

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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## March 2023

As I write this our villages are beginning to show the first signs of Spring. Snowdrops and daffodils are here already, and the annual Bluebell Walk is in the diary. This month's magazine offers a chance to find out more about the Red Devons that graze on West Down and an opportunity to participate in a new open gardens initiative starting soon in Chilbolton. Our villages continue to offer an increasingly wide range of entertainment from movies and concerts to amateur dramatics and live rugby.

*Andrew Keevil*

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**The Downs Benefice**  
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## **From the Church Records – January 2023**

Service	Date	Name (s)
<b>Chilbolton</b>		
Baptism	5/2/23	Josephine and Benjamin Holtum
<b>Wherwell</b>		

## Church Services March 2023

Services March 2023	<i>St Mary the Less, Chilbolton</i>	<i>St Mary's, Crawley</i>	<i>St Catherine's Littleton</i>	<i>St Stephen's Sparsholt</i>	<i>St Peter &amp; Holy Cross, Wherwell</i>
<b><i>This information is correct at the time of going to press but please check on the website (<a href="http://www.downsbenefice.org">www.downsbenefice.org</a>) for up-to-date information.</i></b>					
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>					
Women's World Day of Prayer Service					2pm
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March – The Second Sunday of Lent</b>					
Holy Communion		10am			
Morning Prayer	10am				
Café Church in Church Room			4pm		
<b>Sunday –12<sup>th</sup> March - The Third Sunday of Lent</b>					
Family Communion			10am		
Morning Prayer					10am
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>					
Mothering Sunday Service	10am	10am	10am	10am	10am
Peace & Wholeness			6pm		
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)</b>					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship			10am	10am	
Evening Prayer for Lent	6pm				

## Letter from Andrew Kent

Foremost in my mind, writing this in early February on behalf of Revd. Jax, is her recovery after the nasty knock on her head when she slipped and fell before Christmas. The thoughts and prayers of all who know her are for her speedy recovery and an early return to Ministry. In the meantime, Church Services, weddings, funerals and baptisms are being covered across our five parishes by our Lay Ministry Team and generous Clergy friends from neighbouring benefices, until Jax returns and we can get back to normal.

As I write, the war in Ukraine goes on - with great loss of life, and distress for millions of innocent people; and then only yesterday came the violent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, with similar awful effects on so many people. It would be easy to become depressed, as our modern media brings these disasters immediately and graphically to our newspapers and TV screens. We remind ourselves, however, that disasters such as these - both man-made and natural - are not new. Looking back through the Old Testament, and over recent world history, we find similar patterns of war and disaster over thousands of years. We have to work together for peace across the world, but at the same time we need to be anchored to what is realistically achievable in the short space of our lifetimes – but never give up.

Both of the two most populous world religions, Christianity and Islam, are founded on peace, reconciliation, mercy and compassion. The prophet Muhammed cautioned his followers “never aspire for confronting your enemies in a fight. Pray to God to be among those who seek living peacefully with others” – while Christ said “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.” There have always been renegade members of both religions who disregard these fundamental teachings, but with Christians and Muslims together numbering more than half of the world’s peoples, and with the majority of them following the paths of peace, we surely can prevail by working together.

Locally, isn’t it wonderful that daylight is now noticeably extending day by day? I find it difficult not to be cheerful as I look out of my study window and see the snowdrops and crocuses blossoming in the grass on my front bank - our natural world is indeed a wonderful thing. And we have much to be thankful for in our two villages. Many acts of kindness, with people looking after each other in friendship and fellowship, like the Soup Lunches at the Chilbolton Village Hall, and the celebrations to come for the King’s Coronation.

Finally, I leave you with the gentle, hopeful promise of this old Gaelic Blessing, a favourite of mine:

## Prayer

May the road rise up to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and may the rains fall softly on your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*Andrew Kent*

### Spring Meditations at Wherwell Church

Autumn 2022 proved to be a difficult season for our meditations, one being cancelled on account of Covid, and one when the weather presented dangers to those venturing out. We hope to make up this Spring by running the two outstanding meditations from last year, along with two new choices which we hope will tempt you out on a Sunday evening. The new meditations are both characters from the c.20th, one well-known, and one only well-known to people in a local Hampshire Benefice! Please come along and hear about these fascinating characters.

These meditations will be held at 6 pm in the church, lasting for around thirty minutes, and will be followed by refreshments.

