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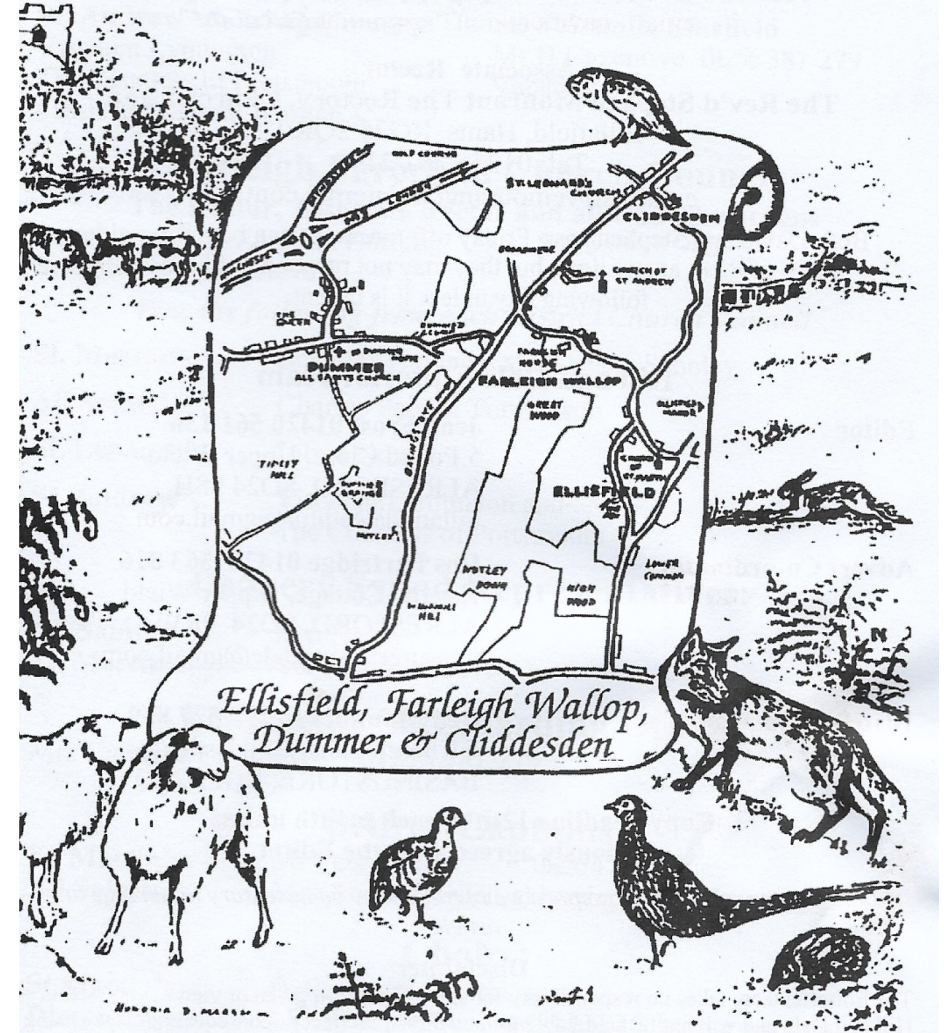
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The Benefice of Farleigh, The Candover and Wield

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

Sunday 4th February

08.00 Ellisfield
09:30 Wield
09.45 Cliddesden
10:00 Preston Candover
11:00 Northington
11.15 Dummer

Readings Proverbs 8:1, 22-31, Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-14

Psalm 104

Sermon "Made peace through the blood of his cross"

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2nd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion *BCP DC*
Matins *DC*
Morning Prayer *IT*
Morning Prayer *RC*
Holy Communion *DC*
Sunday Special

Sunday 11th February

08:00 Dummer
09:30 Preston Candover

11:15 Cliddesden

18:00 Wield

Readings 2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Psalm 50

Sermon 'Jesus on the mount of transfiguration'

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Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion *DC*
Morning Worship with
Bishop Philip Mountstephen. DC
Join Bishop Philip for coffee at 09.30.

Worship begins at 10am.

Morning Worship with
Bishop Philip.

Coffee after the service. DC

Evensong *DC*

Wednesday 14th February

7pm Ellisfield

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service *DC*

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10:00 Preston Candover
11.15 Cliddesden

Readings *Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-end, Mark 1:9-15*

Sermon *'Jesus is in the wilderness, without a phone!'*

1st Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion BCP **DC**
Matins **CPT**
Holy Communion **DC**
Family Service **DC**

Psalm 25

Sunday 25th February

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

Readings *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 4:13-end, Mark 8:31-end*

Sermon *'Ashamed of Jesus?'*

2nd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion CW. **DC**
Holy Communion CW **DC**
Morning Worship **IT**
Family Holy Communion **DC**

Psalm 22

Sunday 3rd March

08.00 Ellisfield
09:30 Wield
09.45 Cliddesden
11:00 Northington

11.15 Dummer
4.00pm Brown Candover
Readings *Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22*

Sermon *'We proclaim Christ crucified'*

3rd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion BCP **DC**
Matins **DC**
Morning Prayer **IT**
Morning Prayer
with Holy Baptism **DC**
Sunday Special
Farewell Service. Tea in Club.

