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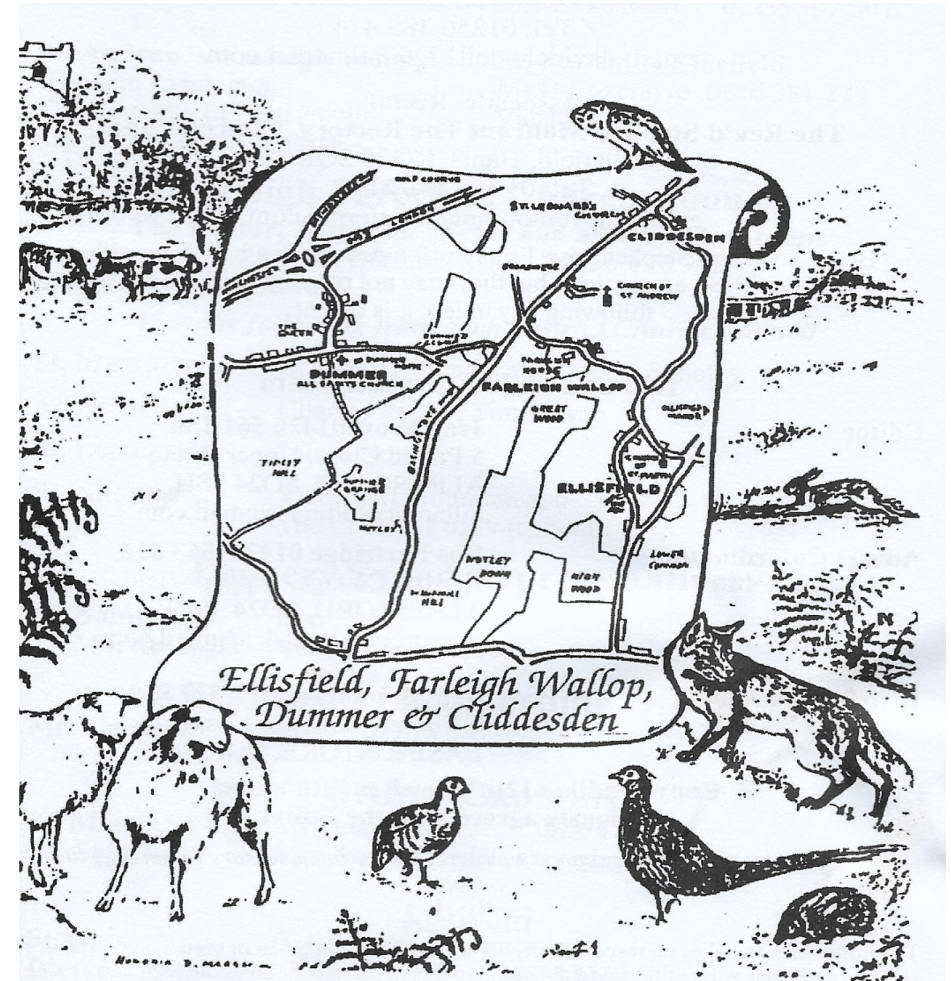
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The Benefice of Farleigh, The Candover and Wield

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Key to initials:

IDT = Ian Thaker: PR = Peter Raine: JG = Julian Gibbons LH = Lyn Hardy:

AL = Anne Luneburg: BC = Bernard Cazenove: CPT = Charlie Palmer

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### February 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation of Christ in the Temple

08:00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:30	Wield	Morning prayer IDT
09:45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer PR
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer
11:00	Northington	Morning prayer IDT
11:15	Dummer	Sunday special

Readings Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40


Psalm 24

### February 9<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday before Lent

08:00	Dummer	Holy Communion IDT
09:45	Ellisfield	Morning Prayer BC
10:00	Preston Candover	Family Service JG
11:15	Cliddesden	Family Holy Communion Archdeacon Richard Brand
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## February 16<sup>th</sup>

9.00 Wield  
9:45 Dummer  
10:00 Preston Candover  
11.15 Cliddesden

## Third Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion BCP IIDT  
Matins  
Holy Communion IDT  
Family Service PR

Readings *Jeremiah 17.5-10, 1 Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26*  
*Psalm 1*

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## February 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 Bradley  
9:45 Dummer  
11:00 Brown Candover  
11:15 Ellisfield

## Second Sunday before Lent Creation Sunday

Holy Communion CW. IDT  
Holy Communion CW IDT  
Family Morning Worship JG  
Family Holy Communion IDT

Readings *Genesis 2:4b-9 15-end, Revelation 4, Luke 8:22-25*

*Psalm 65*

February 26<sup>th</sup> Ellisfield Prayers in St Martins. 9.30 (30 minutes)

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NEIGHBOURHOOD  
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## Message from Ian

My car is due an MOT this month and I'm dreading it. It's reached the age where things feel OK but when the expert looks at it things go wrong. You end up with a complete litany of things that need fixing and face the choice of scrapping it and buying a new car or sticking with what you've got for another year. However much we dread the cost of the MOT it is still something worth having. The thought of coming down Farleigh Wallop hill to find there is an issue with the brakes is not a thought I want to linger on.



