

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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November 2023

Welcome to November – in the month of Remembrance there are articles that recognise and boost the Community Spirit in our villages and at the same time reach out to those people affected by war and poverty. For events, the choice is huge: coffee mornings, talks, quizzes, film showings, a “wonderfully barking spoof” play, a Craft Weekend and two Christmas Bazaars. For ‘down to earth’ matters there is ‘Fun in the Mud’, an Allotment vacancy and you can pre-order a Christmas tree. Finally, there is a beautiful tribute to Barbara North and a touching poem by Shane Pike.

Andrew Flanagan

Thank you to our contributors this month, and to our production team Diane Newell, Jeremy Buttery and Andrew Flanagan. Thanks also, to our distribution coordinator Terry Gilmour and our distribution helpers. Also, to Tim Whiteside, our ‘What’s On’ Coordinator, and Stephen MacDonald our chairman and advertising manager.



Church Matters

The Downs Benefice is currently awaiting the appointment of a new Rector.



However, our services and Church Life continue as normal. If you have any requests, needs or queries, please contact the Benefice Office (details below).

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Autumn Meditations, 6pm at Wherwell Church

5 November 2023

Mother Teresa: Catholic nun, founder of the Missionaries of Charity. 1910 – 1997 AD

10 December 2023

Leonard Cheshire: decorated RAF pilot, philanthropist. 1917-1992 AD

Dear Friends,

Almost 250 years ago, in a poem called “Man was made to mourn,” Robert Burns used these familiar words: “Man’s inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn.” Burns was campaigning against economic and social injustice, but his words could equally have applied then – and now – to the violence, oppression and warfare which increasingly seems to characterise our world. In those days warfare tended to be localised in area and scope, but today it is all made easier by rapid advances in weapons technology and our ability to communicate and travel quickly across continents, and into space – and developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI) will only accelerate this. As I write, the catastrophe of warfare in Israel and Gaza has just erupted, and I fear the violence will still be on-going as you read this.

There is a tendency to say “it was ever thus” – and after feeling genuine concern for the innocent victims of each conflict we move on with our lives. It seems that aggression and greed – in part at least – are hard-wired into human genes. For some, like Vladimir Putin, that has been given free rein, without care of the consequences of their actions on innocent victims. It need not be this way.

One thing we have learned, despite the history of violence in the world, is that by working together as Communities, locally, nationally and across continents - sharing our lives in the best interests of all - our genetic instincts to do good can overcome our instincts for violence. To achieve this, we need a Community framework which give us the freedom to act co-operatively in accordance with our consciences. History tells us that over time it is Democracy – government by the whole population, respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms – that gives us the best chance of avoiding large-scale violence. It may be suggested that a system of benevolent authoritarianism will allow the same thing, in a more efficient way, but history shows us that every authoritarian regime in time becomes a dictatorship, and with it the opportunity for man’s inhumanity to man flourishes.

Russia, China and Belarus are examples where powerful individuals have taken personal control of a whole State system, and where instincts for greed and violence without concern for others flourish. Democracy is a precious thing. We are fortunate to live in one, but democracies are always under attack from within – the USA clearly has some real problems just now – but recently we have also started to see the rapid rise of very powerful individuals, effectively unaccountable to anyone except themselves, who operate trans-nationally and are above any Government’s effective control. Elon Musk is one such, and I confess to being quite worried about where he is going.

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Having said all that, Democracy is still winning overall and we should be optimistic that our freedoms and our ability to care for others will flourish. In our own villages there is a great deal to be proud of – the Shop, the Pubs, the Village Halls and the Churches are all part of the glue that holds us together. Nicky, for example, puts a great deal of care and effort into serving our two Communities in all sorts of ways through the village shop, and we should celebrate what she and so many others do to help our Communities thrive.

Perhaps I can leave you with a short prayer for Peace:

“God, who gives us so many good things,
most of which we take for granted,
please remind us that we should not take it for granted –
but that we must care for our world,
as we care for others in our Communities,
working together for the good of all.
Remind us that in this way, bit by bit,
Peace can prevail and spread across the world
until Your Kingdom is lived-out here on earth.”

Andrew Kent

QUIZ

Wherwell's Annual Quiz

Saturday, 18th November

7:45pm Start in Wherwell Village Hall

featuring popular

Quiz Master, Simon Roberts

A likely 'Sell-Out', So PLEASE BOOK NOW!!!

- Teams up to 8, come along and join a team, or pull together your own team !
- Entry £15 per person includes a Two Course Supper
- Dining Out 'Bundle' & Prize Raffle
- Bring Your Own Drinks, Nibbles and Glasses, please

Ticket Booking: John Conte

e: wherwellbiz@aol.com m: 07836 271089

Services November 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>
<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>					
Thursday 2nd November					
All Souls' Service			6pm		
Sunday 5th November – The Fourth Sunday before Advent					
Holy Communion with All Souls'		10am			
Morning Prayer with the Baptism of Grace and Rose Ellis	10am				
Café Church in Church Room			4pm		
Meditations					6pm
Friday 10th November					
Act of Remembrance with Wherwell School					10.55am (at the War Memorial)
Saturday 11th November					
Act of Remembrance			10.55am (at the War Memorial)		
Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday					
Remembrance Service	10.50 am	10.55am (at the War Memorial)	10.30am at the Barracks	10.55am (at the War Memorial)	<i>With Chilbolton</i>
Sunday 19th – The Second Sunday before Advent					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Holy Communion with REME	10am				
Morning Worship		10am			
Wednesday 22nd November					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		
Sunday 26th November – Christ the King					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship				10am	
Patronal Festival			11.15am		

Wherwell Solar Farm

In September, Wherwell Parish Council (WPC) called a public meeting following the submission of a planning application (23/02225/FULLN) to Test Valley Borough Council for a solar farm within the parish of Wherwell. The plans for this development can be found on the TVBC website (<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/viewplanningapplicationsonline>).

