

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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April 2024

Welcome to a bumper Spring issue, including some advance planning for Summer. All the regular events are here: Coffee Mornings, Talks, Film and Quiz, plus an Auction, Afternoon Teas (new), Black Chalk Fridays, Bluebell Walk and Chamber Choir. Articles from Revd Kevin, Boaz, Wherwell History Group and Wherwell Primary School are well worth reading. For gardeners, there is vacancy at Chilbolton Allotments and an appeal from Wherwell Primary School. Roll-on longer days (**clocks change to BST on Sunday 31st March**) and better weather.

Andrew Flanagan

Thank you to our contributors this month, and to our production team Stephen MacDonald, Anna Cockram and Andrew Flanagan. Thanks also, to our distribution coordinators Jenny Parkinson and Lindsay Nightingale, and our distribution helpers. Also, to Tim Whiteside, our 'What's On' Coordinator, and Stephen MacDonald our chairman and advertising manager. **PLEASE NOTE: the production team has vacancies; our advert on page 17 has the details.**



Church Matters

The Downs Benefice

The Reverend Kevin Rogers, Rector

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



Church Flowers April

Wherwell	13 th & 20 th April 27 th April	Fiona Boundy Judy Conte
Chilbolton	Easter festival	All arrangers

From the Church Records – March 2024

Service	Date	Name (s)
Chilbolton		
Baptism	3/3/24	Lockie Barrington Galloway

Church Services April 2024

Services April 2024	<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 7th April – <i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>					
Holy Communion		10am			
Morning Prayer	10am				
Café Church in Church Room			4pm		
Sunday 14th April – <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>					
Family Communion			10am		
Morning Prayer					10am
Sunday 21st April – <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Holy Communion	10am				
Morning Worship		10am			
Peace & Wholeness (tbc)			6pm		
Wednesday 24th April					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		
Sunday 28th April – <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Morning Worship			10am		
Morning Worship with Baptism				10am	

Andover Chamber Choir

The Andover Chamber Choir will return to St. Mary's Church, Andover on 13th April at 7.30 pm for its first concert of 2024. Musical Director Andrew Wyndham said, "We will be singing Faure's beautiful and ever popular Requiem. Completed in 1890, Faure's setting has been a favourite with choirs and audiences ever since."

The first half of the concert is a 'Patchwork Mass' which will be made up of contrasting settings from different composers including Byrd, Palestrina, and Bruckner. Proceeds from this event will be going to the **Andover charity 'Finding Freedom from Abuse'**, a charity committed to supporting women, men, children and young people who have been affected by domestic and sexual violence and abuse.

Tickets are available from The Lights (online and in person), Newbury Building Society and choir members.

Tickets are £10 (in advance) or £12 at the door.

(Interval refreshments included). Under 16s free.



Andover Chamber Choir

Fauré: Requiem

plus

“A Patchwork Mass”

featuring music by Byrd, Bruckner and Palestrina

7:30 p.m. Saturday 13th April 2024
St Mary’s Church, Andover

Tickets £12 (incl. refreshments) on the door or £10 in advance
from The Lights, Newbury Building Society, Andover,
or from choir members. Under 16s free.



In aid of ‘Finding Freedom from Abuse’
(formerly known as Andover Crisis & Support Centre)
www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk



From the Rector

My South African accent gives my heritage away, as does my reference to ‘pants’ instead of ‘trousers’, ‘gumboots’ instead of ‘wellies’, and ‘chips’ instead of ‘crisps’! But I do support England Rugby, unless of course England is playing South Africa!

I came to faith in 1980, after many years of attending Church. It was nothing short of God revealing himself and inviting me into that journey of whole-life and life-long discipleship. And what a road it has been with God growing my understanding of his incarnation, his provision, his power, his love, his faithfulness, his goodness, his claim on all my life. Nothing like these personal experiences of God in my everyday life to know that God is absolutely besotted over us.

Lorna and I are approaching our 35th wedding anniversary, hoping to, as Westlife sings, ‘grow old together’. As part of this, we are trying to escape the scrutiny of our three amazing adult children, but they keep finding us! We are grateful that they all love and serve the Lord.

