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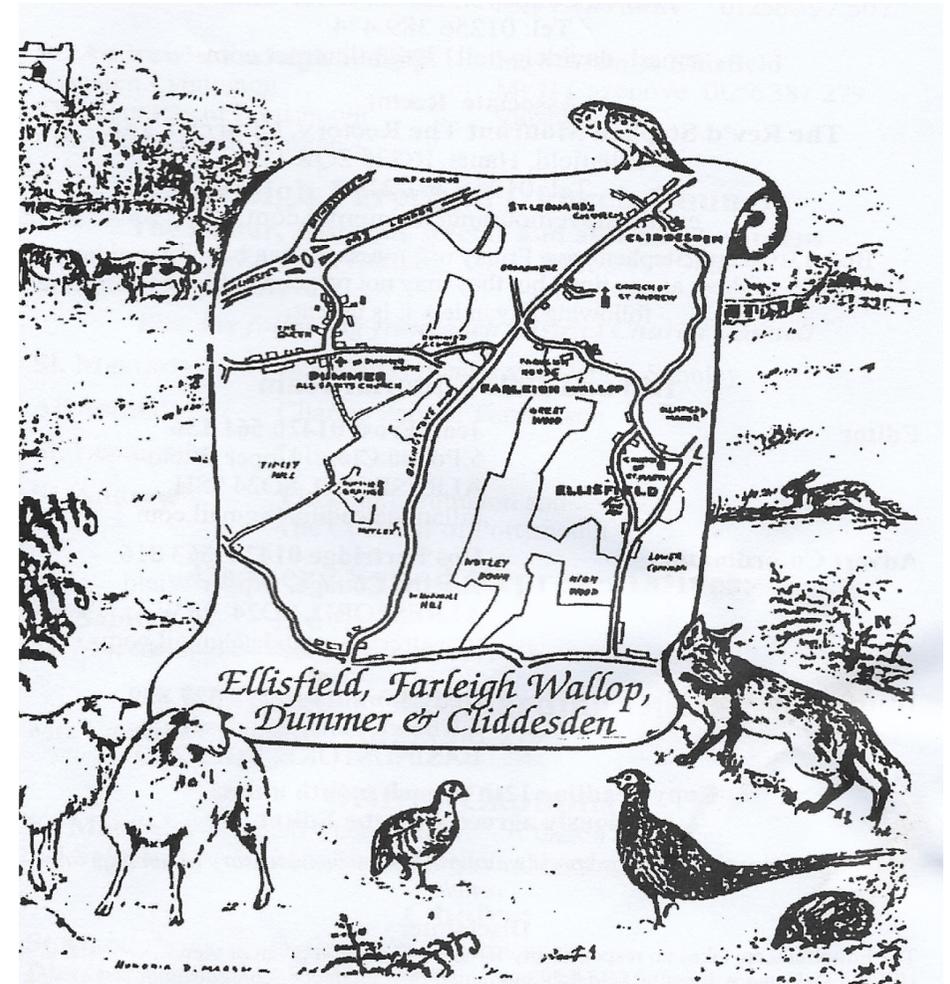
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## Rota for Services

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: PR = Peter Raine*

### July

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

13.30 Ellisfield **Wedding**  
Samuel Michael Berry and Chloe Bethany Hubball  
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#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

09:30 Wield All Age worship IDT  
11:00 Dummer Parish service  
10:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer  
11:00 Northington Holy Communion IDT  
*Readings 2 Kings 5.1-14 Galatians 6. [1-6] 7-16 Luke 10.1-11, 16-20*  
*Psalm 30*  
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#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

10:00 Preston Candover Family service  
11:15 Cliddesden Parish service (communion or  
all age worship) IDT or PR  
18:00 Wield Evensong IDT  
*Readings Amos 7.7-end Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37*  
*Psalm 82*  
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#### Sunday 20<sup>st</sup> July

09:00 Wield Holy Communion IDT  
11.00 Farleigh Parish Communion IDT  
16:00 Preston Candover Outdoor service followed by tea and cake  
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*Readings Amos 8.1-12 Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-end*  
*Psalm 52*



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## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July

*Cliddesden Wedding*

Jorden Andrew Capehorn AND Haidee Jade Paul

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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

8:30	Bradley	Holy Communion CW. IDT
9:30	Wield	Matins
11:00	Brown Candover	Morning Worship
11:00	St Martins	Parish service IDT
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Hosea 1.2-10 [or 85.1-7] Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19] Luke 11.1-13</i>	

*Psalm 85*

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## August

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Trinity 6

IDT away

09:30	Wield	Said Matins
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion or morning prayer
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Hosea 11.1-11 43 [or 107.1-9], Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21</i>	

*Psalm 107.1-9*

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### Sunday 10th August Trinity 7

08:00	Dummer	Holy Communion BCP	IDT
10:00	Preston Candover	Family service	
11:15	Cliddesden	Family Holy Communion	IDT
18:00	Wield	Evensong	IDT
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Isaiah 1.1, 10-20, Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 Luke 12.32-40</i>		
			<i>Psalm 50.1-8</i>

