

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

[cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk)

**April 2023**

There is much to be cheerful about this month: For a start, it's officially spring, and warmer and lighter by the day. Bees are beginning to buzz and the birds are twittering their little hearts out. It looks as if the Terrible Pong, at times literally nauseating, is at last being addressed. In the face of the economic challenges, Nicky is reinventing Chilbolton Stores into a haven for foodies as well as a friendly place to shop and have a chat. See pp.11-12 for details. With three films on in Stockbridge, and SADs production of Alan Bennett's wonderful 'Talking Heads', there is something for everyone. Happy Easter to all.

*Tessa Youell*

Thank you to our contributors this month, and to our production team Deirdre Freearde, Sue Larcombe and Tessa Youell. Thanks also, to our distribution coordinators Michael Payne and David Fellowes, and our distribution helpers. Also, to Tim Whiteside, our 'What's On' Coordinator, and Stephen MacDonald our chairman and advertising manager.



**Church Matters**  
**The Downs Benefice**  
**The Reverend Jax Machin, Rector**



The Rectory, Church Lane, Littleton, SO22 6QY

**Benefice Administrators**

Caroline McAulay

'The Downs Benefice' Office, The Rectory, Church Lane,  
Littleton, Winchester SO22 6QY

Tel: 01962 880845 Email: [office@downsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk)

The Benefice Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

## From the Church Records – February 2023

Service	Date	Name (s)
<b>Chilbolton</b>		
Interment of Ashes	23/2/23	Jim Duffy

# Church Services April

Services <b>April 2023</b>	<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>
<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>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Palm Sunday</b>					
Holy Communion		10am			
Palm Sunday Service	10am				With Chilbolton
Palm Sunday Service with Donkey-led Procession			10am	10am	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday</b>					
Holy Communion with Washing of the Feet				6pm	
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday</b>					
Easter Garden		10am			
Good Friday Meditation	3pm		12 Noon		With Chilbolton
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER DAY</b>					
Easter Sunday Holy Communion	10am		10am	10am	10am
Easter Sunday Service		10am			
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter</b>					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Peace & Wholeness			6pm		
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Third Sunday of Easter</b>					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship			10am	10am	
Desert Island Hymns	6pm				
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>					
Midweek Holy Communion			10am		
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>					
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Holy Communion					10am

## **Easter Festival Flowers, St Mary the Less, Chilbolton**



**Easter Festival flower arranging, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm**

Donations for lilies to Jane Brown or PCC member. All arrangers welcome  
*Jane Brown*

### **Revd Jax Machin**

As many of you will know, at the start of December Revd Jax slipped, fell and fractured her skull suffering brain trauma in the process.

Revd Jax has now had a further review with her consultant. He is really happy with her progress and says everything is definitely moving in the right direction and there are no contra-indications. He says that the next period of recovery will seem very slow but it is vital that Revd Jax doesn't return to work too quickly and has extended her period of being off work and resting fully until the 2nd April, when he will review the situation again.

In the meantime, and until Revd Jax is able to return to work, services will continue to be managed by our own Lay Worship leaders together, where possible, with ordained ministers provided by the Deanery and the Clerical Registry. Until recently, it has been a requirement that certain services, such as Holy Communion, are led by ordained ministers, and our continuing ability to maintain our regular schedule of these services, during Rev Jax's absence, has been dependent on the availability of ministers from elsewhere in the Diocese. However, Bishop David has now authorised specified lay members of the Ministry Team to distribute Communion by Extension during Revd Jax's absence; this will only take place in those parishes where the PCCs have agreed to this.

We are so grateful to all those who have made it possible for us to, so far, maintain our schedule of regular and special services, in particular the Benefice Ministry team, and our Benefice Administrator, Caroline McAulay.

We are sure you would like to continue to join in wishing Revd Jax a full recovery, sending her our love and upholding her in our prayers.

*Andrew Kent, Benefice Council Chairman  
Alick Kay, Benefice Council Vice Chairman  
27<sup>th</sup> February*



Contact us on 01980 862323 - 07872 930767

All of our Hardwood is naturally seasoned and locally sourced from woodland across Hampshire and Wiltshire.

Due to high demand this winter only selling **One loose cubic metre loads will be selling larger loads from April**

One cubic metre - **£120**

Kindling £5 per bag two for **£9**

## Split bundles

1m split lengths of partly seasoned hardwood in bundles allowing you cut and season yourself, giving you **BIG** saving on buying ready cut logs with out the hard work of splitting just cut to the size you want.

**Available between January to May  
£85 per bundle or £160 for two**



## Thanks

Maggie, James and Thomas would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their help and support over the past year.

Jim was most touched by all your little acts of kindness. How lucky we are to still live in such a caring and supportive community.

Thank you.  
*Maggie Duffy*



## 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  
We Look Forward to Seeing You There



## EASTER LILIES IN WHERWELL CHURCH

We are delighted that we will, once again, be purchasing some lilies with which to decorate our lovely Church at Easter. Anyone wishing to make a contribution should contact Phyllis Harding who has kindly offered to collect the donations. Please pass the names of any loved ones that you wish remember at this time to either Phyllis or Jo. A card containing the names of the loved ones will be placed in the Church.

This year, in view of the awful recent events, any surplus money from the purchase of the Lilies will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee in support of the Turkey – Syria earthquake appeal.