The season of Lent is going to start in March but needs some preparation time. Lent, along with Advent, is a time when those of us who are Christians are supposed to put their faith through a bit of an MOT. When I was a Vicar in North London the Diocese did this very seriously. The Clergy had to ask five people to fill in an appraisal. We were then summoned to meet with what felt like an inquisitor who would go through the reports. We all vaguely dreaded this because we were expected not to ask people who were friends but some, at least, who found our ministry challenging. The inquisitor always turned out to be wise and kind who fed back 5 good things we were going and a couple of things that needed sorting out. One of mine, was always scruffy shoes and untidy hair no idea what happened to that!

So here are two questions for you to think about in the run up to Lent. Firstly, how much have you been praying and reading your Bible recently. If the answer is "not much" the Church of England has a really good app called daily prayer that, if you don't live in the dead zone around Preston Candover is worth accessing.

Secondly, how frequently are you are attending Church? When your Church doesn't have a service could you go along to one of the other Churches in the Benefice in Lent.

Finally, and this applies regardless of the faith we possess, how are we responding to the human need that exists in Basingstoke and Winchester. How much have we given to the foodbanks that provide urgent support to people who are homeless or on benefits?

Taking stock is something you can do on your own, but it is more effective if we find someone who is kind and wise to help us set targets and make a success of this special time of year

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## Christmas at St Leonard's

St Leonard's was filled with music, fellowship and love this Christmas as lots of us came together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Particular highlights were the Christingle, see picture below right, Nine Lessons and Carols, Carols at the Pond, see picture below left, the Crib Service and Midnight Mass. Huge thanks to everyone involved in making these services such a joy to attend and take part.

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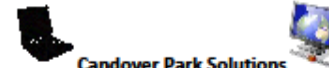
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We were lucky to have 9 BCV members and a team of 7 from the village and church and, with brush cutters, hand scythes and a scythe mower, the dense mat of long grass was cut, raked and taken to our compost heap.

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### Farleigh Parish Playgroup

Happy New Year from Playgroup!

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The Mac Millan Coffee Morning raised over £80 for the cancer charity, a brilliant result.

Our special Story Lady, Tricia, read a beautiful story each week, with "Peppa Pig's New Shoes" being a particular favourite.

We rounded off our exciting term with a Christmas Party. Monica and Jenny made a special party lunch, and we had a very special visitor...can you guess who?!

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Our programme this spring is inspired by the beauty and grandeur of the sea and showcases two major British composers.

Vaughan Williams was deeply inspired by the poetry of American writer, Walt Whitman, whose verses from ‘Leaves of Grass’ form the text of both ‘A Sea Symphony’ and the shorter choral work, ‘Toward the Unknown Region’. Whitman’s expansive and humanistic vision of the sea, a metaphor for both the natural world and the spiritual journey of mankind, appealed strongly to Vaughan Williams. The symphony captures the grandeur, mystery, and awe of the ocean, while at the same time representing human experience and exploration. It is remarkable as one of the earliest major choral symphonies in the English repertoire. Composed between 1903 and 1909, it premièred at the Leeds Festival in 1910, with Vaughan Williams himself conducting. Each of the two works is a powerful testament to Vaughan Williams’ ability to blend poetry and music into a unified, stirring experience.

Benjamin Britten’s ‘Four Sea Interludes’ extracted from his 1945 opera ‘Peter Grimes’, are some of the most evocative orchestral music in the 20th-century classical repertoire. In the opera, the interludes serve as atmospheric transitions between each scene, but are frequently performed, as in our concert, as a stand-alone suite. The Suite remains one of Britten’s most popular orchestral works and is a powerful example of his ability to fuse musical drama and atmospheric depiction. All three works in the concert regularly captivate audiences with their rich imagery and emotional depth, inviting listeners to travel on a profound and majestic journey across the seas of the world and the human soul.

We are delighted to be joined once again by our friends from Croydon Philharmonic Choir, as well as a professional orchestra and soloists, making this a concert not to be missed; so join us on our seaward travels.



# Cliddesden

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behind tillage crops which have, of late, been grazed by sheep. We have been delighted to hear such positive comments about the presence of the sheep around the locality, with them adding another layer to the rural environment we are fortunate to be in.

I will look forward to speaking about the progress of drilling in future editions. In the meantime, we will keep everything crossed for some spring sun that we all look forward to after the cold, dark winters.

Emma Ilesley



## Cliddesden WI

At our January meeting, we listened to a speaker from St Michael's Hospice. She told us about the services and care, which is offered to adults with an end-of-life diagnosis. This includes a wide range of conditions including motor neuron

disease, dementia and cancer. The Hospice has 10 rooms but also offers care at home, helping patients to die in their place of choice. The cost to provide these services is £6.2m per year which is £15,000 per day, 84% of which is fundraised.

The holistic care is focussed on the individual which includes symptom control, pain management, therapies and other living well services. There were many stories from close relatives who have experienced the services.

We also heard from Tricia Jones who is a wonderful storyteller, as those of you who she taught at Cliddesden School will remember. She read a Joyce Grenfell story about a group of nursery children who were asked to pretend to be flowers. With one little boy saying he wanted to be a cauliflower.

Our next meeting is on 17th February at 10:30 for anyone who would like to join us where our speaker will be Jane Leese, whose talk is on being a Vicar and a mother.

Julia Ross





## In the Fields—Emma Ilsley

We welcome 2025 and all the opportunities that lay before us. I hope you have all had a restful Christmas with your family and friends and wish you all a prosperous New Year. This time of year, is not only one of reflection, but also of ambition. With this in mind, we will look forward to the lighter evenings and positive aura that the Spring inevitably brings.