They propose the development of a 60-hectare site extending about 2.5 km along the B3420, comprising nearly 64 thousand panels plus required support structures. The development is anticipated to have a 40-year life span.

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The TVBC deadline for public comments to this application was 7th October but WPC was awarded a delay in their response until 25th October 2023.

The meeting was held on 13th October at Wherwell playing fields and was chaired by Mr Sean Hutton (Chairman of WPC). Over 60 members of the public attended.

Overall, there was considerable support for the production of green energy, including the development of solar farms. However, the vast majority considered this application should be refused on the basis of significant impacts on the local landscape character, visual amenity, heritage and ecology. Moreover, there are already 6 existing solar farms in the area so the cumulative impact may be considered overdevelopment.

Statements from the public pointed out the location of the proposed site is at a physical high point in the open chalklands of the Test and Anton valleys, which have a high sensitivity to visual intrusion from such developments. Impacts on visual amenity, and possibly glare, would be experienced by walkers on several public and permissive footpaths and by drivers on several roads as well as by local village residents.

The charity Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has submitted a written response to TVBC indicating that the application should be refused on the basis of the visual impact to the landscape. It was widely thought that the growth of 3-4m hedges as mitigations proposed to reduce visual intrusion would be inadequate and inherently intrusive and would destroy the panorama already enjoyed on the existing permissive pathway alongside the B3420.

The impact on the approach through the chalk downlands to the historically important medieval village of Wherwell was highlighted by several speakers.

Finally, issues were raised regarding inadequate consideration of impacts on local ecology and biodiversity. Harewood Forest is designated as semi-ancient forest and identified by TVBC as a site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), which needs to be protected from inappropriate development. Located at a critical forest boundary, the proposed solar farm will impact the habitats and migration routes of several protected and/or endangered wildlife species well known to local villagers, including badgers, dormice, skylarks, various bats and insects. It may also increase wildlife traffic accidents.

There is still time to have your say by writing to TBVC quoting the application number. You can also request an extension of the response deadline from TVBC planning department.

Wherwell Parish Council

Fun in the mud

Clearing the small stream on the Common was a truly joint effort by people from far and wide and some very happy children!

Sparsholt College Countryside Management group came first and 21 energetic teens and twenties went into the work with care and great energy supervised by expert staff.

Next came the Hampshire Conservation Volunteers.

Experienced men, all very familiar with the Common as some have been coming for 40 years and remember the great ragwort pulls of the 1990s!

They worked with a will and great expertise and at about midday met up with the village contingent of 5 who had worked round from the upper bridge. One family working with Emma Noble of COSC.

Their view of the challenge? “The children and I had a wonderful time. Where else could they plaster themselves in black mud for a couple of hours without getting told off!”

Other families were unable to come but may well enjoy the experience next time.

Many, many thanks to all who put in the effort. The stream is now flowing freely and will take the Autumn and Winter rainfall from the village to the Test.



Moya Grove for COSC

Are your details up to date?

We regularly receive requests for information regarding firearms requests or insurance forms where the address given on the form is not the same as the address we have for you. It is very important that you ensure we have your correct address and telephone number on your medical records.

**Getting help and advice when the surgery is closed,
or you have had an injury**

If we are closed, or you have experienced an injury which may require an x-ray, stitches or other treatment we cannot provide at the surgery you can access 111 in the following ways:

- Telephone 111.
- Go to 111.nhs.uk online.
- Via the NHS App

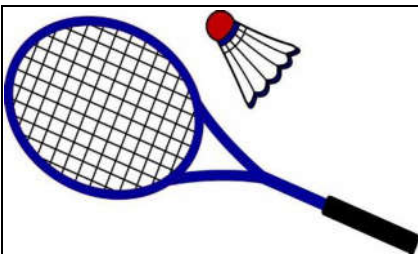
For children the Healthier Together App or website it is a useful way of checking symptoms and getting advice on the best service to contact.

Dementia Advice and Support for Carers

Mind offer advice on dementia for patients and carers. They can be contacted by calling 01264 332297, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm or by emailing enquiries@andovermind.org.uk

You can also contact Carers' Together, based in Romsey on 01794 519495 or by emailing admin@carerstogether.org.uk

Please ensure that we have your correct next of kin details on your medical record, particularly if you live alone. There is a form which can be completed on our website, or you can write to us to let us know.

**Chilbolton Badminton
Club**

Every Wednesday 7:30 PM at
Chilbolton Village Hall
All levels of play welcome. £4 per
person per session

Barbara North – a Tribute



My mother, Barbara, grew up in Sutton Scotney with her twin brother Eddie and younger brother Andy. She passed her 11+ and went to Winchester County High School for Girls. After finishing school, she enjoyed a period of time living away from home. Lord Rank, who owned Sutton Scotney Manor Estate, arranged for her to live with his relations, the Cowans, during which time she experienced a very different kind of life.

She was much loved by the Cowan family, and after her death Huxley Cowan wrote: “I felt your mother was one of our family and we will all miss her terribly... she was like (another) big sister and was great fun to have around”.

Later, in 1977, she married Robin, my father, whom she had known since childhood.

