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Church and Community News

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The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

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Sunday

Readings

Sermon

11.00

1 August

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

Work for the food which endures to eternal life

Northington

Ninth after Trinity

Psalm 51:1-13

Holy Communion CW

”””

Sunday

Readings

Sermon

6.00

8 August

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;

John 6:35, 41-51

Christian faith results in Christian behaviour

Wield

Tenth after Trinity

Psalm 130

Evensong

”””

Sunday

Readings

Sermon

11.00

3.00

15 August

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

I am the bread of life

Preston

Northington

Eleventh after Trinity

Psalm 111

Morning Prayer

Baptism of *Ophelia A dams*

”””

Sunday 22 August Twelfth after Trinity
 Readings 1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Ephesians 6:10-20,
 John 6:56-69 Psalm 84

Sermon *Put on the whole armour of God*
 11.00 Bradley Morning Praise

Sunday 29 August Thirteenth after Trinity
 Readings Song of Solomon 2:8-13, James 1:17-end,
 Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23 Psalm 15

Sermon *be doers of the Word and not hearers only*
 11.00 Brown Candover Family Communion

Sunday 5 September 14th after Trinity
 Readings Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; James 2:1-13, Mark 7:24-end,
 Psalm 125

Sermon *Don't show partiality*
 9.30 Wield Matins BCP
 10.00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer
 11.00 Northington Holy Communion CW

Fellowship Month service sequence:

2 Aug: Northington, 9 Aug: Preston C., Wield Evensong: 16 Aug Bradley, 23 Aug: Brown C. 30 Aug: Preston Candover

Farleigh Parish

Sunday 1 August Ninth after Trinity
 8.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
 9.45 Cliddesden Holy Communion CW
 11.15 Dummer Family Service /Sunday Special
 2.30 Cliddesden Baptism of *Hugh Walker*

Sunday 8 August Tenth after Trinity
 8.00 Dummer Holy Communion BCP
 9.45 Ellisfield Holy Communion CW
 11.15 Cliddesden Family Communion
 2.30 Cliddesden Baptism of *Ted McDermott*

Sunday 15 August Eleventh after Trinity
 8.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP



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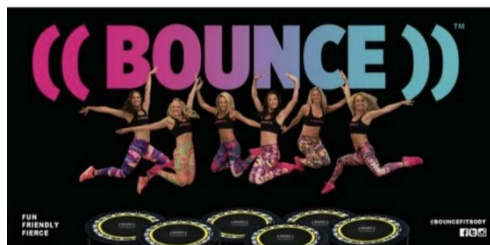
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9.45
11.15

Dummer
Cliddesden

Matins BCP
Family Service

Saturday 21 August 2021

6.00 p.m.

Cliddesden

Holy Communion BCP

Sunday

22 August

Twelfth after Trinity

9.45
11.15
3.00

Dummer
Ellisfield
Dummer

Holy Communion CW
Family Service
Baptism of *Jack Reed*

Sunday

29 August

Thirteenth after Trinity

11.00
2.00
3.30

St. Andrew's Farleigh Wallop
Dummer
Ellisfield

Baptisms of *Sophia Flammich*
Baptism of *Theodore Sawter-Bell*

Sunday

5 September

Fourteenth after Trinity

8.00
9.45
11.15
3.00

Ellisfield
Cliddesden
Dummer
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Holy Communion BCP
Holy Communion CW
Family Service
Baptism of *Poppy Waaler*

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They will be on site from Friday 30th July to Monday 9th August. Young archaeologists are welcome to join in on Sunday 7th and should contact the Society for more information., details below.

The site is to the north of Chilton Manor Farm but can be reached by car: just follow the signs from the farmyard.

Mrs Penny Martin,
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Dear Friends

This is my penultimate “Dear Friends” before retiring at the end of September 2021. I’ve written around 60 over the last 10 years with a wide range of subjects – some controversial in some people’s eyes, others, to encourage each person into a relationship with Jesus Christ, for that is the only thing that lasts into eternity.