With many thanks,  
*Jo Baughen*

### Spring Meditations at Wherwell Church

Our meditation on St John Henry Newman, which was originally scheduled for last year, will now be held in April, to be followed by two new choices which we hope will tempt you out on a Spring Sunday evening. The new meditations are both characters from the C20th, 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.

23 April 2023	St John Henry Newman, priest, theologian, Academic, philosopher and poet
21 May 2023	Sr Wendy Beckett, Carmelite nun, art historian, AD 1930 – AD 2018
11 June 2	George Otter, pilot, Hampshire churchman, AD 1916 – ca AD 2007

Chilbolton and Wherwell Churches  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 6:30pm for 7pm**



In past years parishioners have met by kind invitation of Michael and Joyce Payne at 'Dancing Ledge', to share a home cooked meal and to commemorate the Last Supper. It's a special time of quiet reflection and fellowship before Easter. During the meal the story of the Jewish Passover is retold. You are invited to join us for this Maundy Thursday Supper. Places are limited, so if you are interested in coming, or would like to know more. Last orders taken 2nd April.

please phone Lesley on 860584 or email: [askent@btopenworld.com](mailto:askent@btopenworld.com)

**Wherwell Cricket Club**

New season is approaching, come support your local cricket club! In the idyllic village of Wherwell, England's greatest past time is about to resume. Enjoy a drink from our fully licensed bar in the Hampshire sunshine at the Wherwell Playing Fields. Enjoy local 45-over Saturday Men's cricket (and a few Sundays and Tuesdays) from one of the highest ranked single team clubs in Hampshire. Lots of events in the year, follow us on Facebook and Instagram or keep an eye out for upcoming fixtures on the Wherwell notice board at the playing fields. New players welcome. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Under 9 & 11 coaching in the year. Day and Dates to be confirmed shortly.

Home Fixtures 2023

13th May Odiham and Greyhill CC

27th May Hook and Newham Basics

10th June Twyford CC

17th June Old Basing

24th June Colden Common & CF

8th July Basingstoke & North Hants CC

*Jon Vokes, Wherwell Cricket Club*

## CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Coronation Party**

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 with family and friends in the morning and then join the village celebration.

The present plan is to hold the Coronation party in the grounds of our village pub the Abbot's Mitre during the afternoon and evening with tea and cakes in the afternoon and a BBQ in the evening. There will be special arrangements for our children. If the weather is bad the event will probably move to the village hall.

### **Chilbolton Warm Hub**

The "warm hub" soup lunches in the village hall continue to be popular. Residents meet each Monday between 12 noon and 1pm to enjoy a bowl of soup and bread followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

### **Parish Matters**

The parish council is very busy with the green canopy project and a number of trees have already been planted on West Down with more coming soon. Please contact David Griffiths if you can assist.

The improvements to the Purleygig stream by the Wessex River Trust are now complete and the river is running much faster and becoming deeper as planned. Please supervise toddlers in the river and keep to the area near the Purleygig bridge where the river is shallower, runs more slowly and there are usually many people nearby.

An adventure tower for the play area on the war Memorial playing field should be installed by early summer provided that we are awarded a grant by TVBC We are all hopeful and will know by the end of March.

The smell emanating from Tunnel Tech in Leckford, near the telescope, continues to annoy local people. Residents and businesses in Wherwell and Stockbridge are also complaining vociferously. The complaints are being collated by Mr Terry Gilmour who is assembling the evidence to support our call for effective enforcement action ([terence.gilmour@icloud.com](mailto:terence.gilmour@icloud.com)) and a letter will be directed (again) to TVBC requesting urgent action to stop this nuisance that has plagued us for over 10 years.

An open gardens event is being planned for Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and already 9 gardens have been offered. More will be most welcome and anyone interested should contact Sue Larcombe or Tessa Youell.

*Tony Ewer, Chairman, Chilbolton Parish Council*



## CHILBOLTON WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT GROUP NEWS

The playing field and its facilities have continued to contribute positively to the physical and mental wellbeing of its users – no matter what the weather is! The table tennis table installed last June has seen regular use.

Since the last update, a great deal of time and effort has been devoted to formulating plans, obtaining quotations, and seeking the support of the Parish Council for a new three tower adventure tower which will offer a wider range of activities. Our proposal was accepted by the Parish Council in early January, subject to a successful application for a 50% grant towards the cost from the TVBC Community Asset Fund. We have submitted our application and hope to have the result by the end of March.

As part of this exciting project, it is planned to remove the existing slide mound – the tower will have all its elements and more. That will release soil which can be used to form a cycle bump track alongside the pavilion, and we will welcome advice from any biking enthusiast on its layout and construction.

On a less positive note, we are very disappointed that the basketball equipment has not been available for some time. Some of the equipment has deteriorated and we are in contact with the makers, Spalding, to have those parts replaced under their warranty. The recent damage to both backboards has been a greater setback: although we are investigating the cause, it seems to be a random act of selfish vandalism. We know that this equipment is very popular among a wide age range of users, but it has been the target of vandalism and misuse on a number of occasions. We are considering how that might be deterred in future.

Although regular inspections of the equipment are made, we also rely upon those using to look out for any activity at the playing field which concerns them. That should be reported, please, to:

[chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk)

We shall keep you advised of progress on the adventure tower project as soon as we have it. We always welcome feedback, via the email address above. Thank you.

