

# Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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## August 2023

There is a lot to look forward to as August arrives. Such as the variety of films to enjoy at both Chilbolton and Stockbridge cinemas. Every bit of support is needed for Chilbolton Film Showings, as numbers are struggling to cover costs, so book yourselves in for the first of September! This issue also includes tips to help you conserve water and do your bit for sustainability, helpful as the weather gets warmer. Have a good summer!

*Mia Cousins*

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**Church Matters**  
**The Downs Benefice**  
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## **From the Church Records – June 2023**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name (s)</b>
<b>Chilbolton</b>		
<b>Wherwell</b>		
<b>Funeral &amp; Burial</b>	15/6/23	Douglas Squires
<b>Baptism</b>	2/7/23	Edward Buckley

## Dear Friends,

***‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’***

*(Jeremiah 29: 11)*

Autumn has a habit of creeping up on us just as unexpectedly as a storm at sea for weathered sailors or a fog across the South Downs for farmers anticipating a clear day for harvest. And yet we are all cognisant of the inevitability of summer drawing to a close, just as surely as we know night will follow day. So, why does this change in season, as we surely know it will, seem to catch us off-guard?

This autumn, my ninth in The Downs Benefice, I confess my heart is in turmoil. On the one hand, I am full of joy that I have been blessed to see another glorious riot of colour in our trees and hedgerows. Nonetheless, the bejewelling with frost of early morning cobwebs and an imperceptible chill of late August evenings, which have had me reaching for a cardigan, seem to herald an understanding that *‘nothing lasts forever!’*

Emotionally and spiritually, this particular autumn brings with it the reality that my season in this beautiful place has come to a close. I remember arriving in the balmy July of 2014 - the burgeoning summer feeling the perfect foil for my enthusiastic ministry to begin. I have loved every second of every day God has blessed me with amongst you and my heart is filled with an indescribable sense of loss at having to bid you all *‘Adieu!’* And yet even now, I am aware that through the beauty of autumn’s *‘hidden wholeness,’* our loving Lord is calling me on to a new beginning in the unfamiliar climes of Devon. Just as surely, our heavenly Father, whom Jeremiah rightly prophesied *‘plans to give you hope and a future,’* is similarly preparing each of you in these five precious parishes I have come to love so dearly, a bright and joyful future in the hands of the wise and holy priest you have yet to meet.

I am reminded of the words of Parker J Palmer, an American author, educator, and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change. He says:

*If I try to ‘make’ a life that defies the diminishments of autumn, the life I end up with will be artificial at best, and utterly colourless as well. But when I yield to the endless interplay of living and dying, dying and living, the life I am given will be real and colourful, fruitful and whole.*

Jeremiah’s encouraging message to the exiles in Babylon reassures us just as clearly today that, even when we are in a time of flux, our loving God wants only good for His beloved creation. His plans are to prosper us, not to harm us but to give us a sure hope and a glorious future centred on His Son. This does not necessarily mean we will be spared suffering or hardship during our lives.

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Instead, God has given us a new purpose through Jesus Christ, whose transforming love leads us out into the light of a new future in faith. Our earthly obedience before God, wherever He leads us, will bring us to a life with Father, Son and Holy Spirit which will be real and colourful, fruitful and whole ... forever, together!

Have you ever noticed that nature takes its own good time? This Spring, we were wondering where the lambs were during March, when we expected them. They did not appear on cue! Nonetheless, appear they did, eventually bouncing out into the fields and filling our hearts with gladness – in their own good time! Change occurs in nature when time has ripened. So it is with each of us now. Our future in faith is ensured. Jesus has blessed us with that truth. So, in the time remaining to each of us, may we be trusting of our God who has plans for us all, and open our hearts to rejoicing in each season of the life with which he abundantly blesses us ... in this breath-taking autumn and in every season.

May God bless you all, and with my love always,

*Jax*

*Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice*

### **Prayer**

**Father God,**

**We thank You for making the perfect plan for our lives;  
plans for good and not for harm.**

**We thank you for protecting us as we journey along the right and  
faithful paths of our lives.**

**We might not always understand why things are the way they are,  
Even though we are not always able to see clearly the way You have  
pointed us to explore.**

**Whatever our journey, Father, we trust You.**

**We Thank You for Your master plan for each of our precious lives.**

**Help us now to discern Your call and direction for each one of us;**

**Give us the courage and strength to obey Your commands.**

**Through Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ;**

**we know He is the Way, the Truth and the Life who leads to eternal  
salvation.**

**And, in Him, we vow to follow You.**

**In Your good and holy Name we pray, this day and forevermore.**

<b>Services August 2023</b>	<i>St Mary the Less, Chilbolton</i>	<i>St Mary's, Crawley</i>	<i>St Catherine's Littleton</i>	<i>St Stephen's Sparsholt</i>	<i>St Peter &amp; Holy Cross, Wherwell</i>
<i>This information is correct at the time of going to press but please check on the website (www.downsbenefice.org) for up-to-date information.</i>					
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August – The Transfiguration</b>					
Holy Communion		10am			
Morning Prayer	10am				
Café Church in Church Room			4pm		
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>					
Family Communion			10am		
Morning Prayer					10am
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Holy Communion	10am				
Morning Worship		10am			
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship			10am	10am	

## Church Flowers August

<b>Wherwell</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> August 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Anne Clare Whiteside Susan Ansell
<b>Chilbolton</b>	August	Mary Gilbert Debbie Hatton

