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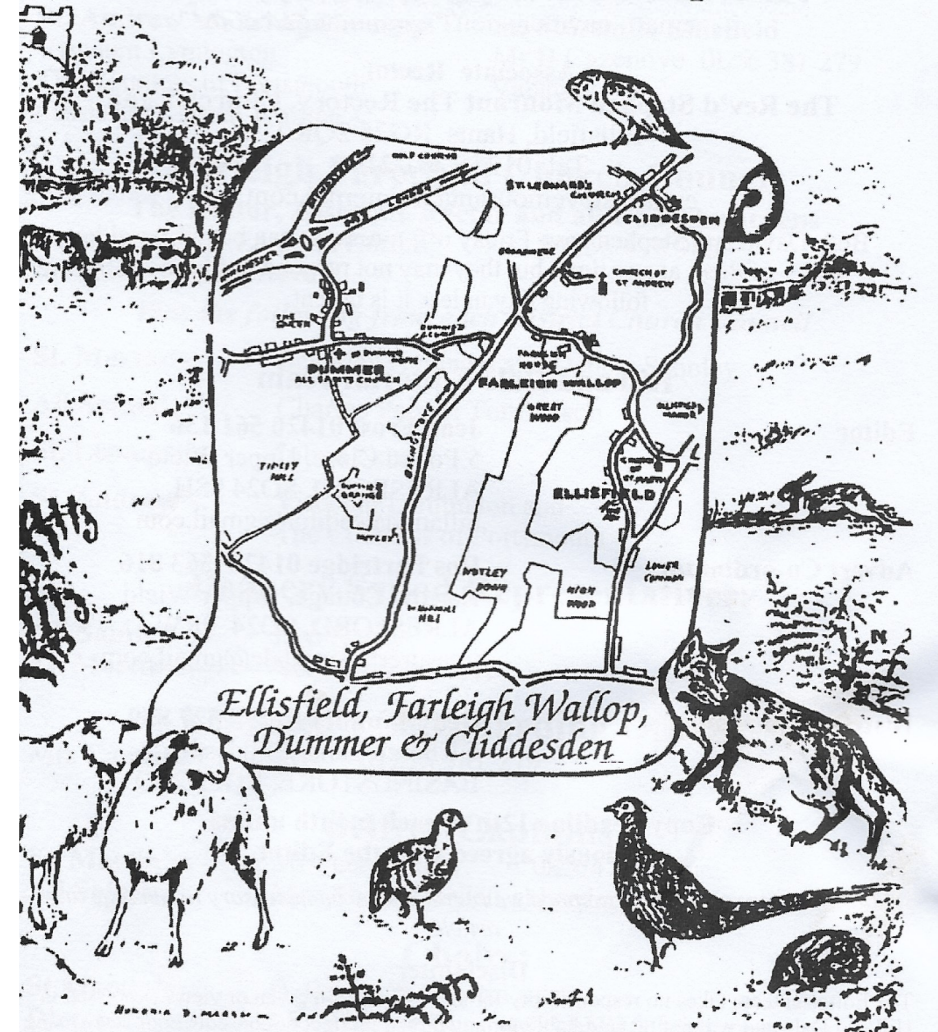
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# Rota for Services

## The Benefice of Farleigh, The Candover and Wield

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

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

09:30	Wield	Matins
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion
11.00	Dummer	Sunday Special
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Genesis 22:1-14, Romans 6:12-end, Matthew 10:40-end Psalm 13</i>	
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>"A prophet's reward"</i>	

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### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10:00	Preston Candover	Holy Communion
11:00	Farleigh Wallop	Holy Communion
18:00	Wield	Evensong
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Genesis 24:34-38,42-49, Romans 7:15-25, Matthew 11:16-19,25-end Psalm 45</i>	
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>"Is it all just too much?"</i>	

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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.00	Wield	Holy Communion BCP
10:00	Preston Candover	Family Service
11.00	Cliddesden	Family Service
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Genesis 25:19-end, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 Psalm 119</i>	
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>"You got ears, use them!"</i>	

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW  
11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship  
11:00 Ellisfield Holy Communion  
3.00pm Preston Candover Evening Prayer with  
Baptism. Bishop David officiating.

*Readings* *Genesis 28:10-19, Romans 8:12-25,  
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 Psalm 139*

*Sermon* "An enemy has done this"

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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

09:30 Bradley Holy Communion  
11:00 Farleigh Wallop Holy Communion

*Readings* *Genesis 29:15-28, Romans 8:26-end,  
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 Psalm 105*

*Sermon* "The Kingdom of heaven is like..."

