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## THE OXDROVE

### Church and Community News

*Of*

### The Candover Valley and Wield

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**David is currently off work recovering from Back Surgery. He is unable to respond to enquiries at the moment. In the first instance please contact Tricia - the benefice administrator or churchwardens.**

## Rota for Services

*BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship*

*LL = Lay led*

## The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

### Sunday 7 August 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer
11.00	Northington	Holy Communion
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special

*Readings* *Isaiah 1:1,10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16, Luke 12:32-40*

*Psalm 50*

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### Sunday 14 August 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

11.00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer
11.00	Farleigh Wallop	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Wield	Evensong

*Readings* *Isaiah 5:1-7, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56*

*Psalm 80*

**Sunday 21 August 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

11.00 Bradley Holy Communion  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service

*Readings Jeremiah 1:4-10, Hebrews 12:18-end,  
Luke 13:10-17*

*Psalm 71*

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**Sunday 28 August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.45 Dummer Holy Communion CW  
11.00 Brown Candover Morning Prayer  
11.15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion

*Readings Jeremiah 2:4-13, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16,  
Luke 14:7-14*

*Psalm 81*

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**Sunday 4 September 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP  
09.30 Wield Matins BCP  
09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer  
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship CW  
11.00 Northington Harvest Festival with  
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11.15 Dummer Sunday Special

*Readings Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1-21,  
Luke 14:25-33*

*Psalm 139*

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### Weddings Northington

25 June 2022 – Thomas Geddes and Freya Yoward

8 July 2022 – Alexander Franklin and Nicola Harris

### Harvest Festival St. Peters, Brown Candover

Harvest Festival at St Peter's will take place at 4pm on Sunday  
11<sup>th</sup> September followed by tea in the Brown and Chilton  
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and site plans of the dig, please contact the BAHS on 01256  
974212 or email [enquiries@bahsoc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bahsoc.org.uk). Or just visit the site.

The site is to the north of Chilton Manor Farm but can be reached  
by car: turn into the Farm drive and follow the signs.

## Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	August	Yvonne White	Yvonne White
St Peter's Brown Candover	28 Aug 11.00	Sue Marriott	Celia Foote & Jonathan Moseley
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	14 August 11.00	Gunnel Berry	Jane Laws
	4 Sept 10.00	Marina Avis	Marina Avis
All Saints Bradley	21 Aug 11.00	Julian Gibbons	Julian Gibbons
St James' Wield	14 Aug 6.00pm	To be advised	To be advised
	4 Sept 9.30	To be advised	To be advised




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## Church flowers, cleaning and Key Holders

St. John's Church Northington			
St Peter's Church Brown Candover			
	Key Holder	August  September	Sue Marriott  Jonathan Moseley
All Saints Church Bradley	Flowers and cleaning	August	Felicity Wood and Vivien Houghton
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover			
St James' Church Wield	Flowers	August 6 & 13  August 13 & 27	Selina Geddes  Pauline Lailey
	Cleaner	Permanent	Michelle Kuhn

## Dear Friends

Tate and Lyles's green Golden Syrup tins still display an outline drawing of a lion's carcass with buzzing honey bees, below which are the words "out of the strong came forth sweetness". This was the basis of a riddle Samson set his soon to be in-laws with high stakes for the losers and, as they couldn't solve it, leant on future wife Delilah to find the answer for them! (Judges Ch 14)

Samson's story is told in the book of Judges which tells of the people's hunt for a suitable leader who would unite and lead them in battle against their enemies and be the final arbiter in disputes as the 'go to' person who would have the final say in important civil matters. Judges tells of the hunt up and down the country over a period of two hundred years searching for a suitable successor after the demise of each judge. Those appointed to the role were variously successful in their roles, some better than others but all having a flaw or points of weakness that in time let them down.

Samson was the last of the judges before Israel's monarchy was established but the question was the still same, who would be suitable to lead the nation?