And so, we join you on your journey of faith, with our ageing Labrador and balmy Maltese / Shih Tzu cross, longing to hear how God is revealing himself to you, along your journey of discipleship. As we do so, I am looking forward to joining you in growing our churches to be places where our neighbours are graciously welcomed and where they can find a vibrant faith relevant to their lives. I am excited about working with you to achieve our vision of being this vibrant, active, relevant, and inclusive Christian community, doing whatever it takes to live the mission of Jesus in our everyday lives. In a nutshell, I want to accompany you as we introduce the Good News of the Gospel to those who do not yet know Christ, and to strengthen and support those who are on their journey of faith.

In this process, I am particularly inquisitive about what God may have in store for us going forward. God’s promised Isaiah 2700 years ago to do a new thing – to make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert. This promise is for us in our lifetimes too. As such, it fills me with intrigue and anticipation. What might this look like for us? How might God want to prepare and equip us for this? And how might this affirm just how deeply besotted God is over us?

Together in Christ,



Revd Kevin

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Calling Chilbolton Gardeners

If you've ever wanted to open your garden, now's your chance!

Chilbolton Parish Council is planning an afternoon of **Open Gardens on Sunday 30th June 2024.**

Whether small or large – a wildlife, woodland, patio or cottage garden, vegetable patch or pond – we want to include as wide a variety as possible.

It doesn't have to be beautiful or immaculate – untidy areas are vital safe havens for small mammals, birds and insects, and after all, weeds are wild flowers.



Anyone interested please get in touch:

Sue Larcombe: CLrLarcombe.ChilboltonPC@hotmail.com Tel 860277
or Tessa Youell: tessa@carberybooks.co.uk Tel 860368



The Rotary Club of Andover

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VALUATION DAY

Thursday 11 April 2024 10am until 3pm



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Upper Guildhall

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£1300



£100



£150



Update from Wherwell Primary School

We have been as busy as ever in school over the past few weeks. Our new look website (www.wherwellprimary.co.uk) is working well, much to our relief – one never knows if the Gremlins will attack when changes are made!

Last week in assembly, Miss Ball asked the children the question “What makes Wherwell a good place to learn?”, and we had a lovely range of responses which validate how I feel about the school and reflects the hard work of my incredible team of teachers and support staff over the past months. Here are some of the responses:

- The teachers are kind
- The children are friendly
- Our learning is interesting
- We are good listeners
- We have a tidy learning environment
- You can talk to adults in the school
- Everyone is supportive

We have recently taken delivery of a fantastic art easel which was purchased with art funding from the Test Valley Arts Society. We are very grateful for their generous donation which has led to much delight and has enhanced pupil-led learning time in our reception class.



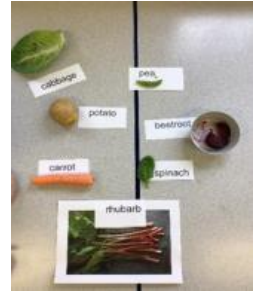
Our Governors completed a learning walk earlier in the term and they were very impressed with the variety of tasks and learning that they saw. Here is an insight into the things we are learning across the school at the moment, in addition to the core subjects of reading, writing and mathematics.



Our Robins Class (reception children) have been creating some wonderful artwork based on the book Puffin Peter. They started by watching a video clip of the illustrator (who is also the author) creating a picture of Puffin Peter. They then gathered the resources that they needed and followed step by step instructions to create their own Puffins. Finally, they used water colour paints to create a background picture of the sea or Puffin Peter’s rocky island and stuck their puffins onto these backgrounds.

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Puffins class (Years 1 and 2) have been using the book 'Oliver's Vegetables' as a learning hook. The children enjoyed exploring the vegetables that are mentioned in the story and they have been using that initial exploratory lesson as the basis of their learning. In Science the children have been sharing their knowledge of plants and have planted some seeds, so the children are eagerly awaiting what happens next!



Puffins have also started to look at the book 'Float' which is a wordless picture book. In the story the boy makes a paper boat which everyone in Puffins has had a go at making. It was quite tricky and a lot of folding was involved! They then used that activity to help them write instructions to make the boat. They have also been busy learning how to use a simple running stitch in Design and Technology, whilst making some fabulous hats!

Kingfishers (years 2 and 3) have been making toys which use pneumatics as mechanisms to make them move as part of Design and Technology. They could not wait to get stuck in and their final products were fantastic. They used lots of problem-solving skills and were really supportive of each other during this challenging but fun activity.



