

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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February 2024

To raise our spirits at this bleak time of year and with so many ghastly things going on in the world, there are lots of things going on: a heart-warming film with Michael Caine in CVH, an online WHG talk on the 1851 Great Exhibition evoking a brighter age, some interesting U3A and gardening club talks, a new rector in March, the delicious weekly warm hub lunches . . . and at last the days are getting lighter.

Tessa Youell

Thank you to our contributors this month, and to our production team Deirdre Kenny, Jeremy Buttery and Tessa Youell. Thanks also, to our distribution coordinator Ian and Tricia Cameron, 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 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).



Benefice Administrators

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The Benefice Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Church Flowers - February

Wherwell	3 rd and 10 th February Anna Lipa
Chilbolton	Jenny Seddon

From the Church Records – November and December 2023

Service	Date	Name (s)
Chilbolton		
Funeral	9/11/23	Jolyon Pope
Wherwell		
Thanksgiving Service	16/11/23	Janet Jukes

Church Services February 2024

Services	<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>					
Sunday 4th February – The Second Sunday before Lent					
Holy Communion		10am			
Morning Prayer	10am				
Café Church in Church Room			4pm		
Sunday 11th February – The Sunday Next before Lent					
Family Communion			10am		
Morning Prayer					10am
Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday					
Holy Communion with Distribution of Ashes	12 Noon		10am		<i>With Chilbolton</i>
Sunday 18th February – The First Sunday of Lent					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Holy Communion	10am				
Morning Worship		10am			
Sunday 25th February – The Second Sunday of Lent					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship			10am	10am	
Wednesday 28th February					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		

The Downs Benefice - New Rector

The Parochial Church Councils of Chilbolton, Wherwell, Crawley, Littleton
and Sparsholt

jointly invite you to the Licensing Service of our new Rector

Revd Kevin Rogers
on Tuesday 19th March
at 7.30pm
at St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt.

The service will be followed by a **Welcome Reception in Sparsholt
Memorial Hall.**

For help with numbers, please could you let us know if you are hoping to
come in one of the following ways:

By letting your Churchwarden or PCC Member know

Or on the sign-up sheet in each church

Or by contacting the office on: 01962 880 845

Or office@downsbenefice.org.uk by **5th March.**

We do hope you will be able to join us to welcome Kevin and Lorna to the
Downs Benefice.

Dear Friends,

Another New Year - and although we don't seem to have had a proper winter
(so far) Spring is only just round the corner. As nature brings new beginnings
to the world around us, perhaps we should also look for change in our own
lives. Very few things are inevitable, and often we can choose what we do and
don't do. Sometimes we make bad choices, but even then we often have a
chance to change course and put things right. Next month – on February 14th
– the period of Lent starts, covering the 40 days plus Sundays running up to
Easter. It's aligned to the coming of Spring, with the days drawing out (Lent
means “lengthen” in old English). For Christians the 40 days symbolise Jesus
Christ's time fasting on his own in the wilderness before He began His public
Ministry – and also a time to deny ourselves some of the things we enjoy, but
can do without. Many people, not just Christians, make Lent an opportunity to
give up something – chocolate, wine, cakes – and generally a very good thing
for our health and well-being it is !

But perhaps we should look at Lent not just as a time to stop doing things, but as a time to think about what we can do for other people – changing their lives and also changing ours. Many people in our Communities help other people as a matter of course all the time, but perhaps we can use Lent as a time to re-focus our priorities, and ask ourselves whether we can be more effective than we have been – knowing that a helping hand often means much more to others than we ever realise - often without great effort on our part. I see for example that the Chilbolton Village Hall soup lunches have just re-started and will run up to Easter - hugely popular, and just one example of the many good things happening in our two villages.

On the subject of new beginnings and serving our Communities, I am delighted to report that we have appointed a new Rector to replace Rev. Jax for the five parishes of Downs Benefice - Chilbolton, Wherwell, Crawley, Sparsholt and Littleton. The Rev. Kevin Rogers, accompanied by his wife Lorna, will be Licensed as our new Rector at a special Service in Sparsholt Church at 7.30pm on 19th March, with a Reception afterwards. The Licensing will be done by our new Diocesan Bishop - Philip Mounstephen - so this will be an opportunity to meet them both. Do come if you can, but please tell your Churchwarden or PCC member in advance, to help us with catering numbers.

