AGE UK ANDOVER & DISTRICT
on Saturday 12th November 2011 at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)
at CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL**

Some Like It Hotter

Great movie stars never die; they just sparkle on forever...

It's September 2010, at long last funny man Jack Lemmon and the incomparable Marilyn Monroe are reunited with old friend, Tony Curtis. But how come Tony looks thirty again? Where exactly are they? Who is the stranger on the set? What's going on?

Tickets £15 (inc. refreshment) from Chilbolton Village Stores, John Robinson, Stockbridge, or book online at www.WeGotTickets.com

Chilbolton and Wherwell Flower Show 2011

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

The Reverend Stuart Rason kindly presented the Cups and, on behalf of all the competitors and visitors, thanked the committee for all its hard work.

Sue Batchelor

Sue Hands the Baton On

At the monthly Coffee morning in Wherwell on Saturday 3rd September, more than 50 people were present to see Sue Blazdell, the outgoing Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, open the latest renovation project.



After 14 years as Chairman of the Committee of Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall, known locally as Wherwell Village Hall, Sue has handed over her tenure to Stewart Carey-Hodges.

To mark Sue's retirement, her former Committee and their partners held a "thank you" dinner for Sue and Ray at The White Lion on the Friday evening, with a grand finale of the official opening of the restored bar area in the Village Hall including, of course, the ceremonial cutting of a white ribbon. This was followed by a generous distribution of Pimms, kindly donated by Sue, to

the many visitors and guests present - a fitting tribute to the opening of a newly renovated bar!

The hall was donated to the village in 1957 by Countess Brecknock and apart from periodic redecoration and some extensions was, until the year 2000, in very much the same condition as when it was built

Under Sue's Chairmanship a "5-year rolling plan" (which is still "rolling"!) was instigated, which included the hall being decorated twice, furnished with double glazing throughout, a new central heating system, the kitchen, toilets and bar area completely rejuvenated and a much needed car park opened at the back. Undoubtedly the late Countess would appreciate the fact that her bequest to provide a facility 'for the good and benefit of the inhabitants of Wherwell' is continuing to prosper over 50 years later.

Sue can feel duly proud of her achievements during her period as Chairman, ably supported by her committee, and can be assured that this fine facility in the heart of the village is set fair for many years to come.

Peter Granger

Trinity Winchester, a charity providing practical and emotional support to homeless or vulnerably housed people, is looking for volunteers to help with a wide range of practical tasks and client-facing roles.

Visit www.trinitywinchester.org.uk/volunteer-for-us/ for more information, or contact Madeleine Brideaux on 01962 842927 email

dropin@trinitywinchester.org.uk. You can also make a donation by texting LIVE00 £2 / £5/ £10 to 70070 to donate now. *Michelle Gardner*



‘Somborne Sessions’ Top Live Music in the Village Hall at Kings Somborne

Live music – ‘Somborne Sessions’ - is coming to the village hall in King’s Somborne, near Stockbridge, starting this coming November. Tickets are £10 per person (the venue holds around 100) and there is a bar for refreshments. Come and hear some great music in the kind of intimate venue that the big names waiting in the wings don’t usually play. All events start at 7.30 p.m. and the upcoming programme includes:
Saturday 12 November 2011 - Polly and the Billets Doux
Thursday 1 December 2011 - Dave Pegg (ex-Fairport Convention) and guitar star PJ Wright
Friday 13 January 2012 - Phil Beer, multi- instrumentalist
To follow are more big names including singer- songwriter Richard Digance. To book, go to www.sombornesessions.co.uk or call Doug Stammers on 01794 389192, Carolyn Ryan on 01794 388743 or Peter Duncan on 01794 388059.



Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch Report

Very little to report this month. Goodies and baddies obviously on holiday! The Chilbolton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators had a meeting which was really a “get to know you” party on the 15th August and PCSO Lisa Flowers, our Safer Neighbourhoods Team Member, was also there. During her short talk she stressed that if anyone has any concern at all they should ring the police on 101 (followed by button 4 or just hold on). This enables the police to build a picture of what is happening when and where. When reporting a suspicious vehicle, always try to get the registration number. With the number, assuming it is genuine, the police can then trace the vehicle owner and send out a letter quoting time and place and asking what they were doing there. No doubt this puts off any further attempt at law breaking or nuisance making.

The only other point drawn to my attention during the month is a letter received by several villagers from a Spanish address purporting to have a large sum of money awaiting collection if certain information is given on an attached form. This is obviously a scam to gain bank details, date of birth, etc. I passed one of the letters to the police in Stockbridge.

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



St Mary-the-Less



Christmas Fair

Sunday 20th November

3-5pm

Chilbolton Village Hall

Free Entrance

French Food from Clos du Marquis

Gifts, jewellery, woodcraft, cards

Refreshments and Mulled Wine

Visit Father Christmas

Donations for the gift stall and Food Stall gratefully received. Please mark ingredients on food products, especially nuts.

For further details contact

Mary Gilbert 861142



A fist full of firsts for The Priory Stables

At the novices' dressage event on Saturday 13th September, in the Introductory A class, Victoria Bell came first, riding the North's horse, Joules, for the first time. Second came Sue Evans riding Brodie, who is remarkable at 26, the oldest horse participating. Third was Stephanie Griffiths, the youngest rider.

Again, this was another first – her first ever dressage test on a new pony who is only five. Fourth was Justine Wood, again, this was her and Paddy's first dressage event together. Fifth came Philippa Neal riding Louis. This was rather a courageous entry on Philippa's part as Louis has only just been 'ridden away' (broken in and ridden without a lunging rein). He was the youngest horse in the class, this was his first event, and only the fifth time he'd actually been in the arena. Imogen Matthews riding Chino won the Preliminary 7 class.

