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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

Tomkinson:

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Advent Sunday

08.00am Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP IDT

09:00 am Wield Morning prayer IDT

09.45am Cliddesden Morning Prayer PR

10:00am Preston Candover Advent Carols JG

11:00am Northington Morning prayer IDT

3.00pm Dummer Christingle AH

Readings *Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end Luke 21 25-36*  
*Psalm 25:1-9*

### Friday 6th December

16:00 Cliddesden Christingle

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

08:00am Dummer Holy Communion IDT

09:45 am Ellisfield Morning Prayer BC

10:00am Preston Candover Holy Communion IDT

11:15am Cliddesden Family Holy Communion

4.00pm Cliddesden Christingle PR

6.00pm Wield Evensong IDT

Readings *Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1 3-11 Luke 3:1-6*

*Psalm 75*

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9.00am Wield Holy Communion BCP IDT

10:00am Preston Candover Family service JG

16:00 Cliddesden Nine lessons and carols PR


4.00pm Dummer Nine lessons and Carols IDT

6.00pm Ellisfield Nine lessons and Carols BC

6.00pm Northington Nine lessons and Carols with Valley Choir IDT



Readings *Zephaniah 3:14-end Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18*


*Psalm 146:-4-end*




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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
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 11:00am Bradley Carols and mince pies JG  
 11:15am Ellisfield Holy Communion IDT  
 4.00pm Wield Nine lessons and carols IDT  
 6.00pm Brown Candover Nine lessons and carols IDT  
 6.00pm Cliddesden Carols around the pond PR  
*Readings Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10 5-10 Luke 1 39-45*

*Psalm 80:1-8*

### Christmas Eve

2.00pm Cliddesden Crib Service CN  
 3.00p Preston Candover Blessing of the crib IDT/AL  
 4.00pm Farleigh Nine lessons and Carols IDT  
 11.30pm Northington Midnight communion IDT  
 11.30pm Cliddesden Midnight communion  
*Readings Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14*

*Psalm 98*

### Christmas Day

09:30am Bradley Christmas service JG  
 09:30am Ellisfield Family Communion IDT  
 09:30am Wield Holy Communion (by extension)  
 10:45am Dummer Family Eucharist IDT  
 11:00am Preston Candover Holy Communion (by extension) JG  
 11:00am Brown Candover Holy Communion

## January 2025

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany

08.00am Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP IDT  
 09:30am Wield Matins IDT  
 09.45am Cliddesden Morning Prayer PR  
 11:00am Northington Holy Communion IDT  
 11.15am Dummer Sunday Special  
*Readings Isiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2 1-12*  
*Psalm 72 10:15*

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

10:00am Wield Morning prayer and bible study

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ

08:00am Dummer Holy Communion IDT  
 09:45am Ellisfield Morning Prayer BC  
 10:00am Preston Candover Morning prayer JG  
 11:15am Cliddesden Holy Communion Register (IDT if not available)

6.00pm Wield Evensong IDT  
*Readings Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3 15-17 and 21-22 Psalm 29*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ**

08:00am Dummer Holy Communion IDT  
09:45am Ellisfield Morning Prayer BC  
10:00am Preston Candover Morning prayer JG  
11:15 Cliddesden Holy Communion Register  
(IDT if not available)  
6.00pm Wield Evensong IDT  
*Readings Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3 15-17 and 21-22*

*Psalm 29*

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January (TBC)**

10:00am Wield Morning prayer and bible study

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2**

9.00am Wield Holy Communion BCP IIDT  
9:45am Dummer Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Preston Candover Holy Communion JG  
11.15am Cliddesden Family Service PR  
*Readings Isaiah 62 1-9 1 Corinthians 12 1-11 John 2:1-11*

*Psalm 36:5-10*

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

10:00am Wield Morning prayer and bible study

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3**

8:30am Bradley Holy Communion CW. IDT  
9:45am Dummer Holy Communion CW Register  
(IDT if not available)  
11:00 am Brown Candover Family Morning Worship JG  
with IDT if not elsewhere  
11:15am Ellisfield Family Holy Communion  
Register (IDT if not available)  
*Readings Nehemiah 8 1-3, 5-6 and 8-10 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a*  
*Luke 4 14-21* *Psalm 19*

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## Message from Ian

Most of us love Christmas, it is by far the nation's favourite holiday. You probably have your own family traditions that make the season so important. For us, it starts at the end of November, with my wife, daughter and granddaughter Serena (I promised her a mention) getting together to make a Christmas pudding. By December the build-up is fully into gear, and we tick off familiar things in the run up to the big day. Getting the Christmas tree up, having a spiced ginger latte at Starbucks or hearing "All I want for Christmas is you" for the first time



I love Christmas day. When children are around it is hard to have a sleep in. There is huge joy in swapping presents and wondering why on earth someone would want to buy you that. The highlight of the day is Christmas dinner that my wife and daughter prepare with almost military precision and culminates with the arrival of the flaming Christmas pudding.

There are two problems with this. Firstly, for me, as a priest, is that none of this is particularly Christian. But while the idea of having a celebration midwinter predates Christianity by a fair way, the story of the birth of Jesus is something that makes the day so much more special. Going to Church, singing the well-known carols and hearing the familiar stories that speak of Jesus as God's incredible gift to humanity.

