

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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## May 2023

The King's Coronation is just around the corner with celebrations, such as street parties, lunches, and BBQ's taking place across the villages. Preparations are underway for the Chilbolton Church Fete in June, looking for important volunteers and donations. There are some great films being shown locally and excellent talks to attend. Don't forget to take your voter ID to the next election!

*Mia Cousins*

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



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## From the Church Records – March 2023

Service	Date	Name (s)
<b>Chilbolton</b>		
Funeral (at Test Valley)	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mike Dangerfield
Interment of Ashes	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mike Dangerfield
<b>Wherwell</b>		

## Church Services May 2023

Services May 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>
<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 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> – <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>					
Service to mark the Coronation of King Charles III	10am				
Holy Communion		10am			
Commemorative Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III				10am	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> – <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>					
Christian Aid Family Communion			10am		
Pet Service					10am
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> – <i>Ascension Day</i>					
Holy Communion followed by breakfast			8am		
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> – <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Holy Communion	10am				
Morning Worship		10am			
Peace & Wholeness			6pm		
Spring Meditations - Sister Wendy Beckett					6pm
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> – <i>Pentecost / Whit Sunday</i>					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship			10am	10am	
Pentecost Evening Service	6pm				

## Church Flowers May

<b>Wherwell</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> May 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Antonia Molden Claudia Harvey
<b>Chilbolton</b>	May	Jeanie Goodeve Docker Julie Lloyd

## Letter from Andrew Kent on behalf of Revd. Jax – May 2023

Without intending to make any political points, as time goes on I find myself becoming increasingly exasperated with the short-term approach which politicians of all parties often take on issues of crucial importance for all of us - and particularly important for our children and grandchildren. Of course, there is a limit to the resources which governments have available to fix things in the short term; but it does seem to me that careful and sensible long-term plans are seldom put in place, and then even more seldom carried-through. Climate emergencies, sewage management, health care and public safety are just a few of the vital issues we face right now, and although none of us want to pay the government even more tax money, I might be more convinced if I could see that what we already pay is actually being used sensibly and carefully. As they say, you would never run a business this way.

Anyway, having got that off my chest, there is also much to be hopeful about. The King's Coronation next week will be marked by celebrations across the Country, including parties in our two villages, and in my view rightly so. I plan to get to at least two of them. There will also be a **Coronation Service for Chilbolton and Wherwell villagers in Chilbolton Church at 10am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - please come and join me in celebrating this once in a generation occasion.

Whether or not you support the Monarchy, it is a remarkable thing to take on the role of King after spending a lifetime of apprenticeship. As it happens the King and I are the same age, and I had cause to reflect on that a couple of months ago when I was required, by virtue of age, to stand down from active duty as one of His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants for Hampshire. There I was, retiring after serving Queen Elizabeth and, latterly, King Charles, just as the King was stepping-up to the full-time role of Monarch - with all the work it entails and with no prospect of retirement at all. For him it will literally be a lifetime's work, as it was for Her Majesty, and it brought home to me what a life of duty really means.

But then it occurred to me that many of you, willingly and cheerfully, are in exactly the same situation, serving others in all sorts of ways with many acts of kindness - perhaps small things to you, but things of great importance to others. A kind word will often lighten a burden for someone in trouble, and a kind act may remove the burden entirely. Most of us probably won't know we're doing it; but in helping other people here in our own Communities and further afield - and then in turn sometimes gratefully accepting the care of others when we need it - we are selflessly living-out a life of duty and service as exemplified by Queen Elizabeth over all those years. We should be proud of doing so, and encourage our children and grandchildren to do so also.

Since I write this on behalf of Revd Jax as she recovers from her injury it's appropriate that I leave you with these words of Jesus Christ, recorded in the Gospel of St John:

“A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know you are my disciples --- I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me” - and He added: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.” And there's really nothing I can add to that.

*Andrew Kent*

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## CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL



The Management Committee would like to express its thanks to the many volunteers who have worked so hard at the Hall this year.

Firstly, the Working Party which met at the Village Hall in February on a very cold and windy afternoon and did such sterling work clearing brambles, weeds, unwanted seedlings etc. Shrubs were then planted, which really enhance the approach to the Hall.

Secondly, the Warm Hub Group, who cooked and served home-made soup, rolls, tea and coffee, to so many people in a friendly and comforting atmosphere; much fun was had by everyone.

Last, but not least, all the helpers who sorted and sold the jumble. It was good to see some new faces behind the stalls and everyone busy in a cheerful and friendly atmosphere. We raised over £800, so it was an excellent effort.