Psalm 19

Dear Friends

We moved to Preston Candover on April 1st, 2011, and find it hard to think that was 13 years ago, time goes by so quickly.

Time is a funny thing, just try explaining what it is! "What then is time? If no one asks me, I know what it is. If I wish to explain it to him who asks, I do not know." (St Augustine) Whatever it is, it passes very quickly and somehow gets faster each year!

There is a time for everything, planting and reaping, building up or tearing down, says the Old Testament book Ecclesiastes in the list of 'seasons'. My time serving as Rector of our churches in the benefice will end on March 3rd and I shall be taking up a new role in the Parish of the Resurrection, Alton.

It is not easy to move on as those who have served in the armed forces will know, that as a career progress so relocation is necessary. But we are all 'moving on' each day, significant birthdays are anticipated and celebrated, sometimes with a sense of wonder, "how did I get to this age so quickly?" we ask. So, without moving anywhere, we still move on!

There is a reminder that we should take opportunity to find God as time passes by, written around the clock on the tower of All Saints church in Sidmouth, (where I once lived) a biblical text says 'It is time to seek the Lord...search for him while he may be found' Our various appointments come and go and God invites us to see that there can be one with him, that 'now' is our time to turn to him, not putting off until 'one day' as that day may never come...

Jesus made the invitation personal, "...those whom the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them...this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life"

John 6:37ff.

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David.



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**The new Bishop of Winchester,
Rt Rev Philip Mounstephen**

The Rt Rev Philip Mounstephen was announced as the new bishop in July 2023, and officially started in January. His service of welcome was held at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 13. Bishop Philip will serve as the 98th Bishop of Winchester Diocese, which covers 255 parishes across most of Hampshire, parts of Dorset, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands.

Philip was educated at Southampton University and Magdalen College, Oxford, before training for ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He served his title at St James', Gerrards Cross and St James', Fulmer, in the Diocese of Oxford, and was ordained priest in 1989.

In 1992, Philip was appointed Vicar of St James', West Streatham, in the Diocese of Southwark. Between 1998 and 2006, Philip worked for the Church Pastoral Aid Society during which time he held several roles. From 2007, he served as Chaplain of St Michael's, Paris, in the Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe and, in 2012, he was appointed Chief Executive of the Church Mission Society.

In 2019, Philip took up his current role as Bishop of Truro. He is married to Ruth, a former strategic planner, and they have one adult daughter.

Bishop Philip will be visiting our Benefice on February 11th and will be preaching and meeting people at Preston Candover at the 10.00am service and Cliddesden at the 11.15am service.

All welcome at the services to meet Bishop Philip.

(Sunday 11 February—coffee at 9.30 with Morning Worship after coffee.

Sunday 11 February—11.15 Morning Worship at Cliddesden with coffee after the service)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Service led by/ intersessions</u>
All Saint's Dummer	4 Feb 11.15am	Jeremy Glyn		
All Saint's Dummer	11 Feb 8.00am	Anita Austin		
All Saint's Dummer	18 Feb 9.45am	Stafford Napier	Stafford Napier Michael Hill King	
All Saint's Dummer	25 Feb 9.45am	David Craven	David Craven John Truman	
All Saint's Dummer	5 March 11.15am	Melanie Gill		
St Martin's Ellisfield	4 Feb	Susie Deane		
St Martin's Ellisfield	11 Feb (LL)		Martine Bell Tim Guinness	Debbie Scholey
St Martin's Ellisfield	25 Feb	Nicky Palmer	Caroline Allen Guy de Jersey	
St Martin's Ellisfield	3 March	Lucinda Rule		

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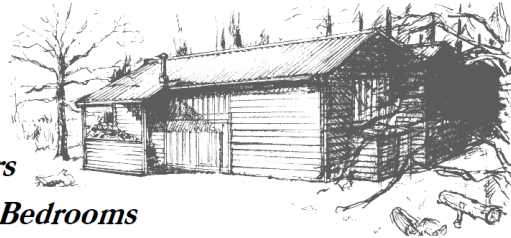
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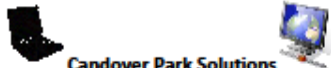
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Cliddesden Carol singers At Cliddesden pond on 22 December 2023



Preparation for a busy spring is coming to an end, fertiliser plans have been finalised, machinery has been serviced and the farm team have enjoyed a well-deserved rest before another busy period begins.

Spring beans are the first crop on our list to drill, followed by spring barley and maize in late spring. The sheep will be leaving the farm in February and returning with their lambs in April. Grain continues to be sold and moved off farm destined for the mill and maltsters. After a successful agricultural society dinner, I was delighted to depart with a couple of awards for our 2023 crops, an extra bit of encouragement to 'do better' for the season to come!



IN THE FIELDS By Seumas Foster

Summary of rainfall in 2023.

