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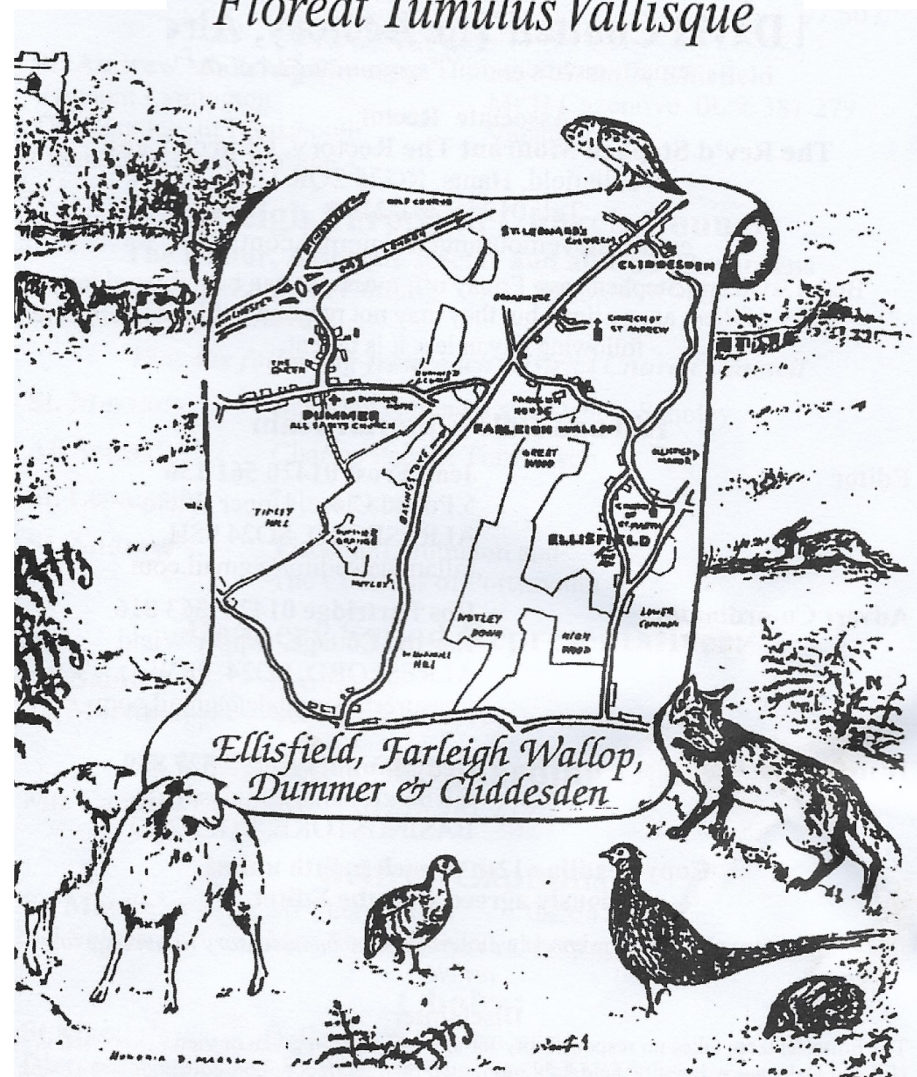
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The Benefice of Farleigh, The Candover and Wield

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

Sunday 5 February	3rd Sunday before Lent
08.00 Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
09.30 Wield	Matins
09.45 Cliddesden	Morning Prayer
10:00 Preston Candover	Morning Worship
11:00 Northington	Morning Prayer. <i>(In the Village Hall)</i>
11.15 Dummer	Sunday Special
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Isaiah 58:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20 Psalm 112</i>
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>'Let your light so shine...'</i>

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Sunday 12 February	2nd Sunday before Lent
8.00 Dummer	Holy Communion BCP
9.45 Ellisfield	Morning Prayer
10.00 Preston Candover	Holy Communion CW
11.15 Cliddesden	Family Communion CW
6.00 Wield	Evensong BCP
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-2:3, Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 6:25-end Psalm 136</i>
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>'Worrying in perspective'</i>

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Sunday 19th February Sunday before Lent

9.00 Wield Holy Communion

9.45 Dummer Matins

10:00 Preston Candover Family Service

11.15 Cliddesden Family Service

*Readings Exodus 24:12-end, 2 Peter 1:16-end,
Matthew 17:1-9 Psalm 2*

Sermon 'New Moses'

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Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday

7:00pm Preston Candover Ash Wednesday service

*Readings Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10,
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Psalm 51*

Sermon Jesus in the Desert: Spiritual Warfare

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Sunday 26th February 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion

9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW

11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship

11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion

*Readings Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19,
Matthew 4:1-11 Psalm 32*

Sermon 'Garden to Wilderness'

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Sunday 5th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP

09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer

11:00 Northington Holy Communion
(In the Village Hall)

11.15 Dummer Sunday Special

Readings *Genesis 12:1-4, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17,*
John 3:1-17 Psalm 121

Sermon *The Bible's most famous verse'*

Dear Friends

Archbishop Justin Welby has announced that £100 million is going to be invested in community projects specifically aimed at helping families affected by the slave trade.

