

CHILBOLTON AND WHERWELL PARISH MAGAZINE



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Another New Year and a new magazine. Well not quite new but we have rearranged some of the pages and their content. This one is new and replaces the first page in previous magazines. Information and contacts that were included on that page can now be found either here or on the new page called Church Matters or in the Contacts page at the back.

Before Errol left I expressed my concern to him that the magazine may be at risk because we could lose the content generated by him. I suggested that we needed to find a few people that would not only replace that potential loss but add new material and hopefully increase the scope and interest in the magazine. It would also be wise to look for help with the production of the magazine to spread the load and again protect it's future.

We now have a team and I am sure that through it the future of magazine is secure and it will expand in content and interest. However it is your magazine and it really does need your help to provide the articles to make this happen.

Within the team David Waghorn has taken over the task of printing the magazine which is a great help. David Wright is firmly established as the coordinator for Wherwell and all the content for the magazine from Wherwell now comes through him. We now want to do the same for Chilbolton and Victoria has offered to coordinate Chilbolton entries.

Therefore all items from Chilbolton for the magazine should now go to her, by the 15th please and if you are able to send it by e-mail as a word document it would help.

This just leaves the task of finding someone to take over the role of editor and the task that I agreed with Errol is complete! So I guess we may just have a "new" magazine this year.

Editor

MAGAZINE TEAM

Ken Churchill (*Editor*)

Victoria Ramsay (*Sub*)

David Wright (*Sub*)

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CLOSING DATE FOR COPY: 15th of month

See Diary Dates for magazine collation day

Please submit your copy to Victoria Ramsay, Chilbolton co-ordinator or to David Wright, Wherwell co-ordinator. We are happy to accept copy in whatever form you wish.

However, it is helpful if it is in Word and sent by E-mail.

The editor reserves the right to amend or condense any item submitted for publication. The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily shared by the editor or the magazine team.



Rector of Chilbolton / Vicar of Wherwell

At present this position is vacant and we are in an interregnum. For church business, please contact The Rectory, tel 860258, and messages will be picked up daily by the churchwardens.

From the Parish Registers:

We have said our final farewell to:

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| Jean Dabinett | 1 st December |
| Dorothy Bryant | 22 nd December |
| June Gibbs | 29 th December |

ST PETER AND HOLY CROSS, WHERWELL

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| PCC Treasurer | Mr David Ball |
| PCC Secretary | Mrs Anna Lipa |
| Gift Aid Sec | Mr Symon Elliott |

ST MARY the LESS, CHILBOLTON

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| Churchwardens | Mrs Charlotte Nash Mrs Maggie Hobbs |
| Deputy Churchwarden | Mrs Jackie Compton |
| PCC Secretary | Mrs Jackie Compton |
| PCC Treasurer | Mr Nigel Munns |
| Gift Aid Sec | Mr Philip Harrison |
| Choir Leader | Mrs Sue Batchelor |

Flower Roster

St. Mary the Less

Mrs A Keys
Mrs J Maynard

St. Peter and Holy Cross

3rd & 10th -Mrs Elliot
17th -Mrs Harding

Church Services

St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton & St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell

Pattern of Services

| February | 8.30am | 10.30am | 6pm |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <i>First Sunday</i> 4th February | Chilbolton | Wherwell | Chilbolton |
| 3 rd Sunday before Lent | BCP Holy Communion | Common Worship Holy Communion | Evensong |
| <i>Second Sunday</i> 11th February | Wherwell | Chilbolton | Wherwell |
| 2 nd Sunday before Lent | BCP Holy Communion | The Sunday Service – for all ages | Evensong |
| <i>Third Sunday</i> 18th February | Chilbolton | Wherwell | Chilbolton |
| 1 st Sunday before Lent | Common Worship Holy Communion | Family Service | Evensong |
| 21st February Ash Wednesday | Wherwell at 7:30pm – Common Worship Holy Communion | | |
| <i>Fourth Sunday</i> 25th February | Wherwell | Chilbolton | Wherwell |
| Lent 1 | BCP Holy Communion | The Sunday Service – for all ages | 4:30 4 th Sunday in Village Hall |

March

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| <i>First Sunday</i> 4th March | Chilbolton | Wherwell | Chilbolton |
| Lent 2 | BCP Holy Communion | Matins including Holy Communion | Evensong |

Midday Mums – Monday, 19th February 12:30 at The Rectory

| Chilbolton and Wherwell Services and duties Feb-07 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Date | Time | Church | Service | Sidesman | Old Testament Reader | New Testament/ Epistle Reader | Lay Assistant | Altar Assistant | Coffe Roster | Wherwell Asst Verger |
| 4 th 3rd Sun before lent | 8.30am | Chilbolton | BCP HC | Mrs C Nash | | | | Mr L Wild | | |
| | 10.30am | Wherwell | Common Worship HC | Lynn Eddy | Ray Blazdell | | | | | |
| | 6.00pm | Chilbolton | Evensong | Mrs M Hobbs | Mrs J Taylor | Mrs J Compton | | | Gordon Pack | Gordon Pack |
| | | | | | Isa 6:1-8,9 to end | Luke 5:1-11 | | | | |
| | | | | | Isa 6:1-8,9 to end | Luke 5:1-11 | | | | |
| 11 th 2nd Sun before lent | 8.30am | Wherwell | BCP HC | Gordon Pack | Susan Ansell | | | Lisa Ball | | |
| | 10.30am | Chilbolton | Sunday Service | Mr J Pope | | To be advised | | | Mrs J Hamilton | |
| | 6.00pm | Wherwell | Evensong | Pam Prince | Connie Sweet | Andrew Warner | | | | Anna Lipa |
| | | | | | Gen2:4-9,15-end | Lk 8:22-25 | | | | |
| 18 th Sun next before lent | 8.30am | Chilbolton | CW HC | Mrs M Hobbs | | 2Cor 3:12-4:2 | | Mr M Keys | | |
| | 10.30am | Wherwell | Family Service | Ken Wilson | Phyllis Harding | Luke 9:28-36 | | | Pam French | Ken Wilson |
| | 6.00pm | Chilbolton | Evensong | Mr C Bruce | Mrs J Ward | Mr A Nomiss | | | Connie Sweet | |
| | | | | | Ex 34:29-end | Luke 9:28-36 | | | | |
| | | | | | Ex 34:29-end | Luke 9:28-36 | | | | |
| 25 th Lent 1 | 8.30am | Wherwell | BCP HC | Alan Turner | Alan Turner | | | Judy Conte | | Bill Prince |
| | 10.30am | Chilbolton | Sunday Service | Mrs N Calvin | | Mr B Brown | | | Mrs S Baker | |
| | 04.30.00 | Wherwell VH | 4th Sunday | | | To be advised | | | | |

