

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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July 2023

So, here we are, mid-June, longest day, parched lawns, fabulous roses and at long last a bit of summer warmth without the cold East wind. Hopefully, this is the season to enjoy some outdoor events, with Open Gardens, a village Fete, Opera, Romeo & Juliet, 'Wheels & Wings' and the annual visit from Winchester Morris Men. Elsewhere, we have monthly Coffee Mornings, Quizzes, Tales of a Roving Reporter, another Collection for Ukraine and HCC invites residents to comment on options for tackling a forecast budget deficit of £132m. Happy days!

Andrew Flanagan

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Church Matters
The Downs Benefice
The Reverend Jax Machin, Rector



The Rectory, Church Lane, Littleton, SO22 6QY

From the Church Records – May 2023

| Service | Date | Name (s) |
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| Chilbolton | | |
| Wedding | 27 th May | Oliver Porter & Holly Jebbitt |
| Wherwell | | |
| Funeral & Burial | 10 th May | Sarah Smith |

Dear Friends,

‘I have learned the secret of being happy in everything that happens.’
(*Philippians 4: 12*)

I am about to marry a worrier! It would appear I’m surrounded by them. People I dearly love whose default button is to worry about all sorts of situations long before they ever manifest. Though it would not be honest of me to say there have never been times in my life when I have worried deeply about something or, more likely, someone, I have learned not to stress excessively about events I cannot change, like the outcome of a blood test.

What usually serves to worry me is best described as a ‘performance anxiety’ – when I know the responsibility for something is mine and mine alone. Usually, I can offset this sort of stress by getting my metaphorical ducks in a row: listening to sound advice; delegating to others with superior expertise and wisdom, and so on. A notable exception to this would be my annual self-assessment tax return, to which Caroline, my beloved Administrator will attest, has me running to the Post Office at the ‘hens teeth’ end of the deadline, all too predictably stressed out of my brains, shouting as I run ‘Next year I will definitely do this differently!’

What usually helps me avoid anxiety, then, is being prepared. Part of my personal ‘risk assessment’ for calm daily living is to try to eat and drink carefully, observe the law and live a prayerful life following the teachings of my Lord and Saviour. Underpinning everything I could ever worry about is my secret weapon: a conviction that I am loved by God, and despite all my manifest faults, Jesus’ resurrection has saved my eternal soul. This is exactly the message St Paul is conveying to the people of Philippi from the grimy depths of his Roman prison cell. Paul’s letter is one of joyful thanksgiving and encouragement to the Philippian church. In a nutshell, he says, ‘Keep on praying and living your lives in and through the Lord.’

By Paul’s own admission, he moved from being the ‘worst sinner in history’ as a murderer of Christians to becoming the most respected calm, content and even joyful teacher of the Gospels of Christ the world has ever known. How did he do this? By dedicating his life to serving Jesus. Paul learned that joy does not come from our outward existence but from our inward strength – having the courage to live a life following the teachings of Jesus and getting to trust our lives faithfully into His grace and power. In Christ’s love we have nothing to fear.

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This summer, I pray that whether you will be taking time for rest and refreshment or facing the agonies of your own or a loved one's illness or personal circumstances, you will take some time each day to give thanks for the joy that exists in your life – whether that is the blessing of a sunny day, the sweet sound of birdsong, a delicious meal or the gift of life itself. The answer to our true contentment in life comes not from material possessions, beautiful and uplifting though many of these undoubtedly are, but in the pure joy of rooting our perspectives, our priorities and our source of power in Christ Jesus our Lord, who has come to bring us His strength and His grace that we might know true peace.

Yours, in the contentment of faith,

Jax
Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer

Loving and all giving God,
Thank You for Your gift of joy and for Your fruit of rejoicing
in all that is good upon the earth.
Help us to give all our thoughts and worries to you,
for ourselves and for those we love,
Especially those fears which threaten to diminish our perspectives
on all you give us in Your grace.
Thank You, Father for the joy of Your heavenly medicine,
Which comes to us through the power of Your Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
May we never cease to trust in the power of His love,
And rejoice in You all the days of our life.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

| Services July 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 2nd July – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | | 10am | | | |
| Morning Prayer | 10am | | | | |
| Café Church in Church Room | | | 4pm | | |
| Sunday 9th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity | | | | | |
| Family Communion | | | 10am | | |
| Morning Prayer | | | | | 10am |
| Sunday 16th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity | | | | | |
| Holy Communion (BCP) | | | | 8am | |
| Holy Communion | 10am | | | | |
| Morning Worship | | 10am | | | |
| Sunday 23rd July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity | | | | | |
| Holy Communion (BCP) | | | | | 8am |
| Morning Worship | | | 10am | 10am | |
| Wednesday – 26th July | | | | | |
| Mid-Week Holy Communion | | | 10am | | |
| Sunday 30th July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity | | | | | |
| 5 th Sunday Benefice Family Communion | 10am | | | | |

Kathy Edwards

It was with great sadness that Chilbolton Parish Council learnt of Kathy's death in April. Kathy was a valued member of the Village Neighbourhood Plan working group which she joined several years ago. Her knowledge of local government, planning and policies was hugely helpful when we were formalising the plan.

More recently she again became a valued member of the Strategy Group, discussing and planning for the future of the village over the next 40 years. She attended our last meeting in February.

