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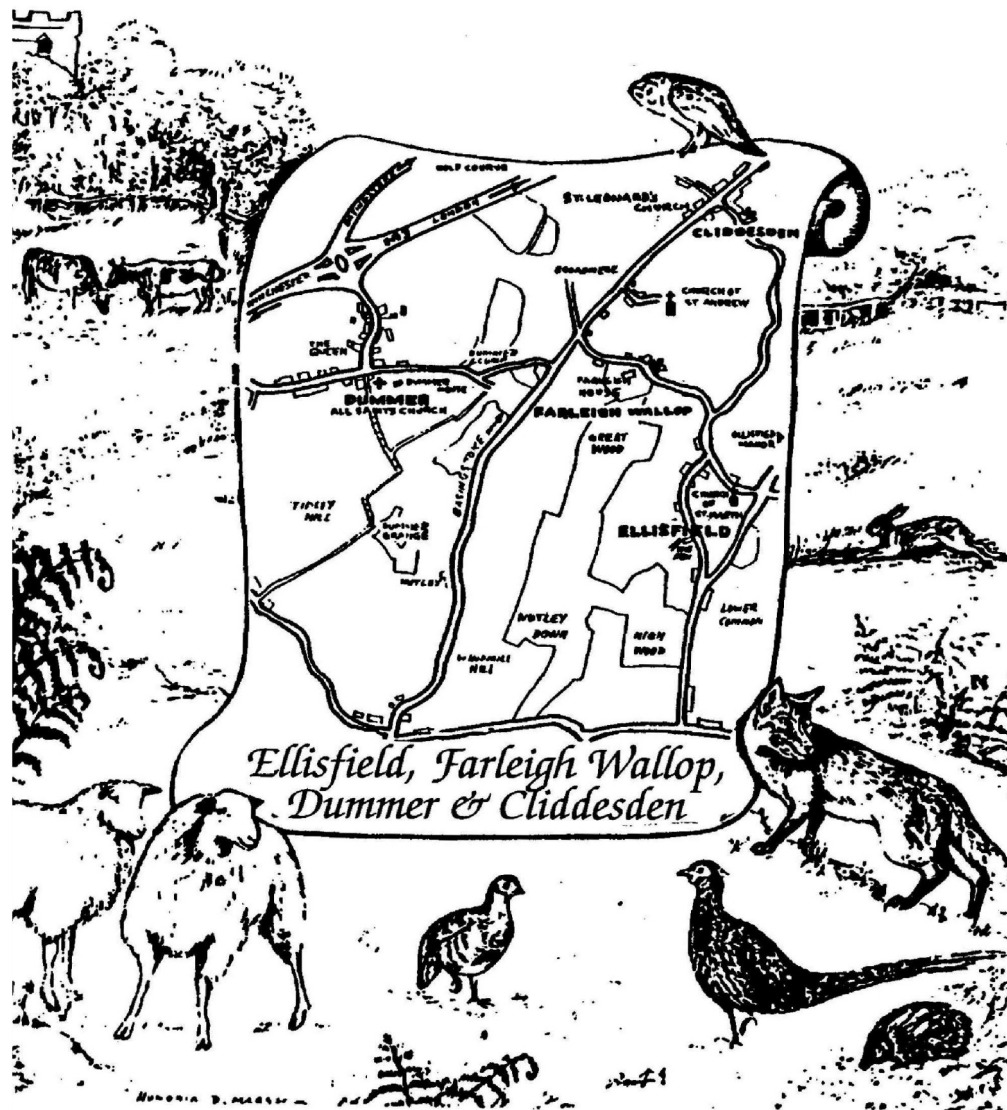
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These guides are only as accurate as you make them. Please keep them updated, if only for the sake of newcomers.

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The Benefice of Farleigh, Candover and Wield  
Farleigh Parish

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**Sunday 7 February Second Sunday before Lent**  
Readings Proverbs 8:1,22-31 Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-14  
Psalm 104:26-end  
Sermon: Are you "Walking in the Light"?

**Sunday 14 February Last before Lent**  
Readings 2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9 Psalm 50:1-6  
Sermon: Did you ever see anything like this ?

**Ash Wednesday 17 February**  
**Sunday 21 February First Sunday in Lent**  
Readings Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-end, Mark 1:9-15 Psalm 25:1-9  
Sermon: Have you recognised signs of the Kingdom?

**Saturday 27 February**

**Sunday 28 February Second Sunday of Lent**  
Readings Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Romans 4:13-end, Mark 8:31-end Psalm 22:23-end  
Sermon: Self-denial, not self-fulfilment is the way to life

**Sunday 7 March Third Sunday of Lent**  
Readings Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22 Psalm 19  
Sermon: I am a fool for Christ: whose fool are you?

