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A message from Jennifer

As you are reading this, the run up to Christmas will be in full swing – and our brains will be in overtime – so much to do and get done. No wonder Jesus spoke about ‘peace’ so often.

I wonder if ‘peace’ is part of your Christmas experience? Can we really experience peace in the midst of such a busy season? I have always felt an extraordinary sense of calm, simply walking through the church doors. A place to breathe, to just be, no expectations or requirements, no pressure. Just calm.

Funnily enough some days I don’t feel this sense of calm walking through my own front door with having four girls at home! But there is always something to be ‘done’ and I think many of us feel guilty if we are not always ‘doing’ something.

But it is precisely when we are busy ‘doing’ that we miss the small, sacred moments that God has prepared for each of us every day of our lives. Some say that God no longer performs miracles – I say that He does, every single day – it’s just that we are too busy to notice.

This poem by Barbara Johnson puts it well. A man whispered, ‘God, speak to me’ and a meadow lark sang. But the man did not hear. The man yelled, ‘God, speak to me!’, and thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen. The man looked around and said ‘God, let me see you!’. A star shone brightly, but he did not notice. The man looked around and said, ‘God show me a miracle!’, and a life was born. But the man did not know. So, the man cried out in despair, ‘Touch me God, and let me know you are here!’ - so God reached down and touched him, but the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

This Advent, this Christmas, take time to be still. Be still and notice the God who loves you, still speaks using more than words, and still performs miracles today.

Throughout this double issue magazine, you will see invitations to lots of services or community events throughout the season of Advent, followed by Christmas and the New Year of 2026.

Whatever you choose to join in with I hope you will find some peace and much joy.

None of us know what 2026 will bring but we do have the reassurance that God will be with us in all that we do in his name.

I hope that the Christmas Services detailed in the magazine will provide an opportunity for you to join us during this Holy Season.

Love and prayers
Jennifer

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Sunday 7th December

08.00 am Ellisfield
 09:30 am Wield
 09.45 am Cliddesden
 10:00 am Preston Candover
 11:00 am Northington
 3.00pm Dummer

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion
 Matins
 Morning Prayer
 Morning Prayer
 Morning Prayer – Toy Collection
 Christingle and Nativity

Sunday 14th December

08:00 Dummer
 09:45 Ellisfield
 10:00 Preston
 11:15 Cliddesden

 17.30 Wield
 18.00 Brown Candover

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion
 Morning Prayer
 Candover Holy Communion
 Family Holy Communion
 and Baptism
 Nine Lessons and Carols
 Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday 19th December

18.00 Cliddesden –

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Carols around the pond.

Sunday 21st December Fifth Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Wield
 10:00am Preston Candover
 4.00pm Cliddesden
 4.00pm Dummer
 6.00pm Northington
 6.00pm Ellisfield

Holy Communion
 Family service
 Nine Lessons and Carols
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2.00pm	Cliddesden -	Crib Service
4.00pm	Farleigh -	Nine Lessons and carols
5.00pm	Preston Candover	Crib Service
9.30pm	Cliddesden	Bethlehem Mass
11.30pm	Northington	Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December—Christmas Day

09.30am	Bradley	
09.30am	Ellisfield	Holy Communion
09.30am	Wield	
10.30am	Dummer	Christmas Day Service
11.00am	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer
11.00 am	Brown Candover	Holy Communion

Sunday 28th December

11.00	Preston Candover	Holy Communion
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Sunday 4th January

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

Sunday 11th January

08:00	Dummer	Holy Communion
09:45	Ellisfield	Morning Prayer
10:00	Preston Candover	Holy Communion
11:15	Cliddesden Family	Holy Communion
18:00	Wield Evensong	

Sunday 18th January

09.00	Wield	Holy Communion BCP
09:45	Dummer	Morning Prayer
10:00	Preston Candover	Family service
11.15	Cliddesden	Family service

Sunday 25th January

08:30	Bradley	Morning Prayer
09:45	Dummer	Holy Communion
11:00	Brown Candover	Morning prayer

