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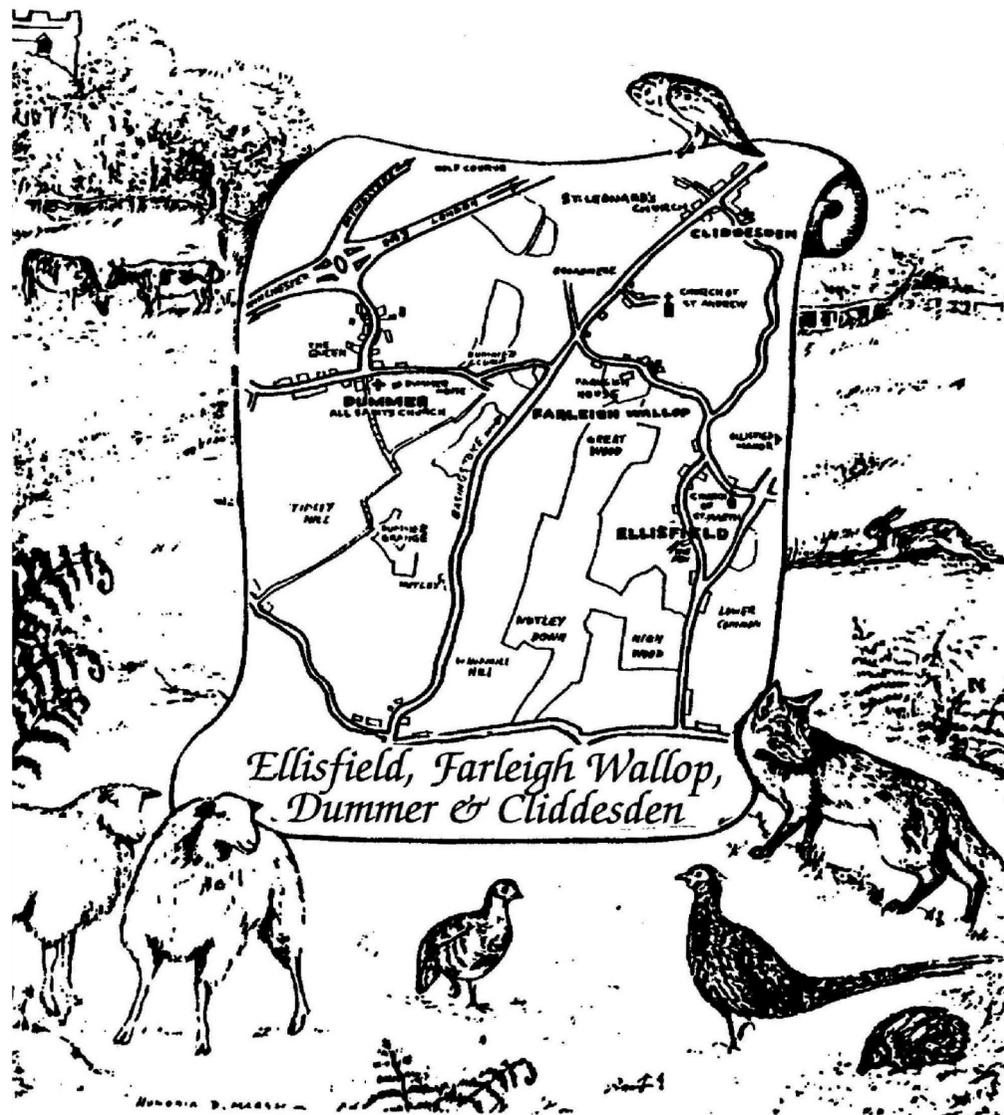
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~CLIDDESSEN~

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Farleigh Parish

*** HC subject to practical plans in place**

Some services may be outside depending on weather, so be prepared – notice will be given well in advance and this rota assumes full resumption of services. Online services will continue for as long as they are needed.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

Sunday 4 April Easter Day
8.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
9.45 Cliddesden Family Easter Communion CW
11.15 Dummer Family Easter Communion CW
3.00 Cliddesden Confirmation Service with baptisms
led by the Bishop of Basingstoke, Rt. Rev David Williams
Readings Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Sermon Resurrection theme

Sunday 11 April Second Sunday of Easter
8.00 Dummer Holy Communion BCP
9.45 Ellisfield Holy Communion CW
11.15 Cliddesden Family Communion CW
Readings: Exodus 14:10-end, 15:20-21; 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-end
Psalm 133

Sunday 18 April Third Sunday of Easter
8.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
9.45 Dummer Morning Prayer CW
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service
Readings Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-48
Psalm 4
Sermon We are the children of God

Saturday 24 April
6.00 Cliddesden Holy Communion BCP

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Sunday
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 11.15
Readings

25 April
 Dummer
 Ellisfield
Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-end, John 10:11-18

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Holy Communion CW
 Morning Praise

Sermon

What does a good shepherd look like?

Psalm 23

Sunday
 8.00
 9.45
 11.15
Readings

2 May
 Ellisfield
 Cliddesden
 Dummer
Acts 8:26-end, 1 John 4:7-end, John 15:1-8

Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Holy Communion BCP
 Holy Communion CW
 Family Service/Sunday Special

Sermon

Branching out? Or pruning drastically?