**Candover valley**

**Sunday 7 February Second Sunday before Lent**

**Sunday 14 February Last Sunday before Lent**

**Sunday 21 February First Sunday of Lent**

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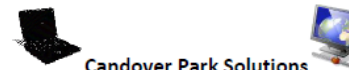
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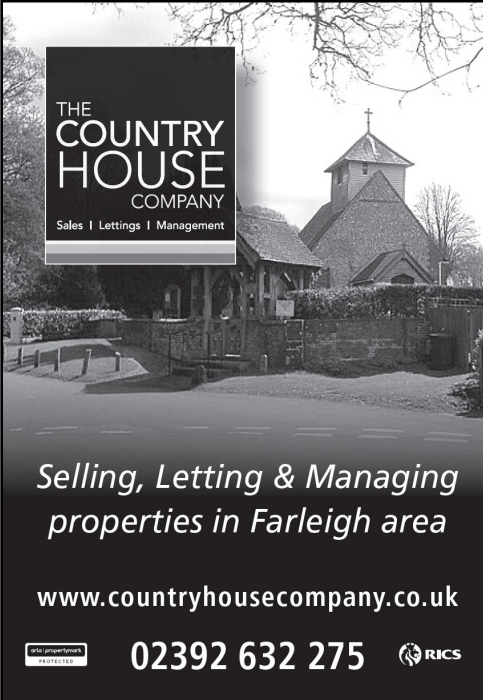


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### Dear Friends

As spring is in the air, and snowdrops are bursting out, hopes rise for a better year ahead after so much trauma and fear.

As we look forward to each new day as a gift of God (remember God’s present is God presence with us now), it is time to look away from what is thrown at us hour after hour in the media, and start looking up to the Lord who loves us and is with us.

A colleague shared that last year when the epidemic was rising so fast, as he left to go on a prayer walk in the city where he lives, his first overwhelming experience was a wave of fear. Then, as he paused, he said he heard as distinctly as he had ever heard, the voice of God speaking quietly to him: “Where is your faith? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?” (Luke 8:25, Matthew 6:27). Or, The Message “why can’t you trust me?”

This virus has brought an attack on our minds as well as our bodies: listening to the media can condition us into thinking that God doesn’t care; but He does. If we believe that God exists, that He rewards those who earnestly seek him (Hebrews 11:6), and that He loves us and is in us because we invited him, why would we choose fear instead of faith? Either we do trust Him or we don’t; if we do, we will look into His glorious face, marvel at His promises to us, and relax and choose to trust that He is with us through this storm. And even if we succumb to this or to any other illness that befalls us, we have our citizenship in heaven, which is our destination, so why spend hours worrying about what may not happen, and knowing where we are headed?

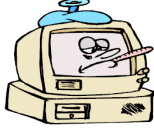
A word for this time I think is “**endurance**”: many of us have had to endure all sorts of things in life’s journey, and Jesus has been with us all the time, whether we recognise Him or not. When our lives are undergirded with His Word and His promises, we are called to persevere. Enduring hardship is part of life: we have a Saviour who endured the cross, who was raised from the dead who lives now and is in us; and the Holy Spirit within us gives us the power to keep going, to keep looking up, and to choose faith not fear.


Sometimes I have found myself assailed at night in my dreams or sleeping lightly, and had doubts coming at me like arrows; I have learned to praise the Lord, and worship him, even in those semi-conscious moments, and as time has passed, as soon as those attacks arise, it is easier to praise Him because that is my “default” – and the peace comes. That has been so particularly in these last 12 months, but the secret is always, to set my mind on things that

are above, where Christ is seated, at the right hand of God. We all have choices to make – choosing faith, not fear, and realising this is a long haul, but an hour at a time, where we can sink or choose to rise above the “slough of despond” as John Bunyan put it in “Pilgrim’s Progress,” through trusting Jesus.

The next few weeks, we will continue to have our Sunday worship online, until the situation improves and we are able to meet together to worship – we have published our February worship rota without the service times, but at least you all have the Sunday Bible readings and possible sermon titles; and should the miracle happen and the virus die away – as they do – the usual pattern will re-commence and we will get the information to you quickly. Lent is almost upon us, and elsewhere we are publishing what we are going to do online for you all – we hope a lot of you will join in on “Zoom.” Do not worry... do not fear... God is with us.

Blessings in Jesus,  
*Stephen*

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All Saints’ Church, Dummer  
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Former resident of Ellisfield:  
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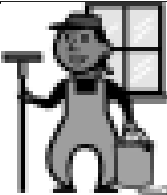
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Our next course is now booking, and due to start in early February on Zoom – both daytime and evenings are possible depending on numbers and availability.

There'll be some homework to do – for anyone seriously interested, doing a little research and reading always helps hugely.

Please let me know if you want to come and see: email me please at: [stephenmourant@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenmourant@btinternet.com)

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	<b>Cleaning &amp; Flowers</b>	Caroline Cazenove	
<b>All Saints Church Dummer</b>		<b>January</b>	
	<b>Cleaning –</b>		
	<b>Coffee –</b>		
	<b>Flowers -</b>		

## Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St Martin's Ellisfield	7 February	Susie Deane	
	14 February	Janette Bacon	Dee Hass & Peter Raine
	21 February	Bernard Cazenove	
	28 February	Sallie Paravacini	Debbie Scholey & Annie Duncan
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We are the disability champions of Basingstoke. We support our community through several innovative projects that improve health and wellbeing, while promoting awareness and understanding of the barriers faced through living with a disability.

We are excited to announce the dates for the next **Chineham and Sherfield Park Scarecrow Trail Summer 2021!** Last year's event was hugely popular and raised vital funds for BDDF. Noting we have taken the feedback onboard to run over a longer period. The event will take place over the first week of the school holidays, **24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021**, with map sales available over the first weekend.

Please look out for details on our Facebook page on how to vote for this year's theme and how to sign up to be an entrant which will open later in the year.

We would welcome volunteers to help with the planning, organisation and execution of the event. Virtual meeting will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. If you have skills to offer or time available to help us run this event, or simply a passion to get stuck in, please get in touch!

