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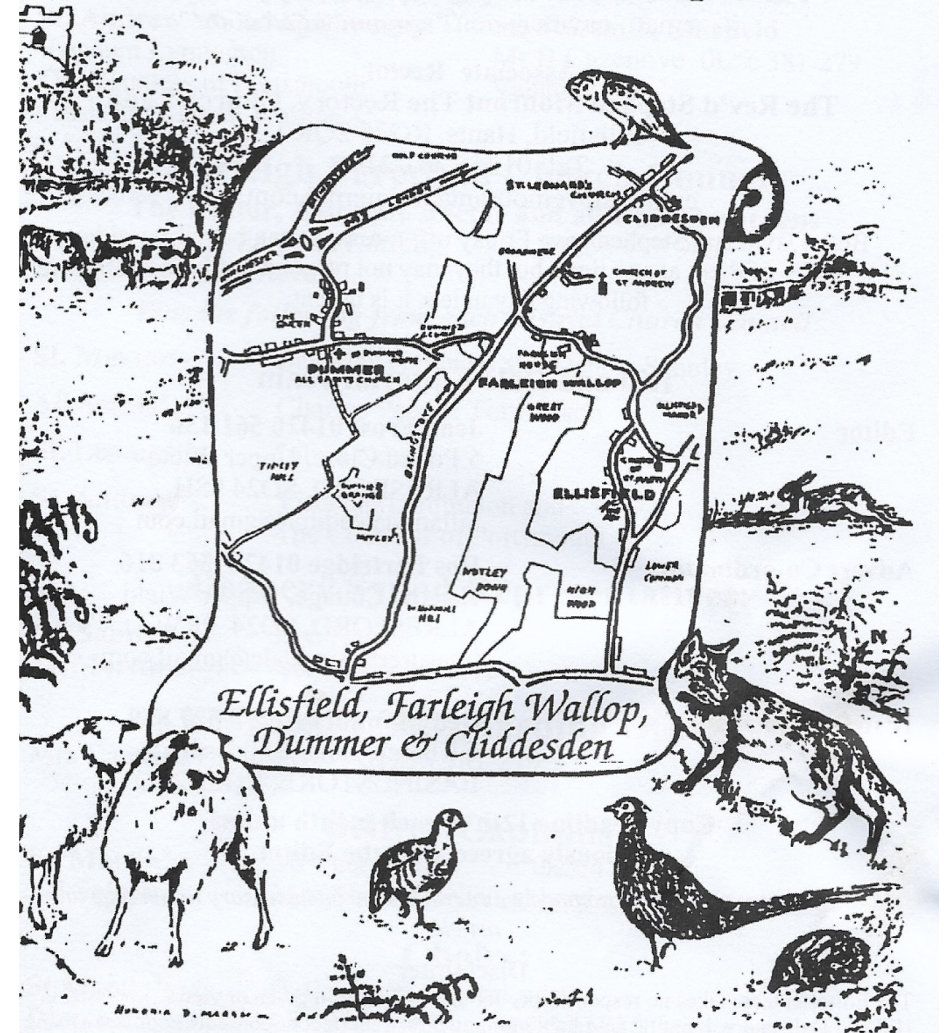
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The Benefice of Farleigh, The Candover and Wield

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship LL = Lay led

The Benefice of Farleigh, Candover and Wield Services for March 2024

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Sunday 7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:30	Wield	Matins PR
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer IDT
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer JG
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion IDT and JG
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special

*Readings Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-end
Psalm 133*

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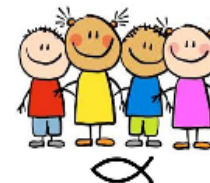
Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

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 IDT
18:00	Wield	Evensong PR

*Readings Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-48
Psalm 4*

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Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter

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9:45 Dummer Morning Prayer
10:00 Preston Candover Holy Communion IDT
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service IDT

Readings Acts 4 5-12 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Psalm 23

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Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW. IDT
9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW IDT
11:00 Brown Candover Family Morning Worship JG
11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion IDT

Readings Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:17-21, John 15:1-8

Psalm 22:25-31

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Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:30 Wield Matins PR
09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer IDT
10:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer JG
11:00 Northington Holy Communion IDT
11.15 Dummer Sunday Special

Readings Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15 9-17

Psalm 98

Hallo, with our Rector David moving not so much as pastures new but more round the corner the Bishop has asked if I could help out during the interregnum. I retired from being a prison chaplain last year having spent 22 years in HMP Huntercombe. Before that I was a vicar in North London and did curacies in Cornwall and Wales

I'm married with two grown up children and one grandchild who gets spoilt terribly. We have two monochrome cats who don't particularly like each other. My hobbies are sport photography – mainly cricket and rugby and supporting Aldershot Town.