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**Services for August 2023**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August Transfiguration**

11:00 Northington Holy Communion  
11.00 Dummer Sunday Special

*Readings* *Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19,  
Luke 9:28-36 Psalm 97*

*Sermon* "...when they were fully awake they saw..."

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 11:00 Farleigh Wallop Holy Communion  
 11:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer  
 and Baptism  
 18:00 Wield Evensong  
*Readings* *Genesis 37:1-4, Romans 10:5-15,*  
*Matthew 14:22-33 Psalm 105*  
*Sermon* “O you of little faith...”

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 11:00 Bradley Holy Communion  
 11:00 Cliddesden Family Service  
*Readings* *Genesis 45:1-15, Romans 11:1-2,29-32,*  
*Matthew 15:21-28 Psalm 133*  
*Sermon* “Great is your faith”

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 11:00 Brown Candover Morning Prayer  
 11:00 Ellisfield Holy Communion  
*Readings* *Exodus 1:8-2:20, Romans 12:1-8,*  
*Matthew 16:13-20 Psalm 124*  
*Sermon* “St Peter at the ‘Pearly Gates’?”

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP  
 09:30 Wield Matins  
 09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer  
 10:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer  
 11:00 Northington Holy Communion  
 11.15 Dummer Sunday Special  
*Readings* *Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-end,*  
*Matthew 16:21-end Psalm 105*  
*Sermon* “Mindful of the things of God?”

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A farmer went out to plant her seed. While she was planting, some seed fell by the road, and the birds came and ate it all up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, where there wasn't much soil. That seed grew very fast, because the ground was not deep. But when the sun rose, the plants dried up, because they did not have deep roots. Some other seed fell among thorny weeds, which grew and choked the good plants. Some other seed fell on good ground where it grew and produced a crop. Some plants made a hundred times more, some made sixty times more, and some made thirty times more. Let those with ears use them and listen.

What is the seed that fell by the road? That seed is like the person who hears the message about the kingdom of God but does not understand it. The Evil One comes and takes away what was planted in that person's heart. And what is the seed that fell on rocky ground? That seed is like the person who hears the teaching and quickly accepts it with joy. But she does not let the teaching go deep into her life, so she keeps it only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the teaching she accepted, she quickly gives up.

And what is the seed that fell among the thorny weeds? That seed is like the person who hears the teaching but let worries about this life and the temptation of wealth stop that teaching from growing. So the teaching does not produce fruit in that person's life.


But what is the seed that fell on the good ground? That seed is like the person who hears the teaching and understands it. That person grows and produces fruit, sometimes a hundred times more, sometimes sixty times more, and sometimes thirty times more. (Matthew's Gospel. New Century Version)

I hope our gardens, allotments and fields crop well this year and so too the yield from God's words planted into our lives.

Blessings

David

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Intersessions led by</u>
All Saint's Dummer	2 July 11.00am	Melanie Gill		
All Saint's Dummer	9 July 11.00am	Possibly in Farleigh		
St Andrew's, Farleigh	16 July 11.00am	Bernard Cazenove	To be advised	
St Martin's Ellisfield	23 July 11.00am	Bernard Cazenove	Dee Haas and Caroline Allen	
St Andrew's, Farleigh	30 July 11.15am	Lord Lymington	To be advised	
All Saint's Dummer	6 Aug 11.15am	Melanie Gill		
St Martin's Ellisfield	27 Aug 11.00am	Nicky Palmer	To be advised	To be advised
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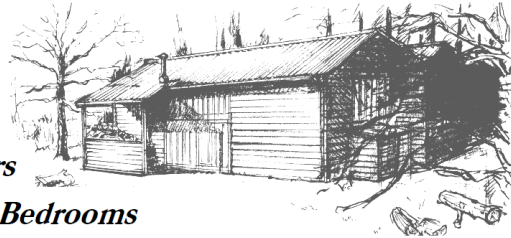
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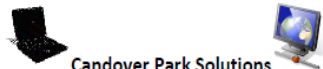
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All Saint's Dummer		
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Cleaning	<b>July</b>  <b>August</b>	Alison Gower & Christine Northam  Debra Mann & Alice Miller
Flowers	<b>July</b>  <b>August</b>	Karen O'Connor & Cathy Robertson  Patty Palmer Tomkinson & Clare Wilmot-Sitwell
Coffee	<b>July 16th</b>  <b>August 20th</b>	Clare Wilmot Sitwell  Anita Austin (Possible no service)
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## Summary of the Annual Church Parish Meeting. April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The total number of people on the electoral roll in the Parish of Farleigh is now 152, reduced from 159 last year. Although there is a general trend to a reduction in overall numbers there have been some new members this year as well as some people moving away. This has led to a fall in voluntary donations and a reduction in income and along with an enormously increased energy cost, we. As a result, we were unable to pay our full Parish Share (CMF), leaving £30,000 unpaid of £64,317 (2021: £58,105). This is disappointing after the seven previous years that this has been paid in full. The Parish of Farleigh contribution for 2023 has fallen by £4,366 to £59,951.39.