We really do appreciate the help of all the volunteers, but hesitate to name them in case anyone is left out. You know who you are, so thank you very much, we are truly grateful.

*Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee*



## Chilbolton Parish Council



We now are only a few days away from the Coronation of King Charles III. This may well be the first Coronation that many of us have experienced and represents the continuing and unique history of our England / United Kingdom.

Our parish will celebrate the Coronation on the afternoon of the Coronation ceremony with festivities and a **BBQ at the Abbots Mitre on 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

We are going to set up a public TV at the village hall so that anyone who wishes can join with their friends and watch the ceremony and procession with tea and coffee available.

In the afternoon there will be a procession from the Church to the Abbots Mitre starting about 3pm with refreshments for the children, provided by the parish council and normal drinks available from the Abbots Mitre. The BBQ will start a little later and continue into the evening. See notice boards for details nearer the time.

A new local plan (LP) now being prepared by Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) will be issued about the beginning of June. The parish strategy working group (SWG) will be working on our response to this after the consulting document is published. The SWG is also preparing a proposal to set up a community land trust that will progress the 10 affordable homes and 10 downsize homes that have been agreed in our neighbourhood plan. The SWG minutes are on the parish council website and include a schedule of possible development sites in Chilbolton parish that have been put forward by local owners for consideration in the Strategic Housing and economic land availability assessment (SHELAA) of TVBC. It is important to be clear that land so put forward has NO approval for planning but is used by TVBC to satisfy the government that there is sufficient land available for development in the entire borough to meet the government housing targets. The new LP may, or may not, include housing targets for Chilbolton parish. A public meeting will be arranged to explain the LP and hear the views of local people before submitting the Chilbolton response.

Finally, with Summer here there will be heavy pressure on Chilbolton Cow Common and already there have been tents erected and campfires lit. Such activities are illegal and it is up to us to protect our common that is an important Site of special scientific interest (SSSI). The parish council relies on residents to report any such activities and to politely request that these activities cease immediately. The police will be called to take action.

*Tony Ewer, Chairman Chilbolton parish Council.*

**CHILBOLTON CHURCH  
FETE AND BBQ  
SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 2023**

**WATCH COTTAGE, COLEY LANE  
12.30 pm-3.30 pm**



**Fun Dog Show**

Barbeque of locally sourced meats,  
Beer and Pimms Tent,  
Tea and Cakes, Ice Creams,  
Grand Draw, Bottle Tombola,  
Stalls and Games for all the Family

*Enquiries to [wendyandrews875@btinternet.com](mailto:wendyandrews875@btinternet.com)*

*Zack Stephens*  
*plays works for unaccompanied violin*

7:30pm 28th June  
St Peter's Church Wherwell

Tickets £17 Under 18's Free

Attendees of the previous concert welcomed with no charge, for this enquire via email

Recital Programme:

Bach Partita No1 in B Minor BWV 1002

Paganini Caprices 4, 14, and 24

Milstein Paganiniana

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



Website Code



## Stockbridge Practice Patient News – April 2023

**HRT** - Patients who are prescribed HRT can apply for a pre-payment certificate for these items. Please see the news section of our website, [stockbridgesurgery.co.uk](http://stockbridgesurgery.co.uk) for more information or ask the surgery to send you a text message with the relevant details.

**Hayfever** - This is a common condition affecting many children and adults. It can be safely treated with medication which can be bought at local pharmacies and supermarkets.

National guidance advises: *Hay fever is a common allergic condition that affects up to one in five people. There's currently no cure for hay fever, but most people with mild to moderate symptoms are able to relieve symptoms with over the counter treatments recommended by a pharmacist.* The recommendation from NHS England is: *A prescription for treatment of mild to moderate hay fever will not routinely be offered in primary care as the condition is appropriate for self-care.*

Advice about managing hayfever in both adults and children can be found in the news section on our website; [stockbridgesurgery.co.uk](http://stockbridgesurgery.co.uk) or we can send you a text with the appropriate link.

**Self care** - There are many conditions which can be managed with self-care, including sore throats, coughs and colds, head-lice, insect bites and stings, mouth ulcers, warts and verrucae. Information can be found by searching NHS and then the relevant condition.

For all eye problems we would encourage you to contact the National Eye Triage Service on 0300 303 4922. They can arrange an appointment with an optician if required (who have the relevant equipment to examine eyes) and also prescribe medication.

