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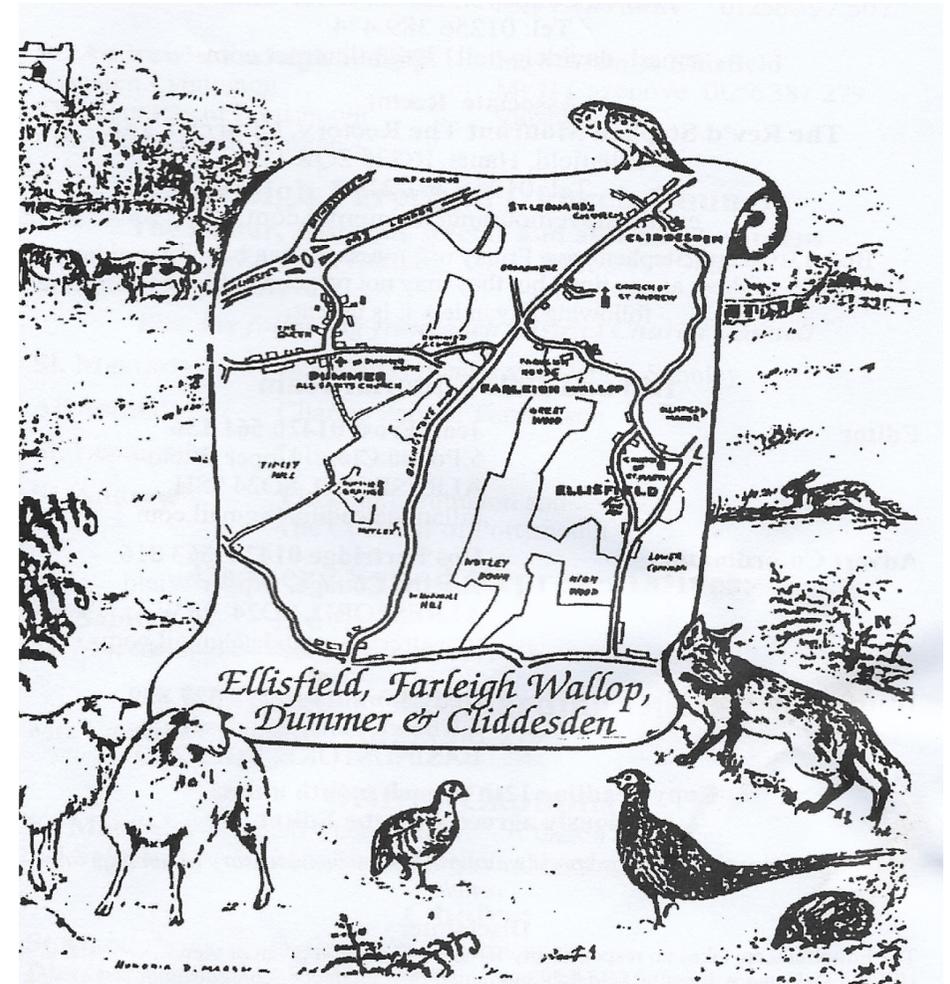
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## Rota for Services

The Benefice of Farleigh, The Candover and Wield

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship LL = Lay led

Key to initials:

IDT = Ian Thaker: PR = Peter Raine: JG = Julian Gibbons LH = Lyn Hardy:

AL = Anne Luneburg: BC = Bernard Cazenove: CPT = Charlie Palmer

Tomkinson:

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 3<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:30	Wield	Morning prayer BCP IDT
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer JG
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion IDT
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special

Archdeacon, Richard Brand

Readings Zephaniah 3.14–end; Acts 9.1–6 7–20  
Psalm 30 John 21.1–19  
””

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

08:00	Dummer	Holy Communion IDT
09:45	Ellisfield	Morning Prayer BC
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning prayer JG
11:15	Cliddesden	Family Holy Communion
18:00	Wield	Rogation service IDT

Readings Genesis 7.1–5, 11–18; 8.6–18; 9.8–13]  
Acts 9.36–end

Psalm 23 John 10.22–30



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### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.00 Wield Holy Communion IDT  
9:45 Dummer Morning Prayer  
Guest Speaker Dr Andy Taylor  
10:00 Preston Candover Holy Communion IDT  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service PR  
*Readings* Genesis 22.1–1; Acts 11.1–18  
Revelation 21.1–6 John 13.31–35  
Psalm 148 [or 148.1–6]

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW. IDT  
9:45 Dummer Eucharist CW IDT  
11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship JG  
11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion IDT  
*Readings* Ezekiel 37.1–14; Acts 16.9–15  
Psalm 67 John 14.23–29

Every Wednesday we meet for prayers in St Martins,  
Ellisfield from 9.00- 9.30. All welcome.

### Cheriton Singers Concert—Saturday 10 May

Cheriton Singers invite you to a concert of very romantic songs at 7.30 pm on Saturday, May 10th, in St Michael's Church, Cheriton.