During the interregnum I will be helping with the services but also have two days a week for pastoral support within the Benefice. If you feel there is anything I can help with please feel free have a chat after church or call my mobile number or you can catch me in Cliddesden Church on Tuesday mornings between 09:30 and 10:30.

Looking forward is seeing you around.

Best wishes, Ian
Ian Thacker
Associate Minister
Farleigh, The Candover and Wield
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I had a bit of an odd experience the other day. I went out and actually felt warm. It almost came as a shock when I realised that the sun was shining, there were hardly any clouds in the sky, and it wasn't raining. While this was short lived it still gave hope that after a damp winter there was the promise of some decent weather ahead. Flowers have started to grow and blossom, and things start to feel better.

For some, moving on into Spring can be tricky. Like so many over the pandemic we lost loved ones. My mother, and then both my wife's parents died in what seemed short order. People who have been at the centre of our lives, with whom we celebrated so much were no longer there. The first spring after they died was difficult. We were almost comfortable surrounded by the dampness and cold of winter. To celebrate the arrival of spring almost felt like leaving them behind.

But the world does move on, and so did we. We continue to celebrate the family events and in these they are never far from our thoughts. But for some moving on can be hard and the feeling of being stuck in winter can be a strong one. Help is found in talking about those whom we have lost with family and friends. If that is hard you are welcome talk to your clergy or bereavement support group like Cruse.

Easter, for Christians, is always at the heart of moving on. We stand in the horror of the cross and then rejoice in the promise of a new hope.



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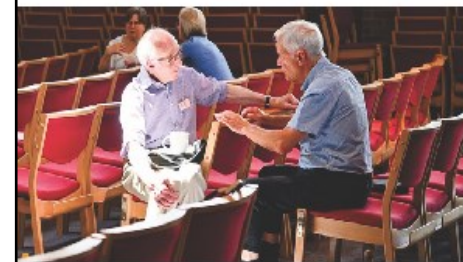
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<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Service led by/ intersessions</u>
All Saint's Dummer	7 April 11.15am	Jeremy Glyn		
All Saint's Dummer	14 April 8.00am	Anita Austin		
All Saint's Dummer	21 April 9.45am	Stafford Napier	Stafford Napier John Truman	
All Saint's Dummer	28 April 9.45am	David Craven	David Craven Sue Swinburn	
All Saint's Dummer	5 May 11.15am	Melanie Gill		
St Martin's Ellisfield	7 April 8.00am	Susie Deane		
St Martin's Ellisfield	14 April 9.45	Tim Guinness	Beverley Guinness Caroline Allen	
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Betty Rapley

Our very good friend and former resident of Cliddesden, Betty Rapley, passed away peacefully on Wednesday 28th February, at Beech Tree Care Home in Overton, at the age of 93.

Her funeral service will be held at St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden on Wednesday 3rd April at 11am.

Betty was a key figure in our village for many years including being instrumental in fundraising for and the building of our lovely village hall.

We hope to include more information in the next Hill and Dale issue/ Cliddesden Newsletter issue about Betty's life.

Financial giving and spending.

In late January David Chattell hosted a meeting with Colin Harbidge the head of the Winchester Diocese Finance team, who gave a presentation about the Diocese finances and Common Mission Fund (CMF) including how money is raised and how it is spent. What follows is a brief summary of the presentation, the full slide presentation is available on the Benefice web site.

The Diocese of Winchester is divided into 13 deanery's and covers an area from Basingstoke to Bournemouth and Southampton, Within the Diocese there are 100 church schools, 367 church buildings, 867 authorised ministers. About a quarter of the ministry team are funded and supported by the Diocese, and this includes stipendiary posts as well as house for duty posts and the rest are self supporting including over 400 with 'Bishops Commission for Mission'.

The Benefice of Farleigh Candover and Wield is part of the Deanery of Alresford, which has the greatest percentage of its population attending church (2.9%), and partly due to its size and rural location it has the highest ratio of clergy to population: 1:3,290 compared to Southampton where the ratio of clergy to population is 1:13,866 and where 0.7% of the population attend church. The average church weekly attendance over the whole Diocese is about 16,300 from a total population of 1.25 million, but there are large variations across the different Deanery's.

