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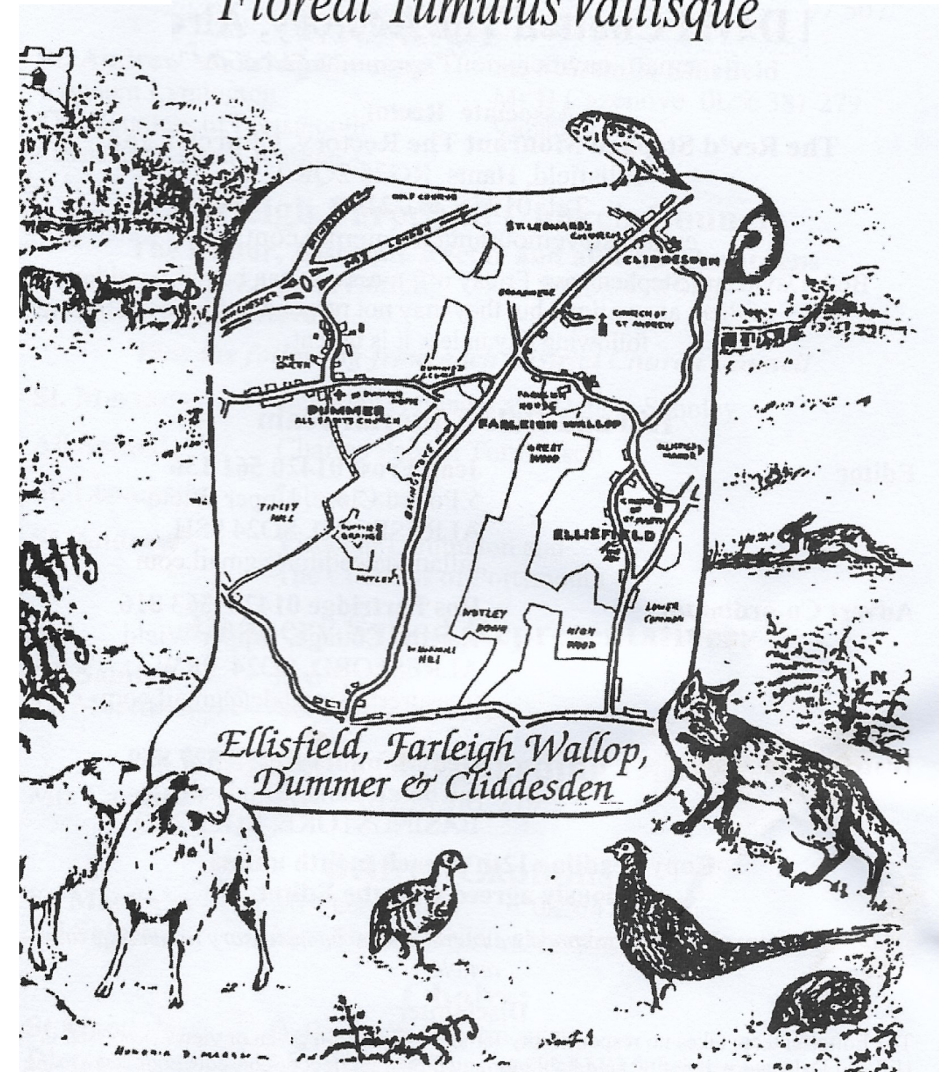
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The Benefice of Farleigh, The Candover and Wield

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

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
09:30	Wield	Matins
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion (Village Hall)
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special

Readings Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-end of 27
Psalm 31

Sermon "“Welcoming a king””

Thursday 6th April Maundy Thursday

7pm Bradley Holy Communion

Readings Exodus 12:1-4,11-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17
Psalm 116

Sermon “I have given you an example”

Friday 7th April Good Friday

10:00	Walk of witness	(Wield to Northington)
2pm	Ellisfield	“An hour at the cross”

Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday

09:45	Ellisfield	Family Holy Communion
11:15	Cliddesden	Family Holy Communion
11:15	Dummer	Family Holy Communion
09:30	Wield	Family Holy Communion
11:00	Preston Candover	Family Holy Communion
11:00	Brown Candover with Northington	Family Holy Communion

Readings Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18

Psalm 118

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Sermon 'Jesus is alive'

Sunday 16th April Second Sunday of Easter

9.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP
 9:45 Dummer Morning Prayer
 10:00 Preston Candover Family Service
 11.15 Cliddesden Family Service
 Readings Acts 2:14,22-32, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-end

Psalm 16

Sermon 'Fear not'

Sunday 23rd April Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW
 9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW
 11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship
 11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion
 Readings Acts 2:14,36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

Psalm 116

Sermon "When the penny dropped"

Sunday 30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

09.30 Brown Candover Holy Communion
 11:00 Farleigh Wallop Holy Communion
 Readings Acts 2:42-end, 1 Peter 2:19-end, John 10:1-10

Psalm 23

Sermon "Sheep first"

Sunday 7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
 09:30 Wield Coronation Commemorative Service
 09.45 Cliddesden Coronation Commemorative Service
 10:00 Preston Candover Coronation Commemorative Service
 11:00 Northington Coronation Commemorative Service
 11.15 Dummer Coronation Sunday Special
 Readings Acts 7:55-end, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Psalm 31

Sermon "There's always one!"



