

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

As we approach the shortest days of the year, this is often a time of reflection. And looking back through the magazines this year it's been a very busy year in our villages, with many highlights to reflect upon.

We, as your magazine committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, those who submit copy for the magazine, those who collect and edit the information and pull the magazine together, the printers, the great team of collators and finally the distributors. Without all of you this magazine would not be possible.

To the communities in both villages, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carole Marits

Thank you to Sue Blazdell, Carole Marits, Mike Keys and Ed Treadwell 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		
Burial of Ashes	27 Oct	Sandra Cooper
Baptism	4 Oct	Amelia Horne
Burial	22 Oct	Chloe Wigmore
Wherwell		
Funeral	2 Oct	Hilma Alaine Thomas
Funeral	15 Oct	George Stratton
Burial of Ashes	16 Oct	Marjory White

Church Flowers - Chilbolton –December/January - Jane Spence. We will decorate the Church in preparation for Christmas on Friday 18th December. from 10am All arrangers welcome. **January** - Gail Bailey

Church Services December 2009

	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Wednesday 2 December					
Wherwell School Christingle					10am
Saturday 5 December					
Benefice service of Confirmation and farewell to Bishop Trevor		6.00pm			
Sunday 6 December The Second Sunday of Advent					
Holy Communion	8.00am		8.00am		
Family Communion				10.00am	
Posada Service			10.00am		
Morning Worship		10.00am			
Common Worship with HC					10.00am
Evensong	6.00pm				
Service of Peace & Healing			6.00pm		
Wednesday 9 December					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 13 December The Third Sunday of Advent					
Holy Communion			8.00am		
Family Communion		10.00am	10.00am		
Family Service					
Family Nativity	10.00am				
Welcome Worship				10.00am	
Christingle		3.00pm			
Evening Communion					6.00pm
Wherwell Sunday School (VH)					4.00pm
Wednesday 16 December					
Sparsholt School Christingle				9.15am	
Holy Communion			9.30am		
BCP Holy Communion	10.30am				
Meditation			7.00pm		
Thursday 17 December					
Flowerdown HC			2.30pm		
Wherwell School Christmas service					6.00pm
Sunday 20 December					
Holy Communion		8.00am			
Family Communion			10.00am		
Carol Service	4.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	10.00am
Wednesday 23 December					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Crib Service				4.00pm	

Thursday 24 December					
Crib Service	4.00pm	4.00pm	4.00pm		3.00pm
Midnight Service	11.15pm		11.15pm	11.30pm	With CH
Thursday 25 December					
Holy Communion		8.00am		9.00am	
Family Communion			10.00am		10.00am
Family Service	10.00am			10.00am	
Morning Worship		10.00am			
Sunday 27 December					
Benefice Service				10.00am	

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE RECTORY

This will be held on WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER at 12.30
 Cost will be £7 per head. Numbers will be limited so please contact Jane
 Spence 860 726 or Annette Keys 860 377 to book a place

Church Services January 2010					
	St Mary the Less Chilbolton	St Mary's Crawley	St Catherine's Littleton	St Stephen's Sparsholt	St Peter & Holy Cross Wherwell
Sunday 3rd January The Epiphany					
Holy Communion	8.00am		8.00am		
Family Communion				10.00am	
All Age Worship			10.00am		
Morning Worship		10.00am			
Matins with HC					10.00am
Evensong	6.00pm				
Service of Peace & Healing			6.00pm		
Wednesday 6 January					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 10 January Baptism of Christ					
Holy Communion				8.00am	
Family Communion		10.00am	10.00am		
Welcome Worship				10.00am	
Morning Prayer	10.00a				
Evening Communion					6.00pm
Wednesday 13 January					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 17 January Second Sunday of Epiphany					
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 20 January					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
BCP Holy Communion	10.30am				
Sunday 24th January The third Sunday of Epiphany					
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 27 January					
Holy Communion			9.30am		
Sunday 31 January Education					
Holy Communion		8.00am			8.00am
5 th Sunday Benefice Service for Education				10.00am	

Pause for Thought

Dear Friends,

We've reached the time of the year when the clocks have gone back, the dark evenings are here, Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night are past and we're looking towards Christmas. Actually, the commercial world seems to have been looking forward to Christmas from the moment that the suntan lotion and holiday brochures disappeared from the shelves. But let's not go too fast. There are lots of preparations to be made before we reach Christmas Day. Already a feeling of panic may have come over us, as we wonder how we shall ever have everything done in time; the cards sent, the presents bought and wrapped, the food prepared.

In the rush, do we stop to ask ourselves why we're making all these preparations? If the question is asked, various answers may be given: "Well, the family expect it"; "It's a holiday from work, though it's too long"; "You can't disappoint the kids, can you? It's really for them, isn't it?" Some people don't seem to see any point: "It's just a commercial spree"; "I can't be bothered with it." Yet stopping to ask the question and to think through the answer helps us to see life in a very different way.

A child once said: "Christmas is really good; Jesus has the birthday and we get the presents." There's a lot of 'getting' during the Christmas season. Most of us probably appreciate the presents, apart from the occasional "white elephant" that seems to find its way onto the Christmas tree, ending

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up forever in the drawer, or at the next jumble sale. There's no reason why we shouldn't enjoy receiving. After all, it's the other side of giving, which is at the heart of the Christmas festival. Christmas begins with that. It was God who first gave to us, out of his love for us. He sent Jesus, his beloved Son, as the child born to Mary, so that we might become forever God's children.

