

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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June 2023

As the summer begins there is a noticeable increase in village events, especially outdoor activities. The wide range of diary dates includes fetes and open gardens planned for both villages. This month's magazine also includes an important church announcement from Jax and an intriguing mystery of a churchyard summerhouse. We need everyone to do what they can to support the Chilbolton village shop and kitchen on a regular basis in these tough times for independent local retailers. We have an update from Nicky on the latest trading.

Andrew Keevil

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Church Matters
The Downs Benefice
The Reverend Jax Machin, Rector



The Rectory, Church Lane, Littleton, SO22 6QY

email: revdjax@downsbenefice.org.uk

From the Church Records – April 2023

| Service | Date | Name (s) |
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| Chilbolton | | |
| Funeral (at Charlton Park) | 12 th April | Janet Waghorn |
| Baptism | 23 rd April | Noah Hellyer |
| Wherwell | | |
| Interment of Ashes | 5 th April | Brian Aldis' |

Church Services June 2023

| Services June 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 & Holy Cross, Wherwell</i> |
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| <i>This information is correct at the time of going to press but please check on the website (www.downsbenefice.org) for up-to-date information.</i> | | | | | |
| Sunday 4th June – Trinity Sunday | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | | 10am | | | |
| Morning Prayer | 10am | | | | |
| Café Church in Church Room | | | 4pm | | |
| Sunday 11th June – The First Sunday after Trinity | | | | | |
| Benefice Trinity Sunday Open-Air service followed by picnic | | | | 11am | |
| Spring Meditations – on the Life of George Otter, Pilot, Hampshire Churchman: 1916 – ca 2007 | | | | | 6pm |
| Sunday 18th June – The Second Sunday after Trinity | | | | | |
| Holy Communion (BCP) | | | | 8am | |
| Thanksgiving Service for the Fete (in the Marquee) | 10am | | | | |
| Morning Worship | | 10am | | | |
| Sunday 25th June – The Third Sunday after Trinity | | | | | |
| Holy Communion (BCP) | | | | | 8am |
| Morning Worship | | | 10am | 10am | |
| Wednesday 28th June | | | | | |
| Mid-Week Holy Communion | | | 10am | | |

Church Flowers June 2023

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| Wherwell | 3 rd & 10 th June 17 th & 24 th | Celia Fielder Louisa Roberts West |
| Chilbolton | June | Sue Latham |

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was a blessing to have been able to worship with many of you at our Fifth Sunday Holy Communion service at St Peter and Holy Cross in Wherwell last Sunday morning.

For those who were not able to be with us, Andrew Kent read out a statement on behalf of the Bishop of Exeter. I have reprinted it below for you to read now.

It is with a heavy heart that I have made the difficult decision to leave The Downs Benefice after almost ten years of ministry among you. These past few years, my workload has been increasing exponentially, and I have continued in ministry here with no additional clergy support from the diocese forthcoming. A serious accident in which I sustained a fractured skull last December has forced me to accept that I cannot keep working at the pace I have been doing, lest my health and family life suffer any further. I have therefore accepted an invitation to take up a post with the Kingsbridge Estuary Churches Mission Community, a small cluster of three parishes in the South Hams of Devon.

During my time here in The Downs Benefice, I have come to love its people and the holy places in which we worship. My sense of grief at leaving you is difficult to express, save that you will each come with me and remain on my heart. I shall treasure these remaining few months with you and thank you again for the privilege of being able to share the joys and the sorrows of your lives along the way.

There are many people to whom I owe a huge debt of gratitude. I could not have managed to build up this successful benefice without the gifts and skills and huge faith-filled energies of our retired Clergy colleagues and Lay Ministry Team, our Churchwardens and Parish Facilitators and our PCC members. This list barely scratches the surface of the many other folks who also give of their time and energy in dedicated and devoted service to our parish churches, neighbours, local schools, organisations and charities. It is your Christ-shaped work for the love of the other that has made this benefice the special place to which people come in such numbers as they share the key experiences of their lives, giving thanks before God and seeking the sacramental solace of His loving grace for all. Underpinning all this, our Administrator, Caroline McAulay deserves special mention. Mother hen to everyone who crosses her path, Caroline has continued to serve us steadfastly throughout the illness and recent death of her beloved husband, Peter.

I shall be with you until mid-September. My Licensing will take place in Devon (time and venue to be confirmed) on Tuesday, 26th September. Everyone is more than welcome to come along. Before this date, there is a small matter of my marriage to Darren. More about this in the weeks ahead.

Meantime, I thank you all again for the wonderful patience, support and love you have shown me, especially during my recovery and which, I hope, you will continue to extend to me as I transition to a far less onerous Ministry.