**Chilbolton Parish Council  
Will be hosting a public meeting  
For  
Tunnel Tech Ltd**

**to present the steps that are being taken to reduce the smell emanating from their business on the Old Airfield, Leckford**

**On Thursday 14 September 2023  
From 19:00  
At Chilbolton Village Hall**

**Revd Jax' Leaving Service**

*All Welcome*

*Please join us for a special service to say Farewell and Thankyou to Revd Jax as she leaves us to move to her new role in Devon.*

**Sunday 10th September  
St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell  
10am**

*Please join us after the service for light refreshments not only to wish Revd Jax Godspeed but also to wish her and her fiancé Darren Tilbury congratulations and all the best for their wedding and a long and happy life together.*

*We are taking up a collection for a leaving present for Revd Jax and if you would like to contribute towards this, please could you contact either your Church Wardens or PCC Treasurer, in church or directly.*

*Chilbolton - Andrew Kent / Michael Payne  
Crawley - Alick Kay / Robin Bayford  
Littleton - Simon Kingston / Clive Thompsett  
Sparsholt - John Wesley / Tonia Sales-Truter / Sally Wesley  
Wherwell - Pam Prince / Nigel Waters / Tanya Waters*



***Revd Jax and Darren***  
*will be getting married by Bishop David*  
*at St Mary's Crawley*  
*the following Saturday,*  
***16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm.***

*The Reception is for immediate family only please*  
*but EVERYONE is welcome to come to the Church Service.*  
*Jax and Darren will be holding a celebration party*  
*to which you are invited*  
*in February 2024 – details will follow*

## News from the Local Hospice

Many of you might have seen the report about the hospice on BBC South recently which highlighted the important work we do. We thought you might like some more detail on your local hospice which not only covers Andover, Chilbolton and Wherwell but Stockbridge, Whitchurch, Sutton Scotney and the many surrounding villages.

At the heart of our services lies the exceptional new hospice building, with ten rooms for patients requiring expert palliative care. Ensuite rooms with state-of-the-art beds which expand to a double for partners and families to snuggle together, and access to a patio and beautiful gardens.

In addition, we care for over 160 patients in the community. The Community Palliative Care Team is a beacon of hope and guidance for these individuals and their families, providing invaluable symptom control, emotional support and coordination of all aspects of care. Our dedicated Home Care Team can respond quickly to deliver personalised care directly to individuals in their own homes.

Overnight, a team of qualified clinicians provide a Hospice at Home service. Many concerns can be dealt with over the phone, but nurses can attend emergency calls and visit patients experiencing severe symptoms if needed. Self-caring individuals with a life-limiting condition but a long-term prognosis benefit greatly from our Day Centre where up to 3 times a week a programme offers arts and crafts, well-being and therapy, cooking and baking, quizzes and games.

We are grateful that many of you have contributed generously to support the Countess of Brecknock Hospice in Andover. Through your gifts, we can maintain the high standards that have earned us an outstanding CQC rating and a gold accreditation within the Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Thank you.

Please visit our website [www.cobh.org.uk](http://www.cobh.org.uk) for more information.-

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Brecknock House, Henry Gamman Drive, Andover SP10 3LB  
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## CHILBOLTON VILLAGE FETE-PLANT STALL

A big thank you to all who supported the plant stall at the fete.

All plants were donated and I am pleased to report that all but a very few were sold. The Hairy Pot Company were very generous giving us some top quality plants to sell. After the fete, the plants which did not sell were taken to the Andover Community Garden.

Thank you to all who gave up their time to help on the stall.

*Jenny Seddon*

## Connect to Support Hampshire



The aim of this website is to help you to stay independent for longer by providing you with resources to look after yourself and stay safe and connected with your local community.

 <p>Health and wellbeing</p>	 <p>Managing at home</p>	 <p>Care homes and other housing options</p>
 <p>Getting out and about</p>	 <p>Carers</p>	 <p>Equipment and adaptations</p>
 <p>Money matters</p>	 <p>Protecting adults at risk</p>	 <p>Advocacy and Powers of Attorney</p>
 <p>The Care Act</p>	 <p>Hampshire County Council</p> <p>Council services</p>	 <p>Conditions and disabilities Bereavement and End of life care</p>

This website has a very comprehensive online directory of information and advice pages, with plenty of search options. Find out more at:

<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/>

*David Drew*

## Stockbridge Practice Patient News – July 2023

### Holidays

Just a reminder that our GPs and Nurses will be having holidays over the coming two months.

This may mean you have to wait longer to see your preferred GP or for forms to be completed.

If you have an urgent need you can be seen by our duty on the day team.



### Ticks

We are finding an increasing number of patients contacting us regarding tick bites.

You can remove a tick yourself using tweezers or a tick removal device available from a local chemist. You do not routinely need a blood test.

You should contact the surgery if you have:

- a pink or red rash
- a temperature of 38°C (100.4°F) or above
- other flu-like symptoms, like a headache or joint pain
- swollen lymph nodes

### Blue badges

A Blue Badge is only issued for people who have considerable difficulty walking due to a disability or medical condition which will last for more than 3 years. We are able to provide a summary of your medical conditions to assist you in completion of the form. Please only request a blue badge if you have a long term, relevant medical condition which impacts on your ability to walk.

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## **Hearing Tests**

Adult patients can now self-refer for a hearing test. This can be done by calling 01962 824437 or emailing [Audiology@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:Audiology@hhft.nhs.uk).