*Trish Heaton, Nick Horne, Emma Noble  
CWMPF Development Group*

## Ringing the changes at Chilbolton Shop and Tearoom

As you may have read in my letter, we are trying desperately hard to provide a service that the communities of Chilbolton, Wherwell and our surrounding hamlets will really value and want to use. So, in response to the changing world we live in, we have been working to create something special and a bit different for our customers.

At the top of our agenda for change is a big focus on our catering operation. As you may know, I'm a bit of a foodie and there's nothing I like more than baking and preparing delicious food. Next time you're passing, check out the tasty new eating options right here in our new café/tearoom in Chilbolton. Please note that we cater for all allergies and will always come up with an alternative to suit your preference.

### **Breakfast/Brunch**

**8am – 3pm**

Porridge selection  
Pastries, rolls, toast  
Bacon, sausage, egg  
butties  
Full English breakfast  
Scrambled eggs +/-  
smashed avocado,  
smoked trout,  
sourdough toast  
Tea, coffee, juices  
**Eat in or take away**

### **Lunch**

**12 – 3pm**

Freshly made  
sandwiches,  
toasties, soup,  
chilli con  
carne, cakes,  
scones, teas  
and coffees.

### **Afternoon tea**

**3pm - closing**

Freshly-baked cakes,  
scones, hot-cross  
buns, teas and  
coffees.

**PS. I also bake cakes  
to order for special  
occasions.**

In addition to the above, we've already started a monthly **Supper Club**. This is a set menu, usually based around a theme, where you can book for as many guests as you like, up to **sixteen**. Please look out for notices advertising the next club evening.

Or, if you are a group, club or society looking to organise a one-off dinner, we also offer **Special Dinners** where you can choose your own menu and drinks and we will do the rest.

If you are a local company or society wanting a breakfast or lunch delivered and set-up at your own premises with crockery and cutlery, we now provide a **Corporate Outside Catering** service through our *Nicky's Kitchen* brand. Please contact me for details on **01264 860231** or **shop@chilboltonshopandtearoom.com**.

### **Improved range of convenience and speciality food brands**

We are working hard to expand our range of food sourced from local or regional suppliers, which now include **Greenfield** sausages and meats, **Test Valley Devons** beef, **Turner and Hardy** juices, **Chalk Stream** smoked fish, **Moon Roast** Coffee, **Fluffets** free range eggs, **Wessex Mill** flour and **Dorset Tea**, not to mention our plentiful range of fresh fruit and vegetables. And of course everyone deserves a treat from time to time, so cast your eye over our **New Forest** ice cream, **Summerdown** mint chocolates, luxury biscuits, and of course my own range of freshly baked cakes and scones.

### **The 3 Ps – Post, Papers and Prescriptions**

There can't be anything more convenient than being able to access these services without having to drive to Stockbridge or Andover. We continue to provide a prescription collection service, newspapers (put by for your collection) and our comprehensive post office counter service.

For news and updates follow us on **Facebook** at **<https://www.facebook.com/Chilboltonstores>**

Hope to see you soon.

Lots of Love

*Nicky*



## **Tribute to Bill Bowley of Wherwell (1927 – 2023)**

William Thomas Bowley, a well-known local organist, died aged 95 in January, at the Countess of Brecknock Hospice in Andover.



Bill was born in 1927 to Nora and Albert Bowley of Charlton, near Andover. Bill attended the village school, thereafter gaining a place at Andover Grammar School. Bill learned to play the family harmonium as a child, eventually becoming the organist at the Primitive Methodist Chapel in East Street, Andover where his parents worshipped. After this chapel closed, the family transferred to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Bridge Street, Andover. Bill eventually took over the organ seat, playing for the morning and evening services, as well as Friday night choir practice. During his life Bill played for many weddings, christenings and funerals, not only at Bridge Street, but all around the local area.

During the World War II, when Bill was about 16, he and his father volunteered to serve in the Andover Fire Service, his father as a fireman and Bill as a messenger boy. After the war, Bill worked at Vitovis of Andover. This was followed by two years National Service in the RAF, where he made many long-term friends.

Returning to civilian life he again worked at Vitovis and became a travelling salesman, before becoming an accountant for the firm.

In 1953 Bill married Beulah Bulpit, an active member of all things musical at Bridge Street Church. They started their married life in Charlton, where their son Graham was born in 1958, followed by daughter Lesley in 1961.

Within a few years, Bill had a house built – Trouvaille - in The Old Hill, Wherwell to where the family moved, together with Ricky, the golden retriever, who accompanied Bill on his rural journeys, sitting on the front passenger seat with his paws on the dashboard.

Sadness came to the family in 1982, when Bill's son, Graham, died after several years of illness. This was followed in 1993, when his beloved wife Beulah died after struggling with a long illness.



Bill was still very much involved in the musical world: his achievements include 73 years as organist to Bridge Street Methodist Church and over 40 years accompanying the Andover Choral Society. Bill was still playing for weddings and funerals locally well into his 90s.

In 1994, Bill married Cicele Welburn, and they soon became involved in voluntary work, helping at the Andover Hospice, and Bill delivering Meals on Wheels to people around the Andover area. His community work was acknowledged with an invitation to a Buckingham Palace tea party.

Bill's health deteriorated during the last two years and he was finally admitted to the Andover Hospice where he was so well-known, after his many years of volunteering there.