Secondly, the ideal Christmas that is already being played out in various adverts can be difficult for those having a hard time. People who have lost someone this year or are isolated from their families can make Christmas a hollow celebration. If you are on benefits and unable to work there is scant spare resources for celebratory food or presents

So as we prepare can I ask you to consider doing two things. Firstly, donate to a food bank. These will be having a busy time in the run up to the festive season but don't be afraid to put in an extra donation and include in it something special to help others celebrate. You can donate in the big supermarkets, the village store and in St Leonard's Cliddesden. You can also donate to a toy bank. Many of the larger supermarkets will run these. You can buy a toy and donated in a container in the store. These are then forwarded to charities who support families having a hard time.

I'm told that this is a double issue of Hill and Dale so I'm to include something about the New Year. I was going to write about the New Year having so much promise. For a start it is not having another spiced ginger latte or hear "all I want for Christmas is you" for 11 months." But there isn't enough room so can I wish everyone in the Benefice a happy and really blessed Christmas and to the good people of Oxdrove magazine who want a separate New Year's message.....thanks




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All Saints' Dummer	22 Dec 9.45am	Lyn Hardy	Jenny Padmore Jan Marks
All Saints' Dummer	25 Dec 10.45am	Michael Hill King	Brian Gazzard John Holden
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<b>All Saints, Dummer</b>		
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<b>Flowers</b>	<b>December</b>	Lyn Hardy (Advent ring). Claire Wilmot Sitwell 13/14 Church decorating—All
	<b>January</b>	Sue Swinburn
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>December (15th)</b>	Sue Swinburn
	<b>January (19th)</b>	Claire Wilmot Sitwell

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
All Saints' Dummer	5 Jan 11.15am	Melanie Gill	
All Saints' Dummer	12 Jan 8.00am	Mervyn Mann	
All Saints' Dummer	19 Jan 9.45am	Stafford Napier	Clare Wilmot Sitwell John Holden
All Saints' Dummer	26 Jan 9.45am	Lyn Hardy	John Trueman Charlie Palmer Tomkinson
All Saints' Dummer	2 Feb 11.15am	Melanie Gill	
St Martin's Ellisfield	5 Jan 8.00am	Lucinda Rule	
St Martin's Ellisfield	12 Jan 9.45am	Bernard Cazenove	Caroline Allen and Marcus Rule
St Martin's Ellisfield	26 Jan 11.15am	Debbie Scholy	Tim Guinness and Martine Bell
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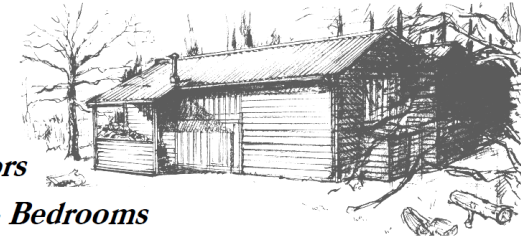
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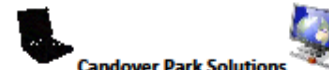
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### The Best of the Belles!

Six months of rehearsals have paid off as the Belles of St. Martins performed their first solo concert on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October and was a roaring success.

The Ellisfield village choir, led by Theresa Lunn and Janey Park-Weir, featured male vocal parts for the first time, guest guitarist Ross Palmer, percussionist Neil Streeter, lead violinist Tabatha Greensmith (who travelled down from Leeds for the event), and choir accompanists Sylvia Raine and Caroline Cazenove. The concert, compered by Bernard Cazenove, offered a diverse range of music including favourites frequently performed by the choir, and some never before performed songs, which included musical showstoppers from Les Misérables, Only Murders in the Building, and the Wizard of Oz featuring guest soloist Lorna Turberfield.

There were other highlights which included the charming instrumental piece “The Toy Symphony”, Rock and Roll such as The Beatles “Obla-di-Obla-Da”, comedy pieces “The Altos Lament” and “I Want to Sing in Opera”, and the touching song “Sunrise Sunset” from the musical: Fiddler on the Roof, which featured soloists Martine Bell and Jacqui Matthews. There was truly something for everyone.

The concert was in aid of two charities: Home-Start Hampshire, and St. Michael’s Hospice, and Ellisfield Memorial Hall and the choir. The concert raised a total of £1000. Thank you to all who came and supported.

Report by Ollie Webb



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We welcomed people of all ages, including Beavers and Brownies, to our Family Remembrance Service at St. Leonard's.

Farleigh Parish Playgroup made a special wreath for the occasion.

It was particularly moving to have little Daphne with us, whose father is currently serving with the Army in the Middle East.

Our thanks to everyone involved in this service.



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**Happy Christmas**

Ros and I would like to say a big thank you to all contributors for their wonderful pieces during the past year.

May we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a Peaceful new Year.

Jean and Ros

# Farleigh Parish Playgroup



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### Cliddesden WI

In our November meeting, our speaker David Styles spoke about his experience aged 6 ½ when he was evacuated from his home in Southampton along with his mother and baby brother. He had a terrible experience, the children were treated like cattle, with siblings split up.