With every blessing,
Jax
Revd Jax Machin
Rector, The Downs Benefice

ANNOUNCEMENT – For services on Sunday 30th April 2023. It is announced today that the Reverend Jacqueline Machin has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Kingsbridge Estuary Churches Mission Community in the South Hams of Devon. Jax is presently Rector of The Downs Benefice in the Diocese of Winchester. Jax grew up in Essex and London, read Economic History at the University of Warwick, and later earned an MA in Christian Spirituality from Sarum College, Salisbury. She prepared for ordained ministry on the Southern Theological Educational and Training Scheme in Salisbury. Before ordination, Jax worked first at the Bank of England and later for British Telecom as a commercial economist. She then retrained as a Clinical Psychotherapist, working across Hampshire. Jax was ordained in 2010 and served her initial curacy at Romsey Abbey in Hampshire. She has been Rector of her present benefice since 2014. In her family life, Jax is mother to three adult children. Jax and her fiancé Darren Tilbury look forward to their marriage in early September this year, after which they will take up residence at Dodbrooke Rectory. Subject to the completion of all legal formalities, the Bishop of Exeter will license Jax to her new ministry in the Kingsbridge Estuary Churches on 26th September, during a service at which all will be welcome. Your prayers are asked for Jax and Darren at this time of new beginnings, for God’s continued blessing on the communities of the Downs Benefice and the Kingsbridge Estuary churches, and for Jax as she prepares for this new stage in her life and work as a priest.

Prayer

Give us the grace to work together
to be a Benefice that reaches out and gathers in,
sowing the seeds of faith and Mercy,
making disciples of others
and reaping the harvest of joy
with you who live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Dear Chibolton and Wherwell Friends

Thank you so much to all those of you who visited the shop and tearoom after my letter in April. We had a noticeable upswing in trade but, frustratingly, I have to tell you it has now settled back closer to the original levels.

With energy bills twice as high as last year and wholesale grocery costs still very high, we desperately need you all to support the shop and tearoom on an ongoing basis.

On the positive side, we did well at the Coronation weekend, packaging up 53 pre-ordered afternoon and cream teas, as well as baking lots of cakes for the Abbot's Mitre to support their BBQ. And who knows why, but we unexpectedly had a coach load of visitors from London who had heard what lovely villages we live in. That was crazy.

Now it's back to life as usual, so here's a reminder of what lovely things you can find when you visit us.

The days when beautiful fresh produce arrives in the shop.

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| Mon, Weds, Fri | Fresh vegetables and salads, Nicky's home-made sourdough bread. |
| Weds | Tally Ho! Cheese soufflés from Broughton. |
| Thurs | Greenfields pork products, Fluffets free range eggs, Chalkstream trout. |
| Fri | Burbidge's fresh bread. |
| Every day | Nicky's home-made cakes and scones. |
| From June 9th | Test Valley Devons beef packs in store. |

Supper Clubs

We aim to continue our themed Supper Clubs. Look out for notices in the shop window advertising our June and July dates.

Dinner parties

Fancy an easier way of entertaining? We'll provide you with tasty cooked dishes in ovenware pots for you to heat up at home. Coq au Vin, Chicken Stroganoff, Beef Bourguignon – you name it we can do it.

Group dinners in the tea room

Dinners for you and your friends – tell us what you want to eat and we'll do the rest.



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Outside catering

We've just catered for our first wedding in Hatherden. Could we do something similar for you? Weddings, corporate events, kids' parties, picnics – just let us know. To enquire about any of our *Nicky's Kitchen* services, contact us at shop@chilboltonshopandtearoom.com or **01264 860231**.

And while you're thinking about all of that, come and enjoy breakfast, brunch or afternoon tea in the tearoom.....please.

Lots of Love Nicky

Nicky's Kitchen on the Test

Brunch / All Day Menu - Served Daily

Monday - Saturday between 8am and 3pm, Sunday 9am and 12pm

'The Smasher' - Smashed Avocado served with poached Fluffets eggs on Nicky's toasted sourdough, sprinkled with a hint of heat from chilli and lime £9 (V)

'The Classic Butty' - Fill your butty with either Greenfield Pork bacon or sausages £6
Add a Fluffets Free Range egg fried or an oven baked hash brown (£2 each)

'The Scrambler' - Fluffets Free Range Eggs scrambled on toast £5 (V)

'The Riverside' - Chalk Stream Trout served with scramble eggs and watercress on Nicky's toasted sourdough £10

'The Fill Your Walking Boots' - Nicky's Hampshire all day brunch
Two Greenfield pork sausages and bacon, Fluffets free range egg, mushrooms, tomato, baked beans, hash brown and slice of toast £12

'The Grounded' – The Plant Based choice
Plant-based sausages, avocado, mushrooms, tomato, baked beans, hash brown and a slice of toast £12 (V) (PB)

'The Shakshuka' – A classic Middle Eastern dish, eggs poached in a lightly spiced tomato sauce topped with feta and served with Nicky's sourdough £9 (V)

'Pancake Pleaser' – Drop pancakes with your choice of accompaniments
streaky bacon & honey or berries & yogurt (V) or banana & nutella (V)
(Can be served as a mixed platter for sharing at the table) at £8 per person

'Add ons' - Greenfield bacon, Greenfield sausage, plant-based sausages, avocado, egg, mushrooms and tomato, hash brown, baked beans (£2 each)

(V) - Vegetarian, (PB) - Plant-Based, (GF) - Gluten Free, (DF) - Dairy Free

WHERWELL SCHOOL

FETE

**SUNDAY
11TH JUNE**

12PM - 3.30PM

WWW.WHERWELLSCHOOLPTA.UK

Support **Wherwell Primary School**
by joining in the fun at the summer fete.