The Parish Council wish to send their condolences to her family and friends.

CHILBOLTON AND WHERWELL GARDEN GROUP

‘AN EVENING IN A MEMBER’S GARDEN’

7.00pm Tuesday 19th July

This is a member’s only event to include wine and light refreshments

Please phone 01264 861164 for details

Exciting Visitor to Stocks Green

You may have noticed as you drive through the village that Stocks Green, opposite the church, has not been cut recently. The exciting reason is that numerous bee orchids (*Ophrys apifera* for those of a botanical bent) were spotted growing on the Green in their early leaf stage and are now in full and splendid bloom.



There are about 13 in total, I keep spotting more as they come into flower. These are a delight to see, and we think that they have come from one original plant that appeared in the churchyard during lockdown when it was not being mowed.

To preserve these fine plants, the Green will not be cut for the foreseeable future, and we hope that we can establish the colony permanently. There are many other species that are settling in as well, such as Horseshoe vetch, Rough Hawkbit, Clover, Marjoram, plus more which need to flower for my plant ID skills to identify.

Jenny Hamilton

TEST VILLAGES U3A

Thursday 6th July

2pm in Chilbolton Village Hall

“Tales of a Roving Reporter”

Alan Jones has enjoyed a variety of careers, each bringing its own unique experiences and events. He is a trained nurse, hypnotherapist and BBC journalist; these careers, and others, provide a wealth of anecdotes to fill his talks with fun, information and discovery.

He shares twenty years of weird, wonderful, and downright crazy stories, from nudists to royalty, dangerous animals, and nervous Bishops. Anything can happen and go wrong when there is a “Live Microphone”. Enjoy anecdotes from the unfortunate experiences of a radio reporter and discover what really happens “On” and “Off Air”!

Test Villages U3A meets on the **first Thursday of every month** in Chilbolton Village Hall. Doors open at 1.40pm 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 <https://www.u3a.org.uk>, or see the latest on our Test Villages group at <https://u3asites.org.uk/test-villages>



Ringling for the Coronation



On the 6th May across the country church bells rang out to celebrate the Coronation of our new King, Charles III. Here in Wherwell we also did our bit, chiming on our Ellacombe Chiming Device as from 4.00pm on the day with our five bells. Our chiming team gathered in the ringing

chamber and over the course of an hour chimed out much of our repertoire including renderings of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, Winchendon Place Doubles and call changes including, obviously, the King and Queens Convention.



Our chiming team comprises of Rosemary Parnell, Liz Blakemore, Maggie Duffy, Stefan Lipa, David Etchells, Jayne Walukiewicz and Mike Gee. Another member, Richard Jukes, was unfortunately not able to join us.

Sadly, opportunities to ring these days have become more limited with the Diocese only allocating for St Peter & Holy Cross one Family Service each month. However, we are still chiming for weddings with three due later this year, including Saturday 29th July, when Jayne's daughter Johanna will marry Samuel Brown.

We are still having the occasional practice evening and, in an effort to make better use of our historic bells, which were cast in 1707, have recently had discussions with Wherwell School to see how some of the children from the school could get involved.

David Etchells

Wherwell School Fete

We were delighted to see so many people from Chilbolton and Wherwell at our PTA Summer Fete on the 11th June. It turned into a scorching hot day but the children didn't let this put them off their performances. FL Dance put on a fantastic show with a great many of the Wherwell School children amongst them and the classes sang their songs beautifully. The Samba percussion group thoroughly enjoyed marching out from the hall to the arena and had great fun demonstrating the instruments of the Samba percussion band. With music provided by Test Valley Brass and the K & D Duo Band performing some cracking songs, bouncy castles, many stalls and games, and of course the BBQ, beer and tea tents there really was something for everyone.



The whole event had a lovely atmosphere and it was a pleasure to be part of it. Huge thanks to our PTA who put in an incredible amount of work both before and on the day – it was a huge success!



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Back in May, Wherwell Primary School received an inspection from Ofsted. We are delighted to report that we remain a ‘Good’ School. Ofsted say “There is a strong sense of community...Pupils and parents like coming to this friendly school”. They go on to say “Pupils behave well in class and focus on their learning. Expectations of their behaviour are high, clear and easy to understand. Teachers and support staff demonstrate these expectations and help pupils to meet them...Staff have high aspirations of what pupils can do, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Pupils rise to the challenge and achieve. This is because leaders have thought carefully about what they want pupils to learn...Pupils benefit from a wide range of opportunities”.

You can read the full report on our website www.wherwellprimary.co.uk and clicking on ‘Key Information’. You will find ‘Ofsted Report’ listed in the ‘Pages’ menu. I would like to offer my personal thanks our community for engaging with, and supporting our lovely school in the way that you do.

Mandy Ovenden (Headteacher)

A Splendid Hampshire Summer!



The team at **Chilbolton-based Local Zero** is now enjoying their third summer bringing the best of local produce and zero-waste shopping to customers all across Hampshire. Simple online ordering and free delivery in electric vehicles is helping grow business for local producers such as Test Valley Devons, Oaktrack Smallholding, New Forest Fruit, Lusso Leaf, Kirk House Honey, Broughton Growers – and many more.

It is also one of Local Zero’s key aims to help local retailers thrive and grow our local economy. We are proud to promote **Chilbolton Village Stores** and **Nicky’s Kitchen on the Test** which provides a unique and invaluable service to our villages. Have you tried those beautiful cakes?!