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## Sunday 17<sup>h</sup> August Trinity 8

09:00 Wield Holy Communion IDT  
10:00 Preston Candover Holy Communion IDT  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service  
11:15 Bradley Baptism Rosalie Pugh IDT  
*Readings* Isaiah 5.1-7 [or 80.9-end] Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12.49-56  
Psalm 80.1-2, 9-end

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## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW. IDT  
9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW IDT  
11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship  
11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion IDT  
*Readings* Isaiah 43.8-13 or Acts 5.12-16 Acts 5.12-16  
or 1 Corinthians 4.9-15  
Psalm 145.1-7

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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August Trinity 11

10:00 Preston Candover  
11.00 Farleigh Parish Communion IDT  
*Readings* Jeremiah 2.4-13 Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Luke  
Psalm 81.1, 10-end [or 81.1-11]

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<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
	<u>July</u>		
All Saints' Dummer	6 July 11.00am	John Holden	
	<u>July</u>		
St Andrew's Farleigh Wallop	13 July 11.00am	Oliver Lymington	To be confirmed
St Martin's Ellisfield	27 July 11.00am	Bernard Cazenove	Gordon Dunse and Tim Guinness
	<u>August</u>		
All Saints' Dummer	10 August 8.00am	Michael Hill King	
All Saints' Dummer	20 August 9.45am	Jenny Padmore	Jeremy Glyn Mervyn Mann
St Martin's Ellisfield	3 August 8.00am	Vicky Reed	
St Martin's Ellisfield	24 August 11.15am	Susie Deane	To be confirmed
St Martin's Ellisfield	31 August 11.00am	Bernard Cazenove	To be confirmed
	<u>September</u>		
St Martin's Ellisfield	7 Sept 8.00am	Lucinda Rule	



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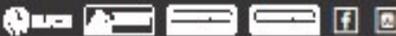
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## Message from Ian

You may have heard by now that we have appointed a new Rector.

Jennifer will start with us in the early autumn and restart the Rector's page.

With Hill and Dale doing a joint publication of July and August this will probably be my last time writing the front page for the heavy weight tomes that the Oxdrove and Hill and Dale most certainly are.

First thing to do is to say sorry to Jean for the times I've kept her waiting for my copy. The number of times I've sat at my computer at 11 o'clock at night with a blank screen and even blanker mind trying desperately to think about something to write. Before resorting to writing about squirrels (again).

The next thing to do is to say thank you to my long-suffering wife who proofread my articles. If you ever need something checked, track down a mildly autistic legal secretary. They can spot misspellings, poor grammar, terrible punctuation and the unnecessary use of semi-colons; a mile away

Thank you to you for reading my articles. It never failed to amaze me when people come up and talked about something I've written. Even if they were mildly confused about whether they had picked up the Benefice magazine or a copy of photography world. I will always be grateful to the two people who told me that they were feeling low but laughed about something I wrote and felt better even for a short time.

Finally thank you to the Benefice for allowing me to have a go at being a Parish priest again after 22 years in prison.

I've really enjoyed working with all the churches in the Benefice. You have stretched me and made me work at how to be a different priest to my previous job as chaplain.

Jennifer will bring a different approach to ministry, and I look forward to seeing where she will take us.



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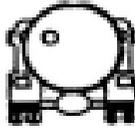
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I love working with the young people in our community, the services are uplifting and fun, as well as being full of unfiltered and thought-provoking answers to challenging questions.

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Claire



Catching Bubbles!

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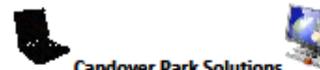
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**To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.**

*About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School: We are a small and friendly pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavilion of North Waltham. The children who attend come from many areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood. They all agree that the location and wonderful, caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. To find out more, please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398 172.*