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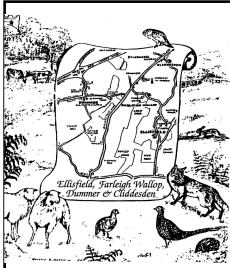
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Jane's Watch  
January 2021

Dear Residents

As is customary at the start of the year, PC Reid has provided us with an update, on the state of crime reported in each of the parishes in the area of this magazine for 2020. However, we start with an update on a series of crimes that have taken place

Parish	20 19	20 20	Crimes Reported
Ellisfield	17	6	2 ND Burglary, 3 Criminal Damages, 1 Public Order
Cliddesden	16	17	5 Assaults, 2 Possession of Drugs, 2 Thefts, 3 Other, 1 Criminal Damage, 1 Public Order, 2 ND Burglaries 1 Theft from Vehicle
Dummer	25	32	11 ND Burglary, 10 Crim Damages, 6 Assaults, 3 Thefts, 1 dog Bite, 1 Public Order
Farleigh Wallop	4	6	2 Thefts, 2 Other Crimes, 2 CD

in the nearby parish of Herriard recently.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at lunchtime a white Ford Transit tipper registration MK08 OUH was seen in Bagmore Lane, where the driver was seen calling at houses asking about scrap metal. Along with having a good look at the houses, he also asked who owned a van parked nearby and a local wood yard premises. Later that morning at 3am a vehicle was heard near the same cottages, when disturbed by a Resident the vehicle made off. However, later that day (8<sup>th</sup>) PC Reid had reported to him that outbuildings had been broken into at two premises in that area. Also on the 7<sup>th</sup> a Resident of Tunworth heard someone on his driveway, he looked and challenged two men who ran off. From PC Reid's enquiries, it has been established that a silver Honda CRV vehicle registration BD51 CWK was seen in the area at that time. Two hours later it was chased by Police from the scene of a farm burglary at Selbourne, Alton.

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PC Reid continues to urge all Residents to remain vigilant and keep your property secured, it is vital that if seen you report any suspicious incidents. If you Neighbourhood watch (cont.)

see or have seen either of these vehicles please let PC Reid know immediately – thank you.

The area in which PC Reid updates us about is that of his former area which covered twenty-two parishes and is of 75 sq. miles, you may recall that as of 2014 his area increased considerably to cover as far as the Andover border. Back to 2020 where generally crime fell across the area, this was due to COVID and the initial lock down; we know this as prior to March crime was rising every month on the same period in 2019. The highest reported crime of 2020 was that of criminal damage (CD) which was mainly fields of growing crops and farm property damaged by poachers. Of burglary offences we had 61 sheds, garages and other outbuildings (Non-Dwelling Burglaries – NDB), broken into a reduction of 18 on the 2019 figures and of house burglary, this fell from 5 to 3, the lowest recorded since 2015. Interestingly as assaults increased from 21 in 2019 to 31 in 2020, most were of a domestic nature. The breakdown was 7 parishes saw an increase in reported crime, 11 saw a decrease and four had the same amount in both years. Two parishes had no reported crime at all.



**LATEST LOCKDOWN.** Are you wondering how to fill your day during the restrictions of another lockdown? Why not join one of our Zoom lectures. We are the Basingstoke branch of The Arts Society and we have moved our programme of monthly lectures on to Zoom during lockdown. We enjoy stimulating talks from Arts Society registered lecturers on a wide range of topics. We are inviting anyone who is interested to join us at these lectures which are live on Wednesdays at 10.45 am. Lectures last for one hour and there is an opportunity to put questions to the lecturer at the end.

At Christmas we watched video clips from a Royal Ballet production of The Nutcracker whilst a member of their orchestra treated us to a unique glimpse of how things worked backstage.

On February 17th we will be learning about **Fakes and Forgeries: The Art of Deception** from a former specialist police detective.

Or if you prefer to learn about a topic in more detail we have a Study Day on February 24th from Peter Medhurst entitled **Paintings inspired by Music and Music inspired by Painting** who will discuss and analyse a range of magnificent paintings as well as giving us a live recital. Lectures cost £5 and Study Days cost £15 for non-members

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## *Benefice Recipes*

This delicious recipe comes from Tracey



Into our second month of the year already. Hopefully we have polished off the excesses of Christmas and New Year, chocolates, cheese and booze all of which are tops in our house. This is a really tasty Fresher Fishy Dishy.

### **Mackerel Hash, Serves 4**

#### **You will need**

700 g new potatoes  
Vegetable oil for frying (add a bit of butter too, it tastes nicer and doesn't burn with added veg oil)  
1 small onion or shallot-chopped, 1 can of sweet corn, A small cup of petit poi's,  
200g cooked mackerel (you can use more or less if you prefer and peppered or not),  
1 tbsp fresh parsley

As an extra you can pop a poached egg on top of each serving or dare I say it a fried one with a crispy frilly edge, YUM

#### **Method**

Boil potatoes, cut the bigger ones in half. Fry the onion or shallot till soft.  
Add sweet corn and peas and cook through for a couple of minutes stirring.  
Add cooked potatoes squash them in a bit and turn the heat up to get some crispy bits on them.  
Flake the mackerel and stir in, allow to warm through.  
Add the parsley and season to your taste.

Yummy. Now if you want to change some bits up you can, so maybe swap the mackerel for trout or salmon or a fish of your choice. You may have yesterday's leftover roast potatoes instead of new ones. What sort of person has leftover roast potatoes!! Or swap the onion for leek, a spoonful of creamed horseradish is perfect with mackerel or a milder mustard stirred through, or just a squeeze of lemon at the end.