The total for 2023 was 1284mm, at least 300mm above the recent annual average. There were 9 months with totals over 100mm, the last 6 months were all over 100mm. December had 18 days when rain fell. January 2024 has started wet but as a high-pressure system settles, we might get some respite!

Farleigh Estate - Introducing Cian Flavin, who is the farm manager at Farleigh Estate, having now completed his first year at the farm. He has written a note to introduce himself and give us some information about the Estate now.

Hello and Happy New Year to you all. My name is Cian Flavin, farm manager at Farleigh Wallop Estate. I joined the estate in February 2023. With Chris Allen retiring after 41 years of farming the land, the Wallop family decided to take the farming business back in hand. I am originally from Tipperary, Ireland. and moved to the UK in 2014 to begin my studies at Harper Adams University. After completing my degree. I joined a farming company, Velcourt Ltd. During my time at Velcourt I had the opportunity to farm in Cambridgeshire, Northumberland, and Gloucestershire before moving to Hampshire. I have experienced an array of farming practices, meeting many knowledgeable farmers on my travels.

So how has my first year been at Farleigh Wallop Estate... an exciting challenge! I am very fortunate for the support of everyone on and off the estate in the last year. My goal every year is to farm profitably, safely, and environmentally, three core fundamentals to any successful farming business. UK agriculture is a dynamic industry and we as custodians of the land need to farm sustainably for the next generation.

What positive changes have been made to date? Carbon and climate change is at the forefront of every industry. One of our goals on the farm is to reduce our carbon use. In 2023 I increased the volume of digestate used on the land from the anaerobic digester at Farleigh, decreasing the artificial fertiliser usage. Digestate is an organic fertiliser boosting our soil and crop health. Livestock have been re-introduced to the farm. During the summer months we had a herd of cattle grazing the grassland and throughout the winter, sheep are grazing the cover crops before being planted with spring barley. The farm has joined a new environmental scheme, the sustainable farming incentive (SFI). In the spring a variety of wildflowers, winter bird food and herbal leys will be established throughout the estate. These areas are to promote habitats for a number of wildlife species.

February, the last month of winter and a prosperous spring ahead!



The singing was led by Sylvia Raine on the keyboard accompanied by Ross Palmer on his acoustic guitar.

Apart from the singing we also enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine!

In all at least 50 adults and a further 20 or so children came.

It was great fun!

Thanks are due to Tony & Gill McGarry at Plough Cottage for providing power and lights for the occasion.

LATEST CAGE NEWS – 10th December 2023

The CAGE Steering Group has been monitoring local plans since the Public Enquiry when Newland's, (the developer) plans for warehouses on Oakdown Farm, Dummer, were rejected by the Inspector. As you may know, there are now two Planning Applications in the pipeline - both will have a significant impact on the local area. One is a revised warehouse scheme on Oakdown Farm, and the other is a new Basingstoke Hospital north of Junction 7 of the M3.



Here are the timings for both applications:

Basingstoke Hospital: consultation started, possible PA submission **March 2024**.

Oakdown Farm warehouses: consultation started, possible PA submission **December 2023**.

When Planning Applications are made, each one is considered on its own merit. Other future potential Planning Applications in the area which might impact on a current application, will not be taken into account.

The Local Plan Update is in process now. This plan will set out how Basingstoke and the district, should develop over the next 15 years. We'll be keeping you informed about this as it is significant when it comes to planning in the SW of Basingstoke.

Please visit the CAGE [website](#) and the CAGE facebook page for news and information.

If you are interested in taking an active role in CAGE's work, we'd be very happy to hear from you.

Since it's been sometime since we posted regularly if you know of anyone who might like to receive CAGE info, please email as below with their details. If you no longer wish to receive CAGE communications, please also email: cleanairgreenuk@gmail.com.

Candover Valley Store *community made*

Christmas hamper and foodbank results

During December we ran a draw for a hamper of delicious local products. Sara Jervoise was delighted to discover her ticket had been picked, winning her the cache of Christmas treats. The proceeds of the draw were added to donations for the Basingstoke Foodbank that were collected at the store during December. Customers put extra items in their baskets and their cash donations were spent in the store on a list of goods the foodbank were asking for. Together it all totalled an amazing £971.73! A sincere thank you to each and every one of you. Your generosity will have made a real difference to local people in need.

Shrove Tuesday is pancake day ...

Did you know that the date that Easter is celebrated each year is determined by the date of the first full moon after the vernal equinox? With Easter falling on 31 March this year, it means that Shrove Tuesday is also relatively early, on 13 February. But rest assured, Garry will have the store's shelves ready with ample supplies of flour, eggs, milk, sugar and lemons for those who prefer a traditional pancake and Nutella or alternative sweet toppings to suit other palates.

... and the following day is St Valentine's Day!

If you still have any room after your pancakes, the store team have been busy making sure there is plenty of choice for you to find just the right gift for the special person in your life - or an indulgent treat for yourself. Perhaps chocolates, flowers, wine or luxury goodies from the chiller? Also, Hannah's table of gifts, to be found near the greetings cards in the coffee area, is bound to have a variety of beautiful items to choose from.



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

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

Happy New Year from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School!