By sharing suppliers and delivery capability Local Zero and Chilbolton Stores aim to work together to complement each other. Customers can reduce their carbon footprint, ditch additional food miles and get much of what they need without ever leaving the village.

Please do your bit to support your local businesses and help save the planet. Why not pop in and see **Nicky and the team** and visit **Local Zero** at www.local-zero.co.uk ?

David Hall

Wherwell Coffee Morning



Saturday 1st July, 10:30 - 12noon
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
Everyone Welcome

Saturday 15th July 2023

10.30am to 12noon



at Chilbolton Village Hall

Meeting **once a month** for a drink and a friendly chat

£1.50

Includes tea/coffee, biscuits and a raffle ticket

Wherwell's Fit Steps Dance Class

is off to a flying start



at Wherwell Village Hall

The 'taster session' in June was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd and now Monday sessions - 6pm to 7pm – are firmly booked in many of our diaries...

Fit Steps is a fitness programme ... designed around the dance rhythms you may have heard and watched on 'Strictly' - but it is NOT a Dance Instruction class.

FUN while you Stay Fit

It is a 'follow along fitness class' where you just turn up, enjoy the music, the company and move along to the music... you come along in a pair of trainers, NOT dancing shoes.

Why not come join us and give it a try.
Any questions or for more info,
contact: judyconte@btinternet.com

Judy Conte

Collecting for Ukraine – UPDATE

Ever since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, our lovely friend, Olga Kott, has worked tirelessly to raise money, send goods and generally support her country of birth in any way possible.

Although Olga has been settled in the UK for many years, her parents, sister and wider family still live in Ukraine. Even more worrying for Olga, the front line is now adjacent to her home city, Zaporizhzhia. How stressful that must be!

We have supported Ukraine in a very small way by holding bi-monthly collections of goods to take to Olga to forward to the front line and an Orphanage.



The deliberate damage to the Kakhovka dam causing widespread and devastating flooding to 29 towns and villages, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless has brought another cruel dimension to this awful war.



In an e-mail Olga said “I can’t believe it’s happening to our country. Real disaster! So many people lost their homes forever but the most heart-breaking they lost their pets or their own lives.” The harrowing photos of the traumatised dog and almost totally submerged homes, illustrate the devastating consequences of this dreadful disaster.

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Next Collection for Ukraine

Saturday 8th July between 10.00am – 12noon

at Wherwell Home Guard Club

The list of items is shown below **BUT** if you'd rather make a donation, extra funds are desperately needed to buy dog and cat food for those pets rescued from the flood waters, sadly so many others have drowned. The money will be forwarded to Ukraine as animal food is cheaper to buy there and it saves on transport costs. **The link to Olga's Just Giving page is** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/xk4vq-stand-with-ukraine>

For our July collection, we would be grateful for:

- First Aid items, especially
- **Bandages & Tourniquets**
- Colds/Flu medication
- Sore throat lozenges
- Pain relief (eg: Paracetamol)
- Sleeping bags & mats
- Underwear (new only please)
- Socks
- Any Army clothes
- Power banks & connectors
- Torches
- Batteries (AA and AAA)

Summer clothes and shoes in good, clean condition for adults and children evacuated from the flooded areas

Games, colouring books, crayons, Lego and sweets for children

PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T BRING OTHER ITEMS AS THERE ARE NO STORAGE FACILITIES

Thank you all very much, Pam Flanagan (01264 860560)



Music for a Summer's Evening

St Peter's Church, Stockbridge, SO20 6HF
Saturday, July 8th 7.30pm
Conductor: Jamal Sutton

Including

- Little Jazz Madrigals, Bob Chilcott
- Songs and Sonnets from Shakespeare, George Shearing
- Three Elizabethan Part Songs, Vaughan Williams

Tickets: £16 (Concessions £1 for age 18 and under)
Online at ticketsource.co.uk/southern-voices (booking fee applies)
Telephone bookings 0333 666 3366 (booking fee + £1.75)
Also on the door

SOUTHERN VOICES
registered charity no 1581038
www.southernvoices.co.uk

Southern Voices: Music for a Summer's Evening
8th July 2023, 7.30pm
St Peter's Church, Stockbridge, SO20 6HF

The programme for this concert by a Winchester-based Chamber Choir will be a summer fizz of madrigals, folksongs and toe-tapping jazz. Two very special musicians provide accompaniment: **Nicholas Sawley** (Head of Keyboard, Winchester College) and **Alastair Hume** (founder member of the King's Singers). The choir's brilliant new conductor **Jamal Sutton** will be in charge.



The concert programme will include Little Jazz Madrigals by Bob Chilcott, Songs & Sonnets from Shakespeare by George Shearing and Three Elizabethan Part Songs by Vaughan Williams.

Tickets £16 (Concessions £1 for age 18 and under) at the door, or from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/southern-voices>
Telephone 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply).

Southern Voices is well established in Winchester and the South and 2024 will mark their 40th Anniversary year. See the choir's website: <https://www.southernvoices.co.uk> for information on this and more details about becoming a member, a friend and much more.

Brenda Sims

ADMES Steaming through the bluebells 2023

Back in 2019, in the pre-covid world, Andover and District Model Engineering Society (ADMES) took part in A Weekend of Wherwell – a fundraising weekend with various events taking place to raise funds for The Countess of Brecknock Hospice.