Kingfishers also had a lovely time at Winchester Science Centre recently. They learnt about the James Webb Telescope and which materials would keep the telescope cool by learning about infrared light. They particularly enjoyed the Planetarium show where they learnt all about our solar system as well as some of the stars and constellations we can see from Earth.

Sparrowhawks (years 3 and 4) have been very busy with Egyptian-themed work. They have created a fact file about an Egyptian artefact as well as creating a brochure to persuade people to visit Ancient Egypt. Persuasive writing is an important life skill and Sparrowhawks did some great work. They were also very lucky to have a visit from The Drama Hut who ran an Egyptian workshop with the children



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They had great fun creating different freeze frames of Egyptian gods. In Design and Technology they have made some fantastic clay sarcophagi and toy mummies to go in them. In Geography, they are looking at food and where it comes from, exploring fair trade and what it means. Sparrowhawks have created some great posters to explain why fair trade is important.

House Martins (years 5 and 6) enjoyed a rare appearance of the sun by taking their learning outside, acting out the Circulatory System in Science. The children first moved through two of the heart's chambers before being pumped to the lungs to pick up oxygen (a red cone). As oxygenated blood, the children returned to the heart to be pumped around the body.



They have also enjoyed a workshop on Ancient Greece and have been getting their hands mucky making clay Ancient Greek inspired pottery!

I leave you with some images of World Book Day, enjoyed by all children and staff alike! I was so impressed with the wide range of books represented and the creativity shown by our parents in producing the costumes!



Mandy Ovenden, Headteacher

Feed the Andover Food Bank Update

Please consider providing a complete meal for a family by donating tins of meat, vegetables and potatoes, plus fruit and custard.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO DONATE

- Tea, coffee, sugar
- Cereals, jam, honey, peanut butter
- Fruit squash, biscuits, crisps
- Tinned vegetables, meat and fish, Pasta sauces
- Tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, jelly, instant whip
- Bathroom, kitchen and toilet cleaning products
- Washing-up liquid dish cloths, scourers, bin bags
- Detergent, fabric conditioner
- Hand sanitiser, soap shower gel, deodorant, baby wipes, toilet rolls
- Tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner
- Cat and dog food, poop bags

Sadly, more than ever, with unemployment figures and household expenses increasing alarmingly, your support is needed even more.

Donations can be dropped off at **Chilbolton Stores** or at either of the monthly **village coffee mornings**. Please do contact me if you need any food donations picked up or if you would like to make a cash donation. Information regarding setting up a Standing Order to benefit the Food Bank or to Gift Aid a donation can be found on their web site at:

Helping Local People in Crisis (andover.foodbank.org.uk)

*Jane Andrews: Tel:860635 or 07730 412393
email: flyjohnndrews@aol.com*



**COFFEE
MORNING**

**Wherwell Coffee
Morning**

**Saturday 6th April,
10:30 - 12noon**

at Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street

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

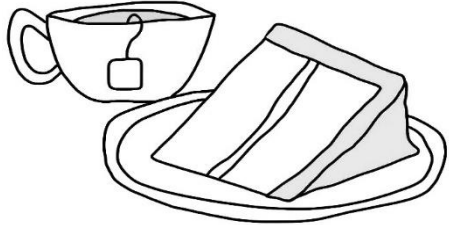
All for £1.50 per person * Everyone Welcome**

Chilbolton Soup Lunches

You may have heard about the Soup Lunch Team. They are a small group of volunteers who make and serve a soup lunch in Chilbolton Village Hall through the winter months. Open to all, we have been visited by over 30 different people and weekly entertain 15-20 guests from Wherwell and Chilbolton.

Afternoon Tea in Chilbolton

For helpers and visitors alike, the soup lunches have been a very positive experience, offering a friendly face along with lots of fun and laughter. So, we have decided to extend this community event into the Spring and Summer, offering an afternoon tea twice a month on a Thursday.



The organising team are keen to recruit some additional support. Can you offer to bake a cake, serve tea, take the time to listen and share your stories with our many visitors?

If so, please contact Jane Brown (07468 460166) or Jayne Walukiewicz (07976 249632)

EXHIBITION of LOCAL HISTORY

Saturday 6th April 10.30 – 12noon

Wherwell Village Hall

Presented by Wherwell History Group

Come along to browse Photos, Videos, Maps & more...