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Dear Friends

Happy Easter!

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A man was waiting at the bus stop and a friend stopped and offered him a lift in the car. "No, thank you," said the man, who was rather on the glass half empty side, "if I go with you the bus is bound to turn up!"

A church leader was once asked if he was a pessimist or an optimist. "I am neither an optimist nor a pessimist. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead."

The answer showed that from his perspective he saw life through a very different lens that wonderfully saw God was at work through Jesus, both in his life and resurrection and also now by his Holy Spirit. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead changes everything, a bold claim!

Dr John Lennox, described on his website as "Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University (emeritus), is an internationally renowned speaker on the interface of science, philosophy, and religion. He regularly teaches at many academic institutions... and has written a series of books exploring the relationship between science and Christianity." At the end of a televised debate between himself and Prof Richard Dawkins he spoke of his belief in the resurrection of Jesus' dead body from its stone tomb. If this is true (and I firmly believe it to be so) it does change the way we live and die since there is a miracle working God who gives life to the dead!

But people might say, "Faith is a delusion. I'd no more believe in God than I would in the Easter Bunny, Father Christmas or the Flying Spaghetti Monster".

These ideas have been made famous by people such as Prof Richard Dawkins. The only thing they are good for is mockery., said Prof Lennox.

"Statements by scientists are not always statements of science," said Prof Lennox. "Stephen Hawking said, "religion is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark". I said, "atheism is a fairy story for people afraid of the light".

"Neither of those statements proves anything at all. They're all reversible. What lies behind all these delusion claims is the Freudian

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idea of wish fulfilment [that we believe what we hope to be true.] This works brilliantly providing there is no god. But if there is a god, then atheism is wish fulfilment."

Christian faith is precious to believers. One of the 'books' in the bible is a letter from St Paul to a church in a city called Thessaloniki and in it explains that those who have died in faith in Christ are with him now and that all who trust Jesus will be reunited again one day. Because of this, he wrote, comfort and encourage one another with these words!

We do.

May God give faith in his work through Jesus this Easter, that Jesus is alive!

Blessings

David

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the Parish of Farleigh is to be held on April 26th 2023.

This year to 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.

There will be time for questions and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Coronation Preparations

I am sure all the villages are planning events to mark the Coronation on the weekend of May 6/7/8th.

We will be dedicating space in the June issue of H and D for colour photos of the village events, so don't forget to take photos to mark this event. The deadline for articles and pictures is around May 12th.

Church flowers, cleaning etc.

Church	Administrator	Name
St Martin's Ellisfield	Caroline Cazenove	Tel 01256 381 279
Cleaning & Flowers		
All Saint's Dummer		
Church security	01/02 08/09 15/16 22/23 29/30*	Willats Potters Makins Napier Makins
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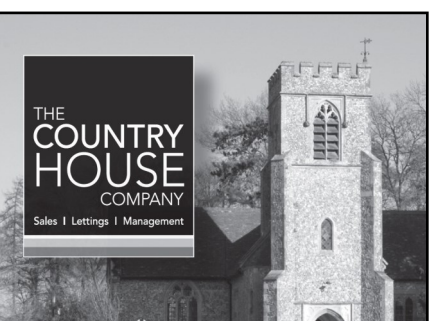
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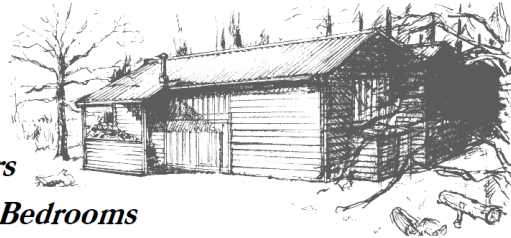
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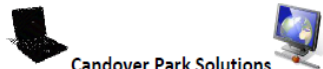
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All Saint's Dummer	9 April 11.15am	Anita Austin		
All Saint's Dummer	16 April 9.45am	Jeremy Glyn	John Holden & Jeremy Glyn	
All Saint's Dummer	23 April 9.45am	Stafford Napier	Stafford Napier & Claire Wilmot Sitwell	
St Andrew's Farleigh Wallop	30 April 11.00			
All Saint's Dummer	7 May 11.15am	Melanie Gill		
St Martin's Ellisfield	2 April 8.00am	Lucinda Rule		
St Martin's Ellisfield	9 April 9.45am	Bernard Cazenove	Caroline Allen & Peter Raine	Debbie Scholey
St Martin's Ellisfield	23 April 11.15am	Nicky Palmer	Tim Guinness & Dee Haas	Bernard Cazenove
St Martin's Ellisfield	30 April 11.00am	Oliver Lymington	To be advised	
St Martin's Ellisfield	7 May 8.00am	Vicky Reed		

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Feb 22: 405 Jan 23: 625

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Referring Agencies:

The numbers of local agency teams partnering with us to refer people for help is up to 147...these include Tadley agencies as well as local and national agencies.