Clearly reparations for slavery are a vast topic but this excerpt from an article in Premier Christianity magazine might be helpful. Full text online under the 'Opinion' section of the January edition.

Written by Bishop (Pentecostal church) Mike Royal who describes himself as second generation Windrush, whose... "late parents came to the UK from Jamaica in the 1950s. They longed to see change in their lifetime. As Martin Luther King once said: "The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice"

What's striking about the Church Commissioners report (Church Commissioners Research into Historic Links to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery) is the forensic, financial rigour that has been applied. It begins with a historical account of the Queen Anne's Bounty, the South Sea Company and its links to the slave trade.

It then outlines the methodology used to review and detail 8,500 transactions in the ledgers of the Queen Anne's Bounty, associated activities and links to the South Sea Company. An analysis by an independent firm of accountants concluded that an estimated third of all benefactions (donations) to the bounty came from people likely linked to the slave trade.

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Truth be told, a £100m is a drop in the ocean in terms of righting the wrongs of the slave trade. What value can be put on a human life? However, it does attempt to direct compensation in the right direction. With the Quakers having also recently made announcements about slavery reparations, is the Church finally coming to terms with its past?"

"Mike Royal is a Pentecostal Bishop with the Apostolic Pastoral Congress, a social justice advocate and the current general secretary of Churches Together in England. He was previously the co-chief executive of The Cinnamon Network and is a founding trustee and former national director of Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)."

From reflecting on the abhorrence of the slave trade to the immediate matters in our lives. In the book and workshops on 'Healing Wounded History', Rev Dr Russ Parker speaks about bringing healing to those in churches and communities who have been wounded and faced tough, broken or bewildering situations, often for historic reasons, injustices both in word and deed wound us and bring limitations to healthy relating in family, church, village life, the workplace and so on. Our yearning for justice it is an inherent part of us and ultimately God will bring justice. As quoted earlier, "The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice" There is opportunity now, for those who will, to reconcile,

acknowledge their role in sad history, to seek forgiveness and reconciliation, and the Christian understanding of reconciliation is to bring healing of relationships through the grace of God in Christ, beginning with ourselves before God. There is healing, flourishing and blessing to be had.

Blessings
David



The Belles

The Belles started rehearsals on the 4th January and will be rehearsing each week from now up until The Mayor's Charity Concert. The Belles of St Martin's will be one of many choirs performing at The Anvil on Saturday 4th March. The concert will also feature The Heritage Light Orchestra. The concert proves a must see, so if you want to come along, **get your tickets from The Anvil Box Office.**

Following the concert in March, The Choir will be hosting a 'taster evening' for those who are interested in joining us. So, if you enjoy singing and would like to be a part of the choir, please come along, date to be confirmed.

Theresa Webb (Choir Leader).

Church flowers, cleaning etc.

Church	Administrator	Name
St Martin's Ellisfield	Caroline Cazenove	Tel 01256 381 279
Cleaning & Flowers	February	Beverley Guinness & Zani Robinson
All Saint's Dummer		
Church security	04/05 11/12 18/19 25/26	Potter Napier Makins Napier
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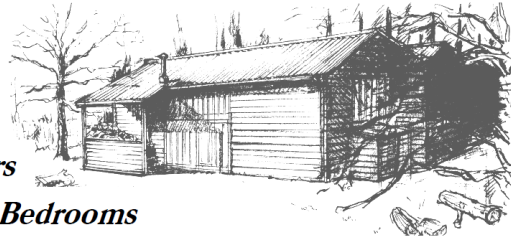
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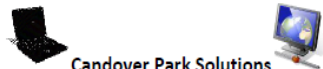
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All Saint's Dummer	212 Feb 8.00am	Anita Austin		
All Saint's Dummer	19 Feb 9.45am	John Holden	Stafford Napier & Sarah Bond	
All Saint's Dummer	26 Feb 9.45am	Jeremy Glyn	Michael Hill King Jan Marks	
All Saint's Dummer	5 March 11.15am	Melanie Gill		
St Martin's Ellisfield	5 Feb 8.00am	Lucinda Rule		
St Martin's Ellisfield	12 Feb 9.45am	Bernard Cazenove	Tim Guinness & Susie Deane	Debbie Scholey
St Martin's Ellisfield	26 Feb 11.15am	Nicky Palmer	Dee Haas & Caroline Allen	To be advised
St Martin's Ellisfield	5 March 8.00am	Vicky Reed		

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				<u>led by</u>
St Martin's Ellisfield	4 Dec 8.00am	Susie Deane		
St Martin's Ellisfield	18 Dec 6.00pm	Bernard Cazenove		
St Andrew's Farleigh	24 Dec 4.00pm	Olivia Lymington		
St Martin's Ellisfield	25 Dec 9.30am	Vicky Reed		
St Martin's Ellisfield	8 Jan 9.45	Tim Guinness	Dee Hass & Sallie Paravicini	Debbie Scholey
St Martin's Ellisfield	22 Jan 11.15	Bernard Cazenove	Martine Bell & Caroline Allen	
St Andrew's Farleigh	29 Jan 11.00am	Olivia Lymington	To be advised	
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St John's Northington

Launch of Organ Conservation and Restoration Project

News update: December 2022

The PCC of St John's Church Northington is pleased to announce the formal launch of its Organ Conservation and Restoration Project. The PCC was delighted and grateful to have received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant towards this exciting heritage project. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, and with additional support through a successful fundraising campaign including a grant from the Hampshire and the Island Historic Churches Trust and generous private donors, this will not only ensure the conservation of our heritage instrument, but it will also deliver an associated inspiring and creative education and community programme.