To round off 2024, I had the pleasure of being able to attend the Bramley Christmas Tractor Run driving one of our John Deere tractors. The event was raising money for two organisations: Alzheimer's Society and Pelican Cancer Foundation. With almost 100 machines and countless spectators lining the roads, the event was incredibly received by all those involved. The event is growing exponentially, and it was fantastic to see so members of the farming community congregate from far and wide, their tractors all decorated very festively indeed. From a giant LED nutcracker to a trailer 'sleigh', there were some fabulous efforts on show! The route spanned Bramley, Tadley, Pamber End and finished up at Silchester Farm, hosting us for some well-earned refreshments. I wish to express my thanks to the Estate for supporting me in this fundraising event.

I wanted to speak briefly this month about our 3 full-time staff on the farm. Although a segment of our local community has known them for many years, I wanted to try and provide some wider context for those who are newer to the three villages.

**Cliff:** Cliff joined what was, at the time, Farleigh Farms as foreman in 1984 and completed his 40<sup>th</sup> harvest with us last summer! He will be seen most driving the combine in summertime and is our main sprayer operator year-round. Cliff's knowledge of the topography has been pivotal as farming practices have evolved over the course of time.

**Rose:** Rose is another long-standing member of the Farleigh Wallop team, renowned for her role at the farm dairy and with young stock in the past. She has become a valued member of the arable farming side, known for her immaculate hedge-cutting and friendly waves from the cab of her tractor over harvest.

**Andy:** Andy came to Farleigh in 2022 and brought with him a wealth of knowledge in John Deere machinery. Primarily, Andy is our drillman, responsible for the planting of seed into the ground. He is more widely famed for his workshop wizardry, and meticulous attention to detail!

Looking ahead, the team's next major project will be preparations for spring drilling, which (hoping that the weather is kind to us!) will be due to commence in March. A proportion of these spring crops will be planted

## Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club

AKA 'The Film Club'

Thursday 2 January 2025

### *Cheaper By the Dozen (1950)*

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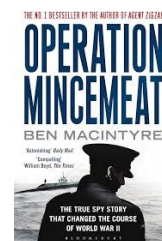
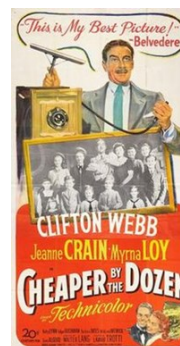
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### Foodbank support continues

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas hamper raffle or made a donation during December. All the money raised was allocated to support the Basingstoke Foodbank. With these funds, plus a £250 boost from our reserves, the store donated goods worth £713. The store committee has decided to carry on supporting this organisation which helps local people in crisis whatever the time of year. We continue to welcome donations by cash or card as well as actual products. If you would like to donate the most appropriate products it is a great idea to log on to the website, [basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk](http://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk), scroll down to the end of the "Give help/donate food" page and see the list of items that are most urgently needed at that time. We will make sure your contributions get to the foodbank regularly.

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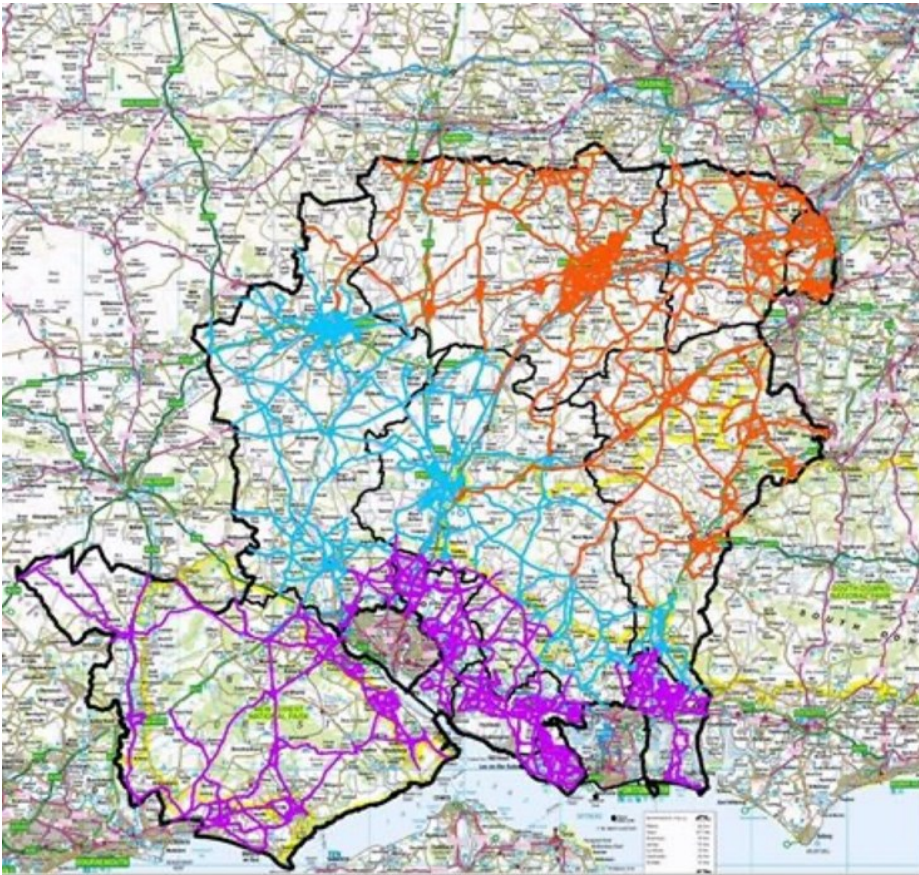
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Cliddesden Primary School is a popular, all-inclusive village school on the outskirts of Basingstoke with a dedicated staff and a supportive community committed to providing high standards in education. The school is keen to continue to build its links with the local community and is currently seeking two volunteers to fill vacancies on our governing body.