One thing rural clergy have to do a lot of is driving from village to village, especially on Sundays, to lead worship, engage with congregations, pick up pastoral issues and pray with folk in the short time in each place. I heard a story recently about a place where lots of car accidents had occurred; as a consequence big warning signs were erected, but then, others questioned why these signs were needed. They were told the warnings were to save lives.

God’s Word is full of stories from which we can learn, some of which are serious warnings from history; for instance, stories of polygamous marriages don’t give us permission to do the same, but to learn from the consequences of rivalry, favouritism and flawed family life. There are stories of priests and kings and their failures to walk with God, and instead going after their own lustful pleasures, or making very wrong decisions without consulting the Lord - these warn us not to do the same, but to walk in step with God.

There are also great stories of courage and faith– David and Goliath – which echoes so often today when small people take on big companies or evil tyrants and win, for “if God is for us, who can be against us?”

There’s heroism under pressure, like Daniel, who refused to bow the knee to any other god but the true God, was thrown into a den of lions, but was saved by angels; bowing the knee for us as Christian people should only be to our monarch, who knows the Living God herself and therefore bows the knee to Him alone, and to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. No virtue signalling here.

There’s Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who also refused to worship what the king and the culture told them. “Even if our God does not save us, we will not bow down to an idol”; thrown into a fiery furnace, Jesus appeared with them in the fire, and they came out of the furnace without a hair singed.

The greatest Good News story is a Saviour who came into the world to save us from the consequences of our sins, and give us the Holy Spirit to change us to be more like him as we trust Him daily.

When I left one of my previous jobs, the jokers in the congregation set up a “This was your Curacy” in the vein of “this is Your Life”; they were merciless in picking up my habits and gestures, but we laughed a lot. I still have a copy of the video.



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When we get to the throne of heaven, perhaps a similar video of our lives will be ready for broadcast, not only detailing the laughter, but every careless word, every thoughtless gesture, every secret thought will be revealed. I'm not sure I would like my personal life, with my faults and failings, as well as the good bits, to be written about and read about two thousand years later like so many in scripture; but the good news of the gospel is that when we walk with Jesus, when we get to that day – and we all will – when the video tape or CD is inserted and play button pressed, all that will be seen is the life of Jesus, for our lives are hidden with Christ in God – sins washed away, past forgiven and wiped clean, and only what has been achieved through our walking with Jesus will be left.

You will find information about farewells in September as I come to the close of almost ten years with you – I do hope to see as many people as possible to say a personal good bye- more next month.
Prayerfully yours,

Stephen

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<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	1 Aug 11.00am	To be advised	To be advised
	5 Sept 11.00am	Jane Bryant	Jane Bryant
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	15 Aug 11.00am	Marina Avis & Anne Luneburg	Sue Marriott & Julian Gibbons
	5 Sept 10.00	To be advised	To be advised
All Saints Bradley	22 Aug 11.00am	To be advised	To be advised
St James' Wield	8 August 6.00pm	Brian Collins	Eileen Collins and Catherine Simons
	5 Sept 9.30am	Alwin Hutchinson	David Cowley and Amanda Bromfield



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St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Flowers		
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All Saints Church Bradley	Flowers & cleaning	August	Vivien Houghton
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers		
St James' Church Wield	Flowers	August 1 & 14 August 21 & 28	Jenny Fergusson Juliet Konig
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Benefice Morning Prayers

Since 2019 a group of us have been meeting to pray every Wednesday from 9.00 am to 9.30am, reading a Psalm and praying for matters concerning the Benefice, each other and for issues in our country and the world. David and Stephen come almost every week to join in what is most important – praying and seeking the Lord.

Since last year's lockdown we've met on Zoom, which has widened the group beyond Ellisfield, and grown in numbers. Some of us have learned to pray in ways we've not done before, and we have grown spiritually as a consequence.

From August we will meet on the first Wednesday in the month "face to face" in St Martins, the remaining Wednesdays we will meet on Zoom. We would love you to join us, and you will witness specific prayers being specifically answered.

The Zoom link is on the Benefice website.