The Church calls the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Feast of the Incarnation. This is a way of saying that Jesus took on human flesh. He came to share our human life. The Bible tells us about his experiences. He lived a family life as a child. As an adult he knew deprivation and temptation; he had friends and enemies; he relaxed with his friends at a wedding and later was deserted by them; he felt pity and was moved to tears, mourning the loss of a friend. Finally he met death. Whilst he shared our life he was sharing his life with us, showing us what God is like. In the words of the Christmas gospel, Jesus is "full of grace and truth" and he shows us that our God is a God of love.

This is the joy and wonder of Christmas. Our God has become one of us, lived our life and died our death. At Easter, we rejoice that he has overcome death for us. Christ's Resurrection is central to our faith. But there could have been no Resurrection without the Incarnation. The birth of Jesus is so important that some of the gospel writers wanted to explain the circumstances of it, telling us of angels, shepherds and wise men. We may or may not find this helpful. But this we may know: in the Christ Child, God became man for love of us. O come let us adore him.

Like our Christmas gifts, God's gift of love needs to be received. Are we going to receive and use it? Or is it going to suffer the same fate as those unsuccessful presents, put away in a drawer and gathering dust? We in turn are called to give in love, as God in his love gives to us.

A well known Christmas carol starts with the words:

"Joy to the world, the Lord has come, Let earth receive her king".

With all the members of the ministry team I wish you all a Christmas filled with joy and wonder and a New Year of giving and receiving in love.

*Jill, Juliet, Stuart, Jennifer and
All the Ministry Team*

Messages from Stuart Rason

Firstly a thank-you ...

In St Peters and Holy Cross, by candle light, the gentle guitar chords floated through the still night. This may capture in a small way the virtuoso performance of EdenStell Guitar Duo on the 7th November. I would like to thank both Christopher and Mark and all who attended this concert for a wonderful evenings music in the church.

Then a time to remember.....

At this time it is even more purposeful and poignant to honour the courage, commitment and sacrifice of those serving in the Armed Forces both past and present by our support for Remembrance Day in our community. I would like to thank all those who supported the services both on Sunday and on Wednesday 11th. I would particularly like to thank Wherwell School teachers, pupils and parents for their support on Remembrance Day at the War Memorial in Wherwell and Class5 for reading some of the names written there. The bells were rung in both St. Mary's and St. Peters to mark the 11th hour.

Lastly, a chance to highlight child orientated services...

Christmas for children in St. Marys the less and St. Peters and Holy Cross.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your children/grandchildren to our churches over the Christmas season.

- There will be a Nativity Service on 13th December in St. Mary's 10am and an opportunity for the children to dress up and take part. Some costumes will be available at church on the day.
- Simply Sunday (formerly known as Wherwell Sunday School & Tea) is happening on the 13th Dec. at 4pm in Wherwell Village Hall come along for games, craft and a children's tea.
- Wherwell school are coming to St Peters for a Carol service on Thursday 17th Dec. at 6pm.
- The Crib services are on 24th Dec. at 3pm in St Peter's and 4pm in St Mary's.
- These are just a few of the services taken from the fuller programme available in the magazine.

Merry Christmas to you all!
Rev'd Stuart Rason 01264 860258

Wherwell Church Clock



'As you will have heard, the church clock at Wherwell is now chiming brilliantly again as before. The clock itself was examined and serviced by a professional and given a clean bill of health.

It required however the skill and ingenuity of Ray Blazdell and Andrew Flanagan to realign the striking mechanism, adjust the counterbalancing

weights on the driving motor and restore the hammer and bell to a harmonious relationship.

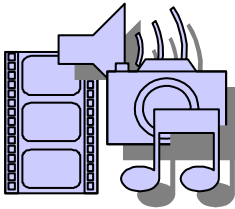
Now, after striking perfectly for some weeks, the clock has developed a new critical mechanical fault, so will be quiet again while we wait for a part. We will have it chiming again for you soon.

Ray Blazdell

Chilbolton Village Hall

We are seeking a Booking Secretary to manage and control the booking of hirings. Access to a computer and a working knowledge of Excel would be an advantage, but training would be provided by the outgoing secretary. The position is pivotal to the functioning of this important Village resource.

Whilst the role is voluntary, the applicant would become a member of the Management Committee and become close to all village activities. In the first instance, please contact John Temple on 01264 861334.



CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Films In Chilbolton

Following 'Last Chance Harvey' on Friday, 4th December, 2009, the next film will be on Friday, 5th February. We do not yet know what the film will be, but there will be notices all around the villages and flyers will be distributed as usual - please look out for them. We hope you will be able to join us on both occasions!

Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Your Council met on 3rd November. In the main, it was routine housekeeping which featured on the agenda. All outstanding Highway matters had been discussed with the Highways Engineer, principal among which was the road between Chilbolton and Wherwell which is still only part completed. Meanwhile, Liz Blakemore, the Clerk, verified that Chilbolton is on the list for leaf sweeping in December.

The Council was told of mole infestation on the playing fields and of the new orientation maps which, we hope, will reduce the car parking problem on Cow Common by showing where cars may be left elsewhere in the village.

Developers are obliged to contribute to village recreational projects and currently funds earmarked for Chilbolton are held by TVBC. The Parish Council is considering how they could be used and are open to suggestions. In addition, a recent grant from HCC will enable improvements to the village shop to be started.

HCC Adult Services is keen that elderly people should not economise on heating during the winter. They ask that friends and neighbours keep an eye open for those who might be vulnerable in this respect and bring it to the attention of the Parish Council, if appropriate. Similarly, any matters of Police business can be brought to the attention of PC Bonser, who will be available in the Village Hall half an hour before each Council meeting.