Since Covid, ADMES has continued this tradition as an annual public open day at our railway, offering rides to the public – a very rare opportunity to visit an otherwise members-only site.

There was also an engineering display and trains on the garden railway too, to add entertainment. The last two years have seen this take place during the bluebell season – it's when our little slice of woodland comes alive and turns into a deep carpet of blue. Rides take about 13 minutes as the route is over a mile long and includes some fierce gradients as you head out of Red Rice station and away up towards Clatford. Of course, Network Rail dislikes leaves on the line in autumn, and for us the bluebell leaves can also be tricky – they create a slippery paste on the railhead making heavy trains just that little more challenging as we twist and turn through the bluebell blanket!

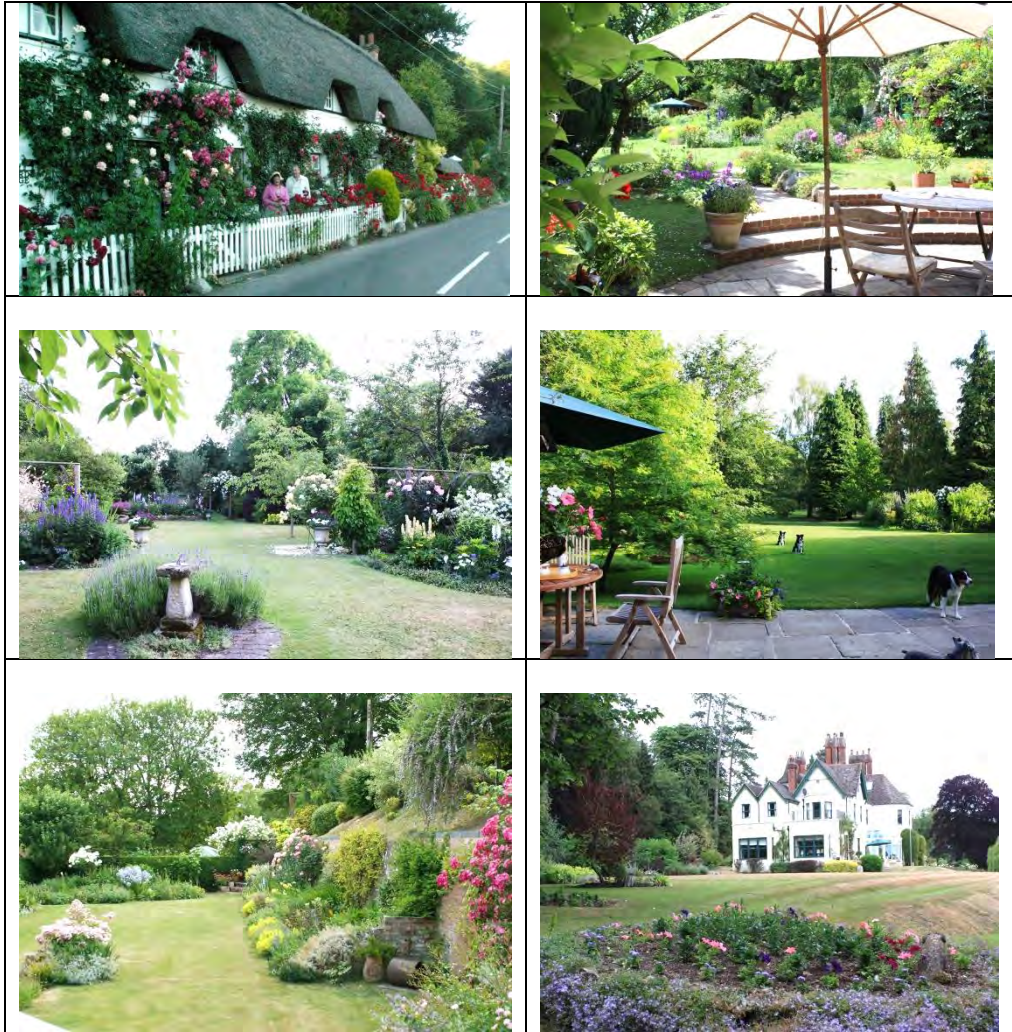
This year, with the help of our visitors (thank you for being very patient!) we have been able to raise a staggering £1500 for the Hospice – a cheque we hope to be able to present in the next couple of weeks.

*Photos: Graeme Bristow
Text: Jon Godfrey*



Wherwell Open Gardens 2010

Throughout 2010, Wherwell History Group compiled a village Scrapbook; a collection of photos and programmes – a month-by-month record of events, celebrations, places, flora and fauna. The photos below show some of the gardens which opened on 27th June 2010 – Shepherds Cottage, 28 Church Street, Goddards, Manor Farmhouse, The Old Malt House and Freelands.