*Anna Lipa*





The Rotary Club of Andover

**ANTIQUE and Collectables**

**VALUATION DAY**



**Thursday 18th May 10am until 4pm**



**Meet TV's Thomas Forrester,**

SAS Director & TV Expert and his team to value your treasured Collectables old and used



**Upper Guildhall**

**£5 per item or £10 for 3 items**

All proceeds to Local Charities

Christopher.lynn36@gmail.com

01264 396511

**How Much are these worth?**

**£350**



**£1300**



**£100**



**£150**



## TEST VILLAGES U3A

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm Chilbolton Village Hall

### ‘A Conspiracy History of the World’

Andy Thomas explores why people believe in conspiracy theories and investigates the evidence to support them.

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 –March 2023



### Evening and Weekend Appointments

Local surgeries have additional appointments provided for them in local ‘hubs’. Our hub is at the Adelaide Centre in Andover. They can offer routine GP appointments, smear tests, dressings and health checks. You may be offered an appointment at the hub when you contact us.

### **Medical exemptions and pre-payment certificates**

We have seen an increasing number of patients contacted by the NHS Prescription Agency because their medical exemptions or pre-payment certificates have expired. Medical exemption expires after 5 years and you will be notified in writing. It is your responsibility to contact us if you want to renew your certificate. We also need to be updated regarding new pre-payment certificates – please provide the information with your repeat prescription request.

### **Minor Eye Conditions Service**

Minor eye conditions are best reviewed by an Optician. You can either ring a local participating Optician (details of participating Opticians available at [primaryeyecare.co.uk](http://primaryeyecare.co.uk)) or call the triage helpline 0300 303 4922.

### **Easter bank holidays**

Please do not put your repeat request in early before Easter. Our dispensary team will be working as normal over the two bank holiday weeks and if everyone puts in their request early then there will be a delay for all patients in receiving their medication. As a reminder, we need 1 week (5 working days) to process your repeat medication request. If you collect from a shop this is very important as we have to allow for the time to take the medication to the shop.

### **Patients who do not attend appointments**

In February 2023 we have had an average of 25 patients every week who failed to arrive for booked appointments without contacting us to cancel them. This is the equivalent of losing a full doctor or nurse clinic for a whole day every single week.

### **Blood tests**

Just a reminder that you can access blood tests at Andover and Winchester hospital by calling 01256 314751 to book.

### **HRT**

We continue to experience shortages of HRT and may change your prescription to another approved brand or provide a prescription for you to try and source the medication at a local pharmacy. If you have queries regarding this, please call our dispensary team between 9am-10am or 2-3pm each day by phoning Stockbridge Surgery (01264 810524) and choosing option 3.



## PARISH OF ST MARY-THE-LESS, CHILBOLTON

### **A meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held in Chilbolton Parish Church on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 at 6.30 pm**

To be attended by:

- (i) all persons whose names are entered on the church Electoral Roll of the parish; and
- (ii) all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Chilbolton Parish Church on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 at 6.40 pm**

For the election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- (i) to the Parochial Church Council - up to 9 representatives
- (ii) to the Deanery Synod - 2 representatives

For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner or Auditor

For the consideration of:

- (i) a report on changes to the electoral roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
- (ii) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally
- (iii) the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending 31 December 2022 immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined
- (iv) a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
- (v) a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod, and other matters of parochial or general church interest

All persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

*Should you wish to attend these meetings please either contact Wendy on 860237 or email her at [wendyandrews875@btinternet.com](mailto:wendyandrews875@btinternet.com) by 14 April 2023.*

# TALKING HEADS

BY ALAN BENNETT

Bed among the lentils.  
Her last chance.  
Soldiering on.

6-8 APRIL 2023  
STOCKBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
7.30PM

TICKETS £12 + BOOKING FEE

TICKETS FROM:  
[WWW.STOCKBRIDGEAMDRAMS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.STOCKBRIDGEAMDRAMS.ORG.UK)  
OR CALL 01264 513 676

**SADS**

## 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 -4 pm
West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2-4 pm

### April

1 Andover Chamber Choir	St Michaels, Andover	7.30 pm
1 Jumble Sale	CVH	2 pm
1 Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30-12 noon
<i>6 Ad hoc advert deadline</i>		
6 U3A	CVH	2 pm
6 Maundy Thursday Supper	See ad:	6.30 for 7 pm
6- 8 SADS Talking Heads	STH See ad:	7.30 pm
7 Easter Services See ad:	Churches	
7 Easter Flowers	Chilbolton Church	2 pm
7 Wine Tasting evening	Black Chalk	5 – 8pm
8 Grand Easter Raffle, see ad	WHGC	
<i>10 May copy deadline</i>		
14 Stockbridge Cinema, see Ad.	STH	7.30pm
18 Gardening Club	CVH	7.45 pm
19 St Mary the Less AGM	Church	6.30 pm
19 Stockbridge Cinema, see Ad.	STH	4.45pm & 7.30pm
21 Wherwell History Group	WVH	8 pm
23 Bluebell Walk	WVH	10 am
23 Spring Meditations See ad.	Wherwell Church	6 pm
23 Desert Island Hymns	Chilbolton church	6 pm
23 Stockbridge Cinema, see Ad.	STH	3pm
25 Wessex Cancer Trust support	Andover see ad:	10-1 pm
30 Simon's Quiz See ad:	WHGC	7.30 for 8pm