Clare Hogg: Tel:01264 860186 Email:clare@wherwell.com

The Story of Silas Cole Born in Chilbolton in 1820 – Deported in 1842



One of the joys of looking after the Shop Gossip Blog and the Chilbolton Village Facebook Page is that I get contacted by some amazing people who have lived or have an attachment with the village. Early this year I was contacted by Nadia Cole, whose relations lived in Georgian and Victorian Chilbolton. I passed on some information and contacts and her Uncle, Chris Cole, who lives in Tasmania, responded with the following story of Silas Cole who was born in Chilbolton in 1820 and was deported to Tasmania in 1842.

Chris Cole takes up the story of Silas Cole.....

Silas was baptised on December 31 1820 (one of 14 children to John and Triphena Cole (nee Kent) in Chilbolton). His father died in 1835 when he was only about 15. He made the local Hampshire papers between 1838-1841 for petty crimes such as stealing a drake and ‘destroying fish’. His later record showed he was also guilty of stealing apples and poaching. He received small periods of a month or two in gaol for these misdemeanours. On February 24 1842 he is up before the Southampton assizes on the more serious charges of housebreaking and stealing 28lbs of bacon. He is found guilty and sentenced to 10 years transportation. He spends time on the hulks at Gosport before leaving on the ship Moffatt in August for Van Diemen’s Land (now Tasmania) arriving November 28 1842. Most of this information is on his convict record which states his native place as Chilbolton and mother as Tryphena.

As a convict he absconds 2 or 3 times and at one point is given 75 lashes. By 1845 he is calmer and receives a probation pass and then a Ticket of Leave (free to work and get paid) in 1848. He works as a shepherd on the East Coast of Tasmania and to earn more money he builds a kiln and burns oyster shells, left by the aborigines, for lime to make cement in a beautiful, secluded bay. He finally receives his free certificate in 1852 – fully serving his 10 years.

Three years later at age 34 he marries an Irish girl Jane Martin who is 19 years old. They have 10 children- 6 boys and 4 girls. Two of the boys die in their teens or 20’s, while 3 others head to the mainland of Australia due to a severe drought in 1888.

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Only one son remains in Tasmania, Anthony, who ironically becomes a policeman and from whom Nadia and I are descended. Anthony only had one son to produce heirs and this son only one son to produce heirs as well. So if any Cole in Tasmania asks are we related we are 99% sure they are not. Silas died on June 3 1899 aged 78 in Hobart Tasmania.

Now for his legacy. Because of Silas the name Cole remains known to everyone in the state of Tasmania. The reason: when he burnt shells in that secluded coastal area that bay now carries his name – Coles Bay - as well as the small seaside town nearby. Coles Bay has become part of Freycinet National Park – a hugely popular tourist attraction in Tasmania.

This is a wonderful story of a historic resident of Chilbolton and if anyone has links to this family Chris and Nadia would be delighted to hear them. If you want to find out more visit blog.chilboltonstores.co.uk where links to further information can be found.

David Johnston

Wherwell Playing Fields Fete

A big thank you to everyone who supported the fete on Bank Holiday Monday, whether it was coming along and spending your money or helping to set it all up, manning a stall on the day, playing the great music, keeping everyone fed and watered or maybe that should read Pimmsed and Punched.

The new attraction this year was the very successful dog show. It was a fantastic effort by everyone involved and resulted in about £3000 being raised to go towards the ongoing maintenance and improvements of the Playing Fields. Thanks go to Sean Hutton and his team who every year work tirelessly in the days running up to the fete to ensure that it is such a success. What you may not realise is the help that comes from several people who do not live in the village. In particular Sally Purver and Colin Hitchins, who for many years have been involved with the running, improving and fund raising for the Playing Fields, deserve a special thank you for all the time they give and all that they do.

Having panicked the week before that we were short of books, bottles and particularly bric-a-brac, we were then inundated with contributions. We do apologise that, due to the appalling weather before the fete, we did run out of time to call and collect donations from all the houses that had received begging letters.

Jane Andrews



Midday Mums Coffee morning

Come along to Wherwell Village Hall on Monday October 17th for a cup of coffee, 10.30am – noon. It will be great to see you and the children, and have time to catch up and play before half term.
Susan Ansell 860775

Coffee Morning



The recent Coffee Morning at Mount Cottage raised a magnificent £250 for Naomi House. Phyllis would like to say a big ‘Thank You’ to those who supported the event. Special thanks go to Sue & Sandy for organising the raffle, Sue & Pat for the Bring & Buy, Jill for the cake stall and Pam Biddlecomb for help in the

kitchen. *Phyllis Harding*

Keep the date!



WHERWELL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 27th November 2011

from 3.00 to 5.00 pm
in Wherwell Village Hall

followed by **Advent Carol Service**
in St Peter & Holy Cross at 5.15 p.m.

Wherwell Parish Council

As the deadline for magazine copy is now the 10th of the month, this article is being written in advance of the PC meeting that is to be held on the 13th of September.

Whilst the last PC meeting was in July a lot of work has gone on since then. The PC considered and then objected to the planning application for an extension to 26 Church Street. We understand that this application has, however, now been withdrawn. The PC had some concerns about the proposed garage but none about the proposed garden room at 30 High Street. TVBC has since approved the whole application. The PC made no objections to the use of two units at Dublin Farm, one to be used for the repair and maintenance of garden machinery and motor vehicles and the other for race preparation and maintenance of rally cars.

I have attended a meeting with the owners and architect regarding a proposal to demolish Peacehaven, Fullerton Road and to replace it with a new dwelling.

The owners of Tadley Cottage, Fullerton Road have undertaken protracted pre-planning consultation with TVBC but found it difficult to agree with them on a design for the extension of the cottage. The PC was asked for advice and with Cllr Jim Neal's assistance in negotiating with TVBC it is hoped that no objections will be raised when the proposed planning application is submitted.