Wherwell Primary School, Loneparish Rd, Wherwell, Andover SP11 7JW

No dogs allowed, please leave pets at home

**CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE
AND BBQ**

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 2023

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



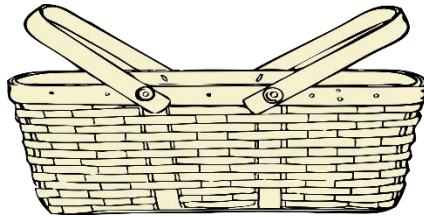
Fun Dog Show

*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
Wendy Fakes 860237*

**CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE
2023**

GRAND DRAW



Any donations of Grand Draw prizes
for this year's Church Fete
will be most gratefully received.
Please drop off at Gandolfo (next to the Shop)
or phone me and I will collect (860852)

I am also hoping to create a "Luxury Hamper"
as one of the prizes, so any gourmet additions
would be greatly appreciated.

Jennie Pope

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE FETE
BROWNIE TOY STALL



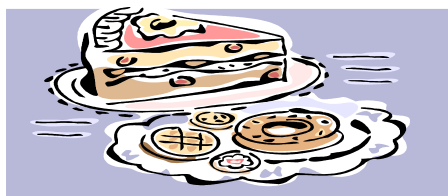
Brownies

Wanted for the Toy Stall being run by the Brownies at the Village Fete:

Good Quality Toys
such as
Jigsaws, Soft toys, Games, Cars.

Please contact Sheila Cooper (Tawny Owl) on 01264 860087.
Can collect if needed.

Thank you for your support.



THE CAKE STALL NEEDS YOU

CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 2023

A request for cakes (including vegan and gluten free), scones, fruit loaves, biscuits and anything else you would like to cook for the cake stall. All contributions will be very much appreciated.

You can either leave your contribution in advance with Maggie Duffy at Charlcott, Branksome Avenue (860267) or bring it to the fete at Watch Cottage by 10.30 am on the Saturday.

Many thanks. Maggie Duffy

**PLANT STALL
CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE**

Saturday 17th June

Calling all local gardeners.

Please sort out spare plants for the plant stall.

Donations can be left by the front door of
Withern, River View Close,
the week before the fete.

Please support the plant stall and come and buy
flowers, fruit, vegetables, herbs and house plants.



Bottle Stall

Church Fete
Saturday 17th June

Please give generously

Door to door collections will
be arranged in June,
alternatively, Nicky at the
shop has kindly agreed to
accept bottles.

Tel: Ed Treadwell 01264 860380

CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE

STALLS

*Please contact the following stallholders
if you have donations*

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| Bottle Tombola | Ed and Maureen Treadwell | 860380 |
| Book Stall | Nigel and Judy Palmer | 860780 |
| Cake Stall | Maggie Duffy | 860267 |
| Grand Draw | Jennie Pope | 860852 |
| Nearly New | Mary Gilbert | 861142 |
| Plants | Jenny Seddon | 861164 |
| Toys | Sheila Cooper | 860087 |

General enquiries to Wendy Fakes 860237
(wendyandrews875@btinternet.com)

Wherwell School News

It seems a long time since King Charles III's coronation, but we had a lovely time in school. Our wonderful kitchen ladies created a picnic lunch for us which we then enjoyed, street party style, in the playground. The British weather did its best to dissuade us of course, but the sun broke through the rain clouds at exactly the right time. Much fun was had, and happy memories were made.

We are hoping that our luck with the weather continues for our upcoming Summer Fete on SUNDAY 11th JUNE. We have lots going on for all ages and we look forward to seeing you there, if you are able to make it. The children plan to entertain us with some singing, as well as a demonstration of Samba percussion, which they are particularly looking forward to. Mrs Elmslie, our music teacher, has been working very hard at building the children's appreciation of rhythm as well as their confidence.

You may recall that we conducted a parent survey back in the Spring Term. We carried out another at the start of the Summer Term and were largely delighted with the results.

| Parent Questionnaire SUMMER 2023 | Strongly agree or agree |
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| My child likes school | 91% |
| My child is making good progress | 91% |
| I am happy with the teaching and learning at the school | 95% |
| Staff treat my child fairly | 95% |
| My child's emotional needs are recognised and developed | 91% |
| The school encourages my child to become mature and independent | 93% |
| I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or a complaint | 97% |
| The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns | 91% |
| The school and its grounds are safe | 99% |
| The school's newsletter is a useful source of information | 100% |
| School expects my child to work hard and do his or her best | 88% |
| The school is led and managed well | 89% |

There are of course some areas that we need to work on. In particular the parents would like more trips and we are therefore in the process of adding more trips to help support the curriculum. We are off to the SeaCity Museum in Southampton to finish off our work on the Titanic, and our younger children will shortly be travelling to The Hillier Garden Centre to further their scientific studies and work on mini-beasts.

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This term we are excited to be welcoming Gold Medal gymnast Kelly Simm as well as a touring drama company for some workshops based around Peter Pan. You may also have passed us as we enjoyed a bluebell walk, for which, of course, we didn't have far to travel. Some of our older children will be heading into the woods with a view to writing their own fictional stories



inspired by the flora and fauna that surround our beautiful setting.