Tickets £15 for adults (under 18s free), available from:

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## Message from Ian

I love Easter, the story is so powerful. We've been listening to this over the past few months, and it culminated with the horror of the cross followed by the joy of resurrection. I've been a Christian for over 50 years, and it continues to inspire me. The challenge is, like so much in life, we get caught up in the mechanics of the events and lose track of what is really important. There is always another service to prepare or person to see or sermon to write and easy to lose that sense of what it means. That is a shame, because Easter like Christmas has a colossal sense of wow but is so easily masked by being busy. The story of how one man changed the world by his teaching and death is something that needs retelling and listening to. The story of how the resurrection not only changed the disciples' lives but continues to affect billions of people around the world

Now Easter is over it is time express thanks to everyone who has done so much to make it such a special time in the Benefice. Especially to Julian, Peter, Catherine and Lyn for taking some of the services. To those who took extra time arranging flowers and spring cleaning the buildings to make the churches look so special on Easter morning. Your contributions were noted, and I am really grateful.

Now the business of Easter is over the third thing is to look forward. For some of us there are big events to focus on. We have some families in the valley preparing for weddings and our family is really looking forward to the arrival of our second grandchild in October. But even if your diary isn't that full it's still time to celebrate trees in new leaf and garden are starting to look beautiful again,

As a benefice we are looking forward to a special service in St James Wield on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This is one of the creation Sundays in the church year when we pray for the farming community. With the number of tractors on the road again it looks like the farmers are now busy again. This will be a great time to thank them for all that they do and to show some support for the really hard job they have.



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## Sunday Specials

People sometimes ask, “What are Dummer Sunday Specials?”

Dummer Sunday Specials take place at All saints Church, Dummer on the first Sunday of each month at 11:15 a.m.

They are short up-beat services with an emphasis on celebrating community. Instead of a sermon we have talks on local interest or by local people on a wide range of topics.

Delicious coffee is served afterwards to encourage people to stay for a chat.

Forthcoming services are as follows:

- May 4<sup>th</sup> - The Archdeacon of Winchester Cathedral will be talking on his role.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – A service of music and readings on the theme of “Summer” with contributions by some of our talented young musicians. Refreshments will be served in The Rose Garden, Dummer House, with the kind permission of Crispin and Patty Davis.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> – At the start of Fellowship Month, we welcome our neighbours from all the Parish Churches. The talk will be about the growing popularity of pilgrimages in recent years and our involvement being a stop on the St James Way.

All are welcome to our services, so please come along and find out more. Any queries or suggestions for further talks contact **Alex Holden – [dummerholdens@gmail.com](mailto:dummerholdens@gmail.com)**.




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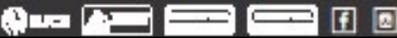
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All Saints' Dummer	4 May 11.15am	Melanie Gill	John Holden Clare Wilmot-Sitwell
All Saints' Dummer	11 May 8.00am	Shirley Powell	
All Saints' Dummer	18 May 9.45am	David Craven	John Trueman Jenny Padmore
All Saints' Dummer	25 May 9.45am	Lyn Hardy	Mervyn Mann Sue Swinburn
St Martin's Ellisfield	4 May 8.00am	Lucinda Rule	
St Martin's Ellisfield	11 May 9.45am	Bernard Cazenove	Tim Guinness Martine Bell
St Martin's Ellisfield	25 May 11.15am	Susie Deane	Dee Haas Marcus Rule
St Martin's Ellisfield	1 June 8.00am	Vicky Reed	



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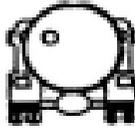
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Coffee	<b>May 18th</b>	Melanie Gill
Grass cutting	<b>May</b>	David Craven & John Holden

## Kids Corner; The Easter Story Puzzle

St Leonard's recreated the Easter Story with some help from the youngest members of our community, and Lilibet the horse, playing the part of the donkey!

Can you put the pictures in the correct order to match the captions and complete the amazing story of our Lord Jesus?

1. Jesus on a donkey was riding into town.
2. The crowd was waving gladly and laying branches down.
3. Jesus and his friends sat down for a meal. He told them to eat bread and wine to remember he was real.
4. Just a few days later, some soldiers came along, and Jesus' disciples thought the plan was going wrong.
5. Jesus was arrested and carried his own cross. His body bruised and broken, his friends thought all was lost.
6. Now Jesus died on Friday but when Sunday came around, the tomb was broken open, an earthquake shook the ground. "I told you I was God's King, I said you'd be surprised! It looked like I was finished but now I am alive!"



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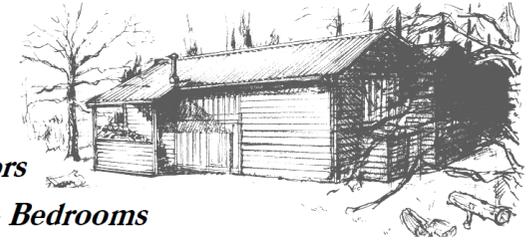
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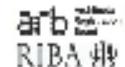
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One recent example was an application for 28 houses at Cliddesden to which we objected as it proposed a suburban estate type development in the countryside. Our objection was successful in that the application was refused by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC). The applicant appealed the decision, but the appeal was dismissed by the Planning Inspector who agreed that the proposal would have adverse effects on the character of the area and be contrary to Local Plan policies.

The Local Plan is drafted by the Council to guide planning decisions and allocate sites for development. The draft plan then goes through various stages of consultation and examination before finally being adopted.

Currently BDBC's plan is being updated and the first consultation stage completed in March 2024. However, due to the increase in housing numbers mandated by the Government, this consultation will be repeated in Autumn/Winter 2025. On the current timetable, the plan will be adopted in Winter 2027.