A further meeting has taken place with TVBC traffic department and a speed audit of traffic in the village and out towards the school will take place during September. The PC still feels that it is totally unacceptable that, unlike every other aspect of life these days, risk assessment does not apply to road safety issues. We feel it is also unacceptable that no action is considered necessary even if there have been incidents where children have very nearly been hit by speeding vehicles. We will review the situation when we have the results of the speed audit but please do inform us of any accidents or near misses that occur. We are very disappointed that we have now been informed that a 40mph limit will not be placed along part of the Longparish Road in the vicinity of the houses along there. A further incident has recently occurred when a resident was driving out of his drive. I have requested the reasoning for this decision from HCC and I have also asked how much the signage would cost if the installing of the limit could be agreed. The PC then consider the possibility of finding funding for the scheme if this was agreed by HCC.

It is very frustrating that still no progress has been made regarding the footpath down in front of the pub from Chant Close. I continue to ask for the reason for the ongoing delay as we have been assured that funding has been allocated for the project.

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To improve the width of the virtual footpath along Winchester Road the undergrowth on the edge of the adjacent bank from Primrose Cottage towards Winchester Corner is to be cut back but large vehicles have driven over the edge of the bank resulting in mud now being all over the path which now makes it even narrower. Temporary barriers have been placed where the bank has been badly eroded along Fullerton Road. We have yet to be informed what long term measures are to be made to prevent vehicles from going over the drop into the wooded area below.

We recently received what was expected to be the final proof of the Exploring Wherwell leaflet but there were still revisions that needed to be made. Hopefully we will receive the amended draft shortly along with the final proofs of the map boards.

I am delighted that one ongoing project has finally been concluded with the slate wall plaque dedicating the cockatrice weather vane to the memory of Vic and Mary Pyke being put up on the wall by the side of the doors to the village hall. It was good to see Vic and Mary's daughter Suzanne and her husband at the September coffee morning to see the plaque and the weather vane.

The refurbishment of the village hall bar was unveiled at the coffee morning by Sue Blazdell, the recently retired chairman of the Village Hall Committee, who dressed up for the occasion and looked very fetching in her fascinator and pearls. To celebrate the conclusion of the major refurbishment of the hall Pimms was served which was very well received by a large crowd of parishioners. The whole committee are to be congratulated for transforming what was a far from attractive aspect of the hall into what is now a very smart well equipped bar area.

Next PC meeting Tuesday 8th November at 7.00pm in the Colonel Jenkins' Hall
Jane Andrews Tel: 860635 Email flyjohnandrews@aol.com

Septic Tanks

You may have seen the article in this week's *Hampshire Chronicle* saying that registration of septic tanks for small domestic users is now not necessary. Following a mass of complaints from the general public, the Environment Agency is having a complete re-think about it. I have also spoken to them on the telephone and they confirm the report. *Maria Watson*



Sport for Dogs: bringing back Wherwell's Dog Show

‘What about a dog show?’
Discussing ideas for this summer’s
Playing Fields Association sports
day and fete, I unthinkingly broke

the First Commandment of committee work: never suggest. Penalty: you get ‘volunteered’. This was unfortunate, as I had no idea how to organise a dog show. Luckily well known local dog trainer Ray Alexander not only agreed to judge the show but also, with his wife Pat, put a lot of work into structuring it.

I wanted to showcase the fun, fitness and training that you can have with an ordinary family dog. Sean Hutton’s niece Vicky, a former Crufts junior agility champion, designed and taught a basic course. Emma Field brought her magnificent Leonbergers to give a display of carting and offer rides to small children. The Buccaneers’ Flyball Club turned out in force to stage a mini contest between their first and second teams and ran taster sessions.

And the local dogs came by the dozen. Judging started late as the queue to enter the competitions snaked up the field. There were so many entries and the standard was so high in each class that it was agonisingly difficult to choose the winners.

Best rescue, Jasper (pictured on the left), who still bears multiple scars from cigarette burns inflicted by his previous owner impressed us with his calmness and trust when we examined him. Owner Natasha has done a magnificent job in nursing him back to health in just 4 months.

The child handlers were superb. Next year we will subdivide the classes as ‘Best Junior Handler under 10’ attracted a much bigger age range than we expected. The youngest was only 3.

The Dog Show returns next year, bigger and better with all this year’s favourite events, plus some exciting new ways to have fun with your dog.

Thank you to everyone who so generously made time to help: you were wonderful. For more pictures of this year’s show and contact details, go to the Wherwell village website.

Lis Bennett

Wherwell Church Time Capsule

The restoration work at Wherwell Church is proceeding very well. The re-tiling of the Nave roof and re-shingling of the tower and spire is almost complete, following which, the contractors will move on to repairs to the stonework and replacement of rainwater goods and the drainage system. All this work is scheduled for completion in early November, and after a thorough clean, church services will recommence on Advent Sunday.

Renewal of the drainage system involves digging holes in the churchyard, and this presents an ideal opportunity to bury a time capsule. The capsule will be an A4-sized box, a few inches deep, encased in lead; and should survive for well over 100 years. The capsule is being constructed free-of-charge, a very generous offer by A E Hughes, the builders involved with the restoration work.

Wherwell History Group has agreed to run the project, on a very short timescale:

October 1st – ‘launch’ in the Parish Magazine & at Wherwell Coffee Morning

October 24th – last day for receipt of photographs, etc.

November 4th – articles published in *Andover Advertiser & Hampshire Chronicle*

November 5th – display contents of capsule at Wherwell Coffee Morning

November 7th – seal capsule and hand-over to A E Hughes

There is a dedicated webpage on the Wherwell website

<http://www.wherwell.net/wherwell-church-time-capsule.htm>

where you can follow the progress of how much material has been gathered. The main categories are Electronic Media (DVD, CD, SD-card, USB stick), Local Books, Local Magazines, Wherwell Programmes & Brochures, AGM Minutes and Photographs. It is impossible to predict which material will still be readable in 100 years time, although we are fairly confident about photographs stored in appropriate plastic sleeves and very confident about printed material on acid-free paper. As a back-up, the complete contents of the capsule will be digitised and deposited with a custodian such as Hampshire Record Office.

The Time Capsule Needs You !