Perhaps I can leave you with a short prayer:

Lord, let us never doubt that, together, we can change our world for the better, shape things to Your purpose, and bring peace where there is war. Guide us to never give up, but to believe that all things are possible in Your name.

Amen

Andrew Kent

An alternative Mnemonic poem as we approach the end of January

Thirty days has September,
April, June and November.
Unless a leap year as its fate,
February has twenty-eight.
All the rest have three days more,
Excepting January
Which has two thousand,
One hundred and eighty-four.

Brian Bilston

Wherwell School Bell Ringers Premier New Works

Pupils from the school rang the bells at Wherwell Church to introduce their carol concert on Thursday 14th December.

As part of their music lessons, Year 6 pupils researched the Ellacombe bell-chiming apparatus used in this church. In pairs, they wrote short pieces which could be rung on the 5 bells. Their ideas were seeded after learning why and when church bells were rung throughout history, for example to alert the community about events such as church services, weddings, coronations and funerals. Three pairs of pupils were then chosen to climb the bell tower and perform their work as the school and the audience assembled for the service in the church below. The pupils operated the apparatus with great enthusiasm and the bells rang out premiering their pieces over Wherwell.

Thank you to Mrs Elmslie as music teacher at the school for coordinating the children's work. Church bells are perhaps the most evocative sounds of a traditional English village, so it is reassuring to know that this ancient craft is being preserved and enjoyed by the next generation.

The bell ringing group would like to thank all of the Year 6 pupils for the complete set of their pieces that was presented after the service. The bell ringers will enjoy rehearsing these in the New Year.



If anyone is interested in joining the band of ringers at Wherwell Church please contact the Tower Captain, David Etchells. m: 07 915 669 593

Don't forget - it's the



Coffee Morning at Chilbolton Village Hall,

A Cup of Cheer and a biscuit . . .

Bring family and friends to support your Village Hall

All for £1.50 each on

Saturday 17th February

10am to 12am

Including 100 Club Draw, Raffle, and Secondhand Books

Wherwell Coffee Morning



Saturday 3rd February, 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**

Wherwell Primary
A January day in the life of a Wherwell pupil

Robins – Year R



Early on Tuesday morning, Robins Class popped on their coats and wellies and went for a wintery walk around their school field; it was very cold and frosty. Back inside, Robins Class created a list of words to describe winter and the way that they felt when they were outside.

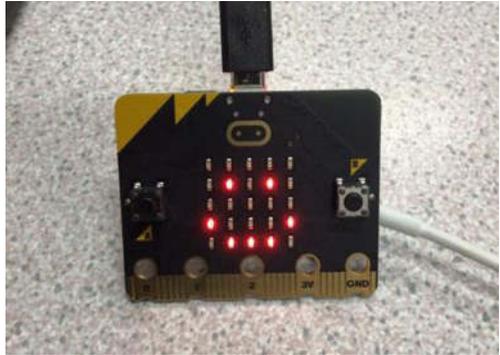
Puffins – Year 1-2



Puffins started back to school by going on a virtual bus tour of London! The children particularly loved driving across Tower Bridge. This was their ‘hook’ lesson before starting our new English Learning Journey using the text ‘The Queen’s Hat’. This book has proved popular so far and has also been useful as a discussion point about London and the UK.

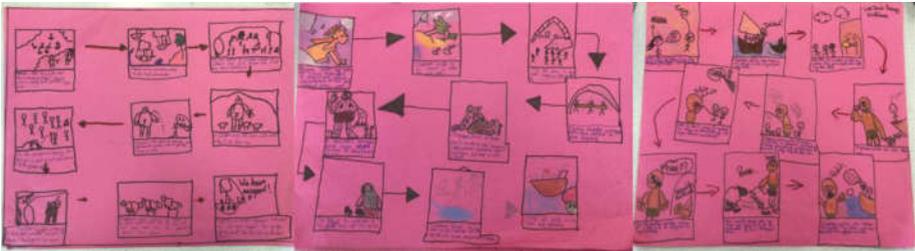
Sparrowhawks – Year 3 to 4

In computing, Sparrowhawks have enjoyed exploring our new Microbits, which they will be coding to perform different tasks.