A special brekkie or a tasty supper, I'd plump for the supper because then you can open something sparkly to go with it. Of course you don't need to wait for supper for sparkly it's just a decent reason for us jolly Lock Downers.

est. 2019

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### **The Covid challenge continues – but the store is open for you!**

Thanks to everyone involved with keeping the store and post office operating through yet more difficult times. Our mission has been to stay open to serve our valley communities and we are glad to have been doing so throughout the pandemic but it is only because our staff and volunteers are prepared to carry on doing their jobs and volunteering, that this has been possible. The CVCS management committee follows all the official guidelines to keep everyone as safe as possible during their visits to the store and this depends on staff and customers doing their utmost to comply with what is currently necessary. Thank you for continuing to adhere to the "Hands. Face. Space." initiative by carrying on using the hand sanitiser, wearing masks and maintaining a two-metre distance while in the store or waiting outside. Keeping the store running is a huge community effort and responsibility and the benefits are appreciated by all. For now, whether you are a customer or whether you work in the store, please keep doing what you are doing and remember: One day this WILL be over!

### **Do you need some help?**

If you are vulnerable or self-isolating and need assistance with getting your essential groceries, we will do our best to help. Please stay at home, contact Rebecca Jackson by calling 01256 389197 and let her know what you need. You will be asked to provide payment and contact details. As a community store, an important part of our ethos is to support local people and every effort will be made to help anyone who finds themselves in a crisis.

### **Look out for fun lockdown activity ideas**

Always stocked with everyday essentials, the store will be adding a few new items to its usual ranges in a bid to keep you and your family busy at home with something new to do or make. Look out for a new idea each week. Following on from last month's suggestion to make a batch of Seville orange marmalade, there will be recipes for easy-bake cakes, vegan meals, maybe instructions on how to create a delicious breakfast granola and some crafty schemes using kits of pens and paper that will be available in the store. More next month!

### **Valentine's Day**

This month (but not exclusively) love is in the air! There will be cards and gifts of all sorts for you to choose from to bestow on your beloved - or to give to yourself! A well-earned treat is just what you deserve, so come in and choose something deliciously indulgent.

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Open Morning: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am - 11.00am

### Happy New Year from CVP!

It has been wonderful to welcome our new starters to pre-school this term as we continue to be open during this lockdown period.

We have been reading *Stickman* by Julia Donaldson, linking this with our sensory tray full of sticks and wooden clothes pegs to make our own little 'stick world'. The little ones have had so much fun exploring this area which is also full of porridge and pasta to create different textures and lots of Maths opportunities. The children have also had so much fun guessing the animals from descriptions for our Letters and Sounds work and it amazing how many different creatures they can recognise!

Our Forest Leader Annie is out with the children all wrapped up in their winter coats, hats and gloves. Mud, sticks and leaves galore, there is so much to explore during this season!

**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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Best wishes,

Lisa Collisson Pre-School Head



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Hello from Claire!



Once again we find ourselves in lockdown – I hope you are all well and staying safe, and looking forward to a more positive 2021.

Our meetings are at the moment on hold, January's was cancelled and we are waiting to find out if we can go ahead with March, and even the spring show.

In light of this, and owing to the fact that we were unable to hold most of last year's events, the committee have voted to put subscriptions on hold until such time as we can start up again.

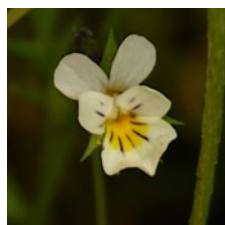
However, if you would like to pay subscriptions as normal please do so – as the cost of future speakers is always rising.

Message from Marilyn: She has some Sutton's seed catalogues. 50% discount on seeds and 15% on all other items. Please contact her on 01256 462584.

Travel abroad has been nigh on impossible for the last year, so we've not been able to enjoy the exotic flora of foreign climes. However, we have the most beautiful native wild flowers which have a history and mystery of their own.

For February I would like to reacquaint you with the humble dog violet, which should be raising its lovely head this month.

Common Names: Violet, pansy, heart's-ease, johnny-jump-up, love in idleness,



food production, but a lot about increased Environment protection. The plans look like a disincentive to produce, meanwhile European countries are increasing agricultural production as preparation to meet demand.

Farmers and land owners are certainly not against the Environmental changes, and are the best placed to deliver change, but as always these benefits and changes are best paid for out of agricultural profit. The ability to invest in the farm and countryside will deliver the benefits.

### Rain and Pheasants

The total rainfall for 2020 here was 1108mm, up from 925mm for 2019, and that was with a very dry April and May, October was the wettest month and February the runner up.

I am sure we are not the only garden to be invaded by pheasants, and although they are technically a non-native species, for me they are not a problem. It is fascinating watching as familiarity relaxes their natural wariness and they get bolder.

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# IN THE FIELDS

## **Brexit and other Paperwork**

Come February there will probably going to be the first glimmering of chances to start field work again, although some ploughing has been done since Christmas. Days are a bit longer and the soils will be starting to be workable. The lighter chalky free draining soils, of which we have in a lot of the area, are very suitable for an early start, and spring barley is a crop that usually reacts well to the opportunities afforded by the luxury of time, and a bit of luck.

## **In The Office (and out of the Cold)**

In the meanwhile fertiliser plans need to be made. These Nutrient Management Plans are to work out how much Nitrogen, Phosphate and Potash, Sulphur and maybe Magnesium will be needed for the crops, including grass, this season.