Refreshments served by the Coffee Morning Team

Admission £1.50

PARISH OF ST MARY-THE-LESS, CHILBOLTON

A meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held in Chilbolton Parish Church on Wednesday, 10 April 2024 at 6.30 pm

To be attended by:

- (i) all persons whose names are entered on the church Electoral Roll of the parish; and
- (ii) all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Chilbolton Parish Church on Wednesday, 10 April 2024 at 6.40 pm

For the election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- (i) to the Parochial Church Council - up to 9 representatives
- (ii) to the Deanery Synod - 2 representatives

For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner or Auditor

For the consideration of:

- (i) a report on changes to the electoral roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
- (ii) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally
- (iii) the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending 31 December 2023 immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined
- (iv) a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
- (v) a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod, and other matters of parochial or general church interest

All persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

Should you wish to attend these meetings please either contact Wendy on 860237 or email her at wendyandrews875@btinternet.com by 08 April 2024.

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Chilbolton & Wherwell Garden Club

Tuesday April 16th 7:45pm

“The National Garden Scheme (NGS)”

A talk by Mark Porter

NGS SE England Regional Chairman and Trustee

Chilbolton Village Hall

Everyone welcome

Members free – Visitors £3.00

Tea, Coffee and biscuits

Further information Sheila Evans 01264 860697

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Email: chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk

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

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS



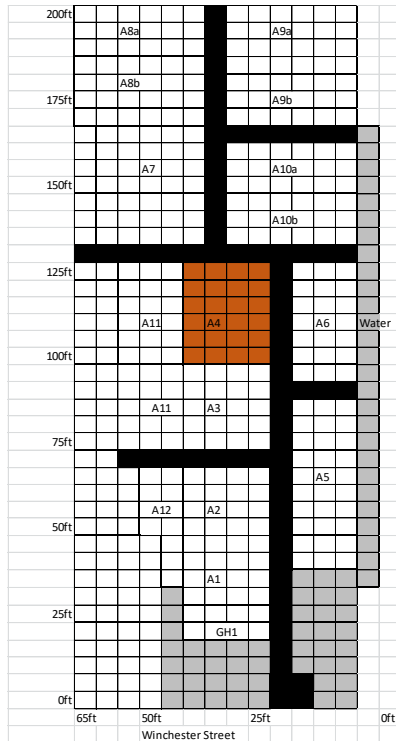
AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW YOUR OWN

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

Plot A4 is c. 56 sq.m at an annual rent as of £22.40 as of 1 April '24

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

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



Would you like to help out on the magazine?

We have two vacancies on our production teams – start when you're ready.

Content Manager

What's involved?

- Check magazine inbox at start of month
- Liaise with contributors over any queries
- Transfer the month's contributions to the magazine database

How often?

- x 3 per annum

How much time per occasion?

- 3-4 hours spread over a 10-day window

Skills needed?

- Email address
- Comfortable with MS Office

First Editor

What's involved

- Review contributions on the database
- Check suitability for publication
- Re-format if required to house-style
- Create diary dates page

How often?

- x 3 per annum

How much time per occasion?

- 4-5 hours over a 5-day window

Skills needed?

- Email address
- Comfortable with MS Office

Who's on the magazine team?

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

Is there a social side?

Yes. At Christmas we have a party for members and partners. It's a good way to meet lively, like-minded people.

What next?

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

Stephen MacDonald (Mag Chairman)

smacdonald500@btinternet.com or 07715 944024

DIARY DATES

Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45 pm
Wherwell Fit Step at WVH	Every Monday	6.00 -7.00 pm
Bingo at WHG Club	Every Monday	7.30 pm
Wherwell Keep Fit class at WVH	Every Tuesday	9.00 – 9.45 am
Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00 pm
Chilbolton Badminton Club, CVH	Every Wednesday	7.30 pm
Qi Gong class at WVH	Every Thursday	10.00 am
Afternoon Tea at CVH	Thursdays (fortnightly)	3.30 pm