Wherwell History Group invite all villagers to submit one or a few photographs which become their personal record of living in Wherwell in 2011. The subject can be a record of an event, a family group, pets, house & garden, favourite view, etc. Each photograph must be accompanied by a date and a caption (10 to 50 words). We are particularly keen to record residents born in 2011, residents with a milestone Birthday in 2011 and nonagenarians (aged 90 & over). If necessary, we can take the photograph on your behalf. Please telephone Andrew (01264 860 560) or Mike (01264 860 592) or email wherwellhistory@gmail.com Thank you.

Andrew Flanagan



DIARY DATES



October

1 st	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
2 nd	Wherwell Harvest Festival Service	WVH	10.00am Service 12 noon Lunch
4 th	Chilbolton PC	CVH	8pm
5 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning	St Mary the Less	10.30am-12 noon
7 th	Film <i>West Side Story</i>	CVH	Doors open 6.45 Film 7.30
10 th	Age UK afternoon tea	White Lion	3.00pm
10 th	Magazine Copy Closing Date		
11 th	Red Garter	CVH	7.30pm
15 th	Chilbolton Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30am
16 th	'The Bounder' Road Race	Broughton	11.0am
17 th	Midday Mums	WVH	10.30-noon
18 th	Chilbolton WI Talk - <i>Stone Age Food, Cooking and Art</i>	CVH	7.30pm
18 th	RHCH Anniversary Service	Winchester Cathedral	7pm
21 st	WHG Talk: <i>The Restoration of Charles II</i>	WVH	8.00pm
21 st	Cryptic Crosswords Demystified	Millennium Memorial Hall Littleton	7.30pm
22 nd	John Lewis Trust Talk: <i>Fungi – that other Kingdom</i>	Longstock Village Hall	7.00pm
24 th	WHG Last day for receipt of Time capsule photographs		
25 th	Chil Hort Soc Talk: <i>Monet – his home and garden at Giverny</i>	CVH	7.45pm
28 th	Annual Village Quiz	CVH	7.00pm for 7.30
30 th	West Down Working Party	Meet top car park	10.00am

November

1 st	Chilbolton PC	CVH	8.00pm
1 st	'Hangar Doors' ex-aviation industry drink	Wherwell Playing Fields Pavilion	8.00pm
4 th	Film <i>Brighton Rock (change from previously notified film)</i>	CVH	Doors open 6.45 Film 7.30pm
5 th	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30am
8 th	Wherwell PC	WVH	7.00pm
7 th	Red Garter	CVH	7.30pm
12 th	Some Like It Hotter	CVH	7.30pm
12 th	Polly & The Billets	Somborne Village Hall	8.0pm

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.romsey.net.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.

Chilbolton Parish Council

The first meeting after the summer break was well attended and we do encourage public participation. Tony Ewer is dealing with all the highway matters which concern people in the village. In addition to ensuring that potholes are repaired properly and not just patched, he is arranging meetings with HCC to see if more white lines can be painted at the top of Joys Lane to stop parking, dealing with the difficult junction by the allotments and the problems with the three school buses which come through the village at morning rush hour. The regulations dealing with the school coaches are that they require the contractor to provide vehicles of a size to cope with the numbers of children in the village using the schools to which they travel to, not the actual number of children who regularly use the buses. So we have the strange situation of large 40-seater coaches travelling along our narrow lanes with three children on board being almost unable to get around some of the tight bends. Tony is also raising the problems at the Mayfly junction and to deal with improvements to the cycle track along the Test Way between the bridge and Stockbridge.

Work on the Common continues with further repairs to the track together with works suggested by Natural England. The Community Pay-Back team are doing the work which we would have to hire contractors to perform. The Hawk and Owl Trust have erected several nesting boxes on the Common, the Memorial Playing Fields and in the land of adjoining owners so look out for these. There are now boxes in the water meadows from east of Manor Farm, Newton Stacey right through to the Common.

The proposals for the play area are now moving ahead after a change of staff at Enterprise Inns who own the Abbots Mitre, so watch this space.

We were pleased to announce the appointment of Mandy Amor from Wherwell as the new Parish Clerk to start from the 1st October. Mandy is well known in the village for the work she did with the PTA at the school and I know she will successfully take over the role as Clerk from Liz when she retires next month.

All the footpaths have now been cleared and David Griffiths will be leading a working party to deal with the thistles on the Common next year. The ragwort problem seems to be almost a thing of the past but now we have to deal with the thistles.

With regret the large grey popular tree on Old Pond Green will be felled this autumn as it has been judged to be a potential problem. A new tree will be planted but it will be many years before it is as magnificent as this particular specimen.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Durnford Room at 8pm on Tuesday October 4th.

Alan Crisp

Sue Austin: “Sue’s Day” 26th August 2011



Where do I begin? The extremely sad loss of Sue, our much, much loved Wife and Mother is beyond comprehension and clearly the lives of Daniel, Nathan and myself will never ever be the same again. The feeling of great sadness and total emptiness may, we sincerely hope, in time become easier to bear. The number of people who attended “Sue’s Day” at the church clearly was a testament to her kind, loving, caring nature and, as so many people said, her “beaming smile”. I could continue with a very long list of Sue’s attributes but I also know that she would not want me to, because Sue would prefer me to thank all of those who gave so much dedicated time in organizing all of the arrangements; these were clearly filled with much love and affection.

Firstly to Mandy and Derek for being there from the very beginning of this nightmare journey; being there and supporting my Nathan when being told of the tragic loss of Sue upon arriving at their house, then driving Nathan to Southampton Hospital to enable him to spend the night sleeping on the floor beside my bed. When I was released from hospital, again Mandy and Derek were there to take us to visit our Daniel so we could all be together when Nathan and I were able to give Daniel the support needed after breaking the sad news. To my eldest sister Sheila and her partner John for coming up from Devon as soon as they heard and for being there to make endless cups of tea and coffee for our many, many visitors. To my youngest sister Jennifer, my brother Albert and their respective families; to Alex for taking over the tea and coffee duties when needed: a huge, huge thank you and much, much love. To Guy and Louise for their involvement on the night of the tragedy, you are exceptional and truly lovely people. Thank you so very much. To Nigel Palmer, Liz Bennett and my Nathan for their major input in sourcing the appropriate representative when it was required, and again to Nigel for transporting me and your valued advice. Many, many thanks.