The project, which will run until the end of January 2024 (although the Organ itself will be back in use by early May 2023), was launched during November with a community event in Northington Village Hall, and a concert in St John's by local choir, Vox Lucis. The education and community programme will be facilitated by music amateur, Neil Valentine. This dynamic role will help to highlight the heritage of the church and its organ through, amongst other things, workshops for children, organ and choir concerts and participatory community music events working with a range of partners including Hampshire Music Service and the Grange Festival. At the heart of the education involvement is an innovative approach which will see students from Perins School, Alresford, working on a cross curricular English, History, Film, and Creative Arts programme, resulting in a new, young people-led, digital guide to the heritage of the church.

We will keep you in touch with progress and events via the Oxdrove, Hill and Dale, and via our new website which the Lottery grant will also enable us to create. Work on the organ itself will start from the New Year.

For further information - do contact Jane Bryant, St John's PCC Organ Project Lead (bryantjane50@gmail.com), or any other member of the St John's PCC.



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Baptism Matters and Confirmation.

It's always a joy to hold a tiny 'bundle of joy' and baptise a child and pray God's blessing on that young life. Sometimes it seems that the sacrament of baptism is not very well understood for what it is and is thought of more akin to 'folk religion', something rather superstitious than about Christian faith. Understandably parents want to fulfil a need for a rite of passage to mark one of life's miracles and a having a child baptised clearly is part of that. So, in preparation with parents, I explain the Christian understanding of why a child may be baptised, what we say in the service and why, since there are of course Christian theological reasons to appreciate! A Parish Priest is obliged to a) baptise a child from the parishes they serve (not beyond) and b) prepare parents who bring a child for baptism, it's in the job description.

Baptism is so much more than the application of water! There are commitments to the Christian belief in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and a commitment to be "faithful in private prayer and public worship" from parents and godparents. At this stage in preparation many parents will know they lack in both areas but the grace of God is invitational and so moving on with integrity on the Christian pathway is the best response at that point.

Parents and godparents make declarations in the service in response to various questions and declare:

"I turn to Christ, I repent of my sins, I renounce evil". (The world the flesh and the devil, as in the Book of Common Prayer).

Then follow statements of belief, trust and assent that the parents and godparents believe in Jesus as Son of God, who died for us and rose again and that they trust in the Holy Spirit to give new spiritual life.

Some couples feel that they can't say those things with integrity and so are invited to have a 'Service of Thanksgiving' instead, assuring the parents that a baptism is always available for those who believe, of any age.

But what happens to a child when it is baptised? Clearly it gets wet! But if the promises made in the service are kept and prayers are answered the child will 'come to faith' or, as Jesus put it, 'be born again' or 'converted' and then in the Anglican tradition may be confirmed by the Bishop.

And that is the thing, coming to faith. Being baptised and not coming to faith is like being given a cheque for millions of pounds as a baby and never cashing it in while there is so much treasure waiting to be claimed! Never coming into the full blessing of God in Christ; Salvation, forgiveness, filled with the Holy Spirit, alive to Christ, to know one's true identity as a child of God with a heavenly Father and being part of his family. These are spiritual realities precious for many but not realised for the baptised but 'not yet Christian' child.

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- mixing with others
- making decisions about money
- planning a journey or following a route
- moving around

The help you get may be from a person, an aid (such as a walking stick or guide dog) or an adaptation to your home or car.

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Here's a point, that if all the baptised children and confirmed adults came to church regularly, what a joy that would be! What growth of faith there would be, what wonderful times of worship we would have as those who belong to Christ meet together in his presence! What prayerful impact we would have in our villages seeing God's blessing touching so many.

Give me a call, 'change gear' in the 'faith journey' and learn more about knowing Christ and being a Christian today and perhaps exploring whether confirmation is for you and your children?

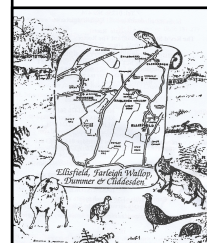
Notes. Re Godparents.

"... there shall be not fewer than three godparents, of whom at least two shall be of the same sex as the child and of whom at least one shall be of the opposite sex."

*"Parents may be godparents for their own children provided that the child shall have at least one other godparent. The godparents shall be persons who have been **baptised and confirmed** and will faithfully fulfil their responsibilities both by their care for the child committed to their charge and by the example of their own godly living."*

Blessings

David



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We will also be talking about our teeth and how to clean them using toothbrushes as well as using brushes to practice cleaning the toys and explore new ways of painting.

Best wishes and hope to see you in the New Year!