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
All Saints' Dummer	7 Dec 3.00pm	Melanie Gill	
All Saints' Dummer	14 Dec 8.00am	Shirley Powell	Claire Wilmot Sitwell
All Saints' Dummer	21 Dec 4.00pm	Mervyn Mann	
All Saints' Dummer	25 Dec 10.30am	John Holden	Michael Hill King Beatrice Holden
St Martin's Ellisfield	7 Dec 8.00am	Lucinda Rule	
St Martin's Ellisfield	14 Dec 9.45am	Debbie Scholey	Tim Guinness and Martine Bell
St Martin's Ellisfield	21 Dec 6.00pm	Bernard Cazenove	To be advised
St Martin's Ellisfield	24 Dec 4.00pm	Oliver Lymington	To be advised
St Martin's Ellisfield	25 Dec 9.30am	Vicky Reed	To be advised

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
All Saints' Dummer	4 Jan 11.15am	Melanie Gill	
All Saints' Dummer	11 Jan 8.00am	Mervyn Mann	Stafford Napier
All Saints' Dummer	11 Jan 9.45am	John Truman	Jan Marks John Holden
St Martin's Ellisfield	4 Jan 8.00am	Dusie Deane	
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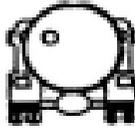
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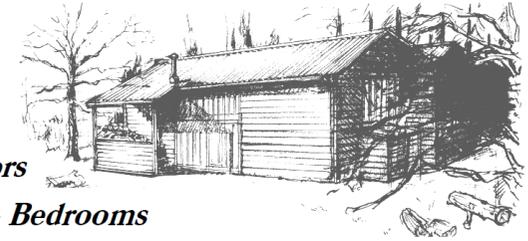
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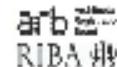
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The Belles



Well, the Festive season is upon us and the choir have dusted off their Choir books and found their Christmas song sheets. It's a busy time for Choirs now and the Belles are no exception. The ladies have been practicing hard for their upcoming concerts and services.

Their first 'Christmas' outing is at Avenue Nurseries Garden Centre on Saturday December 13th from 1.30pm. The Choir will be Singing Christmas Songs and Carols to welcome Father Christmas. Wednesday December 17th, The Belles will be singing with The Hospital Male Voice Choir at Basingstoke Hospital in the Canteen from 7.45pm. A Charity event with Donations. There will be drinks and food after the concert. And finally, the Nine Lessons and Carols on the 21st December from 6pm, a Candlelit service at St Martin's Church Ellisfield. So, busy times a head for the Choir. If you are free on any of these dates, please come a long and support us.

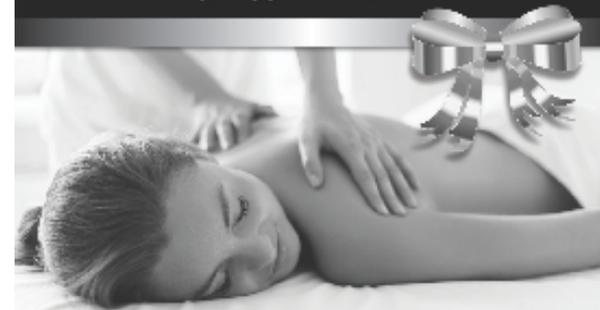
Janey and I would like to thank the Choir for all their fun, singing and hard work this year. It's been a wonderful year of song and we look forward to next year. Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year!!

Theresa (Joint Choir leader).