He very quickly went home to his family, returning to his school. Initially, the family managed to avoid the bombs in the cellar of his grandparents' home although his most frightening experience was when three German fighter planes avoided the defences at the docks and attacked Southampton dropping bombs on his school, he was pulled into a shelter just in time before a large explosion threw him against a wall. The school was very badly damaged, the local church destroyed but he managed to escape relatively unharmed. Unfortunately, his house was then bombed making it uninhabitable, this led to a move out into the countryside where David passed the rest of the war, enjoying freedom and safety. There he met service men who were on their way to D-Day and still thinks today about what happened to them.

**The next meetings will be Christmas wreath / table decoration making on Saturday 30th November.**  
**Our Christmas meeting on Monday 16th December is a member only event**

If you would like to attend the wreath making workshop or join us for the January meeting, please contact Julia Ross at [cliddesdensec@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:cliddesdensec@hampshirewi.org.uk).

Julia Ross  
Secretary  
Cliddesden WI

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Date	Store	Post office
<b>Sunday 22 Dec</b>	<b>8.30am – 4.00pm</b> <b>(open for a few extra hours!)</b>	Closed
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Tuesday 24 Dec	8.00am – 4.00pm	8.30am – 12.30pm <u>Last collection</u> <u>10.50am</u>
<b>Christmas Day</b> Wednesday 25 Dec	Closed	Closed
<b>Boxing Day</b> Thursday 26 Dec	Closed	Closed
Friday 27 Dec	Normal hours 8.00am – 6.00pm	8.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 28 Dec	Normal hours 8.30am – 5.00pm	9.00am – 12.30pm
Sunday 29 Dec	Normal hours 8.30am – 12.30pm	Closed
Monday 30 Dec	Normal hours 8.00am – 6.00pm	8.30am – 5.00pm
<b>New Year's Eve</b> Tuesday 31 December	8.00am – 4.00pm	8.30am – 12.30pm <u>Last collection</u> <u>10.50am</u>
<b>New Year's Day 1</b> <b>Jan 2025</b>	8.30am – 12.30pm	Closed



## 2024 Christmas services

St Leonard's Church  
Cliddesden

### Fri 6 Dec | 4pm | Christingle

With the church aglow with festive candlelight, make a Christingle and sing hymns. All materials provided. Refreshments 3.45pm, service begins 4pm.

### Sun 15 Dec | 4pm | Nine Lessons and Carols

Traditional service with mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

### Sun 22 Dec | 6pm | Carols round the pond

Carol sheets provided, just bring a lantern or torch.

### Tue 24 Dec | 2pm | Crib Service

Come dressed as characters from the Nativity (yes, the grown-ups too!) and together all ages can recreate this epic story of hope as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

### Tue 24 Dec | 11.30pm | Midnight Communion

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*Festival of  
Nine Lessons and Carols  
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**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm**

***Please note – this replaces the Family Service for that Sunday.***

**Seasonal refreshments will be provided and a collection will be taken during the service towards Church funds.**

**Candover Valley Store**  
*community made*

**Changes to store and post office hours over Christmas and New Year**

On Sunday 22 December the store will be open until 4.00pm to allow customers some extra browsing and purchasing time. On Tuesday 24 December the store will also close at 4.00pm to allow staff and volunteers to get home to begin their celebrations. Both the store and post office will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

**Seasonal opening hours are published in full elsewhere in this magazine.**

**Last posting dates**

Remember you will need to get UK standard letters in the post by 18 December for Christmas delivery. The store's post office-trained staff will be able to advise on dates for other countries and for parcels, but in general the rule is the earlier the better!

**Wines and cheeses on special offer!**

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**New freezer, more choice!**

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**Christmas raffle**

The store will be supporting the Basingstoke Food Bank by running a raffle to win a hamper full of Christmas goodies. At this time of plenty for some, we must remember it is a very different scenario for those who are struggling. Please buy tickets if you can.

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**WE WISH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

Huge thanks for your support through 2024. We have loved serving you and look forward to seeing you again very soon!

# Candover Valley Store

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## Store and post office trading hours

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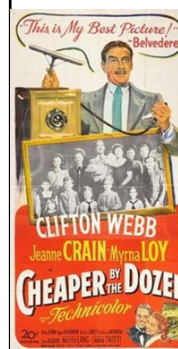


**Thursday 5 December**  
**Paddington 2**

(2017, 104 minutes, cert PG)

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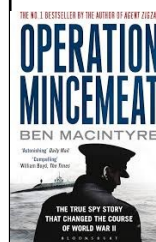


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**Thursday 6th February 2025**  
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**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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The survey is aimed at identifying issues with accessibility and connectivity for walking and cycling. This is part of Hampshire County Council's commitment to improving accessibility and encouraging more people to walk and cycle for short journeys.

The survey closes just before midnight on 22 December 2024.