January, 2024

A truly magical Christmas celebration was had at the preschool. On the last day of term, Father Christmas arrived on his horse-drawn carriage (practicing for his Christmas Eve sleigh ride, of course) with gifts for all of the children. They watched excitedly from the playground as he arrived, before meeting him in person indoors. Our parents got to see him too!

After a very crafty end to the year (making Christmas gonks was one activity which you can see above), we are continuing that trend into 2024! Mrs Harman made a wonderful batch of glittery, sparkly, frosty playdough, which the children could shape and mould in their hands. They've also made some red robins with very colourful bodies and goggle eyes!

As a whole group, the children also made a big polar bear. They cut out lots of little white squares of paper, to practice their scissor skills and learn more about cold-climate animals. He looked very happy and smiley as the children helped glue down his fur. A lovely team-building activity that they all enjoyed.

Finally, even though it's chilly out there - the children get wrapped up warm and have lots of fun playing outside – popping bubbles from the bubble machine, throwing and catching balls, being creative with their chalks and playing games like 'what's the time Mr Wolf'. Fingers crossed all this new year rain will subside into a sunny springtime for us all!



Cliddesden

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Cliddesden WI

We enjoyed a super morning in early December making our Christmas wreaths. About 17 or so ladies came along to have a go with Pat Doel guiding us expertly through the process. Every single one was beautiful, and I think we were all very proud with ourselves. The mulled wine and mince pies certainly helped us all relax to release those creativity brain cells! The floor and tables ended up littered with excess greenery and glitter but were soon cleared up. Our sincere thanks to Pat Doel and hopefully we will be able to arrange another event in the not-too-distant future.



We held our Christmas party later in the month, taxing our brains with 3 quizzes. We had a fun raffle, Secret Santa, lots of delicious food and Christmas cards were distributed. Ken, Eddie and Stewart were invited

along to share the food if they wore a Christmas jumper. One of the 3 let the side down I'm afraid but I won't say which one! Really it was just a ploy on our part to get them to do the washing up afterwards. It seems to work every time!

**Next meeting Monday 15th January 10.30am American Brunch
Games with Bacon and Sausage rolls**

We are all looking forward to a new year with the WI and are hoping there are women in the village who would like to come along and join us. Why not give us a go – you might enjoy it.

Diane Rampton Contact :- dianerampton@gmail.com

St Leonard's Churchyard

In November we had our annual visit from the Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers (BCV) to help us cut and rake our Site of Importance to Nature Conservation.

It was a most successful day although the weather was a little damp after our lunch break.

The B.C.V are a super group of people; very hard working and dedicated to their mission of caring for nature.

A group of villagers also dedicated their Sunday to helping with the cutting and raking of huge amounts of grass, and then the transferring of it to the compost heap.

We are so grateful to all these people who help us to care for our special churchyard.



Gill Palmer
St Leonard's Church

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Benefice Recipes

Hello all, so Christmas and New Year brought the horrid cough to the house. Hot honey and lemon was served on a regular basis unfortunately the Covonia dry cough mixture only lasted for one spoonful. My son clearly thought I was trying to poison him; I did try some and I agreed it was revolting.



Anyway, it didn't stop the mountain of food eaten, namely chocolate. Bob the dog had a fabulous time, over excited about ripping open presents. His squeaky pheasant has lost his squeak, and his treats are being rationed much to his disgust. A week of overindulgence with Wallace and Gromit, Worlds Strongest Man and World Darts Championship. Child number one is now back to college and Nocturnal child number two is back to school, routine reigns again.

The recipe for February is rather simple but tasty.

Salmon and Spinach Gratin

Serves 6

Preheat oven 160c/140c fan/gas 3

You will need:

1.2 kg Spinach, 15 g butter, 6 Salmon fillets (can be the lightly smoked ones and preferably skin off)

300ml Double Cream.

Method

Put the spinach in a really big saucepan (or two pans) and add a few table-spoons of water. Set on a medium heat and cook till wilted, just keep turning it. Tip into a colander to drain. When cool squeeze all the water out really well.

Chop the spinach. Melt the butter in a pan and gently toss the spinach in it. Season with salt and pepper (you could use a grating of nutmeg as well). Heat the oven. Lay the spinach in a dish and then arrange the salmon fillets on top.

Heat the double cream in a small pan then pour it all over the salmon and spinach. Bake for 35 minutes until the top is golden and the cream is bubbling.

Serve with a lovely crusty bread.

Enjoy Tracey

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Thursday 1 February
The Personal History of David Copperfield
(2019, 115 mins, cert PG)

The Personal History of David Copperfield is a 2019 comedy-drama film written and directed by Armando Iannucci, based on the 1850 novel by Charles Dickens. It stars Dev Patel in the title role, along with Aneurin Barnard, Peter Capaldi, Morfydd Clark, Daisy May Cooper, Rosalind Eleazar, Hugh Laurie, Tilda Swinton, Ben Wishaw and Paul Whitehouse.