Psalm 22:25-end

Candover Valley

Sunday
 8.30
 9.30
 11.00
 11.00
 11.00

4 April
 Bradley
 Wield
 Brown Candover
 Northington
 Preston Candover

Easter Sunday
 Family Holy Communion CW
 Family Holy Communion CW
 Family Holy Communion CW
 Family Holy Communion CW
 Family Holy Communion CW

Sunday
 8.30
 10.00
 6.00

11 April
 Bradley
 Preston Candover
 Wield

Second Sunday of Easter
 Holy Communion CW
 Morning Worship CW
 Evensong BCP

Sunday
 9.00
 10.00

18 April
 Wield
 Preston Candover

Third Sunday of Easter
 Holy Communion BCP
 Holy Communion CW

Sunday

25 April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends

The Easter story of Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and bodily rising again on Easter Day is fundamental to the Christian faith; if Jesus did not rise from the dead, there is no life after death, no forgiveness of sins, no purpose in life, no hope in death and no truth, and as 1 Corinthians 15:16-19 tells us "For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. BUT in fact Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.."

Some people say to me how can I believe such an idea? The answer lies in the facts that convinced me, the faith I exercised and the experience of the risen Christ entering my life back in 1971, and that His presence has grown over those many years. One hymn writer wrote:

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious Day

Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath,

Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

(From "In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townend)

Easter is not about bunnies, chocolate Easter Eggs or a long bank holiday – those are peripheral at best: it's about the breaking of sin's power and death's dread, and God's Kingdom beginning to reign in reality in the lives of those who choose Jesus. In the Exploring Faith course I've compared Christianity to the other world religions: their founders are dead and gone: their teachings maybe interesting but not life giving, their philosophy worth reflecting on but providing no hope beyond death, no forgiveness of sins, no personal relationship with the creator.

Why choose a philosophy, a belief in inanimate objects as if they were able to heal, a belief that reality and truth is what we make it, instead of encountering the Living God who made us? I recently I spoke on "I am a fool for Christ. Whose fool are you?" The so-called foolishness of believing in the teacher from Nazareth, whose resurrection changed the course of history is true wisdom. I sometimes meet people who have made up their own religion and ideas, but without reference to what God has already revealed about Himself. We can so easily delude and deceive ourselves because it is convenient. When Jesus invites us to His table, to His presence, we find He is THE truth – for there can only be one truth – either something is true or it is not. It cannot be both, depending on your perspective because that is just nonsense. No such thing as "Your truth" as opposed to "my truth" – there is only THE

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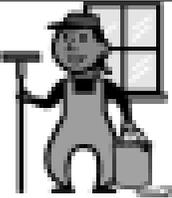
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truth.

We start Easter services with the festal shout “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!” :Being convinced of the reality of Jesus being alive and willing to enter every life that is opened to Him, is what makes the faith infectious – in of course the very best sense. The hallmark of real living faith is joy: - knowing we are forgiven, accepted, had mercy shown, having a purpose, experiencing the power of Jesus is life transforming. A pastoral encounter with someone who was in need told me later as we prayed for them, “It was like the power being switched on – I felt a new energy, a power that flooded my being with peace.”

What is your Easter hope? Is it based in the person of Jesus Christ, risen, ascended, glorified, and one day coming again? Or who or what? He welcomes us to come to Him in repentance and trust, to find hope, mercy and forgiveness. May each of us say without hesitation and without a shadow of doubt, on Easter Day, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!” for we know it is true for we know Him.

May the living Jesus bless and make His presence known to you this Easter season, in His name and joy,

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In addition to this new role with the FCW benefice I am also a bookkeeper, secretary and groom and I enjoy the variety that having multiple roles brings.

I look forward to getting to know you all and working for the benefice. "

Church flowers, cleaning etc.

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Grass cutting	Willats	

Church	Date	Sidesmen	Readers
St Martin's Ellisfield	4 April	Vicky Reed	
	11 April	Sallie Paravicini	Tim Guinness . Dee Haas
	18 April	Bernard Cazenove	
	25 April	Debbie Scholey	Annie Duncan . Mark Duncan
	2 May	Susie Deane	
All Saint's Dummer	4 April	Lyn Hardy	John Holden & Jeremy Glynn
	11.15		
	11 April 8.00	Stafford Napier	
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We hope that all will understand this need but if there are any objections, please contact the PCC Secretary c/o Ruffside, Northington, SO24 9TH by 30 April 2021.

If any grave is unsafe and/or untended we will ask the relatives to repair the memorial in order to pass the safety standards of the Diocesan architect within 8 months and to tend the grave to ensure it remains tidy.

The application for a Faculty will be made in May 2021 and work commenced once the Faculty is granted. The work may well take over 2 years and so the Faculty application will ask for the Faculty to run for that period.

Any grave that receives an objection to being simplified will be temporarily spared but failure to repair a monument and/or tend a grave by 30 Apr 2022 will be taken by the PCC as a withdrawal of the objection.

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The meeting will be held by Zoom due to the anticipated Covid restrictions that will still apply at that time.

Details of the Zoom log-on will be provided nearer the time.

The Annual report from the Parish will be available on the Benefice Website and a summary of the report will be provided in next months issue of Hill and Dale.

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Benefice Recipes

April already, we truly are flying through the year again. Easter is on its way so let's hope we'll have a warm one. I'm not even going to think about the amount of chocolate that will be consumed by my boys, I just hope they hide it well enough because every visit to their bedrooms ends with me pinching a chunk or two if they don't. I always think I'll use up chocolate in recipes but who am I kidding there's never any left to use up, it's just not a leftover.



Here's a little something savoury to think about. Around our villages wild garlic is abundant and I'm sure we could all find a patch off the beaten track away from the darling dogs to try our hand with.

The following ideas are incredibly simple.