Please click on the scheme web page to access the survey: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/barriers-walking-cycling>

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## Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor

Hampshire County Councillor report

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### November Update

#### Savings Proposals update

I campaigned to reject proposals to close local Household Waste and Recycling Centres and remove School Crossing Patrols at the budget meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

The 12 HWRC sites at Aldershot, Bordon, Romsey, Hedge End, Marchwood, Petersfield, Somerley, Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Hartley Wintney and Hayling Island will remain fully open.

The County Council has bold plans to improve recycling across Hampshire in the next four years, Cabinet felt that any change to the HWRC network needed to be taken into account alongside these emerging schemes.

The Cabinet also rejected plans to remove School Crossing Patrols from 17 locations across the county.

Instead, a review will begin into more than 170 school crossing patrol sites to identify whether hard crossings could eventually be installed as an alternative to manned crossings as and when the posts become vacant.

The review will start with the more than 30 sites where a school crossing patrol should be in place, but the Council have been unable to recruit to the role.

Although school crossing patrols are a lovely, traditional way for school children to cross the road -it is unreliable. Ever fewer people wish to undertake the role. Investment in formal crossings will ensure our children's safety for years to come.

#### Funding for disease-resistant elm trees

Hampshire Forest Partnership has funding available to give away different variants of disease resistant elms (bare root and pot grown).

Farmers and landowners are eligible to apply and can specify preferred tree sizes. The land need not be publicly accessible, but the Partnership prefers locations where people will be able to see the elms once they grow to maturity - for example in fields, hedgerows or boundaries viewable from a road, footpath or viewpoint.

## CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP



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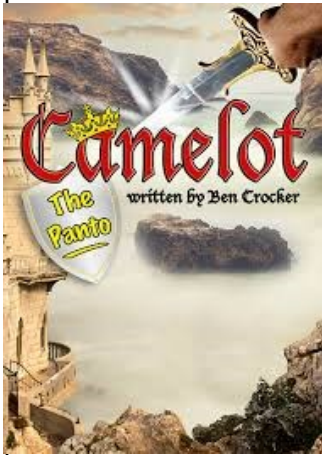
Come along, meet new friends, and learn new Songs.

We meet every Friday during term time

3.45pm snack, 4-4.30pm singing

We are now learning **CHRISTMAS SONGS!**

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLIDDESSEN**



**THE 2024 CLIDDESSEN  
PANTOMIME**

Cliddesden Village Hall

**“Camelot The Panto”** by Ben Crocker

**Friday 13<sup>TH</sup> & Saturday 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**December 8.00pm**

**Saturday 1.30pm Matinee**

*Note new Matinee start time!*

Doors open 30 mins before the performance begins.

Tickets are selling fast so reserve your seats NOW for the extravaganza which is the Cliddesden Players Pantomime! We will whisk you back to the good old days of Knights, wizards, princes and princesses, an evil sorceress, magic potions and strange happenings in a ghostly castle. All presented with laughter, slapstick, forgotten lines, ad libs and fun!

**Box Office:** Adults £10 Children (2-16) £5\*

**\* In order to maintain emergency escape compliance at all times, no mats or sitting on the floor will be allowed in front of the stage.**

**At the Matinee the front rows of seating will comprise of “children only” seats to ensure that their view of the production is not compromised. The next rows of seating shall be allocated to their accompanying adults.**

**Contact:** Jo Capehorn on 07528856157 or email [events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)

Please advise if there are mobility difficulties or if a wheelchair user.

Information on how to pay will be given when tickets are ordered.

**Note:** Licensed Premises. To limit transaction charges, we prefer to operate a **CASH** bar and refreshment service.

**Round The Lanes – Seumas Foster**

There seem to be very few acorns this year, very little beech mast and very few sloes for those who want to upgrade gin, (or vodka)!

There are some holly berries, not a huge supply, and in my garden already gone in mid-November, and some hips from dogrose and haws from hawthorn, but all this will not last long as a food supply for birds and other wildlife this winter. There will be migrants here soon too, such as fieldfares and bramblings, all striving to stay alive through winter.

A poor year for acorns and beech mast changes the behaviour of birds, we can see the way flocks of pigeons already foraging in the fields rather than the woodland. A retired local farmer tells me that he used to plan his cropping around the supply of natural food for pigeons, in a poor year like this he sowed more spring crops, so hungry pigeons didn't eat all his winter crops.

He also tells me that this year he saw young blackbirds flocking up in the early autumn, something he has not observed before during a lifetime of living and working in the countryside. We speculated why they were behaving like this, protection in numbers from predators seemed to be favourite, given the increased numbers of Buzzards and Kites, but it could also have been that in the autumn young birds are not territorial, unlike adults in the spring, so there no need to be separate. Blackbirds will also migrate to escape the worst of the winter weather so it could be that this flocking was happening before they moved on.

This spring was very good for blackbirds, they started breeding very early in the mild conditions and three broods reared was not unusual this year. The country blackbirds were behaving rather like the town blackbirds, who always seem to be nesting, where streetlights and warmth may be the stimulus. The disadvantage for them is that predators, magpies in particular, have cottoned on to the good supply of eggs and chicks.

In the spring these young blackbirds will return to stake out their own territory, find a mate and raise their own chicks.