If you would like to know more please call Peter and Sylvia Raine on 01256 – 381221..... or just come.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Candover Valley

Baptisms

St James, Wield

6th June Arabella Rose FOSTER

St. Peter's Brown Candover

29 June William Birger SHERIDAN

4 July Rollo Percy Ralph PAUL

Weddings

Preston Candover

22 May Matthew POTTER and Hannah PROUT

5 June Peter HUTCHISON and Karen RICE

Funerals

Wield

29 June 2021 David Howard BATH aged 69,

Brown Candover

6 July 2021 Shirley Diane SMITH aged 76. Service at crematorium

Northington (former resident)

6 June 2021 Jean Yvonne KELLY. Service at crematorium 29 June



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Over 100 turned up from villages throughout his Beat to say farewell to PC Andy Reid on his retirement after 19 years as "our copper".

It was a case of third time lucky as weather and then COVID restrictions had thwarted previous planned occasions. After a particularly hot spell, it was the most perfect late July evening to celebrate on the cricket field outside The Candover Valley Club in Brown Candover.

The Earl of Portsmouth got the proceedings off to a start by reading a Citation, composed by himself, before presenting Andy with the framed copy which had been beautifully calligraphed by Mrs Susie Deane from Ellisfield.

A few words of thanks were said by Jonathan Moseley before Mrs Effie Andreae presented Andy with an original 400+ year old framed map of Hampshire showing some of the villages, by name, on Andy's extensive "Basingstoke Rural South" Beat.

Mike Pratt then made an impromptu speech on behalf of the keepers and to much applause!

Mark Wilson, NFU Mutual in Dummer, generously provided the refreshments for the evening and which made for a very happy but sad occasion.

It was a most fitting send off for Andy and his wife Lynda as they head west and start a new chapter in their lives.



**Rev Stephen Mourant's Farewell Service.
September 19
4pm St John's, Northington.**

Stephen is retiring after almost ten years of ministry in our benefice and we are having a farewell service for him to which all are invited.

Please do join us if you can, there will be refreshments after the service.

David

Winchester Diocese

You may be aware that there have been some serious convulsions in our diocese in the last few months concerning our Diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Tim Dakin. He "stood back" on 22 May because of an unprecedented "motion of no confidence" in his leadership from members of the diocesan synod, made up of clergy and laity from across the diocese.

On Friday 16 July he announced that he is retiring – and completely stepping back immediately from all duties, although technically in the post till February 2022.

We would ask your continued prayers for the current situation, so that the diocese will be able to pick things up rapidly and move forward to a change of culture and leadership in due course.

Stephen has had a level of involvement from early on in the "motion of no confidence", and there are some very good people who are leaders of the diocesan synod who have been running the Bishops' Council and Board of Finance to make sure the diocese' processes continue. Please be assured that the diocese is not about to go bankrupt, but we do need to return to more clergy posts as soon as giving from the parishes increase – if we think that clergy are worth having, we need to give in order that it is possible- we may be a mixed bunch, and some better than others, some worse than others, but as someone pointed out when laity were grumbling about the standards of clergy, "Well, we only have the laity to choose them from!"

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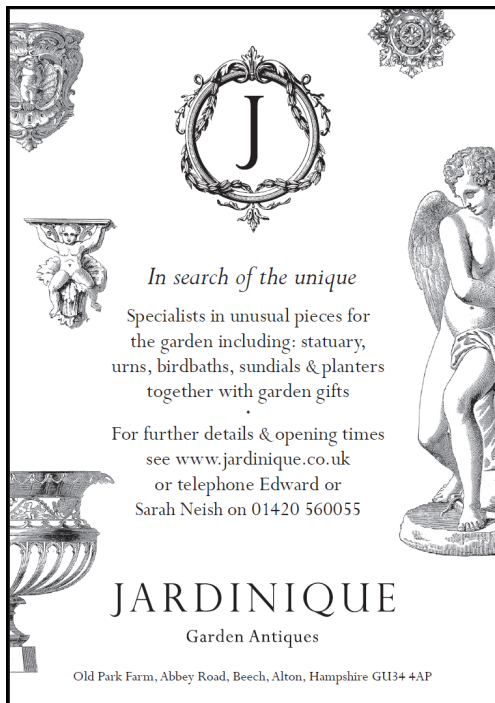


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Walking with Wildlife

Huge swathes of tall, sturdy-stemmed common hogweed line the wayside verges. Even on damp cloudy days, the broad white plates of their flower-heads or umbels gleam against the summery green hedgerows. Bumblebees forage these flowery platforms, filling their pollen baskets. These pollen stores, held one on each hind leg, look rather like tiny orange supermarket bags. Bumblebees are known to have smelly feet, a lingering pheromone scent that signals to other busy bumblebees that this flower has already been visited - so try elsewhere for nectar and pollen.

