

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

As the clocks go back so autumn arrives with its rich colours decorating the trees in our villages. With it comes dark evenings and for a short while, lighter mornings. Soon the mornings catch the evenings up and with the inevitable change in the weather it becomes very tempting to remain in the comfort of our homes and only venture out when we need to.

However, as can be seen from this month's issue, there is plenty going on locally. Whether it be a Christmas Fair, a film show or learning a new board game, that tempts you out, there's no excuse for staying at home waiting for spring. But when you do stay indoors then why not warm yourself up with Jane's spicy tomato, pumpkin and lentil soup. If you're feeling energetic then you might like to help with the churchyard clear up or watch others with more energy in the Chilbolton football team.

Terry Gilmour

Thank you to Victoria Ramsay, Terry Gilmour, Hilary Jennison and Chris Mason who produced this month's magazine.

CLOSING DATE FOR COPY: 15th of month

See Diary Dates for magazine collation day

For all enquiries, our contact email is cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk

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

From the Parish Registers

Chilbolton

Baptism	4 th October	Amelia Grace Horne
Interment of Ashes	27 th October	Sandra Cooper

Wherwell

Funeral	15 th October	Ted Stratton
Interment of Ashes	16 th October	Marjory White

November Flower Roster

St Mary the Less

Annette Keys
Debbie Richardson

St Peter and Holy Cross

Mrs Whiteside 7th
Mrs Henderson 14th & 21st

Church Services November 2009

St Mary the
Less
Chilbolton

St Mary's
Crawley

St
Catherine's
Littleton

St
Stephen's
Sparsholt

St Peter &
Holy Cross
Wherwell

Sunday 1 November All Saints day

Holy Communion	8.00am		8.00am		
Family Communion including All Souls				10.00am	
All Age Worship			10.00am		
Morning Worship including All Souls		10.00am			
Matins with HC					10.00am
All Souls Service	3.00pm				
Service of Peace & Healing			6.00pm		

Monday 2 November

All Souls Service			6.00pm		
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Wednesday 4 November

Holy Communion			9.30am		
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Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion				8.00am	
Remembrance Day Service		10.55am		10.50am	10.30am
Remembrance Day Service at Flowerdown			10.50am		

Wednesday 11 November

Holy Communion			9.30am		
Act of Remembrance at War Memorial			10.55am		10.55am

Sunday 15 November The Second Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion		8.00am			
Family Communion			10.00am		
Family Service					10.00am
CW Holy Communion	10.00am				
Matins				10.00am	
Benefice Evensong			6.00pm		

Wednesday 18 November

Holy Communion			9.30am		
BCP Holy Communion	10.30am				

Sunday 22 November Christ the King/The Sunday next before Advent

Holy Communion					8:00 am
Family Service	10.00am				
Family Communion			10:00 am	10:00 am	
4 th Sunday Worship		10:00 am			

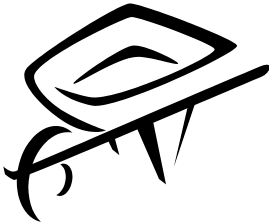
Wednesday 25 November

Holy Communion			9.30am		
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Sunday 29 November 1st Sunday Advent

5 th Sunday Benefice Family Communion –	10.00am				
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celebrating the Licensing of Malcolm Rittman					
Advent Carol Service		6.00pm			
Candlelight Service					4.30pm
Monday 30 November					
Ordination of Dr. Jennifer Brown			7.00pm		



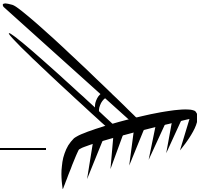
ST MARY-the-LESS CHURCH CHILBOLTON

Winter Exercise SATURDAY 14th November

Come along equipped with gloves, rakes etc, for an enjoyable hour or two tidying up the churchyard from 9.30am onwards.

We will also do some extra cleaning of the church

Your help will be very much appreciated.
Light refreshments provided.
Further details from Lawrence Wild 860358



A BIG THANK YOU

As a result of the Harvest Festival and Luncheon at Wherwell on 4th October, the sum of £42.50 was raised from the sale of Garden Produce. Thanks go to the Head teacher, staff, pupils and parents at Wherwell Primary School who supplied the produce and put it out on display at the Church.

All of the tinned, packet and dried goods were given to the Andover Food Bank along with the £42.50. There is, unfortunately, a need for this service in the area and I was pleased that we could contribute in a small way.

The lunch was well organised by Pam Prince and her band of helpers and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Malcolm Lloyd, Churchwarden

Pause for Thought

THE RECTORY
LITTLETON

Dear Friends,

November is an extraordinary month, in the first two days we celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, and that is closely followed by Remembrance Sunday. As we draw closer to the end of the year, when the leaves have mostly fallen from the trees and the sun's warmth has mostly departed for the southern hemisphere it seems so natural to look back at those we have loved but see no longer. Whether we are recalling the Saints of the church, or the ordinary saints who have influenced our lives and helped to make us the people we are, or those who gave their lives in the two World Wars, or the young men who are dying almost every week in Afghanistan, our purpose is the same.

We thank God for what they meant to us, their example and their achievements, and by doing that we attribute meaning and purpose to their lives and their deaths. That is easy to do for those who have lived long and good lives, but for those whose lives have been cut short by terrorism or warfare, we need to believe that the cause was worthwhile. Few question the necessity of the 2nd World War, but the carnage of World War I inspired the army chaplain Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy to write this short poem:

Waste of Muscle, waste of Brain,
Waste of Patience, waste of Pain,
Waste of Manhood, waste of Health,
Waste of Beauty, waste of Wealth,

Waste of Blood, and waste of Tears,
Waste of Youth's most precious years,
Waste of ways the Saints have trod,
Waste of Glory, waste of God,--
War!

There are many who believe that the conflict in Afghanistan today is just such a waste, and politically they may well be right, but for the sake of the young men and women on the front line we have to believe that they are serving a just and necessary cause, otherwise they are being asked to risk their lives for no good purpose, and that must destroy their hope.