July 2025



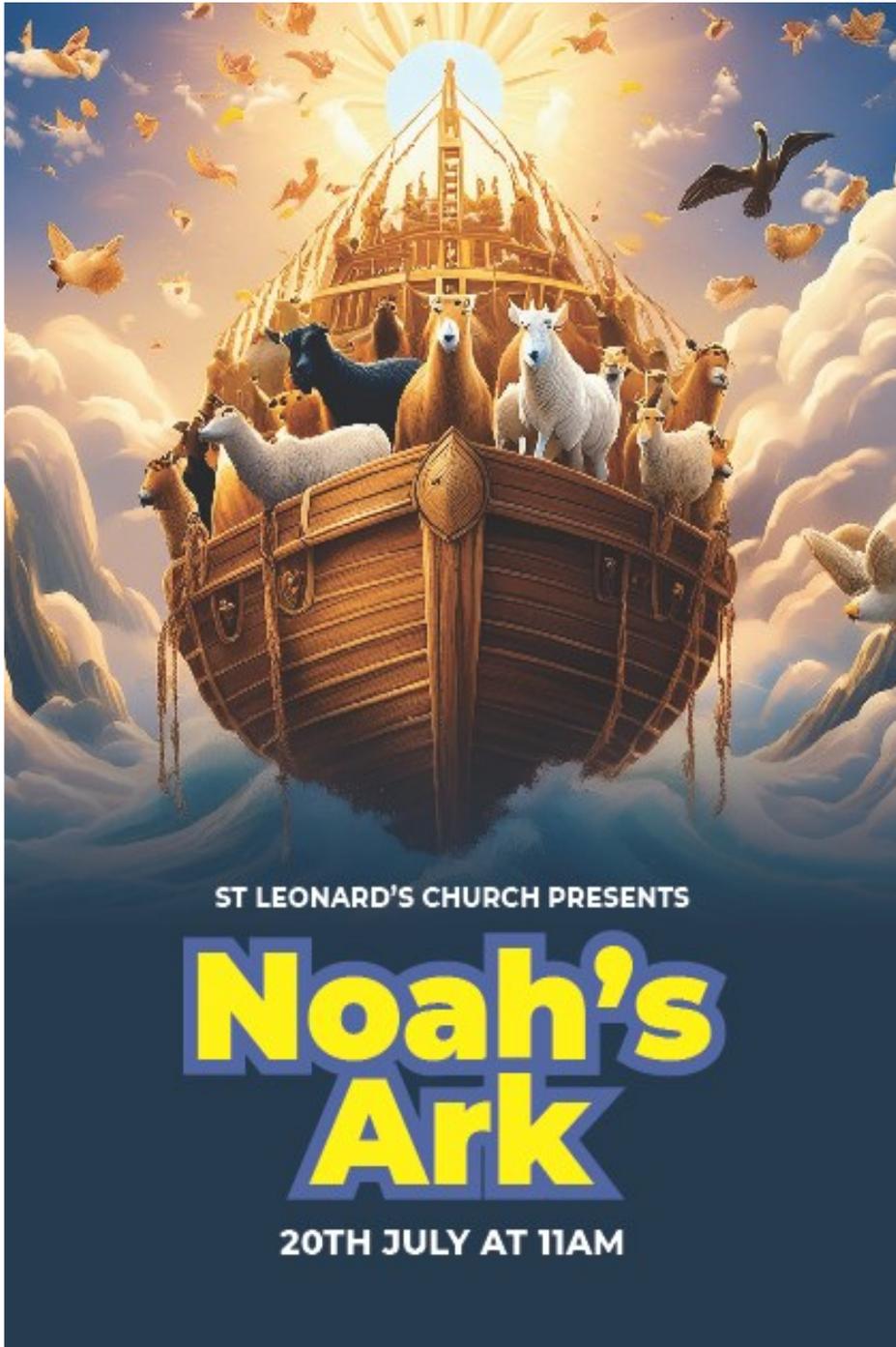
Our beanstalks have made their ways home and we're waiting to see whose grows the tallest.



The children also made some gorgeous glittery harps, which warranted a place on my fridge door anyway!

We've had a lovely half term with a couple of birthdays to celebrate, which only meant one thing – CAKE! We're hoping for some lovely weather to get out and about in this summer before our long break.

**Georgia Hawken**  
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### In the Fields—Emma Ilsley

I sit writing on a Sunday night, with it suddenly dawning on me that it was June 1<sup>st</sup>! Surely I cannot be the only one who cannot believe how fast this year is going!

May started off strong with silage harvesting. We worked with local contractors who brought in both a forage harvester and some additional trailers. It was all hands on deck from our team, too - Andy mowing ahead of the forage harvester, Rose and I on trailers taking the grass from field to the silage clamp, and Cliff helping manage the clamp. We were delighted with our overall yield, with one field particularly surpassing our expectations on its average yield statistics.

On a broader note, the Estate welcomed many more people to walk the 'Off the Beaten Track' route to raise funds for St Andrew's and St Martin's Church again this year. The walk is always warmly received, and we all managed to dodge the showers that followed later in the afternoon! An array of refreshments and a raffle were on offer back at Home Farm for all to enjoy.

We held the John Edgar Trust open evening on 7<sup>th</sup> May, which was a great success! It was delightful to see so many people engaging with the various branches of the Estate, and with individual talks being held by subject specialists on: anaerobic digestion, forestry, farming practices and commercial diversification. Working with local business Newhouse Farm Partnership to provide catering, and fellow local Estates to provide transport around the Estate, we were able to provide an immersive experience for around 90 participants! Many thanks to all our staff for helping to orchestrate the afternoon, both on the day and during preparation.

In July, we will be welcoming local primary school children to the Estate for our annual Countryside School's Day, in which we showcase not only the farm and grounds lines, but are joined by local outdoor specialists to shed some more light into rural life. The Estate has been pleased to partake in this project for several years now, encouraging the younger generation to understand the role of the outdoor sector on their day-to-day lives, and where the bread for their morning toast comes from!