If you feed birds in your gardens, or if you farm maybe as an option in your environmental plans, then this is not a year to be frugal, leave plenty of food out especially later in the winter when all the natural food will have gone.





**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

**First of all, a HUGE Thank You to Claire**

Previously Claire produced excellent monthly notes for the Horticultural Society but is now concentrating on her other many interests, so we are trying to continue in her wake. Claire was able to give all the information about the Society and throw in fascinating snippets about plants and gardening, making for a very interesting article. Its a hard act to follow!

**Whats Coming Up**

On November 28<sup>th</sup> we are having our **Annual General Meeting and Social** at Cliddesden Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30. After the AGM we will be having a relaxed Quiz and substantial Refreshments. All members are welcome so please do come along.

The first meeting, when Members and Guests are welcome (as they are at all our meetings), will be on **Thursday 30th January 2025** starting at 7.30pm at Cliddesden Memorial Hall when the speaker will be **Alan Wilson, a specialist Potato grower**. Alan will bring regular and Heritage seed potatoes with him for sale to us. At this stage we are not sure what varieties he will have available as supply is reliant on conditions during the growing season this year, Alan will however bring what he can.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>** when we are having a **'Friendly Quiz' with Candover Valley Gardening Club** at Cliddesden Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Again 'substantial' refreshments will be available. This fixture is the second meeting with Candover Valley, last year we went to Preston Candover village Hall for the first quiz in a revival of the time when we regularly had quizzes with them, but it fell by the wayside. We had a great time last year, not without a bit of drama, and this year we intend to repay the hospitality. You never know but we might pick up a few gardening tips and hints along the way!!

We will send reminders of the dates nearer the meetings, we do look forward to meeting you at the meetings, if you are not a member then you will be welcome to come along or give me a call and we will look forward to seeing you.

In the meanwhile, have a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** , thinking of all the wonderful gardening to be had in 2025!!

Seumas

The Cliddesden Players present

# Carnelot

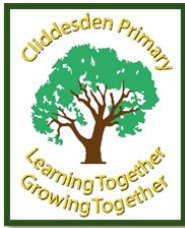
the panto *by Ben Crocker*

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Friday 13th & Saturday 14th December 8pm  
Saturday Matinee 1.30pm  
*Licensed premises/Cash bar & refreshments*

Contact: Jo Capehorn on 07528 856157  
or email [events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)



## Do you have a child due to start school in September 2025?



### We hope you consider Cliddesden Primary School.



Cliddesden Primary is an inclusive school with a dedicated staff and a supportive community, committed to providing high standards in education.

We maintain an effective partnership between home and school and develop a shared responsibility for your child's education. We provide a learning environment that is nurturing, promotes excellence and enjoyment, and enriches personal development and provides opportunities for our children to grow into confident learners.

Our school is situated within the beautiful countryside of the Hampshire Downs and although located only 3 miles from central Basingstoke, the locality is in contrast to the town's urban environment.

We will be able to give you a guided tour of the school where you will meet the Headteacher and children. We do not have an open day or evening but have appointments from September through to December. Please see our website for details or call the school office on 01256 321571 or email [adminoffice@cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@cliddesden.hants.sch.uk) to book an appointment.



For more details please visit our

website [www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk) or scan this QR code



### Poetry Prize winners

Sixteen young poets, including Safiya Husain from Upper Wield, have been named as winners in the Tales from the Riverbank Poetry Competition. Ranging from 7 to 17 years old, they recently received their prizes at a special ceremony in Winchester. Their fantastic chalk stream poems can be read on the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website ([hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes)) in the form of a beautifully illustrated anthology. Congratulations to all!

### Online Talks

#### The Hidden Life in Groundwater – 12<sup>th</sup> December, Online

Deep below Hampshire, there is an enormous chalk aquifer. The water that flows through this sedimentary rock is the source of our chalk streams but is also home to mysterious and ancient creatures. Join us to discover the secret world of stygofauna. Book your free ticket at [hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes).

#### Sustainable Drainage Systems – 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January, Online

As our climate changes and urbanisation increases, some communities are experiencing more water around their roads and homes. Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) can help to manage this issue and protect our chalk streams from damaging runoff. Book your free ticket at [hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes).

Do you own or manage land for horses? Join us for a programme of free online talks by Elizabeth Ranelagh (author of 'Managing Grass for Horses'). Learn how to reduce your environmental impact through methods such as pasture reseeding, hedgerow cultivation, and manure storage. The talks will take place in early 2024 – email [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk) to learn more.



Photo courtesy Joshua Copping



## The Water Rail's Tale

Even in the quietest parts of winter, our local chalk streams hum with activity. As coots and moorhens glide across the surface, one of their relatives may be hiding in plain sight. At around 23-28cm long, the water rail is smaller than these more outgoing members of the *Rallidae* family, but just as fond of damp places. Ponds, marshes, reedbeds, wetlands, and rivers are all potential homes for this enigmatic bird.

One reason for the water rail's wide variety of habitats is its omnivorous diet. Although it mostly eats fish, snails, and insects, it will also snack on roots, seeds, and berries. There are even reports of water rails catching small amphibians, mammals, and birds. With its long legs, long toes, and long beak, this species is perfectly adapted for hunting and foraging on boggy ground or in shallow water.