Garlic butter is so easy to mash together and wrap up, it can be frozen in a log shape and a slither cut whenever needed. Try to get the lovely little new fresh leaves. Or the flowers can be used in a salad, so pretty.

250g pack unsalted butter softened.

50g Wild Garlic leaves washed really well and finely chopped Salt to season Use to baste fish and meat, melt it over steaming new potatoes or stuff a chicken breast, a la April Kiev delicious.

Another goody for running through pasta, dipping, dressing or serving with lovely local lamb chops is a Wild Garlic Pesto.

It makes a 275g jar to keep in fridge for 2 weeks.

150g wild garlic leaves, 50g Parmesan finely grated, 1 garlic clove finely chopped

Half a lemon zested and a few squeezes of the juice 50g pine nuts toasted 150ml rapeseed oil.

Rinse and roughly chop the garlic leaves, blitz the leaves, Parmesan, garlic clove, lemon zest and pine nuts to a rough paste in a processor, add almost all of the oil. Taste, season and add a few squeezes of lemon juice.

Transfer to a jar and top with the remaining oil.

As I write this the sun is shining and seed catalogues are being poured over. A plan is forming as to what colours I'd like in the garden this year, my cup of tea made to perfection, by moi, albeit slightly lonely without the shortbread I'd already scoffed while making it, and I'm trying my very, very hardest to forget the hidden chocolate around the house....nobody knows where it is....I could easily eat some and who would know any different.....

Enjoy April, Tracey x



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Hello from Claire!

Are we going to be able to start meeting again???????

Well, yes, but not just yet – let's be patient for a little longer, we've made it this far!

The Spring Show, unfortunately, has been cancelled for a second year; however, we are tentatively hopeful for the Summer Show.

In preparation for this **Show Schedules** are now available – please contact either myself or Marilyn Smith if you would like one.

There is some good news – **The Plant Sale.**

As long as the current guidelines for the easing of lockdown restrictions don't change our plant sale will be on **23rd May at Cliddesden Millenium Hall.**

Open from 1200-1300 for delivery of plant donations and setting up, open for sales 1300 - 1500

A maximum of 30 people will be allowed into the sale at any one time – there will be someone on the gate to count in and out.

You will be required to provide your name and phone number for track and trace purposes.

Hand sanitizer will be available and must be used by everyone coming into the sale. **Face masks must be worn unless you have an exemption card.**

Tables will be laid out in order to maintain social distancing.

The hall will NOT be open but the car park will be available for use.

If you are unable to deliver plant donations please contact your local committee member to arrange collection, and many thanks in advance.

For our May meeting we are looking at the possibility of hosting it via Zoom – please bear with us while we sort out the logistics for this.



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Hello from CVP!

The children have just been celebrating world book day. It has been an amazing experience to include the parents of our little ones, who posted videos reading their child's favorite story, eagerly watched by all at pre-school. We have also been exploring The Hungry Caterpillar, drawing, stamping, and painting his food, making fruit kebabs and looking for the caterpillar hiding on the field.

We have been so fortunate and excited to be able to see new-born lambs at feeding time this year and a reading experience with our local PAT dog Toffee via a virtual experience.

About CVP:

We are situated in the beautiful village of Preston Candover, only 5 miles from Basingstoke and Alresford. We are a long-term Ofsted OUTSTANDING setting providing children with exceptional care and learning.

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We look forward to welcoming you very soon!

Best wishes,

Lisa Collisson, Pre-School Head



Members should by now have received the notification from Steve Bowcutt about subscriptions for this year. These have been set at the reduced rate of £5 to allow us to cover our unavoidable costs and are now due.

Payment can be made in person, or via bank transfer.

Please contact me on either 01256 381504 or 07748 532798 for details.



Bit of a theme with the flower for this month!

Apparently, the Sweet Pea is also the flower for April, but they aren't in flower yet, so I'm sticking with the daisy!

Did you know?

This simple looking flower is actually made up of tube-shaped floral groups surrounded by petals?

It's botanical name '*Bellis*' comes from the Latin '*Bellus*', meaning 'beautiful'

The roots of ox-eye daisies give off toxic substances that damage crops

Daisies don't like sharing a vase – they will cause other flowers to wilt.

And our historical reference is from Chaucer instead of Shakespeare, from '*Legend of a Good Woman*'

That wel by by reason men it calle may

The 'dayeseye', or elles the 'ye of day'

The emperice [empress] and floure of floures alle.

I hope that by the time you read this, the daisies will be blooming well enough to make a daisy-chain crown, and to find out whether 'he loves me, he loves me not'

And summer will be well on the way.

Happy gardening!