Mum was always ambitious and by the early 80s was one of the most senior females in banking at TSB. We would often have conversations about her experience as a woman working in a male dominated environment and the challenges involved. She returned to full-time work at TSB just 6 weeks after having me, but would still come home every lunchtime to feed me. Despite working full-time she also built us our family home in Chilbolton. She project-managed it from start to finish, sourcing and purchasing all the materials herself, and achieved all this, with hard work and determination, on a modest budget.

She never forgot how much she didn't have growing up, so she counted and valued every penny for the rest of her life. She often told my boys how she remembered asking her mother for money for sweets at the end of the week and her mother would open her purse and turn it upside down to show her there was nothing in there.

When her job relocated to Birmingham in the early 90s, Mum left TSB and full-time work. She quickly got involved with other pursuits including becoming a governor of Wherwell Primary School and a Lay OFSTED Inspector. She was also very involved in village and church life in Chilbolton. It wasn't long before she wanted something more stimulating so she took on a series of non-executive roles in the NHS, including becoming Chair of Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust.

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In her work, as in all aspects of her life, she displayed unerring integrity, holding not just herself, but those she worked with, to high ethical standards. When working for the Trust, she would never shy away from difficult decisions if she felt they would benefit the people the Trust served.

After leaving the Trust, my mother continued to play a big part of the local communities she lived in. When she and Robin moved to Stockbridge 14 years ago, she became a prominent and active member of the Parochial Church Council for many years. When Michael Ford, the treasurer sadly died, she took on this demanding position and excelled in the role. She also took on responsibility for the care of the two church buildings, only giving up both onerous duties when the pressure of caring for my father became too much. She played a valuable role in many church fundraising activities, and notably, managed the entire bell restoration programme, spearheaded by Gerald Lambert.

Barbara was an organiser, planner and researcher who didn't believe that many things in this life happen by accident, and that you have to go out and make it happen. Unsurprisingly, her parenting and grand parenting style was unique but powerful. She had an absolute and unshakable belief in me. Whatever the endeavour, she backed me to the hilt and it has been the same for her grandsons Charlie and George; every achievement big or small was celebrated. She came to every school concert, sports match, play and prize giving event. She was immensely proud of them and was a wonderful hands-on grandmother who would feed them, have them overnight for sleepovers and even took them on trips to explore places as distant as Rome and Northern Ireland, always on her own. My boys were lucky to have such a strong capable and loving grandmother in their lives.

When Robin became ill and decided not to have treatment, she was totally dedicated to caring for him. She made sure that he was able to stay at home and pulled on every old NHS string and contact she had to ensure he had everything he needed. Dad had relied on her throughout their relationship because she was so capable, resourceful and organised, but in these last few months of his life, he needed her like never before and I know he shared with her in his last few days how much she meant to him. Theirs was a long and devoted bond.

My mother always ensured that we were all part of an extended family with the children of Robin's first marriage and it is thanks to her that I have strong ties with my brother and sister.

Many Hampshire residents have shared their deep sadness at her loss. She was a large personality with a good sense of humour and much loved by her many friends. We will all miss her.

Briony White

Chilbolton Parish Council

Now that Summer is behind us and the nights are beginning to draw in, I wonder whether parishioners could consider volunteering for local activities?

Almost all parish activities rely on volunteers and the many things that we take for granted simply would not be possible without volunteers. Some examples are the Parish Council and subcommittees, especially the Open Spaces Committee (COSC) that manages Chilbolton Cow Common, West Down, the War Memorial Playing Field, school visits to the Common and regular clearing and maintenance of footpaths and ditches; the magazine, Village Hall including film shows, coffee morning, Brownies; Wherwell School governors, St Mary-the-Less, the Church Fete and the Parochial Church Council and the Warm Hub where residents meet for soup and a chat. There are more, but the point is, that without our precious volunteers our parish would be a poorer, duller place rather than our very desirable and much-loved home.

There is a cost implication too. The parish share of rates is one of the lowest in the borough at just over £18,000 a year – about £40 per household and £20 per resident PER YEAR! If volunteers were replaced by employees the rates would need to increase by some £100,000 per year.

Bless and give thanks to our many volunteers but please consider offering some of YOUR time as a volunteer. Most parish volunteers are elderly and becoming less able physically. So, many younger residents need to step up and support our community. This is vital for the Common and West Down and only requires a few days each year. Over to YOU!

It is pleasing to report that the Open Gardens event made £1954 and that 50% was donated to the Air Ambulance. Thank you to the organisers and the residents who opened their gardens.

Our village shop is struggling and could become financially unviable. A village needs a village shop, church and pub and without these most properties would be worth considerably less. A number of local residents have joined a scheme to set up a standing order of £10 per month to the shop. Contributors will have a birthday cake baked for them as well as other benefits whilst helping to keep our shop viable. Please give this latest initiative to keep the shop open your consideration.

Tony Chairman Chilbolton Parish Council.

Chilbolton Parish Council – Allotment vacancy

web: <https://chilboltonparishcouncil.org.uk/>



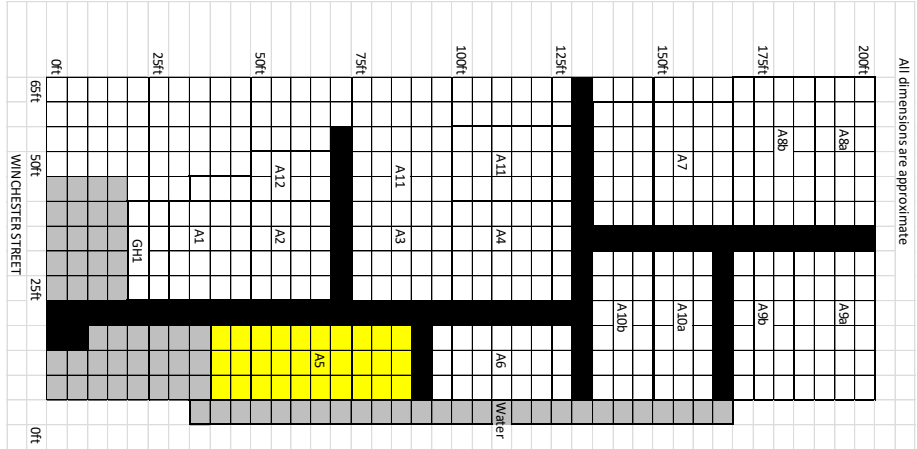
AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW YOUR OWN