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We all need hope – hope that our small contribution to life will have made a difference, hope that we will live on in the memories of others, hope that this life is not all there is and that there will be justice for all those denied justice in this life.

Hope is the bedrock of what Christian's believe. It is based on the awfulness of Good Friday and the amazing events that followed it, and it is the hope that will shine through all our services in the first two weeks of November.

*With love in Christ,
Juliet Montague*



EDEN STELL GUITAR DUO COME TO WHERWELL CHURCH

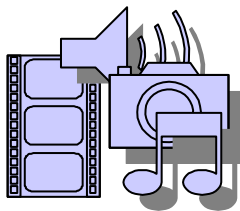
On the 7th November at 7:30pm at St. Peter and Holy Cross Church Wherwell, we have the opportunity to hear Mark Eden and Christopher Stell in concert

They are "an outstanding duo partnership with their immaculate ensemble and clear tone. There's something here for everyone, whether guitar aficionados or not." Classic fm

**Tickets £5 available from Ros & Stuart Rason
at The Rectory, Chilbolton 860258, or available on the door**

There will be music from Spain, Cuba, England, Italy & Australia

----- Proceeds to the Wherwell Church Roof Fund -----



CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

Last Chance Harvey (12A)

A moving, witty, comedy-drama about a 40+ spinster, whose friends continually matchmake for her, and a hopeless composer of jingles who longs to be a jazz pianist, who accidentally meet as his estranged daughter is about to be married. Starring Emma Thompson and Dustin Hoffman
In Chilbolton Village Hall

on

Friday, 4th December, 2009 at 7.30 pm

Doors open at 6.45 pm

Tickets £5.00 - In advance

Or £5.50 - On the door (subject to availability)

Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits

Wine and choc ices will be on sale

To book your ticket, please ring Maria Watson on 860415,
Sheila Laughton on 860460, Maureen Treadwell on 860380
or Beryl Lawrence on 860618

Chilbolton Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on 6th October, to be told the past month had been mainly a housekeeping period for Cow Common, the playing fields and the Amenities of the Parish. Cllr Collis said that new tenants had been found for the Andover Airfield site. The Co-op intended to build a distribution warehouse there, but one half the size of that proposed by TESCO. All the stringent planning conditions imposed by TVBC remain in place.

At a meeting with the HCC Highways Engineer on 14th October, the Chairman and Clerk reviewed all outstanding works and works in progress. Mr Bambridge noted the tasks which will be tackled as funding allows.

To enable the Village Hall stage project to go ahead, the Council agreed to support it financially, using funds from an HCC grant. Sadly, the Council was unable to draw on this grant, but has nevertheless agreed to support the Hall to the tune of £3600 from its reserves.

Cllr Gossling told the meeting that a 50 gallon tank had been installed as part of a rainwater collection facility for the allotments. There are allotments still available at the time of writing. Cllr Rowles said that the project to provide orientation boards was now almost complete. The boards, which will indicate where cars might be parked, will be erected at various locations and will provide a fitting memorial to Tony Battye, whose legacy will cover the cost.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 3rd November in the Durnford Room of the Village Hall.

Jeremy Baines

Chairman, Chilbolton Parish Council



ST MARY-THE-LESS, CHILBOLTON

**CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2009
4-6pm**

at The Abbots Mitre, Chilbolton
(by kind permission of Sam)

*Christmas gifts and foods
Mulled wine, Carol singing.....*

COME ALONG AND JOIN US!
Contact Jackie Compton on 07771 610162 for further details

Chilbolton Stores News

Some of you may remember reading in September's issue of the magazine that we had applied for funding from Hampshire County Council and SEEDA, in order to make improvements within the shop and Post Office. We are pleased to report that this funding has now been approved and together with additional funds from the Post Office we are hoping to start work in January.

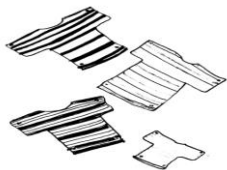


The proposed improvements include:

- A new, more accessible, combined Post Office and shop counter.
- New shelving and a move around of existing shelving to "open up" the space.
- The addition of a take away coffee and tea facility.
- New flooring throughout.

We are very excited about the work but also somewhat daunted by the logistics. We will try to keep any disruption and necessary closure time to a minimum and keep you informed throughout.

Jo & David



Zimbabwe Jumpers Appeal

'Jumpers Appeal' (more than 75 jumpers in total) for which we are very grateful. Now need to post them off to Zimbabwe's Children's Homes.

It will cost an estimated £1.30/jumper to send from here so we will be fund-raising for this over the next weeks.

Do you know anyone who is travelling to Zimbabwe soon, visiting either Bulawayo or Harare? If so, could they carry some jumpers, ready packed for posting, and we will pay the postage? Please contact me if you can help.

Christmas is coming and it would be lovely to be able to get them there in time as most of the orphans never get presents.

Sue Batchelor 860307



TABLE TOP SALE

(In aid of Animal Charities)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14th
STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL

10AM TO 3PM

*Refreshments, Instant Raffle,
Xmas Decorations, Gifts, Cards
Hand Bags, T Shirts, Cakes & Preserves,
And much more*

Come & be surprised

WHERWELL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 29th November 2009

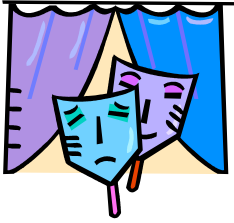
from 2.00 to 4.00 pm
in Wherwell Village Hall



Arts & Crafts, Produce, Cakes, Mulled Wine, Waffles
Tombola, Raffle and other stalls

followed by Advent **Carol Service**
at St Peter & Holy Cross at 4.30 pm





“CONFUSIONS”

Chilbolton Players, in fine form, ‘christen’ their new stage

On the first night of Chilbolton Players’ production of Alan Ayckbourn’s stage play “Confusions” I settled down to watch this complex affair of five separate ‘mini plays’ with anticipation coupled with some apprehension.