Thursday 7 March
Crooked House (2017, 115 mins, cert 12)

Based on Agatha Christie's 1949 novel, directed by Gilles Paquet-Brenner. The film stars Max Irons, Terence Stamp, Glenn Close, Gillian Anderson, and Stefanie Martini.

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

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Hope to see you there,
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Cliddeden Millenium Village Hall



2024



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

Please come along to have a natter and make new friends, browse the second-hand book stall, select some pretty stationery from Penny our stallholder, and of course enjoy a good cuppa and a slice of cake!

The 100 club is also drawn here each month.

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

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

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Happy New Year from St Leonard's!

A busy, happy place!

St Leonard's had lots of treats in store this Christmas, with a range of services to suit everyone. Our lovely Christmas eve Crib service was well attended, and it is always a popular service for our younger folk.

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise these services, particularly David and the musicians, for whom Christmas is such a busy time!

The annual Nine Lessons and Carols service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, was thoroughly enjoyed by our villagers, as was the new venture of carols at the village pond with more mulled wine and mince pies!!

Here are a few highlights.

Why not try something new this January? There is something for everyone. Come along to a service and find out more. Details of service times are at the front of the Hill and Dale.



Carols at the Pond



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Hello From Claire
Happy New Year!

Belated, but never too late to send a good message.

I was listening to Scarborough Fair by Simon & Garfunkel the other day, and the refrain gave me an idea.

'Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme' Herbs. Tasty, fragrant, healthy, decorative, good for the bees – what's not to love.

So this year I thought we could look at a different herb each month...starting with the Scarborough Fair 4.

Parsley – flat leaf or curly – *Petroselinum crispum*

Parsley is a hardy bi-ennial, but usually treated as an annual.

Sow the seed where they are to grow in spring, soaking the seeds overnight to hasten germination. Sunny position with moist soil. Thin to around 20cm/8 inches apart.

Use flat leaf for flavour in cooking, curly for decoration.

The leaves and stalks are good for flavour in all savoury dishes, in sauces and as a garnish.

Medicinally an infusion of the leaves and stalks is rich in vitamin C, can ease rheumatic pain and relieves piles. Chewing the leaves will freshen breath.

Something to try: **Potato Cakes with Parsley**

12oz freshly mashed potato	4oz flour	sea salt
Fresh ground black pepper	2oz butter	2 tablespoons
chopped parsley		

Gradually work the flour into the hot mashed potato, add salt and pepper to taste.

Cut softened butter into small pieces and stir in, with the parsley. Beat until smooth.

Roll out on a floured board, using plenty of flour, until about 1/4" thick. Cut into rounds and cook on a lightly greased hot griddle until golden brown on each side.

Great with bacon and eggs for a yummy breakfast.

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What's been happening?

AGM 30th November

A very well attended AGM led to a brilliant evening. Quiz, good food, wine and socialising was had by all. We have had some changes on the Committee.

Steve Bowcutt stepped down as Chairman and has now taken on the role of Treasurer.

We thank him for all his work as chair and are very happy that he will remain an important member of the committee.

Seumas Foster is our new chairman, his experience and enthusiasm has already brought a wide range of new speakers and visits to the society, and we look forward to supporting him in the years to come.

I have stepped down as Treasurer, however I am remaining on the committee, and will continue to write the newsletters (sorry – you'll just have to put up with my ramblings!)

What's coming up?

Thursday January 18th – Preston Candover Village Hall

We were invited to join Preston Candover Horticultural Society for a quiz night

Full report next month

January 25th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 7.45pm

The National Gardens Scheme

Full report next month

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

The Botanic Nursey – Terrys favourites, hardy shrubs

April 7th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – SPRING SHOW

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

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

Would you like to join us?

Keen gardeners, new planters, or 'haven't got a clue!' everyone will receive a warm welcome.

Come along and make new friends, get ideas for your own patch of heaven, and have fun.

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

See you soon

Happy gardening!

Claire



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4. Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan consultation

The consultation on the updated plan is expected to start during the week beginning **8 January 2024** and to last for eight weeks. Details can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update>

5. Climate change and nature recovery

The Council has published its Climate Change Annual Progress Report which highlights the progress of council backed community initiatives and its own efforts to tackle climate change. One example is the Solar Together scheme - over the past two years, 2,100 households have purchased competitively priced solar panels, resulting in the installation of 7,400kw of rooftop solar power, which has the capacity to save an estimated 46,000 tonnes of carbon emissions.

Separately, the Council is launching a survey asking residents where they would like to see improvements for nature recovery, their views on nature priorities and what action they may be taking locally to help nature in their area. Gathering this information is an important first step in the development of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy which aims to ensure Hampshire's natural environment is protected for today's and future generations. That strategy is intended to create a blueprint for the recovery of nature in Hampshire – outlining what we can do, where the opportunities for doing it are, and considering how it can be delivered alongside wider positive environmental outcomes for people and nature, such as reduced flood risk. It will provide organisations with a framework for developing nature recovery projects and help prioritise funding and investment in Hampshire's nature's recovery. Here is a link to the online survey.