**ONE allotment plot will be available for
Chilbolton residents from 1st January 2024.**

Allotment plot A5 is approx. 56 sq.m at an annual rent of £22.40 as of 1 April 2024 (+ a pro rata payment of £5.60 for 1.1.24 – 31.3.24).

If you are interested in taking on this plot please contact Mandy Denyer, Parish Clerk, on chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk

If no Chilbolton resident is interested, then the plot will be made available to Wherwell residents from 1 February 2024.



Allotments Plan (with Winchester Street on left-hand side)

Chilbolton Parish Council – First Aid Training

web: <https://chilboltonparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Would you like to learn how to treat:

- * An unresponsive adult casualty,
- * Bleeding (minor and severe),
- * Burns (minor),
- * Chest pains and other medical emergencies?
- * Would you like to learn resuscitation and basic defibrillator use?

Chilbolton Parish Council is considering holding a First Aid training course (primarily for Chilbolton residents) before the end of March 2024 and would like to know how many people would be interested in attending.

The course could cost around £150 per person (if 20 or more people attend), but this could be reduced if CPC can apply for grant funding.

If CPC use St John Ambulance to run the course, successful attendees will receive a St John Ambulance certificate, which will be valid for three years.

If you would like to attend, please **register your interest** by emailing Mandy Denyer, CPC Clerk (chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk) by **21st November 2023** or complete the form at Chilbolton Village Store (please only use one method to register your interest, thank you).

Chilbolton Village Hall – Annual General Meeting Monday 27th November – 6.30pm

The Village Hall Management Committee's AGM will take place in the Durnford Room at 6.30pm. Residents are invited to attend as this is a public meeting.

If you are interested in joining the Management Committee then please contact me at wendyandrews875@btinternet.com.

The agenda can be found on the Village Hall website at www.chilboltonvillagehall.co.uk.

Wendy Fakes (Secretary)

Qi Gong

Continuing through November

- Thursdays at 10.00am – 11.00am

Please note: the Tuesday class has been cancelled

Wherwell Village Hall

- Qi Gong is pronounced 'Chi Gong'
- A slow gentle low impact exercise similar to tai chi.
- Reduces Stress and Elevates Mood
- Improves Strength and Endurance
- Activates Healing Energy
- Reduces Chronic Pain
- Improves Sleeping
- Helps Improve Flexibility
- Improves Overall Health
- **Suitable for All Ages**
- **Especially Beneficial for Seniors and those with Mobility issues**
- Pay-as-you-go sessions (first is free) are £7 (cash or card)



Julie Thomas

Tel: 07788 431 773 e: julzzthomas@gmail.com

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

EASTMANS FIELD, SO20 6AT

*Monthly
coffee
mornings*

*Regular
classes to
join*

LARGE INDOOR SPACE

ENCLOSED GARDEN

*Chair cover
hire*

EXTENSIVE CAR PARK

*Monthly
film shows*

FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN

FREE BLUETOOTH AND WIFI

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OUR FRIENDLY BOOKING SECRETARY

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Test Villages u3a

Thursday 2nd November – 2.00pm

(doors open at 1.40pm)

Test Villages u3a AGM followed by “Trekking in Nepal”

Carol Watson is a lover of the natural world and an accomplished photographer. Together with her husband she has walked and trekked in many countries. In her talks she gives a very definite sense of what life is like on her journey. We also get to learn about the many plants and animals she encountered along her way, trekking through Nepal.

Test Villages u3a

Thursday 7th December – 2.00pm

(doors open at 1.40pm)

Test Villages u3a Christmas Social

A fun afternoon including an Entertainer, Table top Quiz
and Festive food and drinks.

Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased at our November meeting

or by email: Mary Coleman mescoleman@gmail.com

This event is for members only; find out more our Test Villages group at:

u3asites.org.uk/test-villages

Next Collection for Ukraine

Saturday 25th November between 10.30am – 12.30pm

at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**

Our focus for these collections continues to be on helping the injured, especially the young men in the Ukrainian hospitals, whose lives have been blighted forever by this terrible war - PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

For this month's collection we'd be grateful for the following items

All sorts of medication

eg: pain relief such as paracetamol, cough lozenges, cold remedies, etc.

Bandages & other wound dressings **New soft T shirts**

Absorbing blankets/pads **New Underwear**

Adult nappies **New slippers for hospital use**

Items must be new as they are going to the hospitals

Please don't bring other items as we have no storage facilities, thank you.

Thank you very much, Pam Flanagan (01264 860 560)

Christmas Support for the Food Bank

Planning for Christmas starts in October at the Food Bank as they endeavour to ensure that all local children, aged from 0 to 15 years, will receive some Christmas treats. Empty shoe boxes are collected, covered in Christmas paper and filled with age-appropriate gifts for girls and boys together with festive sweets and chocolates.

Donations of suitable items from the list below would be very much appreciated now.