These are just a few of the agencies we've added to our partnership list in the past year...

- Social Prescribers based in Doctors surgeries, and the Health Hub in Festival Place
- a few more primary schools, and the Hurst secondary school: most parent support workers or pastoral workers in local schools & colleges are linked up with us
- BVA Patient Discharge Support - food delivered to homes of people so that they have something in the house when they arrive home.
- Migrant support
- Clean Slate, and PACT : both of these are national prison support charities
- Community Safety Patrol Officers: they sometimes find homes they visit on police business have little or no food
- Domestic Abuse Police Cars Project: they come across households in crisis when called to homes due to DA callouts.

We are inviting donations again. We update WEEKLY our website & facebook lists of shortage items, AND items we've sufficient of...please keep an eye on this if you want to donate.

Easter Egg Hunt!

St Leonard's Church
Friday 31 March
3.45-4.30pm

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Saturday, 22nd April 2023



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SUNDAY 7th MAY

ALL DUMMER RESIDENTS, FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME



PROGRAMME

2-6pm Activities, Stalls & Picnic
6:30 pm - 10pm 70s DJ, Live Music & BBQ



VENUE: DUMMER DOWN FARM

STALLS

2:00pm-5:00pm: Hook a Duck/
Bottle, Coconut Shy; Smack
the Rat; Weigh the Cake &
Cupcake Stall; Beat the Goalie;
Roll the Coin; Skittles & Cro-
quet & Quoits and more.

ACTIVITIES

Face Painting, Dog Show, Welly
Throwing; Egg & Spoon, Sack Race
& 3 Legged Race; Tug of War;
Auction of Promises; Beat the Goalie
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Debbie Scholey will be very pleased to receive your Ellisfield news. Contact Debbie on debbie@ivycottage.aero



Off the Beaten Track On Bank Holiday Monday 1st May Farleigh Wallop

A 5k walk, partly on private land, through bluebell woods, by kind permission of Viscount Lymington
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Dogs on leads welcome Muddy at some points!
Raffle Cake & squash to purchase halfway.

**Start at Home Farm Barn, Farleigh Wallop
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In aid of St Martin's, Ellisfield and
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SAVE THE DATE

The Ellisfield village wine Walk.

Friday June 23rd.

Details to follow in the next issue of
Hill and Dale.



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Race



NIGHT!!

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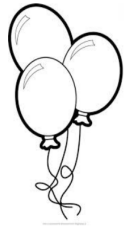
Date: Saturday 22nd April 2023

Time: Bar Opens at 6.30pm Races start at 7.30pm promptly

Venue: Dummer Village Hall

Entry tickets available on a 'first come, first served basis'
Please email dummercricketclub@outlook.com to reserve your ticket for the event. For any further questions please call Richard on 07747793814.
Payment will be required on the night.





DUMMER 1970's CORONATION JAMBOREE



SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023, 2-10pm
DUMMER DOWN FARM - £1 ENTRY PER PERSON
[Under 10s get a roll of tickets for the stalls included]

STALLS

Coconut Shy; Hook a Duck; Croquet; Skittles;
Whack-A-Mole; Roll the Coin; Weigh the Cake;
& lots more.

ACTIVITIES

Dog Show; Tug of War; Pass the Orange/Balloon;
Auction of Promises; Mixed 5 A-Side; Welly
Throwing Competition; Beat the Goalie; Sack
Race; 3 Legged Race; Egg & Spoon; Fancy Dress.



BBQ, BAR, 1970s DJ



ALL RESIDENTS, FRIENDS & FAMILIES WELCOME



Ellisfield Memorial Hall

Village Survey Headlines

38 respondents 97% used the Hall 82% used four or more times per year

Top New Ideas

1. Village summer party / BBQ (90%)
2. Other village parties (82%)
3. Quiz nights (76%)
4. Film nights (61%)
5. Local produce monthly fayre (58%)

New facilities wanted

1. Heat insulation (76%)
2. Wi-Fi (73%)
3. Video screen (41%)

Broadband is being installed by the end of March.

Coronation Screening and Party planned for Saturday 6th May.

What's On

every week:

Tuesday - TAI CHI @ 11:00 -12:30

(contact Amritah 07852989619)

Wednesday - TCC – Tea Coffee & Cake @ 10.00-12.00

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Hello From Claire

Have you wondered at the marvel of the plants around us, and how they cope with the sudden changes they experience?