We cannot write here without thanking the community for its support of the Bags2School initiative a few weeks ago. We were staggered by the quantities we received and are pleased to say that between us we raised £252.00 for the school. Thank you very much!

Mandy Ovenden, Headteacher

Wherwell Village Hall

Wherwell Village Hall offers a versatile and practical space that is available for hire for activities and interest groups.

The Hall currently has availability during the week and at weekends. The Management Committee would like to hear from Wherwell residents regarding the types of activities or interest groups that would appeal to them - please email suggestions to Sue Filmer (filmersue@gmail.com).

Fancy Table Tennis?

You can book Wherwell Village Hall and its Table Tennis for a one-off event or on a regular basis.

Table, bats and balls supplied, and 2.5 hours hall rental = £40

For enquiries or bookings go to our website:

<https://www.wherwellparishcouncil.org.uk/wherwell-village-hall>

Wherwell Open Gardens Sunday, 25th June, 1pm – 5pm



The Management Committee of the Wherwell Village Hall invites you to tour 10 Open Gardens!

The gardens range from traditional cottage gardens through to larger modern planting schemes, with some of the gardens bordering the River Test. Whatever your interest in gardening, there is something to delight and inspire you in Wherwell.

Entry by Programme at £7 per person, includes tea/ coffee. All proceeds going toward the care and maintenance of our much-loved Village Hall.

Come and join us for Tea, Coffee, and Cakes.

Thank You for Your Support

We Look Forward to Seeing You There

Chilbolton Open Gardens!

Sunday 2nd July
2pm to 5pm



Chilbolton Parish Council invites you to visit
a variety of gardens, from cottage garden to wild woodland
and everything in between

Tea, coffee and cakes from 3.00pm at Abbots Mead

Entry £6 per person, on sale next to the pub.

Accompanied children under 16 free.

Dogs on leads (Note they may not be allowed in all gardens).
All proceeds to be divided between Hampshire Air Ambulance
and the Parish Council Community Fund.

Thank you for your support

Stockbridge Practice Patient News – May 2023



Text messages with links

If you have a mobile telephone number on your GP records we may send you requests for information by text message. This may be to ask for your height and weight, smoking, blood pressure or medication / condition reviews.

The link will start with <https://patient.accurx.com> and it is a secure way of transmitting data.

CHAT service

The Children's Home Acute Team or CHAT service is a small team of experienced nurses. If your child is very unwell our team may refer to the CHAT service who can provide home visits and telephone support to you. They can also arrange hospital admission if your child's condition worsens.

Appointments

For our April meeting the Patient Participation Group asked for information on the number of appointments provided by the surgery in March 2023 compared with the previous year. We also provided a comparison with 2019, before the covid pandemic:

| Month and year | Total number of appointments at the surgery (face to face + telephone) |
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| March 2019 | 3321 appointments |
| March 2022 | 4350 appointments |
| March 2023 | 4503 appointments |

The number of patients registered at the surgery has only increased by 0.8% between 2019 and 2023. As a reminder, you can choose whether to have a face to face appointment or a telephone appointment. On some occasions, the GP will advise that you have to be seen face to face due to the need for examination.

Pharmacist appointments

Last month we welcomed Jane Birch-Tomlinson, Clinical Pharmacist to our team. She is qualified to prescribe and will be offering telephone appointments to patients regarding medication.

Come to the Movies!

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

'Living' (12)

Starring

Bill Nighy, Aimee Lou Wood, Alex Sharp and Tom Burke

An ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine,
at the 11th hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into
something wonderful

Friday, 2nd June, 2023

Doors open 6.30 pm

Film commences 7.15 pm

Tickets £5.00 - In advance, with NO Booking Fee
Or £6.00 - On the door (subject to availability)

Tea/coffee and biscuits available 6.30 pm - 7 pm

Wine, beer, orange juice and choc ices
will be on sale

To book your ticket, please ring:

Beryl Lawrence on 01264 860618
or E-mail dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk

Diary Dates

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| 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 |

June

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| 1 | U3A talk | CVH | 2:00 pm |
| 2 | Chilbolton Movie | CVH | 6.30 for 7.15 pm |
| 3 | Wherwell Coffee Morning | WVH | 10.30 - 12.00 |
| 5 | Chilbolton PC & Planning | CVH | 6.00 - 8.30 pm |
| 5 | Wherwell Fitsteps Taster | WVH | 6:00 pm |
| 6 | <i>AD hoc advert deadline</i> | | |
| 8 | COSC | CVH | 6.30 - 8.30 pm |
| 10 | <i>Copy deadline for July</i> | | |
| 10 | Janet's Bingo | HGC | 7.30 - 8.00 pm |
| 11 | Wherwell School Fete | Wherwell School | 12.00 - 3.30 pm |
| 11 | Spring Meditation | Wherwell Church | 6.00 pm |
| 14 | Chilbolton Coffee Morning | CVH | 10.30 - 12.00 |
| 16 | Church Fete set up | Watch Cottage | 5.00 pm |
| 16 | Wherwell History AGM + DVD | CVH | 8.00 pm |
| 17 | Help for Fete Stall Holders | Watch Cottage | 9:00 am |
| 17 | Chilbolton Church Fete | Watch Cottage | 12.30 - 3.30 pm |
| 19 | Chilbolton Planning | CVH | 6.00 - 6.30 pm |
| 20 | Horticulture Visit | Dummer Down Farm | 1.30 pm |
| 21 | U3A Summer Party | Horsebridge Station | 6.00 - 8.00 pm |
| 23 | Gin & Rum Night | WHC | 8.00 - 11.00 pm |
| 25 | Wherwell Open Gardens | Wherwell | 1.00 - 5.00 pm |
| 25 | Simon's Quiz | HGC | 7.30 for 8.00 pm |