Common hogweed has many folk names, including the rather bizarre 'limperscrimps'. Hogweeds should always be treated with caution because the sap can blister bare skin.

The chalk grasslands are romping away in this warm but wet summer. On a recent visit to the nature reserve at Abbotstone Down, the swaying grasses were knee-high and fluttering with butterflies. Both meadow browns and ringlets were mixing and mingling in a delightful confusion of cocoa, orange, and biscuit browns. On this tranquil morning, I was soon meandering through a sanctuary of marbled whites. They were everywhere, flapping slowly with their distinctive black and white chequer-board wing patterns. A chiffchaff began to call from a distant hazel copse, its chanting interrupted by a sudden burst of laughter from a green woodpecker.

Heading up to Home Farm, the Woodland Trust's reserve at Burkham, for a Sunday morning ramble of birdsong and butterflies, we found one of the features of this summer – orchids.

First the common spotted orchid with pale lilac flowers and boldly marked leaves, followed by close encounters with the pyramidal orchid, the flower spikes a cone of purple or cherry-pink. Both are described as opportunists of chalk grasslands and are often found on roadside verges. This year a cluster of eleven pyramidal orchids appeared on the grassy verge near our home at Northington Down in a spot where only one or two grew in previous years. Pyramidal orchid is the county flower of the Isle of Wight. (The county flower of Hampshire is the dog-rose.)

Robert Bryant
10 July '21

On the Farm— Julian Gibbons

I am writing this past the editorial deadline and we can see harvest fast approaching. All the stores have been cleaned bar one. This was cleaned in June, but we then moved the last of our milling wheat out of the bins and into it so we could clean the bins out. We still have 2 loads of milling wheat left that are booked for collection in the last week of July. By then we will have started harvest 2021 with the Maris Otter winter barley. If you are a keen craft beer drinker, look at the ingredients. If the barley malt is named it is most probably Maris Otter.

New crop grain prices yo-yo up and down depending on the world weather systems. This year alone the November futures price has had a high/low spread of £30/tonne and even £13/tonne in one week. Getting the product sold right makes a bigger difference to whether we make money, break even or sell at a loss than nearly anything we do growing the crop. This is why, generally, we leave it to professionals. Farmers are quick to tell you their best sale, rarely the worst!

Harvest yields are difficult to call this year. The potential was good, but the wet May and June has caused havoc with foliar diseases of the cereals. I had been judging crop competitions in the south of the county with Andy Bason at the end of June and I was shocked at the level of disease in their crops compared to ours. Within a week ours had caught them up. Even the most resistant varieties were showing high levels of disease compared to past years. This combined with the general lack of sunshine will impact on grain-fill. However there is nothing we can do about it so there is no point worrying about it.

I always enjoy a day's crop judging and we had a lovely day along the coast from Bournemouth to Beaulieu. Finishing up at the farm of a couple of brothers who I have known since Young Farmers, having a socially distant tea and cake in the garden. Both of them are retained firemen, along with someone who helps them out, which does mean when they get the call the farm becomes very short staffed, even if they are baling hay to beat the rain!

The NFU has produced a series of signs to go up in fields to tell the visiting public, what is growing in the fields using QR codes to give more information if wanted. They have also produced them for grazing fields and environmental strips. So hopefully everyone can appreciate what is in the fields and how it will be used.

Candover Valley Club


The Candover Valley Club is located in a beautiful spot next to the church and fronted by the cricket pitch in the middle of the quiet village of Brown Candover. We are conveniently situated on the B3046 between Alresford and Basingstoke.

Both the clubroom and the back hall have recently been renovated and have never looked so inviting. Club night is Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm if you fancy a drink, a game of darts or pool and a chat with the locals. Food is also served between 7pm and 9pm.