House Martins – Year 5 – 6

House Martins have made an enthusiastic start to their English unit on Greek myths. Take a look at their wonderful story boards depicting The Adventures of Odysseus!



Abby Purver (nee Baker) 1981 - 2023

After a seven and half year battle with cancer Abby died peacefully at the Countess of Brecknock Hospice on the 5th November 2023.

Over the years Abby would often be seen riding her horses around the villages, both horse and rider in high vis clothing. Her horses were her solace that would bring joy into her life.

We wish to thank everyone for their very kind words of sympathy received after the passing of Abby, and also to everyone who attended her funeral. There were so many we were quite overwhelmed.

With our sincere thanks, Matt Purver, Phil & Sylvia Baker.

Friday Night Lates February

@BLACK CHALK WINE

Friday 2nd

| Loaded Flatbreads by @ETO

Friday 9th

| Burgers by @OFM

Friday 16th

| Fried Chicken by @SOAB

Friday 23rd

| Indian Street Food by @Chaat



Wherwell Parish Council Report from the meeting held on 9thth Jan 2024

The Parish Council met in the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall, one member of the public in attendance.

The minutes of the November meeting were agreed & signed.

Matters arising included:

1. using the Playing Fields Pavilion as an emergency hub now the emergency generator is in situ and wired, and
2. Cllrs Young and Newell taking on responsibility for developing better communications with local residents, including updating the PC website, and developing a new residents communications pack,

Finances were presented by the Responsible Finance Officer. The PC signed a cheque due and discussed the ongoing problems in setting up an online bank account. After discussing the cost pressure faced by the PC (particularly a £1,000+ increase in insurance costs) Cllrs agreed to increase the precept for 2024/25 by £1,000 to £10,500. This would represent an increase of less than £4.00 per band D equivalent household. The PC then discussed and approved S137 grants to be awarded from the 24/25 budget.

Various **Assets of Community Value** were registered with TVBC in November 2018. These all lapsed after 5 years in November 2023. The PC were concerned about the White Lion being put up for sale by Punch Taverns as soon as the listing had lapsed, it was recognized that a listing as an Asset of Community Value would have some worth in helping to maintain community assets within the village. It was therefore agreed that applications should be renewed to TVBC for The White Lion, the church, and the Home Guards Club.

Regarding planning

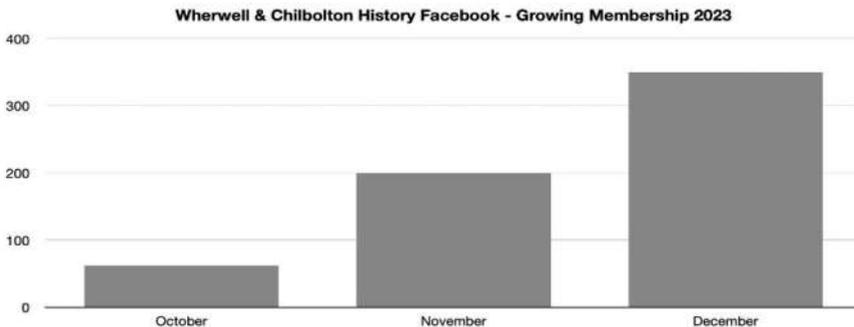
1. The PC were informed of planning applications that have been approved by TVBC including a greenhouse and garden barn at Freelands, and various tree works.
2. They noted the applications pending decision by TVBC that are approved by the PC - for Installation of a ground mounted solar array at Abbey Oak and a single storey rear extension at The Coach House, Fullerton Road
3. They noted that the application for a solar farm has been delayed pending request for further information from the applicant, particularly in respect of landscaping and views. Cllrs discussed and agreed not to pay for legal advice concerning a potential contract for a community benefit fund but would have informal discussions with a local lawyer.