Pause for Thought

Dear All,

By the time you read this, the first month of this New Year will already be behind us. How has your New Year started? In our house it has started with a learning curve, a steep learning curve actually, as we took possession of our 8 week old puppy on the last but one day of 2006!!

We were warned about the mess, the chewing, the attention it would need, the responsibility, the exercise!! (for me this was the main attraction - to reduce the size of my thighs without going to a gym - every woman's New Year resolution).

It has been all those things, but it also been a great joy. To see a new young life happily bouncing around, to watch your children's faces light up with happiness and to receive the unconditional love and trust a puppy wants to give you.

God gave the world a new beginning and unconditional love and forgiveness through the birth of His son Jesus Christ, the Birth that our village Churches celebrated in December. It was wonderful and affirming to see that although our Church is going through changes, its main purpose, to provide a place of Worship for its people remains constant. That the traditional services are still well supported and enjoyed, even though the faces of the people conducting those services may have changed.

To everyone who came and celebrated with us, thank you, it gives those of us who have difficult decisions to make about the future of our Parishes, in this New Year, the confident knowledge that as a community we are steadfast and sure.

I wish you all a peaceful, healthy and happy 2007.

Maggie Hobbs

THANK YOU...

... to all those wonderful helpers who made cakes, pies, chutneys, etc., for the Wherwell Christmas Fayre. Thanks to all your generous donations of tasty, tempting delights
the **CAKE STALL** was a huge success ...earning £212.50!!!



Thank You so very much !!

Judy & John Conte

Can you help?

Many thanks to Maureen Treadwell who has responded to our editor Ken's request in the last issue for help with basic training in Publisher. Maureen has kindly offered to donate her time and expertise so the editorial team can get up to speed and share the task of compiling the magazine.

No one has come forward this month with any questions they would like to put to village residents. Please do keep the ball rolling. If you would like to contribute to this item – and questions can be on any topic, not just local history – please email Victoria Ramsay, at victoria.ramsay@btinternet.com, or put a note through the door of Abbots Rest, opposite the Abbots Mitre in Chilbolton. Alternatively, you could pass on information to David Wright at Ivy Cottage in Wherwell or email drwright74@yahoo.co.uk.

A Lent Course

Whether or not we are churchgoers, I think I can confidently say that *the desire of everyone is to do our best in whatever we apply ourselves*, be it as individuals at home or at work, in our families and community, and amongst our friends. But we all know that we rarely live up to our own expectations, let alone the expectations of those round us.

The Revd Peter Irwin-Clark is offering to come to the parishes with a five week course to help us understand some of the reasons for our reactions and behaviour and how the power of God can help us change.

The course will be held in the Rectory at 7.30pm starting on the Monday before Ash Wednesday, 19 February, and then 26 February and 5 March, Tuesday 13 and then the final session on Monday 19th which provides an opportunity to be prayed with.

The evenings will be open to anyone who would like to come; to receive the full benefit of the teaching, please be sure to note all the dates now.

If you would be interested in coming, or have any questions, please ring Antony and Susan Ansell on 861076

Water Voles and Otters on the River Test



A wildlife talk & presentation
by

Graham Roberts

from the

Hants and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Friday 16th March

7.30pm

Wherwell Village Hall

Entrance £5

Includes refreshments during the interval

Reserve your tickets with Peter Granger 860870 or Pam Flanagan
860560

Limited parking is available in car park at the end of Church St.

All proceeds to Village Hall improvements fund Reg Charity

Carol Singing

Many thanks to everyone who sang and contributed to our community carol singing. The carol singing raised £204.44, all of which has been donated to the Church.

Thank you also to Mrs Morgan and Home Guard Club who made us welcome with refreshments.

I hope you will all support Dale Webb and the Wherwell Singers in their musical activities in the future.

Phyllis Harding

Chilbolton Village Hall Committee

On behalf of the above committee a big thank you to all those who came and supported our successful fundraising concert with the Andover Light Orchestra on December 2nd. We will be repeating the event on the 30th. November this year.

Many thanks.

Maria Watson.

**"Chilbolton Observatory, 40th Anniversary Open Day
Saturday 14th April 2007"**

It will be 40 years to the day since the official opening of the Chilbolton Observatory, and to mark this special occasion we will be opening the doors from 10am to 4pm to the general public. It will give you an opportunity to find out what really goes on at the Chilbolton Facility for Atmospheric and Radio Research, and see first hand what experimental work is carried out, the instruments close up and meet the scientists and engineers who work on the projects.

Entrance is free, but by pre booked tickets only. To apply for tickets please contact us with your name, postal address and the number and names of those in your party. Please e-mail: ChilboltonOpenDay@rl.ac.uk, or write to Open Day Tickets, Chilbolton Observatory, Chilbolton, Nr. Stockbridge, Hampshire, S020 6BJ.