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We are still vaccinating patients in line with the Government & NHS England guidelines alongside attempting to return to normal in general practice. Below you can find details of standard operation procedures for general practice at the current time;

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/managing-coronavirus-covid-19-in-general-practice-sop/>

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Choose if data from your health records is shared for research and planning

There have been posts on social media with false information about opting out of sharing your data with the NHS.

Here's what you need to know:

- There is no 30 September deadline for opting out of sharing your data.
- You can opt out at any time.
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- It's only shared securely and safely.
- Shared data helps the NHS.
- It has been used to find the first treatment for coronavirus and for vaccine research.

<https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/>

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Candover Valley Gardening Club

On a cloudy and wet evening in June we visited a beautiful garden in Longparish. The grounds surrounded a Mill House and we were given an interesting guided tour by our host and the gardener around the beautiful borders and rose beds. Despite the low light levels the stunning colours glowed and we wandered happily along the riverside and through the kitchen garden. We were busy asking our guides about their plants along the way and then enjoyed very welcome refreshments socializing undercover. Those who understandably changed their minds about attending due to the rain, sadly missed a real treat.

In August we have another garden visit, this time near Alton so we are looking forward to that. If you would like to join our friendly group for garden visits and indoor talks from experts you would be very welcome and you can find out more from our contact details as follows: Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or at

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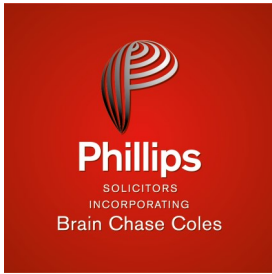
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Trish Coutts, who is a conveyancer working in the Residential Property Team at Phillips specialises in working with first-time buyers and dealing with shared ownership transactions.

This year the Government has implemented several changes which should make the scheme accessible to more people.

Those who are purchasing under the new Shared Ownership Affordable Homes Programme 2021-2026 are now able to buy a smaller share in the property to begin with.

"Until April this year, the minimum you could buy into a shared ownership property was 25%," said Trish.

"This has now been changed to just 10% with first-time owners paying rent on the remaining 90%. This is especially good for people who would have had difficulties in putting together a larger deposit."

Properties on existing developments will still be limited to a first-time purchase of a minimum of 25%.

One of the benefits of the Shared Ownership Scheme is that when you can afford it, you can increase the share you hold in the property. Trish said: "This is known as staircasing and enables a purchaser to buy a larger percentage of the property."

However, Trish points out that you will need to pay for legal and mortgage fees each time you increase your share by staircasing. "It may make better sense to save up for a bigger share and staircase in one go rather than do this several times over a certain period," suggests Trish.

If you are a first-time buyer and are considering shared ownership, please do not hesitate to contact Trish by calling 01256 854621 emailing trish.coutts@phillips-law.co.uk or visit www.phillips-law.co.uk



Swarraton and Northington WI



Hurrah!

At last, we are looking forward to getting together and catching up and the good news is that we plan to meet again for afternoon tea in our Swarraton village hall on Tuesday 3rd August at 2pm.

We will have our Annual Meeting (long overdue) followed by a jolly session of 'Call my Bluff' and a delicious afternoon tea.

The hall is prepared and we have a careful list of precautions, drawn up by the hall committee, to ensure safety.

Do come along and get our WI off to a good start again and why not bring a friend?

Maybe you know of someone who would like to get out and about again and enjoy our friendly group.