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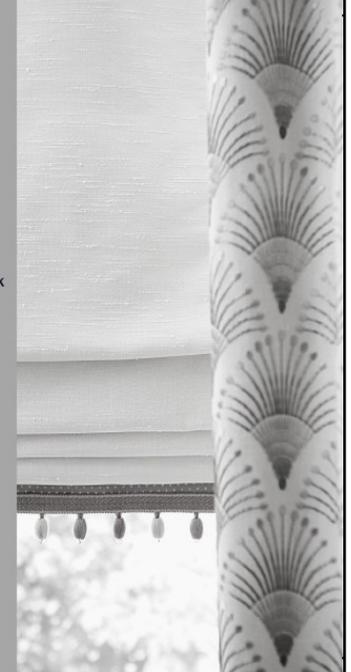
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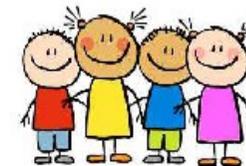
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Boxing Day - Fri 26 Dec	Closed	Closed
Sat 27 Dec	8.30am – 5.00pm	8.30am – 12.30pm Last collection 10.50am
Sun 28 Dec	8.30am – 12.30pm	Closed
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However, you must tell the store when you have placed an order, either in person (we'll log it) or by WhatsApp to our dedicated number: 07857 726184.

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We hope the community finds this service helpful and thank our dedicated volunteers for making it possible!

Christmas at Candover Valley Store

We'd like to wish all our customers a wonderful Christmas season.

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Benefice Recipes

Hello all, hasn't the year flown by. The garden hasn't quite been tucked up for winter yet as it still has some lovely Salvias, Dahlias and Alstroemeria flowering. We also have a Viburnum whose scent is so good. I just pick tiny amount, and the smell fills the room. Also as suggested by Monty Don and Seumas, a bowl of Quince on the side which I think have a lovely scent. A good cover for Eau De Wet Dog.

The recipes this month come from A Medley of Menus a benefice cookbook created by Lady Jane Wallop and Andrew Crowther-Walker in 1997. Andrew was Housekeeper/Chef at Farleigh House and my sister and I worked there at the weekends. We have lovely memories of that time and especially at Christmas when Lady Jane would do the Estate Party supper. It was always good fun and even though we were on the catering side the atmosphere was that of a huge family get together. A special time. The following recipes were Andrew's.

Beef in Horseradish Cream

Serves 6

2 lb Stewing Steak rolled in seasoned flour.
2 large onions, chopped, 1 tsp ground ginger
1 desert spoon curry paste, 1 desert spoon dark brown sugar
1 Pint of good beef stock, 2 tbsp creamed horseradish
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

Fry the meat and onions in small batches. Add curry and ginger, then all the remaining ingredients. Simmer for about one and a half hours. Serve with creamy mash and greens. Have some good bread available to mop up the juices.

Passion fruit and Muscat Syllabub

Serves 6

8 Ripe Passion Fruit, 9oz mascarpone cheese
7oz Crème Fraîche, 3tbsp Muscat wine or an alternative such as Sauternes, 2tbsp icing sugar, Juice of 1 lemon

Halve the Passion fruits, scoop out the seeds and juice and set aside. Mix together mascarpone, creme fraiche and Muscat. Stir in the icing sugar. Season to taste with the lemon juice. Fold in the Passion fruit seeds and juice, reserving a few seeds. Pour into 6 stem glasses and decorate with reserved seeds.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season.

Tracey



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Cliddesden WI—report

This month 15 members came along and listen to our speaker Richard Cook with his talk on Homeopathy - Medicine for the 21st Century.

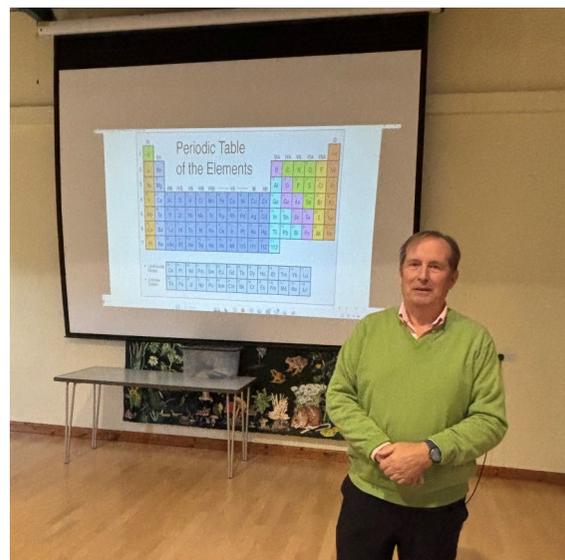
Richard qualified in 1991, after personal experience of homeopathy medicine to cure stomach pains.