On 11 November, Cllrs Baines and Gossling and Mrs Moya Grove attended a Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) seminar for those “interested in the welfare of our Hampshire countryside”. The subjects covered included CPRE’s Vision for the Countryside, influencing development through Landscape Character Assessments, traffic calming and litter campaigns. CPRE are our natural allies, with Cow Common and West Down on our doorstep, and we have asked them to write for a future Parish Magazine a short article covering their work. Meanwhile anyone wanting to know more about this important body should contact one of the three of us.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 8pm on 1 December in the Village Hall. By then, we will be well into the seasonal countdown and it only remains for me to wish all parishioners a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2010.

*Jeremy Baines
Chairman, Chilbolton Parish Council*

WHERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

We were very pleased to welcome nine members of the public at our recent meeting. Several of them spoke during the open session when the public are invited to address the Council. The new owner of Heather Cottage showed us the plans he has for a new shed and storage area. The Council agreed that it was a vast improvement on the current shed but suggested that TVBC Planning be approached for preliminary advice prior to undertaking any work.

In spite of all the drainage works that has taken place, part of the High Street was recently flooded, during a torrential downpour, as fallen leaves had blocked the drain cover. It is difficult to offer a solution but HCC Highways were informed of the problem and immediately came out to deal with it.

Mr Hellier advised that he has been asked to be Wherwell representative for the TVBC Strategic Partnership. This will involve him completing a number of surveys each year.

The clerk is to investigate why the 99 bus service to Wherwell is no longer showing on the indicator board at the Andover bus station. She is also asking if a police officer could attend the monthly coffee morning as this could be more beneficial than the previous monthly visits which have now been suspended.

The contents of an email from some parents at the school expressing concerns about the design of the new Play Area had been passed on to HCC as part of the initial consultation process. The new plans that have been drawn up will provide an imaginative play area with sympathetic landscaping for children up to 13 years of age. They will be on show at the next coffee morning and at the school. Hopefully the plans for the new implement building will be processed by the Planning Department shortly. It is disappointing that the decision from TVBC regarding funding for the rabbit proof fencing is still awaited.

The planning application for New Barn, New Barn Lane has been approved. The PC gave its full support to the appeal that has been made by the owner of Windwhistle Cottage to the Secretary of State for Planning regarding the planning condition set by TVBC prescribing that long straw has to be used for the new thatch at the cottage following the catastrophic fire there last year.

The Head of Planning at TVBC has been asked to intercede regarding the derelict mobile home, vehicles and farm machinery on the corner of Beech Grove as the Planning Enforcement Officer has failed to resolve the situation.

The Council will endeavour to clarify whether the lay- by in Mill Lane is solely for the use of the owners of Mill Close properties.

Damage to the road sign at Winchester Corner and also to the bollard on the cobbled corner opposite the White Lion has been reported.

Daffodil bulbs have been planted where the new soak away has been dug on the corner on Old Winchester Hill. The bench at Chant Close has been cleaned and will be treated when the weather permits.

Having finally received the drawings and costings for the footpath down from Chant Close in front of the pub, the PC unanimously agreed to go ahead with the scheme. Testway Housing will be asked to contribute to the cost which is likely to be in the region of £9K.

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Recent proposals to overcome the imminent lack of burial space in the churchyard, outlined in the last magazine, should create enough space for the next twenty years.

The recently erected new signpost to the church on the Memorial Green is to be re-sited on the bank outside Manor Farmhouse. 'Village Hall' is to be added to the sign.

It was agreed to commission a replica of the original cockatrice, the emblem of the village, to be made using a template of the original which is in the Andover Museum. The cost will be in the region of £400. Testway Housing is to be asked again to consider allowing the cockatrice to be mounted on the Old Chapel in the High Street. It is hoped to erect a wall plaque which will detail the mythology of the cockatrice.

The organisers of the recent school ball were congratulated on running such a successful evening. It was reported that there are 120 pupils in the school this year. Financially the school is in a good financial position but fundraising by the excellent PTA remains an integral part of the school budget.

Grants are to be investigated to help with the costs of producing leaflets and wall maps of local footpaths. Better signage of the Testway in Harewood Forest has been requested.

Thanks to the efforts of Cllr Horne the Wherwell Directory is now on the website. The PC website is being updated to include the agendas and minutes of PC meetings.

Discussions are continuing with Vodafone and O2 regarding the poor service coverage in the area.

Next PC meeting Tuesday 12th January at 7pm in the Colonel Jenkins' Hall.

Jane Andrews, Chairman Tel: 860635

Email: flyjohnandrews@aol.com

CARE GROUP

COULD YOU SPARE TWO OR THREE HOURS A MONTH??

The Care Group has been run for some years by Peter Ward and Mike Davis of Chilbolton offering transport for both villages. Car owners are willing to drive people to the local hospitals, doctors, dentists and to pick up prescriptions. Nominal charges are made with all the money raised being given to the Countess of Brecknock hospice. More drivers would always be welcome. Currently there are few drivers from Wherwell so I do hope people will volunteer. Normally it works out that you are asked to do one or two trips a month. If more people do offer their services it means current volunteers will not have to do so many trips. If you need transport or you are willing to help please contact: **Peter** on **860528** or **Mike** on **860594**.

WHERWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL



PTA NEWSLETTER

NEW COMMITTEE

Welcome! Following our AGM in October, we have elected a new Committee. They are:

Debra Armstrong	(Joint Chair)	Vicky Trentham
Jo Hancocks	(Joint Chair)	Trine Abilgaard
Emma Way	Treasurer	Gaynor Childs
Sally Hawke	Secretary	Lisa Beech
Claire Pigott		Maggie Hobbs
Edel Dratwa		Su Morgan
Debbi Cook		Mercedes Wedel-Macdonald
Julia Simmonds		

A big thanks to the outgoing members for all your hard work. If you would like to join the PTA, please get in touch with a member of the Committee.