Lisa Collisson, Pre-School Head



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DUMMER AND KEMPSOTT, TWO CHALKLAND PARISHES

In late 2022, despite Covid 19, Lockdown and the difficulties in meeting to do the necessary research, the Victoria County History Hampshire group published the latest in a series of short histories of the Parishes of North Hampshire – Dummer and Kempshott, Two Chalkland Parishes. It provides a captivating picture of life throughout the centuries in small farming communities – largely self-contained yet not untouched by outside or national events.

There is a Victoria County History group in every county in England. It was founded in 1899 as a national project to write the history of every county in England. At its inception, the project was dedicated to Queen Victoria, which is how it derives its name.

The VCH aims to complete authoritative, encyclopaedic histories of each county, from the earliest archaeological records to the present day, as well as topics such as topography, landscape, and the built environment. Some VCH volumes were published over a century ago, while others are now in progress or planned. The Victoria County History is a series of publications: the iconic Red Books of county history, as well as the VCH Shorts, which focus on single parishes and towns.

For more information on the Victoria County History Hampshire Group and to purchase copies of this and other similar local histories please contact the Secretary, Pauline Hedges:

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Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield Horticultural Society The Gardening Club

Chairman: Steve Bowcutt 324707
stephen.bowcutt@outlook.com



Hello From Claire

Will it be raining, or freezing, or sunny, or snowing? Or, knowing how things are – probably a combination of any number of them, all in the same day!

Whatever it's doing outside, how many of us will look out the window and think 'I wish I could just do.....' or 'If only I had done.....'

Stop it!

Make a nice cuppa, grab your planner, and decide what you're going to plant, or dig up, or cut back, or replace, when the weather allows it.

Life is too short to regret what we haven't done, or what we can't do. Live each day as if it's the only day you have – you'll be surprised how much more enjoyable things can be.

What's been happening?

24th November – AGM and Quiz

The AGM was, as usual, a gathering of friends.

Debbie and Doreen have stood down from the committee – a huge thank-you to both, and especially to Doreen for so many years of support in running the raffle so efficiently, always smiling and welcoming to everyone.

The Society has had a good year, meetings and shows have been well attended and we have welcomed new members.

For 2023 we have a varied line-up of speakers, as well as the Spring and Summer Shows, Plant Sale, and possible garden visits (watch this space!)

26th January - Cliddesden Millenium Hall 745pm

Tim Woodland "Planting and growing Summer Bulbs"

Gardening Club (Cont.)

Full report on this meeting in the next issue.

What's coming up?

Thursday 30th March – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 745pm

Catherine Dawson – “Peat-free Composts”

Catherine is Technical Director at Melcourt and has spent 20years designing and refining what goes into their peat-free composts. Endorsed and used by the RHS, Melcourt have an impressive track record and a leader in their field.

As the drive to move away from peat-based composts grows stronger hopefully Catherine will be able to answer all your questions.

As always members £1, guests £2, and refreshments are available at the end for a donation.

And there's more!

Things to look forward to.....

Sunday April 2nd – Spring Show

Sunday May 7th – Plant Sale

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

(Highly recommended – I can endorse this product personally! – more to follow next issue)

Subs are now due, £10 per household, please pay online if you can, bank information has been emailed out.

If we don't have your email, contact Steve on the email below.

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.

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See you at the next meeting.

Happy gardening!

Claire

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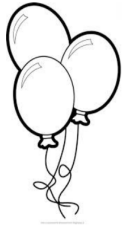
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Ellisfield

Distributor Nicki Palmer

Debbie Scholey will be very pleased to receive your Ellisfield news. Contact Debbie on debbie@ivycottage.aero



Thanks to everyone who has supported TCC over the last year.

On December 21st we held our last charity event for 2022, which was very well attended. We raised an amazing £350 for Basingstoke Mencap, which was a combination of the day's takings and additional

contributions.

The charity team were so appreciative of the money we raised which will go towards providing a day out for members.





KNIT FOR UKRAINE

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has knitted squares, in the villages and even as far away as Scotland!

So far, we have completed 2 blankets, with another one being crocheted together by Miriam who has done a wonderful job, both knitting and crocheting.

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 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" alongside 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! 🎉



Our next Sunday Special will be celebrating Candlemas on Sunday 5th February at 11:15. Please see our flyer. We look forward to you joining us

Lyn Hardy
Churchwarden

Dummer Village Hall

On November 27th a very successful Xmas Fayre was held in the hall. Thank you to all who helped or purchased goods.

On December 29th Mary organised a great treasure Hunt. Starting in the Village Hall with mulled wine or hot apple juice, teams set out through the village. They hunted high and they hunted low and when they had collected all the clues they then had to work out a number, which would open the padlock of Treasure Chest in The Queen Inn. Great fun was had by everybody, whatever age, and it is hoped that Liz, landlady of The Queen Inn, survived this sudden influx of people, children, dogs et al. Mary has promised, as it was such a successful event, to organise another.

During December a plywood tree decorated by Hatch Warren Primary School was in the hall. Thank you to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council for giving the hall this lovely item and also the one in All Saints Church.