Reporting on Special projects and Cllrs portfolios:

There were no further reports on special projects, and District Cllr Drew was unable to attend to present his usual briefing on TVBC and HCC matters.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March at the new regular time of 6:30 pm, to which local residents are welcome to attend and bring any comments or concerns.

Sean Hutton, Chair



Wherwell & Chilbolton History Facebook Group

This Facebook Group was launched last September and entered 2024 with a magnificent membership of 350, which continues to increase day by day. Members include residents of both villages, plus, many people that grew up in our villages and moved away but look back with fondness on their childhood. Also, those researching their family trees looking to connect and to exchange information.



The site now contains a substantial variety of photographs: family stories, school days, sports teams, outings and beautiful local views, most with insightful comments. It also highlights the rise and change of engineering, the airfield, the railway, family histories and the way of life. Miss Strugnell, Head Mistress of Wherwell School in the 1950s (photo left), was remembered by many people and her post attracted a record 89 comments!

We've also captured unexpected stories, like Vera Fossett circus trapeze artist who later became a film star, including starring with Roger Moore, and did her training in the Chilbolton Airfield Hangers.

We hope to document some of those interesting stores in the coming months. Please try out and explore our Facebook site at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/962211084892488>

If that proves a little daunting, maybe you can get some help to get you started. It will be interesting and worthwhile.

Ernie Wilkins, Wherwell History Group

Chilbolton Parish Counsel report

Happy 2024 to everyone.

As I write this with freezing conditions outside we all look forward to the warmer months ahead. We will be busy, so here is an early reminder of things to come in the next few months.

Annual Precept.

The first matter is the annual precept for the parish. At the parish council meeting on 9th January councillors unanimously agreed that the precept had to be increased to £29,800 for the 2024/25 year. This is a large increase on the 2023/24 precept of just over £18,000 but we cannot budget for a loss and even the new precept represents an annual charge of approximately £65 on average for each property in the parish and in line with neighbouring parishes. The main drivers of the necessary increase are the statutory increases of salary and levies and the ever-increasing costs of keeping the parish in a safe state. For example, we have to engage contractors to clear ditches and fell or trim unsafe trees because our diminishing number of volunteers are not able to undertake these large works. The detailed budget will be on the parish website (<https://chilboltonparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/24.25-draft-budget-compared-to-23.24.pdf>) and if this is studied it will be seen that there are no unnecessary expenses. I would welcome any questions or suggestions.

Housing Need and parish priority Surveys

Parishioners will be asked to complete a new housing need survey and a survey of parish priorities over the next two months. The last surveys were some 5 years ago and it is considered necessary to revalidate the earlier findings on housing need and priorities for improvements to the parish.

Please complete these questionnaires because a large response provides necessary evidence for projects and confirms the public view. If applicable, please consider formally applying for affordable, community led, or self-build housing on the Test Valley website. Sometimes it does seem pointless but without proof of need, projects are unlikely to happen.

2040 Local Plan

The first full draft of the Local Plan 2040 (Reg 18, Stage 2) is likely to go to public consultation in February. The papers are available on the Test Valley Borough Council website. (<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/draft-local-plan-2040>)

The Local Plan will set out the TVBC proposals for housing and planning policy in the borough and the parish council will be making a formal response to matters that concern us. A public meeting will take place to consider the Local Plan and to hear the views of parishioners before any response is sent to Test Valley Borough Council. Since the usual consultation period is 6 weeks we will probably hold the public meeting during the last week of February or the First week of March. Please keep an eye out for notices nearer the time.

Tony Ewer. Chairman Chilbolton Parish Council. February 2024

TEST VILLAGES U3A

Thursday 1st February

John Hughes presents: "Where have all the birds gone"

There is no doubt that bird populations worldwide have plummeted. John's talk focuses on the decline in bird populations in the UK and explores losses due to the collection of wild bird eggs, the millinery trade, exotic predators, habitat loss and highlights global warming and disease as the latest threats.