Many more garden photos have been catalogued on the WHG website at:
[//www.wherwellhistory.com/catalogue_item/wherwell-open-gardens-2010-gallery](http://www.wherwellhistory.com/catalogue_item/wherwell-open-gardens-2010-gallery)

Andrew Flanagan

DIARY DATES

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| Monday Movers | Monday 1.45 pm |
| Wherwell Fit Steps | Monday 6.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Weekly Bingo at WHG Club | Monday 7.30 pm |
| Short Mat Bowls at CVH | Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm |
| West Down working party | Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm |

JULY

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| 1 | Wherwell Coffee Morning | WVH | 10.30am – 12noon |
| 1 | Wallops, Wheels & Wings | Army Flying Mus. | 10.00am – 4.30pm |
| 1 | Barton Stacey Fete | Wades House | 1.00pm – 4.00pm |
| 2 | Chilbolton Open Gardens | Abbots Mead | 2.00pm – 5.00pm |
| 3 | CPC & Planning | CVH | 6.00pm – 8.30pm |
| 6 | Test Villages u3a | CVH | 2.00pm |
| 6 | Ad hoc advertising deadline | | |
| 7 | Stockbridge Cinema | STH | 7.30pm |
| 8 | Collection for Ukraine | WHGC | 10.00am – 12noon |
| 8 | Conservation in Chilbolton | See ad (in shop) | 10.30am |
| 8 | Wherwell Cricket Club Match (see ad) | | 1.00pm |
| 8 | Janet's Saturday Bingo | WHGC | 7.30pm |
| 8 | Summer Music Concert | St Peters, Stockbridge | 7.30pm |
| 10 | Copy deadline for August magazine | | |
| 11 | Wherwell Parish Council | WVH | 7.00pm |
| 11 | SADS Play Reading | STH | 7.30pm |
| 12 | Stockbridge Cinema | STH | 4.15pm & 7.30pm |
| 12 | Winchester Morris Men | Church Street, Wherwell | 7.45pm – 8.15pm |
| 13 | Thursday Pub Quiz | White Lion Inn | 7.30pm |
| 13 | Opera in the Garden | Mayfly, Fullerton | 7.30pm |
| 15 | Chilbolton Coffee Morning | CVH | 10.30am – 12noon |
| 19 | Village Garden Group visit (See ad) | | 7.00pm |
| 22 | Wherwell Cricket Club Match (see ad) | | 1.00pm |
| 23 | HCC Budget Consultation deadline | | |
| 26 | Romeo & Juliet | Mayfly, Fullerton | 7.30pm |
| 27 | Thursday Pub Quiz | White Lion Inn | 7.30pm |
| 30 | Simon's Sunday Quiz | WHGC | 7.30pm for 8.00pm |

AUGUST

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| 3 | Chairman's Tea | WHGC | 2.30pm – 5.00pm |
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SAVE THE DATE in SEPTEMBER

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| 3 | Music on the Test | Houghton Lodge | 2.00pm – 5.00pm |
| 9 | Last Night of the Proms | WHGC | 8.00pm |

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – July

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| <p>Fri 7th <u>023 8055</u> <u>5366</u></p> | <p>8:30pm Money for Nothing - Europe's #1 Dire Straits Show at <u>The Brook</u>, Southampton SO23 7EG. The abundant energy and the excellence and musicality of their performance makes Money for Nothing a 'must see' for any rock enthusiast or Dire Straits fan</p> |
| <p>Fri 7th 01962 779845</p> | <p>Laura Cantrell (country singer-songwriter) is performing at St Mary's Church in Winchester - After graduation she recorded with the Bricks and They Might Be Giants, before making her solo debut ('Not the Tremblin' Kind') in 2000. She has been recording and casting her spell on audiences ever since.</p> |
| <p>Sat 8th 7:30 01794 368787</p> | <p>Gala Concert of the Romsey Festival, bring your chairs, picnic and champagne to enjoy the renowned Southampton Concert Orchestra at the beautiful Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. This promises to be a fantastic evening of music at the Gardens. Booking is essential.</p> |
| <p>Sat 8th 7:30 0333 666 3366</p> | <p>Music for a Summer's Evening at St Peter's church, Stockbridge SO20 6HF – Including Little Jazz Madrigals, Songs and Sonnets from Shakespeare and Three Elizabethan Part Songs</p> |
| <p>Sun 16th</p> | <p>The Andover Carnival is back for 2023. Procession 4pm from Tesco's Weyhill Rd. Entertainment and fairground rides at Vigo Recreation Ground from 12 noon until 9pm.</p> |
| <p>Fri 21st 7:30 <u>01962</u> <u>840440</u></p> | <p>The Very Best of Tommy Cooper at <u>Theatre Royal</u>, Winchester. Award-winning West End star Danny Taylor steps into Tommy's gigantic shoes and does an amazing job of bringing this comic genius back to life</p> |
| <p>Sat 29th 4pm 01432 355 416</p> | <p>Highclere Castle Battle Proms Concert at <u>Highclere Castle</u>, Newbury - Widely regarded as the most exciting summer proms concert in the country. battleproms.com/venues/highclere-castle/</p> |
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| <h3>Farmers' Markets</h3> | |
| <p>Romsey - First Sunday of every month 10am - 3pm</p> | |
| <p>Winchester - Second and last Sunday of every month 9am -2pm</p> | |
| <p>Andover - Third Sunday of every month (March to December)</p> | |
| <p>Plus... Andover Market for All Seasons – every Friday 8:30am - 1pm</p> | |

Wherwell Cricket Club

Wherwell CC, founded in the early 1800s, is currently playing in the Hampshire County Division 3 North League. The club has recently experienced success, winning two promotions in the last three years. The club hosts and plays in several friendly and Sunday fixtures too. New playing and non-playing members are always welcome. Some ways to get involved: **Training and Nets** - is weekly during the season on Tuesdays between 18.30 and 19.30. Additional net sessions are available during the week.