19 March 2023	St Augustine of Hippo, theologian and philosopher, Doctor of the Church, AD 354 – AD 430
23 April 2023	St John Henry Newman, priest, theologian, academic, philosopher, and poet AD 1801 - AD 1890
21 May 2023	Sr Wendy Beckett, Carmelite nun, art historian, AD 1930 – AD 2018
11 June 2023	George Otter, pilot, Hampshire churchman, AD 1916 – ca AD 2007

*Zack Stephens*  
*plays works for unaccompanied violin*

7:30pm 15th March  
St Peter's Church Wherwell

Tickets £17 Under 18's Free

Recital Programme:

Bach Sonata No 1 in G Minor BWV 1001

Ysaye Sonata No 1 in G Minor Op27

Paganini Caprices 4, 14, and 24

Milstein Paganiniana

For tickets, email: [zackstephens@live.co.uk](mailto:zackstephens@live.co.uk) or [ac.whiteside@googlemail.com](mailto:ac.whiteside@googlemail.com)  
Additional information can be found at: [zackstephensviolin.com](http://zackstephensviolin.com)



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## Winter with the Test Valley Devons

From our first glimpse into the life of Max Childs' Test Valley Devon calves in November, you may remember that the herd spends the warmer months of the year in the bucolic surroundings of Chilbolton Common and neighbouring pastures.

As Winter approaches, however, the calves must give up their water meadow home and make the journey a few miles across country to the Wallops, where a farm belonging to Max's parents provides firmer ground under foot and shelter for when the colder and wetter weather really starts to take hold. There is also the unavoidable fact that by late November the grass has stopped growing. To keep their stomachs full, the calves must therefore switch their attention to the tonnes of hay that Max and his team have collected during the previous Summer and stored in the barn at the Wallops.



Red Devons are a hardy breed and grow a thick Winter coat to fend off the worst of the cold temperatures. Nonetheless, the colder it becomes, the greater will be the calves' appetite. In normal conditions, each calf will devour half a bale per day, but during a big freeze, such as occurred during the 'Beast from the East' back in 2018, they will eat up to double that amount. As Max says, it is difficult to estimate exactly how much hay will be needed each year, but on average he provides around 200 bales for his calves and another 600 bales for rest of the Red Devon herd looked after by his business partner Mike Thompson. In extreme cases it may be necessary to top up with extra supplies.

Usually, during Winter, the herd continues to sleep in the fields. When it's very cold, however, the animals will spend the night in the concrete-floored barn, which is 'bedded out' with hay. Either way, the floor of the barn, close to where the hay feeders are situated, soon becomes a somewhat unappealing combination of dung and hay, requiring Max and his son Tim to visit the farm once a week for what Max calls a 'Big Workout'. The ripe mix is forked into the corner of the barn where a large compost heap gradually takes shape. In line with full organic principles, come the Spring the well-rotted manure is transported back to the grazing meadows to be redistributed as fertiliser.

To encourage Tim to take a real interest in the calves, Max decided to offer him a 10% share in the business, meaning that, in return for his hard work, Tim receives a share of the proceeds from the sale of the meat. Tim is currently studying Business Studies at Plymouth University and, in a clever move, has persuaded some of his fellow students to visit the farm several times a year during holidays to work with the herd as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award,

*Stephen MacDonald*

Don't forget this lovely beef is for sale locally, either at the Chilbolton Stores, or through Chilbolton's sustainable food seller Local Zero [www.local-zero.co.uk](http://www.local-zero.co.uk), or via the Test valley Devons website [www.testvalleydevons.com](http://www.testvalleydevons.com) where there are full details of pack sizes and contents.

The price is the same whichever method you use to purchase.



**Next time: Test Valley Devons and the Biologic Carbon Cycle.**

# Join the Wherwell 200 Club!

1.

Pay £15 per number  
for a whole year

2.

You could win one of  
two £25 cash prizes  
every month!

3.

Additional £50  
prizes will be  
available in *March,*  
*June, September* and  
*December!*

200



Join online at [www.wherwellschoolpta.co.uk](http://www.wherwellschoolpta.co.uk)

**Be a winner and support your local community!**

Promoters : John Andrews and Sean Hutton  
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# Chilbolton Parish Council

This is my first letter for 2023 because my February letter was somehow mislaid so I take this opportunity to wish all A Happy New Year to from the Parish Council.

We are looking forward to a better year in 2023 after a difficult 2022 that included the war in Ukraine, ongoing problems with covid, the sad death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, problems with cost of living especially fuel costs and the recent strikes. The signs are promising for better times, although we have some way to go. Meanwhile, we can, and should, be helpful and kind to our neighbours and fellow villagers to make things in Chilbolton as good as we can.