Should you wish further information or would like to become a member of your countryside charity, please contact

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Spring has sprung at Cuckoo Meadow and the children loved learning about insects in gardens, so much so that this topic lasted longer than expected! We also showed appreciation for our amazing Mummies on Mother's Day with these stunning pictures on cards!



We held our Easter raffle, and some lucky winners took these beautiful hampers home.



To celebrate Easter, we made these yummy crispy egg cakes, and the children enjoyed an exhilarating egg hunt thanks to a special visit from the Easter Bunny!



**Georgia Hawken  
Cuckoo Meadow  
Pre-School  
Secretary**

**Looking forward to**  
**National Hedgerow Week 2025 - May 5 to 11th**

Every lane has a hedge, well most lanes do, and there will be at least a verge alongside the lane.

Our hedges are in all sorts of condition various heights and depth, with so many flowers, grasses, birds, insects, mammals, many different species in and around the hedge, standing between us and perhaps a field, or a wood, or maybe a garden. A wonderful mix for both wildlife and us, a joy to see.

**The Tree Council** have the **National Hedgerow Week** designated for **May 5th to 11th 2025** which is designed to reinforce the value of hedges, and to share these values with the next generation. They highlight what lives in and around hedges, what grows in and around them and why they need to be cherished and nurtured.

Have a good look at our hedges, get to know them, and watch them as the life they support goes about its daily rhythm, and do what you can to look after them.

The web site to look at for the resources is:  
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# Farleigh Parish Playgroup



## Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

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6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> (Teddy Bear's picnic at St Leonard's), 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> June

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### Beechdown Wellness Day – A Standout Event in the Local Fitness Scene

For those who think a health club is just a place to work out, Beechdown is proving otherwise.

Their recent **Wellness Day** was a shining example of how a fitness club can go beyond the usual offerings to create something truly special for its members.

Unlike other gyms in the area, Beechdown doesn't just focus on exercise—it delivers a **holistic wellness experience**, bringing together fitness, relaxation, education, and community which they showcased in one carefully curated event.

Members were treated to a range of activities designed to promote both physical and mental well-being. From expert-led **yoga and meditation sessions to nutrition and self-care workshops**, every element of the day was tailored to help attendees feel their best. Complementary mini massage treatments added a luxurious touch, while healthy refreshments kept energy levels up.

But what really set the event apart was the **atmosphere**—a real sense of belonging, where members could connect, learn, and unwind in a way that goes far beyond what a standard gym offers. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees praising the club for delivering an experience they simply wouldn't find elsewhere.

In a world where most fitness clubs focus purely on memberships and machines, Beechdown stands out by putting its members first, offering exclusive events that make health and well-being feel like a lifestyle, not a chore. If this Wellness Day is anything to go by, Beechdown isn't just a gym—it's a **community dedicated to total well-being**

**If you are interested in joining Beechdown, call them on 01256 36 2222 or simply pop down to the Club for a look around to see what it's all about!**

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This season, we've embraced the beauty of Spring by encouraging our children to explore nature and express what they see through art. One of our favourite activities has been painting large scale still life pictures of flowers. Children observe colour, shape and texture, and translate what they see onto canvas with vibrant creativity. This simple yet powerful

activity helps them develop fine motor skills, attention to detail, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

Spring is the season of growth and there is no better way to experience it than by getting our hands in the soil and planting seeds and flowers. With watering cans in hand and muddy fingertips, the children have learnt how plants grow, what they need to thrive and how patience and care can lead to something beautiful. We are growing more than flowers this season – we are growing curious minds and kind hearts.



Fundraising for our preschool 'Three Peaks Challenge' is ongoing – please pop on our just giving page to donate.

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Candover Valley Preschool is a vibrant and nurturing learning environment. Please contact us if you would like to enquire about a place for your child. Places are currently available from Autumn 2025.

## **ELLISFIELD EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**Charity name: Site for a school (1848 Enclosure Award)**

**Charity number: 271406**

The Ellisfield Educational Trust has a capital value of around £60,000 and an income of approximately £3,300. Applications are encouraged from all residents of Ellisfield who have lived in the village for at least one year.

Money is given to assist with all aspects of education and, with some limitations, school clothing. Extra private academic or other tuition, music tuition, driving lessons, authorized school educational trips, will be considered by the trustees. There is no upper age limit. All applications must be accompanied by detailed receipts and no advanced payments can be considered.

Applications should be **sent in writing** (not email) to **Bernard Cazenove, Brocas, Ellisfield RG25 2QS**. He can be contacted on **01256 381279** to discuss eligibility for grants from the trust. Only one application per calendar year will be considered. There is no formal application form to be filled out.



## **KNIT FOR UKRAINE**

I think it is a year since I last wrote an update on our knitting project which we started in the summer of 2022.

To date, we have sent 31 blankets to Ukraine, for distribution by local charities and we have another 2 blankets in progress. This means that we have knitted about 10 blankets per year. What a tremendous effort from all those involved – knitters, stitchers, wool donors, blanket deliverers, and postage contributors!

You can find further information about the charity on their website - <https://www.hopeandaiddirect.org.uk>

Completed squares can be delivered to TCC at Ellisfield Memorial Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12noon or to Sylvia Raine, Church Cottage, Ellisfield (01256 381221) [sylvia.raine@btinternet.com](mailto:sylvia.raine@btinternet.com)

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## In the Fields—Emma Ilsley

I am pleased to continue the positive weather trajectory from last month, and for once feels like we haven't spoken too soon about the sun! The recent changing of the clocks has further helped us, giving long evenings and equally early rises in the morning.