The popular choice was a man called Saul but his flaws led to serious problems for himself and the nation. King David became the next king and described as "a man after God's own heart" as someone whose character, virtues and reverence for God made him trustworthy in the kingly role. Our Bibles include poems (Psalms) that King David wrote for worship but he was flawed, sinful, and is also known for his adultery with Bathsheba.

We might think we are more sophisticated than those ancient peoples with our structures for good governance, codes of conduct etc. (They did have the Ten Commandments and more besides.) But what if those in charge of due process, directors, managers or governors should fail in their role of oversight, how then is justice found for the mistreated and bullied, the whistle-blower and the organisation itself?

Dr Amy Orr-Ewing writing in The Times on sixth of June, told of her experience with victims of abuse and referenced a relatively recent area of research called 'Institutional Betrayal' which explores the failure of



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responsible persons in an organisation to properly apply due process on behalf of employees who have made a complaint or brought a formal grievance. (If you are Google savvy the article is online as are links to IB researcher Professor Freyd). When victims are let down by those who should apply justice, they are twice let down.

And so, as the next Prime Minister takes office, let us heed St Paul's teaching to pray for those in authority. In the Book of Common Prayer we pray that our ministers and leaders are "endued with righteousness" and "that we may be quietly and godly governed...and that all who are put in authority under her (the Queen) may truly and indifferently minister justice, punishing wrong doing and maintaining "true religion and virtue". May we be so blessed.

Blessings  
David



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- Private Arthur Clarke, Reconnaissance Corps R.A.C.  
Died 11 May 1941. At rest in Popham (St. Catherine) churchyard.
- Sergeant Albert James Taylor, RAFVR.  
Died 18 September 1943. At rest in Popham (St. Catherine) churchyard.

I cannot find any record of these men being included on any local war memorial and would like to add them to the memorial at St. Michael's church in North Waltham so that they may be properly remembered.

However, prior to undertaking this work, I would like to make contact with any known relatives of the above servicemen to explain the proposal and to obtain family approval (if given) to move ahead with the project.

The men would have their name added to a small stone that would be placed at the foot of the current memorial, be included in the Roll of Honour inside the church, and be remembered every Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

**If one of the fallen is a relative of yours, please email me – Brian Dixon, at [misterbriandixon@gmail.com](mailto:misterbriandixon@gmail.com) for further details.**

Thank you.

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**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1pm**  
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 at  
**St James, Upper Wield**

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Show your support by joining them for a while as they walk.

David has recently coordinated projects that waymarked the entire St James' Way from Reading to Southampton and introduced pilgrim stamps to the pubs that line its route, to supplement those already found in many of the churches.



David      Adrian

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## St James' Way Walk Timetable

	Time	Place	Venue	Total Distance (km)	Day Sections Distance (km)	Notes
<b>Friday, 5th August</b>						
	08:00	Reading	St James	0	0	Blessing (Fr Chris)
	10:00	Burghfield	The Cunning Man	6.4	6.4	
	11:00	Sheffield Bottom	Fox and Hounds	10.4	10.4	
	11:45	Sulhamstead	St Mary's	13.6	13.6	
	13:00	Mortimer	Horse and Groom	20	20	
			St John the Evangelist			
	14:00	Silchester	St Mary the Virgin	22.4	22.4	
	16:00	Bramley	St James	29.6	29.6	
	17:45	Pamber End	The Queens College Arms	33.6	33.6	
			The Priory			
	20:00	Worting	St Thomas of Canterbury	40.8	40.8	
<b>Saturday, 6th August</b>						
	08:00	Worting	St Thomas of Canterbury	40.8	0	
	10:15	Dummer	The Queen Inn	48	7.2	
			All Saints			
	11:45	Preston Candover	The Purefoy Arms	53.6	12.8	
			St Mary the Virgin			
	13:00	Upper Wield	St James	57.6	16.8	
	14:30	Old Alresford	St Mary the Virgin	64.8	24	
	15:15	New Alresford	The Horse & Groom	66.4	25.6	
			St John the Baptist			
	16:15	Ovington	The Bush Inn	71.2	30.4	
	17:00	Itchen Stoke	St Mary's	72	31.2	
	18:00	Itchen Abbas	St John the Baptist	75.2	34.4	
			The Plough			
	19:00	Martyr Worthy	St Swithun's	77.6	36.8	
	20:00	Kings Worthy	St Mary's	80	39.2	
<b>Sunday, 7th August</b>						
	07:00	Kings Worthy	St Mary's	80	0	
	07:45	Hyde, Winchester	The King Alfred	83.2	3.2	
			St Bartholomew's			
	08:15	Winchester	Winchester Cathedral	84	4	
	09:00	St Cross	St Cross	86.4	6.4	
	10:00	Shawford	The Bridge Inn	89.6	9.6	
	15:00	Southampton	The Junction Inn	107.2	27.2	
	15:45		God's House Tower	109.6	29.6	Closes 4pm
	17:00		Duke of Wellington			Drink
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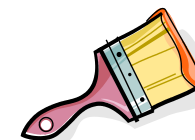
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Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in June 2022

### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

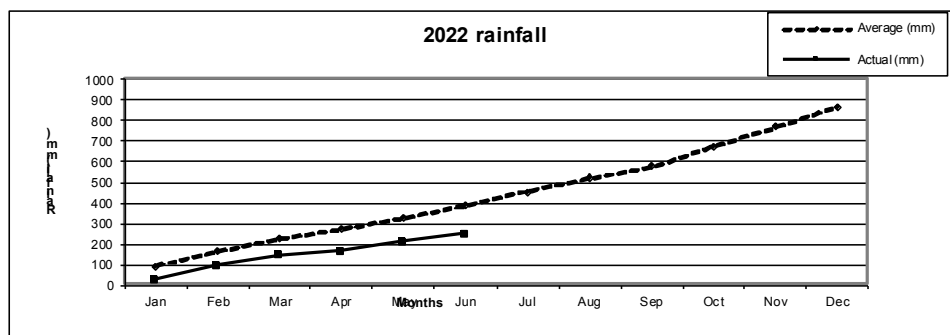
Highest	29.0/84	(17 <sup>th</sup> )
Lowest	1.7/35	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Warmest Night	12.3/54	(8 <sup>th</sup> )
Coollest Day	15.0/59	(5 <sup>th</sup> )
Average maximum temperature	21.2/70	
Average minimum temperature	7.9/46	

### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	37.5/1.48	(average 59.1/2.33)
Annual total	245.7/9.67	(average 381.6/15.02)
Maximum 24hr. fall	10.7/0.42	(5 <sup>th</sup> )
Number of days with rain	14	

## Summary

A cool and dry couple of days gave way to a week of unsettled weather and some much needed rain. There then followed over a week of dry and predominantly sunny weather with increasing daytime temperatures and the warmest day at 84°F on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There was rain in the next two days and a moderate to fresh breeze on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Fine, sunny weather around the summer solstice was followed by an unsettled period with rain, and it was breezy at times. There were showers with thunder on the last day of the month. Night time temperatures were on average the lowest recorded in June for over two decades which resulted overall, in below average temperatures. There was just below two thirds of the normal rainfall for June and for the year to date, with less than the average rainfall on all but one month this year.



## Hampshire History Trust seeks Trust Secretary

Hampshire History Trust, the charity which runs Winchester's Heritage Open Days, is searching for a Trust Secretary to join their supportive and welcoming board.

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## Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

Heading up to Micheldever Woods for a ramble on a baking hot afternoon, we walk among the cool shady beech trees. Here and there the sun lights up a patch of the woodland floor. A speckled wood butterfly basks in the warm glow, wings open. He flies up to challenge another passing male in a fluttery tussle, both spiralling upwards into the beam of light.

Emerging into the sunlit clearing, an Iron Age hilltop enclosure, we pass a tumble of bramble in blossom, swishing with tall grasses and rippling with butterflies. Ringlets, cocoa brown, drift among the grass stems; small skippers, moth-sized splashes of gold whizz about. Meadow browns and marbled whites wander the grass-heads and tangles of crown vetch, blooming pink and purple. A comma, orange-brown, poses on the bramble bank; while a brimstone, bright yellow, roams overhead.