WEATHERWISE

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in June 2021

By Simon Bourne

Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

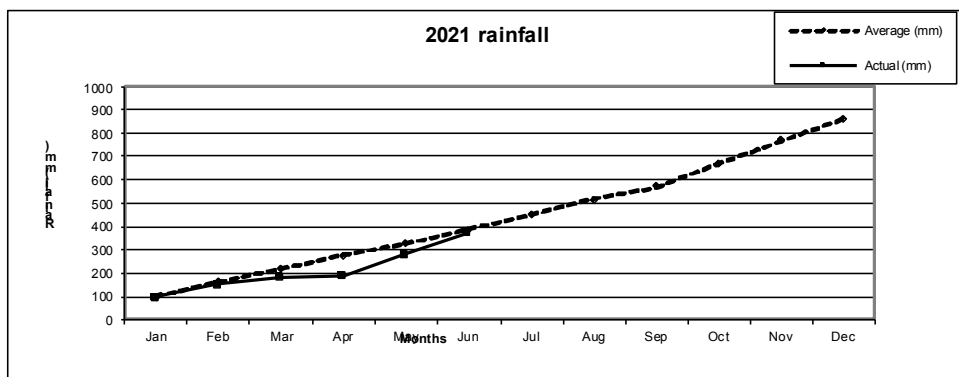
Highest	26.8/80	(14 th)
Lowest	3.4/38	(23 rd)
Warmest Night	14.3/58	(17 th)
Coollest Day	12.7/55	(21 st)
Average maximum temperature	21.0/70	
Average minimum temperature	9.8/50	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly & annual total	94.7/3.73	(average 60.1/2.37)
Annual total	370.8/14.60	(average 388.1/15.28)
Maximum 24hr. fall	33.7/1.33	(18 th)
Number of days with rain	13	

Summary

There was a fine, sunny start to the month followed by a few days of dull weather with rain at times. High pressure then brought settled conditions for a week and a half with above average temperatures, sunny periods and some fine days. This was followed by almost a week of overcast and unsettled weather from the 16th, with cooler temperatures and a total of over 2½ inches of rain on the 17th and 18th which is more than the normal monthly total for June. There was more rain on a couple of days towards the end of the month with distant thunder on the evening of the 28th otherwise it was dry with sunny spells. Overall, the month was marginally warmer than the long term average and there was 158% of the normal rainfall.



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Last month I wrote about our BEAT surgery over in East Stratton and work, alongside local councillors and our new Police & Crime Commissioner, to deter a repeat of the **illegal pony and trap racing on the A33**.

Happily, I can report good news in that respect looking back at June as a major police presence on the road did what it was there do. I was pleased to drop down and chat with – thank – the officers on the ground. So it's good news but we don't rest on our laurels and I continue to liaise closely with PCC Donna Jones and senior officers.

Linked, to some extent, are new powers we're taking through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill currently making its way through Parliament. I spoke at its crunch Report Stage last month in support of the clauses which will introduce a new criminal offence where a "person resides or intends to reside on any public or private land without permission and has caused, or is likely to cause, significant harm, obstruction, or harassment or distress."

While the vast majority of travellers are law-abiding citizens, illegal sites can cause distress and misery to those who live nearby so this is important notwithstanding my desire – when the Bill is considered in the Lords – for amendments to clarify owners of motorhomes cannot be unintentionally swept up by these measures.

Secondly, it was great to also be on-hand to award the prizes at the **Dever Society's Spring Photography Competition**. The overall winner, Anna Parker with "Grow Your Own in Lockdown", is something to behold. See www.deversociety.org

Next up, and July saw the first of a series of village surgeries being held by our energetic **new City councillor, Fiona Isaacs**. Cllr Caroline Horrill and I joined Fiona for a special event in the middle of Easton which, despite the rain, was a real success. Look out for details of when Fiona will be in your community by following her on Facebook; www.fb.com/FionaIsaacsAlresford

And finally, I have been very active as always scrutinising the (sort) end of lockdown as we moved past 19 July and **Step 4 of the Government's Roadmap**. In my opinion the real issue, one of the issues of our time going forward, is not this law or that regulation / piece of advice; it is whether we really mean it when we say we must 'learn to live with Covid'. I predict many battles to come as some, willingly or otherwise, find it harder to let go of the almighty state telling us what we can and cannot do than they might like to admit. I will, as ever, keep you all posted.