One of the strap lines of the CofE is 'A Christian Presence in every Community'. But that will vary and needs to be appropriate for the community in question. Going forward this may well need to change.

Infrastructure The total workforce and pool of members has reduced by about 40% in 20 years, so the decline in attendance has been happening for over 20 years. Over the same period the burden of operations, compliance and governance has increased (Safeguarding, data protection, financial management, etc) alongside the increase in the population that we serve. That means that the percentage of our workforce that we are investing in administration, operations, and governance rather than mission ministry and outreach is increasing every year. BUT the number of individual parishes has broadly remained static, and the number of church buildings has barely reduced.

The reduction in clergy numbers in this diocese began in early 2000s, not because we wanted to save money, but because there weren't enough clergy across the country. We even had a policy to replace stipendiary clergy with paid laity for many years, mainly because there is a shortage of people coming forward for ordination, which has led in recent years to the need to cut posts.

In summary this mean that we are asking a smaller group of people to do more every year.

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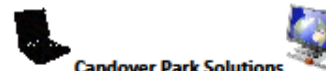
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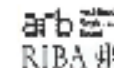
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Financial. The average giving in 2003 was £7.90 compared to £17.02. Whilst that is a 215% increase it represents an average increase of 46p per giver per year or less than 4p a month.

Almost 78% of the Diocese annual income comes from Parishes, CMF and fees and this amounts to £9.1M. The rest comes from investments, rental income or grants and 80% of the income goes directly back to support local ministry, schools and churches.

Many PCCs are not able to pay the requested CMF and so the Diocese is responding by reducing its total request by £700k this year. In addition, there has been a programme of house sales to provide additional income to bridge the shortfall to support the cost of stipendiary posts. However, supporting income by selling assets is not sustainable and hence it is projected that with a continued 40% decline in church attendance and an aging population there will be a £1m deficit by 2030.

Whilst this is not inevitable it is based on the risks and challenges that the church is facing. So, the challenge is to try new things and consider different ways of working.

Colin concluded by assuring us that the good news is we have time. We know these are the risks and the challenges we need to face and that gives us the chance, under Bishop Philip's leadership and trusting in the Holy Spirit to find a new future – one of hope, humility, and joy.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the Parish of Farleigh is to be held on Monday April 22nd 2024.

This year the meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall, Ellisfield at 7pm.

This is an important meeting for all members of the Parish to support the church and learn about the financial and general activities over the last year.

The full agenda and financial report will be circulated to those on the Electoral Role beforehand and will also be available on the Benefice web site.

Do come along and support your local church, DCC members and the members of the PCC.

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Lasham Airfield was completed in 1942 and during World War Two, it served as a base for many squadrons including Spitfires, Hurricanes and Typhoons. Gliding became established at Lasham in 1951 and in 1959 Lasham Gliding Society signed a long lease with the MOD. Lasham Gliding Society is now one of the largest gliding clubs in the world. Over 220 gliders are based at the airfield with about 800 members. In 1999 Lasham Gliding Society (LGS) completed the purchase of the airfield from the Ministry of Defence.

The airfield is in constant use throughout the year and regularly hosts national and regional gliding championships. It is recognised as a world class training club, running courses for beginners to advanced racing cross country pilots. Many of the British team members are trained and still fly at Lasham. Gliding is a sport open to everyone, young and old. It's possible to go solo at the age of 14 and we have members still flying into their 80's. To encourage more women to try flying there is a national Women's Go Gliding weekend on April 27/28th. So come along and try something new, see the details on the adjacent poster.

Cheriton Singers

Cheriton Singers will be performing a delightful combination of pieces on Saturday, May 18th, 2024:

"Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo" by Flanders and Horovitz,
Bob Chilcott's "Little Jazz Mass, and the "Litanies a la Vierge Noire"
by Poulenc.

The concert will be at 7.30 pm in St Michael's Church, Cheriton.

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Gill Palmer will be very pleased to receive your Cliddesden news.



Cliddesden WI

In February Sophie Fryer, a couture milliner, came along to give her talk entitled 'Hats Off to Millinery'. She explained to us how she got into millinery 19 years ago after a lifelong passion for hats. Her husband bought her a course with a professional milliner for one of her big birthdays and she said that from then on she was hooked. Sophie explained the process of making hats from the Base Blocks which give the basic shape of your head to the materials used and how they are manipulated to give you the shape you want. She brought along examples of the blocks and all the materials and trimmings used to make up your hat. It was an extremely interesting talk

and the fun bit was trying on lots of the creations she has made over the years – a very talented lady.