We are particularly looking for skills or experience in some or all of the following areas:

- Working in Education
- Business and Finance
- Leadership and Management
- Links with the local community
- Property Management



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#### **How do I apply?**

If you would like to apply or to find out more about the role please contact the School Office:

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- Website [www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)



## Basingstoke

**1 in 5 young people**  
who come to us have  
a debt problem



Talking about money isn't always easy. So much so that 90% of young people feel uncomfortable discussing finances. We know the result of not seeking help earlier, as 1 in 5 young people who come to us have a debt problem. So we know it's pretty important to reduce the stigma around money.

Budget planners can help you understand what you're earning and spending, and where you might be able to cut costs. You can use the free planner on [www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/everyday-money/budgeting/budget-planner](http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/everyday-money/budgeting/budget-planner). Try to find your most recent bank statements, payslips and proofs of income, debit and credit card statements or bills and receipts for things you usually pay for. Remember to include all your expenses, for example money you spend on your partner or family. You may have savings you don't know about. Your parents might have bought Bonds when you were younger or if you were born between 1 September 2002 and 2 January 2011 you may have a Child Trust Fund waiting for you of up to £1000 or more. If you'd like to find your Child Trust Fund but you're not sure how, The Share Foundation ([www.sharefound.org](http://www.sharefound.org)) and Gov.uk can help you.

If you're behind on your bills you should work out what's a priority and non-priority bill.

Priority bills should come first. Falling behind on them can cause serious problems. For more information on managing your money, please go to <https://bit.ly/3E19Nmi>.

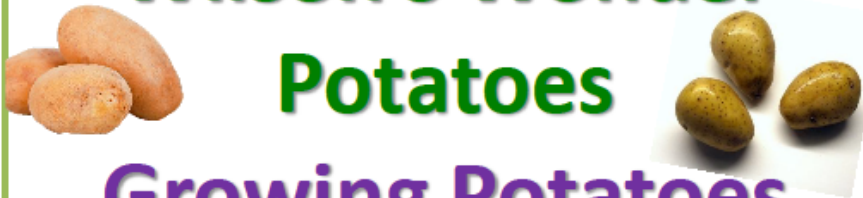
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## **Cliddesden, Ellisfield & Farleigh Wallop Horticultural Society**

### **Wilson's Wonder Potatoes**



**Growing Potatoes**  
**Seed potatoes will be for sale at the meeting**

**Everyone welcome**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Cliddesden Village Hall at 7.30pm**

### **Cliddesden Primary School**

A belated Happy New Year to you all. As always, the end of year was an incredibly busy time at school. Here is a round up for you...



Congratulations to our **school Basketball Team** who came runners up in the annual Basingstoke Schools competition. The team won all the games in their group and beat St Mary's in the semi-finals. The final against St John's was tough and we narrowly lost. Still a great achievement for our small school and we were awarded the Best Small School Trophy.

Coming runners up means that there is a very good chance we will qualify for the county finals in May.



Football – Chiltern Primary vs Cliddesden

A fiercely competitive match from the start. Both teams were eager to make an impact and take the lead. Cliddesden subbed James in and within minutes he scored giving us a 1-0 lead. Following some scrappy play right in front of the goal mouth, Taylor managed to slip the ball in giving Cliddesden a 2-0 lead. This was short lived as Chiltern, determined not to give up, scored and then scored again soon after to even the match. So, at 2-2 with just minutes to go and both teams giving it their all, Chiltern managed a 3rd goal.

Both teams played with passion and determination, and we are looking forward to our next match.

#### **Willow Class – Parent Workshop**

We started the day listening to the story of Can't you sleep, Little Bear by Martin Waddell. We sequenced the story and retold it to our adults in the afternoon. We all remembered the story really well.

We all learnt how to make a lantern to help us see in the dark. We lit the lanterns and turned out the lights. It felt spooky and amazing! We spoke to our adults about how we felt.



Mrs Nicholson showed everyone how to make a sentence about how we felt. We orally rehearsed it first, counted cubes to remember the sentence and looked at word and phonics mats to chop and blend sounds in the words. Our adults were quick learners and helped us to write our sentence. The year 1 children extended their sentence with the wow word 'because'. Everyone read their sentence again which resulted in the children producing some super writing.

**Willow class** enjoyed meeting Harold the giraffe from our SCARF programme. Harold and Caroline talked to us about bouncing back from challenges. We learnt that sometimes Harold finds things difficult and what he does to overcome his difficulties. Harold explained he used a magic word yet at the end of the sentence. So, we practised saying what we found tricky and what difference it made when we added yet. I can't subtract - yet! Harold taught us a song about not giving up and we sang it beautifully!



**Beech Class** learned all about our brain and how it is where our feelings begin. Harold visited us with a very heavy bag, which was making it hard for him to eat, sleep and play because it was getting in the way. We explored what was inside Harold's bag to see if we could help. It was filled with emotions like disappointment, loneliness, worry, frustration and excitement. Together, we discovered ways to manage these feelings, such as finger and balloon breathing, doing the tree pose and practising deep belly breathing with a toy. By the end, Harold's bag felt much lighter, and we all felt more confident in handling our emotions.