From the - cold snap, through rain, snow, and sunshine – often with hours of each other. And still they grow, survive, and thrive! My roses are starting to put new leaves out, and I so want to get there and prune back the dead and tidy them up, but I know that if I do another frost will bring die back. Gardening is an exercise in patience, of looking forward, and always believing that after the toil and hardship we will be rewarded with colour, beauty, and new growth.

Not a bad philosophy for life as a whole is it, really?
(Picture by Jack Zeigler – New Yorker Cartoonist)



What's been happening?

Thursday 30th March – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 745pm

Catherine Dawson – “Peat-free Composts”

Full report on this meeting will be in next months newsletter.

Sunday April 2nd – Spring Show –

The Spring Show will probably have taken place by the time you read this – so thank-you in advance for all your entries!

Full report next newsletter.

The Show Schedules cover both the Spring and Summer show, and are available as paper and email copies – don't forget to ask if you haven't received yours yet.

Dummer Village Hall

On Sunday 30th April Debra Mann will be holding a Meditation session (moved from March 12th). Please contact her on debra@dummeryoga.co.uk for more information .

Tickets are going fast for the always popular Dummer Cricket Club Race Night on the 22nd April. Contact dummercricketclub@outlook.com to reserve your ticket.

Coffee Morning. The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 5th April at 11:00 a.m.**

For Village Hall bookings please contact villagehalldummer@gmail.com

Dummer Coronation Jamboree

Watch out for posters about the fantastic Dummer Coronation Jamboree.

If you are willing to help please contact Mary Stevens marystevens34@gmail.com or coronationjamboree@gmail.com

Women V Cancer



**Raising money for three important charities:
Breast Cancer Now,
Jo's Cervical Cancer and
Ovarian Cancer Actions.**

On 22nd April I will be challenging myself to cycle 100km through London at night so that these charities can be there for people facing breast ovarian and cervical cancer. I'm training hard, increasing my distance but I'm yet to attempt a practice night ride.

Please support me and the Women V Cancer charities on my challenge and make a donation. Any donations will be split equally between the three charities, and everything counts. Below is a link to my donation page.

<https://join.dream-challenges.com/fundraisers/PennyReynolds/ride-the-night>

Sincere thanks,
Penny Reynolds



Dummer

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Lyn Hardy 01256 397507

(Please ensure all copy reaches me by 10th of the month)

About Dummer

Welcome to Dummer

We welcome Jackie and Alan Morton of Willow Cottage, Ganderdown and Vanda and Barry of Oak Cottage, Dummer Down Lane.

We look forward to meeting you all.

All Saints Church

We were delighted to have representatives from the Wellington & Dummer Branch of Riding for the Disabled Association on Sunday 5th March at our Sunday Special. Harvey Matthewson, who is the Aerobility aviation activity officer, talked about his role with the RDA and how he came to be involved, how it increased his confidence and led to him competing in the RDA National Championship.

He was followed by Trish Willats (who was named the BBC Sport Unsung Hero for the South). Trish read a moving letter from a parent whose child's life had been changed by regularly riding with the RDA. RDA takes place at Paddock Lodge.

It was most enlightening service, and we were greeted outside by one of the ponies the children ride.

Our next Sunday Special will on Sunday 2nd April (Palm Sunday) at 11:15 a.m.

Lyn Hardy, Churchwarden

**What's coming up?
Sunday May 7th – Plant Sale 11-1pm
Cliddesden Millenium Hall**



Our major fundraiser of the year.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME

There is a lot happening in the outside world that weekend – the Coronation of King Charles III means that a lot of celebrations are happening. Please make time to pop in and see us – we rely on the plant sales to boost the coffers and allow us to have such a diverse range of speakers throughout the year.

And as Charles is such a keen gardener, I'm sure he would encourage you to come along as well!

Thursday May 25th 730 for 745 start – Kat Freeman “Help your plants thrive the natural way”

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I highly recommend this – I use it myself and have seen fantastic results.

Kat definitely knows her stuff, is fun and engaging to talk to and listen to, and we will have a great evening!

Members £1, Guests £2, and refreshments are available before and after the talk for donations

Guests can join on the night.

Thank-you to everyone who has now paid their Subs. If yours are still outstanding please could you sort that asap!

For those members who are not online and would prefer to pay in cash, contact your local committee member.

New members are always welcome, whether you are a keen gardener, or can't tell your pansies from your petunias.

Email Steve Bowcutt on stephen.bowcutt@outlook.com to join

See you at the next meeting.

Happy gardening!

Claire

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Benefice Recipes

Well April already, as I write this there is snow forecast for the beginning of March which the children would love and if it's a decent amount I would too. Cosying up by the fire with Mr Cadbury with that silent snowy world outside is going to be tough because I have given up chocolate, puddings and cake for Lent. This decision was made after a weekend of scoffing chocolate and putting up with heartburn at two in the morning for the sake of lime cheesecake. Chocolate is fine ,if I don't buy it I can't eat it. That tub of Quality Street stashed under the bed..... GONE. Of course puddings don't include my Kefir yog and honey at lunchtime surely that's healthy honey and Kefir ? Or those tiny fromage frais pots literally a couple of teaspoons because a pudding is something bathed in ice cream, cream or custard, right? So two weeks in and all is well.