The water rail sports distinctive colouration that makes it fairly easy to identify. Its face and underside are grey, while its back is dappled brown and black. Zebra-like stripes along its flanks lead into bright white feathers under its tail, and both its eyes and beak are a striking red. As a chick, the water rail's black feathers make it resemble a baby coot or moorhen – the trick is to look for a pale yellow beak instead of a red one.

Despite having snazzy plumage and being relatively widespread, the water rail is notoriously elusive. Its camouflage helps it to blend into the undergrowth, and its skittishness causes it to run for cover when startled. The odds of a sighting do increase during winter, when the UK population is boosted by visitors from the colder parts of Europe. True to their cautious nature, these migrating birds usually travel at night.

While you need sharp eyes and good luck to see a water rail, you may have a better chance of hearing one. Of their greatest hits – which include creaks, whistles, groans, and even purrs – their most common call in wintertime is known as “sharming”. Used to converse, mark territory, or express alarm, this call is a mixture of grunting and squealing that would make a piglet proud!

Since the water rail is so shy, it likes riverbanks that have lots of lush plant life. To welcome these beautiful birds, we need to allow a thick fringe of vegetation to flourish along the water's edge. To learn more about how chalk streams can be improved for wildlife, check out the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme at [hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes). Our work is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

## Cliddesden Primary School

We have had a competitive start to our sporting calendar.

### Rugby League

We had our first fixture in the Norman League in early November. The league works by each team hosting a 'meet' and playing each other. We lost to St John's, drew with Kempshott and beat North Waltham. The team played well and all the games were closely contested. We currently sit in second place with three more 'meets' to go. Cliddesden have won the league the previous two years, so we hope to learn from these games and improve for our next 'meet' at North Waltham in the spring term.

### Football League

Cliddesden played their first game out of 4 in the league in late October. We travelled to our old rivals North Waltham. It was a closely contested game with some good play from both teams. North Waltham scored first before we equalised. This pattern continued with Cliddesden holding North Waltham at 3-3 until near the end of the match. However, a late goal from North Waltham saw our opponents win narrowly by 4 goals to 3. Mr Davies was pleased though with our teams performance and sense of fair play.

### STEM Visit

This week the children in Years 1 to 6 had a visit from the STEM charity SATRO who run science workshops. They have visited the school before and also helped our ECO Team gain our ECO award for energy saving last year.

Beech Class became expert CSIs to investigate who might have eaten the three bears' porridge! They examined a range of clues to determine who was guilty or not guilty. First, they matched animals to their footprints to figure out who had been inside or outside the bears' house. Then, they analysed bite marks on the wooden spoon and looked carefully with magnifying glasses to see which animal's hair matched the evidence slides.

They even tested the weight that might have broken a chair to see if it could lead them to the culprit. In the end, their investigation pointed to two suspects who need further questioning—Badger and Goldilocks!



**Chestnut Class** were very excited for their workshop on how to be healthy. Firstly, the children discussed what it means to be healthy and the things we can do to keep ourselves fit and healthy. The children then split into small groups and played a game of Healthy Foods snap, there was much laughter as cries of SNAP rang around the room. Next the children used an interactive app on iPads to explore the organ systems of the body and took an in-depth 360-degree look at the digestive system. Finally, the children used pulse meters to measure their resting pulse rate and then what their pulse was after 30 seconds of exercise. Chestnut class really enjoyed the workshop. Gavin said, "It was really interesting to find out stuff about our bodies and our pulse".



**Oak Class**, were visited by Kirsten and her colleagues from SATRO. She helped them learn all about Charles Darwin, a famous naturalist. They created a timeline of his life and found out that he was so famous he was even one of the faces printed on our modern bank-notes! One of the places he went to study was the Galapagos islands, where he discovered a variety of finches – each one had different beaks that had adapted to help them eat their specific food. Each island had its own individual habitat and each species of finch was different in each habitat. They then took part in an experiment to find out why the beaks were different. They simulated the different beaks of the finches with pegs, bulldogs, pliers, tweezers and spoons. The different foods were paperclips, elastic bands, marbles, buttons and plastic lids. The children had to act as scientists; they aimed for reliability and consistency in their tests. They discovered that each different beak was best for a different type of food – some beaks hardly picked up any food at all! It was a fun way to start their new science learning for this half-term – Oak Class can't wait to find out more about evolution and inheritance!

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

Paula Lavender

# 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**



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024.  
15:00**

**CHRISTINGLE & NATIVITY  
(& the lighting of the first Advent  
Candle)**

**Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels  
(of whatever age), all welcome  
to the Stable**

**Join us for  
Refreshments  
after the service**

**Supporting The Childrens Society**



**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL  
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY  
STAFFORD NAPIER AND HIS  
(mainly 60s and 70s) VINYLs!**

**Friday December 13th**  
**Dummer Village Hall. Starts at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Free entry - BYO Refreshments**

### In the Field—Emma Ilsley

I continue my contribution to the Hill and Dale having now ceased working on the farm. I haven't gone far, though, having now taken a new role on the Estate as Trainee Property Manager. I will continue to report on the farm undertakings as the team continue their ongoing, and well valued, efforts amidst the 2025 cropping season.