A Talk in the Park. The curtains rose officially on the village hall’s brand new stage for the first time to reveal three huge ‘flowers’ – but my wife said they were ‘trees’ - (of what variety it was impossible to tell) and ten empty chairs, which were then slowly and solemnly progressively occupied by an interesting and very varied group of people. Confusion reigned from the first moment. Ah, at last I understood the relevance of the play’s title. I have, however, to report, that on this first night at least the pace was slow and the dialogue generally somewhat stilted – but this I put down to the script which was far from being ‘sparkling’.

After first curtain fall – the next scene, much more comprehensively staged than the last, opened to the title of ‘**Mother figure**’ and the ensuing story line was rather more involved, more convoluted even (and thus more interesting and entertaining), than the first playlet. Rosemary (very well played by Sue Austin) portrayed lively ‘body language’ with her facial expressions being absolutely right for her part – and she was suitably and amusingly ‘unctuous’ (alright - look it up). Again the script was not exactly sparkling – as an example the funniest line was “*When you’ve drunk your milk*”. Fun though.

Next came: **Drinking Companions.** Harry (Andy Hawke) was quite excellent in his role of a ‘lover boy’ and made a great impact in this playlet. He really did live his part with suitably restrained gusto. His ‘chat up lines’ were worthy of his (in my view) lookalike double of Peter Barlow in Coronation Street. Paula (Fiona Talbot) was a guinea a minute and was as coy as could be.... **Did** she fancy him? We were never quite sure. Andrew Coombes’ performance as Harry the waiter was to the manner born and Bernice (Carole Marits) – well, the matronly spoilsport of all time?

Next the INTERVAL and one must never forget the enthusiastic and efficient helpers who ran an excellent bar!

Now the pace really picked up and “**Between Mouthfuls**” was brilliant. The lighting effects (necessarily accurate to the nano second if this

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scene was to succeed) were excellent – and the ‘dumb show’ that went on when the actors were not ‘under the spot light’ was quite first class. So good were they that, with only a little effort, you could lip read what they were (supposed to be) saying. Jennie Pope a bored (& frustrated?) Mrs Pearce was particularly good in this respect. Andrew Coombes (as Mr Pearce) – clearly a frustrated husband – matched his ‘wife’s’ performance very well indeed. Andy Hawke (again) was outstanding as the efficient, imperturbable and superficially obsequious (look it up again – I had to) waiter. Polly (Angie Budd) was a suitably striking ‘blonde in red dress’ and Martin (David Johnston) played his role well as a very nicely presented bickering husband.

Finally the *piece de resistance*. With only just an edge over the previous very amusing playlet, “**Gosforth’s Fete**” brought the evening to a smashing, drenching close. COUNCILLOR (and don’t forget it) Mrs Pearce was the soggy star of this final scene, but was throughout very ably aided and abetted by Milly (Mandy Coombes), Gosforth (Nigel Munns) and the excellent take off of a ‘typical’ ageing Parish Priest/Vicar (by Mike Davis). Then there was the ebullient and final closing dramatic performance of Nigel Munns as Gosforth himself – taking charge (or not) of invisible but rebellious Boy Scouts while eventually (and extremely cleverly) managing to upset everyone with a lovely duo conversation into a microphone (with Milly) that they didn’t realise (until too late) was switched on. A suitable, rousing, wet and cheering end to an evening that started slowly but which improved and picked up pace steadily all the way through the evening. (PS. The sound effects were excellent and very well timed too – especially in the last scene).

Costumes, makeup and props were all good throughout – and we were left wondering at the end just how many more soggy dresses (and floppy hats) Jennie Pope had got left to change into.

Well done to all the Chilbolton Players and their many supporters and helpers. On the evidence of this your first night I look forward to your next play/pantomime (?) performance with eager anticipation.

PPS. Your advertising was very good too. By the time CONFUSIONS was so triumphantly ‘on the boards’ I am sure that everyone in the village and its surrounds knew about it. Certainly they should all have been there. Those who weren’t there missed a great evening.

“An ageing – and retired –thespian”



The Wherwell Annual Quiz

Hosted by Brian & Lydia Knight

**Saturday 14th November
in Wherwell Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Tickets £7.00 are available from:

Sue Blazdell 860462

Pam Flanagan 860560

which includes a ploughman's supper

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

Bring your own drink for refreshment during the evening.

There will be a raffle at the interval with proceeds all going to the Hall improvement fund

SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE FIRES IN THATCHED PROPERTIES

A series of presentations in village halls is being planned by Hampshire Fire & Rescue for the Stockbridge area between October and December of this year.

The Parish Councils for both Chilbolton and Wherwell will assist the Fire Service to set up an evening's presentation. All owners of thatch properties will be invited to attend once a date has been arranged. In the meantime it would be helpful if owners could contact me on Tel: 860 385 or e-mail Ringwold@dsl.pipex.com to register their interest.

The Wherwell History Group

The Chalk Buildings of Hampshire

Gordon Pearson will be our speaker this month on Friday 20th November. Gordon is a well known expert on Chalk and Cob buildings, after working for many years at the Hampshire County Council Historic Buildings Department. He will talk about the chalks of Wessex, and how they have been used for building purposes, showing examples of 20th Century work. Gordon is author of the book “Conservation of Clay and Chalk Buildings”

Scrapbook 2010

This is our exciting new project for 2010. In our archives we have the scrapbooks created by the local Women’s Institute, which commenced in 1951 and ran forward into the 21st Century – although the cuttings beyond year 2000 are very sparse. These are traditional scrapbooks comprising almost entirely of newspaper cuttings. Earlier this year they proved to be a valuable resource for the staff at Wherwell Primary School who prepared the 80th Anniversary exhibition.

We hope Scrapbook 2010 will be all-inclusive and symbolic of the digital age we live in. Thus, it will comprise much more than local press cuttings. We hope that anybody (and everybody) who lives or works in the Parish of Wherwell will be featured and/or contribute. We want to show future generations how vibrant our village is, as well as giving historians of the future a valuable research resource. We want to include individuals who celebrate a significant family event or reach a significant milestone or raise money or receive an award, etc. Together with the Church, the School, the Parish Council, the public houses, the Home Guard Club and the shop, we want to include all the clubs and societies which meet together in the village. Finally, we want to make special features of annual events such as the Church Fete, the Sports Fete and the Open Gardens.