### May

1 Muddy Runners	Wherwell Playing Fields	10 am
5 Chilbolton movie (tba)	CVH	
6 Coronation Celebrations, both villages. See Ads		

### SAVE THE DATE

17 June Chilbolton Fete	Watch Cottage	12.30 – 3.30 pm
-------------------------	---------------	-----------------

# WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

## April

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Romeo and Juliet</b> – Join the Ballet Theatre UK with their passionate portrayal of one of the world's greatest love stories at the Theatre Royal in Winchester 01962 840440
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>James Ketchell – ‘It’s All Mental’</b> The only person on the planet to have climbed Everest, cycled around the world AND rowed an ocean. This entertaining evening promises to leave you feeling energised and motivated to set your own goals and start realising your dreams. Performing at the Lights in Andover (01264 368 368)
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hampshire County Youth Bands</b> at the Anvil in Basingstoke (01256 844244) This concert, featuring the three Hampshire County Youth Bands and a Reunion Band of members and conductors past and present, celebrates 60 years. RG21 7QR
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Rhys James: Spilt Milk</b> - Comedian and star of Live at The Apollo, Rhys’s previous tour sold out over 70 dates nationwide. 7:30 at the Theatre Royal, W (01962840440)
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Scummy Mummies: GREATEST HITS</b> - Join Ellie and Helen for a decade now, the Scummy Mummies have been touring their hit comedy show to sold-out audiences around the country. Theatre Royal Winchester 01962 840440 (7:30pm)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Romsey Comedy Club</b> - enjoy the show and get ready to laugh like your socks off! This is stand up at its best! Plaza Theatre, Romsey (7:30 – 22:00) <a href="http://01794523054">01794 523054</a>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> to Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Winchester Festival</b> is an eclectic and multi-genre music festival in the UK. Unrivalled in its originality and diversity, the festival brings together reggae, ska, folk, grime, garage & more <a href="https://www.gowherewhen.com/event/winchester-festival">https://www.gowherewhen.com/event/winchester-festival</a>

## 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



## Happy Easter from Chilbolton and Wherwell Churches

### **Easter Services:**

Good Friday Meditation 3pm at Chilbolton

Easter Sunday 10am at Chilbolton and Wherwell

All welcome

*'Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here; he has risen!'*

*Luke 24:5*

### **Prayer for Easter**

Risen Lord, in bursting from the tomb, You have broken the power of death and helped us to see there is no darkness that can overcome your love. Breathe into our lives the wonder of your saving glory, that our song my ever be your Alleluia! Amen.

### ***Desert Island Hymns***



***Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6pm  
Chilbolton Church***

Come and join us on Sunday 23rd April when Tony Ewer will be talking about his life to Andrew Kent, and sharing his selection of Desert Island Hymns. Everyone is welcome for what promises to be a fascinating chat, highlighting some of Tony's experiences here and abroad known to only a few, then stay to enjoy the refreshments after the event.

## 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 the number of people needing help continues to increase.

It is disappointing that some people criticise the need to donate and state, sometimes quite vociferously, that they believe anybody can visit the Food Bank and ask for food. This is not correct. In order to get help, people need to be referred by one of various agencies, including housing support officers, Citizens Advice, schools, children's centres, GPs and health visitors. People in need are issued with a voucher which they then take to one of the Food Bank distribution centres which are situated in and around Andover including the main Food Bank which is adjacent to St. John the Baptist Church in Alexandra Road Andover SP10 3AD

The vouchers are then exchanged for an emergency food box containing well balanced food for three days meals for individuals or families.

### **Donations of the items below for the boxes are always appreciated:**

Cereals, longlife milk, soup, pasta, sauce, tinned meat and vegetables, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits and snacks.

### **Other items always needed:**

Tinned meat, fish, vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, rice,

Pasta sauce, ketchup, tomato puree,

Puddings such as tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, jelly, instant whip, angel delight

Biscuits, cakes, crisps

Fruit juice and squash

Household cleaning items,

Personal hygiene items

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

### **Easter Egg Donations**

Donations will be very much appreciated as The Food Bank endeavours to ensure, as it is very much an English tradition, that all children receive an Easter Egg.

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

**Jane Andrews: Tel: 860635 email: [flyjohnndrews@aol.com](mailto:flyjohnndrews@aol.com)**

# Wherwell History Group – Illustrated Talk

## David Poole - **At Sixes & Sevens**

A look at London Livery Companies



April 21st at 8.00pm

at **Wherwell Village Hall**

Church Street, Wherwell, SP11 7JJ

**At Sixes and Sevens** ... a glimpse of London Livery Companies, their customs & history with particular reference to the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers. David was privileged to serve as Master in 2007, an exciting opportunity to serve the Company, meet Masters from other Livery Companies and promote the ‘art and mystery’ of clockmaking. His main interest is apprentice training to ensure the craft, currently described as ‘endangered’, will continue for future generations.

In 1765, the Clockmakers consolidated their control of the trade by securing an Act of Common Council, compelling watch and clockmakers in the City of London to be ‘freemen’ of the Company. In 1766 the Company finally secured a ‘livery’, with the number of liverymen capped at sixty – a limit which has now risen to three hundred.