Claire





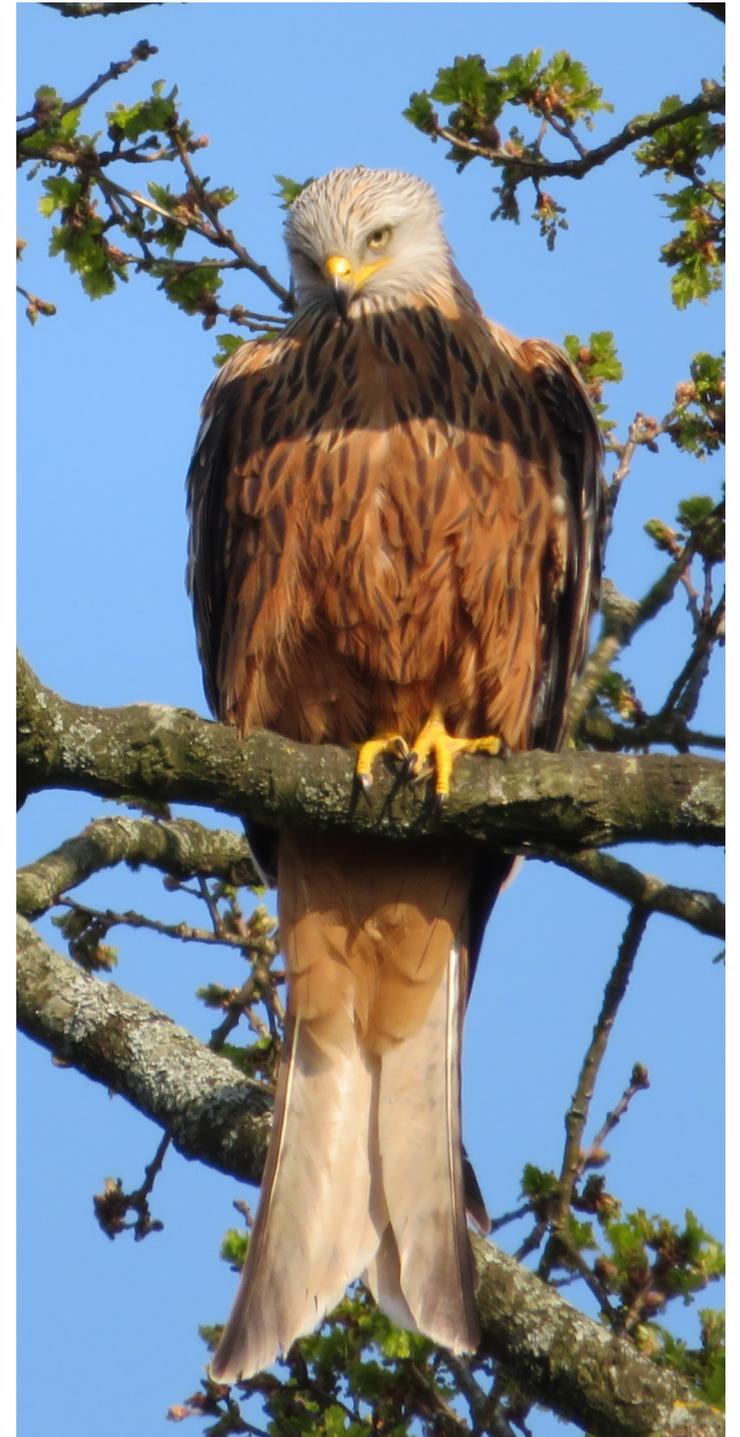
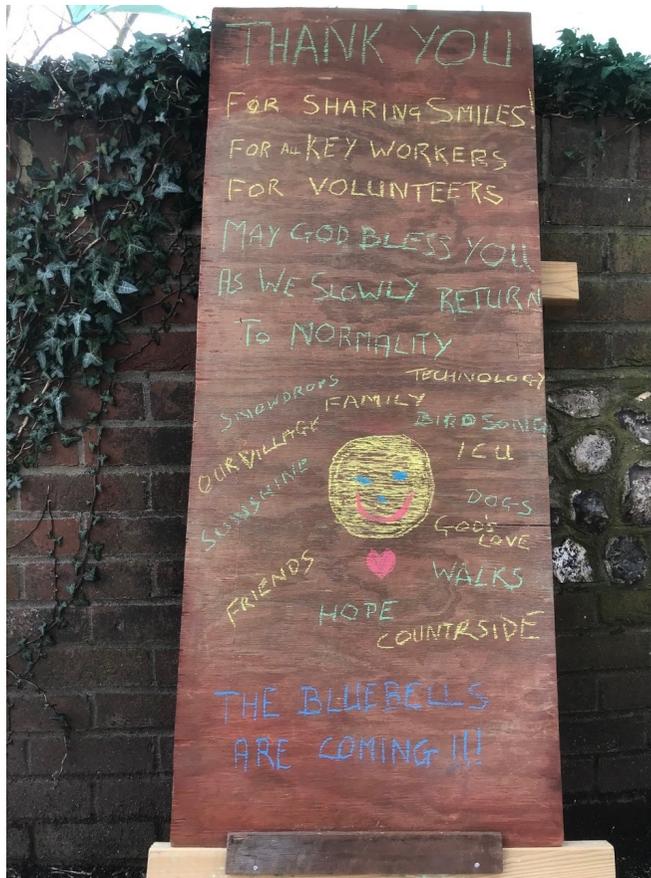
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The final 'Thank you' board.



IN THE FIELDS

March is 'In Like a Lamb, Out Like a Lion', but 'April showers bring forth May flowers'.

Whatever you can see growing in the fields now is the result of previous environmental conditions, maybe only recently, eg. a few days, or it could be last year, or even further back. Growth is a sort of 'reactive imperative' of the plant, more usually called a reaction to stimuli!

In early April the plant growth will be driven by daylight, temperature, moisture, with a helping hand from the farmers and the soil, but the stage and quality of growth should reflect the spell of warm dry weather in early March building on establishment of the crops last winter.

Growth at this time can be quite quick, but is not yet at full speed, that will come a bit later when the temperature has risen a bit more. The roots will be growing out, searching more and more soil to find the essential nutrients, and it is at this stage that the plant roots might encounter problems such as stones, shallow soils, compacted areas, or wet patches, all which can restrict growth.