With a week of steady showers forecast ahead of us, it looks as though conditions might be looking slightly more appealing for our young crops. Let's hope the rain manages to get through the surface, down to the seed and roots where it's most needed!

Emma Ilsley  
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## Cliddesden WI—June report June report

Hello, my name is Caroline, and I am taking over the job of writing our monthly reports to help Julia out.

Sadly, my first report has to include the funeral of our friend and longest serving member Doreen Isley. It was a lovely sunny day, with only standing room left, as many of her family and friends filled St Leonard's church. The service was lovely. Emma, her granddaughter did a brilliant job, reading a beautiful eulogy of Doreen's life. I know Doreen would have been so proud of her, Michelle and Trevor. God bless Doreen, we will all miss you.

Our speaker this time was Alan Jones who entertained us with Tales of a Roving BBC reporter. Alan started by apologising for turning up too early, saying he thought we were a very posh WI to have tables laid out with tablecloths and flowers! He asked where he should go to set up, only to be told he was a week too early and had sadly arrived when Doreen's family were setting up for the wake. We all said she would have found that to be very funny.

For his first job at the BBC Alan was told he was better suited to radio than TV and it wasn't until many years later, when he moved to the New Forest, he was offered the position of roving tv reporter based at their Southampton studios. Alan completed more than 24,000 interviews over his 20+ year career.

Everyone found Alan to be very entertaining with his many interesting stories, some of which were funny, but also at times sobering.



**Our next meeting will be Monday 21st July at 10.30am** where we will be Jewellery making with Susan Waldon. **Please note there will be an extra £2 charge for materials.**

## Candover Valley Pre-School

(within Preston Candover Primary School)

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Hello from CVP!

As the Summer term comes to an end and the new academic year approaches our focus has shifted to school readiness, most importantly emotional, social and physical preparedness. Ensuring our young children are well-equipped for this transition is crucial to their ongoing success. Building confidence and independence is a theme that runs throughout the curriculum at CVP, ensuring our children leave preschool as enthusiastic and engaged learners, ready for the next step in their academic life.

As well as focusing on the future, we also encourage our children to take time to appreciate 'the now'. A simple walk through a wildflower field offers countless opportunities for learning encouraging children to pause and reflect on their environment. Children observe different shapes, colours and sizes of flowers, building early science and language skills. Watching bees pollinate and butterflies flutter by sparks conversations about nature, life cycles, and the importance of caring for our environment. Time in nature nurtures calm and focus.



This term, children have also developed an increasing interest in cookery activities; a powerful learning experience that supports early development in meaningful ways. Baking introduces mathematical concepts, science and experimentation, and language skills. Children learn to count, follow sequences, explore textures, develop understanding of cause and effect, learn new vocabulary and follow instructions, and build fine motor strength – all whilst having fun!

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. Limited places are currently available for Autumn 2025.

Press Release

19/06/2025



Hampshire History Trust & Rick Stein Welcome Guests for Coffee & Conversation

The Hampshire History Trust warmly invites the community to a special Rick Stein Coffee Morning, celebrating local heritage and the shared stories that connect us.

Held at Rick Stein's restaurant in Winchester on Thursday 3rd July from 9am to 11am, this welcoming event brings key supporters of the Trust, residents, and heritage enthusiasts together for a morning of conversation, great coffee, and a chance to connect over Hampshire's rich historical identity.

Attendees will have the chance to connect with members of the Trust and the team behind Winchester's Heritage Open Days to learn more about the exciting work being done in the run up to this year's festival, which spotlights Hampshire's unique architectural treasures. This year's festival takes place between the 12th and the 21st September and already consists of a programme of over 100 events across the county. As the festival continues to grow, this gathering provides a valuable space to engage with the work being done in preparation and explore ways to get involved.

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## **‘Dirty Business’ by Emily Golborn**

The Cliddesden Players’ summer production was another great comedy written by our very own Em, who also directed.

We had excellent audiences over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June who laughed, drank, ate and chatted with friends and neighbours in the glorious sunshine.

Many thanks to Les & Sarina Smith and their wonderful BBQ crew for another delicious BBQ on the Saturday night.

Thanks to all the helpers – on refreshments, the bar, Door & first aid – we couldn’t put on our productions without you. And thanks to the backstage crew for all the special effects, costumes and props which add so much to the plot.

Our talented bunch of actors brought all the characters to life as Richard’s stag do ended with him in a laundrette having to dry clean his wedding suit after being thrown in the Thames!

That day was certainly full of surprises, revelations and terror for everyone as the accidents piled up amid the realisation that an assassin was in the building! But it all ended happily with a blossoming love affair, a resolved family quarrel, and a groom finally coming to his senses and realising that his bride-to-be was not for him!

All profits are still being counted but as well as being such an wonderful occasion to bring the community together, we fund raise towards the maintenance of the Village Hall, so let’s hope it’s a lot!