Let's Dance, an hour of own style dancing will be on Friday 3rd February at 08:00 p.m. Do join us.

There will be further fundraising events during 2023 as there is an urgent need to repair an outside wall. Watch out for our flyers and let us know if there is something you would like to see or participate in.

Look at <https://www.dummervillagehall.co.uk/> for availability of the hall

Dummer Village Hall Committee.

All Saints Church, Dummer

The Festive season started with a Christingle on Sunday 4th December. Thanks to Alex, Melanie and team the church was packed with young families (and a few older villagers as well). The figures were put in the crib; the advent candles lit, and Alex took us through the meaning of the Christingle. Daisy Law sang a beautiful solo and prayers were read clearly and with feeling by our young people. The lights were turned out and we enjoyed the spectacle of candlelight and glowing faces in our lovely old Church.

It was with great pleasure that I was able to present Freddie Perkins with a prize for his marvellous paintings that were included in the December/January issue of Hill and Dale during the service. I teased him a bit by handing him two more copies of Hill and Dale for his grandparents but when I pulled the large box of chocolates out of the bag, the ooohs from the rest of the children present were very enviously audible. Well done, Freddy.

After the distribution of the Christingles, we moved to the Stables at Manor Farm where our lovely hosts, the Paul family, even provided a real baby for the Nativity scene. Thank you to Louise and Anita for the warming mulled wine.

Once again, a lovely getting together at the start of the Christmas period.

On Sunday 18th a Nine Lessons and Carols was held and, again, a Church full of residents, young families and visitors came together to sing carols. With the minimum of rehearsals (none where the joint singing was concerned!) the children performed beautifully. After the lighting of Advent candles Evah and Willa sang the first verse of Once in Royal and all the younger members of the congregation sang Away in a Manager and Little Donkey during the service. So beautifully did they sing that we hope we can work something into other services. Thank you to Revd David Chattell for leading the service, to all our special readers, Evah, Maisie, Freddie P, Lydia, Daisy, Freddie and Willa W, Kirah, and Maya. And grateful thanks to Alex for accompanying us on the organ and to Eloise and Maisie for accompanying the children on the violin.

Michael Hill-King had kindly agreed to lead the Christmas Day Praise service but, sadly, Covid in the family prevented him from doing so. John Trueman and Alex Holden took over, using Michael's prepared notes and an excellent service too place. Commiserations to Michael who had put a lot work into the service.

The plywood tree by the altar was decorated by the pupils of North Waltham County Primary School.

Thank you to Melanie, Louise and Bridgette for giving All Saints a thorough clean early in 2023.



Ellisfield Memorial Hall

Future plans for the hall – have your say!

The Ellisfield Memorial Hall Committee are conducting a survey of who uses the village hall for what, ideas for future usage and priorities for investment. Please get a link to the survey from the village Facebook page or send an email to sloftus905@gmail to get sent a link. There will then be a village Q&A on Wednesday 22nd February at 7pm where the results from the survey will be shared and further questions and ideas welcomed.

What's On every week:

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ELLISFIELD CHRISTMAS FAYRE.

The Christmas Fayre in Ellisfield once again did itself proud raising more money than ever before for the Church and the Memorial Hall and providing a wonderful afternoon's entertainment and shopping opportunity.

The stalls were laden with goodies from the craft stall with its beautiful home-made gifts, the bulbs already for Christmas in a month's time, the food with cakes, quiches, savouries and roulades, the tombola overflowing with prizes, the gift stall covered with new gifts and the children's stall busy from beginning to end providing fun and entertainment for the younger visitors.

Thank you to ALL the stall holders who worked so hard to make the fayre such a success. I'd especially like to mention Hannah and Debbie whose stalls required work throughout the year, Hannah creating and making, and Debbie's bulbs carefully purchased and nurtured since September. Several people commented on the quality of the goods for sale this year and I am sure this contributed to our best ever takings.

I'd also like to thank the Webb family for being such great supporters providing the Christmas tree for the stage, the Christmas music through Andy's music system, and Father Christmas himself and his two elves, Theresa and Ollie, who kept the show on the road helping Father Christmas. It was a great family effort, and we are very grateful.

The teas proved to be popular and thank you Beverley and Sue who looked after all those requiring some sustenance. Many, many thanks to Gordon who manned the door, Bernard who provided the mulled wine, Richard who handled the raffle, Nigel who ran the whisky raffle and Ashley who was our expert helping with the card system for payment. Your help was invaluable, and we couldn't have run such an efficient and enjoyable occasion without their input.

However, as always, we couldn't have had such a successful and festive afternoon were it not for all those who came to the Fayre, spent money and supported us. The committee are hugely grateful and sincerely hope we can run another Ellisfield Christmas Fayre in 2023. With very many thankyou's to everyone.

Caroline Cazenove.



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Dummer Platinum Jubilee Mugs

I have some Dummer Platinum mugs remaining. These are a limited edition and will not be repeated. They are £7 each. If anyone ordered a mug but have not yet contacted me about their order please do so before I sell them all on.