Thursday 7th March

Mr James Smallwood FRCS presents: "The Black Stuff"

James, a recently retired consultant surgeon, will take us on a journey through the history and the natural world of melanin pigments and their health consequences in the human.

Meetings start at **14.00** (doors open at 13.40) in **Chilbolton Village Hall**

New members are very welcome to attend our meetings.

Find out more about our Test Villages group at u3asites.org.uk/test-villages

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Your First Session is FREE

Wherwell Village Hall
EVERY Monday, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Questions or more info: bfrances121@icloud.com

CHILBOLTON AND WHERWELL GARDENING CLUB

'My Top 20 Potato Varieties'

By Alan Wilson



An entertaining speaker, Alan worked for Waitrose, has published a book on potatoes, and will be bringing seed varieties for sale.

Feb 20th Chilbolton Village hall 7.45pm

Refreshments, raffle non members £3

Diary Dates

Warm Hub lunch at CVH	Every Monday	12 noon
Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45 pm
Wherwell Fit Step	Every Monday	6 - 7 pm
Weekly Bingo WHG Club	Every Monday	7.30 pm
Wherwell Keep Fit class	Every Tuesday	9.15 - 10.00 am
Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2 - 4pm
West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2-4pm
Chilbolton Badminton Club at CVH	Every Wednesday	7.30 pm
Qi Gong class at WVH	Every Thursday	10.00 am

February

1	U3a talk: John Hughes	CVH	2.00 pm
2	Chilbolton Film Night	CVH	6.30 for 7.30 pm
2	An evening with Dan Snow	Winchester Coll	6.30- 7.30pm
3	Wherwell Coffee morning	WVH	10.30-12 noon
5	Planning & CPC	CVH	6 - 8.30 pm
6	<i>AD hoc advert deadline</i>		
8	COSC meeting	CVH	
10	<i>February copy deadline</i>		
16	Wherwell History talk	Online	8.00 pm
17	Chilbolton Coffee morning	CVH	10.30-12
17	Collection for Ukraine	WHG Club	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
19	Planning	CVH	6 - 6.30pm
20	Gardening club talk - Potatoes	CVH	7.45 pm

March

1	Stockbridge Music	St Peters Church	7.30 pm
4	Planning & CPC	CVH	6-8.30pm
6	<i>AD hoc advert deadline</i>		
7	U3A talk: Mr James Smallwood	CVH	2 pm
19	New Rector Licensing service	St Stephen's Sparsholt	7.30 pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – February

Fri 2 nd 01264 368368	The Take That Experience at The Lights in Andover - As Take That celebrate over 30 years as the UK's number one boyband, The Take That Experience mark over a decade together as their most popular and recognised tribute act. 7:30 – 10pm
Sat 3 rd 01962 840 440	WestEnders are performing at the Theatre Royal in Winchester 7:30 – 10pm. This is a stunning show and you will hear the greatest songs from the top musicals in the West End of London.
Wed 7 th 01962 840440	Bowie Experience - continues to amaze audiences with an astounding attention to detail, bringing the golden years of David Bowie to the stage. A must see for all Bowie fans, the latest production features all the hits from A to Ziggy. Theatre Royal 7:30pm
Thur 15 th 01962 857200	Mark Thompson in the Moonlight: A Talk - Famous science broadcaster and author, Mark Thompson, shares his enthusiasm for the moon, planets and more in this captivating talk, at Winchester Cathedral 7pm
Sat 17 th 01962 857200	Silent disco under the moon - dance the night away to your favourite party tunes (from ABBA to Stormzy) under the Museum of the Moon artwork by artist Luke Jerram at Winchester Cathedral 8pm
Sat 17 th 01264 773850	Hawk Conservancy Trust Bird of Prey Centre - As night falls, you'll experience the mystical owls' graceful, silent flights in and out of the darkness... 18:00 – 20:30
Sat 24 th 01264 368368	50 Years of Fender - tells the fascinating story of the iconic "Stratocaster" across its 5 most important decades in its turbulent 70-year history. This fully live and commercial show takes audiences through the incredible story of how the world's most recognisable guitar became the iconic instrument. Andover Lights 7:30pm
Sat 24 th 01794 523054	The Wall of Floyd is an authentic tribute to Pink Floyd putting the most important thing first... The iconic music that has sold hundreds of millions of records. Another Brick in The Wall, Run Like Hell, Us and Them, Time, Money, Shine on You Crazy Diamond, Comfortably Numb & more. All faithfully recreated by a professional band with a deep hearted passion for Pink Floyd. Plaza Theatre Romsey 7:30pm https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/plazatheatre
Tue 27 th 01256 844244	Caroline Quentin: The Plot So Far -7:30pm at the Anvil in Basingstoke. Beloved comedy icon, for an evening devoted to horticultural hilarity Inspired by her delightful new book Drawn to The Garden.
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	