## **Early notice Coronation Party**

We also have an exciting and, for most of us, the unique occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be a celebration party in Chilbolton that will be open to all. This will probably be on the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> May, a Saturday, so that we can all watch the Coronation ceremony on TV in the morning and then join the village celebration. No further details yet but all ideas are welcome and should be sent to Tony Ewer or the parish clerk.

## **Budget and annual Precept.**

In times of financial pressure it is difficult to have to address the setting of our Parish precept that is the portion of council tax that is handed to Chilbolton each year. At the January meeting the Parish Council discussed the budget for the year to 1/4/2024. Each expense was investigated, discussed and budgeted. The parish precept has to cover the expenses of the parish that include administration costs, maintenance of the War Memorial playing field and children's play area, allotments, other council owned spaces and equipment, tree management and other items such as electricity, water and defibrillator batteries. The parish council manages expenditure strictly within the approved budget. Fortunately, the Cow Common and West Down costs are mainly self-funding, covered by a combined grant of some £6,800 from the Rural Payments Agency.

It was decided that in order to cover the expected costs the annual precept would have to be increased by £2,305 to £16,805. This represents an increase of £4.28 per year on a Band D property. Chilbolton Parish Council has not increased the precept since 2020/21 (and prior to that in 2015/16) and we remain amongst the lowest precepts in Hampshire. This is only possible because so many residents volunteer their time and services to support our community and we are all grateful for their efforts.

## **Chilbolton Warm Hub**

On the initiation of Jane Brown, the village hall and parish council gave their full support to the creation of a “Chilbolton Warm Hub” where residents can meet each Monday to enjoy a bowl (or two!) of soup and bread followed by tea, coffee and biscuits. In addition, Test Valley Borough Council has made a grant of £1000 under their cost of living grant scheme to support local people in this way. This enables Jane and her band of dedicated helpers to offer a warm venue at the village hall each Monday from 1 pm until 2 pm when a choice of soups and bread is served and locals can gather for a friendly chat. There is easy access for people with disabilities and if required lifts can be arranged. There is no charge but contributions are welcome. The first meetings were in January and there have been 20 to 24 at each event so far.

*Tony Ewer  
Chairman, Chilbolton Parish Council  
February 2023*

## **TEST VILLAGES U3A**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Chilbolton Village Hall  
**“It started with a Kiss”**

**Jacqueline and Brian Sutton** present the fascinating life story of the world famous poet, Dylan Thomas, his Welsh roots and his connections with the Ringwood and Fordingbridge area, his American tours and his turbulent personal life.

Test Villages u3a meets on the first Thursday of every month in Chilbolton Village Hall. Doors open at 1.45pm for the presentation, followed by refreshments.

New members are very welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

u3a is a UK-wide network of groups that provides the opportunity to socialise and learn for fun. Find out more at [u3a.org.uk](http://u3a.org.uk), or see the latest on our Test Villages group at [u3asites.org.uk/test-villages](http://u3asites.org.uk/test-villages)

# Stockbridge Practice Patient News – February 2023



## Staff news

Dr Richard Cross left the practice at the end of January.

Dr Franco Cocca has finished his training placement with us.

Dr Oliver Grieve will joined us as a trainee on 1 February 2023.

## Phone appointments

We know that some patients struggle with mobile phone signal and do not have a land line. If this is the case please book a face to face appointment. If you are booking online please be aware that you can contact the practice and ask for a telephone appointment you have booked to be changed to a face to face.

## Physiotherapy

We are pleased to let you know that we now have a face to face physiotherapist working for us on Wednesdays. Patients can book an appointment by calling reception. This service is available for patients aged 16 years and older.

## Patient feedback

We know that it is frustrating for patients if you are seen late for your booked appointment. Whilst our team try to run on time it only takes one emergency, one IT problem, one patient arriving late to cause the whole clinic to run late. We want to ensure you feel as if you have had a positive consultation and not been rushed. When booking please allow for the possibility of the appointment (telephone or face-to-face) running late.

## Next of kin details

Very occasionally we may be unable to get hold of a patient and concerned enough about them to want to contact their next of kin or chosen emergency contact. We do not have next of kin details on all patients. If you live with another person who is registered with us then we would be able to contact them, but if you live alone it would be helpful for us to have the details of one or two people you would like us to contact if we are concerned about you. We have forms at both surgery sites which can be completed for you can go online to [stockbridgesurgery.co.uk](http://stockbridgesurgery.co.uk) and search for next of kin to complete an electronic form.