To those many people who enthusiastically and without hesitation looked for Darcy, one of our three dogs. (She was the dog travelling with us in the van en route to the vet’s in Winchester.) When Darcy was eventually caught and we brought her back home 48 hours later, the boys sent Sue a text (as we left Sue’s phone switched on) which read: *We have Darcy now Mum. No need to worry, she is fine. We love you xxx.* I can tell you the tears were uncontrollable after I read this.

To all the services that arrived at the scene of the accident that sprang into action trying to cut us all out of the wreckage. A very big thank you. (P.S. Please accept my apologies for being impatient and pulling myself out when seeing a small window of opportunity and possibly putting others at risk?) To Bob Coulson (Liaison Officer) for his dedicated continued support, help and advice. Thank you very much.

To all the members of the Chilbolton Players for all their help and support. A big thank you to Nicky Walker (and sometimes Coraleigh) who used to call into me en route to work to discuss many arrangements for “Sue’s Day” at 7.30 in the morning. During these meetings there were many tears and every meeting usually involved more work and arrangements which Nicky took on board and with due diligence completed yet more tasks without question (what a brilliant P.A.). To Sally Hall and Helen for compiling the food arrangements and shopping for everything and all the effort that was required to complete this whole process.

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To all those involved with selecting “Sue’s Special Place”; for obvious reasons it was a perfect choice of which Daniel, Nathan and myself thank you so very much. To Jane Spence, Di Wild, Cynthia Bezance, Maggie Duffy, Vivien Shrimpton and Gail Bailey, those lovely colour co-ordinated flower arrangements were just so very “Sue”. To Angie & Ray for their involvement in these arrangements, very well done and a big thank you to you all. To Juliet and Stuart for their major input in creating a well thought-out and prepared service sheet; also the visits you make have been so helpful, thank you so very much. To Errol and Sue for sending me a number of possible readings of which the one I chose was the obvious choice for me to read. Thank you. To Lucy for “playing Sue in”, that was a tough call. Well done ! This was so special for your “Auntie Sue”. Sue George, Sharon & Errol, your readings were delivered with such conviction and affection. Fi and Angie, everyone was impressed with its content and the delivery. Again that was a tough call and without doubt you both did a brilliant job (Sue would have been so proud of you) that most definitely includes Daniel, Nathan and myself. Phil Vincent, what can I say mate but that speech was just THE BEST!!! (just like you). Juliet, you delivered the detail about Sue’s childhood and later years to perfection, you held it together so very well and continued this during the downpour during Sue being laid in her “Special Place”. A very big thank you. And thank you, too, to Ray the organist and of course The Choir, perfection !

To our close and long standing very dear friends Dale and Sue Ewens, Phil and Glenda Vincent you have been there giving lots of support, providing food, driving me to all those places I needed to be. This was all done without question and real dedication. Love you guys BIG TIME. To my sisters, Sheila and Jennifer, again Glenda Vincent and Sue Ewens, for their major input in deciding on the appropriate flowers for Sue. Again to Glenda, for taking me to discuss the necessary arrangements with Jill Maddocks and in guiding me to the choosing of the most appropriate resting basket for my “Special Sue”. To my sisters, members of Sue’s family, very close and dear friends who helped in the choosing of the most appropriate outfit for Sue to wear on her journey and to those of you who wanted to add their special items. Very well done to you all.

To Nigel Munns for agreeing to his task before releasing the 100 balloons for Sue. Well done, and thank you. To all you lovely ladies from the W.I. for your massive input and constant help during the hectic demand of refreshments back at the Village Hall. I didn’t get any time to thank you in person on the day. Do please accept my sincere thanks for your massive input. Thank you all so very much. To Mr & Mrs Painter for allowing the field to be used as an overflow car park. Thank you very much. To Belinda for helping me to find Sue’s figures she made at the Dolls’ House Club that they attend and for providing additional items/info for display on Sue’s Table and then, very kindly spending the evening of “Sue’s day” mobile home sitting and taking care of the dogs. Thank you so much Belinda.

To all of you very kind and thoughtful visitors who have provided us with your very tasty food donations; they were much needed and very well timed, especially all the Hugs. They helped so much, thank you. To Andy Miles and friends for installing all those lovely lights. (Sue loved those lights after seeing your handiwork at previous functions. Sue said I must buy some after the house was to be completed, BLESS HER; of course I had no choice but to agree and this most definitely will be done.) Thank you very much.

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To everybody who helped clear the Village Hall at the end of “Sue’s Day”, particularly Coraleigh who worked so hard doing many chores, including mopping the floors, and to all of you who helped with the work involved on the Saturday morning. To Derek, Bill, Ray and Ian for erecting and dismantling their marquees and gazeboes, thank you. To Jo and David from Chilbolton Village Stores for their kind donation towards the BBQ during the evening of “Sue’s Day”. A very big thank you. To all of you who have sent messages even after “Sue’s Day”. Some of these have come from people that Daniel, Nathan and I have never met! so a very big thank you to all of you as well.

Sue and I had been married just over 37 years but had been together for a total of 42 years. During this time we survived the usual ups and downs of everyday life, including some difficult and hard times but like most strong marriages you survive and, like most of the couples we spent time with, you reflect on the progress of your children and without question we are very proud of Daniel and Nathan, even more so now because their strength during this particularly sad time has made me so very, very proud of them. As a three-man family unit we know that we have the inner strength to continue with our objectives. This is testament to Sue, a Special Wife and Mother who in our memories will be “AMARANTHINE” (everlasting, unfading) a woman of Amaranthine Loveliness.

AGAIN, Chilbolton has come up trumps because not only were you very supportive to us after last year’s house fire but without doubt you certainly proved to be the BEST during these very difficult times and still continue to visit providing hugs, conversation and laughter, please don’t stop !!!! Thank you all so very much. To those of you who offered and provided accommodation to friends and relatives, a very big thank you.