July

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| 1 | Wherwell Coffee Morning | WVH | 10.30 - 12.00 |
| 2 | Chilbolton Open Gardens | Chilbolton | 2.00 - 5.00 pm |
| 3 | CPC & Planning | CVH | 6.00 - 8.30 pm |
| 8 | Conservation in Chilbolton | West Down & Common | 10.30 am |

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

June

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| Thur 1 st Fri 2 nd | Integr8's Aladdin - Performed by a cast of young performers from 4 to adult 7pm Thurs, Fri Matinée 2pm Aladdin will entertain, amaze and delight Winchester SO23 8SB 01962 840440 |
| Sat 3 rd Sun 4 th | Visit a garden - Winchester College, SO23 9NA 11-4pm The Hospital of St Cross - Winchester 2pm – 5pm SO23 9SD (Sunday only) Tickets at the gate |
| Sun 11 th 10am – 4pm | Second Sundays brings together seasonal food and drink producers, designer-makers and artists alongside street food, craft drinks, workshops, and music on the second Sunday of every month in Andover town centre. |
| Sun 11 th 2pm | Top Secret: The Magic of Science - Hold on to your seats as Theatre Royal Winchester is transformed into a real-life science laboratory and lots of unbelievable "how did they do that!" moments. SO23 8SB 01962 840440 |
| Sat 17 th | Brahms Violin Concerto at St Paul's Church in Winchester SO22 5AB - Featuring Winchester Chamber Orchestra - classical orchestral music with violin soloist (7:00pm) |
| Sun 25 th | Andover's brand-new festival will provide an opportunity for local residents to discover new ideas and activities to promote a healthy mind and body. Andover town centre |
| Tue 27 th | An Evening with Lionel Richie at Broadlands near Romsey SO51 9ZD. Musical icon Lionel Richie will perform a spectacular open-air concert. Doors open 5pm https://www.viagogo.co.uk/Concert-Tickets/R+B-Urban-Soul/Lionel-Richie-Tickets/E-151196462 |
| Fri 30 th | THE DIANA ROSS STORY at the Anvil in Basingstoke (amazing acoustics) - fronted by two international Diana Ross performers: Cherie Jade (The Supremes) and Tameka Jackson 7:30pm 01256 844244 |

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

Chilbolton's Victorian Summerhouse

THE Victorians were very fond of summerhouses, some were ornate, substantial flint and brick structures which served several functions.

They became a focal point in a formal garden and a centre piece for their beloved tea parties after croquet on the lawn. Several, which were demolished during Andover's development programme, also had cellars. These were used to store huge blocks of ice, insulated with straw, gathered in the Winter to cool summer drinks in an age before refrigerators.



There is a Victorian summer house built into, or leant against an ancient chalk and cob wall of Chilbolton churchyard. It is a rather beautiful and unique building, now sadly in need of renovation. It appears to be constructed of planks with a decorative timber cladding and the small leaded panes in the windows are a curious feature. It may well be a 'one-off' job by a now forgotten village craftsman.

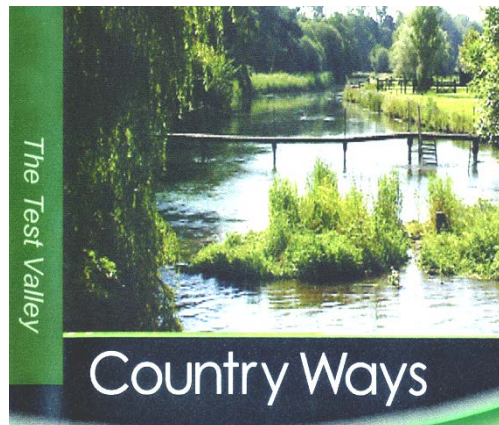
How it came to be in a churchyard is a mystery. It may have been intended to be a memorial to a lost loved one and may have been used to house the parish bier. Most parishes had one, and Chilbolton was certainly no exception. These were usually hired out for parish funerals and provided an additional source of revenue for the church.

Many of Chilbolton's early records have been lost, so the mystery of its origin and use of what might be considered an unusual feature of a country churchyard may well remain an intriguing puzzle.

Undated news cutting by George Brickell

If any reader has additional information about the summer house in Chilbolton churchyard, please email wherwellhistory@gmail.com

Wherwell History Group – Programme of Talks



June 16th

AGM

followed by excerpts from a
Country Ways DVD "The
Test Valley"

8pm at

Chilbolton Village Hall

- Chapter 4, Clatfords, May 2000
- Chapter 5, Chilbolton, February 1997
- Chapter 6, Danebury Hill, November 1999
- Chapter 11, Mottisfont, July 2002
- Chapter 12, Wellows, August 1994

Programme of Talks for Autumn 2023

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| September | Tom England | The History of 238 Squadron |
| October | John Roberts-West | A history of the West & De la Warr families |
| November | Dr. Ellie Pridgeon | Medieval Wall Paintings in Hampshire Churches |

All talks are free to Members, otherwise the admission fee is £5, per talk.