For parents we would encourage you to download the Healthier Together app or use the website: [www.what0-18.nhs.uk](http://www.what0-18.nhs.uk)

Accessing self-care first, specifically if you are usually fit and well, helps us to have more appointments available for patients with more serious conditions.

**Medication over Easter and in May** - Please do not submit your prescription early on bank holiday weeks unless you are going away and need them early. If you are going away please let us know so we understand your reason for putting your request in early. Otherwise, please give us one week to dispense your medication.

**The prescription charge rises to £9.65 from 1 April 2023.**



# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

To assist in the setting up and clearance of

Chilbolton Church Fete

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. 5.00pm.** To erect marquees and gazebos, move tables and chairs. Retire to the Abbots Mitre afterwards.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.00am.** To assist stallholders during the morning setup.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm.** To clear away everything from Fete site. Again retire to the Abbots Mitre afterwards.....

This year the Fete will be at Watch Cottage, at the bottom of Station Road, kindly hosted by Diana & Paul Leonard

**If you can come along, please let Wendy Fakes know on [wendyandrews875@btinternet.com](mailto:wendyandrews875@btinternet.com) during the week leading up to the fete**



## **Coronation BIG LUNCH**

**The White Lion, Wherwell, 7 May 2023, 13.00 – 18.00.**

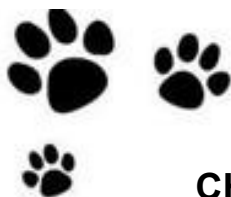
The White Lion Pub in Wherwell has agreed to host our village coronation BIG Lunch. Our new landlords, Rachel and Jane, have agreed to close the Pub car park to accommodate tables and chairs for the party.

Villagers can either bring their own food and drink or buy at the Pub. The bar will be open and Rachel and Jane are organising a BBQ (£3.50 burger, £3 hot dog, £2,50 jacket potatoes) and ice cream (£1.50 for a cone). Tables and chairs will be provided.

There will also be various entertainments for the children including human bingo, pass the parcel, giant jenga, Connect 4, Twister, as well as a blow up sweet shop.

Dogs are welcome! There will be a dog show and prizes for waggiest tail, best costume and best trick!

Please come and join us for an afternoon of community fun. To reserve your space, please call the Pub on 860317



## CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE FUN DOG SHOW PROGRAMME

- 1.30pm Most Handsome Dog
- 1.45pm Prettiest Bitch
- 2.00pm Dog with the Waggiest tail
- 2.15pm Dog most like its owner
- 2.30pm Best Veteran (dogs over 10 years old)
- 2.45pm Best Rescue Dog

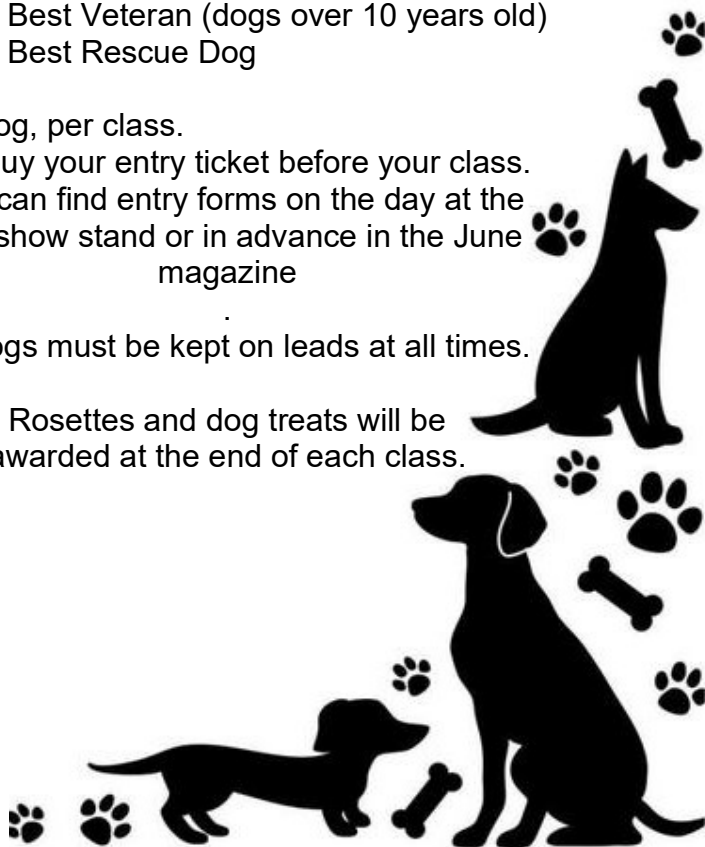
£2 per dog, per class.