I have been asked my intentions concerning the completion of “The Hollies”, and after discussion with Daniel and Nathan, it was a unanimous decision to proceed, especially as Sue had a major input to all of the design process and in particular the detail to the kitchen flooring (Sue knew exactly what she wanted, especially with three dogs lying on it). But most of all we feel that Sue is very much “HERE” and therefore we have no desire to live elsewhere.

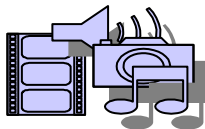
This tragedy has taught us a number of things. Firstly that your lives can change in the blink of an eye, never to be the same again. If you love someone as much as Daniel, Nathan and myself loved Sue, you should tell that special person as often as you can because when you are unable to see, hug, hold, kiss and do all of the things that families do together, I can tell you it hurts big time.

*Loving you is easy we do it every day,
Missing you is heartache that never goes away.*

Donations to Sue’s chosen charities have to date reached £1604.18 (Jill Maddocks has indicated that this could rise as donations will remain open for another 4 weeks). Many, many thanks.

Will Austin September 2011

The Movies are back5!!!



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Wherwell Proms Review

Oh what a night! To those of you who weren't there, you really missed a fantastic evening. What an amazing job Richard Rowles with his magnificent team did to put on a very slick production. The weather forecast had not been good but apart from one short downpour early on, many people sat out under the stars to eat their supper and enjoy the entertainment.

Robert Lawrence and his catering team provided us all with a barbeque of very upmarket buffalo burgers and special recipe Prom bangers accompanied by lots of assorted salads and then followed, in true Wherwell tradition, by an amazing selection of very scrummy puddings.

The first part of the evening entertainment was live music. It started with Jazzinc with Wherwell resident Ray Blazdell playing the keyboard, jazz singer Sharon Vennall, a graduate in performing arts from Andover, who is the manager of the Lights Theatre in Andover. Then there was Janine who travelled down from Scotland– she is a well-known soprano north of the border. Finally local lady, Elaine Mancini, who regularly sings the blues at charity gigs in and around Hampshire, paid tribute to Amy Whitehouse by singing some of her songs.

The entertainment then continued with the big screen linked to the Last Night of the Proms in the Royal Albert Hall. Everyone, it seemed, joined in with the singing of Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia, and the much-loved Jerusalem whilst enthusiastically waving an amazing number of Union flags. There was then a surprise firework finale and the evening ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Whilst the main purpose of the evening was entertainment, there was also a sub-plot featuring another Wherwell tradition – fund-raising. The chosen charities this year were Age UK Andover, Wherwell Playing Fields and Wherwell Church Restoration Project. As I write the exact amount raised is still to be confirmed but it is in the region of £5000. That a small village like Wherwell can put on such a production is quite amazing and I feel, along with I know many other residents, very privileged to live here.

Jane Andrews



World's Largest Coffee Morning

Join in the largest coffee morning in the world!

Support Macmillan Nurses on

Wednesday 5th October

St. Mary the Less, Chilbolton

10.30 – 12 noon

WHERWELL HISTORY GROUP



THE RESTORATION OF KING CHARLES II

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY
PAMELA BOYES



AT
COLONEL JENKINS'
MEMORIAL HALL
WHERWELL SP11 7JJ

**FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER
AT 8.00PM**

ALL WELCOME ADMISSION £3.00
TEA/COFFEE AND BISCUITS INCLUDED

Alex Langlands

An illustrated talk promoted by the W.I.

On August 16th the Village Hall was packed with people from near and far, including a seven-year-old, all keen to hear about the three BBC series in which Alex and his fellow archaeologist, Peter Ginn, and domestic historian, Ruth Goodman, re-created the agricultural practices of Tudor, Victorian and Edwardian times. Alex gave us a potted history of these series, starting with the Tudor farm which they had filmed in Wales in 2004. He interspersed factual information with amusing anecdotes, illustrated by slides from the series. Most of the film-footage was shot by the three using a hand-held camera. Fully staffed photo-shoots were difficult to organise as they required forward planning - the weather is unpredictable and animals are equally so, but they did make it for the occasional big event such as the harvest.

We gained a real flavour of how the intrepid trio went about their work. Alex emphasised that the programmes were not faked. They did not go home each night to comfortable beds and only ate the type of food that would have been available at the time. At Morwhellham Quay in Cornwall, Health and Safety would not allow them to eat the produce they had grown because the soil was still contaminated with arsenic residues left over from Edwardian mining activities. On one occasion, Alex and Peter went into town to buy agricultural supplies. They were aware of strange looks and assumed it was because of their costumes. They only found out later it was because they smelt *very* strongly of the farm. They were, by then, blissfully unaware of that fact!

Alex has a real passion for living archaeology and his enthusiasm is infectious: he has found that living as people did in the past has widened his perspective and he despairs of what he refers to as the 'one-digit' culture, where everything is done at the push of a button. He emphasised that we need to look at what was good about life in earlier times and try to incorporate it into our modern way of living.

Following the talk, numerous questions from the floor brought further insights. Some members of the audience recalled their childhoods in rural Britain and one recounted her recent stay at the farmhouse at Acton Scott in Shropshire, which was used for the Victorian Farm series and still has no running water, electricity or indoor sanitation.

Alex signed books and stayed to chat to audience members who had brought along interesting pieces of information such as census records. The W.I. produced light refreshments which were much enjoyed, bringing to an end a very entertaining evening.

Sue Batchelor

Last night of Proms – Thank you!

Well done everyone a great proms this year, glad to see the BBC have their fair share of technical issues too! My legs have got their own technical issues at the moment but here we go, all well worth it to see so many local people having such a really good time, with 200 promenaders this year. We made about £5k this year compared to £2,100 last year, this is an estimate as there are a few bill yet to come in, but still an amazing total!