*David Poole should be very well known to members after delighting us with a fascinating talk two years ago “Clock Making – past & present.”*

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*

**CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE  
AND BBQ**

**SATURDAY, 17 JUNE**



**WATCH COTTAGE, COLEY LANE**

**12.30 pm-3.30 pm**

**Fun Dog Show  
Barbeque,  
Beer & Pimms Tent,  
Tea & Cakes, Ice Creams,  
Grand Draw, Bottle tombola,  
Stalls & Games for all the Family**

Enquiries to [wendyandrews873@btinternet.com](mailto:wendyandrews873@btinternet.com)  
Wendy Fakes 860237



## Stockbridge Village Cinema in April

**Friday 14 April**

**7.30pm**

**Decision To Leave (15)**

From a mountain peak in South Korea, a man plummets to his death. Did he jump, or was he pushed? When detective Hae-joon arrives on the scene, he begins to suspect the dead man's wife Seo-rae. But as he digs deeper into the investigation, he finds himself trapped in a web of deception and desire.

*(In Korean with English subtitles)*

**Wednesday 19 April**

**4.45pm and 7.30pm**

**The Banshees of Inisherin (15)**

Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, the story follows lifelong friends Pádraic and Colm, who find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship. A stunned Pádraic, aided by his sister Siobhán and troubled young islander Dominic, endeavours to repair the relationship, refusing to take no for an answer. But Pádraic's repeated efforts only strengthen his former friend's resolve and when Colm delivers a desperate ultimatum, events swiftly escalate, with shocking consequences.

**Sunday 23 April**

**3.00pm**

**Matilda the Musical (PG)**

An adaptation of the award-winning musical version of Roald Dahl's *Matilda*. Matilda Wormwood lives with her brother and parents, who are unappreciative of her. An extraordinary girl, she discovers her superpower and summons the remarkable courage, against all odds, to help others change their stories, whilst also taking charge of her own destiny. Standing up for what is right, she is met with miraculous results. *This is a fund-raising film for the Friends of Stockbridge School - Tickets £5.00 (incl booking fee) for this film only.*

**Information common to all films**

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE. Tickets can be purchased online from the 1st April - price per ticket £6.00 (including £0.50 booking fee) via [www.stockbridgcinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgcinema.org.uk) or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (additional £1.80 charge per booking). Visit our website for more details.

*Paul Kidd*

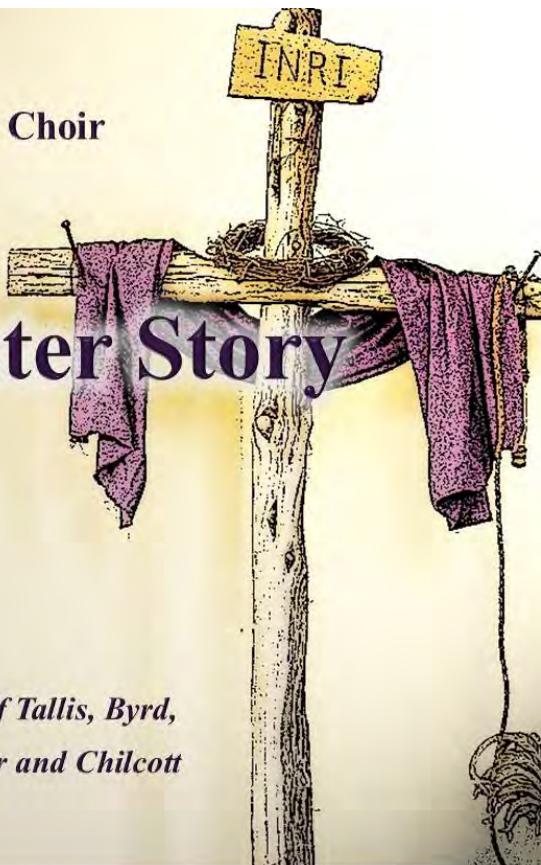
01264 811179 or 07732 580721

**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.



In aid of Andover Riding for the Disabled

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

ANDOVER  
CHAMBER  
CHOIR

# Cancer wellbeing support in Andover



Wessex Cancer Trust offers emotional support to anyone affected by cancer, and their loved ones.

If you need support, we're here for you.

**When:** Tuesdays, from 25th April

**Time:** 10am - 1pm

**Where:** Health Hub,  
Chantry Centre, Andover  
SP10 1RL

**NEW**  
location  
& time

Wessex Cancer Trust. Credit: iStockphoto.com / Tigran and Marika / iStock



“  
*At a particularly tough time of my life, Wessex Cancer Trust scooped me up and gave me the support I needed to get my life back on track.*  
- Wendy  
”

Find out more us:  [wessexcancer.org.uk](https://www.wessexcancer.org.uk)

 023 8067 2200

 [careteam@wessexcancer.org.uk](mailto:careteam@wessexcancer.org.uk)

## **NEW VENUE FOR ANDOVER CANCER WELLBEING SUPPORT**

**Wessex Cancer Trust, which runs free cancer wellbeing sessions is moving the sessions to the Health Hub in the Chantry Centre. Anyone affected by cancer can drop in, have a cup of tea and chat with a qualified member of the team about how they're feeling. Sessions at the Wellington Centre will finish on 4 April with an Easter craft morning and restart at the Health Hub on Tuesday 25 April. They will run every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm.**

One in two of us will develop cancer at some point in our lives and the service offers a safe space for those impacted by cancer and their loved ones. You may have cancer yourself, be supporting someone with cancer or be bereaved. Wessex Cancer Trust has trained and caring listeners for anyone affected who may appreciate talking or having non-judgemental company through confusing thoughts and feelings.