The Scrapbook will commence on 1st December 2009 and run through until 31st December 2010. On completion, we will produce a single bound volume, together with a digital equivalent on the Internet and smaller presentation books, which are extracts of the master volume and which will hopefully be available to purchase. Watch out for more details in next month’s Community Magazine. If you would like to register an interest or make a suggestion about content, please email wherwellhistory@gmail.com

Interviews with local people: The Special Duties Wren

Continuing the series of interviews with local people who saw active service, this month we talked to Rosemary Morton who served as a Special Duties Wren in the Second World War. Rosemary and Bob Morton moved to Chilbolton in 1986. They soon became involved in village life and made many friends. Sadly, Bob died in 2000. He was very active in the village and was well known for, among other things, running the good neighbour scheme providing transport to those who needed it for hospital appointments and the like. He is much missed by all who knew him. Rosemary is a remarkable and courageous woman, and as anyone who knows her will have discovered, very self-effacing. It was quite a challenge to persuade her to talk about her exploits during the war!

At the tender age of 16, Rosemary was sent by her parents to Hamburg to learn German. Having only 'class-room' German she could barely understand a word, but after nine months living with a family and attending the Berlitz language school she was more or less fluent. She wouldn't admit to this but the facts speak for themselves. She came home in July 1939, and war was declared a few weeks after her 17th birthday. The following year, after a stint working in a hospital, she passed 'a jolly stiff test' in spoken German and became one of a small and secret group of Wrens, known as Special Duties. Later on she passed a test in Morse Code, qualifying her as acting Petty Officer. Her job was to listen in on VHF radio to the activities of German 'e-boats' (submarines), or MTBs (motor torpedo boats), which lurked in wait for the convoys from Canada and the USA as they sailed through the Channel and North Sea bearing essential provisions and personnel to a needy Britain.

She was only 18 when she took up her first post at Portsdown near Portsmouth in cold, cramped conditions in a caravan on top of a hill. When Portsdown closed, she was moved to the Isle of Wight where from the top floor of a house in Ventnor, the girls would sit for hours with their ear phones, straining to pick up e-boats talking to each other on the crackling radio waves. They relayed their conversations, and the e-boats' location, by phone to the Intelligence Centre at Fort Wallington. The IC operators would pass this information to the naval base so they could take action to blow them up, allowing the convoys to pass without mishap.

After Ventnor, Rosemary was sent to various stations up the east coast. E-boat activity was most intense here since it was the route taken by most of the convoys. Usually, the Wrens never knew whether anything came of the information they relayed, but on one occasion a naval officer visiting her

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station, mentioned that as a result of information received on a certain night, they had successfully attacked an e-boat. The Wren on listening duty that night was Rosemary. She refused to take any special credit for the achievement: 'It was nothing special. It just happened to have been me on duty.'

Interesting and demanding though this work was, after a year or two Rosemary was ready for more adventure. Shortly before she was 21, and having bluffed her way into convincing the authorities she was fluent in Italian (she maintains this was far from the case!), she and three others found themselves bound on a troop ship for North Africa. 'On the way, we were allowed on the bridge to learn visual signaling provided by one of the escorting destroyers. As we were arriving in port, my friends insisted it was my turn, and I found myself reading "Happy 21st Birthday!"'

Having landed in Algiers, the small band of Special Duties Wrens was then flown to Tunisia by a Douglas transport plane, and they eventually arrived in a little village above the port of Bone. Here they operated from the top floor of an officers' rest-camp, their job being to intercept any movement by the German or Italian navy in the Med. In their free time, being the only women in the rest-camp, their company was very sought after. It wasn't long before Rosemary met and fell in love with her husband Bob. Surrounded by handsome young men, Bob stood out of the crowd as not only good-looking, but fun, brave and incredibly nice – attributes with which anyone who knew him would agree whole-heartedly. They were engaged in less than six months.

'We were engaged just before Christmas 1943. By that time there wasn't much for us Special Duties to do. The Italians had capitulated and there wasn't a lot of German traffic. It was around then that Bob had to go on an army exercise in the Sahara. We arranged that I would hitch-hike to meet him after he completed the exercise. We returned to the village together in his army truck. Bob posted his driver into the back of the truck and allowed me to have a go at the wheel. Unfortunately, a passing colonel noticed I was driving, with the result that Bob was confined to barracks for several days. In fact he was still there when I was posted home.'

Bob and Rosemary then had to endure prolonged separation when Bob was sent to Italy. Here, his legendary bravery earned him the military cross – a fact few were aware of until his memorial in 2000. The year was 1944, just before the invasion, and Rosemary was posted to Dover. The Special Duties Wrens had an important role to play in the Normandy landings – indeed in the outcome of the War itself. Key to the success of the invasion was to knock out the German forces along the coast of France beforehand.

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By intercepting the conversations of the German marine traffic and gun emplacements, they could pin-point their whereabouts and assist in their destruction before the invasion began. They also eavesdropped on the many practice exercises on the German side, so many that when the invasion happened for real, at least one operator didn't believe it. When the alarm went, Rosemary overheard him ordering some more cigarettes over the radio when he should have been taking action appropriate to the invasion. The reprimand he received from his commander could not be translated into repeatable English!

'After the invasion, we weren't needed to intercept enemy messages anymore. I was sent to Bletchley to translate documents captured from German dockyards which might be useful to our navy.'

'As soon as Armistice was declared Bob got leave and we were married at very short notice. Our daughter, Jill was born in 1946, and twin sons, Patrick and Andrew, just over two years later. Our family lived for many years near Dorking, then in 1986 after Bob retired and the children had grown up and married, we decided to move. Chilbolton was perfect, as Patrick and family lived near Winchester and we had old friends living nearby, in particular Barbara Wilson who lived in Wherwell. We've lead a full and happy life here every since.'

Tessa Youell



Wherwell Christmas Fayre Sunday, 29th November

CAKE STALL

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

*Bring to the Wherwell Village Hall
between 12:30pm and 1pm on Sunday, 29th November*

Thank You Very Much!!