Much of this month's content rolls (pardon the pun!) on from what I had outlined in the last edition, with the full team being designated with their own segment of work during this busy period. As I write, it is starting to feel as though the end of spring drilling is on the horizon. All of the spring barley land was sown in early March, and this was followed by our allocation of spring beans. Completing this in good time has put us in good stead as we approach cover crop and maize drilling in April and May respectively.

It is pleasing to see that some of the earlier spring barley crops sown have already begun to emerge, which should continue to thrive in the impending warmer climate. With a vision to a good spring and summer of growth, and keeping our fingers crossed for a good harvest, we will hope that some 'Farleigh barley' will be making its way into beer and whiskey bottles across the nation soon! Our winter crops are also making good progress across the Estate, and our wheat is projected to make the higher grade required for milling.

Flat rolling of all of our grass land has been undertaken, suppressing protruding stones and promoting good seed to soil contact. The process also results in some particularly aesthetically pleasing stripes which can be seen from field entrances! More Estate-wide, it is fantastic to see the hedgerows once again beginning to bud, following the winter management programme which saw them trimmed back from the highways and tracks. Following on from this, an extended thanks go to all participants of the Farleigh Wallop Litter Pick 2025, who gathered in the March sunshine to do their bit to make our highway verges and hedgerows litter-free!

Sticking with the subject of flora and fauna, the Estate has now completed its annual tree planting season and we are pleased to have planted:

- § 4719 softwood trees: comprising Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar varieties
- § 1626 hardwood trees: comprising 50% Oak, 20% Beech, 20% Birch and 10% various varieties

Many thanks to the Estate Grounds team for their tireless efforts, come rain or shine (and everything in between), to ensure that this was made possible. A proportion of these efforts were for maintenance of the three-village Jubilee plantations which we, as an Estate, are very pleased to be home to. I am sure that a number of readers will remember the plantations at their creation and infancy some years ago now!

I hope you all continue to enjoy the sunshine and can start to make the most of the lighter evenings in your own gardens or exploring the locality on the expanse of public footpaths that the Estate are home to.

Emma Ilsley

Trainee Property Manager, Farleigh Wallop Estate



## Cliddesden

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She had a well-known fondness for good company and good wine – whether at the Esposito's cottage playing scrabble and sampling Angelo's latest vinous offerings, or at gatherings at home (with the Slys, Cleaves, Freemans and other families) organised spontaneously after sessions at local hosterlies. Maggie also made it a condition that, whenever catering, she should be given wine for the kitchen staff; she would not accept anything substandard and would let the hosts know in no uncertain terms whether the tippie met with her approval.

In 1999, Maggie tragically lost her beloved husband Doug, but she carried on, holding fast to the traditions they had built together. Christmas lunch was her masterpiece, with massive roasts and gatherings that became legendary. As recently as Christmas 2024, she hosted and cooked the full feast, refusing to let tradition slip.

Maggie was thrilled when Robert met and married Lorayne and cherished her role as grandmother to Charlie and Chloe. Her grandkids remember the endless supply of cakes, biscuits, and chocolate, and the joy of family meals filled with laughter.

Village life was always central to Maggie's identity. She made newcomers feel at home and participated actively in community life through Ellisfield Ladies, TCC coffee mornings, barbecues, and harvest suppers. In her final weeks, the love she had given over a lifetime was returned in abundance, with a steady stream of visitors at St Michael's Hospice.



After receiving a cancer diagnosis just before Christmas 2024, Maggie faced her illness with characteristic strength, confiding that she was unafraid of dying and ready to meet her maker.

We hope these words will help all who knew Maggie – our mum, gran, and friend – remember her with love, affection and gratitude.

David Heath

# Ellisfield

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## Tribute for Margaret Helen Heath, Maggie.

Margaret, Maggie, was born on 8 May 1939 to Frances and William Wilson. She grew up in Ellisfield with her sister Brenda and Aunt Mary next door. During the war, Aunt Mary would send young Maggie to the nearby soldiers to seek cigarettes.

Maggie attended Cliddesden School, where she met her lifelong friend Marg. School back then was tough; their headmaster would mete out punishment by hurling the heavy wooden blackboard rubber across the classroom, invariably finding his target with unerring accuracy. Maggie left school at 14 and began working at Bradley egg farm and dog kennels, spending her wages on holidays at home and abroad. A trip to Spain sparked a lifelong love of travel, which would eventually take her to five continents.

In the early 1960s, Maggie met Doug Heath, a Londoner who had moved to the area for work. They married in 1964 and settled at 4 The Green, where they raised David (born 1966) and Robert (born 1971).

Maggie was a cornerstone of village life. In the 1970s, she hosted popular charity dances and cheese and wine evenings. In 1975, she helped found the Young Wives Club, later renamed Ellisfield Ladies when the adjective 'young' was no longer deemed appropriate, a group she remained proud of throughout her life. She was thrilled that it continued to thrive and will be fondly remembered at its upcoming 50th anniversary.