Total nutrient needs for the crops estimated yield are well established, so the plans are designed to establish the difference between nutrients available naturally from the soil and how much will be needed to be added as organic materials like muck, or manufactured out of a bag. These plans are a condition of claiming the Basic Payment and are legally required in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone, and so need to be in place before any fertiliser is applied, so now is the time to do it.

The objective is to grow a crop without wastage and avoid contamination of the rest of the environment. Water and air quality protection is high on the list of the environment measures now and for the future, as well avoiding wasted resources and cost for the grower. It seems that more research is being done to cut losses and from recent reports is showing that improvements will come soon.



## **Berxit? Brexit!**

Now an agreement has been reached, (Hooray!), details of the future can be contemplated. It will take a while for the good bits and the bad bits to show themselves. The wise heads are starting to query the balance between Agricultural production post-Brexit and food supply, set against the new Agriculture Act and Agricultural Transition Plan which say almost nothing about

Botanical name: viola Family: Violaceae

The violet is the forerunner of all our pansies.

According to Greek mythology the name 'viola' comes from Io, the young damsel whom Zeus loved but changed into a heifer to protect her from his jealous wife, Hera. Zeus gave Io a field of violets to eat, but Hera saw the tender white heifer with purple violets in her mouth, so beautiful it aroused her suspicions. She asked Zeus to give her the heifer, and out of spite tortured her so much Io jumped into the Ionian Sea. Zeus finally promised not to look at Io again, and Hera turned her back into a girl.



Violets were then, and later, linked with love.

The fairy spirit Puck employed their juice in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to make 'man or woman madly dote/ upon the next live creature that it sees'. In fact, the violet is one of the flowers most frequently referred to by Shakespeare – here are some.

## **Hamlet**

From her fair and unpolluted flesh

May violets spring

## **Twelfth Night**

Like the sweet sound,

That breathes upon a bank of violets.

## **Henry V**

'I think the king is but a man, as I am: the violet smells to him as it doth to me: the element shows to him as it doth to me.

## **What can we look forward to?**

Hmmm – Well according to the super long-range forecast – NO SNOW! Which I for one am very thankful for.

Plenty of clearing/cutting back/weeding and preparation for another glorious year of gardening.

I hope we can get together again soon, until then

Happy gardening!

Claire



# Ellisfield

**Distributor Nicki Palmer**

*Debbie Scholey will be very pleased to receive your Ellisfield news.*

*Contact Debbie on [debbie@ivycottage.aero](mailto:debbie@ivycottage.aero)*

## Ellisfield Stars

Over the Christmas period Ellisfield residents participated in a village wide Christmas greeting of love and goodwill displaying a star in their window or garden where it could be seen by passers-by. Below are just some of the creative expressions that have been spotted.

You may also have spotted the rare conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn that took place around 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Some think that this phenomenon occurred about 2,000 years ago, which prompted the Magi to travel many miles to worship Jesus.

We can still follow the star today!



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None of us wanted to be here. This new strain of COVID-19 is spreading rapidly across all parts of the country though and – following scientific advice – HM Government took the difficult decision that it is safer to close down schools until it is under control.

My wife and I – like many of you – are juggling home schooling my two daughters whilst keeping up our usual work schedules – so I wholeheartedly understand the challenges this decision presents parents with.

Throughout the pandemic, children’s education has been a key priority for me. As part of the government’s commitment that no child is left behind, I am pleased to confirm that a million laptops and tablets will be delivered to schools across the country, for those who need them. To date, over 560,000 devices have been delivered to councils in England, with our students here in Hampshire benefitting from well over 1,500 devices. This – backed up by the distribution of over 54,000 4G Wi-Fi routers and updated remote education requirements for schools – means children should now be benefitting from hours of high-quality remote learning a day.

This crisis is unprecedented, as is the vaccination programme we are seeing rolled out across the United Kingdom. It is the largest our country has ever seen and the Prime Minister’s announcement that 15 million people – the over-70s, healthcare workers and those required to shield – should have been offered a vaccination by mid-February shows the vast scale to which our NHS is working. So far, we have vaccinated more people in the Britain than in any other European country.

We are beating this deadly virus back and we will get there before long. We have all sacrificed so much so far – but the day is darkest before the dawn.

As ever, if I can help you, please drop me a line to: [email@ranil.uk](mailto:email@ranil.uk)



# TCC

As you are all aware TCC in the normal format is on hold for now but ,as in the first lockdown, we thought it would be good to direct our baking skills to the critical care NHS workers in Basingstoke Hospital.

So for the last 3 weeks we have been delivering cakes to the ICU and surgical teams, all of whom are now doing extra shifts. We have received some lovely photos of the staff enjoying the cakes in the tea rooms during the hand over from the night shift teams.

We will continue this as long as its needed. Thank you to all our bakers who have stepped up to help out!

### **Ellisfield Parish Council— Allotments**

The longstanding licensee of Ellisfield's Lower Allotments, Rose Gray, sadly recently died.

The Lower Allotments are one and a half acres of woodland used for coppicing.

Whilst we have had some interest in taking this licence over, as a public body we need to advertise the opportunity. Therefore please will anyone interested in taking on the licence let Gordon Dunse, Councillor responsible for allotments or Peter Raine, Ellisfield Parish Council Clerk, know.

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### Reasons to smile

Julian and Margaret from Nightingales at the bottom of Green Lane, Ellisfield, have a 'Reason to be Thankful' board at the bottom of their drive for people to write on as they pass by.