So the recipe for April is a pudding (I cannot wait)

Italian Crostata Jam Tart

225g chilled unsalted butter, 450g plain flour, 5 medium egg yolks
170g caster sugar, Zest of 1 lemon, 1 tsp vanilla extract
370g Jam of your choice, 1 tsp baking powder, A splash of Amaretto,milk or rum.

Method

Pre heat oven to 180c.

Grease a 26cm round shallow baking tin with a little butter.

Mix the butter and flour together to resemble fine sand. Add the egg yolks, sugar, lemon zest, vanilla extract and baking powder. Mix until well combined and the mixture starts to form a dough. If it seems a little dry add the splash of milk, rum or Amaretto. Cover the dough with clingfilm and rest in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Now, cut off a quarter of the dough and set aside. Roll out the remaining dough on a floured surface until it's just under a centimetre thick and large enough to line the tin.

Spoon the jam onto pastry dough and spread evenly. Fold over the excess pastry onto the jam to create a border of about 2 centimetres. It will look a bit rustic.

Then roll out the remaining quarter of pastry dough and cut into long strips about 2.5 centimetres wide. Lay over the jam in a lattice effect, brush with a little milk if you like.

Bake for 30 to 45 minutes until the pastry is golden brown. Leave to cool before serving.....Yeah like that's gonna happen!! Pass me the cream now.

Alas, I have reneged on the cake just not a chocolate one though. I couldn't do it to my boys a grumpier than grumpy mum wouldn't be fair. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Enjoy
Tracey



KNIT FOR UKRAINE

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has knitted squares, those who are just starting out or have contributed to this project in other ways!

A special mention for the Riding for the Disabled group in Dummer which has contributed just under a blanket's worth of squares!

So far, we have completed and dispatched 4 blankets. 2 more are currently being crocheted together, and there are still more squares for the next one.

By the time you read this, the latest consignment of blankets should have reached Kyev for distribution.

Hope and Aid Direct has been providing humanitarian aid for the past 23 years. The charity is currently working in Ukraine delivering life supporting aid including food, medical equipment, and blankets.

We will continue making the blankets and sending them on as long as anyone wishes to carry on knitting squares!

If you would like to start knitting squares for the first time, the pattern is below. There will be wool and needles available at TCC if you need them.

Completed squares can be delivered to TCC at the Ellisfield Memorial Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12noon or to Sylvia Raine (01256 381221)

Knitting Pattern

This pattern makes a stable very reproducible square with a slightly patterned edge which is easier to join with crochet.

You will need: Double knitting yarn (acrylic is best) 4mm (UK 8) needles.

Cast on two stitches. Knit 1, then increase one stitch by knitting into front then back of 2nd stitch, Continue increasing one stitch on every row like this until work measures 8" along the side edge and you have approximately 60 stitches depending on tension.

Knit one row without increasing.

Then on next row Knit 1 and then begin to decrease by knitting 2nd and 3rd stitches together then Knit to end.

Continue until 1 stitch remaining. Cast off. And c-e-l-e-b-r-a-t-e! 🎉

Sylvia Raine

Candover Valley Store

community made

Easter and Early May Bank Holiday changes to opening hours

Good Friday 7 April – store open 8.00am to **4.00pm**. Post office closed.

Easter Saturday 8 April – store open as usual from 8.30am to 5.00pm. Post office open 9.00am to 12.30pm.

Easter Sunday 9 April – store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed.

Easter Monday 10 April – store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed.

Early May Bank Holiday Monday 1 May – [store open 8.30am to 12.30pm](#).
[Post office closed](#).

Golden rabbits, chocolate eggs, hot cross buns – an Easter abundance!

The store is well stocked for all your Easter requirements whether for perennial plants and cut flowers, Summerdown chocolates, golden rabbits, every size of Easter egg and piles of hot cross buns!

Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 8 May – store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed. **This is the day of the BIG HELP OUT** and could be your opportunity to find out more about volunteering at the store whether it is working in the store serving customers or helping out behind the scenes with DIY, cleaning and gardening. Come and talk to us in store and see how your talents and time can help your local community!

New bread supplier

Beresbakes, a Basingstoke bakery, will now be supplying the store with sourdough bread every Saturday. 16 varieties of bread are available in a wonderful array of flavours including wholemeal, beetroot, stilton & walnut; feta & sundried tomato and many more. If you require a particular variety it can be pre-ordered, so come on in and find out more.