The mid-1970s also marked a new chapter in Maggie's career. She started working in catering at Farleigh School alongside her great-aunt Sarah, cousin and friend Judy, and friend Lady Jane Wallop. To sharpen her skills, she attended Basingstoke Technical College, amusing her tutor by pronouncing French culinary terms with her rural Hampshire accent. Maggie's catering career blossomed and included Farleigh Estate shoot lunches, Farleigh House dinner parties, running the canteen at Lasham Airbase, cooking for local families, and preparing pig roasts with her friends Mick and Myrtle Lunn.

## Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club

AKA 'The Film Club'

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

**The Italian Job**

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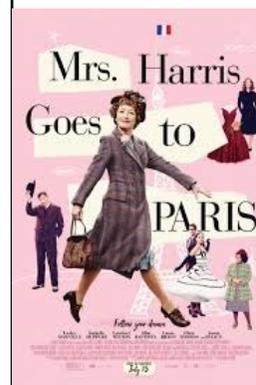
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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Mrs Harris Goes To Paris**

2022 115 minutes

Certificate PG



In 1950's London a widowed cleaning lady falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one. She embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook – but the very future of the House of Dior.

**Starring Lesley Manville, Isabelle Hubbert, Lambert Wilson, Alba Baptista, Lucas Bravo, Ellen Thomas and Jason Isaacs**

The bar opens at 7.30pm and we start at 8pm. There is an intermission half way through during which refreshments and drinks at the bar are available at very low prices.

**Please note we work on a cash only basis**

In June we will celebrate 20 years of running the Film Club in Cliddesden. Originally started by Shirley Maunder and Godfrey Thomas, who are sadly no longer with us, it has endured and still brings a lot of pleasure to the regular attendees. Please feel free to come along no matter where you live, bring as many friends and neighbours as you like. You will be most welcome.

We hope to see you there.

**The Cliddesden Players' 2025 Summer Production**  
**"Dirty Business"**

**A comedy drama written by Emily Golborn**  
**Cliddesden Village Hall - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 8pm**

Why would a Stegosaurus go into a launderette? Would you believe your eyes? Well, it happens at Cassandra's, and it even wants to dry its shoes! Cassandra and her cousin, Izzy, welcome the regular patrons to their launderette, like elderly gossip Martha who always has machines loads of washing despite living on her own. But today they have unexpected clients who require their express services and cause quite a lot of amusement and upheaval in the usually quiet premises.

Wedding bells, family affairs and love are all in the air! But who is the evasive sinister figure dressed all in black and what are they up to? All will be revealed if you just buy a ticket .....

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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> BBQ 6.00 – 7.15pm (burger or hot dog + salads) £5 per serving. BBQ token to be issued at check-in desk.

Please state on booking if vegetarian option required. Unfortunately, we cannot offer options to cater for allergies, please advise if there are any concerns. Special requests cannot be made on the day.

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*We need further volunteers to cover all the jobs that creating the set involves!*

*New faces would be most welcome and appreciated.*

grow for the Cyber Bobby Scheme, which delivers crucial online safety advice to help residents guard against cyber-enabled crime.

**About the Blue Lamp Trust**

The mission of the Blue Lamp Trust is to improve home and online safety and security by raising awareness and providing practical support to those in need.

As a charity they aim to continue increasing their reach into the community through home visits and community engagement events, whilst continuing to evolve the services to meet the changing needs of the community.

They offer free safety and security visits to vulnerable members of the community, providing practical solutions to help them live safely and independently. Their dedicated team of Safety Technicians offer various services, from fitting safety equipment to giving practical advice.

Their team of volunteer Cyber Advisors carry out free home visits and community talks to support victims of cyber-crime and those who may be at risk of become victims.





## The Blue Lamp Trust

### Blue Lamp Trust host a breakfast event to promote their work in the community

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April the Blue Lamp Trust hosted a successful Meet the Chiefs Breakfast at the Utilita Bowl in Southampton, bringing together community leaders, local charities, and support services to highlight the vital work of the Trust in supporting vulnerable residents across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Attendees heard from Chief Fire Officer Neil Odin and Acting Chief Constable Sam de Reya, who both reaffirmed their organisations' continued commitment to the work of the Trust and its services – the Bobby Scheme and Cyber Bobby Scheme.

Neil Odin spoke about the importance of prevention and how the Bobby Scheme assistance in delivering Fire Safe and Well visits is helping them to reach the vulnerable people in our community, raising awareness of the risks in the home and how they can protect themselves. Highlighting that smoke alarms alone are not enough, education is essential, and the Bobby Scheme Safety Technicians are a crucial part of this.

Sam de Reya talked of the police's commitment to putting victims first and providing local policing, and how the Bobby Scheme and Cyber Bobby Schemes both support this by providing further support to victims of crime and also preventative work to help people avoid crimes occurring.

The event was attended by a range of local charities, support services, and notable figures including Blue Lamp Trust President Lindsay Fox DL MBE, Patron and HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire Nigel Atkinson Esq., and High Sheriff Sue Elton.

The focus of the morning was to raise awareness of the support provided by the Blue Lamp Trusts schemes. Chief Executive Officer Emma Burt reflected on the success of the event saying: "it was wonderful to have so many people come together to show their support for the Trust and want to learn more. We want to extend our reach so the more people that know about us the more people we can help"

In 2024 alone, the Bobby Scheme – which offers free home safety and security visits – supported over 2,800 households, with 91% of clients reporting that they felt safer afterwards. Meanwhile, demand continues to

**YOUTH GROUP**

**YEARS 5-8 (AGES 9-13)**

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**12-1.30PM**

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLIDDESSEN**

**Kids can enjoy a variety of activities**  
**such as den-building, drama productions,**  
**games and sporty challenges.**

**Contact:**  
**Claire Nunn, 07757 498653**

## Cliddesden Millenium Village Hall



Please come along to have a natter and make new friends, browse the second-hand book stall, and of course enjoy a good cuppa and a slice of cake! The 100 club is also drawn here each month.