6. Roads

A final report for your perusal, this time the County Council's Highways Service Annual Review for 2022/23 which offers useful insights into the Highways team's activity over what has been an exceptionally busy and challenging period. You can access the review via the link. You will notice the continuing intensive focus on fixing potholes and other road defects following confirmation of the 3-year Stronger Roads Today campaign in July. This has enabled the deployment of significantly more repair teams and specialist equipment with the primary aim of making our roads better, fixing defects more quickly, and addressing the widespread deterioration from last winter's wet and freezing weather. You can find out more about the Stronger Roads Today programme here. **Happy New Year**

Cliddesden Primary School



Autumn term is always incredibly busy at school. We took part in the annual Basingstoke Schools Basketball competition at The Vyne Community School. Our team this year was made up of Year 5s and Years 6s and was their first competition. We performed well beating Bishopswood and drawing against Merton.

St John's, who won the competition were very tough opponents and too strong for us. Overall though, the children should be proud of the skills and determination that they showed and some of them will be back next year with more experience.



We held our Be Bright Be Seen non-uniform day. The children all looked very colourful on this day organised by our Junior Road Safety Team to raise awareness of the importance of being visible to traffic on these darker evenings. We managed to raise £88 for BBC Children in Need too.



Matt from Bikeability came to school to train us in Bikeability Level 1 and 2. Level 1 develops excellent cycling handling in traffic free environments in preparation for cycling on the road. Level 2 training develops skills for cycling on single lane roads with simple junctions and moderate traffic.

Despite the cold, sometimes wet conditions, this was an incredible experience teaching the children important life skills such as safety, preparation, communication, obser-

vation and priorities. They all gained a great amount of confidence during their training. I wonder if you saw them practising their skills in the village.



Wow what a night! It is safe to say everyone had an amazing time at the autumn disco. There was lots of fun and laughter and it was a huge success.



We had two bands performing at the end of term Rock 2 the Beat concert. Kentucky Fried Children playing Flowers The Wolverines playing Roar. The children were really excited to play in front of a live audience, and all had big smiles on their faces having achieved so much

over the past term.



It was lovely to see so many at our Salvation Army Carols including some of our previous parents of children who are now young adults. We managed to raise £140 for those less fortunate at Christmas. The Salvation Army Band was as brilliant as ever!



Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor

Hampshire County Councillor report
January 2024

1. Household DIY waste charges ended

From 1 January 2024, residents using Hampshire County Council Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will no longer be charged for disposing of their DIY waste - in line with the Government policy changes.

Up to two 50-litre rubble bags, or one bulky item such as a sink or toilet pedestal, will be accepted for free, at a maximum frequency of four visits over four weeks. Anything more than this amount will be chargeable at current rates, as permitted by national legislation, to cover specialist disposal costs. DIY waste can be accepted at all HWRCs in Hampshire except New Alresford due to its restricted size. Customers must also be able to lift, carry and empty out their DIY waste.

The Council estimates that the removal of the charges could impose an additional cost to Hampshire council taxpayers of up to £2 million every year. This is because recycling or disposal of DIY waste, such as soil, rubble, asbestos and gypsum board, requires specialist processing and the fees we currently charge help to cover these expenses. This will need to be taken into account as part of the Council's savings proposals to help meet a £132 million budget shortfall faced by the local authority from April 2025. This will include a review of Hampshire's HWRCs.

2. Schools

Parents with children due to start school or move to a junior school in September 2024 are reminded that they have until **Monday 15 January 2024** to submit their primary school applications. Parents will have the best chance of being offered a place at one of their preferred schools by applying on time and naming three preferences on their applications.

A recent survey across secondary schools and colleges in Hampshire shows a large increase in the percentage of young people both experimenting with, and using vapes. The survey shows that experimentation with vapes increases from 4% in year 7 to 53% in year 13. Similarly, vape use increases from 7% in year 10, to 18% in year 13. The Council is therefore continuing its clamp-down on shops selling vapes illegally to underage buyers. Test purchase operations took place in December 2023, with visits to 17 different premises with teenage volunteers helping officers by going into the businesses to attempt to buy a vape, also known as an e-cigarette. Since September 2023, Trading Standards has prevented the sale of over £200,000 of illegal vapes and e-cigarettes by removing them from shops across Hampshire.

3. Fire and Rescue Authority Mid-Year Update



Green Belt countryside loss has tripled since 2012.
Join CPRE (the countryside charity) before it's gone forever!

Green spaces are being lost at an alarming rate, so we need your support to stop harmful and unsuitable development ruining the glorious countryside. Become a member today before it is all too late.

The North Hants District Group, in conjunction with CPRE Hampshire, works to protect our local area by reviewing proposed developments to ensure that they are suitable and sustainable, while also submitting objections when necessary. To help support this valuable work we also hold various fundraising activities.

The charity works across many areas including: climate change, farming, green energy solutions, public transport alternatives and affordable housing.

Did you know that CPRE played a key role in creating our National Parks and the Green Belts? (Other bodies were also involved but CPRE was the driving force). These brilliant achievements, along with the fight to cut out the clutter of advertising signage, would not have been possible without CPRE, whose imperative is to keep villages alive.