The tickets will have an entrance time on so if you have a preference of an arrival time please state a time between 10am and 2pm and we will do our best to provide you with a ticket close to the time specified, although due to high demand we can not guarantee. For planning purposes please can you notify us if disabled parking is required. Please note that this is a working site so all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times, there will be a height restriction for touring the dish, there are no baby changing facilities, and dogs are not allowed anywhere on the site. Closing date for tickets is 1st April 2007 More information about Chilbolton Observatory is available on our website www.chilbolton.rl.ac.uk"

Martin's Sponsored JOGLE for Naomi House

Martin Clements is walking from John O'Groats to Lands End (JOGLE) to raise money for Naomi House Children's Hospice. He starts in March 2007 and aims to complete an 1100 mile journey by the end of May.

Naomi House needs to raise £2.5million each year to provide its exceptional care and facilities. Most of this money comes from donations – so please contact Martin if you want to sponsor him. Your support for Naomi House is very much appreciated.

Home Tel: (01264) 860830 -- E-mail: lotus7m@yahoo.co.uk

Wives Group

The Wives group meet on the last Tuesday of each month in Dancing Ledge, Wherwell at 8pm.

The speaker is Roger Fenton from Samaritan's Purse International relief.

The next meeting will take place on the 27th February.

All are welcome.

WHERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

In spite of all our efforts, the tree protection at the Mill Close site is still being compromised by the developers. We have requested that the TVBC arboriculture officer visits the site again. We have asked Testway Housing to update the notice board at the site. We are still awaiting clarification of the amount of the grant arising from the development that hopefully should be made available to the parish for recreational facilities.

Planning permission has been granted for the village hall car park. Applications were supported and have now been given approval for an extension at Abbey Oak and the conversion of the existing garage to form an annexe at New House. The application to build a detached dwelling on land adjoining Southcroft was supported, but the application has now been withdrawn. The planning appeal regarding the proposed dwelling at Peacehaven was dismissed. The law enforcement officer is implementing proceedings regarding the mobile home on the corner of Beech Grove.

TVBC have requested a map to be completed showing areas where dogs are to be permitted on/off the lead within the parish. Our proposed response will be displayed at the coffee morning in the village hall on Saturday 3rd February.

The certificate for the annual audit has been received. The precept for 2007/08 was agreed at £7500 – this is an increase of £1000 from last year. This figure includes grants of £750 towards the upkeep of the church, the village hall and the playing fields as well as £100 to the playgroup and to Joyrides. It has been agreed to increase the clerk's hours from 4 to 6 hours per week together with her receiving a nationally agreed pay rise in line with inflation. It should be noted that the clerk does not claim any of her expenses for office, travelling or telephone expenses.

Regarding the provision of a new hall, the PC has asked HCC where the school is on the building priority list and which schools are above it and whether the recent government statement on increased spending for school buildings will have any impact.

Further posts on the Memorial Green have been erected. Posts are also to be installed on the newly grassed bank outside Manor Farm House as cars continue to park there obstructing the access to Church Street. Quotes that have been received for the maintenance of the bank below Chant Close will be considered with local residents and Testway Housing. The insecure handrail at the Mizmaze is to be removed. James Hogg – the owner of the land very much regrets this decision but, due to the litigious climate we live in, if he provided a new handrail, he might be held liable should any accidents occur in its vicinity. Repairs to the Longbridge and the gate have commenced. The provision of a key for the disabled access gate to the common is still being pursued.

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It is proposed to train ivy over the unsightly new crash barrier on Old Hill and up the cable that supports the pylon by the telephone box. Modifications have been made to the bank at Mount Cottage with wooden posts having been installed. The blocked drains at Fullerton have been reported. Following a site meeting with the Highways Dept., ongoing discussions are taking place regarding the problems with visibility, speed and on road parking in the vicinity of Fullerton Road, Mill Lane and Old Winchester Hill. Pinch points will hopefully be introduced at the top of Mill Lane and on the B3420 by Chant Close. In spite of the continuing problems with large lorries causing obstruction and further damage to the newly repaired bridge at Winchester Corner, a recent TVB survey found that an insufficient number of heavy vehicles are using the route to permit any restrictions to large vehicles being introduced! This decision is unacceptable and further discussions are taking place.

Congratulations to everyone involved on the Playing Fields Committee who raised £2000 building and running the Christmas Grotto at the Wyevale Garden Centre.

Next meeting: Tuesday 13th March at 6.30 p.m. Col. Jenkins' Hall

Jane Andrews, Chairman Tel: 860635 E mail: flyjohnandrews@aol.com

Get Snapping For Parish Calendar 2008

The Fundraising Calendar for 2007 has been a great success and we are planning another calendar for next year. All images included in the 2007 calendar were supplied by villagers living in Chilbolton, Fullerton and Wherwell and we would therefore like to ask you to keep snapping away and collect photos for the next calendar. In particular, we were short on winter and autumn pictures this year. The last submission date will be 31st July 2007. All photos should be sent to S. Horne, Chestnut Cottage, High Street, Wherwell. High quality digital images are preferred.

Church Flowers

I am looking to recruit a few more people to join the flower-arranging rota in Wherwell Church. The task is not onerous, in fact I find it quite relaxing, and, as the saying goes, 'many hands make light work'. If you think you can help, or would like to know a bit more about it, please give me a ring on 860319.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jo Baughen

A big thank you to James Hellier

The Wherwell Primary School and the communities of Chilbolton and Wherwell owe a great debt and many thanks to James Hellier. He has recently retired after 10 fruitful years serving as a school governor.

During his long tenure, he was actively engaged in various tasks undertaken by the governing body to further the development of Wherwell School so as to provide a school of which our communities could be justifiably proud.

James' particular interests and effectiveness lay in helping to improve the school's physical environment, starting with his campaign to remove the old smelly stand-alone oil stoves, which were replaced with a modern central heating system in 1998. His hand in more recent achievements included being the chief instigator behind the many new improvements to the school buildings and environment. He was the first to volunteer, and then tenaciously fight the relevant authorities, to carry the building improvement projects through to their final conclusion. In addition he was instrumental in raising safety standards, the outcome of which led to the installation of a new school fence, warning traffic lights, lay-by and the re-introduction of a school bus.