Please buy your entry ticket before your class.

You can find entry forms on the day at the dog show stand or in advance in the June magazine

All dogs must be kept on leads at all times.

Rosettes and dog treats will be awarded at the end of each class.



## CHILBOLTON AND WHERWELL GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Visit by car share to the gardens of  
"Deane House" Sparsholt  
£10 to include tea. In aid of the NGS.  
Leaving Chilbolton at 1.30pm.  
Phone 01264 861164 for details.



### Wherwell Coffee Morning



#### PLEASE NOTE:

In honour of the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May, our  
May Coffee Morning has been **CANCELLED**

**Saturday 3rd June, 10:30 till 12 noon Coffee Morning  
Resumes**

Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street  
Coffee, Tea and Biscuits  
Free Raffle Entry with Admission  
All for £1.50 per person  
First Saturday of Every Month throughout the year

# Voter ID is coming!



You'll need one of the following types of photo ID to vote:

- a UK or Northern Ireland photocard driving licence (full or provisional)
- a driving licence issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands
- a UK passport
- a passport issued by a Commonwealth country
- a passport or national identity card issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein
- a PASS card (National Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- a Blue Badge
- a biometric residence permit (BRP)
- a Defence Identity Card (MOD form 90)
- a Northern Ireland Electoral Identity Card
- a Voter Authority Certificate (**NB: see below**)
- an Anonymous Elector's Document
- An acceptable travel pass, such as an older person's bus pass, a disabled person's bus pass, an Oyster 60+ card or a Freedom Pass

**NB: The photo on your ID must look like you. You can still use your ID even if it has expired.**

If you do not have a type of photo ID that allows you to vote, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate at

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>

**NB: You'll need to complete your application by 5pm on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to get a Voter Authority Certificate for the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 elections.**

# 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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# ARE YOU READY FOR THE HAREWOOD RUN?

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



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FINISHERS MEDAL  
DOG FRIENDLY!



10 KM / 5 KM / KIDS 2 KM

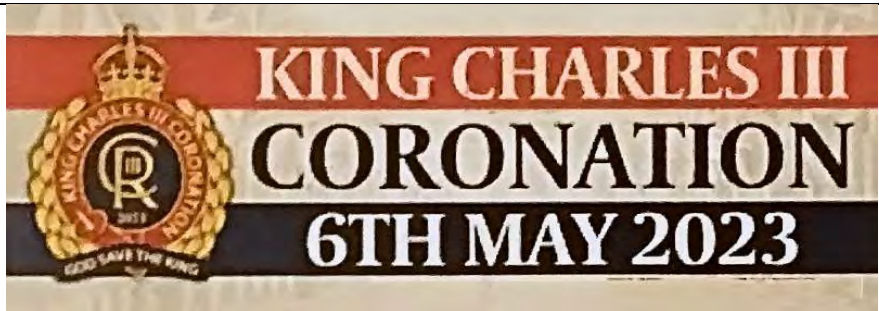
10AM - WHERWELL  
PLAYING FIELDS SP11 7JP



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

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## Wherwell Home Guard Club – Events in May 2023



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 3pm to 5pm**

### **Children's Street Party**

**\*\* Prizes for the best dressed King or Queen \*\***

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 5.30pm onwards**

### **Evening BBQ**

For either, please book before Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
to Sandie 07584 673993



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 7.45pm for 8pm start**

### **Join the Buffet Party**

**and watch Eurovision on the Big Screen**

**Bring along your favourite European dish for all to share.**



## 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

### May

1	Harewood Run	Wherwell playing fields	10.00 am
4	Local Council Elections	CVH & WVH	7.00 am - 10.00 pm
5	Chilbolton Movie	CVH	6.30 for 7.00 pm
6	<i>AD hoc advert deadline</i>		
6	Coronation Service	Chilbolton Church	10.00 pm
6	Coronation Festivities & BBQ	Abbots Mitre	pm
6	Coronation Street Party & BBQ	WHGC	3.00 & 5.30 pm
7	Coronation Big Lunch	White Lion	1.00 pm - 6.00 pm
8	Chilbolton PC & Planning	CVH	6.00 - 8.30 pm
8	Wherwell Parish Assembly & AGM	WVH	7.00 pm & 8.00 pm
10	<i>June copy deadline</i>		
11	U3a Talk	CVH	2.00 pm
13	Ukraine donation drop-off	WHGC	10.00-12.00
13	Eurovision Night	WHGC	8.00 pm
16	Gardening Club Visit		1.30 pm
18	WHCG AGM	WHGC	7.30 pm
19	Wherwell History Group	WVH	8.00 pm
19	Stockbridge film - Aftersun	Stockbridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
20	Chilbolton Coffee morning	CVH	10.30-12.00
21	Wherwell Meditations	Wherwell Church	6.00 pm
24	Stockbridge film - Living	Stockbridge Town Hall	5.00 pm & 7.30 pm
28	Simon's Quiz	WHGC	7.30 for 8.00 pm

## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

### May

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mike &amp; The Mechanics</b> are made up of Genesis founding member Mike Rutherford on guitar. Performing at the Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke 7:30 to 23:30
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coronation of King Charles III</b> at Winchester Cathedral - Service of Thanksgiving 7pm (Fri) 01962 857200
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Vivaldi's Four Seasons &amp; Lark Ascending by Candlelight</b> 7:30pm St Mary's Church, Andover SP10 1NE <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/category/RdiEJKhzXNnT">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/category/RdiEJKhzXNnT</a>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Andover Coffee &amp; Business Networking May Event</b> - Reserve your place via Eventbrite. Free Event - No ticket = no entry. At The Army Flying Museum, Middle Wallop SO20 8FB 11-12pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Andover Choral Society - Faure Requiem &amp; Mozart Solemn Vespers</b> This performance is at St Marys Church in Andover. The address for the church is: Marlborough St, Andover, SP10 1NE 7:30pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Proclaimers</b> – who write the most spectacular, big hearted, uncynical and passionate songs are performing at the Anvil in Basingstoke 7:30pm – 11:30 (01256 844244)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	The first EVER! <b>Butcombe festival of Laughs</b> . Touring 12 pubs across the south west and London. 3 Brilliant comedians performing in 12 brilliant pubs. Bourne Valley Inn Upper Link B3048, Andover
Sat to Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Thrill of Love</b> takes a new look at the woman behind the headlines and the events that drove her to murder. A divorcee with a young child to care for, Ruth works hard, plays hard and dreams Chesil Theatre in Winchester SO23 OHU 7:30pm 01962 867086
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Visit a garden</b> - Spitfire House Chattis Hill, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 6J (entry £5, 2-5pm) or book <a href="http://www.ngs.org.uk/">www.ngs.org.uk/</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

# Stockbridge Community Cinema



**Friday 19 May**

7.30pm

## **Aftersun (12)**

At a fading vacation resort, 11-year-old Sophie treasures rare time together with her loving and idealistic father, Calum (Paul Mescal). As a world of adolescence creeps into view, beyond her eye Calum struggles under the weight of life outside of fatherhood. Twenty years later, Sophie's tender recollections of their last holiday become a powerful and heartrending portrait of their relationship, as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn't.

**Wednesday 24 May**

5.00pm and 7.30pm

## **Living (12)**

Williams (Bill Nighy), a veteran civil servant in post war London, is an important cog within the city's bureaucracy as it struggles to rebuild. Buried under paperwork at the office and lonely at home, his life has long felt empty and meaningless. Then a shattering medical diagnosis forces him to take stock – and to try and grasp fulfilment before it goes beyond reach.

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.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk) or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (additional £1.80 charge per booking). Visit our website for more details.

# Wherwell Parish Council

## Report from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The full Parish Council met in the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall, with County & District Councillor Drew, though no members of the public attended.

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

The chair pointed out that it was **Cllr Hasselmann's last meeting** as she is not seeking re-election to the PC, standing instead for a Borough Councillor position with TVBC. The chair thanked her for all her work for WPC over many years, and wished her well in the coming borough elections.

It was noted that the willow fence around the new pond at **Purver's Patch** is a wonderful job, and thanks were extended to Harvey Sullivan for his work.

**Finances** were presented for the year end, showing a surplus in the year of £4k due principally to underspends on special projects in the year. The Funds remaining at the end of the year total £17k, including £8k reserved for restoration of the War Memorial. The accounts will now be prepared in statutory format for presentation at the AGM in May

**Regarding planning** the PC were informed of planning applications that have been approved by TVBC including various tree works, and an application to modify the gates at Freelands, all of which had been supported by the PC.

An application to build a second 5-bedroom house on the Lynchet site was objected to on the grounds of the size of the development and that the local Housing Needs Survey has highlighted a requirement for smaller properties for first time buyers and for downsizing.