Rather than providing relief for the symptom homeopathy targets the cause. Often patients present with multiple symptoms which help to match a particular remedy to the individual.

A member asked, “Do you need to believe in it?” Richard answered that there are homeopathic vets and animals wouldn’t be aware of the benefits. So no it is not important to believe.

This was a very thought-provoking presentation enjoyed by all.

Our Christmas meeting is on 15th December at an earlier time of 11.30am. Where we will be having a luncheon and social with games. This is a members only meeting.



We will return to our **normal time of 10.30 am on Monday 19th January**, where we will be having a **Macrame Workshop - making keyrings. (Cost of £6)**

The members and I would like to thank our WI committee for their outstanding work so far this year.

Lastly,
Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2026 from everyone at Cliddesden WI



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Toby's Ellisfield Tails



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BELLA –
often known as *Beautiful Bella*, she brings a certain ‘*Je ne sais quoi*’ to The Gang. She fancies herself as a *Papillion* –she’s flighty enough but in truth, another MM!

And then there’s me - TOBY. *Trouble* is my Middle name, always looking for Fun & Adventure! I’ve lived in the Village with *My People* for quite some time now and met a few characters of the four- legged, two legged and feathered varieties. I’ve seen and heard a few things over the years and now it’s time ‘*To Spill the Beans.*’

You might be wondering why I’ve started to write *Toby's Tails*; well, during a recent visit from my Great Uncle *Spike* I was inspired by his Shaggy Dog stories. As you know, there’s always something going on in a village worth talking about.

Luckily before Storm Claudia passed through, our very own ‘Alexander the Great’ moved the earth preventing us from being washed away. He even organised ‘Deep Water’ signs for future deluges (we’re not sure Butch can actually swim!) Possibly the most fun to be had in November was the Ladies Club Chocolate evening, now they tell us dogs that chocolate is not good for us, but perhaps some of those girls enjoyed more than was good for them! The village event of the year happens annually at the end of November, The Christmas Fayre. While ‘*Our People*’ enjoy mulled wine and mince pies, we’re happy at home, guarding the fire.

So it’s Merry Christmas from us and we’ll be back next year



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.

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It might seem a bit early to be giving out dates for events in 2026 but as the weather turns colder, most of us start thinking about booking a holiday for next Summer. So here are a couple of dates you might want to avoid.

Wine Walk - Friday 26th June
Village BBQ - Saturday 8th August

Ellisfield Ladies Club 50th Anniversary Event

Here are a few more photos to give you a flavour of the lively atmosphere at the Ellisfield Ladies Club 50th Anniversary Event, which we celebrated at the end of September in the Memorial Hall. A very happy day!
All photos taken by Rosie Bailey



2025 Christmas services

St Leonard's Church
Cliddesden

Fri 5 Dec | 3.45pm | Christingle

With the church aglow with festive candlelight, make a Christingle and sing hymns. All materials provided. Refreshments 3.45pm, service begins 4pm.

Fri 19 Dec | 6pm | Carols round the pond

Carol sheets provided, just bring a lantern or torch.

Sun 21 Dec | 4pm | Nine Lessons and Carols

Traditional service with mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

Wed 24 Dec | 2pm | Crib Service

Come dressed as characters from the Nativity (yes, the grown-ups too!) and together all ages can recreate this epic story of hope as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Wed 24 Dec | 9.30pm | Bethlehem Mass

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Our special thanks to the committee for all the work they have done, and will do in the future(!), as well as our thanks to the Millenium Hall in Cliddesden where most of our meetings take place.

What are you going to grow next year?