We are organising a Crafty Lunchers Day for **Tuesday 9th April**. We spend the morning making cards from Catherine's huge stash of materials and then enjoy lunch together afterwards. It's an opportunity to try something new and Catherine is on hand with lots of help and advice.

This event is a firm favourite with our members and is open to non-members as well. Please get in touch if you are interested in having a go and make new friends. The cost is £15 which covers making 5 cards, morning refreshments and lunch is a jacket potato with various fillings and salads.

Please contact me to book a place if you would like to come along.

Next meeting

Monday 15th April at 10.30am
Show and Tell

Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club
AKA 'The Film Club'

Thursday 4 April



Mr Holmes (2015 ,Certificate 12, 88 mins)

Mr. Holmes is a mystery film directed by Bill Condon, based on Mitch Cullin's 2005 novel *A Slight Trick of the Mind*, and featuring the character Sherlock Holmes. The film stars Ian McKellen as Sherlock Holmes, Set primarily during his retirement in Sussex, the film follows the 93-year-old Holmes who struggles to recall the details of his final case because his mind is slowly deteriorating.

Thursday 2 May



The Dig (2021 ,PG, 112 mins)

The Dig is a 2021 British drama film directed by Simon Stone, which reimagines the events of the 1939 excavation of Sutton Hoo in Suffolk, England. It stars Carey Mulligan, Ralph Fiennes, and Lily James, In 1939, Suffolk landowner Edith Pretty hires local self-taught archaeologist Basil Brown to tackle the large burial mounds at her rural estate in Sutton

Hoo near Woodbridge.

Films start at 8pm, bar opens at 7:30pm, intermission halfway through when drinks and ice creams can be purchased.

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Cliddeden Millenium Village Hall



2024



Yes, we now have table tennis available at Coffee Mornings at Cliddeden Millennium Village Hall.

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The 100 club is also drawn here each month.

We have all the equipment you will need if you fancy a game of table tennis

We meet on the second Monday morning of each month, from 10.30 – 12 noon.

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Social media and the store

In a move to market the store to a wider audience and build its social media presence, a local business, Worry Less Design has been tasked by the CVCS committee to revamp the look of our pages and posts on Facebook and

Instagram, linking them to our recently updated website. The company, based in Ellisfield, is run by Caroline and Christie who take over the role from Anna Hoyle.

For almost five years Anna has done a magnificent job by regularly keeping all aspects of store news in the social media spotlight. Thank you, Anna, for over 400 posts on Instagram alone!

Welcome back Becky!

A familiar face has reappeared at the store! Weekend customers are likely to be greeted by Becky Jackson who will be managing some Sunday shifts. Having moved away to another part of Hampshire at the end of last summer, Becky, who has long and strong links with Preston Candover, missed the village and the buzz of the store so much that she wanted to come back.

She said, "I love where we're living but there is no shop and no real social hub and I realise how important that is to a community."

It's good to have you back with us Becky and taking your comments on board, it makes us appreciate our store all the more.

May bank holidays

On the two May bank holidays this year (Monday 6 and Monday 27 May) the store will be open 08.30 – 12.30pm and the post office will be closed.

"And a wave goodbye from tiny little me"

We had a special family service with David before he left. The Children's Singing Group wrote a song for David, ably guided by their amazing singing teacher, Sylvia. Accompanied by Ross, and a group of enthusiastic adults, the children sang David off in style. Rhona, Monica, Gill, and Val prepared delicious refreshments for after the service. Many thanks to everyone who made this service so special. Huge thanks to David for his ministry with us.



"My God made -

David who is good at magic,
Good at reading, thoughtful too.
He's peaceful and he's happy,
In fact, he is great.
He's good at fixing old machines,
Land rovers and motor bikes
But still has time for tiny little me.

And now it's time for him to go
There's one thing we want him to know
We won't forget the things he said
Or the stories that he read;
We'll miss him and we bless him
With peace and love and fruitfulness



Cowslip Day at Blue Ridge Farm, Lower Wield

Sunday 14 April, 2.00pm to 4.30pm

After a wet, dismal and chilly winter, what better way to cheer yourself up than a walk among wild flowers. An afternoon at Blue Ridge Farm, Lower Wield walking among the cowslips is sure to revive the senses and

make you feel that spring has, at last, sprung.