Extra Special thanks go to Wendy Martin (who came all the way from Cheltenham) for the Raffle that raised £603 of pure profit, and the food people it was so well organised many people commented on the quality of the food and how well it was cooked, and Cliff Goodall who was going all weekend helping setup breakdown and run the bar, and of course the Barclay's ladies (please pass on our thanks) who contributed so much. Thanks have already started to roll in and with the pics these will be going on to the website. <http://proms.wherwell.net> in due course.

There were a few names missing from the thank you page in the programme, my fault but sorry we were really pushed because of the printing deadline. If you would like to join the organising committee please let me know (richard@rowles.co.uk or 861101) , we really do need more help next year if we are to continue this fantastic event.

Richard Rowles



Jane's Kitchen - Sausage plait

I have just had a request for the following recipe. It was a favourite at our Harvest lunches and will probably be served again this year.

For the pastry

7 oz plain flour
5 oz lard
Salt
2 -3 tabs cold water

For the filling

1 medium onion finally chopped and gently fried until soft
12 oz good sausage meat
1 teaspoon dried thyme
½ teaspoon dried sage

Make up the short crust pastry

Mix all the filling ingredients together and form into a large roll on a floured surface

Roll the pastry into an oblong and place the sausage meat in the centre

Brush the edges and slash at 1 inch intervals

Fold the pastry over the filling and plat the strips, sealing well with egg or water

Brush the top with egg or milk and bake for 40 – 50 minutes in a hot oven –

reducing heat towards the end. Ensure that the filling is thoroughly cooked

Serve hot or cold (sounds yummy – *Ed*)



Afternoon Tea at The White Lion, Wherwell

October 10th at 3.0 p.m.

£2.00 tea and cake/scones

Just come along - ALL welcome

The White Lion and Age UK Andover & District

Wherwell History Group



Thank you to everyone who came and viewed our display at Chilbolton Fete and responded to our appeal for photographs of Chilbolton. Together with leads via the Wherwell website and some research at the Hampshire Record Office, our running total of loans / acquisitions stands at 58. Our calendar for

2012 'Bygone Views of Wherwell and Chilbolton' is almost production-ready; so watch for news on the Wherwell website.

The photograph above is hanging in the Durnford Room at Chilbolton Village Hall. Fortunately, it has a legend on the reverse side.

Back Row (left to right)	Front Row (left to centre)	Front Row (centre to right)
T Waterman (scorer)	visiting umpire	W Annell
C Robbins	visiting player	J Guyatt
W Bird	F Kirby	L Andrews
visiting players ...	J Crowley	C Cook
	F Webb	visiting player
	C Blake	visiting player
	H Martin	visiting scorer
	Rev. Crowley (umpire)	

We would be very pleased to receive information about any of the players listed above, or about Cricket in Chilbolton (especially pre-1940). Please contact Andrew (01264 860 560) or Mike (01264 860 592) or email wherwellhistory@gmail.com
Thank you. *Andrew Flanagan*

Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife



In Phyllis Bennett's article in the August magazine, she highlighted the importance of cattle grazing on West Down for many rare plant and insect species. One of those species is the Hornet Robberfly and just recently when walking on West Down I was very fortunate to spot one and photograph it. The Hornet Robberfly is a national rarity (a national Biodiversity Action Plan species even) that only occurs on unimproved grazed downland in Southern England. It's called the Hornet Robberfly because of its colour, size, and fearsome appearance. It typically hangs around old encrusted cow-pats, and preys on dung beetles and other insects that live in such places. So it's a species that is very much dependent on Fred and his girls! Most of the other species that rely on Fred, in particular the rarer butterflies such as Chalkhill Blue and Brown Argus, are more dependent on his scrub-eating capability. You too can help with this, by coming along to our monthly West Down working-party sessions. You don't have to eat the scrub (!), but with loppers and small hand-saws we cut down the saplings that are a bit too big for the cattle. Then Fred and his friends browse off any re-growth in the following season.

Our next working-party is on **Sunday 30th October** meeting at **10:00 am in the West Down top car-park**. If you can't make it in October, then you would be welcome to any of our sessions during the winter. Make a note in your diary of the last Sundays of the month - 27th November, 18th December (alright, not the last Sunday in December – but Rangers have promised mince-pies!), 29th January, 26th February, 25th March.

Looking forward to what you might see in October, this is of course the best time of year for fungi. As I write, there are already some interesting specimens to be found. Last week at Broughton Down I found several of the rare Solitary Amanita - a species unusual in favouring dry chalk soils. It often grows under beech trees, so the top section of Broughton Down is an ideal place for it. And as I drove home up the main road from Leckford, I spotted an impressively colourful bracket fungus called the Shaggy Bracket. Don't laugh! Until recently, most fungi only had scientific names – but I think the experts had difficulty coming up with common English names for all the many different species. The Shaggy Bracket isn't especially common, and mainly grows on Ash trees. It causes a heart rot, and the tree eventually dies. If you'd like to know more about fungi, then do come along to this year's John Lewis Trust Annual Lecture, which is all about fungi.

The illustrated talk “**Fungi – that other Kingdom**” will be at **Longstock Village Hall at 7.00pm on Saturday 22nd October**. The speaker is Dr Stuart Skeates who is one of Hampshire's foremost experts on fungi. The title of his talk, “That other Kingdom”, is a reference to fungi being the third natural kingdom and just as important as animals, and flowering plants. As well as the talk, we will have some specimens for you to look at. And if in the preceding days you should find any fungi that you'd like identified – then do bring along your finds and I'm sure Stuart will be willing to take a look. Anyone with an interest is welcome to the lecture, and entrance is free.

Glynn Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)



Bee Diary September 2011



Heather Honey – The Queen of all Honeys

What makes a good season for heather honey? Reading all the books from beekeepers past and present, they say a wet spring followed by a hot August with thunderstorms. The accepted view is that heather needs to grow new shoots in the spring and then it needs heat and water to produce nectar at flowering time. The year 1952, when thunderstorms caused the Lynmouth flood disaster, was apparently a record year for heather honey. Brother Adam, the master beekeeping monk who kept the bees at Buckfast Abbey near Dartmoor from 1910 until 1996, wrote that when conditions were right, the flow of nectar from heather was quite copious and hives put on weight at an astonishing pace.