## **Dispensary**

Our dispensary team is currently experiencing staff shortages. Please can we ask that you give one weeks' notice when putting in repeat prescription requests e.g. if you request your medication on Wednesday our aim is that you will be able to collect on the following Wednesday. If you have a query regarding your medication please email [hiowicb-hsi.stockbridge-dispensary@nhs.net](mailto:hiowicb-hsi.stockbridge-dispensary@nhs.net) or call 01264 810524 and press number 2 when prompted between 9-10am or 2-3pm on weekdays. Outside of these times we will take your query and get back to you.

## **TEST VILLAGES U3A**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
at 2pm  
in Chilbolton Village Hall

Liz Cosgrove presents

### **“The History of Enham – the village and the charity”**

Liz has been involved with the Enham Trust for 25 years, initially as a volunteer then working as their Community Fundraiser and is the former Volunteer Historian of the trust. Her talk is on how the village and trust has evolved since the early 1900s, from when the Enham Estate was sold, why the village became known as Enham Alamein to how the trust works today.

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 [u3a.org.uk](http://u3a.org.uk), or see the latest on our Test Villages group at [u3asites.org.uk/test-villages](http://u3asites.org.uk/test-villages)

# MUSIC ON THE TEST 23



Come and join us at  
**HOUGHTON LODGE**  
for an afternoon of music with  
**TEST VALLEY BRASS**

And  
Liza Marshall singing, followed by  
Loose change Band, Followed by  
Marie Ponting Singing  
**3rd September 2023**

2pm until 5pm.

**CELEBRATE THE 230TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOUGHTON LODGE**



Marquee available in case of rain– Bring your own chairs, tables, gazebos etc

**Tickets £15 Children under 14 FREE**

**Tickets available from Chris Lynn– 01264 396511 Christopher.lynn36@gmail.com**

**Tea and Lunch in a box available– PRICE on APPLICATION.**

## A Look inside ADMES at Harewood Forest

Andover and District Model Engineering Society (ADMES), like many small organisations, relies entirely upon the voluntary efforts of its members to keep things “ship-shape”, progress the society, and maintain the facilities. A lot of effort goes into keeping the miniature railways in good running order, but on a woodland site, and with so many aspects to what we do, there are a wide variety of tasks to do. Our membership ranges from children to people of more advanced years, and while not everyone is keen to wield a wheelbarrow full of ballast to level up the trackwork, that’s ok!

Members muck in as much or as little as they like, lending a hand with simple things such as mowing, tending the station garden or oiling the points, or much more complex tasks with specific skill sets such as track repairs, maintaining rolling stock or building the new BBQ! Besides the satisfaction of a job well done, in a pleasant outdoor environment among friends, new skills are often passed on too: Within my first few months of being a member, I’d been taught to weld and learnt how to overhaul a petrol engine from the 1940’s and since then, encouraged to progress my engineering skills using other member’s workshop machines. Young or old; newly employed or recently retired: there are things you can do and skills you can learn! Of course, for some of us it even ends up being a great bit of exercise to get the heart going.

One of the most important voluntary jobs is that of the boiler inspectors, who annually check that the boilers of member’s locomotives, traction engines and so on, are safe for use at pressures exceeding 100PSI with boiling water inside them! The great beauty of our location – we are very privileged to be tenants of our site – is that there are also woodland management tasks and wildlife surveys to be done too – it isn’t all about metal and steam!



*Protecting trees from deer, dealing with storm damage, mowing the glades and diversifying woodland habitats means it isn’t all about trains, planes and remote controlled cars! Our woodland setting offers a varied tasks for everyone and also makes for a fantastic environment in which to work, rest and play.*

Usually, we meet on Sundays & Thursdays and also Wednesday evenings. But there are often small working parties on other days too. You can contact us if you would like to come and join us at [www.admes.uk](http://www.admes.uk)

*Jon Godfrey*



Alto?

Tenor?

Soprano?

Bass?

Do you sing in the shower?

Andover Choral Society  
starts again in....  
September 2023!

No auditions :)

Come join us to sing in a choir!

Contact us through:

Lynncf35@gmail.com or

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

## Wherwell Coffee Morning



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30 - 12noon  
at Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street**

- Coffee, Tea and Biscuits
- Free Raffle Entry with Admission

**All for £1.50 per person \*\*\* Everyone Welcome**

### Walk The Test Way

Walk the Test Way is back and it's our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

We are so excited to be organising this event again this year, which will take place on the **24th September 2023** so make sure you save the date!

Last year over 300 walkers raised just over £43,000 for 63 charities. Amazing!!

The Test Way is constantly rated one of the top 10 best walks in this area and each year this event draws interest from many groups from families to Schools, Scout packs to charities and businesses all walking and raising funds for their chosen charity. Who will you choose?

### So how do I sign up?

Please visit [www.walkthetestway.org.uk/register](http://www.walkthetestway.org.uk/register) and check out our blog "How do I take part in the Walk the Test Way" which will give you all the information you will need to get started.

### Registration open 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 onwards

Once you are all registered, it's time to start raising funds for your chosen charity! Don't forget to....

- Share your Just Giving page on your social media
- Share the event with your colleagues and friends
- Let the charity know that you are fundraising for them, they might send you some goodies!!