It's a lovely way to raise spirits and see the positive things. What a great idea. There is some hand sanitizer and chalk provided. Thank you! Here is an example of recent postings.



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## Old Barn Stores, North Waltham

Old Barn Stores is the nearest shop to Dummer and residents who use the store regularly would like to thank Suki and his friendly team for all they have done during the various lockdowns.

Nothing is too much and they will order in anything their customers require. They were really helpful over Christmas as customers could order their various meats, vegetables and wine and collect from the shop. No standing in a huge queue outside the local supermarkets!

A very useful commodity if you do not wish to be in a crowded supermarket at this time.

## Dummer Village Hall

Sadly, we have had to close the doors again and we sympathise with our excellent hirers who have lost revenue through cancelled classes. As soon as possible we will re-open and continue with our strict cleaning regime.

Dummer Village Hall Committee.

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# CAGE NEWS UPDATE JANUARY 2021

[www.cleanairgreenenvironment.org](http://www.cleanairgreenenvironment.org)

Happy New Year to all CAGE supporters!

After the Christmas break we thought you'd like to know what's happening at the start of 2021.

We now have another opportunity to let Basingstoke Council know how strongly we object to the Newlands' warehouse development. The warehouse hub is shown as a possible feature of the COUNCIL'S VISION DOCUMENT [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/visionM3-j7-land](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/visionM3-j7-land). Please write or email to object to the inclusion of the development in the document by the 15th January - if you cannot meet this deadline, please still write as all letters count.

## LETTERS OF OBJECTION TO THE TWO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(20/02162/OUT & 20/02586/FUL) These continue to be written, so please make sure you have responded to both applications. For help see: [www.cleanairgreenenvironment.org](http://www.cleanairgreenenvironment.org).

It is annoying to have to write twice but the developers have a strategy to get their planning applications passed and CAGE campaigners need to take action.



## TREES AT OAKDOWN FARM.

This old avenue of oak trees lined the road into Dummer before the M3 was built. It was hoped that the Tree Officers at Basingstoke Council would make it clear that these trees should be protected but we are to be disappointed. In their report they stated: the applicant's tree plans are '*acceptable and appropriate*' even though all these trees are to be demolished for the access road and car park and despite the admission by the developer's arboricultural expert that this avenue of mature oaks is of a significant quality with a '*high aesthetic appearance*'.

## AIR POLLUTION

This article <https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/18958952.air-quality-figures-basingstoke-revealed> from The Basingstoke Gazette talks about the measurement

of pollution at various sites in and around Basingstoke. The estimated 4,000 traffic movements every day at the warehouse site, will impact on the air quality in the area. The potential increases in emissions from traffic, housing and consequent pollution from nitrous oxide, carbon dioxide and particulates should be accurately researched before any more building goes ahead. Make sure that your local councillors and MPs (Ward councillors: Diane Taylor, Stuart Frost and Hannah Golding, MPs: Kit Malthouse and Maria Miller) know about your environmental concerns.

We will be posting on Facebook and WhatsApp regularly to keep you informed. If you wish to join the **A30 Distribution Hub WhatsApp** please phone: 0208-638-6131



# Cliddesden

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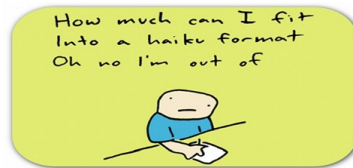
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**CLIDDSDEN SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT CLUB—  
aka The Film Club**

***Please note that film Club will recommence as soon as  
Covid restrictions allow.***

**For the attention of all in the Parish of Farleigh.....  
and even The Benefice of Farleigh, Candover and Wield!!**



A few years ago, Ben Maunder introduced us to this form of short poetry and it was warmly received in Cliddesden. Poetry is pleasing to any age group and we are hoping that you will exercise your brain and send in your ideas. Perhaps this will become a regular feature during these strange times.

Haiku is a very appealing Japanese verse form comprising seventeen syllables in three lines of five, seven, and five syllables, respectively. It lends itself to a huge range of subjects and thoughts. Perhaps we could start with the theme of the Natural World.

Ben has put together an example for us:

### **Redwings and Fieldfares**

How they warm my heart  
As they ransack the hedgerows,  
Those winter thrushes!

Yes, that is 17 syllables!  
Why don't you have a go?

Please send your creations to Gill and Rachel and see them in print in future editions.

### **All Saints Church, Dummer**

Once again, we have had to revert to on-line services and many thanks to David and Stephen for the work they put into this. The Church is still open for private prayer and disinfected daily.

Although attendance at Church Services had to be restricted due to social distancing over the Christmas period, all those who wished to attend managed to be provided with a seat. Again, we had to restrict the amount of decorations we could put up but Jo Gammel and Bec Craven did a marvellous job and the team of flower ladies provided some beautiful arrangements, many of which we left in the Church during January just to the show that Covid-19 might have affected all our lives but nature continues to flourish and provide great beauty. Thank you to Alex and John for putting up our Nativity again.

The Dummer District Church Council has had a discussion with the Associate Rector, Rev Stephen Mourant, as to being more independent in preparation for Stephen's retirement in September. We have three Communion services each month with the third Sunday each quarter being a Matins Service. This will continue but the other third Sundays will be a shortened Morning Prayer service instead of Holy Communion. Stephen has details of courses for those who would like to attend to enable them to take services with confidence.