We have been taking bees to the New Forest for the last six years and only one of those years produced a good crop of heather honey. As Spring 2011 was one of the driest on record, I was doubtful whether this year would be any good in the New Forest. I thought that the dry acid soil was the last place for a good honey crop. Still we took six hives down on 6th August and hoped for the best. Stories from other beekeepers started coming in of massive weight increases on their New Forest hives, with exhortations to add more supers. (Supers are boxes of extra frames that the beekeeper puts on the hive during the summer for the bees to expand into and fill with honey. It is these from which we extract the honey at the harvest time, leaving the brood box alone.) We shot down on 15th August and were staggered to find that four out of the six hives were so heavy we couldn't lift them. Each had added over 50lbs of honey in just nine days. It is quite simply amazing just how hard bees work when conditions are right, and the nectar is flowing. We added the supers and by the end of August they were full too, so there was no way we could bring the hives back with the honey on. We would have needed a mobile crane to lift them. We had to take the supers off in the New Forest and bring the hives back separately. Heather honey is unlike other honey as it doesn't separate from the comb easily. It is thixotropic. To jar heather honey requires a press, a very sticky job. Far better in my view is to eat the honey straight from the comb. We therefore sell the honey as honeycomb and it is simply delicious. As well as the small punnets of honeycomb, we expect to have complete heather honeycombs available, boxed in display cases which should make quite unique Christmas presents.

Since coming back to the Test Valley from their hols, the heather bees are now stretched out with their feet up relaxing in an aromatherapy treatment to get rid of as many Varroa mites as possible before the winter sets in.

Jolyon Pope



Wherwell Junior Cricket - Nurturing the Green Shoots

When Wherwell set up their Junior Cricket section 3 years ago they did not imagine the response they would get. Since the first session where 8 children attended they have seen growth to a current level of 40 and this season fielded teams at 3 age levels. It has not been without its challenges and the success owes much to the efforts of the parents who have volunteered to manage teams, assist with coaching and raise awareness. Buoyed by the success so far a sponsor was sought and we are delighted to be able to announce that Andover Garden Centre have agreed to provide sponsorship for the junior section.

This was a natural selection as the Garden Centre has a long history of supporting the local community and additionally has strong ties with the Wherwell playing fields who run the Christmas Grotto and the Countess of Brecknock Hospice, the charity supported by the Cricket Club. The relationship between the club and the Garden Centre is seen not as a purely financial one but as a strategic partnership where both can provide support and ideas for joint development over the coming years.

The accompanying picture features Gary Cooper the centre manager, Jason Griffiths (Under 9 captain 2011) and Yazmin Whyton (Under 13 player 2011).



The players are shown in their club shirts which is the first and some may say the most visible part of the relationship. The coming season we hope will see a continued growth with additional coaches being trained and a split winter coaching session to allow a more focussed approach to player development. Our goal is to provide access for as many children

as possible to try the game and have very much an open door policy to support clubs that are yet to establish junior sections but have players keen to start.

Training Sessions this winter will be run from 7-8 and 8-9 on Friday evenings from November through until Easter, term time only, and will again be held at the Test Valley School anyone interested in coming along please contact the club through our website <http://www.wherwellcc.co.uk> or email paulwhyton@btinternet.com

Chilbolton FC – Monthly Update

31 July	Chilbolton FC	2 v 8	Aldridge Vehicles FC	(Friendly)
07 August	Chilbolton FC	2 v 2	Wallop Wanderers	(Friendly)
04 September	Chilbolton FC	5 v 3	Clarendon FC	(League)

You can now follow the team live on Twitter (@chilboltonfc) with live pitch side tweets as well as team news and Manager insights in between games. You can also 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 Abbots Mitre where Tom and the team always look after us – See you there!

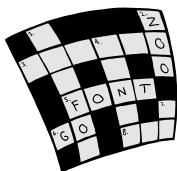
Sam Horne (07969 055300) - Manager

Wherwell Football Club

Wherwell Playing Fields Fete provided the perfect backdrop to launch the newly named Wherwell Football Club under 10's team. This is made up of players from Wherwell and Hatherden Schools and is run by parents. The team is lucky enough to enjoy the excellent facilities at Wherwell Playing Fields and have training every Thursday with matches in the season alternate Sundays. Today has been a special occasion as it signals the launch of the new kit which has been kindly sponsored by Robin Gibson of City Insurance. It is also an ideal opportunity to support the Playing Fields Association and thank them for the use of the pitches and clubhouse.

The team are always on the lookout for new players and if you would like more information, please contact Simon (The Team manager) 07766578056 or Clare (The Secretary) 07970780716.

Cryptic Crosswords Demystified **At the Millennium Memorial Hall at Littleton** **Friday 21st October 2011 at 7 30 pm**



Gain an insight into solving those tantalising cryptic clues under the expert guidance of Tim Moorey who is the crossword setter for *The Times*, *The Week*, *Sunday Telegraph* and also author of *How to Solve The Times Crossword*.

Tickets £7.50 per person (inc. tea, coffee and light refreshments).
Available from Clive Thompsett (01962 885039) or John Ambrose (01962 856461).



Welcome back after the Holidays!

We are busy welcoming back all the children after our summer break and looking forward to having lots of fun with them this term. A special welcome to all our new starters this term.

With the sponsorship funds raised from our Summer BBQ / Disco night we have ordered some brilliant new toys such as magnetic dinosaurs, pretend rocks, a doctor's set and many other things. These items were all sponsored by companies or parents at the event. The evening raised just over £1,700 and this will go towards replacing larger equipment at our Pre-school. Many thanks again to all that attended the event and supported us.

Chilbolton Village Hall is having the patio replaced shortly and we are looking forward to riding our bikes over the new slabs!! We anticipate the children will also find it fun watching the building work in progress and no doubt this will lead to lots of interesting role play!

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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