FEED THE ANDOVER FOOD BANK

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Food Bank during 2023. Your ongoing support will be very much appreciated, now more than ever, by local families who have to rely on help from the food bank to feed and look after their families.

I would also like to thank Nikki for facilitating the drop off point at Chilbolton Shop and Beryl Lawrence for collecting the donations and for also doing some of the deliveries to the Food Bank

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO DONATE-

LONG LIFE MILK, CEREALS

FRUIT JUICE AND FRUIT SQUASH

TINNED VEGETABLES, MEAT, FISH, SOUP

PASTA SAUCES, KETCH UP, STOCK CUBES, GRAVY GRANULES

TINNED FRUIT, CUSTARD, JELLY, JAM, MARMALADE

BISCUITS, CRISPS, SNACKS, SANDWICH FILLINGS

BATHROOM, TOILET AND KITCHEN CLEANING PRODUCTS

WASHING UP LIQUID, DISH CLOTHS, SCOURERS, BIN BAGS

TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTH PASTE, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER

HAND SANITISER, SOAP, SHOWER GEL, DEODORANT, BABY WIPES

DETERGENT, FABRIC CONDITIONER

CAT AND DOG FOOD, POOP BAGS

Donations can be dropped off at Chilbolton Stores, Wherwell Coffee morning 1st Saturday of the month and Chilbolton Coffee morning 3rd Saturday of the month.

Information regarding setting up a standing order to the Food Bank or to Gift Aid a donation can be found at - andover.foodbank.org.uk

JANE ANDREWS

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If you are currently renovating your house or are looking for antiques to add character to your home or business we have an ever changing selection of stock over two floors.

Our style is an eclectic mix of rustic French farmhouse, mid-century and country house. Our products regularly feature in the national interiors magazines and we are local to you so come and visit us to see what latest treasures we have found.

We are open Fridays 10am-3pm and Saturdays 11am-3pm but please check opening hours on our website before visiting. There is ample parking on site.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

****10% off Discount* valid until 29 February 2024 if you present this page when you visit.***



Mayfly Vintage, The Old Stables, Chilbolton Down Farm, Stockbridge, SO20 6BU

www.mayflyvintage.co.uk 07801 199131

Stockbridge Practice News – January 2024



Joint pain

For adults experiencing any joint pain you can book an appointment with Lydia, our Physiotherapist who works on Wednesdays and Fridays at Broughton.

Eye problems

The surgery does not have the specialist equipment necessary to examine eyes effectively. There is a Minor Eye Conditions Service available to all patients by calling 0300 303 4922. If necessary, they can arrange a prescription, an appointment with an Optician or the local hospital.

eConsult

You can contact the surgery online via our website, stockbridgesurgery.co.uk. This is especially useful for requesting extensions to sick certificates or if you have a question regarding your medication.

Medication reviews

There is no need to book an appointment for a medication review unless a member of the surgery team has asked you to do so. The doctors will review your medication and history and a member of the team will be in touch if we need to book you an appointment. Sometimes we require blood tests or other investigations prior to a review.

Blood pressure

If you are aged over 45 years old, we encourage you to have your blood pressure measured once every 5 years. This can be done using the machines in our waiting rooms and handing the reading in to reception.

JUMBLE SALE - ADVANCE NOTICE

Chilbolton Village Hall Management Committee are planning to hold a **JUMBLE SALE** in March 2024. Now is the opportunity to go through all your drawers, cupboards and shelves and clear out all those unwanted, unloved and forgotten pieces that are taking up so much space. You can then look forward to an uncluttered Spring!