Judy Conte: 860789



Dates for your diary

November

2 nd	Red Garter – CVH	7:30 pm
3 rd	Chilbolton Parish Council - CVH	8:00 pm
3 rd	Horticultural Society - CVH	8:00 pm
5 th	Wherwell PC – WVH	7:30 pm
6 th	Film “ <i>Morris: A Life With Bells On</i> ” CVH	6:45 for 7:30 pm
7 th	Wherwell Coffee Morning – WVH	10:30 am
7 th	Eden Stell Guitar Duo – Wherwell Church	7:30 pm
9 th	AGM CVH Management Committee – CVH	8:00 pm
13 th	Energy Efficiency – Stockbridge Town Hall	2:00 pm
14 th	Chilbolton Churchyard Clear up	9:30 am
14 th	Annual Quiz –WVH	7:30 pm
16 th	Midday Mums bring and share lunch - WVH	12:30 pm
17 th	WI – CVH	7:30 pm
20 th	Wherwell History Group - WVH	8:00 pm
26 th	Magazine Collation - CVH	6:30 pm
28 th	Christmas Fair – Abbot’s Mitre	4:00 pm
29 th	Christmas Fayre – WVH	2:00 pm

December

1 st	Chilbolton Parish Council – CVH	8:00 pm
1 st	Horticultural Society - CVH	8:00 pm
4 th	Film “ <i>Last Chance Harvey</i> ” – CVH	6:45 for 7:30
5 th	Wherwell Coffee Morning – WVH	10:30 am
8 th	Late Night Christmas Shopping -Stockbridge	5.30pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Theatres:

29/10/09 to 21/11/09: **Arsenic and Old Lace.** By Joseph Kesselring. Performances at 7.30pm (Mon-Wed), 2.30pm & 8pm (Thu & Sat, no matinees on 29/10 & 31/10), 8pm (Fri) at Salisbury Playhouse. Tickets £12-£19. Tel (01722) 320333

www.salisburyplayhouse.com

07/11/09: **The Nutcracker.** Presented by Ballet Theatre UK. at 2.30pm and 7.30pm at The Lights, Andover. Tickets £16-£17 (concessions £14), children £11. Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk

12/11/09: **Under the Greenwood Tree.** By Thomas Hardy. Presented by The Dorset Corset Theatre Company at The Lights, Andover at 7.30pm. Tickets £10-£11 (concessions £9). Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk

19/11/09 & 20/11/09: **She Stoops to Conquer.** By Oliver Goldsmith. Performed by Mappa Mundi at Theatre Royal, Winchester at 7.30pm (Fri matinee at 1.30pm). Tickets £15 (concessions £13), £10 (Concessions £8) for the matinee. Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk

24/11/09 to 28/11/09: **Red, Hot & Cole.** Music and lyrics by Cole Porter. Presented by RAODS at Plaza Theatre, Romsey at 7.30pm. Tickets £9 (first night £7). Tel (01794) 512987 www.plazatheatre.com

Music:

18/11/09: **Show of Hands.** At Theatre Royal, Winchester at 8pm. Tickets £18 (concessions £16). Tel (01962) 840440 www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk.

21/11/09: **Concert-Southampton Philharmonic Choir.** At Winchester Cathedral at 7.30pm. Tickets £8-£30. Tel (01962) 857275 www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

26/11/09: **Andover Music Club –Dragonsfire, Tudor Revels.** At 7.30pm at The Lights, Andover. Tickets £10. Details above.

Other events:

20/11/09: **A Christmas Cracker - Christmas Lights switch on event.** In Andover High Street from 4pm to 7.30pm. See www.andoverlive.co.uk

22/11/09: **Cool Challenge Offroad.** Cycling event starting at The Depot, Charlton, Andover. For more details see www.testvalleytour.com

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 by the Guildhall and in Rendezvous, Union St. every Friday, 8.00am - 12.15pm

Farmers' Market Dates:

08 Nov 2009 – Winchester

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29 Nov 2009 – Winchester

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THE BIRTHDAY BALL



It was dusk as we arrived at the Hall in Chilbolton and we immediately felt the excitement and anticipation of the other guests as we all followed the path, lit by little white lights, to a small marquee, which was decorated with a beautiful flower arrangement. Here we received a warm welcome with a glass of real champagne and had our photographs taken. The invitation had said ‘Dress to Impress’ and that was exactly what everyone had done. We all looked magnificent and would have graced a Ball at the grandest of Stately Homes!

As we gathered on the forecourt chatting to friends, ordering our drinks and meeting up with those we were to share a table with, we were served delicious canapés and entertained by delightful music by the Band ‘No Kandoo’. When everyone had arrived we were gently ushered into the Hall. What a transformation! Fairy lights twinkled from the walls, coloured balloons and ribbons decorated each round table and every guest had a handmade token and water-lily napkin to mark their place. We then spent a delightful hour or more eating and drinking together. The buffet by ‘Taste’ and ‘Simply Scrumptious’ was exactly that - both tasty and scrumptious – Dorset Jugged Beef followed by Dessert and a Selection of Cheeses.

Towards the end of the meal Sean Hutton braved the loud-speaker system to run a Grand Auction. Items that had been so generously donated were snapped up by eager bidders and really helped to swell the coffers.

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THEN the tables were moved back, the music struck up and the dancing began! The band was amazing – everyone wanted space on the dance floor and midnight came and went and still they danced! It was way past 1pm before the last carriage left the car park – No one wanted to go home - What an evening!

Not only was this ‘Birthday Ball’ a fabulous event it raised a huge amount of money for Wherwell Primary School and Chilbolton Pre-School, who are both celebrating their anniversaries this year. An event like this doesn’t happen without a lot of hard work by a lot of people and this was certainly the case on this occasion. So a big ‘Thank You’ to all those on the PTA, the Governing Body and the Staff of both schools who helped towards its success – but especially to Clare Gibson for the magnificent job she did in organising this very special evening. Well done everyone.