- Toy vehicles, dolls, cuddly toys, rattles, soft balls
- Bath toys, bath bubbles
- Small puzzles, books, games, jigsaws, packs of cards
- Felt tips, crayons, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, colouring/puzzle books
- Glue sticks, stickers, craft kits, pads of paper
- Scarves, hats, gloves, belts, jewellery, purses or wallets
- Shower gel, skin cleanser, body spray, nail varnish/remover, make up

Please no toy weapons, mirrors, glass or fragile items.

Regular food and cleaning items are always very much appreciated but more so at Christmas when family budgets are even more stretched than normal.

Donations can be dropped off, as normal, at Chilbolton Shop.

Alternatively, you can contact me to arrange to pick up your donations.

I will be at the Coffee Mornings in both villages in November and December to collect donations of gifts and festive foods.

I will of course be very pleased to accept donations of cheques or cash.

Jane Andrews: Tel: 01264 860635 or 07730 412393

e: flyjohnndrews@aol.com

SADS Next Production – The Hound of the Baskervilles (sort of)

Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society (SADS) next production will be a “**wonderfully barking spoo!**” version of probably the most famous of the Sherlock Holmes mysteries – there are at least 13 film versions of this story in English alone, plus numerous stage adaptations.

Performances are on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of November at 7:30pm in Stockbridge Town Hall. Note: there is no performance on Saturday 25th. All seventeen roles, including all the women, are played by just three actors: Larry Murphy, Sid Dajani and Iain Powell – aided and abetted by stage manager Tania Flewitt, who does her best to get the right actor on stage at the right time with the right props.

You can buy tickets on-line at www.stockbridgeamdrams.org.uk or by leaving a message on 01264 513676.

Would you like to help out on the magazine?

We have two vacancies for a **Distribution Manager** - one in Chilbolton and one in Wherwell - starting in February.

Chilbolton

- Collect 750 magazines from the printer in Andover x 4 per annum
- Deposit 260 Wherwell mags to single Wherwell address
- Divide 490 Chilbolton mags into 20 bags and drop off to Chilbolton door-to-door team

Commitment required

- 2-3 hours on one day at month end x 4 per annum
- Vehicle and email account needed

Wherwell

- Receive 260 Wherwell mags x 11 per annum
- Divide them into 10 bags and drop off to Wherwell door-to-door team

Commitment required

- 1 hour at month end x 11 per annum (cover provided when you're away)
- Vehicle and email account needed

Who's on the magazine team?

Currently twenty of us – a mix of full time employed and retired from both villages, all with an active interest in village affairs.

Is there a social side?

Yes. At Christmas we have a party for members and partners. It's a good way to meet lively, like-minded people. You'll receive an invite to this December's event.

What next?

If you're interested, **call or email me** and I'll give you more detail.

Stephen MacDonald (Mag Chairman)
smacdonald500@btinternet.com or 07715 944 024

Diary Dates

Warm Hub lunch at CVH	Every Monday	12 noon
Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45 pm
Wherwell Fit Step at WVH	Every Monday	6.00 - 7.00 pm
Weekly Bingo WHG Club	Every Monday	7.30 pm
Wherwell Keep Fit class at WVH	Every Tuesday	9.15 - 10.00 am
Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
Chilbolton Badminton Club, CVH	Every Wednesday	7.30 pm
Qi Gong class at WVH	Every Thursday	10.00 am

November

2	u3a AGM & "Nepal" Talk	CVH	2.00 pm
3	Film: Allelujah	CVH	6.30 for 7.30 pm
3-5	Arts & Craft weekend	Goodworth Clatford	see advert
4	Wherwell Coffee morning	WVH	10.30 - 12 noon
5	Autumn Meditations	Wherwell Church	6.00 pm
6	Chilbolton PC & Planning	CVH	6.00 - 8.30 pm
6	Ad hoc advert deadline		
10	Stockbridge Cinema	Stockbridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
10	Cocktail Evening	WHGC	8.00 pm
10	December & January copy deadline		
11	Janet's Bingo	Home Guard Club	7.30 for 8.00 pm
13	Stockbridge Cinema	Stockbridge Town Hall	5.00 & 7.30 pm
14	Wherwell Parish Council	WVH	6.30 pm
17	Christmas Fair	Black Chalk winery	9.30 - 4.00 pm
17	WHG Talk - wall paintings	Online (Zoom)	8.00 pm
18	Coffee Morning	CVH	10.30 - 12 noon
18	Christmas Bazaar	Home Guard Club	11.00 - 2.00 pm
18	Wherwell Annual Quiz	WVH	7.45 pm
21	Garden Club Members Social	CVH	7.45 pm
22 - 24	SADS Hound of Baskervilles	STH	7.30 pm
25	Drop-off for Ukraine	Home Guard Club	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
25	Blankety Blank game show	Home Guard Club	8.00 pm
26	Simon's Quiz	Home Guard Club	7.30 for 8.00 pm
27	Chilbolton VH AGM	CVH	6.30 pm
30	Last Day to order Xmas Trees	Wherwell School	

December

1	Parents & Community drop in	Wherwell Primary school	2.30 pm
6	Stockbridge Cinema	Stockbridge Town Hall	4.30 & 7.30 pm
7	u3a Christmas Social	CVH	2.00 pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – November