It was noted that the PC had held a separate planning meeting where they objected to an application for an extension at Toll Cottage.

### **Councillors reported on their various portfolios:**

**Cllr Bryant** reported that quotes are being obtained for stones engraved with the names from the War Memorial to be erected on the green.

**Cllr Blazdell** attended a useful TVBC Resilience Forum and has updated the Emergency Plan to include emergency contact numbers.

**Cllr Hasselmann** raised the proposed Solar Farm, and the PC agreed to form a committee to explore how best to obtain suitable community benefit from any developers.

**Cllr Newell** pointed out that the old Roman Road from the B3048 towards Winchester is due to be designated a bridleway, and asked if there were S106 funds available for a safe access layby on the road for parking for ramblers.

**Cllr Oliver** suggested the PC review the planning applications by Freelands to check if there was agreement to construct a gravel path around the new lake.

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

- Every second Sunday there are events planned in Andover town centre including street food and entertainment.

- The Council have been investing in green electric street cleaners and biodiesel bin lorries.
- Residents should note that they need to check that anyone they use to dispose of their rubbish has the proper licenses – otherwise they can also be prosecuted and fined for fly tipping.
- HCC is investing in filling potholes. However, with a £50m deficit budget they need to focus resources on Social Services, and so there is more pressure on roads, and potholes need to be prioritized for the most dangerous first.

**Regarding other matters**, it was noted that the PC had previously discussed the planning application for an anaerobic digester plant near the A303 on Cowdown Lane. As the application was not within the Parish the PC was not notifiable; the PC raised no objections to the application.

The next scheduled meeting will be the Parish Assembly which will take place on Tuesday 9th May at 7:00 pm, followed by WPC's AGM.

*Sean Hutton, Chair*

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## **FEED THE ANDOVER FOOD BANK UPDATE**

For three years I have now been requesting support for the Food Bank through monthly articles in the magazine. It is very unfortunate that this is now, more than ever, so necessary but very unfortunately the number of people who are referred to the Food Bank continues to increase.

Last month the generous donations of Easter eggs were very much appreciated as the Food Bank endeavoured to ensure, as it is very much an English tradition, that all children received an Easter Egg.

### **Donations of the items below are always appreciated-**

Tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, biscuits, snacks

Fruit juice, squash

Cereals, soup, pasta, sauce

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

Household cleaning items, bin bags, toilet rolls, poop bags

Personal hygiene items.

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

**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: email: [flyjohnndrews@aol.com](mailto:flyjohnndrews@aol.com)*

## CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE STALLS



*Please contact the following stallholders if you have donations.*

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Tombola	Treadwell
Book Stall	Nigel and Judy Palmer
Cake Stall	Maggie Duffy
Grand Draw	Jennie Pope
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General enquiries to Wendy Fakes  
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## Get help to buy food and milk

(the Healthy Start scheme)

### ***What is Healthy Start?***

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

You can also use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

For more advice on healthy eating, visit:

- [NHS start4life](#)
- [NHS change4life](#)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

***I do not want to buy milk, fruit, or vegetables – can I spend my payment on something else for me or my baby?***

If you do not want to buy cow's milk, fresh, frozen, or tinned fruit and vegetables, you could use your Healthy Start payment to buy infant formula or fresh, dried, or tinned pulses. The Healthy Start card can only be used to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

***Can I buy follow on formula with my Healthy Start card?***

Healthy Start card cannot be used to buy follow on formula. However, you can use your card to buy infant formula labelled 'suitable from birth'.

***Can I use my Healthy Start card for online shopping?***

No. However, the Healthy Start card can be used in any shop that sells healthy food and milk and accepts Mastercard®.

***Can I use my Healthy Start card to withdraw money from an ATM or request cashback?***

No, the card can only be used in store. You cannot purchase more than the balance on your card. You can check your balance at an ATM or by calling us on 0300 330 7010.

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## **Spring Meditations at Wherwell Church**

We are now halfway through our series of Spring meditations, but with two interesting characters to come - both characters from the C20th, one a well-known and loved TV personality, and one only known to people from around Quarley. Please come along and hear about these fascinating characters.

As usual, these meditations will be held at 6 pm in the church, now in the light of beautiful Spring evenings. They will last for around thirty minutes, and be followed by refreshments.

**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**





## Easter Lilies at Wherwell Church



Many thanks to everyone who generously donated towards the cost of the Easter Lilies; to Phyllis Harding who collected the majority of the money & to those who helped decorate the Church so beautifully – your kindness is much appreciated.