We have table tennis available and all the equipment you will need if you fancy a game.

We meet on the second Monday morning of each month, from 10.30 – 12 noon.

**Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.**

Gill (01256 359413)

January 13th	July 14th
February 10th	August 11th
March 10th	September 8th
April 14th	October 13th
May 12th	November 10th
June 9th	December 8th

## Future Services Consultation- runs until 7<sup>th</sup> May

Hampshire County Council Future Services Consultation – Spring 2025 | About the Council | Hampshire County Council

The service change proposals outlined within this consultation would contribute around £9.9 million in total towards closing Hampshire County Council's budget gap, while ensuring that the council can continue to meet the statutory duties which it is required by law to carry out.

### You can read more about each proposal:

Proposal: Older Adults' Day Services | About the Council | Hampshire County Council

Proposal: Planned Highway Maintenance | About the Council | Hampshire County Council

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## Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor

### Hampshire County Councillor report

Dear Friends  
We need to hear your views.

#### Devolution

We need to hear your views and so a reminder of the Government's public consultation on the proposal to form a Mayoral Combined County Authority for Hampshire, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and Southampton.

The consultation, which launched on **17 February runs to 11:59pm on 13 April 2025.**

It can be found here: Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK

#### About the consultation

The consultation follows the announcement by the Deputy Prime Minister that Hampshire and the Solent region is on Government's Devolution Priority Programme.

The consultation specifically asks about:

- o The Proposed Geography
- o Governance Arrangements
- o Supporting the Economy
- o Improving Social Outcomes
- o Local Government Services
- o Improving the local natural environment
- o Supporting the needs of local communities and reflect local identity

The public consultation is being undertaken directly by Government. However, Hampshire County Council is encouraging residents to participate in this once-in-a-generation opportunity to help shape Hampshire's future.

Devolution in Hampshire webpages

Further dedicated information about devolution in Hampshire, including Q&As, videos, details of the public consultation and how to have your say can be found on the County Council's webpages, [www.hants.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.hants.gov.uk/devolution).

With only a short time left until Government closes its Devolution consultation, it would be great to hear from as many residents as possible.



Try something new this New Year!  
Come along, meet new friends, and learn new Songs.

We meet every Friday during term time  
3.45pm snack, 4-4.30pm singing

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH,  
CLIDDESSEN**

## Cliddesden Primary School



Our Year 3/4 football team played a friendly match against St Mark's in March. It was the first match that they had played as a team. The game was very close and both sides demonstrated some good footballing. A half time the score remained 0-0 but later in the second half St Mark's broke through to put the ball in the Cliddesden net. With a few minutes to go Cliddesden almost equalised with one shot going just wide and another saved by the St Mark's keeper. At the final whistle the score was 1-0 to St Mark's but we are still proud of the effort that Cliddesden put in.



Our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team had a successful visit to North Waltham yesterday in the third and penultimate stage of the Norman League. They beat North Waltham and St John's and drew with Kempshott. As you can see from the table below, only two points separate top and bottom so with a possible 15 points on offer, all schools have all to play for in the final stage at Kempshott on April 28th. If we can show yesterday's form again, we still could be in with a chance to be champions again.

## **Benefice Recipes**

Hello all, what wonderful weather we've had. The garden is romping on and there's no excuses to be getting on with the allotment now. We have made a fabulous contraption to cover the plum tree. And with some sound advice on our variety of self pollinating /fertile plum we should get a decent crop.



My plan is to take a soft little paintbrush to half of the tree blossom and see what happens.

The recipe this week is coming from my neighbour Vicky who is also a master at pollinating her nectarine with a little rabbit's tail and they always have heaps of fruit.

### **Hazelnut Meringue Crunch**

#### ***You need***

3 Egg whites  
6oz Caster Sugar  
6oz Hazelnuts (finely chopped but not too fine. A quick whizz in a blender)

#### ***Method***

Line a tray 20x25cm with lightly oiled grease proof paper. Pre heat oven to 160c / Gas 3

Beat the egg whites to stiff peaks then gradually add the sugar, whisking between each addition. Whisk until very stiff and then fold in the hazelnuts. Spread onto tray and cook for 20 minutes.

If you're feeling daring roll it up as a roulade with a fresh cream filling or just have squares with cream or creme fraiche and soft fruits.