The best thing about growing things, whether it's in a pot or a field, is that each year the reset button is pressed, and you can start again, but now you are older and wiser so will obviously do a much better job. This rule applies whatever age you are or experience you have! Every year there is the discussion about what to grow next year, deciding what did well last year and so is worthy of planting again, as well the favourites that are the staples of your garden or allotment. There will be the favourite regulars, when the list is written down it always seems to be a lot. However, there will be so many new plants that have caught your eye that you would like to try. Gardeners are optimists, so If you can find space then give it a go.

(P.S. Put a few extra seeds in for the Plant sale in May!!)

Good luck!!!!

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- **Barley Mow, Oakley** – Saturday 6th December, 1–2 pm
(During the Our Oakley Community Market)
- **Ellisfield Memorial Hall** – Saturday 13th December, 11 am–12 pm
- **Preston Candover Village Hall** – Saturday 13th December, 1–2 pm

There's no speech or presentation – just a chance to talk, listen, and shape what comes next together.

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Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield Horticultural Society—The Gardening Club
 Chairman: Seumas Foster

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
 At the Year End of 2025 the ‘Sunny Uplands of 2026’ are calling **Our AGM and Social evening** was held at the end of November, instead of a speaker we had a Quiz with ‘sumptuous prizes’, and excellent refreshments. Our thanks go to everyone who helped with all the preparations, and we hope everyone enjoyed the evening. The AGM is the start of our new season for the Society; subscriptions are due and the new programme for next year is published. New members are always very welcome, so if you are new to the area and would like to join the Society, please do get in touch with any committee member.

Up and Coming in 2026
January 15th will be the Quiz with the Valley Gardening Club at Preston Candover. The Society always used to have an annual Quiz with our neighbours, but the original series lapsed. We resurrected it two years ago so this will be our third quiz of the new series.

On **January 29th we have our first Meeting, which will be ‘Water in the Garden’** with Christian Dupont, who is a specialist garden contractor specialising on pond creation and maintenance. As usual visitors and guests are very welcome to join us, there is a charge of £2.00.

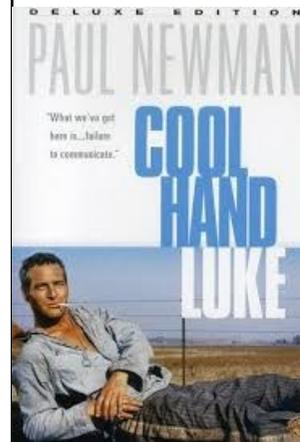
Details of our meetings, timings, venue, etc., are published to members in ‘Round Robin’ reminders, on posters and Village Facebook groups, as well as in Hill and Dale.

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Thursday 4th December 2025
The Greatest Showman
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 Certificate PG

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Starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, Rebecca Fergusson, Zendaya, Keala Settle and Cameron Seely.



Thursday 8th January 2026
Cool Hand Luke
 1967 Film 126 minutes
 Certificate 15

In early 1950’s Florida, decorated World War II veteran Lucas ‘Like’ Jackson drunkenly beheads several parking meters. He is sentenced to 2 years on a chain gang in a prison camp. Luke refuses to observe the established order among the prisoners and quickly runs foul of their leader Dragline.
Starring Paul Newman, George Kennedy, J D Cannon, Lou Antonio, Robert Drivas, Strother Martin and Jo Van Fleet

In February we will be showing Out of Africa
 We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our supporters a very merry Christmas and a Happy New year. 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.
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In the Lanes- Seumas Foster

Winter lanes are often shiny with a wet sheen, and quite muddy at the edges. Having said that, most of the mornings recently have been almost perfect, morning sun with a bit of warmth, mild air, light winds, with a clear view of the countryside, not obscured by fog. Mists occasionally lying in the valleys only enhances the perfect mornings. Bring on the frosts!!

There are still insects flying, wasps have been looking for somewhere to hibernate. Lacewings are hunkered down in the shed, with some 'parked up' peacock butterflies. What all these insects need now until the spring arrives is cold weather. A warm spell risks waking them up when there is no food available. The worst-case scenario is they wake up, need energy but there is none so they must use reserves and can't then survive until spring.