Those who have experienced the results of the radical building and environment makeover will know that we now have a school which houses a safe and modern teaching and learning environment. The replacement of the 50-year-old temporary classroom eventually led to a £600,000 project of building works, which included new classrooms, tutorial rooms, computer room and staff room.

His governor colleagues extend to James many, many thanks and good wishes for the future in appreciation of his outstanding efforts in helping the governing body to support and shape Wherwell School – a true community school, located in the beautiful Test Valley – to become well-equipped and fully capable of meeting the demands of teaching and learning, which includes the use of state of the art ICT facilities, in a modern educational setting, making the school a much sought after choice by parents both in and outside the catchment area.

Monday Group

The Monday group meet every Monday afternoon in
Dancing Ledge, Wherwell, 2.30 - 3.30pm with the
Rev Piers Warburton.

Meetings start on the 12th February.

Preparation for Lent: First discussion "What attitude should
we take towards other faiths".

Do join us. All are welcome.

CHILBOLTON OVER 60s CLUB

Please, please, is there anyone in Chilbolton or Wherwell willing to take over the running of the CHILBOLTON OVER 60s CLUB? This is our final attempt to find someone to run the club for 2007 and onwards. If you think you may be interested or would like to find out more, please phone Angie on 860662 or Marylyn on 860793.

TO ALL OVER 60s CLUB MEMBERS:

As you can see from the above notice, we have not been able to find replacements for Angie and Marylyn. If the situation remains the same by mid-February, we will have no alternative but to close the club. We will be in contact with all members as soon as the outcome is known.

Finally, Angie and Marylyn would like to thank all members for the very generous gifts and many cards we have received from you all.

We are still hoping someone will come forward so CHILBOLTON OVER 60s can continue into 2007 and for many years to come.

Many thanks

Angie and Marylyn

Jubilee Jazz!

at the



**Museum of Army Flying. Middle
Wallop. Stockbridge**

on

Friday March 23rd 2007

featuring

Wells Cathedral School Big Band

Tickets £20.00 (to include supper)

Doors Open 6.00 pm. Supper 6.30pm. Cash Bar

Concert starts 7.30pm

Tickets available from Museum of Army Flying

t.01264 784421

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The January meeting of the Parish Council took place on 9th January. Under **Matters Arising** the Clerk confirmed that the **ditches outside the Rectory and Poplar Dene** in Village Street have been cleared. The gullies on Drove Road have been flushed through and a request has been placed for the same with the gully across Village Street.

Under **Highway Matters** it was agreed that the council should once again request that the road surface at the bottom of **Drove Road** is patched as it has become increasing dangerous and that a HGV had damaged some of the verge further up the road. Cllr Jeremy Baines informed the meeting that delivery lorries to the shop are now turning around on Old Pond Green causing potential damage and raised the matter of the increased number of HGVs trying to navigate through the village. The decision was taken to write to TVBC and HCC Highways proposing a restriction on weight and width of vehicles entering the village especially along Coley Lane.

Cllr Moya Grove reported on recent **Common** matters. The decision at the December meeting was to **close the area used for parking** over the Winter months to allow the ground to recover. Thanks were extended to Mr Edward Painter for placing the logs across the entrance and to Mr Bill Hammett for moving and erecting the signs. The residents access has been protected by moving the 'Access Only' forward to try and stop people going up to the area used for parking which is now closed, and an additional sign has been put up advising that the area is shut to allow winter maintenance of the SSSI site. There is a growing problem with **Dog Waste** on the Common, it is either not being picked up or the bags are being left under trees. TVBC have advised that the green refuse bin by the cattle grid can be used for dog waste bags and the council would like to encourage every dog walker to use this bin. The Common Committee has been asked to take the lead in considering whether we support the proposal from TVBC to designate areas in the Parish for further **dog control orders** in addition to the Dog Fouling Act, namely areas where 'Dogs are kept on leads' and 'Dogs are excluded'.

The Chairman informed the meeting that it is the wish of the **Clerk** to step down from the position by the end of April. The council extended its thanks to the Clerk for her efforts in the last three years. It is hoped that a potential candidates will be found when the position is placed in the parish magazine.

Several items were raised in any other business and they will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Jeremy Baines reported that the **Village Hall Committee** is to submit a planning application for down lighters in the Village Hall car park. Cllr John Irish informed the meeting that due the current position of the goal posts footballs are being lost or damaged in hedgerow during matches. The **Playing Field Committee** propose to turn the football pitch by 90%, to allow greater room at either goal end.

Dates for your diary

February

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| 7 th | Wherwell Singers rehearsal at the Wherwell church | 7:30pm |
| 12 th | The Monday Group, Dancing Ledge | 2:30-3:30pm |
| 13 th | Chilbolton Parish Council meet at Village Hall | 8.00pm |
| 14 th | Wherwell Singers rehearsal at the Wherwell church | 7:30pm |
| 19 th | Lent course at the Rectory | 7.30pm |
| 19 th | Midday Mums "share" lunch at the Rectory | 12.30pm |
| 20 th | WI meet at Chilbolton V Hall. "Valley of the Owls" | 8.00pm |
| 21 st | Wherwell Singers rehearsal at the Wherwell church | 7:30pm |
| 26 th | Lent course at the Rectory | 7.30pm |
| 27 th | The Wives Group meeting, Dancing Ledge | 8pm |
| 28 th | Wherwell Singers rehearsal at the Wherwell church | 7:30pm |
| 28 th | Magazine collation at the Rectory | 6.30pm |