Wessex Cancer Trust currently provides a range of wellbeing services at its four Support Centres in Chandler's Ford, Bournemouth, Hythe and Newport on the Isle of Wight. Andover was identified as an area where there is a lack of cancer support and where more provision would benefit local people.

Colette Cowan, Wessex Cancer Trust's Head of Services, says she understands taking the first steps to cancer support can be daunting: "Living with cancer can be really tough and you may be experiencing thoughts and feelings you're not used to. Maybe you'd like to have a chat with someone outside of your main circle of friends and family. Our drop-in sessions are a really informal opportunity to come along and chat with a member of our team about how you're feeling. Whatever you're going through, we're here for you."

Wessex Cancer Trust's client, Simon, is encouraging people to keep an open mind about accessing support: "You could say I'm a bit of a hard-nosed professional, but I don't feel I have to tell myself to keep my chin up and get on with it. Cancer is a completely different ball game and I'm open to any support I can access. Wessex Cancer Trust's team are all kind souls, and you can just sit and be if that's what you need. The worst that can happen is that you'll have a cup of tea and a biscuit with someone lovely. What do you have to lose?"

The sessions will be held at the Health Hub, Chantry Centre, Andover, SP10 1RL. Wessex Cancer Trust would love to hear from volunteers who would like to support the wellbeing sessions.

If you can help, mail [katie.davies@wessexcancer.org.uk](mailto:katie.davies@wessexcancer.org.uk).

If you can't make the sessions but would like to find out more, visit [www.wessexcancer.org.uk](http://www.wessexcancer.org.uk), call 023 8051 6576

The sessions are being funded by a grant from Southampton Hospitals Charity (SHC) and Pest Control Office (PCO) - Banksy's office. Banksy's *Game Changer* was installed in University Hospital Southampton (UHS) in May 2020 as a thank you to staff during the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. It sold for £16.8M in March 2021 and the proceeds are being used to support health organisations and charities across the UK that enhance the care and treatment provided by the NHS.



## **The Tasting Room this month**

Don't forget the first Friday of each month is our Black Chalk Friday Night Late. The bar is open until 9pm and we'll be serving our brand new 2020 sparkling wines and the 2022 Dancer in Pink rosé all accompanied by @OFMfoodtruck Burgers from 5pm - 8pm.

### **The Black Chalk Tasting Room**

Friday 7th April until 9pm

New wines at the bar!

Burgers by @OFMfoodtruck (5pm-8pm)

Bookings required for groups of 6 or more (01264 860440)

### **The Tasting Room opening hours**

From Saturday 1st April 2023, our Tasting Room will be open:

Monday - Thursday 10 - 5

Friday - Saturday 10 - 7

Sunday 10 - 4

Check our website via QR Code to book your tour and tasting





## Easter Leftovers ?

### Shepherds Pie Pasties



*By Deirdre Freegarde*

With apologies to Cornwall. Ingredients available at Chilbolton Stores. Buy local!

- 1 [onion](#), diced, (*feel free to add leftover diced carrot/turnip/parsnip*)
- 1 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- About 200g leftover lamb, chopped up (*or Quorn/mushroom for veggies*)
- 150ml lamb, chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce or Henderson's relish
- 100g [frozen peas](#) or small tin of garden peas (drained)
- 1 pack puff pastry
- 200-300g leftover mashed or chopped potato
- 1 [egg](#), beaten (optional)

Sauté the onion in the oil for a few minutes first. Stir in the tomato purée and cook through for a further few minutes, then add any other cooked veg. When combined, stir in the lamb, stock and Worcestershire sauce, bring to a quick boil, then simmer for 15 mins or until the liquid has largely evaporated. Remove from the heat. Add the peas and season. Allow to cool.

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Quarter the pastry, then roll each piece into an 18cm square. Divide the mash between the squares and top with the mince mixture. Dampen the edges of the pastry, pull the 4 corners up so they meet in the centre, then press the edges firmly together to seal (*or make 8 small pasties by dividing by eight*).

Transfer to a baking sheet, brush with beaten egg and bake for 20 mins until golden.

Note: if leftover potatoes are cubed, you can add them in with the peas to combine, but if mashed, keep separate as above. Can be frozen for up to 2 months.

**Note from editor:**

**Please send in your recipes to [cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk). If not published in the same month as submitted, they will appear in later issues ☺**



# Simon's Sunday Quiz

30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

7.30 for 8.00pm ~ ~ ~ Admission £2.50



**Cash Prizes**

\*\*\*\*

**Teams of up to 6**

\*\*\*\*

**Light Buffet included**

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

**Janet's Bingo – everyone welcome**

every Monday and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April \*\*\* "An Evening of BULLSEYE"  
(Popular 80s game show) + Grand Easter Raffle**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May \*\*\* ROYAL CORONATION  
Street Party & Evening BBQ  
prize for best dressed King or Queen**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May \*\*\* EUROVISION NIGHT  
Sharing European Buffet & live-screen SONG Contest**

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.**

**Wherwell Coffee Morning Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Everyone Welcome**



**Please Join Us...**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 10:30 till 12 noon at Wherwell Village Hall**

Coffee, Tea and Biscuits  
Free Raffle Entry with Admission  
All for £1.50 per person

**PLEASE NOTE:** In Honour of the King's Coronation on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, our May Coffee Morning has been **CANCELLED**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10:30 until 12 noon Coffee Morning Resumes -**  
First Saturday of Every Month throughout the year.