April

6	Wherwell Coffee morning	WVH	10.30-12.00pm
6	Exhibition of Local History	WVH	10.30-12.00pm
6	Ad Hoc advert deadline		
8	Planning & CPC	CVH	6.00-8.30pm
10	May magazine copy deadline		
10	Parochial Election & Meeting	Chilbolton Church	6.30pm & 6.40pm
11	COSC meeting	CVH	
11	Antique Valuation Day	Upper Guildhall	10.00am to 3.00pm
11	U3a Talk Hampshire Chalk Streams	CVH	2.00pm
12	Knock Out Snooker	WHGC	
12	"Miracle Club" movie	CVH	6.30 for 7.30pm
13	Easter Concert - Chamber Orchestra	St. Mary's Andover	7.30pm
13	Janet's Saturday Bingo	WHGC	8.00pm
14	Wherwell Meditations	Wherwell Church	6.00pm
16	Gardening club - RHS Talk	CVH	7.45pm
18	Afternoon Tea	CVH	3.30pm
19	Wherwell History talk	WVH	8.00pm
20	Chilbolton Coffee morning	CVH	10.30 - 12.00 pm
21	Bluebell Walk	WVH	10.00 am
22	CPC Planning & Annual Parish Assembly	CVH	6.00 - 6.30 pm
25	Afternoon Tea	CVH	3.30pm
27	Brew for the Crew Coffee Morning	WHGC	10.00 - 12.30 pm
28	Simon's Quiz	WHGC	7.00 for 7.30 pm

May

6	Harewood Fun Run at Wherwell Playing Fields		9.30am
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WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – April

<p>Sat 6th <u>07719</u> <u>994538</u></p>	<p>The Beatles Candlelight Experience – St Mary’s Church, Andover 7pm 60 Min Concert (Please Arrive 20mins before the concert starts) seating allocated on a first come first served basis</p>
<p>Fri 12th 01264 368368</p>	<p>The Ed Sheeran Experience - Featuring the ballads, the beats, the ginger hair, the loop pedal magic and now a live band! A live show consisting of all the hits. Andover Lights 7:30pm</p>
<p>Sun 14th <u>01483</u> <u>211535</u></p>	<p>Visit a Garden – NGS – Paige Cottage 1-acre traditional English country garden surrounding a period thatched cottage (not open) with a two-level pond and waterfall, a small orchard with rare anemones and a small vegetable garden. Large variety of bulbs and wild flowers in spring; herbaceous border and old varieties of climbing roses in summer. Crawley, Winchester SO21 2PR</p>
<p>19th to 21st 01962 840440</p>	<p>Winchester Books Festival – a celebration of reading and creativity, bringing together new and established fiction and non-fiction authors and people who love to read. www.winchesterbookfestival.com</p>
<p>Sat 20th 01264 368368</p>	<p>The Simon and Garfunkel Story - Following SOLD-OUT performances in London's West End, a Worldwide tour and standing ovations at every performance, The Simon & Garfunkel Story continues to stun audiences across the globe, making it a must-see international sensation. Lights, Andover 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Fri 26th 01264 368368</p>	<p>Stephen Bailey is performing at the Andover Lights – he is a comedian, television personality and writer, whose friendly and open brand of gossipy humour shows his natural talent for making audiences laugh. 8pm</p>
<p>Fri 26th <u>01962</u> <u>398046</u></p>	<p>Nick Helm's Super Fun Good Time Show - loveable, endearing act as sharp as he is laugh-out-loud funny. Nick has also become a successful comic actor with the BBC...at <u>The Arc</u>, Winchester 8pm</p>
<p>26th to 28th 01962 733810</p>	<p>Watercress Line Spring Gala – Head to the Watercress Line in Alresford for its Spring Steam Gala. Ride behind guest engines and home fleet locomotives and get up close to historic trains under restoration. www.watercressline.co.uk</p>
<h3>Farmers' Markets</h3>	
<p>Romsey - First Sunday of every month 10am - 3pm</p>	
<p>Winchester - Second and last Sunday of every month 9am -2pm</p>	
<p>Andover - Third Sunday of every month (March to December)</p>	
<p>Plus... Andover Market for All Seasons – every Friday 8:30am - 1pm</p>	

Black Chalk Friday Night Lates

The Black Chalk Bar is ready and waiting for you, with all our wines by the glass or bottle.



Fried Chicken by

@Son_of_a_Bun

Friday 5th April

5:00pm - 9:00pm

(Burgers 'til 8pm)

@SOAB back for another perfectly fried chicken monthly Friday Night Late spot!