Are you a Facebook User?

To help advertise our talks, showcase latest additions to our website or generate comments about photographs (people and places) which are difficult to recognise or locate, Wherwell History Group is searching for help with a new Facebook Group; specifically, help with creating posts and keeping the content free of advertising. Please chat with Andrew (01264 860560) if you think you may be able to help. Thank you.

Andrew Flanagan

Wherwell History Group – Puzzle Corner

Wherwell History Group was recently given a family scrapbook of unknown origin, because it was purchased as a ‘job lot’. Two of the photos are labelled ‘Wherwell’



“Hilda & Elsie CHANT”
early 1920’s

Both these girls are listed in the Wherwell Marriage Register (see below). Their father was William Stanley Chant, who died 20th April 1957, aged 91, whilst living at 2 Fairpiece.

August 1st 1931,

OXFORD George Henry (Builders Clerk of Wherwell)

& **CHANT Margaret Elsie (Wherwell)**

Fathers: George John OXFORD (Railway Clerk)
& William Stanley CHANT (Dairyman)

Witnesses: Hilda S.CHANT & Charles SMEATON

April 22nd 1935

DURRANT Maurice Lloyd (Post Office Clerk of Epsom)

& **CHANT Hilda Susan (Wherwell)**

Fathers: Charles DURRANT (Insurance Supervisor)
& William Stanley CHANT (Dairyman)

Witnesses: Leslie G DURRANT & Dorothy B DARLOW



“Denis & Eileen DITCHAM”
early 1920’s

There is a solitary reference in the Wherwell Baptism Register: February 1st 1920, Eileen Sonia, daughter of Aubrey Oswald & Amelia Alice DITCHAM, Wherwell Butler (bom 24-11-1919)

Does any reader have information on the CHANT and DITCHAM families or know how ‘Chant Close’ acquired its name? Please email WHG at wherwellhistory@gmail.com Thank you.

Andrew Flanagan

Chilbolton and Wherwell Gardening Club

**Visit to Worth Earth's Market Garden Dummer.
Tuesday June 20th**

Worthy Earth – Dummer Down Farm Organic Vegetables, fruit and flowers.

Inspired by the Regenerative Agriculture movement, they envisioned and created a no-dig market garden during the Autumn and winter of 2020.

All produce is grown naturally and sustainably, without the use of chemicals and pesticides.

By car share, departing Chilbolton 1:30pm

Non-members welcome, no entry fee.

Refreshments available for purchase at the site

Contact: Jenny Seddon tel: 01264 861164

Chilbolton Parish Council

The Coronation is over and King Charles III is safely on his throne.

This happy event was enjoyed by all and went off without any apparent hitches. This was a very busy time for everyone and all parish functions went well apart from the unpleasant odours from the Tunnel Tech plant processing compost for mushroom cultivation.

Tunnel Tech has contracts that are in place to enclose the conveyor system which is the worst smell producer. This work should be complete by the end of September and then a review will be undertaken to establish whether further enclosure is required. Tunnel Tech have agreed to come to a public meeting in the Chilbolton village hall towards the end of August to explain what is being done and to answer questions. They are certainly aware of the problems that they are inflicting on residents of Chilbolton and nearby villages.

No election of Parish Councillors was necessary in Chilbolton as the number of nominations was the same as the number of councillors. The parish council congratulates Cllr. David Drew on his re-election for the Harewood Ward that includes Chilbolton Parish.

A new Local Plan (LP) now being prepared by Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) will only be issued about October.

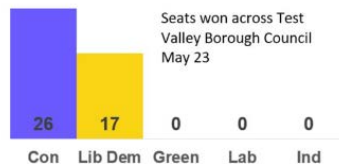
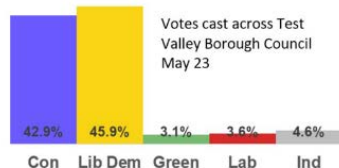
This will be a draft LP and the Strategic Working Group (SWG) will arrange a public meeting to explain the LP and hear the views of local people before

submitting the Chilbolton response. This will probably be towards the end of the year when timings are known.

Finally, it is worth repeating that 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 all to protect our common which is an important Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It may be necessary to close the parking area over busy weekends and public holidays.

Tony Ewer, Chairman Chilbolton Parish Council. June 2023

Local Election Results



Now that the dust has settled on this year’s local elections, we’d like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave candidates such a warm welcome during the campaign. This ward had the highest turnout in the whole of Test Valley (48.1%) and that reflects the huge levels of informed engagement from residents of all political persuasions.

In the end the result was a close-run thing, with the Conservatives winning in Harewood by 51 votes. As you can see from the chart, the vote was pretty close across the entire Test Valley.

Congratulations to David Drew who remains our Borough Councillor. We will continue to support him to ensure that TVBC delivers on the key issues you told us were your priorities: community-led planning and development, supporting local businesses and protecting our environment.