Mary Gee

WI Report

At our monthly meeting for October we had a change to the programme, as the speaker from Pocock's Roses was unable to come. Instead, we had a most interesting illustrated talk by Glynne Evans on Garden Bird Watch. Glynne is the Hampshire Area Representative for the British Trust for Ornithology, based in Thetford, Norfolk. The Trust is engaged in surveys and research, and liaises with amateur birdwatchers all over the country. Besides showing us lovely pictures of birds we see in our gardens, and hints on feeding them, Glynne displayed some literature to take away, and invited us to become members of the BTO Bird Watch.

The Danebury Autumn Group Meeting of the WI was held on 5th October in Grately, and the HCFWI Autumn Council Meeting took place on 20th October at the Anvil.

We had a very pleasant Soup Lunch on 19th October, and there is to be another on 23rd November.

We have no more speakers this year. Our Annual Meeting will be held on 17th November, and we plan a Christmas celebration (possibly a pub Christmas Dinner?) in December.

Dawn Rickatson

FREE COURSES

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Introduction to Computers Photography and Photoshop

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Each course consists of five sessions running from
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Roman Road, Stockbridge. All courses are free of charge.

Photoshop Advanced

Wednesday 16 Sept - Wed 14 Oct 2009 or Wed 28 Apr - Wed 26 May 2010

Course content: Using the file browser; masking; quick masks; creating paths; creating selections from paths; adjustment layers; understanding clipping paths; creating a clipping path; healing brush; history brush; fills and gradients; for print or web; which format?; transforming selections; understanding colour; colour modes; unsharp mask; focus; toning and smudge tools.

Introduction to Computers

Wed 4 Nov - Wed 2 Dec 2009

Course content will include getting to grips with email and the internet, file management and basic computer techniques and terminology. Full details are available on request.

Introduction to Photoshop

Wed 13 Jan - Wed 10 Feb 2010

Course content: Loading images from camera; scanning the images; getting images into Photoshop; understanding file formats; understanding resolution; rotating, re sizing and cropping; changing from colour to black and white; Marquee and Lasso tools; Magic Wand tool; Red Eye reduction; navigating around the document; transforming; creating and saving selections; feathering selections; using layers; creating good grey scale images; using levels; adjusting contrast & brightness.

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Jane's Kitchen

Spicy Tomato, Pumpkin and Lentil Soup

A real winter warmer for the cold days ahead

800 grams Pumpkin peeled and cut into 2cm pieces
1 tin chopped tomato
2pts chicken stock
4oz split orange lentils
2 cloves garlic
1 carrot diced
1 clove garlic crushed
1 tabs. Grated fresh ginger (ground would do but use less)
1 teaspn ground cumin
½ teaspn Cinnamon and turmeric (optional)

Heat 2 tabs olive oil and butter in large saucepan add the onions carrot garlic, ginger and all spices. Season cover and cook gently until the onion is very soft. Add a splash of water if the pan is too dry.

Stir in the tomatoes, stock, salt, lentils and pumpkin and bring to the boil - simmer until the pumpkin is tender.

Crush the soup with a potato masher – it should be served as a rough texture. Top with a dollop of sour cream and pinch of cinnamon

NB Pumpkin is a rather bland vegetable and needs plenty of other flavouring.

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Wherwell Parish Council

We are very pleased that the vacancy for a Parish Councillor has now been filled by Lizzie Broadbent who was, in the past, our parish clerk.

The emissions from the processes being carried out at Patchington Farm, Longparish Road are, we have been assured, quite safe. District Cllr Jim Neal is investigating concerns regarding the impact of the lighting of the chimney there. He is investigating the amount of the rent rises at Mill Court and other Testway properties. He is also asking the new Head of Planning at TVBC to respond to our request that he reviews the problem of the defunct mobile home and the vehicles and machinery on the land at the corner of Beech Grove.

As we are still awaiting further plans for the proposed footpath down from Chant Close around the front of the pub HCC Cllr Andrew Gibson has been asked if he can expedite the drawing of the plans

Planning applications have been approved for the extension to 2 Chant Close, the new dwelling at Fullerton Farm and for the rebuilding of Windwhistle Cottage. The application to carry out external works at New Barn, New Barn Lane has been supported.

The good news is that the Co-Op has now signed a deal to use the proposed Mega Shed. It will now be only about half the size of the original Tesco proposal with approximately 600 lorry movements a day as opposed to the 2000 originally planned. There are also some significant environmentally friendly features being incorporated in the plan.

TVBC is in the process of compiling a revised Core Strategy that will set out the overall planning principles and vision for the Test Valley for the next twenty years. The existing village settlement boundaries that prescribe where development can take place are therefore being reviewed. We propose to make an initial response saying that the layout and design of the Wherwell settlement is linear bound as it is by the River Test on one side and the former railway on the other. Significant housing development is therefore curtailed by this although it is recognised that there may be limited potential for frontage infill on one or two plots in the village.

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We are grateful to Hilary Jennison for again carrying out the internal audit for us. The accounts have now been certified by the Audit Commission.

Three old Beech trees on Old Winchester Hill have been felled. The SEB has been asked to review the trees in Fairpiece. The repair of the handrail at the top of Chant Close steps has been done. Concerns regarding the condition of some of the wood on the Longbridge have been passed on to the Rights of Way department at HCC. It has also been requested that the signage of the Testway in this area is improved. Various works to improve the road drainage are in progress throughout the village. Hopefully this work will not cause too much inconvenience to parishioners.

The bench on the corner of Chant Close is to be refurbished. The church clock has developed a problem which requires repair. It is hoped that English Heritage will assist with the cost of the church roof repairs. The redecoration of the village hall and the installation of the new heating system have now been completed. Once again we congratulate the committee for all the hard work they have put in to improve the facilities at the hall.

Thanks to the efforts of Sean Hutton and all his helpers the Playing Fields fete on August Bank Holiday raised in excess of £3000. A big thank you to them and to the Andover Steam Engine Society, who now have premises in the parish, for bringing along one of their locomotives.

The Playbuilder Capital Grant agreement between the Council and HCC was considered and signed. Draft designs are now awaited for enhancing the existing play area and when available residents' comments will be sought.

Following the mobile phone survey, service providers for mobile phones are to be approached to see if the service in the area can be improved.