March

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| 1 st | March Chilbolton PCC meets at The Rectory | 8pm |
| 3 rd | St Mary the Less churchyard clean up. | 10.00pm |
| 5 th | Lent course at the Rectory | 7.30pm |
| 7 th | Wherwell Singers rehearsal at the Wherwell church | 7:30pm |
| 7 th | Chilbolton Pre-school Spring Bazaar in Village Hall | |
| 8 th | AGM Wherwell Playing Fields at the pavilion | 8pm |
| 13 th | Wherwell PC meeting, Colonel Jenkins' Hall | 6:30pm |
| 13 th | Lent course at the Rectory | 7.30pm |
| 14 th | Wherwell Singers rehearsal at the Wherwell church | 7:30pm |
| 15 th | Deadline for New Electoral Roll enrolment | |
| 16 th | Wildlife Talk "Otters and Voles" Wherwell V Hall | 7.30pm |
| 20 th | Wherwell Fête meeting, Wherwell Village Hall | 7:30pm |
| 21 st | Wherwell Singers rehearsal at the Wherwell church | 7:30pm |
| 27 th | Community Policeman, Home Guard Club car park | 2-4pm |
| 28 th | Wherwell Singers rehearsal at the Wherwell church | 7:30pm |
| 29 th | Lent course at the Rectory | 7.30pm |

Errol and Sue are in Australia

They have e-mailed to say that they have a Blog diary which can be found at Blogger.com and search on **Errolsue-oz**.

What's on in the Area

Arts:

05/02/07 – 17/02/07: **Chicago** at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton. Mon - Fri: 7.30pm, Thurs: 2pm, Sat: 5pm & 8.30pm. Price: £16.50 - £3.50. Please contact the Box Office on (023) 8071 1811, Website: www.mayflower.org.uk.

18/02/07 – 19/02/07: **Aida**, Verdi's opera performed by the Ellen Kent & Opera International at the Anvil, Basingstoke. Begins at 7.30pm. Tickets: £17 - £30.50. Please contact the Box Office on (01256) 844 244, Email: box.office@theanvil.org.uk.

23/02/07: **Barchester Towers**, a play performed by Theatre Roundabout at The Phoenix Theatre, Station Road, Bordon. Tickets £8 (£6 concessions) available from the box office on (01420) 472664 or email info@phoenixarts.co.uk. For more information, visit the website at www.phoenixarts.co.uk.

Other events:

09 – 11/02/07: **The Moscow State Circus**, at the Anvil, Basingstoke. Begins at 7.45pm. Tickets: £11, £19, £23; under 16s £11, £14, £18; family of four £56, £72. Please contact the Box Office on (01256) 844 244, Email: box.office@theanvil.org.uk.

10/02/07: **Healthy Eating cookery workshop with 'Cook'** in Winchester from 9.45am-2.30pm. The workshop includes substituting ingredients in recipes to make them healthier. Participants will produce about 5 dishes to take. Cost: £65 per person. For more information, please contact Kate Hughes on (01962) 734850, email: hughes.364@virgin.net.

17/02/07: **Alton Beer Festival** at the Alton Maltings centre. For more information, please ring (01420) 89418, or check the website at www.altonbeerfestival.co.uk.

17/02/07 – 28/04/07: **A Parliament of Owls**, an exhibition from the Museum Service's Natural History section at Andover Museum. Opening times: Tue – Sat 10am – 5pm. Admission Free. For more information, please contact ring (01264) 366283.

17/02/07 – 24/02/07: **Amazing Science Family Fun** for half-term. Hands-on activities for children and families at Milestones, Hampshire's living history museum, Basingstoke. For more information, please ring (01256) 477766 or visit the website at www.milestones-museum.com.

Farmer's Market Dates:

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| 04 February 2007 – Basingstoke | 18 February 2007 - Andover |
| 11 February 2007 – Winchester | 25 February 2007 - Winchester |

For more information, please ring (01420 588671) or visit the website at <http://www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk>.

Midday Mums

Just a reminder that that we now have our 'bring and share' lunch on the third Monday of the month, so this month it will be on Monday 19th February from 12.30 pm in the Chilbolton Rectory. Come and meet other Mums and children from the area; there is always plenty of food and a variety of toys to play with!

For more information, please contact Susan Ansell, tel 860775

St Mary the Less Winter Warmer

Join us at the churchyard on Saturday 3rd March at 10.00 am for an hour or two's exercise on getting the churchyard tidy again. Please bring your own tools and gloves etc.



Some help also needed inside the church with cleaning the corners not normally reached.

Coffee and biscuits provided.

The Salisbury Pantomime Outing for Wherwell.

I was very sorry to cancel the Salisbury Panto visit on Jan 5th 2007. Sadly there were insufficient numbers due to the increased price, as explained. I plan to organize the outing again for next January, and definitely at a more reasonable cost. No front row tickets but will go for the best I can get, and let you all know as soon as possible.

Thanks for your understanding

Claire Henderson

Position of Clerk to Chilbolton Parish Council

The position of Clerk to Chilbolton Parish Council will become vacant at the end of April. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this paid position please contact Maggie Hobbs on (860749).

WASSAIL, WASSAIL!

December began in festive mood as the Chilbolton Players broke with tradition and held a pre Christmas production in place of the usual February pantomime.

The evening had a festive theme with the hall lit by Christmas lights and dominated by a giant Christmas tree. Crackers and fresh foliage arrangements of holly and ivy on the dining tables completed the look.

Competition for tickets was keen and the packed village hall audience was treated to a miscellany of monologues, sketches and mini dramas interspersed with seasonal readings and songs. A good meal and several toasts of "Wassail.... Drinkhail" ensured that the evening was a great success.

Thanks are due to all members of the Chilbolton Players who put in many hours of time and effort both on stage and behind the scenes to ensure the evening was so enjoyable. Well done everyone!

The next meeting of the Players will take place on Wednesday 17th January in the Durnford room of the village hall, starting at 7:30 pm. We shall be play reading and looking at scripts with a view to deciding on productions for the forthcoming year.

NEW MEMBERS ARE PARTICULARLY WELCOME – no experience necessary!

Anyone interested please contact Maggie on 860 267 or look at the Players website www.ChilboltonPlayers.com

Chilbolton Horticultural Society

6th February 2007

The Village Hall 8.00 p.m.