**In Chestnut Class**, the children learnt all about the different functions of the brain, including the vocabulary hippocampus (the memory saver), prefrontal cortex (the wise leader), amygdala (the security guard) and the brain stem (the site manager). Harold came to visit and talked about a problem he was having at school and the children talked about people he could talk to including his teacher, his peers, a trusted adult or his family. The children worked in groups looking at different scenarios, they discussed how they feel when something happens that is outside of their control. A fantastic workshop focusing on wellbeing and positive thought.

## Benefice Recipes

Hello all, so it came and went and far too much chocolate and cheese was consumed. My Miss sensible voice says no more chocolate you'll regret it when you're awake at two in the morning with heartburn. My devil may care voice says, one chocolate won't make a difference it's Christmas. Then before Miss sensible can pipe up Mr Cadbury has possessed my fingers, I've torn open a few Heroes and eaten them.

Miss sensible then has the last word and says okay just those and that's all. She never wins when it comes to chocolate and Mr Gaviscon gets a little richer!



So, let's think about more food, a hearty soup, make extra and freeze in portions.

### Celeriac, Bacon and Barley Soup. serves 4

#### Ingredients

1 Tbsp Butter  
 6 Smoked Streaky Bacon Rashers finely sliced  
 3 Fresh Rosemary sprigs  
 2 Onions, finely chopped  
 600 g Celeriac peeled and chopped into 1 cm chunks  
 125 g Pearl Barley  
 1.75 litres good quality vegetable stock  
 Crème Fraîche for serving  
 Nutmeg for serving

#### Method

Heat the butter in a large pan on a medium heat, then fry the bacon and leaves from 1 sprig of rosemary until crisp. Then add the chopped veg and reduce the heat. Cook gently for 15 minutes until softened. Finely chop the other 2 sprigs of rosemary and add to the pan for the last 2 minutes. Stir in the pearl barley and stock, then bring to the boil. Season, then simmer for 40 minutes or until the barley is soft and the soup is thick. Taste and season. Serve with a dollop of the Crème Fraîche and a grate of Nutmeg on top and of course some lovely bread.

Enjoy!

Tracey





# Ever thought of fostering?

We are looking to expand our network of puppy fosterers. Come along to our open evening and find out more about how you could help us in our work.

Join Us

**February  
18th, 2025**

From 7pm to 8pm



**The Tweseldown Pub**  
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## On the evening:

- Hear more about our work
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- Informal Q&A for any questions
- ZERO obligation to foster
- Dogs welcome too!



To book your FREE ticket for the evening (spaces limited), visit:

<https://shorturl.at/YRttm>

For more information, email: [volunteering@dogsnhomes.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@dogsnhomes.org.uk)

We had a good discussion about how our emotional state may be affected by our hormones as we turn into teenagers. We also thought about how we can respond to people kindly, even if we have to say no. We ended the session with a relaxing video and we were all impressed by the sparkly lights! It was great to see Caroline and Harold (the giraffe) again.



**On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 4's** set off for their residential to Stubbington Study Centre for two nights. Our first activity before lunch was Earthquake, the group was split into two teams and given life-saving equipment including ladders, a first aid kit, food and water, a blanket and a rescue dog. The children had to use teamwork and resilience to complete the course without touching the floor

or losing their items. Only a few wet feet after the water swing and it was time for lunch in the snuffle hole. After lunch the children had some time to unpack and familiarise themselves with the centre before some free time meeting the other schools in the adventure playground and football pitch. We had a wildlife talk in the evening before supper and bed. Thursday morning, after a fabulous cooked breakfast we set out into the conservation area to find out why trees are important part of our ecosystem, the children used their mapping skills. Thursday evening the children discovered pirates had stolen treasure from the Stubbington Office and had to use their teamwork and investigation skills to solve the mystery, the children loved running around the centre finding all the missing pirates and after a trial held in the Snuffle Hole the guilty party was named. Before bed the children went to the Hyde and were lucky enough to watch a family of badgers and some foxes tucking into their supper, it was a fantastic way to end our day.

After packing our bags on Friday morning and filling themselves up with a cooked breakfast we headed out to complete our last activity. A teamwork activity saw them working in groups of four walking planks along the field, lots of different strategies were used and they worked brilliantly together. Lastly, the children were given black out goggles and followed a roped activity climbing under nets and through tunnels, it was great fun and the children were great at supporting each other.

Overall, the children described the residential as fabulous, fantastic, amazing and confidence building.

On Thursday 21st November 2024 we held our annual Be Bright, Be Seen day. Through class and whole school assemblies, the children have been



learning about the importance of dressing to be easily seen when they are using the roads as either a pedestrian or cyclist. They learnt about wearing bright colours during the day and reflective material when it is dark. For the Be Bright, Be Seen day the children used the knowledge they have gained to choose their brightest outfit and wore it to school. A voluntary donation of £1 per child was collected and we raised a total of £94 for Children in Need.

**Our Salvation Army Brass band Carol service** was as lovely as ever and we raised £120 for those who are less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas.



### Snuggle Up Stable Nativity

Tucked up for the night in their cosy stable, the animals can't work out why the stable girl has brought extra straw and hay, not to mention some blankets. Is it going to be a really cold night? Are some other animals joining them? Well, yes, as it happens: a donkey, along with a man and a woman. Our children sang and performed their Nativity beautifully.



**Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School,  
Rathbone Pavilion, Church Road,  
North Waltham, RG25 2BL.**  
[www.cuckoomeadow.org](http://www.cuckoomeadow.org) Tel: 01256 398172  
To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

### December 2024 & January 2025

What a fantastic Christmas the children had! After making yummy gingerbread men and tree decorations, they played some festive football courtesy of Luke at Y Plus Coaching. Then it was on to the biggest event of the year – the nativity play! The children were all brilliant and sang beautifully.



Jo Harman and Fiona Cotterell would like to say a huge 'thank you' for the wonderful surprise gifts they received at the quiz night at The Fox to celebrate their 30 years at Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School. They can't believe how quickly those three decades have gone by.

They would like to thank parents past and present and the Village Trust, without whom Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School would not be the warm and nurturing environment that it is. They would also like to thank the wonderful staff team and committee; without whose support they would not be able to provide such a happy place to work.

Another big 'thank you' to The Fox for hosting the quiz and providing the winners' prizes along with Budgens Old Barn Stores and Basingstoke Garden Centre for providing us with raffle prizes.

**Georgia Hawken  
Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School Secretary**

# WHAT'S ON

## DUMMER VILLAGE - KEY UP COMING EVENTS

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH – DUMMER

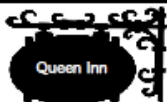


#### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 12th Jan 8:00am  
 Sunday 19th Jan 9.45am  
 Sunday 26th Jan 9:45am  
 2nd Feb Sunday Special

*Bell Ringing Practice Monday Evenings*

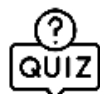
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#### DUMMER LUNCH CLUB

Wed, 15th January  
 Wed, 12th February  
 Wed, 12th March

Email: [marystevens34@gmail.com](mailto:marystevens34@gmail.com)



#### QUIZ NIGHTS

Tues Feb 11th 8:30pm  
 Tues Mar 11th 8:30pm

01256 397367 to book a table

### DUMMER CRICKET CLUB



#### RACE NIGHT

Saturday 22nd March 2025  
**£15 per participant (Includes Supper)**  
 Bar Opens 6:30pm  
 Races Start 7:30pm  
 Dummer Village Hall

Email:

[dummercricketclub@outlook.com](mailto:dummercricketclub@outlook.com)

### DUMMER VILLAGE HALL



#### COFFEE MORNINGS

Wed, February 5th, 11am  
 Wed, March 5th, 11am

### \*\*\* THEATRE NIGHT \*\*\*

#### 'The River Runners'

Fri 7th February 7:30pm  
 Doors open 7pm.



Family Show  
 Tickets £20pp  
 First drink FREE

For more info and to reserve tickets  
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 or purchase tickets via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

### DUMMER VILLAGE HALL EVENTS PAGE FOR ALL HALL

#### ACTIVITIES



Hideon and his maid, Nancy. Not forgetting Prince Frederick and Chris Erliss, the caterpillar!

There was something for everyone. Bright, coloured costumes, a painted scenery backdrop, comedy and lots of joining in! Some children were lucky enough to have small parts including village children, the castle walls, animals in the forest, the travelling peddler and some messengers. A great time was had by all.



The children were really excited to play in front of a live audience at the end of term Rock to the Beat concert.



They all had big smiles on their faces having achieved so much over the past term. We are very proud of them.

Always a highlight of our Christmas calendar is the Secret Sale. The children all thoroughly enjoyed buying gifts and looked wonderful in their festive attire. The grand total raised from the sale was an incredible £445.

To find out more about our school, please see our website:  
[cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)

Paula Lavender

**Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield  
Horticultural Society—The Gardening Club**

Chairman: Seumas Foster

[Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk](mailto:Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk) 07768 443 658

**New Year and a New Leaf**

The thing about gardening is that the anticipation of a new season provides the motivation to get seeds ordered and plans made, knowing that this year will be better than last year, and possibly the best year ever!!.

Visions of a perfect cabbage, or lettuce, or dahlia or carrot swim tantalisingly before our eyes, the promise of a good year to come, the triumph of hope over experience! This could be the year you get a card in the Spring or Summer Show!

**Next Meeting**

The first meeting of the Society will be on 30th of January at Cliddesden Millenium Hall, the subject will be 'Growing Potatoes' with Alan Wilson, who will be bringing a selection of seed potatoes for sale.

**Looking Forward**

The programme for the year has now been sorted out, we have some interesting talks and events to come, Programmes will be with you soon.

**Subs**

Some subs are still due so please do please get them paid, its only £12.00 per household. Bank details for BACS payments have been sent out but if you would like a reminder please do get in touch.

**A new Committee Member**

We have an empty chair on the Committee in need of a new member, so if you would like to help with the running of the Society then please do contact me. Anyone interested in the Club and gardening at any level would be a great asset, helping the Society run smoothly. No CV required!!

**The Quiz Meeting**

The Quiz with Candover Valley Club meeting will be on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Cliddesden Millenium Hall. This is a social occasion with plenty of top-quality refreshments and a few rounds of questions, some of which will be about gardening. Last year was the first year for some time we have enjoyed such an event, the revived quiz was popular, so we look forward to the return fixture this year.

**The Plant Sale**

We have a Plant Sale planned for May so now is a good time to ask you to sow a few more seeds and bring the surplus to the sale. Every year there are seedlings of plants or varieties you would like to try, to buy or sell and save wastage, Contributions gladly received!