Saturday 20 May - Hampshire Fare Day

A plan is forming for CVS to host a Hampshire Fare day on the morning of Saturday 20 May, when local suppliers will be invited to show off their produce in and around the store. Jams, jellies, honey, locally grown salads and watercress, mouthwatering cheeses, trout products, chocolate and mints, and stunning locally produced wines – will all be on display and for sale! Watch this space next month for further details.

North Waltham Church Memorial – Update

It's been a few months since my appeal for information regarding A Kingston, who is commemorated on the church memorial, and I'm delighted to report that there appears to have been some positive progress made.

It would appear that Private Kingston's first name is actually Ernest, so the initial 'A' on the memorial is incorrect. Ernest came to live with his aunt, here in Blakes Cottage in North Waltham when he was 14 years old. In 1912 he emigrated to Australia and, following the call to arms, enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in 1915. Soon after, Ernest found himself in Belgium attached to the 13th Light Trench Mortar Battery.

Ernest returned to England in December 1916 to marry his childhood sweetheart, Agnes Palmer. Ernest's marriage certificate shows his address as North Waltham. Returning to the front line early in 1917. He was killed in battle in October 1917, just a few weeks after the birth of his son. Ernest's service record is in the memorial book in St Michael's Church.

So the work going on at the moment is to obtain the correct permissions to have 'A Kingston' amended to E Kingston on the memorial. This will take a little time as the memorial itself is a listed monument. In addition, separate permissions are being sought to add the names of the three fallen servicemen from Popham churchyard added to a new memorial tablet that will be placed in front of the memorial cross. I'll keep you posted!

If anyone has any information on any of the servicemen commemorated at North Waltham or Popham, please feel free to get in touch – misterbriandixon@googlemail.com



**Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School,
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North Waltham, RG25 2BL.**

www.cuckoomeadow.org Tel: 01256 398172

**To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on
01256 398172.**

Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School.

Entering spring and it was only fitting to start to learn about baby animals. The children loved this, and all had a chance to make and colour in their very own pictures, including the names for each baby animal and then telling their parents all about what they have learnt.

The season has also allowed them to get out and see the new colourful flowers starting to appear and the colours changing around the field and the preschool.

Mother's Day has been the focus for the crafting for the first half of the month, which as always has really engaged the children's creativity and crafting skills.

And of course, there has been an abundance of playing, dressing up and impromptu dancing (even the big children joined in here) as well as outside games whenever possible, making the most of the new outdoor learning equipment.

***About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School:** We are a small, friendly, Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavillion, North Waltham. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood and all agree the location and wonderful caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172*

The Wonderful World of Water Voles

Have you ever walked by a chalk stream and seen a flash of fur? You may have been lucky enough to spot an elusive species – the water vole! These small mammals love the clear water and lush plant life that characterise chalk streams. While they are rather shy, staying quiet and still could reward you with another sighting; listen for rustling in the streamside undergrowth and the famous 'plop' of them diving into the water.

Water voles are known for the character of Ratty in 'The Wind in the Willows', and are often mistaken for their rodent cousin, the brown rat. Several features can help with this critter confusion: brown rats have a greyish hue, pointed muzzle, prominent ears, and hairless tail; water voles have a chestnut tint, short muzzle, small ears, and furry tail. Their way of swimming is another clue: if only the head is above water, it's probably a rat.

If you didn't get a good look, there may be other signs that water voles are present. They choose a special place for eating, so you might find plant stems nibbled at a 45-degree angle. You might also see a 'lawn' of shortened plants by the entrance to their bankside burrows. Another sign to search for is a latrine near the stream's edge; water vole droppings have a distinctive tic-tac shape, and can be green, brown, or purple in colour.

Once present throughout the UK, water voles have sadly become endangered in recent decades. Pollution and habitat loss have played a role, as has the spread of an invasive non-native species – the American mink. Originally introduced for fur farming, these voracious hunters can swiftly wipe out small mammal populations. According to one estimate, water voles have been lost from 97% of their former geographical range.

So, how can you help our furry friends? If you manage a chalk stream, leave a two-metre-wide margin of tall bankside plants, and do your habitat management outside the breeding season (spring and summer). If you walk your dog by a stream, keep them on a lead in places where water voles have been seen. In general, look out for American mink – you could even consider hosting a footprint raft or wildlife camera.

You can also monitor water vole populations in north and central Hampshire through the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme – contact winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk to learn more. Our work is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Free Online Talk – 'Water-Wise Gardening: Get Smart With Soil'
25th May, 7-8.30pm

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

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

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More news about the children in the May issue

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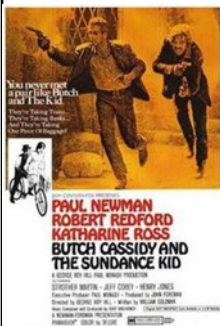
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Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club AKA 'The Film Club'



Thursday 6 April, "*Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*", 1969, 110 minutes, Certificate PG

Western directed by George Roy Hill (*The Sting*) and written by William Goldman. Based loosely on fact, the film tells the story of Wild West outlaws Robert LeRoy Parker, known as Butch Cassidy (1866 – 1908) played by Paul Newman), and his partner

Harry Longabaugh (1867 – 1908), the "Sundance Kid" played by Robert Redford), who are on the run from a

crack US posse after a string of train robberies. The pair and Sundance's lover, Etta Place played by Katharine Ross, flee to Bolivia to escape the posse.