Cropping

The crops growing away now are winter sown cereals, with bread making wheat and biscuit quality wheats dominating. The winter barley is mainly Maris Otter for brewing and the spring barley is Laureate for distilling, in fact destined to go to Bimber distillery in London for whisky. On the Bimber website is a photo of a crop of barley and I recognise the background as a field above Cliddesden.

The other spring crops, sown in March and April, will be Spring Beans, Maize and a field of potatoes grown for the crisp market.

Wildlife

For wildlife early April is a difficult time because the larder is empty and new growth is not likely to provide much food. Seed eaters will find very little, and for insect eaters spring activity of prey has only just started. This is probably the most significant time for survival but wildlife can be very adaptive and will change diet to suit conditions. At this time it is not unusual to find an oak seedling out in a field, and it will probably have been put there by a clever jay or squirrel, following instinct to create a store the previous autumn. You might find them on your lawn. By the time birds' eggs hatch and the young need feeding, insects will be frequent enough to meet demands, (hopefully).

Farm livestock and wild grazing animals are much better supplied. By early/mid-April grass will have grown enough fresh grass for grazing. Some supplementary feeding may still be needed but as long as soil conditions will allow, they can be out in the fields, so look out for the lambs in the sunshine.

I hope the frogs get on with spawning soon, some people have reported lots of good spawn already but my pond is still spawnless in mid-March. Previously by now they will have been very busy, why are they later this year?



Hopefully opening again soon.....

Subject to the Government guidelines for the opening of outdoor hospitality in Mid-April we may be able to open TCC outdoors on April 14th. This will be outdoors only (we have new gazebos) with a maximum of 6 per table.

We will confirm this nearer the time, so keep a look out on social media and notice boards for confirmation. We look forward to seeing you all soon in the garden of the Memorial Hall.

Basingstoke Foodbank - supporting local people out of crisis

With the help of volunteers from churches and the community, Basingstoke Foodbank continues to reach out to people in need throughout the region. Over double the number of people were fed in 2020 compared to 2019, and during the spring of 2020 almost *four times* as many people per month were fed than usual. On average we have been feeding between 700 - 1000 people monthly and distributing on average over 8 tonnes of fresh and non-perishable food every month.

The Covid pandemic has had a notable impact on the people of Basingstoke & Deane. According to our referral agencies, people's incomes have been affected by such reasons as job loss, reduced furlough income, domestic violence, increased food and energy bills, debt and sickness. Our volunteers work tirelessly to keep up with the increase in demand. We continue to deliver to people's homes, so we have increased our delivery & collections driver team throughout the pandemic. Also, we've 'grown' a 'Caller team' who phone clients to provide a compassionate listening service in the absence of being able to sit and chat to clients in the Centre over a cuppa.

We passionately believe that in addition to feeding people, our clients should be linked with specific local agencies who can offer support to alleviate some of their many challenges, be they financial, physical, emotional, and circumstantial. Long term food insecurity can lead to additional problems such as depression, anxiety, ill health and stress.

We have received an increase in generous financial donations from the community which has meant that the Foodbank has been able to buy additional fresh food, and non-perishable food when shortages occur. This year we are planning for some exciting new development initiatives once lockdown is over, including: operating the Foodbank from several community focused churches in the area, plus the provision of access in our new locations to debt support, money advice, job clubs and mental health signposting. Watch for further news to come!

Spring lambs at Hill Farm



Lambing is in full swing at Hill farm and some of the first borns are now out in the fields.

We have 140 triplets due, 250 twins and 40 singles. We've had 8 surprise quads too!!! The triplets are definitely challenging as it is hard on the ewes for them to rear 3 so we try and foster/adopt one lamb onto a single.

The rest will need to be hand reared. All lambs have their navels dipped with a strong iodine solution immediately after birth and they all receive colostrum.

Once the ewes have lambed they are moved into an individual pen to enable them to bond with their lambs for 24-48 hours. They then move into a larger pen of 15 ewes and lambs (to make sure they are fit and strong) for a further 24-48 hours before turnout.

Campaign Corner

Each month this page will show details of the campaigns that are ongoing in and about the Benefice.

CAGE- cleanairgreenenvironment.org. This campaign is fighting the planning application for 4 warehouses on J7M3.

The overall length of the site inc. buildings and vehicle access space is 1.06 kilometers and the height of the main building will be 26 metres. There is still time to comment, up till 6 April.

Please visit: website above,

email: cleanairgreenuk@gmail.com or 'phone 0208-638-6131 for further details.

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Brighton Hill Community School

For this issue I interviewed Mr Edwards about being a Headteacher in lockdown.



Q: What have you been doing to keep the spirits of students and staff high?

A: Well, my job as Headteacher is to do everything I can to keep everyone's spirits high, which is much more difficult when everybody is apart. My aim is to try to keep all staff as happy and motivated as possible, so that they can deliver the best possible experiences for my beloved #YellowArmy!

We have been doing staff challenges on Teams and have reduced the amount of screen time to try to ensure that students and staff are able to get a good break from their computers during the day.

Q: What have you been doing to keep yourself occupied during lockdown?

A: When you're spending lots of time indoors, it's important to get yourself out in the fresh air, even if you don't feel like it. I set myself a challenge of at least 10,000 steps every day. I love listening to audiobooks as it is a great opportunity to learn new things whilst exercising.

Q: What makes you proud of the students?

A: I've been bowled over by the work I've seen from our students during lockdown. Your teachers regularly share with me the work you've been doing at home. I'm proud of every single student who has managed to get up and give their absolute best every day during lockdown.

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After turnout they hopefully won't need handling again until we start vaccinating the lambs.