Match Days – Home games begin from 1pm and include a well stocked bar. Highlighted fixtures will offer BBQ or other food options. Spectators welcome.

Social Events – are held across the season and include golf days, quiz nights and racing events. Check out our social channels for more information.

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| July | Week 9 – 1 st | Farley v Wherwell |
| | Week 10 – 8 th | Wherwell v Basingstoke & NH III |
| | Week 11 – 15 th | OTs & Romsey II v Wherwell |
| | Week 12 – 22 nd | Wherwell v Hartley Wintney II |
| | Week 13 – 29 th | Colden Common v Wherwell |
| August | Week 14 – 5 th | Wherwell v Hursley Park II |
| | Week 15 – 12 th | Sparsholt II v Wherwell |
| | Week 16 – 19 th | Wherwell v Amport |
| | Week 17 – 26 th | Overton v Wherwell |



on
Wednesday 12 July
at
Church Street
Wherwell
7.45pm – 8.15pm

Winchester Morris Men came into existence on **11th March 1953** at the Eclipse Inn, The Square, Winchester. Their dances and style of costume broadly reflect those seen in the Cotswolds during the nineteenth century.

Winchester Morris Men are members of the <https://themorrisring.org/> which was founded in 1934 by six revival sides. It is a confederation of Morris and sword dance clubs, the aims of which are to encourage Morris dancing and to preserve its traditions. It maintains an archive of photographs and dance related documents, and also sponsors historical research.

CONSERVATION IN CHILBOLTON



Saturday 8th July 2023 10.30am



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.

Moya Grove

ANDOVER FOOD BANK UPDATE

Just want to clarify ...

People cannot turn up at the Food Bank and request food donations.

The Food Bank has to inform people that they have to be referred by one of the various agencies including social services, schools and health services in order for people to access help from the Food Bank

Cleaning materials, toilet rolls, bin bags and personal hygiene items are always in demand for families. Children very much appreciate donations of fruit squash, sweets and chocolate. With school holidays approaching freezable ice pops are a popular, inexpensive treat for children and are always very much appreciated.

Donations of other tinned and packaged items are always in demand Please help if you can. Donations can be dropped off in the box outside Chilbolton Village Shop or at one of the village's monthly coffee mornings.

If you would like to donate by cash or cheque please contact me. To support by standing order please contact the Food Bank at <https://andover.foodbank.org.uk>

Jane Andrews

Tel: 860635 email: flyjohnndrews@aol.com



Summer Evening
entertainment
at
The Mayfly

Opera in the
Garden
& Shakespeare's
Romeo & Juliet



13th July,
7.30pm
&
26th July,
7.30pm

Box Office:

<https://www.mayflyfullerton.co.uk/whats-on/opera-in-the-garden-2023>
<https://www.mayflyfullerton.co.uk/whats-on/shakespeare-in-the-garden-2023>



HAMPSHIRE MEDICAL FUND

The charity buying tomorrow's equipment today

Do you use Hampshire NHS hospitals?

Do you feel it is important that our hospitals are using the most cutting-edge medical equipment?

Do you like the idea of supporting a local charity?

The Hampshire Medical Fund charity has been purchasing cutting-edge medical equipment for Basingstoke, Winchester and Andover hospitals since 1981. With the burden of funding requirements on the NHS ever increasing, our work is critical in helping our Hampshire Hospitals provide the best possible care for patients, putting our Hampshire NHS Trust at the forefront of clinical excellence.

The Hampshire Medical Fund raises money in a variety of ways such as events, fundraisers and individual donations, as well as through our regular donor clubs; the 200 Club and our corporate 500 Club.

Scan the QR code to find out more about the pieces of equipment we are fundraising for and to donate:



www.hampshiremedicalfund.org

Registered Charity Number 1192553

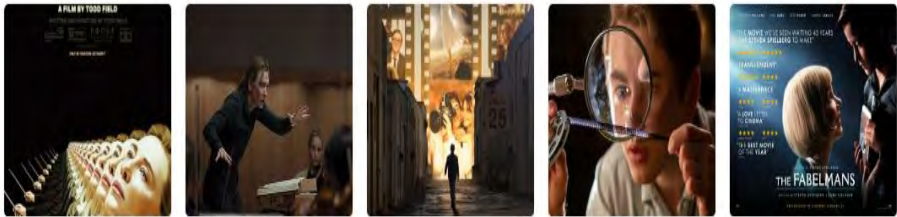
STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

Please find below details of our two films in July

Friday 7 July, 7.30 pm

Tár (15)

Starring Cate Blanchett as Lydia Tár, the groundbreaking conductor of a major German Orchestra. Tár is at the height of her career, as she's preparing both a book launch and a much-anticipated live performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony. Over the ensuing weeks her life begins to unravel in a singularly modern way. The result is a searing examination of power, and its impact and **durability in today's society.** *(Partly subtitled)*



Wednesday 12 July, 4.15 pm and 7.30 pm

The Fabelmans (12A)

Loosely based on Spielberg's childhood growing up in post-World War 2 era Arizona, from age seven to eighteen, a young man named Sammy Fabelman falls in love with films after his parents take him to see "The Greatest Show on Earth." Armed with a camera, Sammy starts to make his own films at home, much to the delight of his supportive mother. When he discovers a shattering family secret, he explores how the power of movies helps us see the truth about each other and ourselves.