## Patient Participation Group

We have a small group of dedicated patients who have a meeting once a quarter with the Practice Manager and one of the GP Partners. Please see our website for more information – scroll down on the home page and click on Patient Participation Group.

# **Wherwell Parish Council**

## **Report from the meeting held on 24th<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The Parish Council had to delay their January meeting due to sickness, and when they were able to meet, only 4 Councillors plus District Cllr Drew were able to be present, and no members of the public attended.

**The minutes of the November meeting** were agreed & signed.

**Finances** were discussed, and show significant underspends, principally due to the inability to progress with the War memorial renovations. A grant was approved for the PCC for maintenance of the church grounds. The PC discussed and then approved the draft budget for 23/24 and approved the Precept for 23/24 to remain at £9,500 with no inflationary increase.

**Regarding planning** the PC were informed of planning applications that have been approved by TVBC that had been supported by the PC including various tree works, and an application to replace garden structures & green houses at Freelands.

Also TVBC approved an application which the PC had objected to for Harewell Hall for the replacement of the conservatory, sheds & storage.

The PC then discussed and supported 4 new applications for tree works, the following 2 planning applications -

1. Lynchet, for a two-storey side and rear extension, with single storey Garage studio/office.
2. Orchard Cottage for a single storey front and side extensions

**Regarding other local matters**, The PC were updated by Cllr Hutton on the break in in December at the Playing fields. Thieves broke into the maintenance store and stole various pieces of grounds equipment including a ride-on mower. The police have been notified and an insurance claim is being progressed. Increased security measures will now be taken to protect the maintenance store.

**Councillors reported on their various portfolios: Cllrs Blazdell and Hutton** updated the PC on the Emergency Plan. The new generator is not readily movable, and so it is now proposed that it will remain at the playing fields, and the pavilion will be used as the emergency hub rather than the village hall. The pavilion also has ample parking and other facilities including showers if needed.

**HCC & District Cllr Drew** presented his report to the PC,

- Beech Grove – Cllr Drew is supportive of the residents case, however he agrees with Cllr Hutton that this is a private dispute between residents and Aster Housing, and so neither TVBC nor WPC can fight the case for the residents.
- Voter ID is now required for local elections.
- TVBC are offering Cost of Living grants and support both to organisations and individuals. Details are available on their website
- Saints legend, Matt Le Tissier, will be at The Lights Theatre, Andover, on Wednesday 1 March to talk all things football and help raise money for local charities.
- There are improved recycling facilities at the local HWRCs including for upholstered furniture.

**Cllr Hutton** also reported that Mandy Ovenden the new Headteacher of Wherwell Primary School is doing a magnificent job.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th March at 6:30pm.

*Sean Hutton, Chair*

## **CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL**

Will open for a

**WARM WELCOME AND SOUP LUNCH**

**BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 1 PM.**

To continue fortnightly from March 13th

All Welcome, with a small donation towards costs

Volunteers and further information - 01264 860726

# Simon's Sunday Quiz

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

7.30 for 8.00pm ~ ~ ~ Admission £2.50



**Cash Prizes**

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**Teams of up to 6**

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**Light Buffet included**

Tables **MUST** be reserved **IN ADVANCE**  
-- phone Jo (07515 384 915)

**Janet's Bingo – everyone welcome**

every Monday and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

**SAVE the DATE - Events in 2023**



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 8.45pm  
**Grand Easter Raffle**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**ROYAL CORONATION - evening BBQ**

Club facilities include: Snooker Table & Bar Billiards (Mon, Wed, Sat.)  
**75-inch TV**, Table Football & Pool Table (except Bingo Evenings)

at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**

The Old Hill, Wherwell, SP11 7JB, 01264 860 314

**Newly decorated Meeting Room available for hire. Seats 60.**  
**Licensed Bar optional. Enquires to Sue on 07557 051 041.**

**Come to the Movies!**

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

**'Mrs. Harris Goes to  
Paris'** (15)

**Starring Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert  
and Lambert Wilson**

A widowed cleaning lady in 1950's London falls madly in love with a Dior dress and decides she must have one of her own.

**Friday, 3rd March, 2023**

**Doors open 6.30 pm**

**Film commences 7.15 pm**

Tickets £5.00 - In advance, with NO Booking Fee

Or £6.00 - On the door (subject to availability)

Tea/coffee and biscuits available 6.30 pm - 7 pm

Wine, beer, orange juice and choc ices

will be on sale

**To book your ticket, please ring Beryl Lawrence  
on 01264 860618**

**or E-mail [dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk](mailto:dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk)**

## Calling Chilbolton gardeners

**If you've ever wanted to open your garden, now's your chance!**

Chilbolton Parish Council is planning an afternoon of **Open Gardens on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.**

Whether small or large – a wildlife, woodland, patio or cottage garden, vegetable patch or pond – we want to include as wide a variety as possible.