After 10 years as Treasurer, Eamonn Harding is standing down and we offered thanks for the work that Eamonn has given to this role over the years. We welcome Mrs Hannah Houstin-Lacey to take over bookkeeping and Treasurer roles; approval for this was granted at this meeting. Hannah has lived in Ellisfield for over 20 years and is a qualified bookkeeper. She was warmly welcomed onto the PCC to take on the financial roles. The meeting proposed a vote of thanks to Eamonn Harding for the years of service he has given to the PCC as Treasurer and other roles.

David Chattell gave particular thanks to the Church Wardens and to the PCC and DCC representatives and to those who have helped with lay led services in the past year.

Efforts continue to fill the vacant 'house for duty post' in the Benefice, which was recently re-advertised. It continues to be difficult to get retired clergy though the registry, however there is a possibility of help from a recently retired priest living in Basingstoke. In the meantime, the meeting gave thanks to David for keeping the rota going during this period and for the extra services that he manages to take each Sunday.

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The lessons will be delivered by the PGA golf professionals, Mark & Liam, supported by members of the Ladies section at Alresford Golf Club taking advantage of the excellent practice facilities on offer. There will be two coaching courses, the first one for girls between 5 and 11yrs of age and the second for girls aged between 12 and 18yrs of age. Each course will be preceded by a 1 hour free taster session.

The dates of the courses are:

**5 to 11 yr olds**

After the Free Taster Session Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Lesson 1 was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

After that sessions are held every Wednesday between 4.30 and 5.30 up to and inc. 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**12 to 18 yr olds**

After the Free Taster Session Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June , Lesson 1 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 4.30 to 5.30

Then every Wednesday between 4.30 and 5.30 up to and inc. 26<sup>th</sup> July. The cost will be £40 per girl to include all sessions and each player will receive a certificate of participation, a GGR polo shirt, water bottle and draw string bag..

The programme is open to all so If you have daughters, granddaughters, nieces, friends or neighbours who may wish to take advantage of this excellent opportunity we look forward to welcoming both you and them at one of the free Taster sessions.

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### **Hello From Claire**

'The only thing I have to say – it's a good year for the roses'  
Don't know why – certainly not from receiving any TLC from me!  
I only wish the roses would do well, and the ground elder wouldn't.  
And on the subject of roses – why is it so many new varieties have no scent?  
The beauty of a rose is only complimented by the headiness of its perfume,  
why interfere with perfection! Rant over.

### **What's been happening?**

**Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> 730 for 745 start – Kat Freeman “Help your plants thrive the natural way”. Imperium Organics**

I used this after meeting Kat at Newbury Garden Show last year and saw amazing results despite being very erratic with the follow-up watering and feeds. So, I bought some more after the meeting. And I can honestly say I'm shocked at what's happened. I have one rose that didn't get planted out last season, poor thing left neglected in its small pot, not even enough soil to fill to the top. Gave it a good soak with Imperium 2 weeks ago – hasn't been watered other than rain before or after – and I've got 2 inches of new growth in 5 or 6 places. The parsley is doubled in size; sage/mint/gladioli – even the show fuchsia is growing now. Am I going to be buying some more???? Absolutely. If you missed out and would like to order: [www.imperiumorganics.co.uk](http://www.imperiumorganics.co.uk) or 01279714970 or enquiries@imperiumorganics.co.uk

### **What's coming up?**

#### **Garden Visits**

#### **13th June 6.30 pm**

Garden Visit to Fairbank, Old Odiham Road, Alton, owned by Jane and Robin Lees (01420 866650) Full report in next issue

#### **Friday July 21st at 2.00pm - still time to book your place on this one!**

#### **Behind The Scenes at Hardy's Nursery**

<https://www.hardysplants.co.uk/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-hardy-perennial>  
A look behind the scenes at Hardy's Nursery, well known to us for the success they have had producing top quality cottage garden plants. Hardy's Garden Plants, Priory Lane Nursery, Freefolk Priors, Whitchurch RG28 7FA  
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Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School.