Thank you.

Beryl Lawrence on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

Come to the Movies!

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

'The Great Escaper' (12A)

**Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson
and Wolf Kahler**

**Bernard Jones escapes from his Care Home in order
to make his dream come true - to attend the
70th Anniversary of D-Day in France.....**

On

Friday, 2nd February, 2024

Doors open 6.30 pm

Film commences 7.30 pm

**Tickets £6.00 - In advance, with NO Booking Fee
Or £7.00 - On the door (subject to availability)**

**Tea/coffee and biscuits available 6.30 pm - 7 pm
Wine, beer, orange juice and choc ices
will be on sale**

**To book your ticket, please ring Beryl Lawrence on
01264 860618**

or E-mail dlaw@davidlawrenceassociates.co.uk

Next Collection for Ukraine

Saturday 17th February between 10.30am – 12.30pm
at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**

Like last time, the focus for our February collection is on helping the injured, especially the young men in the Ukrainian hospitals, whose lives have been blighted forever by this terrible war AND helping the children who have lost their homes or parents and are living in a shelter in Zaporizhzhia (near the front line).

Our donations may seem small but they are sending a message of comfort to people who are suffering so much trauma – letting them know that we still care and they are not alone.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

For this month's collection we'd be grateful for the following items (they must be new as they are going to the hospitals):

All sorts of medication

i.e. pain relief such as paracetamol, cough lozenges, cold remedies, etc.

Bandages, plasters, wound dressings

New soft T shirts

Incontinence/absorbent pads

New Underwear

Torches and batteries

New slippers for hospital use

Socks and gloves

Gilets or body warmers

Items suitable for children and adults will be gratefully appreciated

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

The link to Olga's blog, for updates and monetary donations, is:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/xk4vq-stand-with-ukraine>

Thank you very much.

Pam Flanagan (01264 860 560)

Wherwell History Group – Winter Season



February 16th, 2024 at 8.00pm
The Great Exhibition of 1851
An online (Zoom) talk
by David Morton

This talk looks at the original idea behind the exhibition followed by a description of the planning and building of the Exhibition Hall. Crystal Palace, an intricate network of slender iron rods sustaining walls of clear glass which housed the Great Exhibition, was a project conceived by Prince Albert to showcase international exhibitors. It was designed by Sir Joseph Paxton, built in Hyde Park, London and opened on 1st May 1851.



The Exhibition Hall was dismantled (1852-54) and rebuilt in South London where David's talk looks at the subsequent history and tragic end of the Crystal Palace in 1936. But this was not the end - as we do still benefit from The Great Exhibition today.

March 15th, 2024 at 8.00pm
A History of Women Police
by Clifford Williams
at Wherwell Village Hall, SP11 7JJ

History Group events are free to members.
Guests are welcome (£5 per event)

To make a booking, enquire about membership or download our programme for 2024, please visit our new website at www.wherwellhistory.com



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Simon's Sunday Quiz

25th February 2024

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 24th February

Please check the Saturday date with Janet Beckingham a few days before!

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

Come and Party with the Covergirlz Band

70's & 80's Music Night

Get those flares, platforms & afro

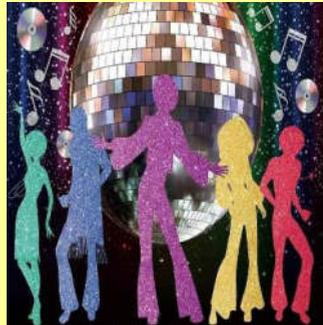
wigs out of the dressing up box

!! PRIZE for the best costume !!

Saturday 10th February at 8pm

will be a Saturday Night for "Staying Alive and Having a Fever"

Tickets on sale from the Bar, Members £5 and Guests £8



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.