Burgers by @OFM_food_truck

Friday 19th April

5:00pm - 9:00pm

(Burgers 'til 8pm)

Resident burger royalty

@OFM_food_truck is back for another monthly Friday Night Late spot!



Pizzas by @Arty_Stan_Pizza

Friday 26th April

5:00pm - 9:00pm

(Pizza 'til 8pm)

We thought it was about time we had our pal @Arty_Stan_Pizza back to serve up his delicious Neapolitan style pizzas.

Fingers crossed we can avoid those April showers. Head down to The Tasting Room for all our wines by the glass and bottle and tuck in!

Come to the Movies!

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

'Miracle Club' (12A)

**Starring Maggie Smith, Laura Linney, Kathy Bates and
Stephen Rea**

There is just one dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom:
to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes

On

Friday, 12th April, 2024

Doors open 6.30 pm

Film commences 7.30 pm

Tickets £6.00 - In advance

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

Tea/coffee and biscuits

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

Save the Date

Next Drop-off collection for Ukraine will be

Saturday 18th May – 10.30am to 12.30pm

at Wherwell Home Guard Club

A list of items required will be published in the May magazine

Thank you, Pam Flanagan (01264 860 560)

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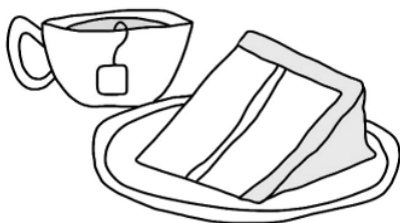
**Available between
February & May**

£90 bundle

£175 for two



Afternoon Tea in Chilbolton



Chat over
Tea
Coffee
Scones & Cakes

Served at 3:30pm in the Chilbolton Village Hall

Thursday 18th & 25th April, Thursday 16th & 30th May

Everyone welcome - an opportunity to socialise in the community
- we kindly ask for a small donation -



BLUEBELL WALK at WHERWELL
Sunday, 21st April 2024
Starts 10am Wherwell Village Hall

The Management Committee of the Wherwell Village Hall invites you to join the **Annual Bluebell Walk** on **Sunday, 21st April**.

Tickets on sale from 10am, the guided tour leaves from the Village Hall shortly thereafter taking in the beautiful bluebell woods of Harewood Forest.

Cost is £5 per Adult and £2 per Child, which includes a bowl of hearty soup and bread, sandwiches for children, back at the Village Hall after the walk. Dogs on lead, please.

Fingers crossed for Spring Sunshine
We Look Forward to Seeing You There



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Simon's Sunday Quiz

28th April 2024

7.00 for 7.30pm ~ ~ ~ Admission £2.50 (NB: new time)



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 13th April
8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

Saturday 30th March
at 8.45pm

GRAND
Easter Chocolate Raffle

Friday 12th April
Cash prizes - £5 entry

Knock-out Snooker starts

Names to Bert 07747 631 040
(before 4th April)

Saturday 27th April
10.00am – 12.30pm
Brew for the Crew



Fund-raiser for Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance

**Events in May ... Eurovision Night, Gin & Rum Tasting
FA Cup Final / BBQ / Quiz Extravaganza**

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.**

The White Lion Inn

Our local pub has been serving travellers on the toll road between Andover and Winchester, since about 1612. The present building is mainly 18th Century. The inn sign has variously portrayed a White Lion rampant, from the coat-of-arms of Thomas West (1577-1618) 12th Baron De La Warr. He acquired for his wife Wherwell Abbey and Estate from Henry VIII in exchange for some land in Sussex. He was one of the English founders of Virginia, for whom Delaware Bay and the state of Delaware were named. The White Lion has been variously used as a Courtroom, Auction Room, mortuary (during the construction of the LSWR railway) and stabling for trace horses.



The roof of the barn is a mixture of old wavy rafters (left side) and more modern straight-cut rafters (right side). The end wall has the slogan '**Friendship & Unity**'. Does anyone recognise this phrase?



The stables, complete with horse head collar, look untouched since the days when heavy horses assisted wagons up to the top of the hairpin bend. On arrival, the horse was detached and made its own way back down the hill and into the stables.