Speaker: Irene Bowron

'Plants for Shade'

Teas and coffees -Plant-trade stall

Visitors very welcome: £3.00 per head

A visit to the Galapagos Islands

The Galapagos Islands; 600 miles west of Ecuador. Many will have heard of them, few know where they are, even fewer have been privileged enough to visit them.

The group of 13 major islands (and many smaller ones) are designated a World Heritage Site and a National Park; this ensures that conservation and tourism is very strictly managed. Only 125,000 visitors a year are allowed, and in November 2006 Chris & I visited these islands for a week of unforgettable experiences.

Getting there was arduous (Heathrow – Madrid – Quito – Guayaquil – Galapagos), and the week we spent on a 72 foot boat travelling between the islands was not for those who like their luxury. The convergence of 4 major currents made for an uncomfortable swell whilst sailing, and several of the island visits entailed an 8 hour overnight journey by boat. However, the thrill of swimming with penguins and sea lions, and walking through lively colonies of sea birds, including blue-footed boobies and waved albatrosses, was well worth the difficulties.

Why do blue-footed boobies have blue feet? The standard Galapagos answer is, “why not?” but it’s hard to appreciate that the colour of their feet is completely natural, and not a result of them being dipped in a pot of turquoise paint!

We saw land iguanas the size of small dogs, marine iguanas, lava lizards, penguins, sea lions & pups by the score, fur seals, giant tortoises, marine turtles, sharks, rays, and a phenomenal amount of bird and marine life.

The most stunning part of all, is that the wildlife we encountered showed no fear of us, and continued with their rituals and courtships as if we weren’t there. The courtship dance of the waved albatross, a bird with an 8 foot wingspan, was a spectacle I will never forget. Similarly, the boobies appear very comical, lifting their blue feet as high as possible to show them off, and sky-pointing with an accompanying whistle. The word ‘booby’ is a derivative of Bobo, meaning clown in Spanish – and they are certainly well-named!

A visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station brought home to us all, the commitment & dedication that is required to implement effective conservation measures, and it was a stark reminder of how destructive the human race can be.

How long will the islands stay like this? I can’t guess that one, but I am really glad we made the trip and experienced first hand, just how amazing nature can be.

Pam Mason January 2007

West Down:

As I write on 16th January, work on the long-awaited conservation project on West Down has just started. The first part of the work will enable fences and kissing-gates to be erected, so that grazing by Highland cattle can be introduced on the downland slope. Grazing is the only satisfactory long-term method of managing chalk grassland, and is essential for the survival of the important chalk downland flora and fauna at West Down. The cattle are hardy beasts, and there'll be no restrictions on access or dog-walking.

If you'd like to know more about the project, then do by all means contact me. Or if you have any concerns during the course of the work, then please contact the County Council Countryside Service on 01962 860848.

Glynn Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)

Chilbolton Auction of Promises

Just a reminder that our bi-annual Auction of Promises will take place in April and we are looking for promises, anything from babysitting and cake making to something fab like a holiday!!

All ideas will be gratefully received.

Please contact David Lawrence (860618) or
Maggie Hobbs (860749) with your promises.

Chilbolton WI Report

Chilbolton WI held a very successful and well-attended Christmas Lunch at the Abbots Mitre on 19th December. This was a departure from our usual evening Christmas meal, and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

A Committee member held a Soup Lunch at her home on 16th January, and the President is holding one on Valentine's Day, 14th February.

Our speaker for January, on the "Craft of Chocolate Making", was unable to come at short notice, and John Hook, from Andover, nobly stepped in to give us a very interesting and amusing talk on "The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard" (NOT to be confused with Beefeaters!). He had brought along many photographs, and his own magnificent uniform, which was modelled by a WI member, but minus the red tights!

On 20th February, Dennis Bright will be our speaker on "The Valley of the Barn Owls". Visitors will be welcome to come and hear him.

Chilbolton Wildlife

During the past few weeks several people have commented on how few birds are visiting their gardens and coming to their garden feeders. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, last year saw a bumper crop of berries, fruits and seeds, and a big crop of beech mast, the highest since 2002. This means a large natural larder for birds.

Secondly of course, there has been unseasonably mild weather throughout the winter so far, with daytime temperatures in January reaching double figures on most days. Birds don't need to eat nearly so much food when it's mild, and the super-abundance of natural foods has therefore in any case lasted much longer. In my own garden, there are still some *Pyracantha* and holly berries, usually all long gone by Christmas. Overall then, the birds have not particularly needed the peanuts and sunflower hearts that we put out for them.

The super-abundance of wild foods combined with mild weather, has also led to the comparatively late appearance of wintering Blackcaps in Chilbolton gardens. I usually see the first at the end of November, but this year it wasn't until just after Christmas that a couple took up residence in my garden. Incidentally, nearly all our breeding Blackcaps migrate to the Mediterranean region during autumn, and the Blackcaps that spend the winter at our bird-tables are mostly from Central Europe.

Something else that a few observant people have asked me about, is the number of Chaffinches they've seen recently that appear to have stubbly white feet and legs. This is relatively common in Chaffinches, and is usually a result of *Knemidocoptic* mange (a mange caused by a tiny mite). The theory is that perhaps the *Knemidocoptes* mites are endemic in all Chaffinches, and that presence of Avian pox or perhaps a viral infection (*Fringilla papillomavirus*), then triggers the mange to become more active in some areas from time to time. It doesn't seem to significantly affect Chaffinch survival and numbers though, so no need for concern.

Perhaps a bigger concern is a disease called *Trichomoniasis* ('pigeon canker'). In 2006 there were several outbreaks amongst Greenfinches and Chaffinches in some areas of the country, and apparently many birds died. I don't think there has been any *Trichomoniasis* locally, but as a precaution against this and to perhaps reduce the incidence of *Knemidocptic* mange, we should all adopt good hygiene practice when feeding birds. The recommendations are to regularly clean bird-table surfaces, to move feeders around to avoid any build-up of infections on the ground underneath, and to provide daily clean water in bird baths.