Last but not least, like, share and comment on our social media. We are on facebook @walkthetestway

Alternatively, you can email [registrar@walkthetestway.org.uk](mailto:registrar@walkthetestway.org.uk)



EARLY BIRD OFFER  
SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO

# WALK THE TEST WAY FOR YOUR CHOSEN CHARITY

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

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



@WALKTHETESTWAY



TRUST FUND REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1029525



# Top Tips about Water Conservation



- **Serving water** - place a jug of water in the fridge so you have chilled water ready to drink, rather than running your tap until the water runs cold.
- **Rinsing vegetables** – instead of running vegetables under a tap (which can waste up to nine litres a minute), wash them in a bowl. You can save up to £51 a year, plus soaking makes them easier to peel. After, you can use what's in the bowl to water your plants too.
- **Check for leaking toilets** - a leaky loo can waste up to 400 litres a day.
- **Boiling the kettle** - only boil the amount of water you need. This can cut the energy cost of boiling your kettle by a third. In fact, if everyone did it, the UK could save more than £1 million a week.
- **Only push one button on a dual flush loo** – push small for pee, large for poo - never both. You could save 10 litres a day.
- **Cleaning clothes and dishes** - wait until you have a full load before running your washing machine or dishwasher. Cutting just one cycle a week will save over 5,000 litres of water and £7 a year.
- **Work smarter, not harder** - If you're wearing something smart for online meetings, you don't need to wash it after every wear. Just hang it up so you can wear it again.
- **Washing yourself** - on average, a bath uses 80 litres of water, while a shower uses just 35. Swapping a daily bath for a shower uses less than half as much water, saving you around £50 a year. Use a water-efficient showerhead for even bigger savings.
- **Taking a shower** - in the shower, you can save water in so many ways:
  - 1) Try swapping to a water efficient showerhead.
  - 2) Turn off the water between shampooing, conditioning and body washing.
  - 3) One minute less in the shower saves up to 15 litres each time - for a four-person household this could mean up to £75 off your energy bill over a year.
  - 4) Planning to exercise? Save the shower till after your workout.
  - 5) Use a container to collect water while you shower, then use it to flush the toilet - you could save 12 litres a day and £15 a year.
- **Brushing your teeth** - by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth, you can stop 8,000 litres of water going to waste and save approximately £15 a year.
- **Flushing the loo** - only flush the toilet when you really need to (remember: if it's yellow, let it mellow).
- **Caring for your home** - keep an eye out for leaks at your home, for example, a damp patch in your garden on a dry day. As well as wasting water, leaks can cost you money and - if ignored - cause damage to your home.
- **Doing DIY** - a dripping tap can waste 15 litres a day or 5,500 litres a year, which is the equivalent of a bathtub of water a week. You can learn how to fix a dripping tap – in most cases, you simply need to change the washer which could save you £7pa.
- **Watering plants** - Use a container to collect water when running taps to get cool or hot and use that water to water your plants or flush your loo.

*Compiled by Sustainable Bourne Valley*

<https://www.facebook.com/SustainableBourneValley>

# Water: a Precious but Limited Resource



In England, we're lucky enough that access to clean drinking water requires only a turn of the tap. This incredible natural resource is so readily available in fact that we can easily forget about its limitations. But recent summers have painted a worrying picture: increasing demand coupled with insufficient supply.

The UK's population is set to increase by around four million people by 2045. Climate change is shifting our weather towards longer dry spells interspersed with flash flooding. Even in today's conditions, a period of extreme drought would result in a water supply deficit of 500 million litres per day - enough to supply three million people.

This is a problem because our primary water sources - lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and aquifers - have a limited supply. What's more, if too much water is taken then waterbodies can grow overly warm and shallow. Oxygen is lost and pollutants become concentrated. Amazing animals like the mayfly and brown trout can overheat and suffocate.

To address this pressing problem, England's water companies are required to create Water Resources Management Plans. These documents detail how they intend to balance water supply and demand for at least the next 25 years. New plans for 2024 are currently in development, and they will have huge implications for nature.

If you would like to explore your water company's draft Water Resources Management Plan, it will be available somewhere on their website. Southern Water's, for example, can be read at [www.southernwater.co.uk/waterresources](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/waterresources). Unfortunately, the plans themselves can be lengthy, technical, and difficult to decipher. To unravel this important but complex topic, we're holding two free online talks this August. Our speakers will explore the context and contents of the 2024 plans, including their potential impact on our rare and precious chalk streams:

## ***The Murky World of Water Resources***

Guest speaker: WildFish - 10th August, 7-8pm

## ***Southern Water's 2024 Water Resources Management Plan***

Guest speaker: Southern Water - 22nd August, 7-8pm

To book your tickets for these talks, visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/events](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/events). To learn more about our local chalk streams, visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes).