PTA DONATIONS 08-09

In the last academic year the PTA donated a fantastic **£7500** to the School. The money went toward sports equipment, playground equipment, contributions toward travel for school trips, plus other items. Further details are available from the PTA Treasurer, Emma Way. This academic year (09-10) we would like to raise enough money for the proposed outdoor shaded area (we have already put aside £3,000 from the Fete '09), plus other Wish List items requested by the teachers. We will update you of our progress and successes via the Newsletters. Our aim is to raise and donate money in the same academic year or as close to it as possible, in order for your children to benefit from your support and contributions. A large proportion of our funds are generated through our social events and raffles. You can help raise funds for your children and get to know other parents by joining in. Keep an eye out for upcoming events via the Newsletters.

Class 3 Cake Sale - A fantastic £110.30 was raised at the recent cake sale. This will be spent on strategy games. Well done Class 3!

Class 2 Cake Sale Time to get baking! Class 2's cake sale will be held on Friday 11th December.

Wherwell's Got Talent! – 16th December - This year's Christmas event for the Juniors will be 'Wherwell's Got Talent!'. This is a great opportunity for the children to show an audience what they can do. We are hoping for a range of acts from singing and dancing to magic tricks. Further information coming soon!

Swishing - 22nd January 2010 - Clear out your wardrobe and bag yourself some bargains! Donate good quality unwanted clothes and buy something you do want on the night. This is a fun evening which was a huge success last year. Contact Nina Carey-Hodges for your tickets - only £5 each.

Welcome to the first of our monthly updates featuring Chilbolton Pre-School.



We started off the term with a joint ball with Wherwell Primary School to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Wherwell school and the 40th anniversary of Chilbolton Pre-School. It was a fabulous evening and raised a lot of money for both schools! We were recently awarded “outstanding” in our SEJAR (Self Evaluation Joint Annual Review) which confirms that we provide the highest standard of childcare.

The children are looking forward to visiting the Lights in Andover to see Peter Pan in early December. We have therefore been talking, reading and playing lots of games to do with Peter Pan.

We will finish off the term with a Christmas Picnic and songs. The children are busy making table decorations, hats and tablecloths and will be inviting their parents to join in the fun and stay for the picnic. Everyone is welcome to attend the Christmas Show at 10.30 am on Thursday 17th December. And hopefully there will be a surprise visitor for all good children – ho ho ho!

A relaxed, happy learning environment for children aged 2 years 9 months to school age.

Come and see our beautiful rural setting.

For more information, please contact Sam Inglis (07732095814).



Stockbridge Late Evening Event

On Tuesday December 8th, there will be a Late Night Community Event in Stockbridge.

At 5.30pm, Jim Davidson will turn on the Christmas Tree lights at the church. There is a children's carol service, Father Christmas in his grotto at Beccy's fruit and veg shop, and a firework display halfway through the evening at the football field. Other entertainments include puppeteers, magic acts and stilt walkers. Shops will stay open until 8pm for Christmas shopping and pubs and restaurants will be laying on special menus and promotions for the evening.

Test Valley Woodlands in Winter

Join us to explore our local woodlands in winter. We will discover woodland wildlife, including identifying winter trees. We will look at ancient woodland features and learn about woodland management.

Led by Susan Simmonds

Saturdays, 10-12noon, January 23rd, 30th & February 6th

First session – Chilbolton Village Hall, Durnford Room

Second and Third sessions – Harewood Forest. Meet at Car Park at junction of A3057 and B3420. Grid ref: SU372421.

The course costs £25 and must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance to secure your place. Bookings can be made by phoning Hampshire &

Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust on 01489 774 400 between 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri or by completing a booking form online at www.hwt.org.uk.

Wheels to work scheme

I am a new Chilbolton Parish Councillor, responsible for Amenities. As such an interesting item has come to my attention which I would like to promote via the magazine. 'The scheme is called '**Wheels to Work**' and is a moped loan scheme for young people between the ages of 16 and 25, living in the Test Valley, who do not have access to good public or private transport to get them to a job, vocational training or to attend interviews. A moped can be loaned for 3 to 12 months depending on circumstances. The 50cc moped, fully taxed and insured with breakdown cover and is supplied with a helmet, high visibility vest and CBT training! A small weekly hire charge is requested but other than that, the only costs are the fuel you use. A reference and/or guarantor is required.



To find out details on conditions of the scheme, please call 0845 5216 405 or email mopedloan@cfnf.org.uk. More details are available on the website www.cfnf.org.uk **Wheels to Work** is supported by Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council, and Winchester City Council. Cllr *Martin Gossling*

CHILBOLTO
N Village Hall
Management
Committee ARE HOLDING A

JUMBLE SALE

ON

SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY, 2010

Doors open 2 p.m.
Village Hall
Eastman's Field, Chilbolton

All donations of jumble to the Hall
after 10 a.m. please

All enquiries: Call Beryl Lawrence on 01264 860618

Dates for your diary

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
9 th	Lunch at the Rectory	12:30pm
12 th	St Peters & Holy Cross Church	7:30pm
17 th	Chilbolton Pre School Christmas Picnic	10:30am
20 th	Benefice Service followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies (Chilbolton)	4:00pm

January

12 th	Wherwell Parish Council WVH	7:00pm
16 th	Chilbolton Jumble Sale	2:00pm
18 th	Midday Mums	12:00
22 nd	Ladies Swishing Night CVH	7:00pm
26 th	Wherwell Wives - WVH	

Cover Work - Thank you

A very big thank you to David Johnston from the shop who has spent many hours working with a selection of photographs to design our super new cover. We intend to use this as a standard but can still print special photographs if we get them sent in and the budget allows! David has used photographs taken by local people including, Mike Gee, Bert Youell and himself to represent the many facets of life in both villages. We hope you like it.