So many thanks to those who supported us.  
Best wishes  
The Cliddesden Players

**Save the Date: the Cliddesden Panto 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December!**

## ***Benefice Recipes***

Hello all, well we’ve had a welcome drop which the garden seemed to prefer rather than me and my watering can. The plums on the plum tree are aplenty and plumping up a treat. Unfortunately, the same can be said of me. Well, the dilemma of what to do with the two hidden and then found Heroes tubs was resolved. I shared them out between Archie and Basil.



I only had a few and felt better for not sneaking the lot, which I could have done very easily. And let me tell you that virtuous act was rewarded. .... I found a bag of last Christmas’s chocolate coins hidden in my knicker drawer and I ate the lot! Apparently, I am a squirrel when it comes to chocolate only I forget where it’s hidden.

So, a simple recipe for the extra courgettes you know you’ll get.

### **Prue Leiths Crispy Baked Courgette Fingers**

#### ***Ingredients***

2 Large Courgettes  
50g Dried white breadcrumbs or Panko breadcrumbs  
25g Parmesan, finely grated  
Half a teaspoon of dried parsley  
A pinch of cayenne (optional)  
1 Egg beaten

#### ***Method***

Pre heat oven to 200c fan/220/gas 7 then cut the courgettes into chip like batons.

Mix the breadcrumbs, Parmesan, parsley and cayenne (if using) and season well with salt and pepper. Dip each courgette baton into the beaten egg, shaking off any excess, then toss in the breadcrumb mix to coat evenly. Lay the courgette fries in a single layer on a lined baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes until golden and crispy. Serve immediately with a dip of choice. Prue suggests a soured cream and chive.

Enjoy, Tracey



## DogsnHomes Update June 2025

### Fostering

At the start of the year we wanted to recruit some more fosterers to join our fabulous community. Having such an incredible network of fosterers means that we can ensure that any puppies that arrive and are unable to join their forever home immediately, are given a safe and loving start to their lives in the UK. We decided to launch 'Fostering February' and our Fostering Information Evening was a huge success, we had several applications, some of whom have already started to foster for us. If you are interested in fostering, details are on our website - [www.dogshomes.org.uk](http://www.dogshomes.org.uk)

### Ukraine

Much of our energy is also focused on helping support the dogs and cats in Ukraine and we continue to do this by sending over supplies kindly donated by individuals and companies. To date we have shipped 266,500 kg which is quite incredible - [www.facebook.com/DnH.Ukraine](http://www.facebook.com/DnH.Ukraine)  
Our Justgiving appeal to fund transport is: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fuel4food>

### Storage

We are continually looking for storage to help us continue with this part of our work and **BIG YELLOW STORAGE** very kindly offered us free non food storage. We still need storage where we can keep animal food so if you have an empty garage/container please contact our Community Liaison [sharon.w@dogshomes.org.uk](mailto:sharon.w@dogshomes.org.uk)

### Mill House Monthly Walk

We truly love seeing so many of our DogsnHomes pooches in their new lives. It's such a unique opportunity to meet other adopters (and fosterers) and we're so grateful to the Mill House, North Warnborough for allowing us to enjoy refreshments before the walk and to host the event. Join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month but please remember you must book in advance. All dogs and walkers welcome! [www.brunningandprice.co.uk/millhouse](http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/millhouse)

### Events

Much needed funds have been raised at our **Comedy & Curry Night** and **Abba Tribute** at the Gulshan in Fleet, **Easter Egg Raffle** at The Tweseldown in Fleet and **Music Quiz Night** at The Tweseldown. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events - [www.facebook.com/dogshomes](http://www.facebook.com/dogshomes)  
[www.facebook.com/DnH.Ukraine](http://www.facebook.com/DnH.Ukraine).

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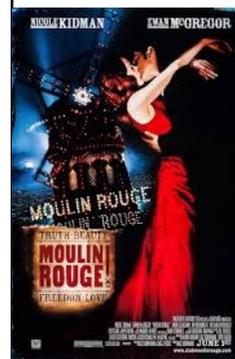
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**St Martin's, Ellisfield—Pew News.**

Last year the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Farleigh agreed that four pews could be temporarily removed from the back of St Martin's.

This would provide more flexible space near the font and by using collapsible chairs, give more seating for the congregation at major festivals, weddings and funerals.

We had to apply to the Diocese for permission to do this, which took some time, but it was eventually granted at the beginning of May.

Three pews have been removed with one remaining in place for the moment.

The District Church Council (DCC) welcomes views on the removal of the pews and the use of collapsible chairs which were kindly donated by Sallie Paravicini.

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## TEA COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING - ELLISFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

Please do come along to our coffee morning which is held every Wednesday in the Memorial Hall regardless of the weather! We are a friendly bunch and all new residents are given a warm welcome. Currently around 25-30 villagers attend every week so you can meet some of your neighbours and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of delicious cake. We are open from 10.00 until 12.00 so come and say hello - we look forward to seeing you!