WINTER WARMERS

Fish Supper for Ash Wednesday



Smoked haddock Mac'n'cheese

Serves Six

- 100g/3½oz [butter](#), plus extra for greasing
- 100g/3½oz [plain flour](#)
- 1 tsp [Dijon mustard](#) (and/or 1 tsp of white miso, optional)
- 1.2 litres/2 pints full-fat [milk](#)
- 75ml/2½fl oz [double cream](#) (optional)
- 1 [bay leaf](#)
- 250g/8oz mature [cheddar](#) or other hard cheeses, grated
- 500g/1lb 2oz dried [macaroni](#) (or any tube-shaped pasta)
- 2-3 smoked haddock fillets, skinned and boned
- 60g/2¼oz white [breadcrumbs](#)
- 50g/1¾oz [Parmesan](#), grated, feel free to add parsley/oregano/thyme/basil with the parmesan
- salt and freshly ground [black pepper](#)

Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6 and grease a 35x20cm/14x8in ovenproof dish. Warm the milk with bayleaf and peppercorns and poach the fish.

Set aside to cool. Meanwhile melt the butter over a low heat. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 minute. Add the mustard (and miso, if using), then gradually whisk in the strained milk and cream, whisking/stirring constantly, until it thickens.

Take the pan off the heat, add the cheese and stir until the cheese has melted. Season with lots of black pepper. Be careful with salt due to salt in cheese and fish. Cook the pasta for 10 minutes, or until al dente, drain well and add to the sauce. Finally flake the fish into your macaroni cheese and fold gently through. Pour the mixture into the ovenproof dish. Then combine the breadcrumbs with the Parmesan and herbs/seasoning of your choice, and scatter over the top. Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until golden-brown and bubbling. Serve immediately.

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

Greener Villages Local Recycling

A reminder about the 'any time' drop-off locations

- **Chilbolton Village Hall Car Park**

~ black plastic bin adjacent the wheely bin enclosure

- **Wherwell Home Guard Club Car Park**

~ a collection of small bins inside the smoking shelter

- **What are we collecting?**

~ Batteries

~ Contact lens cases

~ Printer cartridges

~ Drinks Cans

~ Medicine blister packs

~ Plastic wrapping

~ Candles

~ Oral health products

& Food pouches

~ Inhalers

~ Britta cartridges

(NB: see below)

- **Team Update**

Jenny Hamilton has retired from being the volunteer who empties the Chilbolton bin. Thank you to Jenny for her valuable help and welcome to *Ernie Wilkins* who has taken over this role.

- **Guidance notes:**

** **Plastic wrapping** can be a mix of carrier bags, shrink-wrap, crisp packets, snack packets, chocolate and biscuit wrappers, pasta and rice bags, bread bags, clear film lids and multi-pack wrappers ... in general, any wrapping which when squeezed is soft, noisy or springy.

** **Food pouches (pet or baby)** can mix with crinkly wrappers if washed and dried as much as reasonably possible (to avoid contamination by sticking together)

** **PLEASE ...**

NO hard plastic – plastic bottles can be placed in TVBC's brown bin

NO food trays - please place these in TVBC's black bin

PLEASE be kind to the team by:

~ using **separate wrappers/bags** for MESSY items (especially **printer cartridges**) and SMALL items such as **contact lens cases, inhalers, oral health products** and **hearing aid batteries**.

~ checking that **drinks cans** are EMPTY!!

Thank you for taking part in your local recycling initiative.

Andrew Flanagan

An Evening with Dan Snow

Friday 2 February 6.30-7.30pm, New Hall, Winchester College, SO23 9NA



Dan was appointed an MBE for his outstanding career spanning a wide range of subjects and interests. For over two decades, Dan has been a successful broadcaster, author and host of the History Hit podcast. He will be sharing his wealth of memorable anecdotes from his career as a historian and broadcaster in this engaging and thought-provoking talk.

This event will be fundraising for Hampshire History Trust, which brings Heritage Open Days to Hampshire every year, is entirely volunteer-organised and has no core funding. This event is generously being supported by Winchester College. Tickets (£15) are available from eventbrite, by using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/#search> and searching for 'Dan Snow'

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Friday 1st March, 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, Stockbridge SO20 6HE

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Crispian Steele-Perkins - Trumpet



“The Trumpet Shall Sound”

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