Membership is your best way to connect with and support a beautiful, thriving countryside for everyone, and to promote gentle progress and protection for our rural areas. The charity collaborates with communities and holds government to account for positive change and a sustainable countryside.

Please do consider joining and be part of what CPRE stands for! Individual membership is £5.00 per month and household membership is £7.00 per month. Parish councils or an organization pay £5.00 per month for their membership.

As well as helping to protect the countryside, membership has some other good perks too: discounted entry to local attractions, gardens, beautiful houses, stately homes and even caves. You will also receive the CPRE Magazine, exclusive to members, which features opinions, in-depth articles and updates on campaign work.

There are also other ways to help CPRE, such as volunteering at events or help fundraising with the North Hants District Group.

Your support is vital to assist with the work we do for the countryside, so please do get in touch if you wish to know more about our wonderful events, campaigning or to become a member - <https://www.cprehampshire.org.uk/>

Thank you.
Hannah Houstin-Lacey
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Willow and Beech Classes performed their Nativity, which featured a traditional storyline, alongside up-beat songs and excellent costumes. The children were amazing and were delighted to perform to their friends, family and wider community, including governors and children from Otters Nursery.



The whole school enjoyed a traditional musical pantomime following the adventures of Dick Whittington and his talented cat. The pantomime was full of comedy, romance, suspense and the children had the opportunity to join in with the songs and some even became part of the cast.



Our Secret Sale event was our greatest so far and we can proudly announce that our grand total raised was £450.

It is an opportunity for the children to do their own Christmas shopping for their families. The older children supported the younger ones with their purchases, choosing carefully and keeping to budget.

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

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All Saints Church.

On Sunday 3rd December a full Church enjoyed the annual Christingle service. Due to the bad weather, we were unable to travel to the Nativity in the Paul's Stable, so we continued in the Church. Daisy Swanton Law opened the service with a beautiful rendering of The Dormouse Carol and all the children participated in the service with some very clear prayers. The new Nativity figures, kindly knitted and donated to All Saints by Beryl Young, were carefully placed in the stable by many eager young hands. Dexter Masefield played his cello and Eva J ended the service by performing on our newly acquired keyboard. The Church always looks beautiful in the light of many candles. Thank you to Alex and Melanie and all who helped with this delightful service. It was definitely a service for all ages.

We held our Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 17th December and Rev Ian Thacker led the service. Daisy delighted us with The Dormouse Carol, Ian welcomed all and Evah sweetly sang the solo of Once in Royal David's City. Our talented participants were Daisy, Evah, Eva J, Freddie, Kirah, Lydia, Molly and Willa, beautifully clear readings from everybody. Thank you to all who read, lit the advent ring, sung and helped the Sidesperson (David Craven) with important tasks such as the collection and lighting the many candles round the church (and blowing them out afterwards). Thank you too, to Alex Bain, organ, and Eloise Bruce, violin. Thank you to those who provided and helped with refreshments.

The Church looked spectacular, thanks to our talented "flower ladies" and also to Melanie's team of "holy dusters".

On Christmas Day, Revd Mary Copping led our Worship, and we thank her very much. We hope she enjoyed leading the service in such a pretty setting and the children enjoyed being involved with the story of the journey and the birth in the stable.

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11am-12noon Term Time

2nd, 9th (closed on 16th for half term) and 23rd February
1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March (end of term and Easter party)

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The new gifts stall was popular and many thanks to those you came and supported it. The guess the weight of the cake did very well and many thanks to Sarah Buchanan who cooked the most beautiful cake for us.

I'd also like to thank our many helpers - Gordon Dunse on the door, Ashley Turberfield who sold raffle tickets for the hamper for us, Beverley Guinness and her daughter Mary who ran the teas, Bernard for the mulled wine, Vicky Reed who sold the tickets for the cake and also iced the cake and Susie Deane who provided all the floats and produced the final account for us as early as Saturday evening - incredible!

SO, a very big thankyou to all of those who came and supported this special event. There is always a wonderfully warm atmosphere, and it really starts the Christmas Season off for us all in Ellisfield. Many, many thanks to everyone for all your support in every way.

Caroline Cazenove



has had another good year serving coffee and lovely cakes to our village. In doing so we have had 4 charity days over the year, raising money to support Treloars Primary School, as well as MacMillan Cancer care and the DEC appeal for the Turkish Earthquake.

In 2022 we responded to a call for knit blankets for the people of Ukraine. Many thanks to the knitters around the parish who have continued to make squares for blankets; it's still ongoing. The 13th and 14th blankets have been sent off and will go on the next convoy to Ukraine, where they will be distributed to those who need them by local charities. There are 2 more blankets being made up and they will be posted after Christmas. What a fantastic effort!!

In December we held our last Charity Day of the year for Treloar's where an amazing £284.84 was raised to buy a Sensory Play Table for Treloar's Primary School. Thanks to all our bakers, servers and all our customers who come and drink coffee with us every week.

TCC is open every Wednesday in the Ellisfield Memorial Hall between 10am and 12noon.

We look forward to seeing you there.