The Welcome Information leaflet has now been completed and will be put on the parish website together with the PC agendas and minutes.

Next PC meeting Tuesday 10th November at 7pm in the Colonel Jenkins' Hall.

Jane Andrews, Chairman Tel: 860635

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MIDDAY MUMS, Monday 16 November

Come to Wherwell Village Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month, with or without children at around 12.30pm.

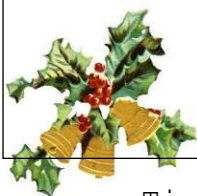
If you can bring a little something to share for lunch that would be appreciated, but there is usually enough to go round if you are pushed

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For many of us for many years, weekends in Chilbolton wouldn't be the same without Sally Newman riding her much loved horse through the village. Having read Sue's article she writes:-

"The mention of Kurt Linssner in last month's magazine has prompted this letter. Kurt shod our horses and ponies at Cannington House Riding Stables in Andover in the 1960s and 1970s. He then shod our ponies and horses at Chilbolton Riding and Livery stables until his retirement. His son Chris took over from him. He actually came out of retirement and came and shod Carousel for me when, for some reason, Chris couldn't do it. Chris was with us last weekend and told us that his father is very well and still working at the forge aged 82 years. He wishes he could still shoe horses. They were both at Newbury Show this September."

Sally Newman



DOGS AND FIREWORKS

Whether your dog is bothered by bonfire night depends to some extent on his personality but mostly on your leadership, so what you do when your dog freaks out on November 5th is more important than what the dog does.

When we are scared we often feel better if someone puts a reassuring arm around our shoulders or offers a few soothing words. But dogs are not humans and to offer your dog a cuddle and to talk reassuringly to it when it is in a frenzied state will make the situation worse. What a dog really needs from you at this time is good leadership which means convincing him that you are in charge and

that there is absolutely nothing to worry about. Easier said than done? Absolutely not!

The key thing to remember when dealing with a fearful dog, is not to engage with the animal when it is stressed. This may be initially very difficult for many dog owners but it becomes second nature with a little practice. If the dog comes to you for attention or runs into a corner shaking, don't react, don't look at it, don't say anything to it. If necessary, gently push the dog away and if it persists in its attention seeking behaviour, get up and walk away – make a cup of tea, sort out the kitchen cupboards, do anything to avoid engaging with the dog. Eventually, the dog should understand that you call the shots and if you're not worried then he needn't be either.

How many people do you know who ALWAYS seem to own dogs that are scared of fireworks? Is that a coincidence? Probably not – so remember that if you are not calm yourself, then your dog has less of a chance of coping with the trauma of bonfire night. Dogs are highly sensitive creatures and can pick up on emotions better than humans. Sort yourself out first – ensure you are well stocked up on bottles of Rescue Remedy or wine – depending on your preference!

It is worth considering that your dog's fear of fireworks is probably just a symptom of something else. He possibly believes he is responsible for your safety, so try not to fuel this belief.

So what are the DO's and DON'Ts on bonfire night?

DON'T

- engage in any way with your dog if he is worried by fireworks. This means no eye contact, no talking and no touching. DON'T Console or pet your dog when he is in a frenzied state - you will only nurture his fear. If this does not have an effect then there are other techniques a Pure dog listener can show you to calm you dog with out the use of drugs;
- allow your dog free run of the house. Your dog is probably under the impression that he is responsible for you and your family anyway. To give him a larger area to patrol will add to his stress. So keep his world small – try confining him to one room with you and your family.

BUT DO

- give your dog as much affection as he likes BUT ONLY when he has relaxed;
- make sure that all members of the family are consistent in this approach;
- use your imagination. When bonfire night is raging outside, turn up the radio or the television and turn on the washing machine – anything to dull the outside noise.

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HOW DO I KNOW IF MY DOG IS RELAXED?

If your dog is pacing, panting, wagging his tail or barking he is NOT relaxed. Signs of relaxation will be a lowering of the tail, a softening in his eye, sighing or yawning. He may take himself to bed. Once he is snoring, you know you've cracked it! When your dog has relaxed – call him to you (don't go to him) and offer affection. For the dog that loses all control, there are further techniques that a DL can teach.

It is worth remembering that when a dog wags its tail it doesn't always mean he is happy. It is only a sign of a heightened state. Yes, of course he could be happy but he might also be nervous, excited or aggressive.

Caroline Spencer PURE Dog Listener

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Village Hall – Wherwell



2009 has been a year of major refurbishment for the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall.

During the year we have had a new kitchen, new cloakroom facilities and the ultimate bonus – new central heating!

The kitchen and cloakrooms were carried out with grants from Test Valley Council and Hart District Council in conjunction with fundraising monies from events run by the Management Committee.

The heating installation was carried out with money from a generous bequest left by Miss Mary Plincke, a long time resident of Church Street who died in October 2008. Miss Plincke was a great supporter of the hall during her lifetime, and we are still amazed and extremely grateful for her generosity with this bequest.

The hall has now been redecorated and we have had some very positive feedback about the new heating and the colour scheme. As ever with an aging building I think we will always have a list of tasks still to do (the bar next!), but we do now feel we have an excellent facility in the village which hopefully will benefit everyone.

We can't thank our villagers enough for all the support you have given us over the years with our fundraising, but hopefully you can all see the benefits.

Do come along to one of our monthly coffee mornings to see the hall (first Saturday of each month) or why not come to our quiz on 14th November and see what you think!

Hilary Jennison, Treasurer

Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife



The annual National Moth Night was on 18-19th September this year, and moth enthusiasts throughout the country ran their moth-traps on those two nights. As I mentioned last month, the aim this time was particularly to study the movements of migrant moths, with many being marked with small spots of colour during the previous week. Unfortunately, although mid-September is usually the best time for moth migration, conditions this year were not quite right and relatively few migrant moths were seen. I ran two light-traps in the Test Valley, and over the two nights I inspected nearly 600 moths! There were no coloured spots, and there were only two moths that just might possibly have been migrants - an indication of the vagaries of nature and especially of migration.