Last month, John Dodd kindly gave permission to Mike Gee and Andrew Flanagan to hold a photo shoot and record the layout and history of the White Lion, before any building work is started. The photos herein show the interior of the barn and the stables.

Perhaps the local Mothers Union held meetings within? Perhaps the barn was used for religious meetings before the 19th century chapels were built in Wherwell?

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Wherwell History Group

Wherwell History Group – Spring Season



April 19th, 2024 at 8.00pm

Capture the Castles

*The Story of Castles
through the Eyes of Artists*

by **Tim Craven**

at Wherwell Village Hall, SP11 7JJ

Capture the Castle is based on an Exhibition staged at Southampton City Art Gallery in 2017. The talk will illustrate the story of British castles; from its arrival in 1066 and architectural development to its military perfection in the late 13th century; and from its subsequent change of status and last hurrah in the English Civil War to ruination and discovery by artists of the Romantic Movement that inspired Gothic Revival and fantasy castles.

Tim Craven worked at Southampton City Art Gallery for 37 years in conservation, collection management and as Curator.

He left in 2017 to pursue his own art practice and freelance curation. In 2019, he was elected Chair of Southampton's Museums, Archives and Galleries.



May 17th, 2024 at 8.00pm

Monarchy: Why has Britain's Survived?

by **Jake Simkin**

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

Test Villages U3a

Thursday 11th April

Maggie Shelton presents “Hampshire’s Chalk Streams”

Maggie, a landscape ecologist with the Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust, helped co-ordinate the community-led Heritage Lottery funded project, called the Watercress and Winterbournes. She will describe how the communities of the Test and Itchen headwaters set up projects and initiatives to improve the health and heritage of their beautiful chalk streams.

Thursday 9th May

Steve Ingham “Who needs a Camera in the age of the Smart Phone?”

Steve is a keen amateur photographer who describes himself as a ‘walking photographer’ who particularly enjoys photographing landscapes, nature and people. In his talk, Steve will focus on the history of photography, when and how paintings became photographs and how cameras have developed technically and socially. With so many people nowadays carrying a powerful camera in their back pockets, where is photography today?

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

Coffee Morning at Chilbolton Village Hall.

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

*Saturday 20th April
10.30 to 12.00a.m.*

Including 100 Club Draw, Raffle, & Secondhand Books



CAN YOU HELP?

We would love our Wherwell pupils to become more green-fingered & to really enjoy & appreciate the outdoor space that we are so lucky to have.

From **mid April - late July** we are looking for someone from our local community to come along to Wherwell Primary School & run a **Golden Time session** (Thursdays between 1 - 2) or even an after-school gardening club.

Please do get in touch if this is something that you would love to get involved with & inspire the next generation.

Email: adminoffice@wherwell.hants.sch.uk or phone 01264 860384

Stockbridge Practice News – April 2024



GP trainees

We are very pleased to be helping to train the next generation of GPs. Currently within the practice we have the following GP trainees; **Eleanor Rahmany, Farshid Bayat, Charlotte Hobby and Agboola Taiwo.** Juliet May is leaving us this month. The trainees are fully qualified doctors and are with the practice for either 6 months or 12 months.

Measuring your blood pressure

Recently, we have been asking patients via text to send in a blood pressure reading if they are aged 45 or over and we haven't got a blood pressure reading for the past 5 years. If you receive a text message, you can use the blood pressure machines in our waiting rooms.

If you are known to have high blood pressure it is important to have your blood pressure measured at least once a year.

Save the Dates

CHILBOLTON CHURCH FETE & BBQ

SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 2024

Bannuts Farm, Village Street

12.30 pm-3.30 pm



*Fun Dog
Show*



BBQ of locally sourced meats, Beer and Pimms Tent, Tea and Cakes, Ice Creams, Grand Draw, Bottle Tombola, Stalls & Games for all the Family

Offers of help or enquiries to Wendy Fakes 01264 860237

wendyandrews875@btinternet.com

**Fundraiser for Wherwell School PTA &
Wherwell Playing Fields Association**

HAREWOOD RUN

ENTRIES NOW OPEN

Monday 6th May @9.30am

5km / 10km / 2km kids run

Enter at: www.wherwellschoolpta.uk

Marshals are also needed for this special event.