**TCC TEAM**

### “Today’s the day the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic!”



Nineteen children and their grown-ups joined us at St Leonard’s for our annual Playgroup Teddy Bear’s Picnic. We enjoyed glorious sunshine, lots of

delicious home baked goodies, craft and songs in the beautiful churchyard. Everyone in our playgroup community had a wonderful time, from the youngest babies at just a few months old, to those of us with a few more summers behind us.



Huge thanks to Gill, Rose, and everyone involved at St Leonard’s for being so welcoming at what has become an annual

highlight of the playgroup calendar!



**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)

**Please Note:**

<b>July 14th</b>	
<b>September 8th</b>	
<b>October 13th</b>	
<b>November 10th</b>	
<b>December 8th</b>	

**Cliddesden Coffee Morning** is cancelled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August due to the village hall floor refurbishment.

Normal service will resume in September!!

**Looking after Hampshire’s most vulnerable young people**

The newly opened Hockley House is the first children’s residential home in Hampshire to combine children’s social care, Health care and education under one roof. The home, repurposed from an existing set of County Council set of existing properties will provide intensive therapeutic support to children and young people aged between 12 & 18 who have significant needs across both health and social care. This investment will enable more Hampshire children with complex needs to receive support much closer to home and to develop their independence and life skills.

**Bookings open—Holiday activities and Food programme.**

Hampshire’s Holiday activities and Food Programme is back for the 2025 summer holidays. Eligible families can now browse and book *free* places for their children at one of 180 local schemes across the county. While the programme is aimed at children eligible for benefit related free school meals, up to 15% of places are available for other children who could benefit, such as those with Education, health and Care Plans.

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## Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor

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#### Connect to Support Hampshire

Connect to Support Hampshire is the service which is designed to help people remain living independently in their own homes. HCC have recently updated the Connect to Support Hampshire website to help residents stay independent for longer.

- Modern Design: Enjoy a fresh, contemporary look.
- Improved Navigation: Enhanced homepage navigation with popular search topics. Use keywords for better search results, and get suggestions as you type.
- Expanded Community Directory: Now covering 63 towns and villages across Hampshire, including a new Younger Adults category.
- Marketplace Directory: Find paid services like podiatrists, financial advisers, handypersons, gardeners, and more.
- Home Care Directory: Home care and nursing care agencies in Hampshire.
- Care Home Directory: Care homes and nursing homes in Hampshire.
- Multilingual Support: Translate everything into different languages using Google Translate.

Visit the site here to explore all the new features!

<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/>



The start of the school year is a great time  
to try something new!

Come along this September, we will be learning new songs.

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

**ST LEONARD’S CHURCH,  
CLIDDESSEN**

## Cliddesden Primary School

A half term full of superb sport and wonderful workshops...



### Basketball

Cliddesden Primary School's Basketball team played incredibly well at the regional finals in Southampton. They demonstrated great stamina and determination playing 6 back-to-back games before lunch where they won three and lost three. They then qualified for the top tier competition after lunch where they played three more games against the best teams in the whole of Hampshire, including teams from the Isle of Wight. After multiple baskets against some very skilled teams they finished

the day by securing 8<sup>th</sup> place in the county.

### Girls Tag Rugby

Our girls Tag Rugby team had a lovely day out yesterday at the Basingstoke Schools Girls Tag Rugby Festival. They came third in their pool winning two games, losing two and drawing one in the morning. This meant they qualified for the top group in the afternoon who were all challenging to win the cup. The competition was much harder at this



# WHAT'S ON

DUMMER VILLAGE - KEY UP COMING EVENTS-JULY



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**  
Special Fellowship Month  
Fellowship Service  
Sunday 6th July 2025

*Bell Ringing Practice*  
*Monday Evenings*



**DUMMER VILLAGE HALL**  
COFFEE MORNING 2nd July 11am

**DUMMER VILLAGE HALL EVENTS PAGE**



**ACOUSTIC AT THE QUEEN**  
**LIVE MUSIC NIGHT**  
 Thurs 3rd July, 7:30pm

**QUIZ NIGHT:**  
 Tues, 8th July 8:30pm



**DUMMER CRICKET CLUB**

Home Matches:  
 20th July (13:30) Vs  
 Herriard Cricket Club



**JULY 2025 - DUMMER DOWN FARM & BREWERY**

<p><b>FOOD TRUCKS</b></p> <p><b>Fri 4th</b> - Hampshire Pantry  <b>Sat 5th</b> - Hampshire Pantry &amp; Pizza Tavern  <b>Fri 11th</b> - OFM Burgers  <b>Sat 12th</b> - Field &amp; Furnace  <b>Fri 18th</b> - Woosabi  <b>Sat 19th</b> - Loaf &amp; Pizza Tavern  <b>Fri 25th</b> - Chaat  <b>Sat 26th</b> - Hampshire Pantry</p>	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Sat 5th:</b> Dummer Down Beer Festival 2pm-10pm  <b>Fri 11th:</b> Folk Night - Brewery  <b>Sun 13th:</b> Hampshire Fare - Food Festival 10am - 4pm + Live Music!!!  <b>Sat 19th:</b> Folksy Rootsy Festival afternoon and early eve  <b>Thurs 24th-Mon 27th</b> - Valhalla Viking Festival  <b>Sat 26th</b> - Live music - Tap Room</p>
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**DUMMER DOWN BREWERY**