What a fun packed and exciting half term we have had. The children have been having a great time getting ready for Father's Day with some beautiful cards and key rings. This was alongside an under the sea theme, where there have been everything from pictures to hanging fish ornaments.

Some key dates in July, we have the leavers presentation on the 19<sup>th</sup> July @11am, so please note there will be NO preschool on this day. We are sad to be saying goodbye to 10 of our children this term, but also looking forward to all the new children joining us in September. There is also a stay and play session on the 14<sup>th</sup> July @1:30pm.

We have been getting in lots of our normal outdoor play and learning but also getting lots of time with our new colourful parachute where the children have had a wonderful time playing with, in and on this.

We would like to wish everyone a great summer break and look forward to seeing the retuning faces and new in September.

## Water: A Precious But Limited Resource

In England, we're lucky enough that access to clean drinking water requires only a turn of the tap. This incredible natural resource is so readily available, in fact, that we can easily forget about its limitations. But recent summers have painted a worrying picture: increasing demand coupled with insufficient supply.

The UK's population is set to increase by around four million people by 2045. Climate change is shifting our weather towards longer dry spells interspersed with flash flooding. Even in today's conditions, a period of extreme drought would result in a water supply deficit of 500 million litres per day – enough to supply three million people.

This is a problem because our primary water sources – lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and aquifers – have a limited supply. What's more, if too much water is taken then waterbodies can grow overly warm and shallow. Oxygen is lost and pollutants become concentrated. Amazing animals like the mayfly and brown trout can overheat and suffocate.

To address this pressing problem, England's water companies are required to create Water Resources Management Plans. These documents detail how they intend to balance water supply and demand for at least the next 25 years. New plans for 2024 are currently in development, and they will have huge implications for nature.

If you would like to explore your water company's draft Water Resources Management Plan, it will be available somewhere on their website. Southern Water's, for example, can be read at [www.southernwater.co.uk/water-resources](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/water-resources). Unfortunately, the plans themselves can be lengthy, technical, and difficult to decipher.

To unravel this important but complex topic, we're holding two free online talks this August. Our speakers will explore the context and contents of the 2024 plans, including their potential impact on our rare and precious chalk streams:

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**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – 730 for refreshments before meeting**

### **Hosta cuttings and Aeroponics – Johnathan Hogarth**

'Mr. Jonathan Hogarth is a hosta fanatic. When he married, he and his wife bought a house which came with just one hosta. His neighbour showed him how to look after it and that was the start of his fascination with hostas. Soon he was seeking out specialist nurseries and joined the British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society. He has been cultivating and caring for his diverse collection of miniature hostas ever since. His passion for these plants has seen him create what is now Hogarth Hostas. He shows his plants at many prestigious flower shows and he is chair of the Hosta Society. He is the UK National Collection Holder for Small and Miniature Hostas. At the Hampton Court Flower Show last year, he designed his display around the aeroponics 'cuttings' unit. The idea was well received by the RHS Judges who awarded it Gold and then gave it the further honour of being selected as the Best Exhibit in his section.'\*

\*Taken from a write-up by another society. I think it safe to say we'll learn a lot from Mr Hogarth!

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Cliddesden Millenium Hall SUMMER SHOW**

Staging of exhibits 9.20-10.40

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

Email Steve Bowcutt on [stephen.bowcutt@outlook.com](mailto:stephen.bowcutt@outlook.com) to join

See you at the next meeting. Happy gardening! Claire



### Fundraiser Pete Evans

Last month I gave details about my son's fundraising walk from Coast to Coast starting in the west at St Bees and ending in the east at Robin Hood's Bay.

Pete sent details of his walk each day and those on his WhatsApp group enjoyed following closely the ups and downs of his walk. Pete was walking in support for the Not-Forgotten and MacMillan Cancer charities.

In his walk of 192 miles from Cumbria to Yorkshire, Pete tackled the challenge solo, hiking in all weathers with all of his gear in a 12kg pack and wild camping most of the way.

His regular updates and photos made it feel almost like we were there with him, minus the sore feet!

Pete raised an incredible £1,500 to be split between the two charities.

Many thanks to all who supported Pete on his walk. Both charities will benefit from his magnificent efforts. Thank you Pete!



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

### **High Summer and Harvest**

High summer of July and August sees harvest come and go, the conclusion of this year's crops, nurtured for up to 11 months, when fields are cleared ready for the start of the next cropping year. These months are often busy with holidays, especially if you have children and are tied to school terms.