Please find much more of my work, locally and in Westminster, at www.SteveBrine.com but please follow me on Facebook for more instant updates: www.fb.com/SteveBrineMP

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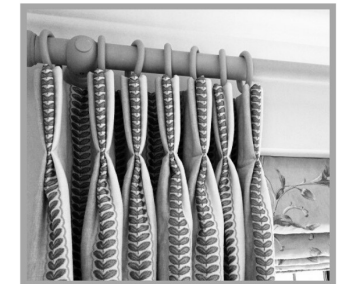
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Questionnaire action

Again, thank you to everyone who responded to the recent customer survey. There were many positive comments about what we're doing well at the store and several insightful suggestions on what we could do better. One such idea was to improve the fruit and vegetable labelling and this is being implemented now we have tracked down a range of suitable magnetic labels. Also, more local beers are now available from the Itchen Valley, Andwell and Flower Pots breweries. Other ideas that were received are still being evaluated and will be reported on soon.

Going forward

As we adjust to the latest phase of post-lockdown life, we thank you for continuing to keep everyone safe by wearing your face covering in the store. At busy times we will need to restrict the number of customers inside, to four, (three in the shop and one at the post office counter) as we all have to share limited space. Please be reassured that all surfaces and handles will continue to be sanitised regularly and for now, the Perspex screens will remain in place on the counters.

It's never too early!

This month, the CVCS committee meets to review the latest applications to the store's Community Projects Fund, set up to help local clubs and groups by investing in the things that improve our communities. If you belong to an organisation in one of the valley villages that could benefit and also meets the funding criteria, you could start thinking about making an application for consideration at the next meeting, in early 2022.

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Wield Cricket Club Fixtures - May

Junior coaching is held on the Lower Wield Ground every Wednesday during term-time at 6.30pm

6 June	Rowledge A	10.00	Away (Juniors)
6 June	Howzat	14.30	Home
13 June	President's XI	13.30	Home
19 June	Fleet	10.00	Away (Juniors)
20 June	Bournemouth Wanderers	14.30	Home
27 June	Old Basing	10.00	Home (Juniors)
27 June	Long Sutton	14.30	Home
4 July	Odiham	10.00	Home (Juniors)
4 July	5 Rivers CC	14.00	Home

If you are interested in playing a senior game, please contact Ben Robinson (captain) 07903 513196, Jack Robson (vice-captain) 07787 018155, Paul Johnson (chairman) 07720 349497.

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Jane Bryant, Music Director, on bryantjane50@gmail.com

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Tea-ladies' Supper at the Yew Tree

Sixteen past, present and (hopefully) future Wield Cricket Club tea-ladies gathered in the Yew Tree tent on 19 May just days after the Covid-19 restrictions eased. This was the third attempt at bringing together Wield ladies since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020. Matt & Jas at the Yew Tree served a delicious meal that kicked off with anti-pasti followed by a couple of very popular pasta dishes and a great salad; naturally this was all washed down with a very quaffable rosé. No prizes for guessing which was the nosiest of the three tables! Everyone was delighted to be able to socialise with old friends and get to know some new people to the village too. Well done & thank you to our favourite pub team.

The Club relies on around 20 local ladies to bake & prepare teas for the Wield team's Sunday matches. Over the years, the teas have earned a deserved 'scrumptious' reputation amongst cricket players in the south of England but also as far away as India & Australia! The ladies invariably forge local friendships that span several generations as do their families. Their input is just as important (probably more) to the Club than the players!

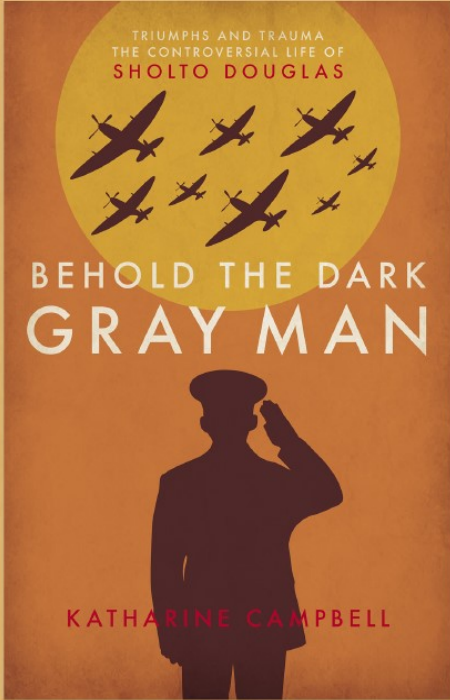
If you are interested in joining the tea-lady dream team to prepare one or two teas a season, please contact Wield Cricket Club Social Secretary, Nicola on ndes@kingsfarm.co.uk or 07767 238874.