*The Watercress and Winterbournes Landscape Partnership Scheme*



## DIARY DATES

	Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45 pm
	Wherwell Fit Step	Every Monday	6.00 -7.00 pm
	Weekly Bingo WHG Club	Every Monday	7.30 pm
	Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
	West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
<b>August</b>			
3	u3a Talk 'Enham'	CVH	2.00 pm
3	Chairman's Tea	WHGC	2.30 - 5.00 pm
3	COSC	CVH	
5	Wherwell Coffee Morning	WVH	10.30 - 12.00
<b>6</b>	<b><i>AD hoc advert deadline</i></b>		
7	CPC Planning	CVH	6.00 - 6.30 pm
8	Keep Fit Taster Class	WVH	9.15 - 10.00 am
10	COSC	CVH	
10	Murky Water Resource talk	Online	7,00 - 8.00 pm
10	White Lion Quiz Night	White Lion	7.30 pm
<b>10</b>	<b><i>June copy deadline</i></b>		
12	Janet's Bingo	WHGC	7.30 for 8.00 pm
19	Chilbolton Coffee morning	CVH	10.30 - 12.00
21	Summer Adventure Club	Harmony Woods	August - September
21	CPC Planning	CVH	6.00 - 6.30 pm
22	Water Resource talk	Online	7.00 - 8.00 pm
23	Stockbridge film - ' She Said'	Stockbridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
24	White Lion Quiz Night	White Lion	7.30 pm
26	Annual Flower Show	CVH	2.00 pm
27	Simon's Quiz	WHGC	7.30 for 8.pm
28	Charity Afternoon Tea	WHGC	.00 pm & 7.30 pm
<b>September</b>			
1	Film: What's Love Got To Do With It	CVH	6.30 for 7.00 pm
3	Music on The Test '23	Houghton Lodge	2.00pm & 5.00 pm
8	Stockbridge Cinema: 'Close"	Stockbridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
9	Longparish Church and Village Fete		
9	Last Night of The Proms	WHGC	
10	Rev Jax Leaving Service	Wherwell Church	10.00 am

## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – Aug

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Every Wednesday throughout Aug)	<b>Summer Picnics at Riverside Park</b> in Andover - 01264 368000 <a href="https://testvalley.gov.uk/Events/IndexTestValley">https://testvalley.gov.uk/Events/IndexTestValley</a>
Thur 3 to Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Grease</b> -Welcome to the singing and dancing world of <b>Grease</b> , the most successful movie musical of all time 7:30pm (2pm/6.30pm on Sat) – Theatre Royal Winchester, 01962 840440
Wed 9th to Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Boomtown Fair 2023– Theatre, --Music and Arts Festival</b> at The Bowl, Winchester <a href="https://www.boomtownfair.co.uk/tickets/">https://www.boomtownfair.co.uk/tickets/</a>
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Second Sundays</b> 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.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> 8pm	<b>Ibiza Orchestra Experience</b> – Winchester (North Walls Recreation Grdns) - Immerse yourself into an epic night with a huge 26-piece live orchestra, vocalists and world class DJs
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	<b>Sausage and Cider Festival</b> – Winchester (North Walls Recreation Grdns)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Plaza Theatre Romsey	<b>Abba Fever Tribute</b> - a 5-piece live band with 5-part harmonies, the show transports you back to the 70's through the biggest hits of the world's favourite band. 01794 523054
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Starlight Cinema Outdoor:</b> Encanto Sing Along – South Downs Lawn (Winchester Science Centre, SO21 1HZ Doors open at 5pm, the movie will start at 5:45pm
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at the Anvil in B'stoke	<b>GRAHAM NASH</b> – Sixty Years of songs and stories - founding member of both The Hollies and Crosby, Stills and Nash, is a two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, and Grammy Award-winning renaissance artist - 01256 844244
Future What's On	<b>Requests welcome</b> , just because I think something is a possibility, does not mean others do. Any suggestions welcomed – (e.g. more visits to Gardens, more Winchester Cathedral Events, more Comedy or fewer Concerts/Tribute bands) Email any thoughts to <a href="mailto:tim.whiteside@gmail.com">tim.whiteside@gmail.com</a>
<b>Farmers' Markets</b>	
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	

## **Wherwell Parish Council Report from the meeting 11th<sup>th</sup> July 23**

The Parish Council met in the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall, with County & District Councillor Drew, and one member of the public attended.

**The minutes of the April meeting** were agreed & signed. The recent **elections** had left one vacancy on the PC, and **Ali Young** was co-opted as Cllr to this vacancy. She was unable to attend the meeting and will sign the relevant paperwork before taking up her post at the next meeting.

**Finances** were presented by the Responsible Finance Officer. They highlighted the increase in reserves due to delays on spending on the War memorial restoration. The PC resolved to open an online banking account and resolved the new signatories required to run the account.

**Regarding planning** the PC were informed of planning applications that have been approved by TVBC including various tree works, new gates at Freelands, and demolition and building a new garage at Fullerton Manor. An application for an extension at Toll Cottage had been withdrawn. An application for the Priory to demolish the old pool wing, extend various garden buildings, and glass houses, and a new outdoor pool had already been supported by the PC remotely.

### **Reporting on Special projects and Cllrs portfolios:**

**Cllr Bryant** reported that there has been no progress yet on plans for alternatives to the War Memorial restoration.

**Cllr Hutton** reported that Purvers Patch has become somewhat overgrown and needs someone appointed or to volunteer to undertake regular ongoing gardening/maintenance.

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

- He highlighted green initiatives by TVBC, including reducing carbon emissions by 95% with the new green electric street cleaners and biodiesel bin lorries, and also a heat feasibility study to reduce energy use in Andover town centre.
- HCC is investing £7.5m per year in filling potholes. However, with a £50m deficit budget the council is asking residents views on what services to prioritise; representations can be made online.

**Regarding other matters**, Cllr Hutton reported that Wherwell Primary School has had a good Ofsted outcome, moderation for KS1 went well, and KS2 results are brilliant. The school was congratulated for all the achievements made since Covid. The next scheduled meeting will be the Parish Assembly which will take place on Tuesday 12th September at 7:00 pm, to which local residents are welcome to attend and bring any comments or concerns.