# We Clean Ovens so you don't have to



Hello, I'm Greg, your locally based oven cleaning specialist. Why not let me clean your cooking appliances back to their best? I'll have your glass gleaming, shelves sparkling and an immaculate interior, leaving you free to enjoy your valuable leisure time this year.



All models cleaned to perfection  
Range and AGA specialist  
Quality results every time  
Local, national, affordable



**01264 563464 | [ovenü.co.uk/oven\\_cleaning/andover](http://ovenü.co.uk/oven_cleaning/andover)**

**Call now to book your oven cleaning appointment!**



Chilbolton and Wherwell Gardening Club

**“GROUND COVER IN THE GARDEN”**



A talk by horticulturalist  
**Anthony Powell**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

7.45pm Chilbolton Village Hall

Raffle, teas. Visitors £3 donation

# ARE YOU READY FOR THE HAREWOOD RUN?

JOIN US ON MONDAY 1ST MAY AND HAVE SOME FUN!

TIMED RESULTS  
FREE PARKING  
REFRESHMENTS  
FINISHERS MEDAL  
DOG FRIENDLY!



10 KM / 5 KM / KIDS 2 KM

10AM - WHERWELL  
PLAYING FIELDS SP11 7JP



REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[WWW.WHERWELLSCHOOLPTA.CO.UK](http://WWW.WHERWELLSCHOOLPTA.CO.UK)

POWERED BY MUDDY RUNNERS

**CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

***JUMBLE SALE***

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

Doors Open 2 p.m.

Chilbolton Village Hall

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

Sorry, we cannot accept video cassettes, music cassettes,  
electrical items or magazines.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SORT  
OR SELL ON THE DAY,  
PLEASE CONTACT BERYL LAWRENCE ON  
01264 860618

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

## Generating Funds for Ukraine

**Ukraine – What they Need Now**, a fundraising event at Stockbridge Town Hall on 17th February raised over £5000 for much needed generators for hospitals, schools and families in the front line of Eastern Ukraine. A further six generators were donated by individuals across the Test Valley, including Chilbolton, The Wallops, Lockerley and Stockbridge. The event, organized by stockbridgeukraine.org, sold out early and had a waiting list of over thirty people.

Headline speaker, Major-General Tim Toyne Sewell from Nether Wallop, ex-Commandant RMA, contrasted the failure of Putin and the success of Zelensky; the poor quality of Russian junior officers versus the superior quality of Ukrainians, the latter trained to make decisions according to the circumstances, the former dependent on orders.

Final speaker, Harriet Asher, Chilbolton mother of twins and a six-month-old, woke on the morning of 24th February, heard the news and said to her partner “I have to go and do something.” Three weeks later she had hitchhiked across the Polish-Ukraine border into Ukraine where she identified the priority was safe travel for women and children, always so vulnerable - by air and coach travel, with safe houses in Ukraine and Poland.

So far, she has transported OVER ONE THOUSAND refugees to the UK, and she showed us harrowing videos of scenes of her transporting families over the border to safety in Poland, and arriving in UK. That number has now dwindled, with delays of months in processing visa applications.

So Harriet is now sourcing humanitarian aid - generators, wound dressings, stretchers, even woollen hats for premature babies.

UPDATE: eight frantic days later, with monies raised on the evening and generators subsequently donated, Harriet was able to prepare eleven generators for despatch to Ukraine. At 9 pm on Saturday 25th February, Torhalle, a 30-year-old Lithuanian girl arrived in a white van, identified by red crosses on its side, run by Daniel Sandford from Transport a Sister Charity started in Warsaw for Ukraine. Torhalle had driven all day on her own, collecting humanitarian aid, including stretchers.

With generators loaded in the dark by Jasper (Harriet’s partner) and Torhalle, she set off alone, for the Harwich overnight ferry where she was joined by a helper, taking the Hook of Holland ferry, in advance of the 20-hour drive across Europe to the Polish border crossing into Lviv, western Ukraine.

On the 7th March, just 20 days after the fund raising event at Stockbridge Town Hall, we received notification from Harriet that the eleventh and last of the generators had been delivered to soldiers, visibly tired, in the front line.

The operation to make the delivery had included British, Polish, Lithuanians, American & Estonians. But perhaps the last word should be given to Ukrainian soldier Ghenadie:

“There are no words to express our gratitude to you, the people of England. We are fighting for our freedom. They came to destroy us. You help us survive and protect the future. Everything will be fine even if we are gone. But we must defeat these orcs. Otherwise, there will be no life on the planet. Glory to Ukraine. The glory of England.



*One of our generators being dropped to a battalion in the East of Ukraine*

*Two generators delivered to Borova regional hospital in Kharkiv*

If you'd like to donate, you can be assured your money will be spent wisely on Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine with absolutely minimal administrative costs. Everything we purchase with your donations can be traced right through including, where possible, photographs or a video. Harriet works from home and has none of the normal charity overheads unless travelling to Poland to shepherd refugees.

**To donate or join the [stockbridgeukraine.org](http://stockbridgeukraine.org) mailing list, please email us at [stockbridgeukraine@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgeukraine@gmail.com).**

Next month we hope to write about Alex Lewis' work in Ukraine with prosthetics.

*Amanda Lambert and Nicholas Muers-Raby*