A whipped cream with a touch of Camp coffee in it would be nice as well ooh and a touch of brandy too.  
Enjoy, Tracey



Hampshire Choral Festival  
 Sunday 11th May 2025  
 The Anvil, Basingstoke 7.00pm  
 The three hundred voices of the  
 Hampshire Choral Festival choirs sing the

# VERDI REQUIEM

and  
 Derek Beck *The Life of Universal Song*  
 (First performance)

Helen Bailey (soprano)  
 Anna Loveday (mezzo soprano)  
 Jonathan Cooke (tenor)  
 Thomas Humphreys (baritone)  
 The seven choirs of the Hampshire Choral Festival  
 Festival Orchestra  
 Conducted by John Sutton

Tickets £30, £25, £20 (all include a £4 booking fee) Concessions for  
 under 18s and fulltime students  
 available from the Anvil Box Office, ([anvilarts.org.uk](http://anvilarts.org.uk))

Anvil.Arts at  
**The Anvil**

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Table to Date	Tries Scored	Points
North	30	29
Waltham		
Kempshott	31	28
St John's	31	27
Cliddesden	30	27

The children in the Rock 2 the Beat bands were really excited to play in front of a live audience and all had big smiles on their faces having achieved so much over the past term. It is such a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence and improve their musical skills. Some promising rock stars of the future.



Willow Class had a super Easter Egg Hunt.

We invited our grown-ups to come and help us solve some clues. We started in teams and found the first coloured egg. Inside, there was a clue to something we had learnt this term. Our grown-ups helped write the answer. Then we went off to find the next clue. We even had to do some weighing.

We all shared our answers and went to collect our prize. We had made wooden baskets and weaved material through the nails, and now the baskets had an Easter treat in them to take home.

Well done everyone for showing all you had learnt this term.



During the Spring Term, Chestnut class have been learning about The Romans as their history topic. The children have been fascinated by the topic and enjoyed learning about everything the Romans have done for us. At the end of the topic, they performed a presentation assembly on all they have learnt to their families. The children approached the production with great enthusiasm and the end performance

was a triumph. They sang, acted and danced their way through a potted history of the Roman occupation, finishing with a rousing finale detailing the sequence of invasions and occupation during the first millennium. Well done, Chestnut Class!

A fantastic £115 raised from the Easter Cake Bake Sale and congratulations to the winner of the Easter Hamper Raffle which was drawn live during assembly.

Please visit our website: [cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://cliddesden.hants.sch.uk) to find out more about our school.

Paula Lavender



# WHAT'S ON

DUMMER VILLAGE - KEY UP COMING EVENTS MAY 2025

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

1st Sun 11.15am  
Family Service/Sunday Special  
2nd Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
3rd Sun 9.45am Morning Prayer  
4th Sun 9.45 am Holy Communion  
5th Sun - No Service at All Saints



Bell Ringing Practice  
Monday Evenings

## DUMMER VILLAGE HALL

### COFFEE MORNINGS



1st Wednesday of each month 11am (Exc August)

DUMMER VILLAGE HALL EVENTS PAGE FOR ALL HALL ACTIVITIES



## THE QUEEN INN (01256 397367 to book a table)

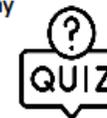


**LIVE MUSIC NIGHT** - Thurs, 8th May

**LUNCH CLUB** - 14th & 15th May

Email: [marystevens34@gmail.com](mailto:marystevens34@gmail.com)

**QUIZ NIGHT** - Tues, 13th May 8:30pm



## MAY 2025 DUMMER DOWN FARM & BREWERY

Brewery opens Friday & Saturdays from 4pm



### FOOD

2nd Son of Bun  
3rd Berro Kitchen  
9th OFM Burger  
10th Hants Pantry & Son of Bun  
16th Woosabi  
17th Hants Pantry  
23rd Earth To Oven  
24th Chaat & Pizza Tavern  
30th Newhouse Farm  
31st Down D Islands & Son of Bun



DUMMER DOWN BREWERY

### EVENTS

Sat 3rd Live Music the Brewery



Sat 10th DDF Spring Party (Live music, crafts, kids activities)

Sat 17th Live Music - Brewery

Sat 24th Late Spring Folk Festival Ticket Event



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, DUMMER EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Palm Sunday 08:00 Communion  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Easter Day 08:00 Communion  
*10:00 Easter Day Praise*

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday:  
a celebration in hymns, songs and readings.  
Refreshments after the service



### The great Scrap Heap Challenge Scarecrow competition

Please register and pay your entry fee of  
£5.00 by Sunday May 25th.

All scarecrows must be made of recyclable  
materials that you can put in your green  
recycling bin or recycle at Wade Road.

Judging will take place on Saturday 32st May.

Contact: [allsaintsdummer@gmail](mailto:allsaintsdummer@gmail.com)  
or Lyn H 397507



Do you have what it takes to be a Primary School Governor? You could be just the person we are looking for  
Cliddesden Primary School is a popular, all-inclusive village school on the outskirts of Basingstoke with a dedicated staff and a supportive community committed to providing high standards in education. The school is keen to continue to build its links with the local community and is currently seeking two volunteers to fill vacancies on our governing body. We are particularly looking for skills or experience in some or all of the following areas:

- Working in Education, · Business and Finance, · Leadership and Management, Links with the local community, Property Management

The Cliddesden Primary School Governors invite you to apply for this opportunity to support the school and give something back to the local community. Being a governor is an important and rewarding role. Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

#### How do I apply?

If you would like to apply or to find out more about the role please contact the School Office:

- Telephone 01256 321571
- Email [adminoffice@cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)
- Website [www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)

# Candover Valley Store

*community made*

## Candover Valley Store – celebrating our staff and volunteers

As part of our recent *Love Your Shop* campaign, we invited customers to share what they value most about Candover Valley Store. The responses were genuinely heartening and the clear message that came through was that the community truly appreciate the warmth, friendliness and helpfulness of our staff and volunteers.