It doesn't have to be beautiful or immaculate – untidy areas are vital safe havens for small mammals, birds and insects, and after all, weeds are wild flowers.



Anyone interested please get in touch:

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or Tessa Youell: [tessa@carberybooks.co.uk](mailto:tessa@carberybooks.co.uk) Tel 860368



## Diary Dates

Weekly Bingo WHG Club	Every Monday	7.30 pm
Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45 pm
Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm

### March

2	U3a Talk	CVH	1.45 pm
3	World Day of Prayer	Wherwell Church	2.00 pm
3	Chilbolton Movie	CVH	6.30 pm
6	<b><i>AD hoc advert deadline</i></b>		
6	Chilbolton PC & Planning	CVH	6.00 - 8.30 pm
7	SADS - Curtain Calls	Stockbridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
11	Talk- Crime in our Villages	WVH	11.00 am
11	Live Rugby	WHGC	2:15 & 4:45 pm
13	Soup Lunch	CVH	12.00-1.00 pm
14	Wherwell PC	WVH	6.30 pm
15	Violin Concert	Wherwell Church	7.30 pm
17	Wherwell History Group	WVH	8.00 pm
17	Stockbridge film	Stockbridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
18	Live Rugby	WHGC	4:45 & 5:00 pm
19	Mothering Sunday Family Services	Both Churches	10.00 am
19	Wherwell Meditations	Wherwell Church	6.00 pm
21	Gardening Club Spring Show	CVH	7.00 pm
22	Stockbridge film	Stockbridge Town Hall	4.45 & 7.30 pm
26	Simon's Quiz	WHGC	7.30 pm
27	Soup Lunch	CVH	12.00-1.00 pm

### April

1	Andover Chamber Choir	St Michaels Andover	7.30 pm
1	Jumble Sale	CVH	2.00 pm
8	Grand Easter Raffle	WHGC	8:45 pm
23	Bluebell Walk	WVH	10.00 am

## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

### March

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Abigail's Party</b> - It was 1977, the year of skin-tight polyester, the Queen's Silver Jubilee and Saturday Night Fever. Theatre Royal Winchester 7:30pm - 01962 840440
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Children's concert</b> with Winchester chamber orchestra 11am 01962 849559 - Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8RZ
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Winchester Comedy Festival: Spring Gala 2023</b> - An evening of stand-up comedy from Pete Firman, Sikisa, Sean McLoughlin, Mike Cox at the Theatre Royal SO23 8SB 01962 840440 7:30pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>A Vision of Elvis</b> at the Lights in Andover - The smash hit show starring Rob Kingsley winner of The National Tribute Music Awards 7.30pm – 10pm 01264 368368
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Unaccompanied Violin recital</b> at Wherwell Church 7:30pm (under 18's encouraged and free) Further detail in this magazine or contact Anne Clare (01264) 860530
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Free Live Session Music at the Lights</b> – The public are encouraged to support the students and be part of the audience 1:45pm – 2:15pm (01264 368368)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	The Elton John Show is the UK's newest and most exciting <b>Elton John tribute show</b> to hit the stage at the Lights in Andover 7:30pm to 9:30pm 01264 368368
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Vivaldi's Four Seasons</b> & The Lark Ascending at Winchester Cathedral 7:30pm - 01962 857200
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Russell Watson</b> - World-famous tenor who has won four Brit Classical Awards and is still the only artist to top the UK and US classical charts at the same time. Winchester Cathedral 7:30 pm – 10 pm 01962 857200
Fri 31 <sup>s</sup>	<b>Kiki Dee</b> and Carmelo Luggeri are performing at the Plaza theatre in Romsey SO51 8JA (Tel 01794 523054) - 7:30pm

### Farmers' Markets

Romsey - First Sunday of every month 10am - 3pm

Winchester - Second and last Sunday of every month 9am -2pm

Andover - Third Sunday of every month (March to December)

Plus... Andover Market for All Seasons – every Friday 8:30am - 1pm

**ANDOVER CHAMBER CHOIR**  
**EASTER CONCERT - 1 APRIL**  
**ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, COLEBROOK WAY, ANDOVER**  
**7.30 PM**

The Easter Story told in music.