Sat 4 th Ticketed event	Fireworks in Winchester (North Walls) - Food Festival from 3pm, torchlit procession from 6pm (starting from Broadway) Bonfire lit approx 7.15pm, Fireworks approx 7.45pm (https://winchesterbonfire.co.uk/buy-tickets/)
8th – 11 th 01962 840 440	Calendar Girls - Award-winning Winchester Musicals and Opera Society present their brand new production of Calendar Girls The Musical. 7:30pm (Matinée on Sat 2.30) Theatre Royal
Thur 9 th 01264 368368	Mark Watson – Comedian is at the Andover Lights 7.30 – 11pm Mark Watson is brilliant, very funny, went home with face ache from laughing
Sun 12 th	Second Sundays - A modern market supporting emerging and established independent producers, designers, and makers – showcasing Andover's best local talent! High St Andover
Sat 18th 01962 840 440 7:30pm	The Man Who Could See Through Sh!t - In these supercharged socio-political times the challenge is more and more becoming separating what's true and what's real. Lucille Hunter proudly proclaimed "It's easy to see through sh!t, the hard part is pretending you haven't." - Theatre Royal Winchester SO23 8SB Reginald D Hunter – "Stand-up comedy's coolest customer" - The Telegraph
Sat 18 th 01264 368368	Oas-is are the UK's number one tribute to Manchester's finest rock n roll band - Oasis. Expect to hear all the classic Oasis songs, delivered with frightening accuracy and all the attitude you would expect from the real thing. Andover Lights 8pm
Mon 27th 01962 857200	Vivaldi's Four Seasons at Winchester Cathedral – Hear Vivaldi's stunning <i>Four Seasons</i> live - Exceptional classical performances from the Piccadilly Sinfonietta. The perfect way to celebrate the festive season. 7:30 – 9:15pm
30th Nov to 1/1/24 01962 840 440	Cinderella - promises to be the greatest Christmas production ever! With original songs, loads of corny gags, audience participation and some surprising twists to the tale, the whole family is bound to have a ball! Theatre Royal Winchester
Farmers' Markets	
Romsey - First Sunday of every month 10am - 3pm	
Winchester - Second and last Sunday of every month 9am -2pm	
Andover - Third Sunday of every month (March to December)	
Plus... Andover Market for All Seasons – every Friday 8:30am - 1pm	



Chilbolton & Wherwell Christmas Posada 2023

Mary and Joseph are searching for a place to stay - can you help?

Be a part of this heavenly family tradition by offering them refuge for a single night in December and documenting your experience in a scrapbook.

Children, grandchildren and adults alike are invited to keep one of the sheep and bring it along to the Wherwell Christmas Eve Crib Service – St. Peter & Holy Cross Church at 4pm on Sunday 24th December where they can be reunited with the rest of the flock. Please join us for this wonderful family nativity service, it's simply not to be missed!

To sign up to receive the Posada please contact Janie Painter
janie.painter@yahoo.com or 07980 002235.



Chilbolton and Wherwell gardening Club



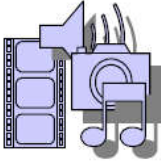
Tuesday 21st November

Members Christmas Social

Chilbolton Village Hall 7.45pm

A fun evening with a Christmas / gardening theme

Seasonal refreshments and a Christmas raffle.



**Chilbolton Village Hall
Management Committee**

Proudly Present

'ALLELUJAH' (12A)

**Starring Jennifer Saunders, Julia McKenzie,
David Bradley, Russell Tovey, Bally Gill,
Judi Dench and Derek Jacobi**

When a geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, it fights back by asking a news crew to film preparations for a concert to honour its most distinguished nurse

Friday 3rd November 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 860618
or E-mail dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk.**

NEXT MONTH'S FILM !

'I Wanna Dance with Somebody' (12A)

Friday, 1st December 2023

Starring Naomi Ackie, Stanley Tucci and Ashton Sanders

A joyous and emotional celebration of the life and music of Whitney Houston tracking her journey from obscurity to super stardom

Details as for November above

Save the Date
Friday 17th November 9.30am - 4.00pm

HAMPSHIRE
MEDICAL FUND

Christmas Fair

at Black Chalk Winery
Fullerton, SP11 7JX

Knight
Frank

10% of all purchases go to Hampshire Medical Fund

The poster features a grey background with white snowflake patterns. At the top, a black banner contains the event details. The Hampshire Medical Fund logo is centered above the title. Below the title, the location is listed. The Knight Frank logo and a note about donations are at the bottom.

Andover Library Toy Exchange



Did you know Andover Library has a toy exchange?

Lots of wonderful pre-loved toys and many more are currently looking for new homes. They are free to take and you don't have to donate a toy to take one. But if you're having a clear-out and would like to donate to our exchange, we'd be very grateful.

We're particularly looking for toys for primary-school aged children as we currently have lots of baby toys (but nothing electronic please and no books).



Wherwell School PTA

ORDER YOUR LOCALLY GROWN CHRISTMAS TREE

**Pre-order by 30th November
for collection/delivery on 2nd December**



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**ORDER
ONLINE
& SUPPORT
WHERWELL
SCHOOL**



www.wherwellschoolpta.uk

GOODWORTH CLATFORD VILLAGE CLUB ART AND CRAFT WEEKEND 3rd to 5th NOVEMBER 2023



The Goodworth Clatford Art & Craft Weekend makes a welcome return to the Village Club in Goodworth Clatford, SP11 7RE on three consecutive days:

- Friday 3rd November, 2.00pm to 7.00pm
- Saturday 4th November, 10.00am to 5.00pm
- Sunday 5th November, 10.00 am to 4.00pm

The weekend will showcase the works of professional artists and artisans alongside pieces from an array of talented amateur exhibitors, including the ever-popular Goodworth Clatford Art Group, making the show a truly rich and varied affair. Prices start from just a few pounds, with something for every taste and every pocket. There's a **Prize Draw**, too, with prizes donated by some of the talented artists at the event.

Entrance is free, and tea, coffee and home-baked refreshments will be available.