This feedback was especially meaningful as it echoed what we see every day; our volunteers play a vital role in creating a welcoming and supportive environment for the whole community.

We would like to take this moment to thank everyone who took the time to offer thoughtful suggestions and kind comments. These contributions will help us continue to develop and improve the store for all who use it.

Of course, none of what we do would be possible without the ongoing support of our volunteers. With more than 40 dedicated individuals, our volunteer team keeps the shop open and running smoothly seven days a week, 363 days of the year. Their time, energy and commitment make all the difference.

We will be celebrating Volunteers' Week early next month, from 2-8 June, which also coincides with our 6th birthday! It's a perfect opportunity to recognise the incredible contribution of our volunteers and to say thank you once again. We hope to see many of you in the store during the week as we take time to celebrate both our community and everyone who helps keep the shop running.

## Dummer Village Hall

On March 21<sup>st</sup> Maud's Dog and The Down Street Boys gave us a fantastic evening of music. A packed hall enjoyed a variety of music from our very talented villagers. Thank you to all who attended.

Profits went to the Village Hall to enable us to continue to keep the hall in good repair.

Dummer Village Hall Committee



## THE GREAT SCRAP HEAP CHALLENGE SCARECROW COMPETITION

**PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY FOR YOUR ENTRY FEE OF**

**£5**

**BY SUNDAY MAY 25TH**

**ALL SCARECROWS MUST BE MADE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS THAT YOU CAN PUT IN YOUR GREEN RECYCLING BIN OR RECYCLE AT WADE ROAD.**

**JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY.**

**Contact: [allsaintsdummer@gmail](mailto:allsaintsdummer@gmail.com)**

**or Lyn H 397507**



# Dummer

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(Please ensure all copy reaches me by 10<sup>th</sup> of the month)

## Mothering Sunday

Thank you to all from Dummer who supported the Mothering Sunday service at Farleigh and thank you to Alex and Sue for the beautiful posies. Some were put in All Saints Church Lych gate, and some were given to me to take to Dashwood Manor Care Home. The staff were very touched that we thought of their residents and said several of their ladies were not well enough to sit in the sunshine, but the posies would bring a touch of Spring to their rooms.

Lyn H

## All Saints Church, Dummer

On Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Hill-King gave an interesting talk about the Old Church of St Mary in Preston Candover. In 1831 the Church was enlarged but had deteriorated so much by 1885 it was demolished leaving only the chancel. As Michael pointed out, it is rare to find a square church, the result of demolishing other parts of the building.

A small lancet window dating around 1190 points to the antiquity of the church and, like Dummer, there is a blocked round-headed priest's door. So, with the early part of April being sunny, two of us took a little trip to visit it. It is small but a real little gem with the wooden bier that Michael mentioned, a priest's desk and some wall paintings. Outside there is a mown path to a Commonwealth grave.

We managed to find a parking spot but, if you fancy a walk, park in the large lay-by near the shop or outside the "new" St Mary's Church. Thank you, Michael, for bringing this little gem to our attention.

Our next Sunday Special is on Sunday 4th May and will be led by Archdeacon Richard Brand where he will also "admit me to office" as Churchwarden. (It is not like a wedding, you cannot object! I have already been selected at All Saints Church AGM!!!)

Lyn Hardy  
Churchwarden  
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**Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield  
Horticultural Society—The Gardening Club**

Chairman: Seumas Foster

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March and half of April were exceptionally dry and warm months, locally only 12mm of rain fell in March, which is the lowest for many years. Garden soils went from sodden to baked so I suspect there is still quite a bit to do to get seedbeds prepared for summer flowers and vegetables. At least grass hasn't been growing as vigorously as it might.

**The Spring Show**

The Spring Show at the beginning of April had us wondering if the warmth would result in the main event - the daffodils – would be over too soon, however in the event they were magnificent. Because they had not had any rain the quality was excellent, and they made a fabulous show. There were plenty of other blooms, and so much rhubarb there must be a glut out there! Special mention for the young gardeners at Cliddesden School who grew daffodils from bulbs in pots that we supplied, and the daffodils made a great show. Congratulations to you for a magnificent effort. Our thanks to everyone who took part, those who helped, and all the visitors who came to see the exhibits, buy raffle tickets, drink tea and eat cake.

**The Plant Sale May 11th at 11.00 a.m.**

The next event will be the **Plant Sale** on May 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11.00 am on the patio at the Millenium Hall in Cliddesden. If you want some plants, or have any spare plants or seedlings to donate, don't bin them, please bring them and do come along.

**'Fit for Gardening?' May 20th at 7.30pm**

We will have a session '**Stretching for Gardeners**', led by Jacqui Matthews who must be known to everyone for her Yoga sessions locally, so do come ready for a little exercise to keep you gardening. It's probably better not to have a big meal before the meeting which is on Tuesday May 20th at 7.30pm at Cliddesden Millenium Hall.

**Trees in Your Gardens – May 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

Our last meeting in May will be Mark Hinsley talking about '**Trees in Your Gardens**'. Mark is an Arboriculture Specialist and will cover the right trees for gardens and how to look after them and what to look out for to get the best from them.

Meanwhile here's wishing you good spring and enough rain to keep your plants growing.

We look forward to seeing you at any of the meetings.

In June we will visit a Japanese garden, created by Graham Bowyer who spoke to the Club last year. Details to follow.