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

Pantomimes and Family Christmas Shows:

For ticket prices, times of performances and booking details please see websites or phone the theatres

26/11/09 to 03/01/10: **James & The Giant Peach** – The Watermill, near Newbury.

Tel (01635) 46044 www.watermill.org.uk

26/11/09 to 09/01/10: **The Wind in the Willows** – The Nuffield, Southampton. Tel

(023) 8067 1771 www.nuffieldtheatre.co.uk

02/12/09 to 09/01/10: **Cinderella** - Salisbury Playhouse. Tel (01722) 320333

www.salisburyplayhouse.com

04/12/09 to 02/01/10: **The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe** – The Haymarket,

Basingstoke. Tel (01256) 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

09/12/09 to 03/01/10: **The Wizard of Oz** – Theatre Royal, Winchester. Tel (01962)

840440 www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk

10/12/09 to 03/01/10: **Cinderella** – The Anvil, Basingstoke. Tel (01256) 844244

www.anvilarts.org.uk

11/12/09 to 16/01/10: **Santa Claus and the Return of Jack Frost** – The

Mayflower, Southampton. Tel (023) 8071 1811 www.mayflower.org.uk

14/01/10 to 30/01/10: **Cinderella** – Plaza Theatre, Romsey. Tel (01794) 512987

www.plazatheatre.com

Music:

13/12/09: **Christmas Joy with Test Valley Brass** at The Lights, Andover at

7.30pm. Tickets £7-£8 (£5concsn) Tel (01264) 368368 www.thelights.org.uk

16/12/09: **Handel's Messiah** at Salisbury Cathedral at 7.30pm. Tickets £10, £18.

Tel (01722) 320333 www.salisburycathedral.org.uk

Other events:

27/11/09 to 03/01/10: **Winchester Cathedral Ice Rink**. Located in the Inner

Close, Winchester Cathedral. For information Tel (01962) 857276 or see

www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk. From 27/11/09 to 20/12/09 there will also be a

Christmas Market 10am-6pm Sun to Wed, 10am-8pm Thu to Sat.

08/12/09: **Stockbridge Christmas Late Night Event** from 5.30pm.

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:

06 Dec 2009 – Romsey

10 Jan 2010 – Winchester

13 Dec 2009 – Winchester

17 Jan 2010 – Andover

13 Dec 2009 – Andover

31 Jan 2010 – Winchester

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

www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk.



Tea, Chat & Board Games Wherwell Village Hall

Come and learn, or play
Scrabble,
Backgammon, Crib and Dominoes

Friday afternoons 2.15 for 2.30pm until 4.30pm
Tea/coffee and biscuits are served
£2 per person to cover expenses.

As we are all so busy at this time of year there will be no meetings in December but play will resume again in January if there is a demand. If you are interested please contact Peg Beesley on 860802

Chilbolton's newest and best kept secret.....

Have you had a meal at the Abbots Mitre, since Sam took over? If not, do give it a try, whether you want a really excellent Italian 4 course meal, or a home made pizza and salad for two for about £10, or something in between, all comers are catered for.

If you think you are a real man, try that pizza just to yourself, if you can eat the lot, you are!

With a bit of imagination, one can almost be transported back to a 1930's New York Italian restaurant, something similar to the one in the Godfather, which served really good Italian food and had a revolver hidden behind the cistern.

As we live opposite the Mitre, it is tremendous to see the place beginning to buzz again. We had a traffic jam of Ferraris in the village street on the Sunday after they opened, Sam being a member of the Wessex Ferrari owners club.

We were fearful that the difficulties of the previous landlord would mean that it might be demolished and 6 houses built on the site. Chilbolton's pub is alive again; we wish Sam every success in his new venture and I believe that at last Chilbolton has a pub to be really proud of.

Jolyon Pope

Thank you from the Abbots Mitre

Sam and Angela and their team would like to thank all those who have been to the Pub and the Restaurant since they opened. They are now fully staffed and refurbished and looking forward to welcoming lots more people from the Village. They are committed to retaining the front bar as the local Pub and in addition have created a much lighter and brighter Restaurant with a good mix of British and Italian food – and of course there are always the eat in and take away Pizzas.

Remember what was said in the Summer – we must use it or risk losing it again, and people were very disappointed not to have a flourishing Pub in the village.

Barbara North

The White Lion

The White Lion Inn at Wherwell is proud to announce the reopening of the refurbished private function and dinning room located in the thatched barn. The room now has seating capacity at table for forty people and a private bar that is piped to the main cellar at the Inn providing good conditioned cask ale and fine wines and beverages. The room also has a large screen TV and surround sound audio system which can also be linked to Wi-Fi that the Inn offers free to its customers.

So whether your requirements are a family and friends get together this Christmas, business or social private dining party or a business meeting, the function room at the Inn could well be the ideal solution.

Everyone at The White Lion Inn looks forward to seeing you very soon.

For more information see www.thewhitelionwherwell.co.uk

The Royal British Legion Poppy Fund.

Thanks to the work of our collectors, and the generous donations on the doorsteps etc., Chilbolton raised £940.53! The total amount collected in the Parish of Wherwell this year was £684.00. Thank you to all the collectors and all who gave so generously.

Davina Bruce.& Pam Prince

The Joy bus

A well named bus! The group of ladies no longer car drivers who are picked up at the White Lion on Wednesday mornings send **Christmas Greetings** and **Many Many** thanks to the volunteer drivers and mates on the bus. We are so grateful for the lift into Andover and in particular the fact that we are returned usually with heavy weekly shopping! I'm sure that the ladies who join the bus at Stockbridge will agree with us and so A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR On behalf of us all

Peg Beesley

Winchester Live at Home Scheme

Winchester Live at Home Scheme provides volunteer based support and friendship to older people in Winchester who still live in their own home and may have become isolated and lonely for whatever reason.