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

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@carberybooks.co.uk Tel 860368



White Lion Inn

**Our Popular Quiz Night is
Second-Thursday**

13th July and 27th July, 7.30pm

£2 per person

'Winners Take All' Cash Pot

Complimentary snacks served afterwards

Have you seen our new advert?

Food

Our menu is home-cooked and offers traditional pub grub with a slight tilt towards seafood - ingredients are locally sourced wherever possible. Sunday Roasts available from 12noon until 2.30pm - three meat options and a home-made nut roast. Booking advisable (860317).

Offers

Steak Tuesday: 2 sirloin steaks and a bottle of house wine £29.95

Fish Wednesday: 'two-for-one' fish and chips, lunch time & evening

Jane & Rachel

Looking Ahead in Local Government

Phew! I must admit I'm pleased that the latest round of local elections has concluded – they are always hard work but it's a delight to meet so many people across all the villages in the Harewood ward, especially in Wherwell and Chilbolton. And as anticipated, it was a close-run thing, for all the obvious national reasons, with the votes cast being 601 to 652. I am therefore your Test Valley Borough Councillor for another 4 years.

This time I've been asked to be the Recycling and Environmental Services Portfolio Holder – or put simply, in charge of bin collections. Or as I'm sometimes teased – the rubbish councillor! The good news is that the bin men (refuse operatives) are held in high regard by pretty much everyone I meet. As you will remember, TVBC kept the bin collections going throughout the pandemic – a record that not all authorities managed.

And in equally exciting news, the bin collections are due to change to include glass and food waste collections. This will be a major step to improving our recycling rates. I'm sure that many of you are probably already aware that changes are coming and it'll be my job to oversee the introduction to the new system, which will require an additional 2 bins. All of the details are being worked on and there will be a comprehensive information campaign about how and when in due course – which won't be until next year.

Budget consultation 2024-2026



Tell us your views on how
we fund local services

Visit hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation
to complete the survey online

In my other role as your County Councillor, we are in challenging times. By 2025, there is a forecast budget deficit of some £132m and currently HCC is asking for residents to comment on how to close this gap. You can help decide by filling in the survey at:-

www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation **deadline is 23rd July!**

In other news, additional funds are being made available to help fix the roads – and I'm sure I'm not alone in being pleased to see the white markings by the bridge on the corner at Winchester Road. At last, these dangerous potholes are going to be fixed.

As ever I remain available to help. Please contact me at:

david.drew@testvalley.org.uk
telephone: 07768 244 456

Wallop Wheels & Wings 2023

Saturday 1st July, 10.00am – 4.30pm



The Army Flying Museum's annual flagship fundraising event is back and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever. The event will showcase a spectacular display of classic aircraft, super and classic cars, and motorcycles. New for this year, visitors will see aircraft flying into and out of the airfield throughout the day weather permitting.

For non-enthusiasts, there will be the opportunity to browse the artisan trader village - over 40 stalls selling a wide range of arts, crafts, food and drink, including a return to the event from Hampshire Fare.

Activities for families and children will be in abundance, with laser tag, circus skills, pedal planes, mini tanks, face painting and lots of craft and interactive activities to keep little ones busy throughout the day. Plus, Rolls-Royce will be bringing along their STEM trailer to inspire young minds.

Rolls-Royce are a Silver Sponsor for this event. We are thrilled to announce that the Mk XIX Spitfire and P51 Mustang from the Rolls-Royce Heritage Flight will be performing a flypast at the event, weather permitting.

Deckchairs will be laid out ready for event goers to enjoy some great live music from local performers Jayne Deer and Rosie Merritt. The event will showcase a number of charities this year with a dedicated charity village on the airfield promoting some amazing charities who are supporting veterans and serving personnel. There will also be a Living History zone, with a number of fabulous Living History Groups who will be delighted to chat with event goers.

Full price ticket holders will automatically receive an Annual Pass allowing free of charge visits for the next 12 months (conditions apply).

Box Office: <https://armyflying.digitickets.co.uk/category/21547>

Simon's Sunday Quiz

30th July 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 8th July
8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

Save the Date



Chairman's Afternoon Tea

Sunday 6th August

2.30pm – 5pm

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## Last Night of the PROMS

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Ticket money (£3) for

Countess of Brecknock Hospice

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 & Kitchen available for hire.**  
**Seats 60, Licensed Bar optional. Enquires to Sue on 07557 051 041.**

# **Dying For it**

Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society

## **Open Auditions**

for

## **Dying For It by Moira Buffini**

All are happily welcome, (but especially under 30s)

Reading of the play: **Tuesday 11th July** at 7.30pm

Auditions: **Sunday 16th July** at 2:00pm

Performances: Wed 22nd to Fri 24th November

All the above take place in Stockbridge Town Hall

If you are interested in auditioning but can't make the above dates, please email: [stockbridgeamdrams@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgeamdrams@gmail.com) or leave a message on 01264 513676 and we'll get back to you.

### **A warm welcome to our new advertisers and printer**

In addition to the many regular advertisers who support the magazine each year, we are delighted to welcome the following new advertisers this month. The magazine would not survive without support from our advertisers. Please take a look at their advertisements and try out their services.