Contact phone number: 07831 641 927

Don't forget - it's the



*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 18th November
10.30 to 12.00a.m.*

Including 100 Club Draw, Raffle, & Secondhand Books

Wherwell Coffee Morning



**Saturday 4th November, 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**



Andover Trees United

It all began with a vision
Wendy made a decision

.....

That came to fruition
Becoming her life's mission.
The 10-year milestone has elapsed
Planting ten thousand trees
Ten thousand pairs of small hands
Each leaving their mark collectively.
All walks of life
Like a tribe for the greater good
Wearing a smile at our green space
That we call Harmony Woods.
A sanctuary for flourish
Among the trees, plants, animals and bugs
Notice how alive you feel
When you give Mother Nature a hug



Shane Pike, 2023

I would like to dedicate the poem in the magazine to my late great-grandfather Fred Walsh who was a resident of Wherwell.

Wherwell Home Guard Club



6th Annual Bazaar
Saturday 18th November 2023
11 am – 2 pm

Christmas Gifts ~ Craft Stalls

Charity Christmas Cards ~ Notecards

Jams & Pickles ~ Handicrafts

Tombola ~ Tree Decorations

Xmas stockings ~ Slipper Socks

Tea / Coffee ~ Cake Stall ~ Raffle

FREE admission

Freelance stallholders - please bring CASH if possible!

***Note, there may be one spare table (free of charge) for
late stallholder booking.***

For enquiries, please email www.wherwell@gmail.com

Simon's Sunday Quiz

with Ali – our Guest Quiz Master

26th November 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 11th November

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm



Friday 10th Nov. from 8pm

'Let There be Gin

& a Little Bit of Rum'

Cocktail Evening Tickets £15

from: Sandie 07584 673 993

Raffle (please bring some cash)

Saturday 25th Nov. at 8pm

Return of popular Game Show

'Blankety Blank'

Your HOST Sandie needs

4 contestants & a panel of 6

More details: Sandie 07584 673 993

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.

Chilbolton Cow Common and West Down Facebook group has a new Administrator.



Well, that's my lot folks. I sign off as an Admin today. I have hugely enjoyed walking around the Common, seeing how it changes through the seasons, meeting up with all the different people who use it.

You can stand at the edge and look across the Common and think "it's just a big, open space with nothing much on it, just a few bushes, some trees around the outside and a little river running across. Or you can stand at the edge and marvel at the huge range of plants and wildlife that live there.

You might remember I counted over 90 species of flowers last year, and there are many more non-flowering ones, plus the grasses and ferns, and on it goes. And I have never really counted the birds that live there. It's a very special place.

I am very pleased to announce that [Fiona Gillespie](#) is going to take up the Admin mantle, monitoring posts and new member requests, so I hope you will all welcome her and not cause too much trouble!

Like I have done for the last 17 years, Fiona walks her dog across the Common most mornings and so will be aware of what is going on.

I wish you all well for the future and look forward to viewing the images in the Group as a member rather than contributor.

Andrew Coombes

A selection of Andrew's photographs can be browsed here:

www.wherwellhistory.com/catalogue_item/chilbolton-cow-common

Link to Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/512804679529329



We would love to invite our local community to be more involved with our school as we really do feel that it is part of what makes Wherwell & Chilbolton so special.

Dates for your diary:

FRIDAY 1st Dec, 2:30pm: PARENT & COMMUNITY DROP IN

Please come & see the school
& recent work produced by the pupils

There will be refreshments too!

THURSDAY 14th Dec, 6pm: ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

St Peter & Holy Cross
- all welcome

HOW ELSE CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT US:

TIME

- help with our wonderful extensive grounds
- volunteers to read with our children
- volunteers to run *Golden Time* on a Thursday, 2:30pm - 3pm

FINANCIAL & ADVICE

- sourcing & funding new computers
 - are you a local business who could help us with this?
- our single glazed windows make it cold & expensive to heat --
 - can you help?

ANY & ALL HELP WOULD BE MOST WELCOME

email adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk



Wherwell History Group – Winter Season

November 17th at 8.00pm

Medieval Wall Paintings in Hampshire Churches

Online (Zoom) talk by Dr. Ellie Pridgeon

Ellie has been teaching history of art and architecture to mature students since 2002. She has worked for several universities, including Bristol, Cambridge, Oxford, and Sarum College (University of Winchester). Ellie is a professional archivist who has written numerous articles about *Medieval and Monastic Studies*

January 19th, 2024 at 8.00pm

The Corner Shop Killings

(The Murder of Elizabeth Ridgley)

Online (Zoom) talk by Paul Stickler

(return visit by popular demand)

February 16th, 2024 at 8.00pm

The Great Exhibition of 1851 and its Legacy

Online (Zoom) talk by David Morton

History Group events are free to members.

Guests are welcome (£5 per event)