We stroll along the main avenue in sunlight and shadows scanning the woodland edges. Spikes of foxglove thimbles, pinky-purple, cluster in clearings. A red admiral sunning itself on the path takes off in surprise. Magnificent silver-washed fritillaries, marmalade orange, lounge on the high bramble banks. One lifts off to pursue a female, looping around her as she races away along the shady ride.

There's another large orange fritillary in these woods, the dark green, with silver spots on its green underwing. We watch a female busily absorbed in laying eggs low down on tree trunks.

Turning left into the old jubilee ride, we meet an exotic visitor with bright red wings: a day-flying moth - the scarlet tiger.

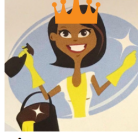
Winding our way back through a shady ash and conifer plantation, we chance upon a large black butterfly with white wing bars - a white admiral - dabbling in a muddy puddle before taking off to glide through the trees. Alas we miss the most elusive of these woodland residents. Returning to the main avenue on a scorching morning later in the week however, I pause to view three comma butterflies probing on the path, when a purple emperor swoops down, looping around me, its wings flashing purple-blue in the bright sunshine.

Robert Bryant  
10 July '22



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**Cllr Jackie Porter**  
**County Corner - March 2022**

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**I have received several complaints right across the division about cancelled bus services which leave residents stranded, and so I have raised this with Stagecoach and HCC.**

It seems that they will only announce cancellations on Twitter, which is completely unsatisfactory.

The County Council has recorded their disappointment that that they were not successful in receiving any Bus Back Better funding. The original BBB fund was announced as £3bn, then cut back to just £1.4bn, resulting in only 31 of 79 bids being successful. Add to this, the pressure on commercial services at present: Covid, shortage of passengers and shortage of drivers are playing their part in this. This puts considerable pressure on the County's transport discretionary funding which includes a taxi run-bus services, CANGO, community bus grants and support for smaller link buses such as the 95 and the 240.

**However, good news: HCC received a flood aid grant of over £0.74m**, which included Phase 1 of the Outer Winchester scheme. HCC claimed an additional sum of £0.243 m for phase 2 of this scheme in Feb 22, which will be spent in this financial year.

HCC also received £9.4m in developer contributions in 21/22, mainly used to provide road improvements and school places, including special school places which are still under considerable pressure as well over 13,000 young people now have an Education Health and Care Plan in Hampshire alone. I continue to work with local families on these plans but please contact me if you feel that you need assistance.

**HCC has also received £0.8m to develop a business case for a 'Mini-Holland' for Winchester:** the bid focus is to improve walking and cycling to and from the city centre, and potentially introduce some Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN's) in the city too. All of this will be subject to public consultation, so please watch for more detail to come.

**Kings Barton roads:** I know that many Parishes are affected by decisions made by Cala and HCC about the final road system at Kings Barton. A new County Executive (Cabinet) has just been formed, and so I am afraid the pressure to get this right for all residents both in Kings Barton and across the north of Winchester has started anew with correspondence and a conversation with the new Exec Member, Cllr Heron. He has agreed to meet me to see the roads (as they are now) this month too.

**From Steve Brine, MP for Winchester, Alresford & Itchen Valley**

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The majority of my constituents living in this community are fortunate enough to Current events in Westminster move faster than ever these days and, given I am writing this mid-July, I will steer clear of the politics and just say you can stay abreast of my involvement and/or views on it all at [stevebrine.com](http://stevebrine.com) or more instantly on Facebook, [fb.com/SteveBrineMP](https://www.facebook.com/SteveBrineMP)

Suffice to say, it matters a great deal (and constituents will know I very much wanted a change in No.10) who our next Prime Minister is but, regardless, I have a job to do and am getting on with it as I have for 12+ years. Further to that, my latest **Annual Report** is out now and should be through your door. Either way, you can see it online at [stevebrine.com/annualreport2021-22](http://stevebrine.com/annualreport2021-22)

My work in Parliament has been as varied as it's been long of late including me speaking on the subject of **pharmacies** – and their role as a key provider of primary care working alongside our family doctors – and support for the UK **medical cannabis** industry. I met Alfie Dingley's mum (who has campaigned on this tirelessly after her son suffered debilitating seizures) as over 100 businesses came together to create recommendations that would allow the Government to secure the economic benefits of medical cannabis and CBD well-being products creating thousands of jobs.