Glynn Evans (hantsbto@hotmail.com)

Ramblings of a Fell Wanderer

Let me introduce you , in a series of pieces, to my favourite area – the Lake District – England’s largest national park; a place of rugged tranquillity, spectacular scenery, lakes and mountains, where one can escape from the pace of modern life. It inspired writers and poets; you, too, can ‘wander lonely as a cloud’ and see where Beatrix Potter penned, originally as letters to a young relative, the tales of Peter Rabbit and friends. History has left its mark in prehistoric stone circles – high on the fells – ruins of Roman Footpaths and roads plus Hadrian’s wall, built mostly by Dalmations (no, not the dogs but soldiers from what is now the Balkans). Viking and Saxon legacy lies in place names such as Ullock, Watenlath and many ending in ‘Thwaite’ – a clearing – the site of many early settlements.

The ridges of fells (hills and mountains) radiate from a central area, with valleys and lakes between, connected by passes often steep and narrow but not impassable. Everywhere is a great variety of flora and fauna nourished by mostly acid soil and streams flowing from fell to valley. It is also an area rich in past industry, the spoil heaps of mines and quarries with a handful still in use. Pretty stone and slate villages and towns abound with accommodation and most facilities are available – but no Starbucks or MacDonalads!

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Many roads are narrow and winding so travel at leisure , not speed; often sheep have the right of way! Enjoy the new vista round every corner and ever changing seasons but be prepared for sudden changes in the weather - although this adds to the beauty and mystery of such a stunning place, when sun and shadow follow each other across the landscape. Mist settles in the valleys in cold weather, drifting upwards, following the walker as he climbs towards the ridge but undaunted he can attain the summit and enjoy the panorama below.

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Christmas lunch at the Rectory (2006)

The day was unseasonably mild when 25 of us converged on the Rectory for Christmas lunch. The warm welcome we received coupled with the sight of the beautifully decorated tables, and a glass of wine gave us great anticipation of what was to come. We were served with a wonderful three course lunch including a choice of mouth watering desserts which of course were all low fat, low in calories, with not a hint of cream, or brandy butter!

Our thanks go to Jackie and her family for allowing us to use the Rectory for the lunch and to Maggie and her excellent team of chefs and helpers without whom this enjoyable lunch could not have been held.

Chilbolton Football Club

Chilbolton Football Club our village team have been representing us all with honour this season. The team is Top of the league after beating Pharmasol two weeks ago and has won through to the last 16 of the cup after an excellent performance of grit and determination last week. The match reports are outlined below. Chilbolton are still in 4 different Cup tournaments.



Chris Logan and Ed Griffith, who both developed their skills in the village and will be known to you all, have been prolific goal scorers with Ed being named Man of the Match last weekend.

The football team are a very friendly group of youngsters who are a credit to the village and the team management are very keen to increase the interest within the village and welcome you all to support their matches which are listed on the website www.chilboltonfc.co.uk

Match Reports:

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| Castle Club | 2 |
| Chilbolton | 2 |
| Eddie Griffiths | (2) |

Sunday 14th January 2007

Chilbolton FC overcame their toughest test so far this season with a victory in the Jimmy Munro Open Cup against the Castle Club.

The Castle club are currently top of Division 2 Chilbolton are top of Division 3. It was Chilbolton who took an early lead when Eddie Griffiths lobbed the keeper from 20 yards out. Castle Club pressed for the equaliser and finally succeeded with 10 minutes to go and the game went to extra time.

Castle Club broke the deadlock in extra time and looked sure to take the victory. However Chilbolton were not finished however and James Wright and Chris Logan worked the ball forward to Man of the Match Eddie Griffiths who rounded the keeper and struck the ball home from a tight angle and take the game into a penalty shoot-out. The penalty shoot out turned out to be an epic ending 14-13 to Chilbolton with a number of outstanding saves from Mickey Clark, playing with a broken finger. The tension was unbelievable.

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| Chilbolton FC | 2 |
| Pharmasol | 0 |
| Eddie Griffiths | (1) |
| Chris Logan | (1) |

Sunday 7th January, 2007

Chilbolton FC ran out 2 – 0 winners in a closely fought game that ended prematurely with 14 minutes left on the clock. The game saw the two top teams in division three face each other for the first time this season and was always going to be a tight game.

Chilbolton went into the lead when Chris Logan who had been exploiting the width and forced Pharmasol to concede a free kick and scored from 30 yards out.

The second half saw Pharmasol put pressure on the home side but several classy saves from Mickey Clark and a goal line clearance from Dave Mattock kept the lead intact. Finally Eddie Griffiths, on the break, doubled the home side's.

Man of the Match James Wright was excellent at right back

The win sees Chilbolton extend their lead at the top of the league much to the delight of manager Bob Coleman and Assistant Manager Terry Griffiths.

News from the Pre-school

This term the children are enjoying the topics of The Zoo and Under the Sea. On 22 January we are having a visit from The Zoo Lab.



If anyone would like more information about the Pre-school and what it might offer your child, please contact Sam Carman (Supervisor) on 01962 760488 or mobile 07919 130777 or Nina Carey Hodges (Chairperson) on 01264 861281. Alternatively visit our website at www.chilboltonplaygroup.co.uk

A date for your diary

Spring Bazaar 7th March 2007 - Chilbolton Village Hall

Come and enjoy an evening in support of the Pre-school and local businesses, offering gift ideas for Mother's Day and Easter!