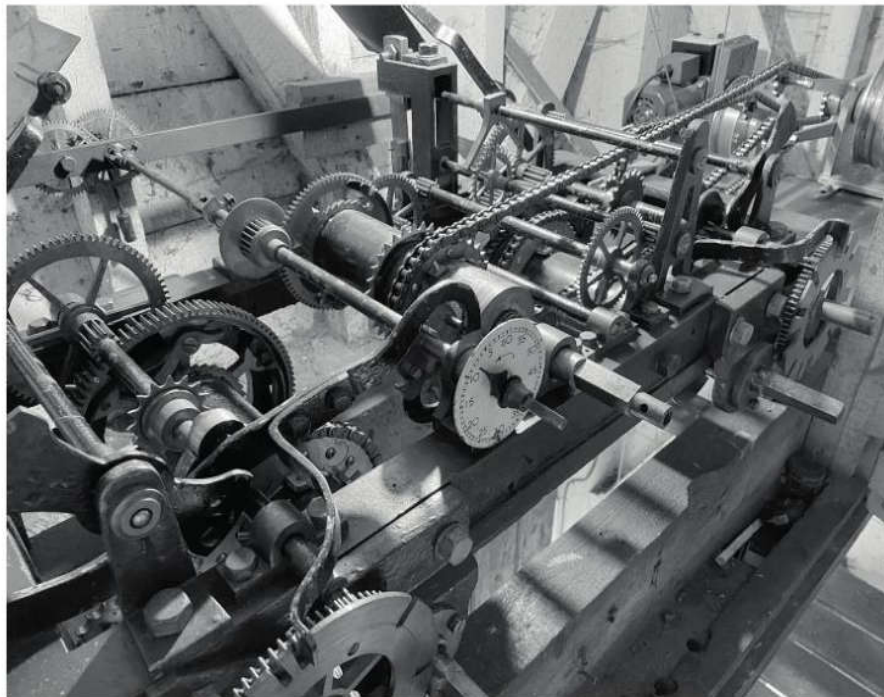
Special NEW membership offer in November

To make a booking, enquire about membership or download our programmes for 2024, please visit our new website at

www.wherwellhistory.com

Our clock ‘went back’ to GMT on Sunday 29 October

Every quarter hour of every day and every hour of every night the Wherwell church clock, segments village life. Time to get up, leave for school or when your next Zoom video call is about to start. Like a heartbeat you are not aware of it, but pause and it’s there—keeping our lives moving forward TOGETHER.



The clock was installed in 1911 to mark the Coronation of King George V. It is a cast iron flatbed clock with ting-tang quarters and hour strike controlled by two count wheels. It has as a deadbeat escapement and pendulum action driving one dial and the clock has three automatic winders. It’s serviced by the same engineers who also look after the Great Clock of Westminster that chimes the Big Ben Bell.

A dedicated team of villagers try to keep the clock running a few seconds fast every day. This makes the time adjustment easy—stop the pendulum for a few seconds to bring it back on time. When it gets a bit colder it speeds up, so we have to lengthen the pendulum by a few millimetres to slow it down again—it’s a living piece of engineering built into the top of our church tower.

Mark Shickle

Stockbridge Cinema – November Films



Friday 10 November

7.30 pm

One Fine Morning (15)

Sandra (Lea Seydoux) is a widowed young mother raising her daughter on her own, while also caring for her sick father (Pascal Greggory). She's dealing with the loss of the relationship she once had with her father, while she and her mother and sister fight to get him the care he requires. At the same time, Sandra reconnects with Clément (Melvil Poupaud), a friend she hasn't seen in a while and, although he's married, their friendship soon blossoms

into a passionate affair. *[In French with English subtitles]*



Wednesday 15 November

5.00 pm and 7.30 pm

What's Love Got To Do With It? (12A)

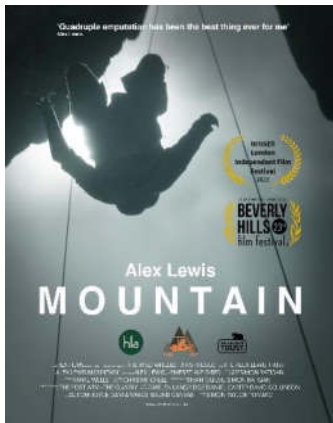
How do you find lasting love in today's world? For documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe (Lily James), swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr. Wrongs to her eccentric mother Cath's (Emma Thompson) dismay. For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour Kaz (Shazad Latif), the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an "assisted" marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger chosen by his parents, she begins to

wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.

Information common to the above two November films:

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE. Tickets are available online from 1 November (£6.00 incl £0.50p booking fee per ticket) via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (£2.00 charge per telephone booking in addition to the online ticket price). Please visit our website for full details of our films.

Stockbridge Cinema – December Films



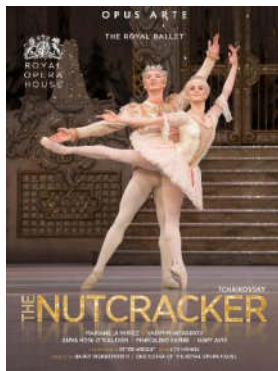
Wednesday 6 December

4.30pm and 7.30 pm

Alex Lewis Mountain

The film follows Stockbridge resident Alex Lewis, six years after he lost his arms and legs to septicaemia, as he sets out to prove that anything is possible – by climbing the highest mountain in Ethiopia with an off-road, solar-powered mobility handcycle. This award-winning documentary takes audiences from the A&E department to the design and tech labs of the University of Southampton to the spectacular scenery of the Ethiopian Highlands for Alex's 14-day expedition. After each

screening there will be a 30-minute Q&A session with Alex Lewis, Director Simon Ratigan, and Executive Producer David Collinson. *All proceeds from ticket sales for this event are being donated to the Alex Lewis Trust.*



Saturday 9 December

5.00 pm and 7.30 pm

The Nutcracker (U)

A recorded live event from 2018 of Peter Wright's enchanting interpretation of The Nutcracker for The Royal Ballet. Presented in a festive period setting, this charming and magical production features Marianela Nuñez as the exquisite Sugar Plum Fairy and Vadim Muntagirov as her charming Prince. Vivid designs and spellbinding stage effects, which include authentic Christmas tree decorations that magically come to life, and

Tchaikovsky's sumptuous, iconic score combine to create the quintessential Christmas ballet – an opulent treat for the senses for audiences of all ages.

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