# Hampshire Food Fare -At Dummer Down-

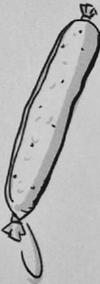


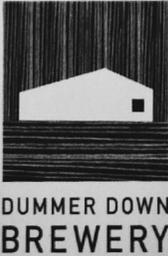
Sunday 13th July from 10-4pm  
Dummer Down Farm  
Dummer, Basingstoke RG25 2AR



Local Produce Market With:

- ↳ Street food
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- ↳ Free parking on-site
- ↳ Free entry




stage, and we lost most of our games but had the consolation of beating Park View. The girls all tried hard, and we also had a couple of new players from Year 4 in our team. Congratulations to Castle Hill for winning the cup.

## Tag Rugby Tournament



We were lucky enough to have two teams represent our school at the annual Tag Rugby Tournament held at May's Bounty. For several of the children, this was the first time they had represented their school in an external sporting event. The weather was changeable, one-minute beautiful sunshine and pouring with rain the next.

This did not deter our teams. Each team played several games against other local Basingstoke schools and despite the score line not being in our favour,



the children learnt some valuable lessons. They learnt to work as a team and the need to communicate. They demonstrated our school values with each child contributing a skill of some description. Some showed speed and accuracy, others communication and leadership and many showing how they had developed their skills and understanding of the game.

The children had a wonderful time at the Summer School Disco.



### **Morse Code Workshop**

During the Spring term, Chestnut Class have been learning about the Titanic. As part of the topic, they took part in a Morse code workshop run by Mr Kevin Wood C.Eng. Mr Wood is a Cyber Design Authority who originally trained as a Morse Code operator before working on ships radios for the Marconi company. The class learnt about the different distress call signs, CQD and SOS, how to both send and receive Morse and about the importance of keeping a message short - every letter cost money! Everyone had a go using a real Morse key and used the knowledge they have gained over the term to write their own telegrams from the Titanic. They then listened to Mr Wood sending Morse and decoded his message. Mr Wood said, "The class were so knowledgeable, I was very impressed." The children greatly enjoyed the workshop, especially when they received a morse code message from a book character they had been learning about in English - 'Johny Trott saved Kaspar'. Everyone agreed it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**All Saints Church, Dummer**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Service of Fellowship  
Month

“Pilgrimage in 2025 – Not just a long walk”

**A talk on the St James Way**

This runs from Reading to Southampton taking in Dummer,  
Preston Candover and Wield.

Please stay for refreshments





**Chestnut Class** were lucky to have Mrs Elliot, a desk-based assessment coordinator and historic buildings, give a workshop on how ground is excavated by

archaeologists. Using our field and the surrounding area as an example, she explained that the first thing archaeologists do when looking at a site is to undertake research using maps or online information to assess the area. Once they are ready to start excavating, archaeologists first dig a test trench across an identified feature. They remove the topsoil and then dig down until they reach the natural layer. Much to the excitement of the children she used a cake to demonstrate the process. Within the cake she demonstrated how different artefacts and graves are documented and labelled. Mrs Elliot showed the class the difference between Christian burials and non-Christian burials including directions and position. All the children expressed their enjoyment of the workshop and displayed a new understanding of archaeology and the process' they use. They all thoroughly enjoyed a slice of the cake at the end of their morning.

### **Animal Workshop**

Today Poppy's dad brought in his collection of amazing animals. We looked carefully at different insects, including a praying mantis. We also found out about spiders and how tarantulas drop hairs when they are frightened. The tarantula was very big and hairy. Mr Hamilton showed us some tree frogs and explained how they use their feet to stick to smooth surfaces. We then looked at some snakes and a tegu. Poppy showed us her gecko. Lastly, we were amazed by the turtle which was enormous and very heavy. Thank-you very much to Mr Hamilton for giving up his time to share his love of amazing animals with us. We are just beginning our theme of animals in hot and dry habitats and now know some animals to research.



### Rainforest Visit

Willow Class arrived at Gatwick airport ready to fly to Manaus in Brazil, to visit a rainforest. We collected our passports, went through security and had our bags scanned. Then we had our passports stamped and added a stamp of our own too!



We waited in the busy airport to board the plane. Once we matched our boarding pass number to our seat, we were ready for the safety talk. The pilot said hello, and we had a slightly bumpy take-off. As the flight was so long, the air stewards passed round drinks and snacks. We could see the forest as the plane flew over Brazil, and we landed safely into a rainy Manaus. The rainforest leader met us, taking us through passport control and to our rainforest classroom. The leader checked all our backpacks and opened the door for us to hear the rainforest sounds. After lunch we went exploring with iPads and found many animals. We had a great time exploring and now have many more questions to ask about the rainforest.