Tickets £3.00 each or £5.00 for 2. On sale soon at Chilbolton Village Stores, from Wherwell School Secretary or contact Kate Meads-Jones (01264 392553)

If you are interested in having a table to sell goods on the evening, please contact Sarah Tall (01264 369222)



Wherwell Coffee Morning

In the Village Hall
Saturday 3rd February

10:30am – 12:30pm

Books, CDs, Video, DVDs on sale

All donations welcome for the stall

Hall entry only £1 (includes coffee, biscuits & raffle)

All proceeds to Village Hall Improvement Plan

Neighbourhood Watch

From next month we are hoping to introduce a new-style neighbourhood watch bulletin with information coming direct from our local beat officer, PC Fiona Taylor. We hope that this might give villagers the opportunity to become familiar with her and her work in our locality. Many thanks are due to Anne Blum who has been supplying the magazine with neighbourhood watch information for more years than she cares to remember! Anne has faithfully kept us informed of local crime and helped us to keep our villages secure with topical tips.

The History of Valentine's Day

Every February, across the country, chocolates, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day - and its patron saint - is shrouded in mystery. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognises at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl - who may have been his jailor's daughter - who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed, 'From your Valentine', an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasise his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

According to statistics, women buy 85% of all valentine cards. Oh, dear! Does this mean there are a lot of women who are disappointed every 14th February when the postman passes by?
Hilary Jennison

Community Police Officer

The community police officer visits the villages on the following dates.

Wherwell on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm and can be found in the Home Guard club car park.

Chilbolton on the 1st Tuesday of every month and can be found at the Village hall Car park from 4pm to 6 pm



Wherwell Primary School PTA Newsletter

Wherwell School PTA wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all at this years fundraising and social events.

Christmas update

Hamper - Congratulations to Karen Ayres for winning the Christmas Hamper. A big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, helping to raise £455!

Postcards - Have you seen the PTA postcard with a photo of all Wherwell School pupils on the front? This is a great way to send a 'thank you' to friends and family. Postcards are available in reception and cost £1 for 5.

Calendars - School calendars are available at reception. Calendars include each child's self-portrait and the winning cover design by Katie Chambers. Calendars are half price (£2.25), but hurry - at this price they will go quickly!

The PTA would like to thank Anton Office Supplies for generously producing the calendars for us again this year and for providing the envelopes for the postcards. The sale of postcards and calendars have so far raised £94.

Slimming support group

Julie Shone has kindly agreed to run the Slimming Support Group again this year. For £2 per week you get the dreaded weigh-in and much needed support. Meetings will be held on Friday mornings (8.45am - 9.00am) in the Special needs room, (please use the corridor by Class 2 and not through Class 3). As an incentive, the person who loses the most each week will win half of the total fees of that week. Julie would like to point out that she is not a doctor or dietician and only offers help, advice and support based on her own experience. If you require more information, please speak to Julie Shone.

Library refurbishment update

The new computer and Junior Librarian software have arrived. Mr C will meet the Hampshire School Library Service and sort through the current library stock. After this, parents who kindly volunteered will be asked to help input the books onto the computer system.

Dates For your Diaries

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| February 9 th | Class 3 Cake Sale |
| February 16 th | Provisional date for Kids Bingo night |
| March 17 th | Auction of Promises |

Wherwell Playing Fields - A Quiet Time!

It's January, and most people would think a slow time for the Wherwell Playing Fields committee, but there is never a quite time. Having again run the Christmas Grotto at Wyevale Garden Centre raising over £2,000, we have just dismantled and packed it away for another 10 months.

Planned projects for 2007 include:

- Redecoration, new equipment & storage for the pavilion (Feb, 2007)
- Replacement of Floodlights (March, 2007)
- New implement and storage building (Autumn, 2007)
- Removal of old buildings and landscaping (Winter, 2007)

Other future projects include additional children's play equipment and safety fencing.

Our playing field is run totally by volunteers and yet I suspect many people are not fully aware of the contribution it makes to the local community. It provides sports facilities and parking to Wherwell Primary School at no cost, thereby encouraging greater fitness and opportunities for the pupils. The field is used extensively by local youth football teams, in addition the Wherwell Football Club and Wherwell Cricket Club. Tennis and football are played on the all-weather hard surface play area with annual tennis membership available. The pavilion is also the venue for a very successful After School Club, plus it is available for hire for parties and wedding receptions.

As the chairman I would like to thank the committee for their unstinting support and hard work and the wider community for their vital support in our fundraising efforts, providing their time to run sideshows and the Christmas Grotto. A special thank you to Wherwell Cricket Club and members of the Rowles family for raising over a £1,000 for the Playing Fields at their annual 'Sid Rowles Day'.

Sean Hutton

ENROLMENT FOR THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

The Diocese of Winchester has requested the PCCs of Chilbolton and Wherwell to prepare fresh Electoral Rolls for their parishes. Anyone wishing his or her name to be included in the new Church Electoral Roll should complete the relevant application form. These have been inserted within this magazine. This includes any person whose name is included on an existing Electoral Roll. Failure to re-apply will result in exclusion from the new roll.

In Wherwell, all completed Enrolment Forms must be received by the Electoral Roll Officer – Mr E.J.Hellier - at Goddards, Church Street, Wherwell by 15 March 2007 at the latest.

In Chilbolton, please send completed forms to one of the churchwardens, Charlotte Nash, Danebury, Drove Road, Chilbolton, or Maggie Hobbs, 16 Branksome Close, Chilbolton, by 1 March 2007.

Wherwell Fête & Planning Meeting

It is Wherwell Fête planning time again! Please note the following dates in your diary:

- The first Village Fete Planning Meeting will take place at the Wherwell Village Hall on 20th March 2007 at 7:30pm.
- The Wherwell Village Fête will take place this year on Saturday 9th June.

Please come along to discuss new ideas and shape this year's event. If you have not participated in the Fête before and you would like to do so this year, please call Susanne Horne on 860741 or come to the meeting on 20th March.

Thank you, who ever you are who found my bumbag with two mobile phones in as well as my house and car keys.

I lost them whilst out cycling with my grandson. I reassured him that there were good people out there and somebody would hand them in. How pleased I was to find on returning to his house you had found and returned the bag.

I am Sheila Laughton 860360 and would like to thank you personally. Please give me a call.