All of our 230 Members benefit from a regular newsletter, and the opportunity to join in with a varied programme of Scheme outings and events. We run a range of clubs for which door to door transport is provided where required. Less able Members can receive regular visits at home from one of our Volunteers who can also provide support with shopping and transport where necessary.

We are always looking to recruit new Volunteers; if you have some time available and enjoy the company of older people please consider Volunteering with us. Volunteering is a great way to get back into paid employment and gain experience of working in the care or charity sector. Your help and time would be greatly appreciated.

All applicants are CRB checked, relevant training will be provided and all expenses will be paid.

The Winchester Live at Home Scheme is part of the MHA Care Group, registered charity number: 1083995

Visit our website: www.wlahs.org for more information, call us on 01962 890995 or visit our office which is located at The United church, Jewry Street, Winchester

Downs Benefice

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.

Chilbolton Village Hall Quiz

We held the Chilbolton Village Hall Quiz on Friday 23rd. October and the evening turned out to be a resounding success. The suspense was heightened by a tied result from two teams and had to be decided by a tie-break question that resulted in 'The Immortal Men' pipping 'the Noodles' into second place. Money raised, after expenses, was £592.00 and is to be donated 50/50 to the Chilbolton Village Hall and the Hampshire Air Ambulance.

- We intend holding another quiz in October 2010 so watch this space.

Several people rallied round to assist in making it an enjoyable quiz - much appreciated by the organisers. Many thanks from the Quiz Organisers - Graham Parsons, Mary Hook, Andrew and Lesley Kent

Chilbolton WI

Chilbolton WI holds its Annual Meeting on 17th November, when we receive reports on the past year's activities and officers are elected to the committee for the coming year. A WI Christmas dinner is planned for 15th December at the Abbot's Mitre, which we hope will be well attended. A fund has been started to raise money for posting the jumpers for children in Zimbabwe.

Looking ahead to 2010, the NFWI AGM will be held on 2nd June in Cardiff, and Chilbolton WI's February meeting will be held in Wherwell, when DennisBright will talk on "Waterways & Halcyon Days

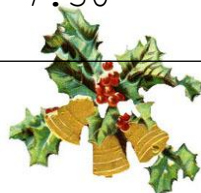
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Wherwell
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Williams

The First
by Vaughan

**Contemporary carols &
congregational favorites**

Saturday 12th December, 7.30
pm



St Peter & Holy Cross Church,
 Wherwell
 Tickets: £6 (£4 concessions) available
 on the door,
 from Dale Webb (860074) and the White
 Lion pub
Mulled wine and mince pies on sale!!

The Wherwell History Group

Taking stock at the end of the year, we are pleased to report that our finances are healthy and we have 48 paid-up members. Our programme of monthly talks has been a great success; a varied programme of subjects relating to Hampshire which has regularly attracted audiences of well over 30. Our programme for the first half of next year is taking shape :-

January 15 th	Tony Raper	Weyhill Fair
February 19 th		t.b.a.
March 19 th	Sarah Lynes	River Anton Conservation Project
April 16 th	Rosemary Wyeth	Stonehenge – Journey through Time, Myth & Mystery
May 21 st		AGM

For **Scrapbook 2010**, we have had an enthusiastic response to our invitation letters. The following organisations have agreed to submit material during the coming year.

Ruth Harris – Wednesday Evening Yoga
 Suzanne Horne – Wherwell Calendar
 Claire Henderson – Church Fete
 Stuart Cary-Hodges – Youth Football
 Gill Granger – Wives Group
 Glynne Evans – BTO & Wildlife
 Susan Ansell – Midday Mums
 Antony Ansell – Bible Study Group
 Claire Hogg – Wherwell Priory & Stables
 Stephen Tucker – Andover Model Engineering
 Marquess of Camden – Wherwell Estate
 Janet Marsh – Artist
 Stuart Rason – Sunday School
 Mary Grey – Author
 William Stewart – Hair Design
 Sean Hutton – Human Capital Development

Wherwell History Group SCRAPBOOK

Do you have a special event, celebration
or achievement which you would like to
record for future generations?



We invite you to contribute to our new
local History Group project:

It is an all-inclusive collection
of photographs and documents
reflecting life

in our Hampshire village in
the early 21st century

It will be archived in digital format
and as a commemorative album.

Starting on 1st December 2009
through to 31st December 2010

Please contact Judith Herridge 860652 or
email: wherwellhistory@gmail.com

Lizzie Broadbent – Wherwell Book Club
Shaun Lugg – White Lion Inn
Jo Baughen – Church Flowers

We are confident that by 1st December 2009 the list of participants in the Scrapbook will have doubled. In the next edition of this magazine we hope to tell you how to view the material gathered for the first month.

Andrew Flanagan



DEAR CHILDREN

YOU ARE ASLEEP WHEN I COME ON CHRISTMAS
EVE BUT I WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU FOR A
CHAT AND FIND OUT WHAT SPECIAL PRESENTS
YOU WOULD LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS.