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You can obtain your vaccination status for FREE through the NHS app, website or by calling 119. Further information can be found on the government website: [Demonstrating your COVID-19 vaccination status](#).

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Garden Security

There are several things you can do to improve the security in your garden.

Sheds: Repair rotten or loose slats and consider reinforcing the shed by adding additional panels to the inside structure. Outside door hinges should be secured with coach-bolts or non-return screws. Use strong closed-shackle locks.

Register your property. Mark valuable items with your house number and postcode and register on [Immobilise](#).

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The game goes on...

After a pandemic-enforced break last summer, Wild Cricket Club welcomed back its vice-presidents to the ground on Sunday 13 June. The WCC committee hosted a pre-match reception for VPs, life members & the President's team. Every year, the Beckett family raises a team for the President, Andrew Yorke, to play against the home side captained by Ben Robinson. Old friends meet up to admire the well-groomed ground & discuss the intricacies of the game at village, county and Test levels; this year mention of the Euros also crept in! They enjoyed a ploughman's lunch that was served outside the pavilion along with a selection of wines, beers & soft drinks.

Chairman, Paul Johnson welcomed the guests (numbering 27 instead of the usual 80+) and thanked everyone involved in the Club for keeping it going. This season is the 40th year that cricket has been played on the Wild ground and a celebration to mark the milestone anniversary is planned in the Yew Tree garden on Sunday 25th July from 6.30pm – all players & supporters welcome, current restrictions permitting.

To the obvious delight of the cricketers, both teams were treated to a 'Wild' tea at 4.30pm which prompted exclamations of 'At last, this is so good' & 'Now it is really worth turning up to play Sunday cricket!'





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In last month's column, I explained what my work to 'Build Back Better' meant for Bradley and the Candovers in terms of the environment and the much-needed regeneration of our retail centres; how the national vision will improve our lives here in North East Hampshire.

This month, I will start with how this vision will aid our network of roads. The importance of our roads is often underestimated – they flow through our area, connecting us to our friends, families and local businesses; the necessity of good quality roads is not lost on us as we begin to emerge from COVID-19 and can start visiting more of them again. £56million of government and County Council funding is being pumped into our county's transport infrastructure this year alone to fill in potholes, improve our junctions and roundabouts and, in some cases, completely remodel the road itself.

One of the main issues we need to tackle is bad local infrastructure planning – or the lack of local infrastructure planning at all – like the recent debacle over the pedestrianisation of Fleet Road by Hart District Council. Thankfully, working together with local residents, we were able to get the barriers removed – but this knee-jerk action was a waste of money, and that money could have paid for improvements elsewhere.

This was not an example of Building Back Better – quite the opposite. Residents have wanted improvements to a number of roads for years and I have continued to work with Hampshire County Council on them. The A327xA30 junction at Hartford Bridge Flats will soon see a link to Fleet from the roundabout. The A287xRedfields Lane junction on the edge of Church Crookham will get a roundabout for the first time. And local works are being carried out too, such as the improved junction in Bramley, between Bramley Lane and Sherfield Road. There's more to do, of course – and I will keep working hard for you.

But cars are not the only mode of transport to use our roads. Part of Our Plan is to create the North Hampshire Cycle Network. Following your input into the plan, it aims to link 27 different places across the constituency, encouraging short journeys by bike, including to local retail centres and schools. This has the potential to reduce congestion and improve quality of life. Achieving our shared plan will be a huge project and will take time, so the seven routes are likely to be delivered in stages – starting with the 'Fleet Triangle'. This envisions a new cycle path along Hitches Lane, linking Calthorpe Park School, Elvetham Heath, and the surrounding parts of Fleet – as well as improved cycle routes along both Fleet Road and Elvetham Road towards Fleet Station. If you agree, please sign it and share it with your neighbours, friends and family, at: ranil.uk/cycling

We'll make the strongest case to the local councils if we can show we're unified behind each route in turn. And we need to make the strongest of cases as 'Building Back Better' is key for both the prosperity of our area, and the lives we and our families lead.



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