After the purchase of the Lilies, £115.60 was handed to the PCC who forwarded the money to the Disasters Emergency Committee in support of the Turkey – Syria earthquake appeal.

Thank you very much.

*Jo Baughen*

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## SOUP LUNCHES IN CHILBOLTON



Chilbolton Village Hall was the perfect venue for a warm Space Hub during the winter months when a warm welcome was given to villagers and friends to meet to enjoy homemade soup, roll and refreshments. New friends and old friendships were enjoyed. A dedicated team of helpers, and soup makers ensured a very successful venture over several weeks.

It is hoped to renew the project at the beginning of autumn when we look forward to seeing even more neighbours and friends to enjoy the company and good food.

*Jane Brown*

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# Simon's Sunday Quiz

28<sup>th</sup> May 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 --- Saturday Bingo in May is cancelled  
8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May \*\*\* **ROYAL CORONATION**  
**Street Party 3pm-5pm & Evening BBQ**  
prize for best dressed King or Queen from 5.30pm

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May \*\*\* **EUROVISION NIGHT**  
**8pm, Sharing Euro Buffet & live-screen SONG Contest**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May \*\*\* **Annual General Meeting**  
**7.30pm – NEW members welcome**

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.**

# Next Local Drop-off for Ukraine

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** between 10.00am – 12noon  
at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**

**The next collection will focus mainly on items needed by SOLDIERS and CHILDREN in orphanages**

– please **DON'T** bring items which aren't listed below,  
as there are no suitable transport options available.

Items required:

- Underwear, Socks ##
- Adult nappies
- Any army clothes
- Bandages
- Medications for: colds/flu,
- Sore throat, pain relief & vitamins
- Clothes & shoes for Spring or Summer (Adult & Child - practical if possible)
- Sleeping bags & mats
- Bedding Sets  
(**NOT pillows or duvets**)
- Power banks & connectors
- Torches
- Batteries (AA and AAA)

PLUS, games, colouring books, Lego, sweets - for children

## For reasons of hygiene, we can only accept donations of NEW socks and underwear. Everything else should be in clean/washed/working condition or new condition.

Now that the War in Ukraine is well past the 1-year anniversary, the support groups which we are supplying are VERY GRATEFUL for your ongoing support. Regular updates are posted on the village Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/450267056891009>



**If you would prefer to donate MONEY instead of goods**, then the field hospital in Kharkiv needs funds to repair their vehicles They provide emergency help and treatment before people can be transferred to the main hospitals. It is a quite small unit and they need funds to continue this essential work.

You can donate, leaving an optional message of support, via **Olga's blog** at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/xk4vq-stand-with-ukraine>

**Thank you** all very much, Pam Flanagan

## **Pollinator Pathways, Bee Byways, Horticultural Highway.**

Britain's bees and our other pollinating insects are in serious trouble and they need our help - FAST! Many of our native bee species are facing extinction<sup>1</sup> due to a number of different threats, climate change among them. But there's one factor, habitat loss, which we all have the power to do something about right now

By creating a connected pollinator pathway we can benefit bees and many other insects, while also providing habitats for spiders, birds, small mammals and plants. This will also help to buffer the effects of climate change. In recent times, more than any other time in history, communities are suffering from a loss of connection with each other and the natural world. The impact this is having on mental health is leading to a public health crisis. The simple act of working together in the fresh air to improve our local environment, making a significant impact on the health and diversity of the ecosystem and forming positive human connections could bring immediate benefits to everyone involved, whether they have two legs, six or eight!

Join us in creating a pollinator pathway that will grow and develop year on year to make a lasting contribution to the health and wellbeing of the people and creatures of Andover or where you live.

### **How to get involved.**

1. Register and pledge your plot of land - anything from 1m x 1m to a football pitch at <https://thethreebeesproject.org> or message us at [Facebook.com/thethreebeesproject](https://www.facebook.com/thethreebeesproject)
2. Fly solo or get together your team - reach out to people at work, school or a community group. It's all about working together.
3. Prepare your patch.
4. Plant your seeds and watch them grow - check out the Seed Bank options
5. Join our Facebook community to share pictures as your patch blossoms
6. Eat, sleep, plant, repeat next year... and the next... You get the idea!