*Sean Hutton, Chair*

# Wherwell Primary School – What A Successful Year!

As we approach the end of a very eventful year at Wherwell Primary School, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their dedication.

It starts with our pupils who have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, supported by their parents and carers who ensured they arrived ready for the challenges of each day, excited and ready to learn. Our staff and leadership team have all worked incredibly hard this year to teach and guide our pupils and develop their young minds for the challenges of an ever-changing world.

We recently had an Ofsted inspection which concluded that:

*Wherwell Primary School continues to be a good school*

This is an incredible achievement. As governors, we knew this was an accurate assessment from our constant interrogation of data, meetings with staff and learning walks.

The term ‘moderation’ in education refers to an important and robust process of assessing the effectiveness and accuracy of judgements and teaching within a school. This is a vital form of triangulation conducted by HCC to support the views of teachers, the leadership team and the school’s Leadership and Learning Partner. Schools are ‘moderated’ every three or four years on a random basis on everything from Early Years, KS1 and 2 judgements, and even on the process of supporting and developing Early Career Teachers.

Covid obviously put a stop to this but now things have returned to normal and as it happens, Wherwell was selected for several moderation visits. The great news is that our judgements were validated by this external moderation which is a testament to the professionalism of the whole team. One teacher was even asked if she would like to be trained to become a moderator in the future.

Our strong Early Years provision enabled us to secure 82% of children achieving a *Good Level of Development*. KS1 results were very encouraging too and our success in phonics, the foundation for strong readers, was a remarkable 95%. The KS2 SATS grades are in and we are incredibly proud that we are sending our Year 6 pupils off to the next stage in their educational journey with results which are well above National.

Wherwell is still on a journey, but our team of dedicated professionals, supported by your governors, have had a great year. We are all excited to see how far we can progress our school in the coming year.

On behalf of the governing body may I wish our pupils, parents and carers a fantastic summer break.

*Continued*

Kind regards



Sean Hutton  
Chair of Governors

**We have limited spaces in all year groups, to arrange a visit please call the office 01264 860384. Messages will be monitored over the summer break**

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**ANDOVER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**  
**Have a great day out while helping a local charity!**  
**Charity Golf Day 28th September 2023**

At beautiful Tidworth Garrison Golf Club, rated number 3 Golf Club  
in Wiltshire!



Andover RDA provides riding experiences to Adults and Children with disabilities, who benefit physically and mentally, as well as having a lot of fun!

Our charity is completely run by unpaid volunteers, but each horse costs about £2,000pa. in maintenance and horse transport, hence we need funds!

We are asking you to:

- Bring your own friends or join a team of four golfers, or
- Sponsor a flag at a golf hole (with your company logo), or
- Give us a Raffle Prize (that promotes your company)

The golf will be Texas Scramble format, so fun for players of all abilities.

There is a "Hole in One" competition with a cash prize of £5,000. Also, other prizes plus a raffle.

Fee includes a morning snack and a 3-course buffet lunch.

For entry forms or more information please go to

<https://www.andover-rda.org.uk/> as soon as possible (places are limited).

# ANDOVER FOOD BANK UPDATE

Referrals to the Andover Food Bank for help for individuals and families continue to increase and school holidays add to the financial stress on many families.

Cleaning materials, toilet rolls, bin bags and personal hygiene items are always needed. Children very much appreciate donations of fruit squash, sweets and chocolate and in the summer holidays freezable ice pops are a popular, inexpensive treat.

Donations of tinned and packaged food items are always in demand. Please help if you can. Donations can be dropped off in the box outside Chilbolton Village Shop or at either 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 [www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk)

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



**Save the Date!**

**Longparish Church & Village Fete**

**Saturday 9th September 2023**

For more information, please contact:

Georgi Leask, [stnbrightwaters@icloud.com](mailto:stnbrightwaters@icloud.com)

Peter Hull, [peterhull192@btinternet.com](mailto:peterhull192@btinternet.com)

For donations of books, CDs or DVDs, Jenny Joliffe 01264 720207

For details of other stalls, Peter Jones, [peter@mothball.me.uk](mailto:peter@mothball.me.uk)

## Wherwell Dog Show



On Sunday 14th May a local competition was held to raise money for two charities, **Cancer Research** and **Crohn's & Colitis UK**.

Chantal Hutton and her team at 'Wherwell Jump & Go' worked tirelessly behind the scenes, organising a BBQ, raffle, various dog classes including 'most handsome dog' and 'best rescue'. Agility classes were set up for handlers at both beginner and competitive levels.



The weather was fabulous, the cakes donated by friends and family were very much enjoyed by all. Raffle prizes glistened in the sunshine, enticing lots of people to enter with a chance to win many prizes, including a wonderful hamper full of doggy toys and treats. The agility classes were thoroughly enjoyed, loud cheers could be heard from the ringside. A local photographer attended the event, capturing many beautiful photos of all the dogs at the competition.

The two charities chosen to benefit from this fundraiser are very close to the clubs heart, with members fighting their upmost against these debilitating diseases. An unbelievable amount of money was raised, just in excess of £4000. A truly humbling day where people came together to support each other. We are looking forward to making next year even bigger and better!