It would be quite improper for us to overlook these most unprecedented weather conditions we have faced of late, and I think it would be fair to say that as a nation we have empathised greatly with those who work, or are involved, in agriculture and the difficulties that such sheer volumes of rainfall naturally cause. I would like to take this time to give full credit to the farm team for their unwavering determination at such a time where the light at the end of the tunnel may not appear so bright.

The immediate project following my last write-up was the harvesting of the maize crops across the estate. Though presented with rainy spells, our contractors were on farm during the drier days, working efficiently to try and harvest the maize in a timely fashion, freeing up the land again ready for cultivation and drilling. It has been important to try and work the land as soon as possible, encouraging air flow through the soil and aiding the top layer in drying out ahead of the drill.

The team are pleased to have made great progress in drilling our winter cereals - wheat and barley - leaving only spring crops to be drilled as we look ahead to the new year. Working alongside our agronomists, we have been able to build a strong picture as to the health and progress of the crops which are in the ground, allowing them to be treated with appropriate sprays where required.

Pre-emergent sprays have been applied where necessary to tackle broadleaf and grass weeds, avoiding contact with the drilled crop, but targeting any unwanted matter via contact with the soil.

Concurrently, the team has been continuing with annual winter tasks, including the continued trimming of verges and hedge cutting across the estate. The aims of hedge cutting are two-fold: not only preserving the access of the highways and estate tracks for the breadth of traffic that uses them, but also retaining the ancillary benefits that our hedgerows have for a wide range of wildlife species, providing a rich source of habitat in the main.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas (hopefully I won't be the first mentioner of it!) and best wishes for the New Year. I look forward to writing in 2025 after the farm team have enjoyed a well-earned rest during the festive period with their families.

Emma Ilsley , Trainee Property Manager, Farleigh Wallop Estate

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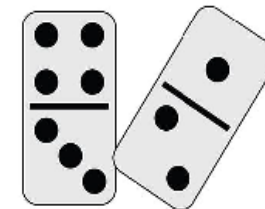
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# THURSDAY

14th November 2024 - 7pm onwards

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, DUMMER.  
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## ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

This event, a fund-raiser and fun-raiser for St Leonard's Church, took place at Cliddesden Millennium Hall with 13 teams (one more than last year) from the surrounding area taking part. Each team comprised 3 to 6 members, made up from the 74 attendees.

The number of tickets sold has been steadily increasing for each of the last 3 years, which is encouraging.

The 6 subject rounds ("General Knowledge", "History & Geography", "Entertainment & the Arts", "Sports & Games", "Science & Maths" and "2024 – Month by Month") were like last year and the assembled quizzers, quite a rowdy lot (but who generated a great social community atmosphere!), went suddenly quiet as they pondered the questions. There were also two "Table Quizzes" involving (a) identification of well-known personalities, who had sadly passed away this year, but from their eyes only, and (b) lateral thinking.

As quizmaster (and question-setter), I was gratified that ONE question in the whole quiz flummoxed everybody: "French Post Office, *La Poste*", issued a scratch-and-sniff stamp that smells of ... what?" (Answer at the end)

Conversely, I was rather humbled over the answer to one of my questions – "After square and triangle, what is the only other regular polygon that can tessellate?" (you may need to Google that term). The answer was "Hexagon", but one team came up with "Rhombus" – a valid answer and I had to capitulate and award the point.

Democratic, or what?

In the middle of the evening, it was time for the participants to be fed and I was amazed at how effectively and quickly substantial portions of chicken pasta bake (including vegetarian and gluten-free options) were delivered to 74 people, who formed an orderly queue that snaked alarmingly through the tables. A call was also sent out for seconds.

This year's winning team, with 67%, the same winning score as last year, was the appropriately named "The Ellisfielders". Congratulations to them and many thanks for contributing to the wide-area social community occasion that it was.

The evening was also very successful financially, raising a net profit for St Leonard's Church of **£1,414** – just £40 short of the 2023 total (before Ms Reeves' Budget took place) so, a splendid result once more.

Putting on this event was no small operation, involving the combined efforts of those who prepared the meal beforehand, the serving and bar staff, the scorers, ticket sellers, raffle organiser, table arrangers, village hall caretakers and, of course, last but not least, all those who turned out to support and participate in what was a most enjoyable evening.

My thanks go to everybody involved but I must give a special mention to Val Gofton-Salmond who "project managed" such a successful catering operation once again.

Oh yes – and the answer to that French aromatic postage stamp question above? It smells of ... baguette! ("Garlic" was, understandably, the most given answer)

**Ross Palmer**

Question Master and Setter

sort out sound, cabling and Bar and then back on the Saturday to prepare food, wash up and clear up.

(The puddings were fabulous, ladies). The evenings profits were £600 which was split equally between Dummer Village Hall and All Saints Church.

Everyone loved the range of photos from previous events, and I would really appreciate any that were taken on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> to be emailed to me so we can continue to have a record of truly village events.