Finally a word of caution for all dog walkers, the ewes and baby lambs will be in the fields behind Hill Farm - we shall be using all of the fields over the next few weeks going right down to The Fox.

Having had two dog attacks on our sheep in the last 12 months we are desperately trying to raise awareness and avoid the same thing happening again. We politely ask that all dogs are kept on leads.

Library in our red 'phone box

Ellisfield's Post Box Library at the top of Church Lane and Green Lane has been well used during lockdown, according to recent posts on Facebook.

People have had more time to read books and watch DVD's!

Its fully stocked with books, DVD's, CD's and lots of children's books.

April Greenhow who looks after the library is always on the look out for more books.

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Can you help people in debt? Additional volunteers required.

Money Lifeline wants to recruit additional volunteers to work with people facing debt crises in

Basingstoke. As the pandemic restrictions reduce, we are seeing more and more people seeking help and advice because of overwhelming debt. Money Lifeline offers free and friendly advice to help people address their debts but we would like to expand our capacity to deal with the increased demand for debt advice.

Our friends at the Basingstoke Foodbank share our concerns and have kindly volunteered to sponsor the training of additional volunteers.

If you are interested in this work, please contact us at moneylifelinebasingstoke@gmail.com to find out more.

Debt advisers are responsible for giving budgeting and debt advice and offering practical assistance in accordance with the Christian ethos of ML. A debt adviser is expected to be: a committed Christian, a good listener, compassionate, and able to explain information simply and clearly. We are looking for people who can commit to a regular weekday involvement. Experience is not necessary as full training will be provided but you would need to be computer literate, and have a reasonable command of basic arithmetic and business English. Advisers normally work in pairs to provide support and continuity.

The role is not for everyone. It involves dealing with distressed individuals - as well as debt collectors and creditors. It can be frustrating and demanding. There is significant paperwork, computer work and telephone calls required to address a client's situation and implement the right solution. But it is rewarding: here are some recent comments from clients –

‘Money Lifeline have turned my life around, I cannot thank them enough’

‘Words cannot express how grateful I am for everything ML have done for me’

‘Without the help I received, I honestly do not know where I would be today’

‘Money Lifeline have been more than supportive, recommend to anyone’

‘I was surprised that I wasn't judged, as I thought I might have been. I've found the advice and support very helpful and useful’

‘A wonderful service’
‘Fantastic support, amazing people, great help, understanding, no judgement – without their help I would not have gone from sobbing my heart out to how I am today’

If this is something you think would be right for you or if you want to know more, please get in touch by emailing moneylifelinebasingstoke@gmail.com
Thank you.

Basingstoke's countryside next door is also 'Valued Landscape'

A team of experienced planning volunteers from CPRE Hampshire, the countryside charity, have carried out an assessment of the area of land proposed by Portsmouth Estates to contain a development of at least 2,500 homes, 'Upper Swallick'. The team concluded that it is countryside and green space of such high quality as to qualify as 'Valued Landscape', which should require it to be protected.

CPRE Hampshire considers that the 296 hectares (over 730 acres) of land to the south east of Basingstoke and south of the village of Cliddesden is a Valued Landscape and an essential part of a tract of Valued Landscape extending north-eastwards from Farleigh Wallop to the Grade 1 listed Hackwood Park. Additionally, the area sits within a larger tract of downland landscape stretching from the M3 to Farnham – the **North Hampshire Downs**.

CPRE Hampshire volunteers have made their assessment in the context of a National Planning Policy Framework Valued Landscape which should be protected according to national planning guidance. Their assessment highlights:

- The attractive and distinctive chalk downland landscape with high quality views from many points to a clearly defined ridgeline, and long-distance views over Basingstoke
- The lack of development and overall sense of tranquillity
- The high-quality public experience of this landscape from public and permissive rights of way - cyclists, walkers and runners from Basingstoke and further afield make regular use of the lanes and public rights of way
- The contribution this landscape makes to the landscape setting of Basingstoke and views from the built-up area
- The important contribution of this tract of landscape to the characteristics of the Basingstoke Open Downs and Basingstoke Down identified in Hampshire County Council's and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's own assessments

Christopher Napier of CPRE Hampshire says, 'Landscapes play a vital role in tackling the climate emergency by capturing carbon, cleaning the air, helping to slow flood waters and providing habitats for wildlife. As a feature of open countryside and green space they are also important to people's health and wellbeing, something that has been proved during the coronavirus pandemic.

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing Valued Landscapes. We strongly advocate that all local planning authorities in Hampshire carry out landscape assessments in the process of revising their Local Plans. This would ensure that where they exist, they are protected in Local Plans for current and future generations.

CPRE Hampshire's assessment work highlights the importance of considering new development in terms of landscape suitability and the setting of the natural environment.'

CPRE Hampshire has submitted its landscape assessment to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's planning department, and you can view it at www.cprehampshire.org.uk. For more information on CPRE Hampshire go to our website www.cprehampshire.org.uk

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Monthly Column— 2021

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Huge strides are being made locally this month. Every day, we are seeing a more positive outlook.

Well over 30,000 residents in North East Hampshire have been vaccinated so far – over a third of local people – with 99.8% of over 65s having been vaccinated in the North Hampshire and Farnham CCG area. Nationally, over 24 million people have been vaccinated as I write this today. Having visited two of the local vaccination centres myself, I can testify to the enormous effort being made by our medical and volunteer teams – it’s no wonder our area is storming ahead!