I was taken to task for the Dahlia

I was lightly chastised about the picture of the dahlia I used in the article last month, which was a multi-flower variety, but not much use for insects as a food source. In my defence I do have lots of single or open flowering varieties in the garden, which are good for insects, as well as lots of plants that are good suppliers of pollen and nectar. The 'Bishop' varieties of dahlias are perfect, they are single/open flower types.

The single flower dahlia is actually a collection of small single flowers (florets) as the plant is a member of the 'Compositae', or Daisy family. Plant breeders have selected multi petalled flowers because they are different, more colourful or have some other feature that makes them horticulturally interesting; however, insects cannot get at the pollen and nectar.

So, the message is, when choosing a variety, grow plenty of open flowered plants that are useful food sources.

Rain and Reservoirs

I heard someone say that this rain we have been having during the last two months will be welcome for farmers. It is certainly welcome after the dry summer, however farmers only need just enough rain, but not too much, to get crops growing, and then regular rainfall to keep them growing.

What the rest of the world needs is full aquifers and reservoirs, working hosepipes and taps, and plenty of spare capacity for increased demand as more houses call for fresh water. That is going to need a lot more rain than we have had so far this autumn.

Think of that next time you are walking the dog in the rain!!

Happy Christmas.

PS Most flowers can be used by 'beneficial' insects, even multiflowered Dahlias. Some are better for Pollinators, some provide hiding places etc. . ED



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01256 398172. October 2025

We've seen Autumn out by learning all about different animals, apples and leaves. We also created some very cool rockets and firework pictures.



We are now getting very excited for the festive season, which will include our nativity and a visit from Father Christmas with his ponies after our Christmas party – it's going to be a spectacular sight!

Merry Christmas to everyone and we look forward to updating you again in the New Year.

Georgia Hawken

Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School Secretary

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All Saints Church, Dummer

November was a busy month for All Saints. We welcomed Professor Julian Evans back and his talk was on the Star of Bethlehem. A very fascinating talk. This famous star is based on prophecies and what was known about the universe at the time. Was it a comet, a supernova or a conjunction of planets?

Did the Magi see the star in the east or was it rising from the east? Was Jesus really born on Christmas Day? (No, is the answer). It was riveting stuff, thank you Julian, for making us think and ponder on this.

On 9th November, our Remembrance Service was led by Stephen Mourant. We gathered round the Parish of Farleigh War memorial for the two-minute silence, the Belles of St Martins sung an anthem and it was heartening to see such a range of ages at the service.

Afterwards we gathered at Dummer House, with kind permission of Sir Crispin Davies, where Major Paul Simpson had organised coffees and wine (and biscuits much to the delight of a very young member of the congregation) and thank you to Melanie and the Hill Kings for serving coffee and wine.

The Royal British Legion is not just about two World Wars; we have had many fatalities amongst serving personnel since 1945. If you would like to help with the RBL please do contact Major Paul Simpson (Dummer) or Bernard Casenove (Ellisfield).

Revd Stephen also led our Eucharist on Sunday 23rd November whilst Revd Jennifer took a well-deserved break.

The Church has looked splendid recently with the wonderful new paths supplied by Dummer Parish Council and the Cemetery has also had a spruce up with a working party from the Probation Service Community Payback team.

I would like to thank all those who help out at services, the readers, Sidespersons, the sacristans, the coffee makers etc, and all who devise Rotas and do those mundane jobs, which are so essential to providing worship in our Church. To Alex Holden and her team for the excellent Sunday Specials, to Charlie Palmer Tomkinson for the Matins services and to our organists, Alex and Stephen D and our bell ringers.

And for all our delightful young people who contribute with beautiful music and readings. We look forward to their contribution at our Christmas services.

Lyn Hardy
Churchwarden
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Dummer Village Hall

The Dummer 100 Club. Thank you for those who are already participating in this new fund-raising idea. There is still time to join in and if you need a form please email dvhaccts@gmail.com.