**Ted Dowson**

It is with great sadness that we have heard of the death of Ted Dowson, who was a staunch member and supporter of the Society. I remember him as the Chairman so many years ago. Ted was a kind and gentle man, encouraging and thoughtful, and a very good gardener. Our condolences to the family, all of us who knew him will miss him.

Seumas Foster Chairman 07768443658

**DUMMER VILLAGE HALL  
FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

**7:30 p.m.**

**The River Runner  
(Glimmer Theatre)  
(produced by Farnham Maltings)**

It's 1901 in Isleham, Cambridgeshire and Annabelle Howgego is the best ice-skater for miles around. When the watery Fens freeze over, villagers prepare to race each other for prizes of bread and meat.

In this exhilarating true-life story we see how Annabelle uses her amazing ice-skating skills to defeat a cruel landlord and set her village free.

Inspired by accounts of female Fenland ice skaters in the early twentieth century, this is an adventure story told through fine acting and folk music.

**Tickets: £20 inc free glass of wine or soft drink**

**For more information email:  
EVENTSDUMMERVILLAGEHALL@GMAIL.COM**

each item on the orange symbolised. Afterwards we gathered at Manor Farm where mulled wine, soft drinks, nibbles and marshmallows, which we roasted, were available. We sung more carols, admired Mary and the baby sitting on a bale of hay, and chatted. Thank you to the Paul family for their hospitality. But most of all thank you to Alex and team, organising a service like this takes a lot of hard work. Afterwards, some of us wended our way to Dummer Village Hall to see the ceremonial switching on the lights on the Christmas tree and to enjoy more drinks and nibbles. Thank you to Dummer Parish Council for providing the outside point and the idea.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December we held our Nine Lessons and Carols Service. Daisy sung O Come Emmanuel so beautifully. We had two other soloists and for them it was the first time they had sung a solo so well done them. Eva sang the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of Once in Royal and Willa sang the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of Away in a Manager. Everyone has to start somewhere, and it is such a big confidence builder for our young people to take part in services like this. Dexter played the Holly and the Ivy on the cello and our readers were Eva, Daisy, Molly, Teddy, Lydia, Willa and Freddie. Thank you to Alex for stepping in and playing the organ for the service, very much appreciated.

Thank you to Ian Thacker and all those who contributed to our Christmas Day Service and we hope, Ian, that you have recovered from your debilitating cold. At our first Sunday Special of 2025 John Holden gave a very interesting talk on New Year Resolutions. Once again, a well thought out service from both Alex and John. We look forward to our next one on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 11:15.

Thank you to all the people who helped to make All Saints look so splendid over Christmas. The arrangements are always admired. And for contributions into the Christmas Box, the Camrose Centre were delighted with all the goodies. If anyone would like help with providing other items besides food please speak to me, there is always a list of items that they need.

Lyn Churchwarden.

### **Dummer Village Hall**

What a great hour (or so!) the Christmas Disco was on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Stafford, Nigel and John, for giving us such a great kick start to the Christmas season.

Thank you to the Parish Council for the installation of an outside socket, which enabled us to have a festive tree outside. It was much admired and inside was very festive too.

On December 27<sup>th</sup>, Mary organised another successful Treasure Hunt round the village. It started at the hall with mince pies and mulled wine, teams collected clues, had another liquid refreshment break at Hill Top House (thank you, Jamie) and ended back at the hall.

### **Our next Coffee Morning is on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

Please ensure you have your tickets for the play on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

There are more events planned so please keep an eye out for the WhatsOn posters on some of the telegraph poles in Dummer and here in Hill and Dale

Dummer Village Hall Committee

## **Candover Valley Pre-School**

*(within Preston Candover Primary School)*

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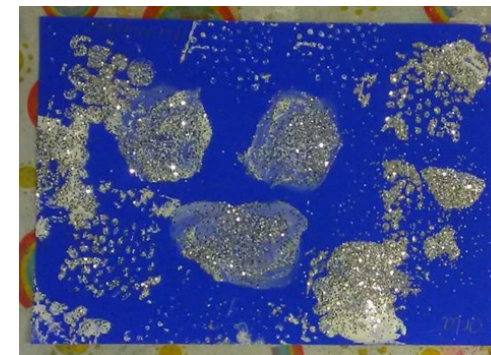
**Website:** <https://www.candovervalleypreschool.co.uk/>

**Opening times:** Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 3.15pm Fri 8.30 - 11.45pm

The chill of Winter has brought with it exciting opportunities for exploration and discovery. At CVP, we are embracing the season, turning the frosty days into memorable learning experiences for our little ones.



We have been focusing on the wonders of ice, snow and the uniqueness of the cold season. Through hands-on activities, our children have been exploring the science behind freezing and melting, creating icy art projects and observing the changes in nature during Winter. These experiences are designed to spark curiosity.



Classroom discussions and stories have centred around Winter, helping children learn more about animals that hibernate, the importance of staying warm, winter weather patterns and even more about our solar system and the Earth's tilted axis creating the seasons. Through these activities, our children are developing a deeper understanding of their world.

Candover Valley Preschool is a vibrant and nurturing learning environment. Please contact us if you would like to enquire about a place for your child. Places are currently available for Autumn 2025.



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## Hill and Dale

Please try to pay your subscription in good time. If paying by BACS please let your deliverer know. Don't forget to put H&D D or Dum in the reference line.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024.

The total sum raised for the 2024 Appeal was £2,080.