- The White Lion Inn
- Andover Bathroom Collection
- Elite Plumbing
- Greensleeves Lawncare
- Maxwell Forestry
- Rawlings Opticians (Stockbridge)
- Test Valley Pest Control

We would also like to welcome our new printing partner, **Bulpitt Print** of Andover. This July edition is the first to be printed by Bulpitt, a family-owned company with over thirty years of experience in the Andover area.

*Stephen MacDonald*

## Chilbolton Parish Council

Summer is here and we have had a busy time with the Chilbolton fete that was highly successful in the beautiful grounds of Watch Cottage courtesy of Paul and Dianna Leonard. Thank you to all who helped and came along on the day.

The usual pressures on our Chilbolton Cow common with visitors disregarding the rules of the common and requests to stay out of the bird nesting area, setting up fires for BBQs and ignoring no parking signs.

The Tunnel Tech plant processing compost for mushroom cultivation continues to cause distress to village residents but we are hoping for improvements to the conveyor system when the modifications to the processing plant are completed in September. As mentioned last month a public meeting will be arranged for late August to receive presentations from the Tunnel Tech management and to answer questions about the project to overcome the smell.

The draft of the new local plan should be circulated by Test Valley Council for consultation “later this year” and arrange a public meeting to explain the LP and a public meeting will be arranged to hear the views of local people before submitting the Chilbolton response. This might be in November.

Further regarding Cow Common, the parish council await the response from the Church Commissioners England to the proposed agreement regarding fishing rights, the new signage proving information has been put in place and ways to control insensitive parking are being considered.

The parish council is also investigating a proposal to be submitted to the Secretary of State for levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Defra as the department responsible for access policy, the environment agency and Natural England for guidance where the conditions required by Natural England for our SSSI conflict with the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 that gives anyone the right to wander at will all over the common.

In summary, when other measures have failed parish councils have powers to introduce bye laws for the preservation of order and prevention of nuisances and powers to restrict access to registered common land. This means that there are solutions to the problems that we are experiencing on the common mostly from anti-social behaviour and failure to read or take notice of the signs. This is likely to be a long process.

It is pleasing to report that CPC has received a grant towards the cost of an adventure tower on the war memorial playing field for our younger people and that this tower should be in place within a month or two. A special word of thanks to Nick Horne, Trish Heaton, Emma Noble and others who have spent many hours in research and grant application preparation that has resulted in this award.

I would like to conclude by wishing everyone a happy time over the summer month and enjoyment of our precious village surroundings.

*Tony Ewer, Chairman Chilbolton Parish Council.*



## Recipe of the month Cucumber & Mint Granita



*To help us keep cool and refreshed  
on warm summer days*

### **Ingredients**

1 cucumber

100 ml elderflower cordial *\*see note*

50 ml water

Juice and Zest of a lime

A good handful of mint, plus a few leaves for garnish

A quarter teaspoon of fine salt

***Serves 6–8 depending on portion size***

Chop the cucumber into chunks and transfer to a food processor.  
Add in all of the other ingredients and blend until smooth.

Pour the mixture into a shallow freezer-safe container and cover.  
Freeze for 45 minutes then stir, scrape with a fork and freeze for a further 45 minutes, repeating the stir and scrape steps for about 3 hours or until it's entirely frozen, then scrape once more until it's fluffy.

Serve in dessert glasses or champagne coupes with a sprig of mint.

*\*Note, if using commercial cordial, you won't need to add sugar, if using a home-made cordial, taste after mixing but before first freeze, and add sugar / honey if it tastes too sharp. Rhubarb cordial also works well in this, but the granita colour won't be quite so green.*

*Deirdre Freearde*

***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 ☺***

# Stockbridge Practice Patient News – June 2023

## **Routine GP appointments**

Patients often ring up asking to see a specific GP.

Sometimes there are no available appointments for that particular GP.

We are currently trialling a system where we put patients on a waiting list for the next available routine appointment for their preferred GP. The surgery contacts you when an appointment is available.



## **Cancelling appointments**

In April 2023, 89 patients did not attend a booked appointment.

Appointments can be cancelled via the text reminder message you are sent or on the NHS App. You can also telephone the surgery to let us know. Please help us to offer more appointments by cancelling if you are unable to attend. This is a particular problem with blood test appointments.

## **GP Recruitment and Retention**

Wessex Local Medical Committee has put together some interesting information about GP recruitment and retention. The slides are available on the news section of our website along with information on the impact of the current situation on Stockbridge Practice.

## **Website**

We have made some changes to our website following feedback from our Patient Participation Group. Please see the **Do I need to see a GP?** section for information on how you can access help for particular health conditions. There is also a search function on the website which you may find helpful – it's at the top right of the screen.

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## **Holidays & Medication**

If you are going away on holiday and need to order more of your medication please make this clear when you request your medication. It is very important that you put in your request a full week before you need it.

## **Feedback from patients**

We had 331 responses to our text survey in April. Of these, 76% rated the surgery very good and a further 18% rated the surgery good. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. We continue to receive feedback regarding calls not being received or text reminders received after the appointment time. This is due to poor signal in some of our practice area. Please consider coming for a face to face appointment if you know your area doesn't have a good signal.



**We are looking for qualified  
Dispensers to join our team**



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position, part-time or full-time  
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for more information