Don't forget to still give. If you donate via the Parish of Farleigh account, sort code 55 81 26, acc no 75079771, don't forget to put your name the word PLATE in the reference line. (The same goes for Hill and Dale subscriptions, please put your name plus Hill Dale in the reference and tell your deliverer).

### **The Christmas Box.**

Thank you again for all the goods you put into the box. The crisps left over from the Christingle service I delivered early in the mornings to the homeless. Some of the biscuits etc I gave to a friend who is a cleaner in a residential home (as the Salvation Army were unable to hold their Christmas party this year) and other items went to the Trussell Trust.

My own vast array of chocolates and biscuits that I receive from the children at St Marks School went to the nurses at St Michael's Hospice.

### **Carol Singing in Dummer**

Overton Choral Society normally hold a Christmas Carol Concert in aid of St Michael's Hospice so this year we decided to do two things, carol singing and make a video of three carols. We met at All Saints Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December and we thank those who came and supported us.

We moved to Biblefields but, unfortunately, two carols in and it rained so hard we simply had to give up. A villager gave me a very generous cheque and via both our Facebook page and our Just Giving site ([justgiving.com/fundraising/overtonchoralsociety](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/overtonchoralsociety)) we have raised £515. A great result and necessary this year when so many charities have suffered from lack of fundraising.

Lyn Hardy, Churchwarden



# Dummer

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## About Dummer

Congratulations to Brigadier Elizabeth Faithfull-Davies on being awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours list for facilitating the roll-out and delivery of Covid-19 testing to frontline workers including care homes, police stations and prisons.

We say goodbye to Lyn Powell who is moving to Romsey to be nearer family. She and Dave were an integral part of the village when their three daughters were young, joining in all activities and helping at fetes etc. Lyn also arranged the Church cleaning rota for many years. Having been in the village for 40 years it will be quite a change for the family.

Many thanks to Melanie Gill for taking over the Church cleaning rota.

We also say goodbye to William Maitland Biddulph who has moved to Andover. William is an independent wine grower and specialises in wine cellar management. The folk of Andover will benefit from his long and varied experience.

### **Peter Marks.**

**5/11/36 – 13/12/20**

Peter (and his family) have been involved with Dummer for many years, chiefly through All Saints Church. For some time Peter and Jan and their three children lived in a cottage at Home Farm on Farleigh Lane which made them equidistant between Farleigh and Dummer.

Peter and Jan, and, eventually, Alex, Helen and Oliver joined the bell ringing team at All Saints. Helen was a very active member of the Dummer Brownies so the Marks parents spent many hours driving the family to and from Dummer. The whole family was involved in ringing the bells on Royal Wedding Day in 1986. Peter became Bell Captain and was ably assisted by Jan who also organised many bell ringing days from visiting groups.

Sadly, the many years of farming in all weathers took its toll on Peter's health and he turned to gardening, which he did in his usual calm and diligent way. Peter was a gentle person, always polite, always smiling, always asking after other people, a great family man and very proud grandfather. There are not many people who command great respect just on their nature alone but Peter was one of them. Our sympathies go to Jan, Alex, Helen, Oliver and their respective spouses and the grandchildren.

# Cliddesden Primary School

It has been a very unusual start to the spring term at Cliddesden Primary School.

First, we heard from The Government that primary schools would remain open and then on the Monday evening came another announcement that there was a change of plans, and schools would close. We had to communicate with our parents and staff very promptly and also prepare for our new way of teaching via the internet.

The school has remained opened to the children of parents who are critical workers and those children who are deemed vulnerable. We have about 35% of our pupils on this list with around 30% in each day, as some are doing flexible or part time attendance. Each classroom is open and in use, and for break, lunchtimes and PE we have two bubbles EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Staff are in school.

I must take this opportunity to praise my staff. Not only are they constantly planning, preparing, recording, uploading, checking and delivering remote learning, they are also supervising and engaging the children who have returned to school under the criteria I mentioned. They are working as hard as ever and one must not forget we are in a very worrying time in terms of the pandemic in the south-east.

The children at home are enjoying and engaging in their remote learning and parents are doing their very best to support. This is a very new concept to both our teachers, children and parents. We are sure though, that our remote learning will evolve as everyone becomes more confident.

Kenneth Davies

Headteacher

## Benefice Web site

The Benefice web site is actively managed and is being updated on a regular basis.

Take a look at some of the useful features at [www.farleighcandoverandwiold.org.uk](http://www.farleighcandoverandwiold.org.uk).

There is a series of new tabs to facilitate navigation through the site and work continues to ensure content is useful and current.

Back copies of Hill and Dale and The Oxdrove are now available on the site in PDF format.

You can also find a colour copy of the article in this issue called 'Follow The Star'.

As many are aware both past and present on line services and weekly letters produced by Stephen and David can be accessed via the web site.

## Walking in Hampshire

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Hampshire [www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants) is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Hampshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris  
[www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)  
email: [john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)



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## Walkers and those with dogs, please note!

Farmers have noticed a very high increase in walkers during Tier 5. Whilst appreciating that everyone has the right to enjoy the countryside, it has been quite concerning to see the number of people walking with dogs off the lead and trespassing onto private land. Not only is this a massive danger to any livestock that may be in the fields because of the potential for dogs to attack and chase, but also dog poo is harmful to livestock eating grass.

It has also been disappointing to see how many people have been straying off the footpaths. A particular problem area is the field surrounding Farleigh Church which seems to have turned into a public park!