I would like to give a huge thanks to everyone who helped with the appeal, especially the collectors, and also thank you to everyone who so generously donated. It is greatly appreciated. Susan Swinburn

## Wanted!

We need more volunteers to help with various jobs in our lovely old Church.

## Flowers.

A message from Clare Wilmot-Sitwell. Many hands make light work. You don't have to be a churchgoer to love our little Norman Church in Dummer. And you don't have to be an experienced flower arranger to enhance the church's beauty with one floral decoration.

We have a year roster, so typically you will only be called upon one Sunday a year.

(You are welcome to shadow someone to learn the ropes)

Please give me a call, Clare.

01256397352 cwilmotsitwell@gmail.com

**Sacristan.** We would love more people to join the Sacristan team. Sacristans prepare the Altar with the accoutrements necessary for the Communion service of which there are two a month. There are clear instructions available and help will be given until the volunteer is feeling confident. (It doesn't have to be women – men can volunteer for this as well). Contact

allsaintsdummer@gmail.com or Louise on 397195.

## Readers and Sidespersons.

Contact John Holden on 397310. Intercessions. To assist Rev Ian Thacker, intercessors are needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> service each month. There is a format available and it would mean intercessors adding things that are pertinent to the time. If anyone would be prepared to do this please speak to the Churchwarden (397507) or email allsaintsdummer@gmail.com

## All Saints Church

December was a very busy month. We opened the Advent and Christmas services with A Christingle and Nativity service on 1<sup>st</sup> December. In a packed Church, our young ones assisted Melanie in putting the figures into the crib whilst Alex told the age-old story. (There were some great costumes as well.) Prayers were read by more of our (slightly older) young people and Dexter played a musical interlude on the cello. The candles on the Christingles were lit and the children contributed to what



St Martin's Church, Ellisfield

## **Ellisfield** Distributor - Ali Swanston 07881088123.

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

### **'Ted' Dowson**

Edward Dowson, known to many of you as Ted, passed away Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, aged 74.

He spent a lot of his time involved in village life. Including being members of both the Parish Council and the Horticultural Society. He particularly enjoyed joining in with the village wine walk.

Even though in more recent years he had moved out of Ellisfield, his heart still remained in Cliddesden and Ellisfield.

Funeral details will be confirmed in due course.

If you wish to give a donation in Dad's memory, we have chosen the Hawk Conservancy, as he loved to spend time here.

Sarah and Louise (Ted's daughters)

### **Ellisfield Christmas Fayre**

The fayre this year was held on Saturday 16th November a fortnight earlier than usual and despite our fears that this was too early, we raised about £3063.50 which was an amazing result and the best ever! SO, a very big thank you to all those who came and supported the fayre, spent their money and helped us raise over £1500 each for the village hall and the church.

There was a great atmosphere, and the sun shone all day which helped all those setting up their stalls.

I would like to thank Hannah Houston-Lacy, Debbie Foster, Jacqui Matthews, Charlie Halliwell, Jenny Outen, Annie Tuberfield and Beverley Guinness who ran all the different stalls and got their teams together to make the day such a success. I'd also like to thank all our other helpers, Gordon, Ashley, Bernard and Susie, the treasurer of the Village Hall who adds up the takings in a magically short time and lets us know before the day is over, how much money has been raised.

(Continued overleaf)

(Ellisfield Christmas fair—cont.)

I would also like to thank the Webb family for so generously donating and decorating the Christmas tree and Andy for being such a splendid Father Christmas ably assisted by his Webb elves!

It was a wonderful start to the Christmas season, albeit rather early, but it had us thinking about our Christmas shopping well ahead of schedule and hopefully everyone was able to make some useful purchases.

A very big thankyou to all our helpers and all our shoppers and next year the fayre will be on the last Saturday in November as in previous years.

Caroline Cazenove



**From the left**—Doreen Lonergan, Ollie Webb, Wendy Alexander, Charlie Halliwell, Jacqui Matthews and Lorna Turberfield

## Christmas at St Martin's, Ellisfield

This year recorded a record number of individuals from both Ellisfield and elsewhere attending the various services at St Martin's and very many commented on how lovely our Church looked.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December a number of individuals, who kindly do their duty by cleaning the Church during the months of the year, arrived with ivy and holly to decorate the eight large wooden candle holders that are used during the major Christmas services.

On the early afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> December, the bells started to be rung by the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers who had asked if they could hold their annual Carol Service at St Martin's at 4.00pm that day. By 3.30pm the pews were full, and a relay of bell ringers kept ringing until the start.

The Bishop of Basingstoke, the Right Reverend David Williams who was taking the service, arrived in good time to see the decorated Church and hear the bells being rung. It was a lively service with a choir and hand bell ringers performing, plus a suitable sermon from Bishop David. All then adjourned to the Memorial Hall for a splendid tea.

The following evening the traditional nine lessons and Carols took place at St Martin's which was well attended by many in the village. The Belles of St Martin's, as always, performed in their very professional manner which included two lovely anthems, one sung by them all and the other by Theresa and Janie. The readers included several children, all of whom spoke eloquently.

Then on Christmas day, there were over 100 people in St Martin's at 9.30am with a few turning up after the family Communion had started and had to stand throughout the service. Poor Ian had lost his voice, but the singing was as enthusiastic as ever and St Martin's, on a dull and wet morning, looked as beautiful as it always does!

Who says the Church of England is dead? Not here in Ellisfield.  
Bernard Cazenove

(See picture overleaf)