Following your stroll with a cream tea is just about all you need to set you up for the next week.

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Hello From Claire

All hail the merry gardeners! Yesterday it rained, tried to snow, the sun shone, the clouds made the sky look black, and there was a hailstorm! Our plans and hopes can be turned in an instant just by looking out the window. We are the most adaptable, resilient, and determined folk when it comes to preparing and nurturing our green space. Hats off and hoorah to us all

This month we are having a look at herb – Rosemary.

Rosemary– *Rosmarinus officinalis* – family: Lamiaceae

Another evergreen shrub, Rosemary has always grown wild around the Mediterranean coasts, reaching a height of 6ft, but very slowly. The pale blue flowers are said to have taken their colour from the cloak of the Virgin Mary when she draped it over a Rosemary bush to dry. The Greeks and Romans would twine it in their hair



as they believed it would ‘quicken the mind and aid with memory. It was also carried at weddings and funerals, and used as a strewing herb as it was thought to have disinfectant qualities. A strong-smelling herb, thriving on poor soil and little water, it has many uses, and is a firm favourite with bees and insects.

Known mainly as a flavouring for lamb, Rosemary can add flavour to other meat dishes, with fish such as halibut, and to add an unusual flavour to fruit salad, wine and with eggs, cheese, and jams.

Rosemary needs hot sun, with added lime and good drainage. Growing from seed is possible, but very slow, so taking cuttings from a mature plant, or purchasing a small one to grow on, is a better option. Take small side shoots approx. 6” long and plant in sand. Rosemary can grow equally well outdoors or indoors, however may need protection in the winter months.

Sow seed in early Spring under glass, transplant in late Spring to open ground. Sage grows rather slowly but should be a good size by the end of the first season.

Medicinally Rosemary is good for the digestion and stimulates the circulation. It can also relieve nervous headaches and colds. Make an infusion of the leaves as a hot drink. This infusion can also be used as a rinse for dark hair to deepen the colour.

A muslin bag of the leaves can be added to the water for an invigorating bath. And the fresh leaves are good as an application for stings and bites.

Something to try: **Herb Cushions, Herb Sachets, Moth Bags**

Rosemary can be combined with other strong-smelling herbs to perfume linen, scent rooms, and deter moths. Use fine material such as cotton lawn and make



TRAFFIC ALERT FOR BASINGSTOKE!!!!

CAGE wants all residents in the Basingstoke area to know that there is a third Planning Application (PA) (23/03120/FUL) in process for an 8-warehouse site on 100 acres of open farmland next to junction 7 of the M3. The site is known as Oakdown Farm.

Should this PA get approval it will mean 2.5 vehicles, (including cars, HGVs, vans etc.) will enter the warehouse site every 1 minute. Given the traffic problems in the area from existing and future housing developments including Many Down South, **the traffic on M3 as well as the road system in and around Basingstoke will increase considerably.**

There are no plans to improve junction 7 nor will there be any new roads on the west of Basingstoke to improve traffic flows.

(See Cllr. Stephen Reid’s blog, Reidaboutbasingstoke to get his view of the problem).

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Happy Springtime from Cuckoo Meadow!

And what a busy month we have had! The children have been learning lots about letters and shapes over the last few weeks. They made shapes using their bodies and hands, turned shapes into people on paper and did some lovely colourful shape-printing with paint.

Each week, Show and Tell encompasses the 'letter of the week'; U was particularly brilliant this month, with UFO, ukulele, Union Jack and Upsy-Daisy brought in from home for the children to present to the class.

We also took part in a very exciting science experiment – we made a volcano! It erupted and the children gasped as the right red lava flowed down the volcano in the middle of the room! World Book Day was also lots of fun this month, and we even made our own 'Room on the Broom' scene after reading the book together.

We're looking forward to lots more outdoor adventures as Easter approaches, as we do love to make use of the lovely green space we have on the meadow. Perhaps even the Easter bunny might make an appearance?!
Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead,



up small pads around 3x4" in size. Bind three of the four edges with tape or ribbon, fill with your chosen dried herb, bind the fourth edge, adding a hanging loop if desired.

Suggested other herbs – lavender, lemon thyme, basil, crushed cloves, - the list goes on.