If you can help, please email:

wherwellprimarypta@gmail.com



The Boaz Project



Boaz has recently had a new addition to their team - Cat, an events and volunteer coordinator. Cat has a background in music PR and personal fitness training. She was inspired to join Boaz by her late Mum, a special needs teacher. She hit the ground running by organising the Boaz Barn Dance with guest band 'Fiddler on the Hoof' in February. A promising start with great support for her first fundraising event!

With barely a break, the next event was on the way with Cat setting up tabletop displays to showcase some of the fabulous craft items made by Boaz members. Soup and the sales tables pulled in the pounds for Boaz at St Peter's Church in Winchester. The Catholic Women's League runs a monthly 'Soup & Pud' lunch in the pastoral centre. All the proceeds go to good causes. Boaz had been picked as the charity of choice for the month of March.

On Friday March 1, more than £90 was raised for Boaz and a further £277 of donations was raised during the lunch. "Handmade cards sold like hotcakes, colourful bird boxes, necklaces and jams and chutneys and free range eggs proved very popular, too." The organisers said "the sales table added an extra, happy dimension to the lunch," Following the success of the event, the Catholic Women's League have asked Boaz to come back on Friday 1st November to make the most of Christmas gifts and card shopping!

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The next big event on the horizon is on 1st June “Open Day and Plant Sale.”



Why not come and see what goes on at Boaz and sample some of the good food and crafts created here! You may even be moved to become a volunteer and join our happy “Boaz Family”!

Visit www.boazproject.co.uk or call 01962 761749 for more info.

‘Great Lives’ at Wherwell Church

We are continuing our series of reflections on the lives of great historical characters and subjects who have made a difference to the world. In April we will be looking at the history of Joan of Arc, followed by an evening devoted to the consideration of Angels in May. Do come along and be inspired. The Reflections will be held at 6 pm in the church, lasting for around thirty to forty-five minutes of readings and music; all to be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat.

14 April 2024

Joan of Arc, Patron Saint of France. Died 1431 AD

19 May 2024

Angels



Recipe of the month



Chocolate & Avocado Mousse

(serves 4)

Ingredients:

- 300g dark chocolate (70%)
- 2 ripe avocados
- 2 heaped tsps cocoa powder
- 2 tsps vanilla bean paste
- 3 tbsps Maple syrup
- 1 x 160g tin of coconut cream

To serve:

- Fresh fruit (oranges, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries)*
- amarena cherries in syrup (optional)*
- white chocolate (optional)*

Method:

1. Melt 80g broken chocolate in bowl over simmering pan
2. Halve and destone avocados, scoop out flesh into food processor
3. Brush the empty avocado shells with a layer of melted chocolate and place in fridge until set
4. Repeat process 2 more times and return to fridge for ½ hr till set
5. Melt remaining 220g chocolate in bowl over pan
6. Add chocolate to food processor with the cocoa powder, vanilla bean paste, maple syrup coconut cream and pinch of salt and pulse until smooth and leave in fridge until chocolate shells are set.
7. Once chocolate shells are set peel away the avocado skins away
8. Heat a tablespoon in a jug of boiling water
9. Using the hot spoon, roll up 1 tbsp of chocolate mousse for each plate (*should end up with about ½ mousse mixture leftover*)
10. Press chocolate shells onto each mousse dollop, filling each with a little fruit and drizzle a little cherry liquor and some melted and grated white chocolate to finish and enjoy!

Note from editor:

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 ☺



Wherwell Village
Hall

Every THURSDAY
10am
1st Class FREE

WHAT IS QIGONG?

Qigong is an ancient Chinese exercise that is believed to improve health and wellness. It was originated well before Tai Chi, as far back as 5000 years.

Qigong combines meditation with gentle movements to relax the mind while increasing circulation. This in turn can help to heal various ailments or diseases, as well as improve your overall health.

BENEFITS

- Help improve internal organ health
- Help improve people with COPD symptoms
- Help boost cognitive function
- Assist with cardiovascular function
- Help reduce inflammation
- Improve mobility in people with arthritis
- Promote longevity
- Help increase your walking speed as you age
- Help with stress relief
- Reduce chronic pain
- Improve breathing in people with asthma
- Help improve strength and endurance
- Boost immune system
- Help improve flexibility
- Suitable for ALL ages
- Help reduce anxiety and depression

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