Please will all, walkers as well as those with dogs, respect the countryside, keep to the footpaths, don't walk in crops from which families and farmers are trying to make a living and keep dogs on leads.

Please leave no trace! Help preserve the beautiful countryside that we are so lucky to have in our area.



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## Happy New Year from all of us at Brighton Hill Community School!

2021 has started back in lockdown so once again we are all getting used to another new 'normal' but we had plenty of reasons to be cheerful when we broke up in December. Here are a few of the highlights:

- We managed a whole term of face-to-face lessons without having a full or partial closure because of an outbreak of Covid in school
- We were ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the world for the number of questions the students answered on Century (an online learning platform for English, Maths and Science)
- We delivered about 200 Christmas cards to various groups and sheltered housing complexes in the community as well as to our 2 student nominated charities – St Michaels Hospice and Kings Kids Orphanage in Uganda
- We relaunched our mental wellbeing App and were accredited 'Committed' for our whole school approach to mental health
- We managed to raise enough money for the orphans to have a hot meal on Christmas Day
- We delivered over 112kgs of food to the foodbank
- Y8s collected and delivered food for Spotlight
- Our Headteacher appeared on BBC South Today for his efforts to protect students from traffic cutting through the Asda carpark to avoid diversions due to roadworks
- And if that wasn't enough to celebrate and enjoy, on the last day of term students were greeted by 50 members of staff dressed as Santa's as they came into school!



So back to 2021, we are again getting used to online learning and being separated from our friends but it is good to catch up with our teachers even if it is through a screen! We hope you keep safe and well through this uncertain time.

*BHCS Student Newspaper Team*

## DON'T CALL YOUR SURGERY ABOUT VACCINATIONS

The NHS has asked Basingstoke and Deane to support them in getting messages across to residents not to call GPs about when they are going to be vaccinated.

The NHS wants to vaccinate as many people as possible, as quickly as possible. There is a clear vaccine delivery plan and the vaccine is being rolled out as quickly as doses can be supplied and quality checked, with over a million people already vaccinated right across the UK.

Groups of GP practices are working together as Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to deliver the vaccine to their registered populations at Local Vaccination Services. This means that some residents in the priority groups may find that friends and family have been vaccinated before them. They should not worry or assume they have been missed. We will reach everyone as soon as we can.

Residents will be contacted directly with an invitation for their vaccination, and all those vaccinated will need a booster jab within 12 weeks.

Understandably many people are keen to get vaccinated, and some people are frustrated not to have been invited for the jab yet. However some GP surgeries are being inundated by calls from family members asking when they will get the vaccine.

We are urging members of the public not to contact their practice about vaccination as practices are being hindered from making outgoing calls, booking appointments, or taking calls from those who need urgent care.

Your support in reiterating these key messages with your local population will be most appreciated:

- Please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, we will contact you
- When we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments
- Please continue to follow all the guidance to control the virus and save lives.

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## NATURE NOTES

It's January and the start of a new year. Everyone is hoping 2021 will be better than the last year which has been devastating and stressful to many but it hasn't started off too well. One thing we *are* able to do is get outside, if only for an hour or so, and lots of us have taken to the footpaths and enjoyed the countryside.

Although 3CG hasn't held any public events since Covid 19 struck, we did at least manage to complete the Annual Litter Pick in March. Thank you to everyone who did a magnificent job in clearing all the rubbish from our lovely village. Record numbers of volunteers turned out and hopefully we can do the same sometime this year.



Our AGM & Social gathering had to be postponed which was very disappointing as Ruth was to share her African Safari experiences with us – we hope she'll be up for doing it just as soon as we can book the hall again. Also we had planned for another Meadow Tea Party back in the summer to enjoy the great array of flowers and butterflies but sadly it wasn't to be – maybe this summer? We'll keep you posted!

Despite the lockdowns work has been going on apace, social distancing strictly observed, with tree whips being added to gappy hedges to provide better shelter and food for our wildlife. The meadow produced an abundance of wildflower seed which was collected and sown in verges and field margins.



BADGERS have taken a liking to this spot as it's quiet and undisturbed – as evidenced by several latrines they have dug!



Quite a few ROE DEER frequent the field and 3 babies were born there in May. Their spotty coats give them excellent camouflage so look closely at the photo!

BIRD NEST-BOXES have been checked and cleaned out ready for new arrivals in the spring.



Our population of SLOWWORMS is thriving and a large GRASS SNAKE makes the meadow its base.

Some more good news – Hampshire County Council has agreed to mow the WILDFLOWER BANK opposite the Village Hall only once a year in October. It has been confirmed as an RVEI (Rural Verge of

Ecological Importance). This will allow all the flowers to bloom and set seed so we're hoping for a grand display this year. After the bank is mown we can organize another Big Rake Off to collect up all the arisings which, if left, will enrich the soil and smother new seedlings.

January sees the return of the RSPB's BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH 2021

Enjoy an hour with nature and discover the wildlife on your doorstep.

Spend an hour counting the birds you see landing in your garden between 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January. Count the most birds of the same species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice.

Sign up for all you need to take part, including your free guide, help with identifying what you see and expert advice on feeding the birds.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>  
What will you see?

WINTER WALKS can ease the frustration with the restrictions Covid has imposed on us so, if you can, get out for a stroll and rebuild your relationship with nature and the open countryside.

Don't forget to look around you. Nature is essential to our well-being and there's so much to see. How lucky are we to live in such a lovely place!

That's it for now, folks! Keep safe, keep well and keep smiling!