Using colourful cloth and ribbon can make these into practical as well as beautiful gifts.

What's been happening?

March 28th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 7.30pm for 7.45 start

The Botanic Nursey – Terrys favourites, hardy shrubs

Due to the submission date a full report will be in the next issue.

April 7th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – SPRING SHOW

Pinnys on, daffodils at the ready, crafters and painters prepped!

Our annual Spring Show is always well supported, and well worth a visit, even if you haven't entered!

Again, due to submission date, full report next issue.

What's coming up?

Sunday May 12th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 11am

The Plant Sale! Our major fundraiser of the year.

Vegetable, herbs, annuals, perennials, and a good mix of everything inbetween.

All plants are grown and donated by our members, so if you are splitting down, thinning out, or have more plants that you can plant, donations are very welcome. Or if you have a space to fill in a border, don't have the time to grow from seed, or want something to try, pop along and see what's on offer.

Thursday May 30th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – 7.30pm for refreshments, 7.45 start

Graham Bower – Japanese inspired garden elements

Rocks, water, plants and ornaments, asymmetry, enclosure, borrowed scenery, balance and symbolism – how do you unravel what could and would work for you? If you would like to create more Zen, but don't know your feng shui from your sushi, we'll see you there.

Members £1, Guests £2. Donations to the refreshments please, and don't forget the raffle!

Would you like to join us?

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Or come along to one of our meetings as a guest, and chat to any of the committee about joining.

See soon

Happy gardening!
Claire

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It will start on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm with a short introductory meeting and continue for a further 9 weeks on Tuesday evenings, each session lasting about an hour and a half (excluding half term 28th May).

If you would like to find out more or wish to express your interest in joining in on this journey, please contact me - Peter Raine

Benefice Recipes

Hello all, hopefully we will have had some better weather by now. Ideally warmer but I think drier would be more welcome.

A couple of recipes this month from our neighbours Vicky and Ray, I can vouch for both recipes working and being delicious.



The Ultimate Flapjack

You will need

175 g Butter

175 g Demerara sugar

2 generous tablespoons of golden syrup

225 g Rolled Oats

Pinch of salt optional

Method

Line a shallow 18x27cm tin and turn oven to 160c / 140c fan / Gas 3

Put the butter, sugar, syrup and (salt if using it) into a saucepan and melt gently. Take pan off when melted and add the oats and stir well. Spoon the mixture into the tin and smooth the top over. Bake on the middle shelf for 25 minutes till golden brown. Leave to stand for 19 minutes before cutting and leave to cool in the tin.

I can never seem to get flapjacks right, but this works for me, as does a drizzle of melted chocolate over the top while they cool.

The next recipe is for Spreadable Butter.

Let a 200 g of Anchor butter come to room temperature then beat with an electric mixer, drizzle in 145 ml of oil (I’ve tried both sunflower, light olive oil and they are lovely) and 4-5 tbsps room temperature water. Beat for about a minute until you have a smooth mayonnaise like consistency. Pour into a tub and refrigerate. That’s it 400g of spreadable Anchor for the price of a block.

Enjoy, Tracey

local economy, the quality of the environment and contribute towards the County Council's commitment to tackling climate change. This provision for Hampshire's infrastructure, including more school places, improving roads and bridges and investing in the fabric of Hampshire's older people's social care estate, is one of the largest in the country, and brings the County Council's four-year total investment in the fabric of Hampshire to £1.4 billion, providing a huge boost to the local economy through jobs, skills and construction.

3. Transforming in-house care for older people

I have referred previously to the proposed changes to how the County Council operates its in-house care homes for older people. The plan is to focus on specialist nursing and complex dementia care, as well as short term pre and post-hospital support, to better meet the needs of the county's ageing population.

These plans have now been approved, comprising a £173 million investment programme. It will increase the overall number of beds available to local people from 900 to 1,000, within a reduced network of 13 homes. Approving these plans secures the long-term future of our in-house homes, ensuring they remain in the Authority's ownership – in stark contrast to the many other local councils who have sold their homes in recent years.

4. New Local Transport Plan approved.

The County Council's new local transport plan (known as LTP4) has been approved. Its aim is to boost economic prosperity, reduce carbon pollution and help promote healthy lifestyles and build stronger communities over the next ten years. It is guided by two principles, widening the choice of travel options that people can use and providing a transport system that puts people first and creates high quality and prosperous places.