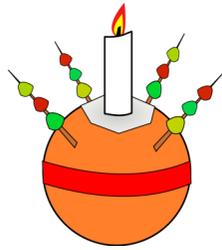
Our coffee mornings will continue over the Christmas and New Year and the dates are
Wednesday December 3rd and January 7th, both at 11:00 a.m.

Village Visits

Oak Class visited St Leonard's Church in the village to help Claire Nunn with a Remembrance Day project. Oak and Willow Classes had made poppies that the older children helped make a display with, for the church to honour Remembrance Day.

The children in Willow and Beech classes visited the Cliddesden Garage as part of their History and Geography studies. The garage has been owned by the Mansbridge family for many decades and includes a remarkable collection of vintage vehicles that were built by Thornycroft in Basingstoke. The children enjoyed seeing the vintage vehicles which included an oil tanker, a Jaguar sports car and lots of tools. The children discussed the uses for the tools and saw a very heavy engine. Despite the rainy weather, everyone had a great morning. We are very grateful to Dawn and Tony for letting us see such an amazing collection of old vehicles.





All Saints Church, Dummer
Sunday 7TH December 15:00
Christingle and Nativity
We Welcome Everybody.
and afterwards at MANOR FARM

If children would like to read or play a musical instrument please contact:

Alex Holden



SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
16:00
ALL WELCOME

If children would like to sing, read or play a musical instrument.

Please contact Lyn Hardy

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Cliddesden Primary School



Harvest

We celebrated Harvest with our annual Harvest Sale last month. Families donated tinned and packet foods which we gave to the Foodbank. Mr Davies, Rhea and Toby took the produce to the Foodbank where they weighed it all. This year we donated 102Kg of produce - more than the previous two years so thank you! Later in the week families brought in cakes and fruits which we sold at our Harvest Sale. Pupils from Year 6 ran the stalls and helped organise the event. This also included guess the weight of the pumpkins. As ever they were amazing. We raised £220 from the sale. This will be donated to BBC Children in Need.

Stubbington

Year 4 had an amazing residential visit to Stubbington Study Centre! It was their first experience of being away from home overnight. It began on a very rainy day with an enjoyable trip to the beach. Some children were delighted to find shark teeth from hundreds of thousands of years ago! On the next day, the children found out about the importance of trees in the ecosystem and developed their teamwork skills. The second day ended with an evening game, searching for pirates who had stolen gold. After supper, it was time for the highlight of the trip: a chance to visit the hide, where everyone was lucky enough to see many wild badgers and foxes! On the final day, the Year 4 children learnt more about mapping skills. Everyone had a fantastic time



WHAT'S ON

DUMMER VILLAGE - KEY UP COMING EVENTS - DECEMBER 2025

- Christingle Workshop - Sat 6th Dec 1-3pm
- Christingle & Nativity Sunday 7th Dec 3pm
- Holy Communion BCP - Sunday 14th Dec 8am
- Nine Lessons & Carols Sunday 21st Dec 4pm
- Christmas Day Family Service - Thursday 25th Dec



***Bell Ringing Practice
Monday Evenings***

**DUMMER
VILLAGE
HALL**

**COFFEE
MORNING
3rd Dec
11am**



Dummer 100 Club

NEW Village Lottery starts January 2026

Email: dvhaccts@gmail.com

SEE DUMMER LIFE WEBSITE FOR VILLAGE INFO & MORE EVENTS

<https://www.dummerlife.com> or QR Code (Left)

Dummerlife.com



THE QUEEN INN DUMMER

**ACOUSTIC AT THE QUEEN
LIVE MUSIC NIGHT 4th Dec 7:30pm**

XMAS QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday 11th Dec 8:30 start

Dummer "Lunch Bunch" Xmas Lunch - Wed

10th Dec & Thurs 11th Dec 12:30pm The

Queen Inn.