Andover Chamber Choir's first concert of 2023 will take place at the church of St Michael & All Angels, Colebrook Way, Andover on 1<sup>st</sup> April starting at 7.30 pm. 'The Easter Story' follows the events of Easter Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the trial before Pilate and the crucifixion, ending with the resurrection. The story is told through choral items, organ music and readings.



Featured composers range from Tallis and Byrd in the Renaissance period to John Tavener and Bob Chilcott in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, taking in choruses from Handel's *Messiah* and Bach's *St Matthew Passion*.

Musical director Andrew Wyndham says: "We're all very used to hearing the Christmas story in December so we thought we'd explore the Easter story in a similar way, just as Christians begin to celebrate the 'Holy Week' leading up to Easter Sunday. There is so much wonderful music associated with this time of year."

Proceeds from this event will be going to the Andover branch of Riding for the Disabled, a charity committed to providing life-changing experiences for disabled children and adults. Tickets at £10 will include interval refreshments and are available in advance from The Lights Andover(online and in person), Newbury Building Society, choir members and at the door. Under-16s will be admitted free. In December the choir's Christmas concert raised £1,468 for Andover Foodbank.

*Veronica Bacon*  
01264 771285

[www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk)

## Wherwell Primary School - February update

*Where responsible respectful, caring and resilient children strive to be the best version of themselves.*

What a wonderful response we have had from the village for volunteer readers! Huge thanks to the lovely people that are generously giving their time to help support our children in their reading.



We recently issued a parent questionnaire from which it was apparent that our parents wanted to know more about what goes on in school. The Covid pandemic meant that we, in common with all schools, could not allow parents into the building and this has left parents feeling somewhat estranged. I have therefore been holding, and will continue to hold, parent liaison meetings to give parents an overview of my vision for the school, keep them up to date with progress and to allow parents time to see our teaching in action. Parents are welcome to give feedback and leave

suggestions for us at these meetings and we hope that this will further strengthen the partnership between the school and our parents.

Parents also told us, as part of the Parent Questionnaire, that they would like to see more after-school clubs. We responded by adding Art Club, Reading Club, Construction Club and STEM Club to those we were already running all of which are over-subscribed! During school we run music lessons, taught by peripatetic teachers from the Hampshire Music Service and our own Mrs Elmslie, who also runs a choir and an orchestra.



One of the most pleasing results from the Questionnaire was the response to the statement ‘My child enjoys school’. 97% of respondents agreed with this statement and 90% felt that their child was making good progress at school



which is very gratifying – but there’s always room for improvement!

We are busy planning an exciting programme of events for the rest of this term and the summer term with day trips, residential stays and some really exciting visiting professionals which we are all looking forward to.

*Mandy Ovenden,  
Headteacher*

## **Chilbolton & Wherwell Gardening Club**

**Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm**  
**Chilbolton Village Hall**

### **Mini Spring Show**

- Container grown bulbs,
- Container grown flowers (not bulbs)
- 3 tall cut daffodils/narcissi (same variety)
- 3 small cut daffodils/narcissi (same variety)
- Bunch of spring flowers in a jam jar
- An arrangement in a teacup

**To be followed by a Gardening DVD**  
**Members free and non members £3.00**



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**SAVE THE DATE**

**BLUEBELL WALK at WHERWELL**

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

Starts 10am Wherwell Village Hall



The Management Committee of Wherwell Village Hall  
invites you to join the **Annual Bluebell Walk**

**On Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Tickets on sale from 10am.

Guided Tour leaves from the Village Hall shortly thereafter, taking in  
the beautiful bluebell woods of Harewood Forest.

Cost £5 per Adult and £10 for Families, includes a bowl of hearty soup  
and bread, or children's lunch back at the Village Hall after the walk.

Small children, and dogs on lead, are welcome.

Fingers crossed for Spring Sunshine and we look forward to seeing  
you there!

# Stockbridge Cinema

**Friday 17 March 2023**

**7.30pm**

**Official Competition (15)**

A billionaire businessman in search of fame and social prestige decides to make a unique, ground-breaking film. To achieve this goal, he hires the best of the best: A stellar team consisting of famous filmmaker Lola Cuevas and two well-known actors who boast not only an enormous talent, but also an even bigger ego: Hollywood star Félix Rivero and aging theatre thespian Iván Torres. They're both legends, but not exactly the best of friends. Through a series of increasingly hilarious tests set by Lola, Félix and Iván must confront not only each other, but also their own legacies (*In Spanish with subtitles*)

**Wednesday 22 March 2023**

**4.45pm and 7.30pm**

**See How They Run (12A)**

In 1950s London, plans for a film version of a smash-hit play come to an abrupt halt after a key member of the crew is murdered. When world-weary Inspector Stoppard, and eager rookie Constable Stalker, take on the case, the two find themselves thrown into a puzzling whodunit within the glamorously sordid theatre underground, investigating the mysterious homicide at their own peril. *Comedy/Drama*

## **Information common to all films**

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE. Tickets can be purchased online (£5.50 plus £0.50p booking fee per ticket) via [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk) or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (£1.80 charge per telephone booking in addition to the online ticket price) from the 1st of each month. Visit our website for more details.