5. Schools

Funding of £5.9 million has been approved by the County Council to help more parents access childcare before and after school, following a grant from the Department for Education. This will enable the provision of childcare which 'wraps around' the school day, enabling parents and carers of primary school-aged children to access and pay for term time childcare from 8am-6pm. The scheme will start in September this year and run for two years.

In separate school news, 90.71% of the 14,587 online applications for a secondary school place in September have been offered a place in their first preference school, whilst more than 98% were offered one of their top three preferences.



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The team thought you would like to know what we have been involved with during January, February and March.

Basingstoke and Deane Draft Local Plan - the response to the Draft Local Plan consultation has been the focus of recent activity. Support from a planning consultant, to apply our responses to the position statements of CPRE Hampshire, allowed us to concentrate on individual sites detailed in the plan. We have objected to the proposed 'garden village' at Popham airfield but supported the development of a 'brownfield site' at Overton Mill. We also objected to the inclusion of warehousing at junction 7 of the M3 in the Local Plan and will be objecting to an application for 245 houses at Skates Lane, south of Tadley, a site which was excluded from the draft Local Plan.

Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan Valued Landscapes – the response highlighted the importance of valued landscapes and stressed the significance of inclusion within the plan and, indeed, all neighbourhood plan. These areas of countryside must be protected along with the content; take into account the criteria set out in the Landscape Institute's 2021 guidance on assessing landscape value outside of national designations (TGN 02/21). Heritage, Cultural Heritage, Landscape condition, Distinctiveness, Perceptual (Scenic, Wilderness, Tranquility), Functionality (important farmland) and Recreational.

We have made comment on:

Local councils serving North Hampshire - continue to plan to build more and more new houses, becoming new towns! The Government's faulty housing algorithm (standard mythology) places councils in a difficult position. The number of houses required to be built each year as a directive of the Government, on green fields, important farmland, and with no real attention to water supply, waste water/sewage, electricity, infrastructure, schools, doctors, wildlife etc. is nonsensical. **Speculative development needs to be stopped** – unplanned piecemeal development is doing so much damage to our already stretched infrastructure.

Brownfield sites and high-rise building techniques (where appropriate) should be prioritised over destroying countryside, landscapes and farmland which is needed for food production. The Prime Minister, recently stated at the Farmers Conference, about the huge importance of farmland for food production in this country and how the countryside is, also, essential for recreational purposes for the wellbeing of all.

Green Belt countryside loss has tripled since 2012 – the countryside needs our protection now more than ever. If you are not a member of CPRE then please do consider joining us and help to protect our green belt before it is too late. Your support is vital to assist with the work we do for the countryside, so please do get in touch if you wish to know more about our wonderful events, campaigning or to become a member.

Thank you – CPRE North Hants Team
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Sunday, April 28th 2024

at 5.30pm

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All members of the family are welcome.



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Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor

Hampshire County Councillor report
March 2024

1. County Council Budget Consultation

I talked about the ongoing consultation on the County Council’s future services in my last report. That consultation is seeking Hampshire residents’ views on proposals to change and reduce some local services and help the Authority address a £132 million budget shortfall faced by April 2025.

[:https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation](https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation)

A reminder about the areas covered by the consultation - road maintenance and winter gritting, public transport, streetlights, school crossing patrols, parking charges at rural countryside car parks, homelessness support, library stocks levels, adult social care contributions, grants for voluntary and community organisations, funding to Hampshire Cultural Trust and changes or closures of Household Waste Recycling Centres.

Many people have already responded. The consultation runs until **the end of the month** so if you have not responded yet, I do encourage you to take part. This affects us all. Several people have emailed me with thoughts - again, do still reply to the consultation or email any thoughts to the Council’s Insight & Engagement Unit on insight@hants.gov.uk

2. HCC budget 2024-25

The County Council’s budget for the next financial year has been approved by the council. This budget covers £2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire’s 1.4 million residents.

From 1 April 2024, Hampshire County Council’s portion of council tax will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults’ social care and supporting the county’s higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities – in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,533.24 for a Band D property – an increase of £72.99 per year or approximately £1.40 a week.

The increase will generate an extra £39 million of vital income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2024/25, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England. Even with this increase, there is still a significant gap in the budget which will be filled from reserves – dedicated funds set aside specifically to address such shortfalls.