Lyn, 397507

Christmas Box in All Saints Church

Thank you so much for the generous contributions to the Christmas Box. I took them to the Camrose Centre who were hosting and feeding those who were unable to get into the Night Light Winter Shelter. They were very grateful.

Lyn H

A Walk in the Woods.

On Saturday 19th November a small party accepted Professor Julian Evans invitation to walk through his woods on Waltham Lane. It was a very interesting experience. Who knew that one species of fir smelt of fruit, another of peppermint? The oldest tree in the wood was dedicated to Julian's late first wife and several trees had storm damage to them rendering them into quite grotesque shapes. Julian said that deer were quite a problem and although he was happy for us to go back and explore by ourselves, he would ask that we ensured any gates were firmly close. But the biggest destroyer of woods is the grey squirrel. The trees were full of drays. It was very interesting, and we look forward to hearing Julian's final talk on "Trees of the Bible" in the near future at a Sunday Special Service.

Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club
AKA 'The Film Club'

Thursday 3 February "Julie and Julia", 2009, 123 mins, Cert 12

Julie & Julia is a biographical comedy-drama film written and directed by Nora Ephron (When Harry met Sally, Sleepless in Seattle) starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams. The film won the Golden Globe for Best Actress and nominations for Meryl Streep for both the BAFTAs and Academy awards in the same category.

It is based on the books *Julie & Julia. 365 Days, 524 Recipes, A Little Kitchen* by Julie Powell and *My Life in France* by Julia Child and Alex Prud'homme.

Julie & Julia was Ephron's last film before her death in 2012.

Thursday 3 March "Guernsey Literary & Potato Club", 2018, 124 mins, Cert 12

An historical romantic-drama directed by Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral, Donny Brasco*). The film stars Lily James, Michiel Huisman, Set in 1946, the plot follows a London-based writer who exchanges letters with a resident on the island of Guernsey, which had been under German occupation during World War II.

One review said "offers delightful comfort food for fans of period drama"

The film grossed \$15.7 million worldwide and received generally positive reviews from critics.

All our films are suggested by members, so please suggest your own favourites and do come along, you'll have a good evening at the cinema amongst friends.

Films start at 8pm, bar opens at 7:30.

Ted Dowson.

Benefice Recipes



Hello all, I do hope everyone is suitably stuffed and resisting the Easter Eggs now for sale in the supermarkets. How dare they tempt me so early with their chocolatey delights. Thankfully I get my bits delivered now so it's not so easy to just shove something in the trolley, although I do add and remove chocolate from the list several times before a delivery!

Now the recipe for February is for a pheasant supper. If you can find one of course and that doesn't cost a fortune.

You will need

Creamy Pheasant Pie with Sherry Mushrooms Serves 4 Oven 180c/350f/gas 4
1 Pheasant, 1 tbsp olive oil, 1 tbsp butter, 1 medium leek, cleaned and sliced
2 rashers Smokey-streaked bacon diced, 2 sticks of celery finely chopped
100g small white mushrooms halved, 2 tbsps. finely chopped tarragon
1 and a half dessert spoons of cornflour, 75 ml dry sherry
250 ml pheasant stock, 150 ml double cream

For the Topping

750 g swede, peeled and chopped
100 ml milk
40 g butter
1 tbsp finely chopped parsley
60 g cheddar cheese grated

Submerge pheasant in a pan of cold water and bring to a simmer and cook for about 1 hour and 20 minutes or until the meat is tender. Remove the bird cool a little then remove the meat from the bones and cut into bite size pieces. Place the cooking liquid (from the pheasant) back on the stove and reduce by half. In a separate pan on a medium heat melt the butter and oil then season and sauté the leek, bacon, celery, mushrooms, and tarragon till soft (about 20 mins) stir in the cornflour then add the sherry, 150ml of the reduced pheasant stock and the cream. Simmer for 5 minutes. Add the pheasant meat and check the seasoning.

Meanwhile cook the swede in a pan of water. When soft, drain and mash with the butter, milk and parsley, and season. Spoon the pheasant mix into a pie dish (the sort you'd use for lasagne), and top with the swede mash. Finally sprinkle on the grated cheese. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until golden and bubbling hot. Serve with some lovely greens and a hunk of crusty bread.

A few years ago now, Prince Charles had a recipe for his Pheasant crumble which was basically the same but had a buttery breadcrumb, Parmesan and crispy bacon top. Rich but delish.

Enjoy Tracey

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It has been a busy few weeks since the start of term, but all the children including all of our new starters have settled back in well.

We have been running a winter animal theme which has brought lots of fun activities, this worked well with the letter of the week being “P” the children were busy making Puffins, Polar bears and penguins. We also used this theme to do some winter animal yoga postures which was great fun.

Braving the weather, we have been outside learning how to safely play and use bikes on wet, slippery ground as well as splashing in puddles with their wellies. This has been rounded off with great games such as “what’s the time Mr Wolf” and our normal circle play including toys that go round and round encouraging turn taking and social interactions.

We have had in Sports for Kids getting the children outside having lots of fun doing exercises as well as playing some sports games. We will soon be looking into getting more clubs and classes back in to give the children exposure to new hobbies and activities.