Lyn H

p.s We rather over catered but The Camrose Centre was delighted with cream, milk, ham, cheese, butter and rolls. I delivered on Sunday lunchtime and they got busy making sandwiches for those on the streets.

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

It was a pleasure to welcome Art Historian Wayne Jefferson again to our Sunday Special in November. Using Fra Anglico's Annunciation painting on an altar piece of the visitation to Mary, he pointed out many things that we could not possibly notice on this famous painting that is used so often on Christmas cards. If you receive a copy of this card at Christmas, please look out for the bird, the constellation and Adam and Eve.

Our next Sunday Special is our Christingle and Nativity service at 3:00 p.m. Please support our young people at this and the Nine Lessons & Carol Services. Full details on our poster.

Thank you to Sir Crispin Davis for opening Dummer House to the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Sunday and to Louise and Michael Hill-King and Melanie Gill for organising, serving and clearing up the refreshments.

The Christmas Box is now in situ, please add a little of something to be given to those in need over the Christmas period.

Also, the Camrose Centre could use men's waterproof jackets, please contact me, Lyn H, if you can help.

Lyn Hardy, Churchwarden

### **Dummer Village Hall**

Our next events in the hall are

December 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Coffee morning.

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Just dance Disco Special. 08:00 p.m.

December 27<sup>th</sup> Treasure Hunt. Meet in the Hall at 11:15 a.m.

### **2025**

Coffee morning 5<sup>th</sup> February

Play: The River Runner Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February



# Dummer

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**Wishing everybody in our villages a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful & Healthy New Year**

## **A Post Office is not just for Christmas**

Every Wednesday between 10:45 and 11:45, Kevin and his Post Office van are outside Dummer Village Hall. The service that is provided is vast. It is not just stamps. You can withdraw and deposit money, pay in cheques and pay bills, Car tax, mobile phone top-ups and home shopping returns.

There are all the accessories for posting (padded envelopes etc) as well as a nice selection of cards. Gift cards are available with a list of shops and on-line shopping where they can be spent. Perfect for that last moment Birthday or Christmas gift.

With the Post Office counter in W H Smiths closing, it makes sense to save car parking fees and visit the weekly Post Office in Dummer. Kevin is very helpful and will guide you through all the processes.

## **Fifty Years of Fun, Frolics and Foolery**

Thank you to all who acted, sung and helped to make the evening such a success. The theme was sitcoms from 1974, and we started with the judgement of Norman Stanley Fletcher being sentenced yet again to Slade Prison. We had visits from Gladys Pugh, Only Fools & Horses, Absolutely Fabulous, and in the second half (after a great raffle which raised £80) Mrs Overall from Acorn Antiques, a geriatric performance of Dirty Dancing, the 2 Soups sketch, the Vicar of Dibley, Victoria Woods Step Class and our regular two Old Codgers had a discussion about ancient and modern methods of communication. Hopefully most recognised these various characters.

Interspersed were fantastic musical items by the Down Street Boys (Nigel, John H and Henry) and Maud's Dog who ended the evening bang up to date with their latest single. We are very lucky to have such musical talent in the village.

But "backroom boys/girls" are so important to every event, and it would have never happened without a strong team arriving on Friday afternoon to set up,



The 'orderly' dinner queue



The scorers take a break

A failed attempt at 74 person selfie



A wake from the assembled company

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## ***Benefice Recipes***

Well, we're storming towards Christmas, New Year and hopefully a drier winter. Chilly and dry would be nice thank you. I can't wait to get the Christmas tree and all the decs up as soon as December hits, no point in waiting, I love a twinkle and sparkle in the house. Then there's the boozy mince pies and mulled wine while I'm doing wrapping. All year round there is a jigsaw on the go but from around November the special Christmas ones come out. Furthermore, I just have to watch Scrooge with Albert Finney and White Christmas with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, absolute bliss. Then of course there are all those foodie extras topping up the trolley. Christmas calls for a smashing pudding and this recipe comes from Lady Jane's folder.



### **Chocolate and Prune Marquise**

#### **Ingredients**

You will need a cling film lined loaf tin.  
8 oz bag of pitted Prunes finely chopped  
120 ml Armagnac  
1 lb fine quality dark chocolate chopped  
4 oz unsalted butter cut into pieces  
1 cup or 8 fl oz double cream  
1 and half teaspoon freshly grated orange zest

#### **Method**

In a small bowl marinate prunes in Armagnac for at least 2 hours.  
In a metal bowl set over barely simmering water, combine the chocolate and butter and melt until smooth and creamy.  
Remove from heat add orange zest and prunes. Then cool completely.

Whisk cream, not too stiff.  
Then mix a quarter of the cream well into cooled chocolate mixture.  
Then fold in the rest carefully but thoroughly.  
Pour into the clingfilm lined loaf tin. Refrigerate overnight or freeze. Turn out onto a plate and remove clingfilm when ready to serve. Serve with a sweetened Armagnac cream.

Now, Janey's notes say 12 slices and as it's quite a rich pud I'm inclined to believe her.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.





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