Thanks to this rollout that last month, the Prime Minister set out our national roadmap out of coronavirus restrictions. It is a well thought through, cautious, but optimistic approach. Full details can be found at: gov.uk/coronavirus.

I know this has been a tough time. HM Government has sought to help as many people as possible by providing £407 billion in extra support. I know that this support has very much been welcomed locally and has helped countless people and businesses weather the storm.

The best way to help people and businesses out of these troubled times is to reopen the economy in line with the roadmap. Last week, the Chancellor set out his plan for Britain’s recovery. Businesses – big and small – in North East Hampshire will be able to access new grants and loans; benefit from the continuation in the VAT and business rates reduction; an extension to the Self-Employed Income Support and ‘Furlough’ Schemes; and a doubling of the apprenticeships payments for all new hires, of any age.

To help household finances further, the planned increases on fuel and alcohol duty have been cancelled, which may be helpful to you as we begin to see family and friends again at Easter! And I know many people will be pleased to know that there will now be an extension of the Stamp Duty cut by three months, plus – being in an area with higher-than-average house prices – it’s fantastic news that there should be more 95% LTV mortgages available for those looking to make the step from tenant to homeowner.

The programme is working. People in North East Hampshire are being offered a vaccine. There is further to go, but the roadmap is clear and the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter still. For the latest updates, you can follow me on Facebook (“Ranil Jayawardena MP” – original, I know!) or sign up to my newsletter at: ranil.uk/newsletter – and, if you need my help, please send me a message to: email@ranil.uk



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CLIDDESSEN SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT CLUB—

aka The Film Club

Needless to say, The Film Club is suspended for the time being. In view of the roadmap, it is doubtful that there will effectively be any tangible relaxation in Film Club activities until 21 June. More details as soon as it is possible to give them.

Only films suggested by members are shown, so please do suggest any films that you would like to see. And please come along to watch, I guarantee you will have an enjoyable evening.

Haikus for April

Many thanks to everyone who sent in their Haikus; they were terrific! Please keep them coming. All ages are welcome to contribute.

Three sentences none want to hear.

- One. I am sorry
- Two. We are doing our best.
- Three. The end is near

Squirrel

Away, pesky thing
Eyeing up the peanut feast.
Go hang out elsewhere.

Rain on a hot day

Rain on hot tarmac,
An aroma of wet grass
Evades my senses.

From the editor

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Headteacher Kenneth Davies

On Monday 8th March 2021 we welcomed back all our pupils for a full return to Cliddesden Primary School. While during the period from January to now we remained open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable families, having all the children back is wonderful.

For now, we have to remain using a 'bubble system' where classes cannot mix and staggered start, finish, lunch and playtimes are all part of the day. We are hoping that in the summer term we may be able to relax a few restrictions and gain more of a feeling of normality, but this will be a decision for the Department for Education.

The children who had been working at home using remote education came back to school with smiles on their faces and settled back in quickly. The interaction in the playground was a joy to see with children catching up with their friends.

After a gentle settling in period with a focus on well-being, over the next few weeks we will carry out our usual assessments to see where the children are with their learning. This will enable us to see if and where any gaps are and then establish a robust catch-up plan for the summer term.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Jane's Watch

March 2021

A few things to make you aware of; during the afternoon of February 13th, 2021 registration plates were stolen from two cars parked in the lay-by at Winslade whilst their owners were out walking. Overnight of February 21st and 22nd 2021 the theft of several 'staddle stones' took place from a garden in Hackwood Lane, Cliddesden. These are the old style 'mushroom' type stones used in the past to place a farm building on top to raise it off the ground.

Slightly out of the area of this magazine between February 17th and 20th a catalytic converter was stolen from a car parked outside a Resident's home in Axford. The cost of scrap metal has increased of late and this is noticeable by the increase of metal related thefts.

During the evening of March 8th, 2021 between 7pm and 10pm a car was stolen from outside the owner's house in Brown Candover and found some days later in Fareham. This again highlights that criminals will frequently travel through our area and commit crimes.

It is usual at this time of year to experience an increase in thefts from garden sheds and outbuildings as well as from gardens themselves.

As Spring has finally arrived may we please remind Residents to keep their property secure. It is usual at this time of year to experience an increase in thefts from garden sheds and outbuildings as well as from gardens themselves. Please mark expensive tools and machinery, keep sheds and outbuildings secure with good locks, alarms if possible and good censer lighting.

Many thanks as always for your continued support and vigilance.

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Hope Doves

People going for a stroll through Cliddesden village at the beginning of the year were greeted by some beautiful hope dove decorations they could take home and treasure. Thank you, Tracey!

Picture Perfect

You may have noticed some beautiful pictures in our church noticeboard at St Leonard's. These were created by some of the children in the village associated with our church. The theme was 'Hope', and the children aim to brighten people's day as they walk past. Thank you to Margot, Olivia, Rupert & Barnaby for bringing a little bit of sunshine during some gloomy



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St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden
and its members
for your generous financial support
and food donations throughout 2020
weighing 153 kgs
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In 2020, with your help, we fed over 8,500 adults & children
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Thank you to all who have continued to keep the Church clean, do flower arrangements, arranged rotas, changed altar cloths etc, even though the Church has been closed for services for the majority of a year.

Lyn Hardy
Church Warden

DUMMER VILLAGE HALL

We have so many ideas for future events but we cannot make any arrangements before we can officially open the hall again. We continue to make further improvements such as new fire doors, more insulation in places where it had not been renewed, clearance of unwanted items etc.