Then, just ten nights later, at Mottisfont, came the moth migrant highlight of the summer. I was fortunate enough to find in my trap the holy grail of migrant moths – the Clifden Nonpareil, or ‘Blue Underwing’. With a wingspan of 90 mm and bright sky-blue underwing markings, this moth was the Victorian moth collector's classic all-time favourite and much sought after. A migrant from the continent, there are only a handful seen in Southern England each year, invariably in September. My moth was of course released unharmed, and flew away high into the canopy of nearby oak trees.

I often find myself writing about birds and butterflies, because these are relatively easy for us to see. Much more difficult are our night-time mammals, and especially that most elusive of creatures – the otter. Otters are now regular night-time travellers in the Test Valley, but seeing one is quite another matter. We often only know of their presence as a result their footprints, their droppings (spraints), or sadly, when one is found dead on the road. Just yesterday, I was shown a dead otter that had been picked up by the road at Leckford. He was a magnificent large dog otter - some 104 cms (41 inches in old money) from nose to tail, and weighing over 10kg (20 lbs). It seems such a pity that otters so often encounter traffic during their long-distance wanderings. But it does just go to show, that these animals are there in our midst.

Glynne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)



Bee Diary November 2009



Why are bees dying?

There have been many cataclysmic reports in the news recently about bees dying out within three years and their loss having serious consequences for human food resources. The need for bees to pollinate crops is crucial, and the total loss of bees would be likely to cause major food shortages throughout the world.

There is no doubt that honey bees are under threat from a variety of hazards, but whether this will cause them to die out is another matter altogether. In the UK the major colony losses occur during the winter, last winter about 20% of honeybee colonies died out. In previous years this loss has been well below 10% and many experienced beekeepers rarely lost more than 5% of their colonies over winter.

What could it be that is causing these increasing colony losses? In the USA the losses have been attributed mainly to CCD, Colony Collapse Disorder, where bee numbers dwindle within the colony until just a few bees are left. Mobile telephones, bee viruses and agricultural pesticides are all suspected of causing CCD. Major research programmes are underway in many countries to solve the mystery of why bees are dying.

In the UK, there is considerable doubt as to whether CCD is to blame for our 20% colony losses. Our experience last winter was that colonies of bees did certainly dwindle but when the colony succumbed; there were generally thousands of dead bees in the hive. The bees didn't disappear; they were overwhelmed by a cold winter.

Unquestionably the Varroa mite and its associated viruses is a major cause of colony losses. It is only in the last 2 years that the authorised chemical treatments, Apistan and Bayvarol, have been rendered ineffective by the Varroa mites developing resistance to these treatments. British beekeepers have been forced to adopt many varied and less effective means of controlling Varroa. In the last twelve months the battle between British beekeepers and the Varroa mite has been a close run thing and all too often "mite" has prevailed.

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Poor queen mating has been another serious issue in 2009 and could well be a factor in colony losses this winter. Again it could be that the Varroa is to blame. Although the queen is unlikely to be damaged by Varroa directly, the male bees in the hive, the drones, are very likely to suffer damage to their potency as Varroa mites target drones during their development.

Agricultural pesticides could also be a reason for colony losses. Currently Neonicotinoids used as dressing for agricultural seeds are under suspicion for causing losses in bees. It is not that bees die immediately if they visit a plant treated with Neonicotinoids, but it is possible that a slow build up of pesticides in the colony may result in bees living shorter lives and being unable to live through the winter months.

Insects are renowned for having boom and bust population cycles. I expect we will see continued aggravated colony losses over winter. However I have faith in the bees' ability to rebound the following year and to replace those colonies that have succumbed during the cold months. It is definitely a time when Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest is particularly relevant to honeybees.

Jolyon Pope

Mobile Library

Wherwell & Chilbolton are on the same route and the library calls FORTNIGHTLY on a THURSDAY. It is at the White Lion, Wherwell from 11.15am to 11.45am and moves on to Chilbolton Village Hall from 12noon to 12.45pm and then to Bannuts Farm (assume 'Barn') from 2.10pm to 2.30pm.

CONVINCING WIN FOR CHILBOLTON



Sunday 11 October 2009

Kings Arms 2

Chilbolton FC 6

Goals: Steve Jenkins (1), Tim Crouch (1), Oliver Southworth (3), David Winslade (1)

Chilbolton finally got the elusive win they were looking for to kick start their season with an impressive 6-2 victory away to Kings Arms. Oliver Southworth scored a hat trick with the other goals from Tim Crouch, Steve Jenkins and substitute Dave Winslade.

Bob Coleman the Manager and Martin Hams, the Coach, have both been trying to change the tactics with the new group of players and the need to exploit the pace within the team. This worked well last Sunday and well done to everyone.

Team: Mattock, Jenkins, Crouch, Gibson, Winter, Floyd, Baxter, Donovan, Southworth, Hams, Nidaira. Subs: Hall, Haig, Winslade

Training is continuing at Test Valley School Gymnasium at 07.00pm each Thursday evening for 1 hour.

This year we are offering coffee, tea and cakes at home matches. We will arrange a few tables and we hope to see more villagers enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of home fixtures. Coffee and Tea are 50 pence each.

For further information on the Football Club and match date's the website is www.chilboltonfc.co.uk If you feel that you would like to know more about the team or details of the training sessions please contact Andrew on 01264 861138

Mobile Police Office & Beat Surgery

Chilbolton – 2nd Monday of each month, in Village Street, from 1pm

Wherwell – 4th Tuesday of each month in Home Guard Car Park from
12 noon



Community Policing

Although I am continuing to operate the mobile police office, because of staff shortages, I am required to conduct more crime enquiries etc., which take precedence over the mobile unit.

For the whole of November 2009, I will be temporarily transferred to Andover, and so as far as I know, the unit will not be in operation for that period. Otherwise, my visits to your village will be sporadic, although I will do my best to attend on the scheduled days.

My monthly visits to Wherwell should be on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 10:00-12:00 hours.

Apologies for any confusion caused, if you know of anyone who wishes to see me, please send me their details and I will make arrangements to visit them.

John Viney