To find out more about our school, please visit: [cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)  
Paula Lavender

### Dummer Village Hall

Dead on Cue, another superb play written and performed by Mark Carey (Into the Breach) and produced by Giles Shenton took place in Dummer Village Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Set in a dressing room below stage at the Kings Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, the first act was in 1958, and the second act was the same theatre dressing room in 2023. Once again, it was a triumph of acting by Mark Carey and many of the audience congratulated him after the performance. More Please!

Thank you to Jackie for organising such a successful evening and to those who helped with the Bar and setting up and packing up afterwards.

Dummer Village Hall Committee.

**On this and the following page are pictures of the some of the entries for the scarecrow competition.**





# Dummer

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## All Saints Church, Dummer.

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, for our Sunday Special, the weather was dry and warm which was very fortuitous. Once again Rosa Shepherd played the organ to enable Alex to organise a very full service. Dexter and Henry played a duet on the cello; Dexter had moved to a larger size and Henry was playing the one he was constructing when he talked us through making musical instruments. Later on Henry and Alex (on organ) played a duet. Teddy did a reading, Sebastian, Rolo and Eva read the prayers, all were projected very clearly, and Daisy sung a very lovely solo. We are very lucky to have such a lot of young talent in the village. Afterwards, we gathered in the sunshine in the Rose Garden at Dummer House for refreshments, thanks to Crispin and Patty.

Thank you again to Alex and John and all the team who prepared refreshments and especially to our young people for helping with such a delightful service.

(At a recent funeral the undertakers mentioned to me that they had looked over the wall into the Rose Garden and thought it was amazing and beautiful).

Our only service for July, because it is Fellowship Month, will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at **11:00 a.m.** A speaker will be talking about the St James Way, "Not Just a Long Walk". We have many visitors walking from Reading to Southampton via us, Preston Candover, Wield to Winchester and onwards. Many are walking the full Camino, others do it in short stages. There will be refreshments afterwards.

There are only two services in August, August 10<sup>th</sup> will be an 08:00 BCP and August 24<sup>th</sup> will be 09:45 Eucharist. The Revd Ian Thacker will be leading both.

Lyn Hardy  
Churchwarden

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

Chairman: Seumas Foster

**Summer is here**

At last, gardens, allotments and window boxes are very floriferous, and there is so much more to come even though rain has been a rare event for most of the spring. In May I recorded 15.5mm of rain, of which 10.5 mm fell over two days at the end of the month. This is only about a third of the usual May totals. Recent rainfall in early June has been very helpful, and the water butts are briefly full again. Wildflowers are going well too, and the sight of the hawthorn in full flower this year was splendid.

**Trees for the Garden**

We had a very interesting talk at the end of May from Arboriculturist Mark Hinsley, covering far more ground than we had expected. The Ginkgo tree was a favourite, with a history that makes it a fascinating tree to have in your garden.

Our next talk will be **Dry Gardening and Herbs, with Lynn Dupont** which will be on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cliddesden Memorial Hall from 7.30 pm. Watch out for more information and reminders later.

The big event on the horizon is the **Summer Show on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** Schedules are available from Secretary Marilyn Smith, or any other committee member.

Staging is from 9.20 to 10.40 after which the Hall is closed to visitors for judging to take place and opens again at 2.00pm for viewing with presentations at 3.30pm.

We have made a few changes, and exhibitors can now show a single dahlia or gladiolus bloom in new classes, as well as the previous classes which needed 3 blooms. So often on the day you can find one stunning bloom, but not three, so here is a new class so you don't have to miss out.

This will be the second year of the Digital **photo classes**, the print classes will still be running, so check the topics in the Schedule.

We would love to see entries in the **children's classes**, which are the only ones to have cash prizes(!). Last year the **flower arranging classes** were spectacular so we hope the progress will continue this year .

In Mid-June 18 of us visited the Japanese garden that has been created by Graham Bowyer and his family in Fleet. Although we had quite a lot of rain in the morning at home, our visit was in sunshine. We had a wonderfully stimulating visit and it was so interesting to see the symbolism and form of what has been created, tea and cake as well of course. Proceeds went to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.



**Horticultural Society visit to the Japanese garden, Fleet**

**Cliddesden Art Group.**

Cliddesden Art Group will be holding an art exhibition on the 16 & 17 August 2025, in Cliddesden Village Hall. This will be in conjunction with the Hampshire Open Studios. The varied artwork being displayed will highlight the many accomplishments of the group members.

This is also a tribute to Mary Thomas who guided the pencils and brushes of her numerous students over so many years. One of Mary's talents was to nurture and encourage even the most timid of students, to achieve the many aspects of artwork that some never thought possible.

The Village Hall will be open from 9.00 am until 5.00pm both days. Refreshments will be available.

The meeting room will hold a memorial, together with the garden by the front door of the hall, dedicated to the memory of Mary.

Pat Doel.