## Wherwell History Group – Illustrated Talk



March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm

Paul Chamberlain

### **French Prisoners of War in Hampshire**

**Napoleon's lost soldiers  
and seaman**

at **Wherwell Village Hall**

Church Street, Wherwell, SP11 7JJ

In the 22 years between 1793 and 1815 there were 200,000 prisoners of war of different nationalities resident in the UK. Fortunately, they were not all incarcerated at the same time. Some men were kept on prison hulks, some in land prisons while others, the officers, were allowed parole and many even bought their families to live in the UK. Prisoners housed in parole towns such as Andover were supposed to abide by parole regulations. Their movements were restricted and the British Government's allowance for food and shelter for families was 1s 6d a day. This was a constant and welcome source of income to parole towns. Many able-bodied men tried to escape whence they were often taken advantage of by smugglers.

Paul has been studying the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars for over forty years, with a special interest in the many thousands of men, women and children taken as prisoners of war. He has published two books on the subject and writes for *The Waterloo Journal* and *The Napoleon Series*.

History Group events are free to members.

Membership subscriptions (£20) are paid per calendar year, in January,

Guests are welcome (£5 per event)

To make a booking, enquire about membership or download the programme for 2023, please visit our new website at [www.wherwellhistory.com](http://www.wherwellhistory.com)

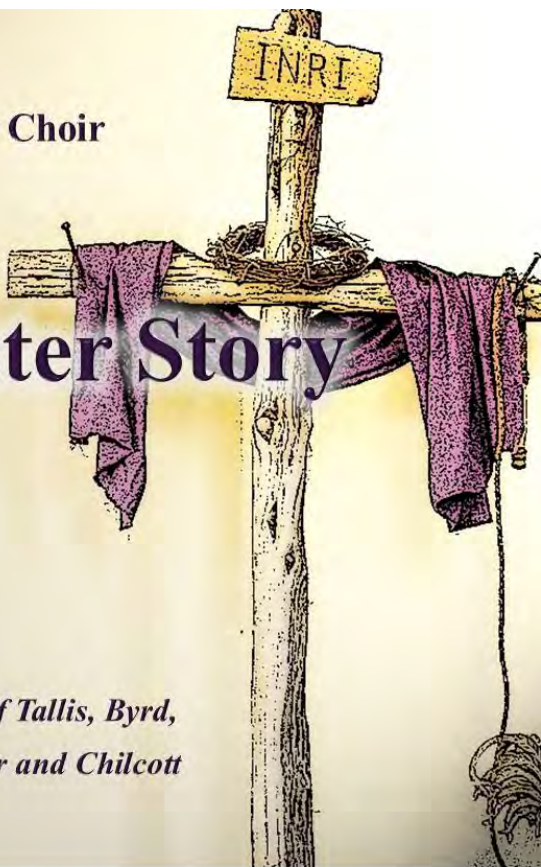
*Andrew Flanagan*

**Andover Chamber Choir**

*presents*

# The Easter Story

*Featuring the music of Tallis, Byrd,  
Bach, Handel, Tavener and Chilcott*



**7:30 p.m. Saturday 1st April 2023**

**Church of St Michael and All Angels, Andover**

Tickets £10 (incl. refreshments) available in advance from  
The Lights Andover (in person and online), Newbury Building Society,  
choir members or on the door. Under-16s free.



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**CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

***JUMBLE SALE***

***SATURDAY, 1ST APRIL 2023***

Doors Open 2 p.m.  
Village Hall  
Eastman's Field,  
Chilbolton  
SO20 6AT

All donations of Jumble to the Hall  
between 10 am and 12 noon, please.

Sorry, we cannot accept video cassettes, music cassettes,  
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SORT  
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**Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society's  
Curtain Calls...**



Come and be entertained by readings and performances from plays,  
poems and novels - and often songs

**Tuesday 7th March**

**at 7.30pm**

**Stockbridge Town Hall**

You don't have to be a member of SADS to come along, (but we'd  
love it if you'd join) We're always looking for new blood to act,  
direct and be part of the backstage team.