The County Council also approved the spending of £880.6 million over the next three years on capital programmes to help boost jobs and the

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March (end of term and Easter party)

(Easter holidays) We return on 19th and 26th April

0 - 4 years old and their grown-ups

A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us for a fun and happy time

Cost: £2 donation per family



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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

March was a month full of celebrations at Candover Valley preschool as we celebrated World Book Day, Mother's Day, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter!



In March we celebrated World Book Day! The children dressed up as a character from their favourite book and we shared our favourites with one another. The children joined in lots of book themed activities, engaging with story stacks, story boards and creating their own puppets to re-enact familiar stories. We also explored

the differences between fiction and non-fiction books, which has led to a fascination with the solar system! The children are currently creating their own representation of the solar system through papier mache planets, as we learn more about our universe.

With another special celebration day last month, the children were busy creating cards and clay trinket pots for someone special in their lives. We also held a Mother's Day Tea, inviting the special people in our children's lives into preschool for afternoon tea treats!



To celebrate St David's day and



St Patrick's day, the children learnt about the cultural meaning behind each celebration. We learnt more about the countries Wales and Ireland and their national emblems. The preschool also held our annual Easter egg hunt fundraising event. The children let loose in our wonderful woodland space as they hunted for hidden treats!

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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Off the Beaten Track



Bank Holiday Monday 6th May Farleigh Wallop

A 5k walk, partly on private land, through bluebell woods, by kind permission of Viscount Lymington

£5 per adult £1 per child up to 16

Dogs on leads welcome *** Muddy at some points! Raffle *** Cake & squash to purchase halfway

Barbecue in farmyard after the walk

**Start at Home Farm Barn, Farleigh Wallop
(RG25 2HX) between 10.30am and 11.15am.**

In aid of St Martin's, Ellisfield and St Andrew's,
Farleigh Wallop



WELLBEING

**Well Being Day
Saturday 7 April
10.00am—**

**3.00pm
Upper Wield
Village Hall**

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Dummer Cricket Club Pavilion, Farleigh Lane.

Sir Crispin Davies reports that planning permission has now been received for the new Cricket Pavilion at the ground on Farleigh Lane. The pavilion will be of a traditional rural design, largely wooden with a slate roof, veranda and clock etc. Many thanks to the Chairman; Julian Jones, and all the Parish Council for their help. John Hutchins will be project manager. It is hoped that the pavilion will be completed before the end of the summer.

Our last Drake on the pond.

The last Khaki Campbell duck on Dummer pond was taken to Hart Wildlife recently as he had broken his leg in several places and was put to sleep. Thank you to the good Samaritan (Mary) who did this,

All Saints, Dummer

Thank you to all who have stepped up to provide services during this time of Interregnum. We may be like this for several months so please bear with us and also support our visiting Preachers. We will continue to aim for a service each Sunday with enough variety to suit all worshippers.

Thank you to Charles Palmer Tomkinson for leading Matins on Sunday 18th February. And we were delighted to hear the talk by Prof Julian Evans at our Sunday Special on Sunday 3rd March. "Trees from the Bible" has been a very interesting series and this was the last one. We hope that Julian will come to talk to us again at some time.

Our next Sunday Special will be on Sunday April 7th and will be a talk by John Holden and is, interestingly, headlined "Quasimodo Sunday".

A huge thanks to Alex Holden for supplying some lovely little posies on Mothering Sunday and attaching the basket to the Lych Gates. They were very much appreciated.

Please note that the Fete, scheduled for July 14th at Dummer Down is a joint venture between All Saints Church and Dummer Village Hall with participation of other groups within the village.

Lyn Hardy

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Dummer Village Hall. Dates for your diary.

Advance Notice: Farnham Maltings will be performing The Band back together in Dummer Village Hall, September 2024. Ticket price will be £15 and there will be a bar. Further details on how to purchase tickets, time and confirmation of date coming soon.

The next Beer Fest will be on 4th October at Dummer Down Farm. Thank you to Andrew and Flo for hosting this event. Tickets will be £15, watch out for our posters.

Dummer Village Hall Committee.

Dummer Village Fete Meeting

A meeting for those who wish to man a stall or want an update etc, will be held in the Clifton Room on Wednesday May 1st. at 7:30 p.m.
Please email villagehalldummer@gmail.com as to attendance.

**The Great Scrap Heap Challenge
Scarecrow Competition**

All scarecrows must be made of recyclable materials that you can put into your green recycling bin or recycle at Wade Road

Prizes for 1ST, 2ND and 3RD.

£5 per entry

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