Bach’s Mass in B minor

Basingstoke Choral Society continue to celebrate their 75th season with a performance of the finest of all choral works, Bach’s *B minor Mass*. This setting of the Latin Mass is the greatest of Bach’s achievements, and many would say the epitome of Western music.



We are joined by Croydon Philharmonic Choir and the Hanover Band to perform this musical extravaganza at The Anvil on Saturday 1st April at 7.30 pm. Our conductor is David Gibson, who has recently celebrated 40 years with Basingstoke Choral Society.

Don’t miss this important event in the cultural life of the town!

**Tickets begin at £15; discounts for under 16s and students.
anvilarts.org.uk Anvil Box Office: 01256 844 244**

We’re a friendly choir and are always delighted to welcome new members, so please come along to our rehearsals on Wednesday nights at The Vyne School. Check out our website www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk or follow our Facebook page.



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.

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Free Energy Surveys for small businesses in East Hampshire

Are you a small business worried about rising energy prices? Energy Alton is offering free, independent and tailored energy advice to small businesses across East Hampshire.

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Trained volunteers are available to carry out free energy surveys at business premises. They will look at how a building could be improved to reduce heat loss and suggest a range of solutions, from draught proofing to insulation.

The survey will also cover advice around heating systems, hot water appliances and lighting plus how ventilation could be upgraded to reduce the risk of damp and condensation. It is followed up with a written report which details all the ways in which energy costs can be reduced plus information on installers and funding.



After a steep increase in their energy bills, The Kings Arms Youth Centre in Alton contacted Energy Alton for advice on how they could heat their building more efficiently. A volunteer surveyor identified several measures to reduce heat loss - including loft and internal wall insulation, secondary glazing, thermal curtains plus replacing oil filled radiators with more efficient programmable storage heaters.

Will Schofield, Operations Manager, said "Mike was brilliant and answered all my questions – it was good to have advice on different options. I didn't have the time to research it all myself, so I really appreciated having a report which helped me create an action list."

Will is now getting quotes for much of the suggested work and is looking forward to a warmer and cheaper winter next year.

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Family Services at St Leonard's

Our Christmas services were filled with joy and excitement as we welcomed large congregations and children learnt about the true meaning of Christmas with carols, games and a sprinkling of magic!

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St Leonard's Church Quiz

The village quiz at Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall, held on 19th November and organised by and for the benefit of St. Leonard's Church, proved to be a great success, with around 70 keen quizzers in attendance. Apart from being a fun social evening we raised just over £1000 for church funds. A delicious Lasagne meal was provided; the bar was well patronised, and the winning team was presented with a case of wine.

Big thanks go to all those involved in organising the evening, including the raffle prize donors, those who came to support it and, particularly, to the caterers and the Quiz Master.

An excellent evening was had by all!!

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IN THE FIELDS By Seumas Foster

New Year Resolutions

Once upon a time, a long time ago, making New Year Resolutions was a lot of fun (?) as choosing from a long list required a lot of careful thought. The chosen few were listed, in the front of a new diary using the thin pencil kept in the spine, where these resolutions acted as continual reminders of your good intentions.

For many years now I have used an academic diary to record the farming year as August-to-August fits much better with the farming year.

Keep Busy

Activity on the farms and in the fields in January is at its lowest ebb, short days and bad weather reduce any opportunity to get on. This is speaking from an arable farmer perspective. Livestock needs to be looked after and cared for every day, feeding, milking, counting, checking and lots of other jobs that must be done. During the days of frosty weather in December keeping water supplies going took a lot of time particularly in the north of England and Scotland where the frosts and snow were severe

The first month of the year on the farms is perhaps spent in the workshop, getting ready for spring field work, which could start in February. Soil temperatures for mid Jan here are around 5°C at the moment but could still fluctuate, anyway work can't start until soils are dry enough to take wheels, and that could be while! Now is the time to get 'the ducks in a row', ready for the spring workload.

'No one surely pays his debt, as wet to dry and dry to wet'.

Speaking of ducks, the total rainfall for 2022 was low, but not the lowest we have had recently. The total here was 911mm, 26 less than last year, and coincidentally the same as 2017. September October, November and December were wet, especially November which were the wettest for several years, but frost kept December dry until the 18th but still managed to accumulate 134mm by the end of the month.

January 2023 has continued to be wet!!

The aquifer beneath us needed the rain and is topped up again, so the winterbournes and springs should start flowing, and the river levels will improve.



Work in progress



In place

St Leonard's Churchyard 2022

We have at last been able to place a sign in St Leonard's churchyard with information explaining our Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) status and its' management. The churchyard has been very sensitively cared for over the years particularly by Mr Bob Kew who sadly passed away in December 2021. His method of an annual mow of some of the churchyard, and the absence of the use of fertilisers has enabled wildflower & grass species to seed and spread.

In 1997 Mrs Shirley Maunder instigated a survey of the churchyard done by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre. This resulted in the churchyard being given SINC status. A review survey was carried out in 2015 with positive results that we continued to maintain our status.

Since then, with help from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) and the Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers (BCV) we have been able to carry on caring for the churchyard in a sensitive manner.