Best wishes,

*David Hall – Chair Test Valley Lib Dems
Duncan Clark - Lib Dem Representative, Harewood Ward*



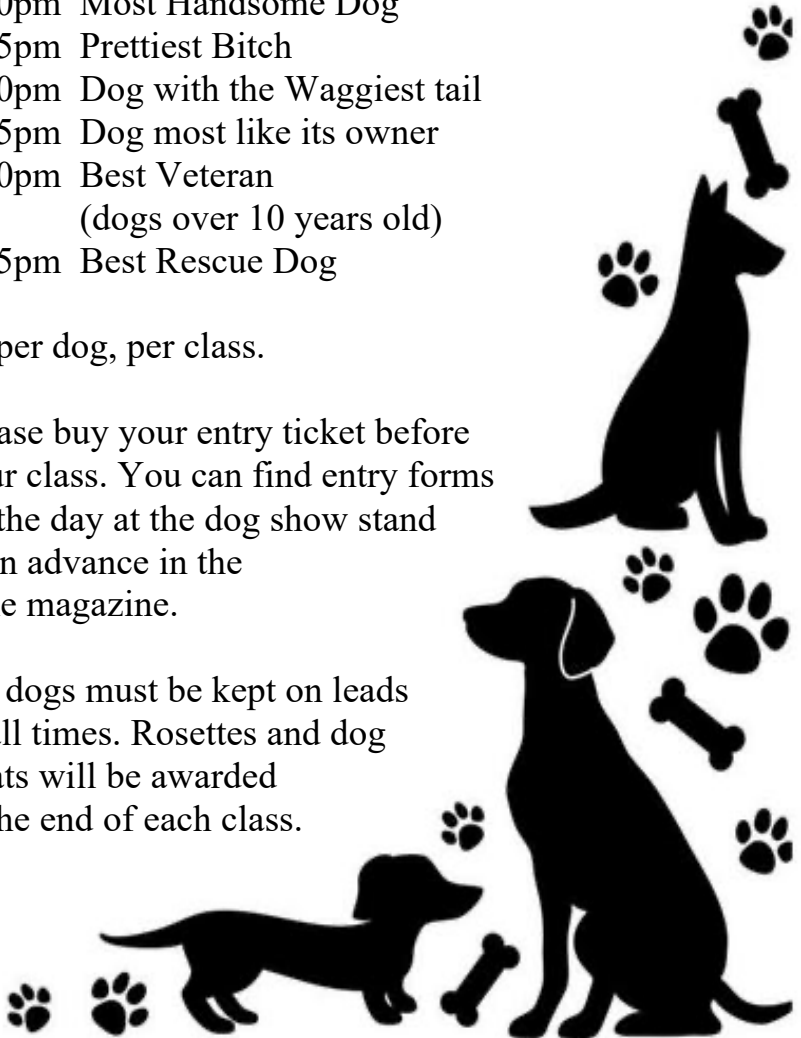
CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE
FUN DOG SHOW PROGRAMME

- 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 CHURCH FETE

FUN DOG SHOW ENTRY FORM

ENTRIES £2 PER DOG, PER CLASS

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|--------------|-------------|
| Owner's Name | |
| Dog's Name | Dog / Bitch |

Please tick the class/classes below
that you would like your dog
to be entered into:

| | |
|--|--|
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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

To assist in the setting up
and clearance of
Chilbolton Church Fete
16th-17th June 2023.



Friday 16th June. 5.00pm.

To erect marquees and gazebos, move tables and chairs.
Retire to the Abbots Mitre afterwards.

Saturday 17th 9.00am.

To assist stallholders during the morning setup.

Saturday 17th 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, a
t the bottom of Station Road,
kindly hosted by Diana & Paul Leonard

If you can come along,
please let Wendy Fakes know on 01264 860237
during the week leading up to the fete

Test Villages U3A

Thursday 1st June at 2pm at Chilbolton Village Hall

‘2020: The year my wheelie bin went out more than I did’

Jill Bentall retired in 2014 after two decades of service as a vicar in Andover and its surrounding villages.

In this talk, Jill looks back at the Covid pandemic, recalling memories and knowledge gained, and how we use this to move forward. She shares amusing anecdotes as well as looking at the history of vaccination and earlier pandemics, including the Black Death.

Test Villages u3a meets on the first Thursday of every month in Chilbolton Village Hall. Doors open at 1.40pm, and the presentation is followed by refreshments.

Also this month: **Members Summer Party**. Wednesday 21st June 6pm to 8pm in the grounds of Horsebridge Station. Information on how members can buy tickets can be found at u3asites.org.uk/test-villages

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



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WHERWELL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION 200 CLUB

WPF 200 Hundred Club helps to maintain and enhance the facilities that are enjoyed not only by Wherwell Football and Cricket clubs but by several other sports clubs including the very popular Saturday morning Wherwell Junior Football Club.

Wherwell School also benefits from the facilities and many children from in and around Wherwell enjoy the playground equipment.

Annual Subscription is only £15 with a total of 30 prizes a year comprising of two monthly prizes of £25 , plus £50 prizes in March, June, September and additional prizes of £100 and £250 in December.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

To join the club please contact:-

John Andrews Tel: 01264 860635 or 07730 412394

or email flyjohnandrews@aol.com

REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!