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid was selected by the American Film Institute as the 7th-greatest Western of all time.

92% on Rotten Tomatoes

Redford won the Oscar for Best Actor and Newman was nominated, of the ten Oscars awarded the film won 9 and gained a nomination in the 10th category.



Thursday 4 May, "*Bend it Like Beckham*", 2002, 112 minutes, Certificate 12

Sports comedy-drama film directed by Gurinder Chadha. The film stars Parminder Nagra, and Keira Knightley.

The film received praise for the screenplay, light-hearted tone, and commentary on South Asian social norms and culture.

Bend It Like Beckham grossed \$76.6 million at the box office, making it the highest-grossing football film.

Rotten Tomatoes 85%

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Cliddesden WI

Now I have recovered from my operation I am now resuming my role of reporting on our WI meetings. In March David Woolford, who is the

husband of our WI County Advisor Alison, came along and gave us a talk entitled 'The Air That I Breathe'. David had a double lung transplant in Papworth hospital following years of debilitating lung disease. He told us all about his life leading up to the operation, the anxious wait for his transplant once he had been put on the list and how his life has been transformed since his transplant. It was an inspiring story which brought to our door how medical science and these pioneering doctors are able to give back a quality of life to very sick people through transplants.

David is a very warm person who now helps to raise money for Papworth hospital my giving this talk and donating his fees. We can only wish him a long, happy and healthy life now.

Next meeting

April 17th 10.30am
Show and Tell

Julia Ross is going to be taking over the role of Secretary from our coming year which starts in April. I have been helping her produce our program and she has put together some interesting talks and events – so watch this space.

The WI welcomes new members so please come along and join us if you we would love to make new friends.

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esteem, teamwork, and general happiness giving them an outlet to express themselves and feel emotions.

The project allowed the children to experience recording equipment, including microphones, to record their singing. This was then edited together with all the other groups and schools to produce a music video – see our website: Events/March/Basingstoke Sings to watch this fabulous performance.

World Book Day



We celebrated World Book Day at Cliddesden. Once again, the children came to school dressed as either a book character or someone/thing from a non-fiction book. This year we even had a dinosaur!

The day included book themed activities, a special assembly where some of the children got to show off their costumes and talk

about their books. Oak class ‘buddied up’ with Beech to read some stories and Mr Davies visited the classes to do a bit of performance poetry.

Reading is a vital part of primary education and days like this help promote literacy and the pleasure that we can get from reading books.

Fun in the snow



For more information about our school or to browse the many photos accompanying these events, please go to: cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

Paula Lavender

We Can Week and Winter Sports Day

This year Cliddesden took part in We Can Week, which is an event lead by Energise Me in partnership with the School Games organisers and local schools. The event aims to encourage healthy lifestyles and support emotional wellbeing.



Each day had a different theme:

Mindful Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Wellbeing Wednesday, Together Thursday and Physical Friday.

Throughout the week we participated in a range of activities across the school, thinking about how we stay healthy, work together, support each other and what we can try when we are facing challenges. The children participated thoughtfully and came up with some excellent suggestions.

To support Together Thursday and Physical Friday we held our annual Winter Sports day. This is always a popular event, and the children were very enthusiastic about each event and showed many of our school values, in particular we saw great aspiration, teamwork and responsibility. Well done to everyone who took part and to our Sports Leaders who showed respect, tolerance, and honesty throughout.

Netball

Our fantastic netball team played St Anne's, our last match in the Netball League before the finals in March. Although we missed Olivia and Riley, Annabella stepped into the team and played some fantastic netball. We won 11-1, going into the finals top of our league

Basingstoke Sings – project with VoxFresh

Cliddesden Primary School took part in a Basingstoke wide singing project with VoxFresh. We learnt an empowering song 'I am what I am' by Emma Muscat, which empowers individuals to be themselves and be resilient when things get tough. Singing is proven to help young people's confidence, self-




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Contact Neil on 07809 249623 or email: contact@glenmillerband-wield.uk




Live Portrait Demonstration
29th March 7pm

Watch professional portrait artist Ingrid Berry up close as she paints a one-hour portrait from a live model, explaining her process, inspirations, and why she paints portraits @ The Yard, Chilton Candover.

A delicious meal will be provided by The Yard Kitchen and there will be time for questions and to talk with Ingrid at the end.