I AM GOING TO BE VISITING THE ANDOVER GARDEN CENTRE
AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL COME AND SEE ME THERE. IF YOU
ARE BEING REALLY GOOD I MAY EVEN HAVE AN EARLY PRESENT
FOR YOU, BEST WISHES FATHER CHRISTMAS

I ARRIVE ON SATURDAY **28th** NOVEMBER AT **11AM** AND WILL BE
THERE EVERY WEEKEND AS FOLLOWS :- SATURDAYS **10AM TO**
4.30PM? SUNDAYS **10.30 AM TO 4PM**
MONDAY **21st** to WEDNESDAY **23rd** **11AM – 5PM**
CHRISTMAS EVE **10AM – 2PM**
ORGANISED BY WHERWELL PLAYING FIELDS

Ladies Swishing Night

Friday 22nd January 2010

7.30pm prompt at Chilbolton Village Hall

*****On time raffle draw*****

Come along and donate all those good quality but unwanted items of clothing and accessories that are no longer needed or, (lets face it!) no longer fit!! Bring them with you on the night and we will offer all items for sale at a cost of £5 each (please feel free to give more if you feel a particular item is worth more!)

All proceeds go directly to Wherwell School PTA.

So come along and have some fun ...

Clear out your wardrobe ... *And bag yourself some bargains !!!!*

Tickets only £5.00 each

Includes a complimentary drink

Advance tickets only Available from

Nina Carey-Hodges (01264 861281) or Clare Gibson (01264 860204)

Jane's Kitchen

I was never a very proficient Girl Guide but I have stuck with their motto 'be prepared' and at Christmas this is a life-saver! So prepare ahead to prevent panic setting in – here are a couple of vegetable dishes that have become family favourites.



Sherried Potatoes

1 kilo potatoes
2 oz butter
1oz soft brown sugar
1 teaspn. each nutmeg and black pepper
1 large egg
Juice and grated rind of 1 orange
Salt to taste

2– 3 tablespoons sherry
1 oz nibbed almonds

Peel and cook the potatoes, mash with butter sugar and seasoning. Beat egg together with orange juice and sherry and add to the potatoes. Pile into a baking/serving dish. (If freezing – freeze at this stage) Sprinkle the almonds on top (optional) and bake for 20 minutes in a medium to hot oven until hot and brown on top.

Parsnips Molly Parkin (a vegetarian dish on its own or to serve with any red meat/turkey/chicken/game)

2lb prepared parsnips – thinly sliced
1 ½ lb tomatoes
6oz strong cheddar cheese
3 oz butter
3 tablespoons fresh bread crumbs

Oil for frying
2 level tablespn brown sugar
½ pt double cream

Fry the parsnips on both sides until golden brown. Layer in a well buttered casserole dish with the tomatoes and cheese, sprinkle each layer with salt pepper and sugar. Finish with a layer of parsnips and pour over the cream and remaining cheese together with the breadcrumbs. Bake 40 – 50 mins until vegetables are soft and the top golden brown.

Jane Spence

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From the Citizens Advice Bureau - Problems with post

This information applies to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. If you don't get the level of service you were expecting from your postal provider, you may be able to claim compensation. You can also make a complaint. For example, you can claim compensation if your letters arrive very late, are damaged or don't arrive at all. Your postal provider is usually the Royal Mail. You can find out how to claim compensation from the Royal Mail at: www.royalmail.com, or phone them on 08457 740 740 . You can get information about how to make a complaint to your postal provider from the website of the consumer watchdog, Consumer Focus at: www.consumerfocus.org.uk. You can also get information and advice about problems with post from Consumer Direct on 454 04 05 06 or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk.

4th Andover Scout and Guide Group **We need your help! Do you have any spare time?**

The 4th Andover Scout and 1st Clatford Guides is a very active, popular and well funded group. However we have a large waiting list and urgently need new help to ensure that the group continues to provide children with the chance to experience scouting at all ages. From Brownies and Beavers, Scouts, Guides and beyond!

If you have bags of enthusiasm and can spare a few hours a month why not think about getting involved with the Scout Movement?

Being involved is rewarding, fun and a great excuse to be a youngster again!! It also looks great on your CV.

If you would like an informal chat about how to get involved, please feel free to contact our Group Scout Leader June Smith on (01264) 364303.

Christmas Shoeboxes – *the power of a simple gift*

Operation

CHRISTMAS CHILD

a project of Samaritans Purse

Meeting the critical needs of victims of war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disasters while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ



www.samaritanspurse.uk.com



Phyllis and Dennis Harding have been organising the collection of Shoeboxes in Wherwell for over 10 years; just one of the many good deeds they do in our village. In that time they have helped put a smile on the faces of over 300 girls and boys at this special time in the Christian year.

This year, 31 shoeboxes were collected in Wherwell; each carefully wrapped in colourful paper and filled with small toys, soap and toothbrush, colouring books & pens, puzzles, small musical instruments, and last but not least - a cuddly toy !

Chilbolton & Wherwell Wildlife

Autumn is a time of year when birds are on the move. Our Swallows and House Martins leave to the south, and the Redwings and Fieldfare arrive from the north and east. With some species though, it's difficult to know which birds are coming and which ones are going.

I guess that a male Blackcap on 26th September was a local breeding bird that would be fattening up before a flight to Spain for the winter. But almost certainly, the female bird that visited my garden bird-bath on 29th October, would have been the first of our regular wintering birds - arriving from perhaps Germany or further east. Another species that, surprisingly, even seems to confuse the experts – is the Woodpigeon. Large flocks are seen passing over at daybreak on clear mornings in early-November, and there's great debate about whether these are our local British birds on the move, or whether they are continental birds passing by on their way to Spain. Maybe it's a mixture of both, and maybe some of our Woodpigeons that are generally thought to be stay-at-home resident birds, now migrate with their continental cousins?!

Rarer birds also occur in our gardens during this season of migration; on 30th September my own garden was visited by a Firecrest, and in another garden nearby, a Black Redstart was a rare visitor on 8th November. Redstarts and Black Redstarts are not always easy to tell apart – especially if all you see is the flicker of the orange-red tail. But in Hampshire during November, we can be fairly sure that a robin-sized bird with a red tail, is a wintering Black Redstart.