I have also, through my role as Chair of the all-party group on **childcare and early years**, raised concerns over a proposed change to the ratios (of staff to children) in nurseries as the Government announced new plans to address the cost, choice and availability of childcare. You can see more on all these at [stevebrine.com/news](http://stevebrine.com/news)

And my interest in global health policy remains undimmed and I recently took part in a four-day study trip to **Uganda** which focussed on reproductive health and family planning in a country where the population is ballooning, and maternal mortality is among the highest in the world. Our cross-party group travelled to Kampala and the rural north in Luwero and Kabelega. I wrote a piece on the trip which you can read in full at [stevebrine.com/travelsinafrica](http://stevebrine.com/travelsinafrica)

One of the best aspects of my job is visiting **local schools and community groups** to chat with young people. I visit schools across the constituency all the time to meet with Headteachers and Governors, but we always make time to have a Q&A with the children and/or their eco-teams.

This past year has been a little curtailed by Covid but, one way or another, I have visited St Faith's, Compton Primary, Harestock School, Chandler's Ford Infants – and Scout Group – Kings School, Twyford St Mary's, Sparsholt College, Perins and St Peter's. And I've taken politics classes at Winchester College, Barton Peveril and Peter Symonds!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need my help with a casework issue or just wish to get/give an opinion. Online is easy but you can always call the team on 0207 219 7189 or 01962 791110 if you prefer to make a local call.

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**Ukraine update:** despite requests, HCC has refused to contemplate using Cornerways for refugee housing.

**The Government has announced that Britain** will take Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (often shortened to UASC) from Ukraine- this is a whole new challenge to add to those coming from other parts of the world and HCC councillors are expecting a full update on the implication and actions for the County Council w/ c 11 July.

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We have made lasting friendships and organised many charitable events, including the Great Hampshire Fruit Cake Project when we made cakes for soldiers far away during the Iraq war.

Today we continue to support Treloar, our local charity and our sewing group make feminine hygiene kits for sending overseas.

Last month we packed and sent a further 20 colourful kits to be shipped with the UK consignment to Ethiopia.

John Browning was our speaker at our July meeting and he told us about the history of kite flying and brought along a selection of his beautiful homemade kites.

The kites are made from natural materials such as leaves, bamboo, handmade paper and natural fibres.

We were interested to learn he had run a kite making course at Treloar and John told us of the joy the children had racing along in their electric wheelchairs with the kites streaming out behind.

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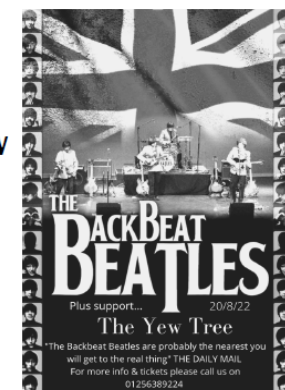
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### Managing weed in our chalk streams

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Take aquatic weed, for example. Excess nutrients coupled with a lack of tree shade can result in rampant growth that chokes the channels. The water level rises while the flow speed drops, leading to sediment accumulation and sometimes a boom in water parsnip, bur-reed, or mare's tail. Yet knowing when to get the cutter out can be tricky, even for experienced river keepers.

If too much weed is cut, the health of the channel and margins can be seriously impacted. The Holy Grail is leaving enough aquatic plants to provide wildlife habitat, but enough gaps to encourage vigorous flow. This helps to manage water levels and keep the gravelly bed clear of fine sediment, which is essential for the breeding of trout and the invertebrates on which they feed.