*Charlotte Blake*



## Stockbridge Cinema

**Wednesday 23 August. 7.30 pm**

### **She Said** (15).

Based on the bombshell New York Times investigation, **She Said** follows the remarkable true story of how reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor went from underdogs to inspirations by shattering the silence surrounding sexual assault in Hollywood. Determined to expose the truth many fear to tell, Megan and Jodi's partnership shakes up the system, empowering courageous women to retake their strength through stories of survival in this extraordinary film from Emmy-winning director Maria Schrader, featuring captivating performances by two-time Academy Award nominee Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan.



**Friday 8 September 7.30 pm**

### **Close** (12)

Winner of the Grand Prix award at Cannes 2022 and selected as the Belgian entry for the 2023 Academy Awards, **CLOSE** is an elegant, poetic and empathetic study of youth from acclaimed writer-director Lukas Dhont. Thirteen-year-olds Leo and Remi are inseparable; they spend every waking moment together, racing each other on their bikes, playing in the fields that surround their homes, and sleeping at each other's houses. They are best friends, as close as brothers. However, as they start a new school year, the pressures of burgeoning adolescence challenge their bond with unexpected and far-reaching consequences.





**Wednesday 13 September 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm**

**Allelujah (12)**

When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community: they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could possibly go wrong? **Allelujah** celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of the medical staff battling with limited resources and ever-growing demand. A warm and deeply moving comedy/drama about surviving old age featuring a host of talented British actors including Jennifer Saunders, Judy Dench and Derek Jacobi



*Information common to all 3 films:*

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE.

Tickets can be purchased online (£6.00 incl £0.50p booking fee per ticket)

via [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk) or by telephone from TicketSource :

0333 666 3366 (£1.80 charge per telephone *booking* in addition to the online ticket price). Please visit our website for more details.



**White Lion Inn**  
**Our Popular Quiz Night**  
**is**  
**Second-Thursday**

**10<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm**

£2 per person

**'Winners Take All'** Cash Pot  
Complimentary snacks served afterwards

**Meat Draw** every **Sunday** at 5pm

**Tickets £1** on sale all week

**20 prizes worth £10**

*Jane & Rachel*

**CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE**  
**- SATURDAY, 17 JUNE 2023**

**'THANK YOU'**

The weather was good and Watch Cottage was an amazing venue.  
It was a very happy day and enjoyed by all.

A special 'thank you' to all those who volunteered to man the stalls, put up marquees and in true village spirit went far beyond their remit.

The fete raised over £10,500 - a wonderful amount. This money will stay in the village, to be used for looking after our Grade I Listed Church, and will not be sent to the Bishop in Winchester for Diocese use.

With thanks,  
Wendy Fakes and Team

# Andover Trees United Summer Club

To book please email : [joanna.oliver-hawkins@andovertrees.org.uk](mailto:joanna.oliver-hawkins@andovertrees.org.uk)

For more information either email me or visit [andovertrees.org.uk](http://andovertrees.org.uk)



Nature Explorers at  
Harmony Woods

£2

## Summer Adventure Club

Discover the beauty of the great outdoors  
through exciting activities and adventures!



**21st August - 1st September**

**2 hour sessions available**

Spaces limited to 10 children per session

3-6 years (with an accompanying adult)

7-10 years (with an accompanying adult)

11-16 years (no adult needed)



## Summer Adventure Club!

**21st August till 1st September**

Discover the beauty of the outdoors through exciting  
activities and adventures!

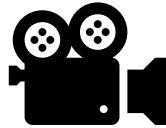
Andover Trees United is offering a summer club  
to various ages groups that will span two weeks.

All based at Harmony Woods, the sessions will be £2 per child for 2 hours,  
and includes refreshments. For more information visit

[www.andovertrees.org.uk/events-list/2023/7/6/summer-adventure-club](http://www.andovertrees.org.uk/events-list/2023/7/6/summer-adventure-club)

To book email [Joanna.oliver-hawkins@andovertrees.org.uk](mailto:Joanna.oliver-hawkins@andovertrees.org.uk)

# Come to the Movies!



CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

## **'What's Love Got to do With It?' (12A)**

**Starring Lily James, Shazad Latif,  
Sajal Ali and Emma Thompson**

For a documentary film maker, a dating app only delivers a stream of Mr. Wrongs. For her childhood friend, the answer is an arranged marriage to a beautiful bride from Pakistan. As she films his journey to marry a stranger, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn .....

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2023**

**Doors open 6.30 pm**

**Film commences 7.30 pm**

Tickets £6.00 - In advance

Or £7.00 - On the door (subject to availability)

Tea/coffee and biscuits available in the Interval

Wine, beer, orange juice and choc ices

will be on sale

**To book your ticket, please ring Beryl Lawrence on 01264 86061**

## **Chilbolton Community Film Shows**

**The Village Hall Committee is still very concerned that the audience numbers are not improving sufficiently to cover costs.**

This is even more worrying as Mark, the projectionist, has to increase his charges from September because of increased prices, particularly fuel. In view of this, the Committee has decided to increase the booked ticket price to £6.00 and the 'last-minute' ticket price to £7.00.

In order to help the evening run smoothly, we have decided to slightly alter the format. From September, the doors will open at 6.30 pm as now, when wine, beer and juice will be available. We will then show two or three trailers at 7.00 pm, followed by a short interval when tea or coffee will be available, as well as the opportunity to purchase wine, beer etc. The main feature will then commence at 7.30 pm. We are grateful for those villagers who regularly attend and have been doing so for a number of years. We are sorry that the many newcomers to the village do not seem so keen to join in the social aspect of our community film shows.