**Seed Bank** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/pollinator-pathway-seed-bank>

*Allen & Helen Watts*



## The Pollinator Pathway Project

(Bee Byway or Horticultural Highway)

This **MARCH** and **APRIL**

Get involved, call your friends, plant some seeds, sit back and watch it grow.

### **'Nature itself is the best physician.'** **Hypocrates**

1. Register and pledge your plot of land - anything from 1m x 1m in your own garden to a football pitch at [www.thethreebeesproject.org](http://www.thethreebeesproject.org) or message us at [Facebook.com/thethreebeesproject](https://www.facebook.com/thethreebeesproject)
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Seedbank QR Code. Scan the code to find out more about what we can all achieve together.

**'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not.' The Lorax**

## Wherwell History Group – Illustrated Talk

### Simon Moore – **Mud larking in the River Thames** History revealed by scavenging in river mud



May 19<sup>th</sup>  
at  
8.00pm

at **Wherwell Village Hall**  
Church Street, Wherwell, SP11 7JJ

A mudlark is someone who scavenges in river mud for items of value, a term used specially to describe those who scavenged this way in London during the late 18th and 19th centuries.

”In 1977, a colleague at the Natural History Museum asked Simon Moore if he’d like to accompany him to search the Thames foreshore for ancient relics. Already having an interest in antique eating and folding cutlery, Simon readily agreed and shortly afterwards acquired a rare medieval pocket knife, followed by other eating knives, spoons and the occasional fork. Over many years, the river Thames has revealed pins, thimbles, an intact wine bottle c1670, bellarmine bottle, pilgrim signs and more.“

On 19<sup>th</sup> May, Simon will be talking about his mud larking adventures and the many relics of everyday life from previous centuries that he has discovered.

*After a distinguished career with the British Museum (Natural History) and the Hampshire County Council Museums Service (Conservator of Natural Sciences), Simon retired in November 2009 to become a full-time freelance conservator. He is still very much available for presentations, advice, training, preventive and remedial conservation work, just the same as ever.*

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*

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**When a young family moves in next door, grumpy widower Otto  
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unlikely friendship that turns his world  
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**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Doors open 6.30 pm**

**Film commences 7.15 pm**

Tickets £5.00 - In advance, with NO Booking Fee

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Tea/coffee and biscuits available 6.30 pm – 7 pm

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

**01264 860618**

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



## Beautiful Beetles

Did you know that Wherwell provides a home to a very special, and increasingly rare, insect – the Violet Oil Beetle (*Meloe violaeaus*)? Visitors to the Wherwell Sports and Social Club during late March would have seen hundreds of these large, colourful beetles marching across the road and car park towards the playing fields from their over-winter woodland homes on the opposite bank.



The preferred food of adult Violet Oil Beetles are wildflowers, especially dandelions and celandine, but, like most beetles, they have a complicated life style. Eggs are laid in soft dry soil and after hatching the tiny louse-like juveniles (called

triungulin) climb adjacent herbs to hitch a ride on passing solitary mining bees (*Andrena haemorrhoa*). The bees then carry them back to their nest where the juveniles feed on the bee eggs and larvae. Solitary mining bees nest in the bare loose soils of woodland fringes. The complex lifestyle of these beautiful beetles, therefore, requires a very specialised habitat of woodland adjacent to wild flower grasslands and bare soil.

The Violet Oil Beetle has suffered drastic declines over the past 100 years and is a UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority species. However, it is only one of over 4000 beetle species in the UK, the most well-known being the ladybird. Some beetle species populations are declining by as much as 30% per decade, mainly because their complex habitats are being destroyed by changes in countryside management. Woodland fringes are particularly important for insect survival because they sustain a wide range of habitats. Our beautiful rural environment in Wherwell and Chilbolton provides each of us with a huge responsibility to minimise our impact on such unique habitats by looking after our native trees, maintaining the woodland shrubby understories, leaving fallen leaves and dead wood, and encouraging wildflower fringes.

*Diane G Newell*



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## TEST VILLAGES U3A

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm at Chilbolton Village Hall

### **‘Exploring the South Island of New Zealand’**

In this illustrated talk, Rosemary Legrand shares her experience of New Zealand’s beautiful scenery and wildlife. She searches for whales, sea lions, royal albatross and yellow-eyed penguins; she flies over Mount Cook, sails in Milford Sound and visits the paradise Cook Islands.

Test Villages u3a usually meets on the first Thursday of every month in Chilbolton Village Hall. However, this May meeting is a week later due to the local elections.

Doors open at 1.40pm, and the presentation is 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-village](http://u3asites.org.uk/test-village)