Submerged plants should also be allowed to break the surface, otherwise the breeding of threatened river flies like the blue winged olive will be drastically impaired. These species are a crucial part of chalk stream ecosystems, providing food for bats, birds, and fish. If we learn to live with a slightly 'shaggier' look to the streams, our restraint will eventually pay dividends.

You can find lots of habitat management advice on the Wild Trout Trust website: [www.wildtrout.org](http://www.wildtrout.org). The Watercress and Winterbournes team would also love to hear from local riparian landowners who are seeking guidance - just email [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk)

### Protect your dog and our rivers this summer

Our dogs love to cool off in hot weather, but did you know that a dip in the river could cause real trouble for its wildlife? Many pet flea treatments are water soluble, and highly toxic to invertebrates like freshwater shrimp and may fly larvae. As a food source for many other species, these invertebrates are central to the health of their ecosystems.

So, how can you help to prevent this? Firstly, explore non-toxic treatment options - fipronil and imidacloprid are ingredients to avoid. Secondly, leave

several days between the application and your dog's next dip: swimming too soon can make the treatment less effective, so this way your pet and our wonderful wildlife will both be better protected.



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# Candover Valley Store

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## August Bank Holiday - changes to opening hours

Please be sure to make a note of changes to opening times at both the store and the post office on Monday 29 August. The store will be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm. The post office will be closed all day.

## A new POS system for the store

The most far-reaching change to the operation of the store since it opened in June 2019 is currently under way. A totally new point-of-sale (POS) system is currently being installed. It incorporates new tills, scanners and card readers which will streamline back-office functions including ordering and monitoring stock levels. This in turn, will improve product availability as well as pricing and accuracy of shelf-edge labels. It represents a major investment and has not been undertaken lightly, but has been necessitated by the store generating a level of turnover far in excess of our pre-opening business plan predictions. Preparations for the switch-over will be phased over several weeks, while data is transferred onto the new system and training of staff and volunteers takes place. Despite the best efforts of manager Garry and IT and finance wizard, Chris Smith, there are likely to be a few glitches! Chris, incidentally does all this as a volunteer and CVCS committee member. Please bear with us as we prepare to go live with the new system while still operating the store!

## Summer holidays are here!

By the time you read this, children throughout the valley will be enjoying the freedom of the summer break from school. We wish all our local families happy days of not having to get up early and more leisure time together. On days at home you may still enjoy a treat! The store now has an additional chiller cabinet, so there's even more room for cool drinks, easy meals and summer snacks for an impromptu picnic. The ice cream freezer is well stocked with a range of ice creams, perfect for cooling off after games on the field. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## On the Farm in August - Julian Gibbons

The hot dry weather has rushed crops to harvest. I went away on holiday for the first 2 weeks of July confidently telling people that we wouldn't have anything to cut until we were back and that we rarely start before the 25<sup>th</sup> July. I arrive home to forecast record temperatures and warm malting barley in the grainstore.

I also had text messages on my phone from Becky, our area manager, from United Oilseeds warning us about harvesting oilseed rape when it is too dry. Although for storage it has to be below 9% moisture, below 6% can result in deductions and in some cases rejection. It will also incur deductions if it is too hot. This will explain to you if like me you were lying in bed early one morning and hearing the hum of a combine harvester. In an ideal world you are harvesting dry grain on warm, but not hot days! To try to cool the hot grain we install what look like chimneys into the grain. On top of these are placed grain fans that draw air through the grain to cool it. To make it more efficient we have a controller on the fans that measures the temperature of the grain and that of the air. It will then turn the fans on when the air temperature is 5c less than the grain temperature. This is so much more effective than doing it manually especially when you forget to turn the fans off.

We should be cutting wheat before the end of July that rarely happens for us at Bradley and Wield.

Grain prices have moved in a quite spectacular way in the last 12 months since we planned this year's harvest. Last August the futures price for November 2022 was £173. By mid-February it was £205. Three months later it reached £352/tonne, but it has fallen steadily since then to £252/tonne as I write this. Markets used to move £20/tonne in the season once.