Book your ticket at:

www.theyardhampshire.co.uk/events
or
www.ingridberry.com


THE YARD

***IN THE FIELDS* By Seumas Foster**

April is Spring

The clocks have changed, put forward an hour as we move into BST (British Summer Time), and so by this sleight of hand we can enjoy lighter evenings. It may not always be warm enough to feel comfortable, but that's what wool is for!

In the fields spring is rapidly establishing as the prime mover, greening, and growing everything everywhere. Spring seeds sown a week or two earlier will be emerging, and the winter sowings are pushing on producing more leaves and stems as quick as they can, given that warmth, moisture, and nutrients are in plentiful supply.

Grasses grow from the bottom of the plant like a telescope being pulled out, because the meristematic cells, ie. those that can multiply, are at ground level. They can also grow new stems from there, and in cereals these are called tillers. The main stem is always the most important, the tillers are 'gap fillers' to make optimal use of space, nutrients etc, so the best yield can be achieved. The best yield is the higher number of seeds that the plant can make, sometimes called profitable farming!

Fertiliser spreading continues, the main doses will probably go on the fields in April as earlier doses have kept things moving along, preparing for the main growth periods.

Spring is lambing time, not many sheep flocks locally but look out for the annual photo in the papers of lambing and daffodils.

'Science is Measurement'

April is also the time for the result of the **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch** to be released. A huge number of people spent an hour at some point over the three-day period 27th to 29th of January, in a garden or local park, recording species and the highest number they saw at one time, not the total seen in that hour. The results sent back to The RSPB are being crunched now and the 'Winners and Losers' will be announced in mid-April. The results are always interesting, but they are 'urban heavy'. The RSPB are advising that fresh food and water are put out for the birds at least until early summer when other sources of food should be available.

Not so many people know about the **GWCT Big Farmland Bird Count**, organised by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust at Fordingbridge, when they ask farmers, or anyone interested to record species and numbers



Willow Class

This term we have been learning all about different people who help us. We were visited by the Basingstoke Fire and Rescue team, who let us explore their fire engine and taught us lots of things about the equipment they use to rescue people and sometimes animals! We got to see the specialist clothing they wear, and we were allowed to sit in the cab and experience how high up it is!

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KS2 Art Gallery Trip

Oak and Chestnut classes went to visit Southampton City Art Gallery. While we were there, we participated in an Art workshop where we made faces and human figures using wire and pipe cleaners. We also had a tour of some of the more significant pieces in the collection: a portrait by Gainsborough, 'The Diver' by Antony Gormley, François-Pascal-Simon Gérard's portrait of Napoleon and a 14th Century triptych painted using tempera. We discussed how artists can use

colour within their work to communicate meaning with their audience. After a brief lunch, we had time to explore the gallery more before we returned to school. Our guides, Ali and Lisa, were very informative and we learnt lots from them.

Cliddesden Primary School



It's been busy at school both in class and whole school events:

Beech Class

In Design Technology Beech Class has been busy learning all about freestanding structures. A freestanding structure is something that can stand by itself. We focussed on bridges and we looked at a range of bridges thinking about which shapes provided the most stable bridge. We learnt that a triangle is the strongest shape and so we used lots of

triangle frames in our designs. We used a range of materials to make our bridges including spaghetti strands, play doh, art straws, tubes and card. We enjoyed designing and building our bridges.

Chestnut Class



To finish our science topic on solids, liquids, and gases, we experimented with erupting our papier-mâché Mount Vesuvius models with a mixture of bicarbonate of soda, baking powder, vinegar, ketchup, mentos and coke.

We enjoyed watching them erupt on the school field.

of birds seen over a period of about 30 mins from a place where they can have a reasonable view of about five acres in a particular part of farmland. This might be a corner of a field or next to a farmyard. The type of habitat and cropping at the site is recorded, and the participants can repeat the observation in a different part of the farm. These observations should take place during the period 3-19 February. Like the RSPB survey results are expected in April and reflect how numbers and distribution of species is changing in the countryside. Changes can be investigated, successes identified which can then inform future plans on farms.

Both surveys to a great extent will see the same species of birds and although migrant birds will not be seen it does show the difference between urban and countryside bird patterns, and both surveys are equally valid for us, so keep on the lookout for the results.



Snowdrops in St Leonard's Churchyard

This year we have had a lovely show of snowdrops everywhere, including various areas of St Leonard's Churchyard, a designated Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), managed for diversity.

Plants like these bring immense enjoyment and comfort to all visitors to the Churchyard *and it is therefore clearly disappointing to observe that some have recently been deliberately removed.*

Please be aware that, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is a criminal offence to dig up and remove these plants and bulbs, viz:

"Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is unlawful to uproot any wild plant without permission from the landowner or occupier. To uproot (digging) a plant means to 'dig up or otherwise remove the plant from the land on which it is growing', whether or not it actually has roots. Even plants growing wild are the legal property of somebody as they have been cultivated."

Thank you.

On behalf of St Leonard's District Church Committee (DCC)



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