On January 7th, our Sunday Special was an Epiphany Service and John and Alex weaved into this some of the interesting facts they had learnt on their journey to Petra. Modern archeoastronomy points to the Wise Men could have come from the Nabatean Kingdom and one of the kingdoms settlements is what we call Petra nowadays. It was very interesting, and the Wise Men in our Nativity made their final journey to the stable assisted by the young people in Church. We were pleased to see Beryl Young at the service so she could see fruits of her labours being used.

Our next Sunday Special is on the 4th February and on Sunday 18th we will have the first of our quarterly Matins services.

Thank you to everyone who put food items in the box in the porch. I took these to the Camrose Centre who helped out with the Night Light Shelter over the Christmas Period.

Lyn Hardy
Churchwarden

Dummer Village Hall

Christmas Fayre. There was something for everyone at the Fayre, from pocket money gifts for Mum and Dad to beautiful wall hanging, paintings etc. The teas were very much enjoyed and there was a lovely friendly warm atmosphere to the day.

Our December Coffee Morning on the 6th was a very convivial affair and kicked off the Christmas festivities beautifully. The tables were laden with delicious food and the organisers and helpers are to be thanked for such a lovely two hours. There was also a Quiz (although some of us were far to busy talking to remember to pick up pencils!) and then tables were prettily decorated.

Our next Coffee Morning is February 7th at 11:00 a.m.

On December 28th Mary organised another Treasure Trail. A smaller crowd because of the rain but they made inroads into the mince pies and mulled wine. The next pit stop was on Tower Hill where there was more mulled wine and plenty of sweets for the younger ones (thank you Jamie) and then it was downhill all the way to collect the rest of the clues and a finish at The Queen Inn. Thank you Liz for hosting some wet and bedraggled humans, children and dogs.

Treasurer Vacancy.

We are still looking for a Treasurer. Please contact a committee member if you are willing to take on this position or would like to learn more as to what is involved.

Dummer Village Hall Committee.

Chalk stream poetry competition and literature festival

Hampshire's chalk streams are some of its most precious wild places. These globally rare habitats are home to iconic species like the otter, water vole, brown trout, and kingfisher. With their serene beauty and vibrant wildlife, it's no surprise that chalk streams have inspired authors like Jane Austen, Thomas Hardy, Richard Adams (*Watership Down*), and Charles Kingsley (*The Water Babies*).

This year, there are several exciting new ways to discover our chalk streams. The Watercress and Winterbournes Landscape Partnership Scheme is teaming up with Hampshire Library Service to continue a literary tradition that spans centuries. We'll be sharing our favourite river-focused books and celebrating creativity through a poetry competition and literature festival.

The poetry competition, which is free to enter, asks 7-18 year olds to write a short poem inspired by the wonderful world of chalk streams. Winners will receive National Book Tokens worth up to £75, and have their poems published in a special commemorative booklet. Entrants must live within the scheme area, which includes the Candover Valley, and submit their entry by midnight on 31st July 2024.

Both children and adults can also enjoy a watery literature festival this summer. Participants can expect to hear talks by prominent nature writers like Amy-Jane Beer and Tom Moorhouse, and to explore their own creativity with chalk stream-themed writing workshops. The events will be held this June in Andover, Whitchurch, Overton, and Alresford.

For more information on the 'Tales from the Riverbank' competition and festival, visit www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/tales. Our work is made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

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ELLISFIELD CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Ellisfield Christmas Fayre took place on 25th November - a bright sunny day which lifted spirits and no doubt the profit as well!

We were delighted to raise £2717.20.

Thank to you all who came and supported the fair and contributed to this generous sum. The money will be shared between the Memorial Hall and St Martin's.

The Fayre followed its traditional path this year and again I must thank all the stall holders who organised and ran their stalls so efficiently. Hannah Houston Lacey's beautiful craft stall set a high standard as usual and raised a very substantial sum; a very big thankyou Hannah as this stall starts being "created" in the summer with everything on the stall being made by Hannah. She also had two helpers this year Martine Bell who produced truly beautiful handmade Christmas cards and Sue Fripp whose handmade jewellery, and particularly earrings, were very successful, so thank you to you both. Also, the produce stall raised masses with so many villagers producing cakes, chutneys jams, quiches and bread to sell.

Jenny Outen and Rose Taplin organised it so well and others of their team turned up to wrap or 'wisshh' the items for sale making everything look so Christmassy and professional! No one could tear themselves away from the tombola which Jacqui Matthews and Charlie Hellewell organised brilliantly with Jacqui's study piled high with gifts to be won. It was a huge job ticketing all the items which must have reached one hundred or more, so a very big thank you.

The bulbs, paper whites, jonquils and hyacinths sold out immediately and many thanks to Debbie Foster who produced them having nurtured them in her greenhouse since September-a huge achievement and one filled with some anxiety no doubt.

The children's stall was very successful with so many children all busy on the stage at some point, looking for objects hidden in the Hall and busy completing quizzes, guessing games etc. A big thank you to Minnie Loftus who created it and put it all together and to her husband Steve, who played the role of Father Christmas this year, stepping in for Andy Webb.