The Committee has agreed that films will continue to the end of 2023, but unless there is a significant increase in audience numbers, regretfully film shows will have to cease.

Perhaps another point to mention is that if we cancel our Friday night screening, there will be no opportunity to re-book, as Mark has a waiting list of villagers who would like to have their film show on a Friday.

Please continue to support the film shows and encourage your friends and neighbours to do so, too.

Many thanks

### **CHILBOLTON OPEN GARDENS STOP PRESS!**

What a great Day!

This a quick note to let you all know what a huge success it was. It really passed all expectations, particularly for a first effort. To have people queueing at 2pm to buy tickets set the tone for the whole afternoon. Thank you all so very much for firstly agreeing to open your garden, (we had 11 in total) and for working hard to have your garden looking as fabulous as they all did. Thank you to everyone who helped out with signs, parking, selling tickets, baking delicious cakes, pouring cups of tea, washing up, selling raffle tickets, etc.

All details next month but for now I can say that we made in the region of £2000! and a good percentage of that will of course go to the Hampshire Air Ambulance.

*Sue Larcombe & Tessa Youell*

## Wherwell's Keep Fit Class is back!

with a FREE Taster Session

on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

9.15am to 10.00am

at Wherwell Village Hall

**BAZ MYERS**  
PERSONAL TRAINER



<https://www.bazmyerspt.com/>

Baz's Fitness class will comprise 10 minute warm up (limbering up and pulse raiser), 25-30 mins of cardio vascular work in the form of circuits using body weight and light weights with a warm down at the end including stretching.

Baz can accommodate all fitness levels within the 1 fitness class and as time goes on, he can tailor the class to the requirements of the group. Baz will charge £6 cash on the day for Pay-as-yo-Go or £5 per class if paid on monthly basis via bank transfer.

## Wherwell's Fit Steps Dance Class

is in full swing **every Monday evening**, 6pm to 7pm

at Wherwell Village Hall



A fitness programme ... NOT a dance class ... designed around the dance rhythms you may have heard and watched on 'Strictly'!

<https://www.facebook.com/francesb121>

## Chilbolton Parish Council

The Chilbolton Open Gardens on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July was very successful especially that it is the first time that we have done this. More than two hundred people attended and more than £2000 was raised for the Parish and Ambulance service. To all those who helped a big “Thank You”.

Cow Common continues to be our greatest asset and concern. Some visitors simply ignore the notice boards and have no idea about how to behave in the countryside, let alone an SSSI. Unauthorised parking that blocks access for residents on the common simply cannot be permitted. For this reason, the Open Spaces Committee have decided, with full support of the parish council, to close the parking area for the months of June, July and August. There is plenty of parking at West Down and a pleasant walk from there to the common. It is understood that this could be a problem for those with disabilities and if this causes parishioners a problem, please contact our clerk and we will try to find a solution. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Andrew Pate, of ITV Meridian, filmed on Cow Common for the ITV ‘Spirit of the South’ series. The parish council was initially concerned that this might attract many more visitors to Cow Common, but Andrew convinced us that his approach would concentrate on the natural beauty, fauna and flora of our unique common and SSSI. Thank you to Moya Grove for acting as a guide for this important programme that will probably be broadcast in August. The smell emitted by the Tunnel Tech plant processing compost for mushroom cultivation continues to cause distress to village residents. As mentioned last month, a public meeting has been arranged for a presentation from Tunnel Tech Management on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> at the village hall at 7 pm. There will be time for questions. Have a wonderful Summer.

*Tony Ewer, Chairman Chilbolton Parish Council. August, 2023*

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## *Coffee Morning at Chilbolton Village Hall.*

*A Cup of Cheer and a biscuit...  
Bring family & friends to support your Village Hall  
all for £1.50 each on*

*Saturday 19th August  
10.30 to 12.00a.m.*

*Including 100 Club Draw, Raffle, & Secondhand Books*



# Simon's Sunday Quiz

27<sup>th</sup> August 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 12<sup>th</sup> August

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm



## Chairman's Charity Afternoon Tea

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August** (new date)

2.30pm – 5pm

~~~ plus - save the date ~~~

## Last Night of the PROMS

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Ticket money (£3) for

Countess of Brecknock Hospice

**Proceeds to Breast Cancer Now**

Please phone Sandie to book a table 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 & Kitchen available for hire.**

**Seats 60, Licensed Bar optional. Enquires to Sue on 07557 051 041.**



# PUBLICITY ASSISTANTS WANTED!



We are looking for volunteers to assist our team with creating social media content and campaigns, writing blog posts, news articles, press releases, newsletters, engaging with our audience, and encouraging new volunteers.

If you have experience in any of the above we would love to hear from you. You will need to be able to work remotely with your own laptop.

We use Canva, Squarespace, and Mailchimp, so experience with these would be helpful but not necessary.



[laura.morrell@andovertrees.org.uk](mailto:laura.morrell@andovertrees.org.uk)

## CHILBOLTON AND WHERWELL GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

Calling all gardeners: seek out your best flowers, veg, herbs and fruit to come and enter in the village show.

Classes for craft and cookery with a special section for children.



Open to all village residents.

**Staging 9.30am, judging 11.30am, open to public at 2pm.**

Free to view exhibits. Raffle, refreshments.

Schedules available from website and village shop.