No experience necessary!

Stockbridgeamdrams@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

# FEED THE ANDOVER FOOD BANK UPDATE

The generous support that Wherwell and Chilbolton residents continue to give the Food Bank is very much appreciated as demand for help continues to increase. Donations of staple items listed below would be very much appreciated.

## HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS

Antibacterial spray, scourers, washing up liquid, cream cleanser,  
Kitchen rolls, bin bags ,tin foil, bin bags,  
Dish cloths, scourers, washing up liquid, abrasive cream cleaner,  
Toilet rolls, toilet cleaner, detergent, fabric conditioner,

## PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, shower gel, hand sanitiser, hand cream, adult and children's tooth paste and tooth brushes

## FOOD ITEMS

Tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, cereals  
Jam, marmalade, peanut butter,  
Instant mashed potatoes, rice,  
Tinned vegetables including potatoes  
Tinned meat, fish and pies,  
Pasta sauce, ketchup, brown sauce, tomato puree,  
Tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, jelly, instant whip, angel delight  
Biscuits, cakes, crisps  
Fruit juice and squash

Donations can be dropped off in the box outside Chilbolton Village Shop or at either of the villages monthly coffee mornings.

Alternatively if you would like to donate by cheque please contact me.  
To support by standing order contact Jenny Lelean at  
[www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk)

*Jane Andrews*  
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## **Obnoxious smells from Tunnel Tech**

Chilbolton Parish Council discussed the ongoing problem of obnoxious smells emanating from the Tunnel Tech Plant in Leckford just south of the radio telescope that converts manure and straw to the growing medium for mushroom cultivation. The process emits unpleasant smells and is causing distress to many residents. The prevalent southwest wind carries this to Chilbolton particularly around Branksome Avenue and near Winchester Street but also to Stockbridge, Wherwell when the wind changes direction.

This problem has been ongoing for over 10 years in spite of regular complaints to Test Valley Borough Council who appear to be reluctant to take effective enforcement action and prefer to adopt an approach that gives the perpetrators plenty of time to make gradual improvements. We understand that a sister plant at near Doncaster has been heavily fined and forced to enclose the entire plant to contain smells and we fail to understand why the same process is permitted to continue here without installing a similar enclosure. Both plants are owned by the same holding company.

The parish council has decided to insist on successful enforcement action and Chilbolton residents who experience this offensive smell are encouraged to complain to the Environmental health manager at Test valley borough council including the date and time. This can be easiest done by emailing [envhealth@testvalley.gov.uk] with copies please to the parish clerk [chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.com and Mr Terry Gilmour who is assembling the evidence to support our call for effective enforcement action.

*terence.gilmour@icloud .com*  
*Chilbolton Parish Council.*



## **World Day of Prayer 2023**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2pm  
at St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell

Everyone is welcome to join us for the World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical service, prepared this year by the women of Taiwan.

Followed by refreshments.

**Wherwell and Chilbolton Residents  
are invited to attend a  
Community Meeting  
Crime in Our Villages  
A Talk by  
Police Officer, PC Glen Dawber**

- Opportunity to Discuss Your Concerns regarding Crime in Our Area
- What We Can Do (and shouldn't do) to Protect Our Property
- How Policing Works in Our Area
- Crime Prevention Advice
- Advice on Cyber-Crime
- Q&A Session

Saturday 11 March 2023

11.00-12.30, Wherwell Village Hall

Children welcome, Refreshments on Sale

*To gauge numbers please email Sue ([filmersue@gmail.com](mailto:filmersue@gmail.com)) if you are intending to come along, and also let her know if there are other topics you would like PC Glen Dawber to cover in the session.*

**St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton  
and  
St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell**  
invite everyone of all ages to the  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
**Family Services**  
to be held in both churches



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am**  
All Welcome



## Live TV Broadcasts at Wherwell Home Guard Club



Italy v Wales from Rome	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2.15pm <i>Club opens at 2.00pm</i>
England v France from Twickenham	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 4.45pm <i>Club opens at 2.00pm</i>
France v Wales from Paris	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2.45pm <i>Club opens at 2.30pm</i>
Ireland v England from Dublin	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 5.00pm <i>Club opens at 2.30pm</i>



Why not come and visit the Club in March?

Our bar is very well stocked and terrific value for money. The Club offers a wide range of bottled beers and lagers (at £3 or less) and an extensive selection of speciality Gins and flavoured Rums.

*Sandie Bastable (Chairman)*