DEC 2025 - DUMMER DOWN FARM & BREWERY

FOOD TRUCKS

Fri 5th: Loaf

Sat 6th: Down D Islands

Fri 12th: OFM Burgers

Sat 13th: Field N Furnace, Berro
Winter Feast

Fri 19th: Woosabi

Sat 20th: Son of a Bun



DUMMER DOWN
BREWERY

Xmas Party
20th December 4pm on-
wards

Make & Mend
Mondays:

8th, 15th, 22nd: 7:30 -
9:30pm



The Farleigh Wallop Estate Club

The club is located in the picturesque village of Farleigh Wallop and was originally founded in 1934 for the workers from Lord Portsmouth's Estate.

Located 2 miles from Basingstoke. The Farleigh Wallop Estate Club is ideally located for beautiful country walks, cycling or relaxing in our spacious beer garden.

What does the club get up to?

Throughout the year we organise events for members and guests. These include:

- Quiz nights
- Music nights
- BBQs

To enjoy these events all you need to do is come and visit us and sign up as a member.

Membership

Joint/family: £15 per year

Single: £10 per year

Membership will provide you with discount on beverages and the opportunity to come and make new friends or bring a long existing friends at the same time as supporting your community.

The Farleigh Wallop Estate Club is run entirely by volunteers, so please check out our opening times before you visit.

New Year's Eve

If you are looking for something different this New Year's Eve, come and join us for a night of music from The Vinyl Beats. We had an amazing evening with them last New Year's Eve and we are sure this will be repeated this year. Tickets are £10 per person, please pop into the club to buy your tickets.

Opening times

Thursday: 7pm – 10pm

Friday: 7pm – 10pm

Saturday: 7pm – 10pm

Sunday: 3pm – 6pm

Tuesday night through darts season (check details with bar)

Join us for a friendly drink!





Candover Valley Store

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Candover Valley Store – Prescription Collection Service

The Alresford Surgery has approved a community-led prescription pick-up service run by the Candover Valley Store (CVS). This free service is carried out by trusted, nominated volunteers and operates independently of any other collection arrangements.

Registering - Please complete a CVS registration/consent form, available in the store.

How to order and use the service - Order your prescription as usual. There's no need to notify the surgery that CVS will be collecting. However, you must tell the store when you have placed an order, either in person (we'll log it) or by WhatsApp to our dedicated number: 07857 726184. Volunteers collect from Alresford Surgery on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, aiming to have prescriptions in store by 4pm the same day. Prescriptions are typically ready 3–4 working days after ordering. (Orders must reach the surgery by 2pm to count as "day one".)

Please note:

Urgent prescriptions and refrigerated medicines cannot be collected.

Order repeat prescriptions in good time.

All items are delivered to CVS only; no home deliveries.

We hope the community finds this service helpful and thank our dedicated volunteers for making it possible!

Christmas at Candover Valley Store

We'd like to wish all our customers a wonderful Christmas season. Don't forget that we have plenty of last-minute gifts and delicious festive treats in store to make your celebrations extra special, especially from our fantastic local producers. Please find our Christmas and New Year opening hours for the Store and Post Office overleaf:

Date	Store	Post Office
Sun 21 Dec	8.30am - 4.00pm (<i>open extra hours!</i>)	Closed
Christmas Eve - Wed 24 Dec	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.30am - 12.30pm Last collection 10.50am
Christmas Day - Thu 25 Dec	Closed	Closed
Boxing Day - Fri 26 Dec	Closed	Closed
Sat 27 Dec	8.30am - 5.00pm	8.30am - 12.30pm Last collection 10.50am
Sun 28 Dec	8.30am - 12.30pm	Closed
Mon 29 Dec	8.00am - 6.00pm	8.30am - 5.00pm
Tue 30 Dec	8.00am - 6.00pm	8.30am - 5.00pm
New Year's Eve - Wed 31 Dec	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.30am - 12.30pm Last collection 10.50am
New Year's Day - Thu 1 Jan (BH)	8.30am - 12.30pm	Closed