Looking forward to December and January, there are many species to look out for. Brambling, Siskins and Redpoll should be visiting the garden seed-feeders by New Year time. And when you're out in the countryside on those crisp winter walks, watch out for some of our rarer winter visitors. Just in the past week I've seen both Peregrine and Merlin nearby, and somewhere in our two parishes I soon expect to be seeing species such as Golden Plover, Snipe, Stonechat, and maybe if I'm lucky, a Hen Harrier or Short-eared Owl. Best wishes for Christmas, and do let me know about the birds you see over the holiday period.

Glynne Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)



Bee Diary December 2009



There is not a great deal to say about the bees in December and January that has not already been said in last December's bee diary. Here, then, is a Bee Diary Christmas Challenge, to all aspiring poets in the parishes.

The following poem by John Masefield is a favourite of at least one Chilbolton family and is no doubt familiar to many who had poetry drummed into them at school. The poem *Cargoes* reflects the vessels, cargoes and pace of life throughout the ages. Since the time of the last verse about the dirty British coaster, great advances and changes have been made in both cargoes and their means of transport.

Cargoes, by John Masefield

Quinquireme of Nineveh from distant Ophir,
Rowing home to haven in sunny Palestine,
With a cargo of ivory,
And apes and peacocks,
Sandalwood, cedar wood, and sweet white wine.

Stately Spanish galleon coming from the Isthmus,
Dipping through the tropics by the palm-green shores,
With a cargo of diamonds,
Emeralds, amethysts,
Topazes, and cinnamon, and gold moidores.

Dirty British coaster with a salt-caked smoke stack,
Butting through the channel in the mad March days,
With a cargo of Tyne coal,
Road-rails, pig-lead,
Firewood, iron-ware, and cheap tin trays.

The Bee Diary challenge is to write one or more additional verses to bring John Masefield's poem into the 21st century. All entries will be judged by the editors of the parish magazine and the winner will win 5 jars of Chilbolton Honey. Closing date for entries is 6th January 2010.

Please send your entry to: cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk

If you don't have email but would like to enter please call Carole on 860293, we will arrange to collect your entry.

The winning entry will be published in the February magazine.



MIDDAY MUMS

Our Christmas Bring and Share lunch will be a week earlier than usual.....
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER.

Come along to Wherwell Village Hall at around 12.30 for fun, games and chat, bringing something edible to share if you can. **Please note** the January date for Middy Mums will be Monday 18TH. Hope you can make both or one of these dates.

Susan Ansell 86077



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

Chilbolton Football Club turn the corner with two wins in November

Chilbolton took another 3 valuable points in a home win against Kings Arms on the 1st November which set the team on a winning run. Captain Neil Gallimore & centre half Steve Jenkins both scored hat tricks in the win with the other goals coming from Tim Crouch and an own goal. Kings Arms scored 3 second half goals in a good spirited match but it was the home side that took away the points



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The Man of the Match was Chilbolton's Steve Jenkins, which will make his parents in Village Street very proud. Steve is an attacking centre half who has suddenly started scoring much needed goals for the team. Steve is a really solid and reliable player and to score a hat trick of goals is really brilliant for a defender and he fully deserved the Man of the Match award. Captain Neil Gallimore also played really well and looked assured in front of goal. **Chilbolton Team:** Mattock, Hams, Curtis, Winter, Jenkins, Crouch, Southworth, Donovan, Gallimore, Nidaira Subs: Hall, Haig.

The display was particularly pleasing for the Team Manager Bob Coleman and Coach Martin Hams who has been struggling with a team beset by injuries this season.

Special note to Luke Donovan from our village whose wife had a baby a few weeks ago. Congratulations go to Mrs Donovan.

Sun 01 Nov 2009

League

Chilbolton FC

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Steve Jenkins (3), Neil Gallimore (3), Tim Crouch (1), ANO og

Kings Arms

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Sun 15 Nov 2009

League

Chilbolton FC

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Steve Jenkins (1), Neil Gallimore (2), Robert Floyd (1)

Railway Tavern

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Chairman's notes: We are trying to offer tea and coffee at home matches and everybody is welcome.

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

Wherwell Cricket Club

Winter is approaching and following a fine run of form in the latter half of the season Wherwell finished in the top half of their division. Dave Langford took great heart in the performances that saw his side compete with every team in the division losing a final ball nail biter to the eventual division winners.

With the kit bags safely packed away and mould forming on the still to be cleaned boots the season finally of the Cricket Dinner took place in early October. As well as the usual presentations and awards for players and the support team there was a special moment reserved for one of Wherwells' great characters.

This year saw the end of an era as Alan Rowles called it a day to serving behind the bar in the pavilion, a function he has fulfilled for some 30 years, longer than many of the current team have been alive. Alan has always been a willing contributor both on and off the pitch, as a player he showed guile and cunning in his bowling and patience and dogged determination in his batting. As a young wicket keeper I faced the "toothy grin" week in week out as he lulled many a batsman into mistakes and saw at first hand that for some, the real talent is the ability to read a situation and react accordingly.

To mark the occasion Alan was presented with a Hampshire Team Shirt signed by the players, he is pictured with his son Richard following a successful fitting. For the remainder of us cricket continues, we are running Junior training on Monday evenings at Test Valley School, please visit our website for details.

The pitch has been professionally dug and scarified in the anticipation of a fine season to come in 2010. We will again be running junior practice at the playing fields and details will be sent out in the New Year.

Finally I would like to thank those of you who have supported us this season whether coming to watch, play or just by reading the occasional article in the Advertiser or Parish magazine.

Happy Christmas from Wherwell Cricket Club.

Paul Whyton