Several people have expressed an interest in participating in By The Garden Gate Plant Sale and this will be held in May, date to be advertised soon. So please start growing. This will take place with social distancing and will be quite low key.

Dummer Village Hall Committee.



Disability Awareness Day

Friday 26th March 2021

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ABOUT DUMMER

Welcome.....

Welcome to Sandra and Richard Russell and their three children who have moved into Queensfield. We look forward to getting to know you.

A slice of cake.....

If you would like a free slice of delicious cake delivered to your home please contact Penny Reynolds to be added to the distribution list. Ph 397540.

Walk All Over Cancer.....

Thank you to all those who have contributed to my Walk all Over Cancer JustGiving site. It is amazing how many steps you can walk whilst watching a TV programme! Lyn H

ALL SAINT CHURCH

Easter Services.

We aiming to resume services as soon as possible and, hopefully, will enjoy Easter Family Communion on Sunday 4th April at 11:15. All are welcome. From then on, we hope to follow our normal Services pattern.

Quinquennial

It is now 5 years since our last Quinquennial took place and is due this year. It is then we find out how much work needs to be done to our very old Church. Sometimes it is major; sometimes it is minor. Many thanks to Stafford Napier for all the work he does pertaining to the fabric of the Church.

The warmer weather is coming and we will try to hold services outside again so more villagers and visitors can attend service and we can lift our voices!!!!

Residents may be aware that Darren Capehorn has drawn and produced a 1000 piece Cliddesden jigsaw puzzle. It is a fun illustration of the village and can be personalised with your own house, car, dog etc. Each one will be a truly unique keepsake. To order, contact thecapehorns@me.com or phone 07747 627978. Any and all surplus funds will be donated to the Village Hall. A perfect opportunity to get ahead with those Christmas presents and help raise some much needed money for the hall.

Residents may also have noticed two new temporary duck crossing signs, positioned near the pond. Last year there were a number of casualties, mostly moorhens who seem particularly skittish. Hopefully the signs will help make drivers more aware of the risk of kamikaze moorhens and ducks, and let's hope we see fewer deaths this year. These were also designed and produced by Darren - there is no end to his talents!

Answer to our puzzle... 'How do you avoid going stir-crazy in lockdown?'
At last - a 1000-piece jigsaw featuring a map and pictures of Cliddesden Village – Available to order NOW!

And to ensure that Darren has something to keep him occupied, he has agreed to ensure that each puzzle contains some unique personal elements (border photo's or sketches).

So when ordering feel free to include pictures of your house, car, pets... whatever you'd like included (within reason!) to make it a yours!

Given the bespoke nature of these high quality Ravensburger puzzles, they are usually cost £36. However, subject to us attracting sufficient interest to enable a (small-ish) bulk order, we will proceed if we able to sell these unique keepsakes for **£25 each**.

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Candover Valley Store

community made

Volunteering at the store

Since the lockdown last spring many of us have changed the way we shop. Out of necessity, “local” has become much more important and this has been reflected in the number of valley residents using our store. Managers, Garry and Emma and duty managers Carolyn, Sean, Lucy and Becky had to work incredibly hard to keep on top of the increase in turnover. But there was one more element that was (and still is) critical to the store’s successful operation – our amazing volunteers! Together they have generously committed thousands of hours to serving cheerfully at the tills, filling shelves, cleaning and tidying, collecting produce from suppliers or delivering shopping to isolating families.

Two people who given many extra hours of volunteering at the store during lockdown, write here about their experiences.

Catherine

Catherine says: “I am thoroughly enjoying my shop volunteering, an unexpected bonus of lockdown which forced me to stop my coaching work. Having been very well supported by the local community over the last 22 years of tennis coaching, it has been very special to be able to give something back. The CVS management team are hugely supportive and encouraging to all volunteers and it is a very happy place to work. In particular, it has been lovely to get to know locals that I hadn’t met before. I would thoroughly recommend volunteering at the store to anyone who has a few spare hours a week or someone who has a bit more time on their hands. It is hugely rewarding to be part of such an important service in our community, especially in these restricted times.



It is also heartening to hear customers’ gratitude for everything that the shop and post office provides. The store has become part of the beating heart of our wonderful community and it is a privilege to be part of the volunteering team.”

Stephanie

Stephanie told us: “I wanted to get involved in volunteering at the shop from the outset because I felt that after all the hard work that had gone into getting it built, it was the very least I could do to support it. Anyone who has been into the shop can see what a wonderful environment has been created, which makes it such a lovely place to work.

As a volunteer you are only asked to work two-hour shifts. This makes helping out so much more manageable, which is key if you already have a job or a busy life (pre-Covid!). When my work as a reflexologist had to stop due to the various lockdowns, I upped the number shifts I was doing to help keep me sane and occupied. I remember wanting to put my name down for daily shifts but felt I was denying the opportunity to others, so restricted myself to three a week! I’m always amazed at how patient Gary and Emma are, given so many of us work there in a single day, probably asking the same questions over and over!

I feel that the shop has had a very unifying impact on our communities and has played a vital role during the pandemic. When the major supermarkets had run out of loo roll, yeast and flour we had them and because of the wide variety of products stocked at the shop, it saved people from having to go further afield when they didn't want to. I would highly recommend stepping up to volunteer a few hours of your time, as seeing and catching up with old and new faces every shift and feeling that you are contributing to village life, is really uplifting.”



A sincere thank you to Catherine and Stephanie and to every single one of our volunteers. If this has inspired you, please join us! To find out more call Jane Laws on 01256 389491 or email jane@rosslaws.co.uk