This makes planning cropping for next year quite a fluid. Fortunately we now know what our fertiliser cost are for next year. We have bought some Urea for the first time for many years and we have saved lots from last year. We have more muck to use this year having agreed muck for straw deals and I have 3 lorry loads of Fibrophos and phosphate fertiliser booked. Both of these are a by-product of biomass power stations that burn poultry litter.

We have fields clear for soil sampling, but at the first attempt the sampler had to return to her base because her mechanical auger broke trying to get in to the dry hard soil.

As always we do apologise if your journey is delayed, whilst you are stuck behind a trailer full of grain. We do try to pull in if possible and safe to do.

Please also think which is easier to reverse, a car where you can see out the back or a tractor and grain trailer. Trailer drivers can generally reverse very well, because we make sure they practice a lot. Car reversing also becomes easier if you practice!

lies well-being. The patients often cope well with the brutal treatment but find the long stays in hospital difficult. The work the fund does with the money supporters raise has earned the ward the reputation for being, "the happiest sad place". Oscar, Orlando, Wilfrid, and Edmund are determined to raise as much as they can and help keep their brother and friend and all the patients as busy and happy as possible.

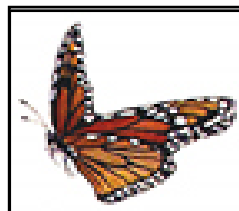
If you would like to support them, they have a just giving page [www.justgiving.com/fergusrooney](http://www.justgiving.com/fergusrooney)  
With your help, maybe they can raise another £10,000 in four days!



Fergus at the Jubilee celebrations



Four weeks later in hospital waiting to start chemotherapy. He is enjoying Pizza Night, funded by the Piam Brown Ward Fund.



### Candover Valley Gardening Club

We are continuing to thoroughly enjoy our very sociable programme of evening garden visits. In June we visited a four-acre garden near East Tisted where we were given guided tours by the owner and head gardener around the grounds including the arboretum, arched rose walk, David Austin rose garden and lots of water features including a rill and mirror pond. We then enjoyed socialising on the terrace with wine and canapes to nicely round off another wonderful evening. At the time of writing we are eagerly anticipating a return visit to a very special local garden.

On Thursday 18th August we have been invited to visit the Preston Candover Allotments during National Allotments Week, so it will be very interesting to look around and see the wide variety being grown and to meet the gardeners. Each month we have been welcoming new members so if you are considering joining our friendly group please see our contact details as follows: Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or our website at <http://candovervalley.org/2021/04candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>

**Four boys from Brown Candover Raise £10,000 in 4 days  
and are still going ...  
please support them if you can  
[www.justgiving.com/fergusrooney](http://www.justgiving.com/fergusrooney)**



Wilfrid & Edmund Willmott, Orlando Civardi and Oscar Rooney (aged 10 - 12) all from Brown Candover shaved their heads in solidarity with Oscar's younger brother Fergus, 8, who started chemotherapy in July. Little did they know this act of empathy would start them off on a successful fundraising mission.

A month ago, the four of them were on the beach playing with Fergus a happy, sporty, sociable 8-year-old. Today Fergus is 14 days into his chemotherapy treatment for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and faces the summer in Southampton General Hospital. The boys decided to support Fergus by shaving their heads. They thought they might raise £400 for Lymphoma Action but their incredible gift of friendship caught the imagination of their friends and family and within 4 days they had raised over £10,000.

Inspired by the generosity of others and knowing that Fergus is struggling with long hospital days missing his toys and friends, they have now set their sights on raising more money. This time for The Piam Brown Ward Fund where Fergus is being treated. The ward is incredible but is desperate for funds to enable them to provide their young patients with toys, games, and special treats like pizza nights as well as to support them and their fami-

**Preston Candover folk had a really good time at their Jubilee  
celebrations.  
Starting with Day 1 - Lighting of the Beacon**





Followed by Fireworks







On day 2 The Purefoy Arms hosted a party with live music





Day 3 saw the Big Lunch on the field by the cricket ground, the village photograph and the best dressed house competition.