We needed permission from the Winchester Diocese to erect this information post which we obtained eventually in June 2022. The post was very kindly funded by Alison Mosson of our local conservation group 3CG, and the artwork designed and donated by Mark Capehorn by his company, Theme Group.

Ross Palmer and David Randall set the post in place in September. We had to wait until then due to the hard ground caused by the summer's drought. Our friends from the BCV worked very hard at the end of November (no drought that day!!) along with some village volunteers, to give the large SINC areas their annual mow and rake. They also worked on some of the spreading bramble areas.



We hope that you will come and enjoy our churchyard. Of course, work is ongoing in order to preserve this special place.

Basingstoke
Conservation
Volunteers and villagers at the
information sign.
November 2022.

It's there if you look for it

Apart from the cold spell in the first half of December, the weather has been mild, it seems to me that the wheat crops look quite green, and some buds in the hedges, eg. honeysuckle, are showing leaves, along with hazel growing catkins and feathery vermillion flowers. Daffodils and snowdrops are pushing through now to flower later in the spring. The days are getting almost imperceptibly longer now, so by February the shorter winter days will be in retreat

We have had dry springs and higher temperatures for the last year or two, as a consequence of global warming, so the changes in farming practice to reduce soil disturbance, together with our new 'best friend' Organic matter must be the right direction.

P.S. Organic matter and Soil Health have always been of major importance to good farmers, I have recently found old books and pamphlets describing the philosophy of soil health. The difference now is that we have a bit more scientific knowledge to help refine techniques and understanding.

Perfect for a New Year Resolution!!





Cliddesden

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Cliddesden WI



Our January meeting was enjoyed by our members who had to test their brains after the Christmas festivities, with quizzes organised by Diane and

Tricia. Followed by a lunch of sizzling sausages, bacon and onion baps. Followed by a ice cream.

This started 2023 off well, as during our December meeting, there were pledges of help from some members, to help our WI continue.

Having celebrated our 100th anniversary in September, this is also a plea that to ensure Cliddesden WI's future, we also need new members.

So, we would give a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and see how we entertain our members.

The next meeting is on February 20th at 10.30 am. We will be entertained by a speaker.

Pat Doel

Food bank at St Leonard's



Thank you! Over Advent we raised an amazing 53kg of food for the Food Bank. This smashes our Harvest Festival total. Thank you all for your awesome generosity, it made a huge difference to Christmas for many people in need.



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The Bethlehem Bake Off



At an inn in Bethlehem, a special live edition of the popular television programme, Bethlehem Bake-Off, is about to be filmed. The show's presenters welcome viewers to the show and set off the contestants on their first task – to make some delicious unleavened bread.

As the contestants get cracking, Lou and Saul ask a group of shepherds what has led them to take part. The shepherds tell the story of their visit by a choir of angels, bringing them news of a very special baby who was to be born in a nearby stable. The shepherds had run all the way to Bethlehem and arrived early – so early that they could take part in the competition.

The presenters make their way over to three other contestants – the Three Wise Men. Their story is equally peculiar, following a star from the East that has led them all the way to Bethlehem.

It is time for judging. One of the Wise Men, Balthazar, is delighted when he receives a Bethlehem handshake from Saul.

It is time for the second challenge – a special birthday cake. Saul provides some (un)helpful advice and away the bakers go. Josiah asks the angels what constitutes a perfect cake. They acknowledge that baking isn't their greatest strength, but that making anything with love will make it taste much better. With five minutes of the challenge remaining, action relocates to the stable. Mary and Joseph are already there. In a manger lies baby Jesus.

Gradually the stable fills, first the shepherds and then the Wise Men. The kings offer their presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus. The Angel Gabriel is announced the winner of the Bethlehem Bake Off.

We are so proud of all of the children. They learnt their lines, performed and sang beautifully.

Secret Santa Christmas shopping

This event is always a highlight on the Christmas calendar. A firm favourite with the children.

It is always nice to see the children choosing their own gifts for family and loved ones. The older children help them with their purchases and they have to work to a budget and pay for their items.

They then have the excitement of seeing their presents wrapped ready to go home for under the tree.

The children enjoyed coming to school in their festive Christmas Jumpers all ready to do their Secret Santa Christmas shopping.



Rock 2 the Beat Performances

Well done to our two rock bands who performed to the school and parents. The hall was certainly rocking and it's nice to see their confidence



growing and the progress they are making on their instruments. You can watch their performances on our website under Events, December.

Cinderella Pantomime

Rachael, Zoe and Isaac from Troubadour Productions performed the popular pantomime, Cinderella for us. It was full of traditional characters including Cinderella, Buttons, the two ugly sisters Gateaux and Pavlova, Fairy Godmother and not to forget Prince Charming. During this interactive performance there were some extra characters including: woodland animals, fair maidens, dancers, a ghost, a jester, a woodcutter, a magician, a footperson and even some wheels!

The pantomime was full of fun and laughter with many familiar songs for the children to join in with and of course a pantomime wouldn't be the same without the familiar shouts of... 'it's behind you' and 'oh no it isn't!'

We all thoroughly enjoyed the show.



To find out more about our school, please visit our website: Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

Paula Lavender