Help needed for Chilbolton Open Gardens on 2nd July

2nd July: Two people needed to help serve tea, coffee & cakes.

Calling all cake-makers – we are providing teas for visitors to the gardens and would be grateful for any home-made cakes

30 June: – we will need a couple of strong people to help set up a large gazebo (for teas) at Abbots Mead

If you can help, please contact:

Sue Larcombe: CllrLarcombe.ChilboltonPC@hotmail.com Tel 860277
or Tessa Youell: tessa@carbrybooks.co.uk Tel 860368

Feed the Andover food bank

Update

The regular donations to the Food Bank, that residents of Wherwell and Chilbolton make, are very much appreciated as sadly the number of referrals to the Food Bank continues to increase every week.

If you have never donated any items please could you consider donating maybe one or two of the items listed below now?

Donating a tin of meat, plus some tins of vegetables including potatoes or packets of instant mash could provide a nourishing meal for family.

Donations of any of the items below are always appreciated

- Tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, biscuits, snacks
- Fruit juice, squash
- Cereals, rice, soup
- Pasta sauce, ketchup, tomato puree
- Tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, jelly, instant whip, angel delight
- Baby food
- Household cleaning items, bin bags, toilet rolls,
- Personal hygiene items including children's toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Pet food, poop bags
- Treats for children are very much appreciated

Please help if you can. 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:

Tel: 860635

email: flyjohnndrews@aol.com

To support by standing order please contact the Food Bank at
www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk

Jane Andrews

Wherwell Coffee Morning

**Saturday, 3rd June
Everyone Welcome**



Please Join Us...

- **Saturday 3rd June, 10:30 til 12 noon
at Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street**
 - Coffee, Tea and Biscuits
 - Free Raffle Entry with Admission
 - All for £1.50 per person

... and on the...

- **First Saturday of every Month throughout the
year**

Fitsteps Dance Classes...
are coming to
Wherwell



FUN while you Stay Fit

Please join us for a FREE Taster Session

Wherwell Village Hall

Monday, 5th June, 6:00pm

Questions or more info: judyconte@btinternet.com

Simon's Sunday Quiz

25th June 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 -&- Saturday 10th June

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

Friday 23rd June * GIN & RUM NIGHT**



8pm - 11pm

Tickets £15 - contact Sandie 07584 673 993

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.



[Their Finest Hour - an opportunity for involvement](#)

We have been contacted by **Their Finest Hour** a University of Oxford project that aims to collect and digitally archive the everyday stories and objects of the Second World War that have been passed down from generation to generation. They would like to make individuals and groups aware of the project and get them involved.

The project's aim is simple: to collect and digitally archive as many of the stories and objects that have been passed down to us from the WW2 generation as possible. The stories and digitised objects will be made available in a free-to-use online archive in June 2024. Their primary method of collecting stories and objects is by training an army of volunteers from across the UK to organise '[Digital Collection Days](#)' in their communities - in libraries, museums, places of worship, schools, universities, and so on. Members of the public can also directly upload stories and photos of objects to our online archive.

If you or your group would like to organise a Digital Collection Day they offer free training sessions to equip you with all the skills and knowledge required to organise and run a Digital Collection Day in your community. Or you can just go along to one of the Digital Collection Days with any Second World War-related stories and objects that have been passed down to you to be digitised and uploaded to their online archive.

[You can find details about these events here.](#)

ONLINE TRAINING SESSION (13-Jun-23)

Tuesday 13 June, 5:00pm-8.00pm, Microsoft Teams

Spring Meditations at Wherwell Church

We have greatly enjoyed presenting the meditations on three very different characters this Spring, and we now have only one meditation left.

The offering for June is on George Otter,
a figure known well to people from around Quarley.
Please come along and hear about this fascinating man.

As usual, this meditation will be held at 6 pm in the church, and will last for around thirty minutes, and be followed by refreshments.

11 June 2023

George Otter, pilot, Hampshire churchman,
AD 1916 – ca AD 2007

CONSERVATION IN CHILBOLTON

Saturday 8th July 2023 10.30am - Pencil the date



We need YOU!! Everyone, young and old is welcome!! Come and see. Thistles and ragwort need to be cut on The Common and West Down. Help the Open Spaces Committee and Hampshire Conservation volunteers look after our much-loved green spaces.

Watch for notices online and in the shop to see where work needs to be done first. The ragwort on West Down hasn't appeared yet. If there isn't much we'll concentrate on thistles on the Common. Learn about the Common and West Down from COSC members.



Recipe of the month

**Rhubarb and
Strawberry Fool**
(from Jane's Kitchen)
Serves 4



Rhubarb, some experts say, should not be pulled after the end of June. The stems lose flavour, can become soft and the crown is weakened causing a poor crop the following year.

So get baking!!!

Ingredients:

- *250g rhubarb, chopped and cut into small chunks*
- *60g caster sugar*
- *100g strawberries, washed and hulled*
- *250ml double cream*

Method:

- Cook rhubarb with a small amount of sugar until soft
- Crush strawberries and add to cooked rhubarb while still hot
- Allow mixture to cool
- Bring cream and remainder of the sugar to just boiling point
- Allow to cool slightly and then stir into the fruit
- Pour into serving glasses or bowl and refrigerate for at least 5 hours

Note from editor:

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