This year we have had a reaction to the cold weather in the spring with a long spell of high pressure over northern Europe giving us in the southeast days and days of warm sunshine. At first a cold wind blew from the east keeping the mornings and evenings cool. That didn't last long before light breezes took over and the mercury started to climb.

Rain, until early May a frequent visitor, left the area and waited a long time before making a dramatic reappearance as thunderstorms in early June.

### **Crops Need Sun**

The annual excitement of hope over experience is building as predictions of crop yields are made. Years of high yields have been years when the sun has shone. Overcast years are usually disappointing in terms of crop output, as the energy of the sun is needed to make starch to fill the grains. Moisture as rain is very welcome, but again it seems that the crop plants are good at foraging available moisture from the soils. Even a good dew will be a huge help. The microclimate at soil level is very different from the conditions at the top of the crop. The steady move to No-Till crop establishment and management is beginning to give more resilient soils with better soil structure and organic matter, vital for retaining moisture.

Cutting your grass short is a sure way to dry the soil out and stop growth hastening a brown lawn.

### **Concerns Over How Few Insects There Seem to be This Year**

The cold spring may have been responsible for the apparent slow build-up of numbers of insects. The effect of lack of insects earlier will have been that the food chain didn't get a good start, as the bottom of the chain was depleted and didn't get going until the warmer days arrived. This has delayed the plants and animals that rely on this protein rich food source.

There has been a lot of catch-up and the numbers seem to be building well now, responding to the conditions.

There is time for recovery, and I look forward to the summer watching the changes, hoping for a bumper supply of food in the countryside. Already, after a wonderful May flowering, it looks as if there will be a good berry crop.



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### **CLIDDESSEN WI**

In May we incorporated our AGM into our ordinary meeting and Pat Doel welcomed everybody to the hall. There were apologies from several members. Pat told us that nominations for the committee were complete. All three officers were standing down and Julia Ross has replaced Pauline as Secretary and Suzanne Sinclair has replaced me as Treasurer. Pauline read her very comprehensive report of our activities over the past year. It was so nice to reflect on all our meetings, which included the celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday – quite an achievement for the village. Her report was followed by the Treasurer's report where I presented the accounts for the year. The President, Pat's then read her report in which she thanked everybody for their work over the year including all the officers who were standing down and Margaret another Committee member. She wished us all well for the future.

As Pat was standing down as President Tricia gave her thanks on behalf of all of us for her hard work over the years especially as she had stepped in at a critical moment to take over the role. Without this action the group could well have folded.

All the reports were proposed and seconded, and the AGM drew to a close. The AGM was followed by tea, coffee and delicious cakes to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. We taxed our brains with a quiz about the coronation during this interval.

We then got into the business of the Ordinary meeting. In this meeting we voted for and appointed Janet Fagg as our new President with Pat Rampton as Vice President and we wish them well in their roles. Various other matters were discussed including changing our Bank account. Our present bankers are now charging us for the account despite the fact we are a registered charity. Members agreed to the change, and this is now well in hand. All in all, a very busy meeting and we are now looking forward to the events of the coming year.

**Next meetings**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am**  
**'Tales from the Green Room'**  
**Speaker: Alan Grace**

**Continued overleaf**

Cliddesden WI (Cont.)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 10.30am  
'The Gambia – a Birding Treat'  
Speaker: Dave Levy

Please come along to these meetings if you are interested in our group or the subjects of the talks. You will be most welcome.

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## Benefice Recipes

Well at last a little warmth, the garden's getting going and the allotment is coming along great guns. We're looking forward to lovely fresh veg, you can't beat it. The asparagus has been a real treat and the amount it grows in a day staggering.



### The recipe this time is for Tuscan Chicken

Serves 6

#### Ingredients

6 large skinless chicken thighs or medium breasts if you prefer.  
2 tbsps plain flour, 2 tsp paprika, 2 tbsp olive or sunflower oil  
1 large onion, finely chopped, 1 large red pepper, deseeded and finely chopped  
2 garlic cloves crushed, 2 tsp tomato purée  
1 oz sun blush tomatoes, chopped, 150ml chicken stock  
150ml white wine, 150ml double cream, 150g spinach  
55g grated Parmesan, Salt and pepper

#### Method

- Place the chicken in a bowl with the flour and paprika and season with salt and pepper.  
Toss together with the chicken to coat.
- Heat the oil in a large deep pan over a high heat. Add the chicken and fry for 3-4 minutes on each side till browned and crisp. Set aside.
- Turn the heat down and add the onion and red pepper to the unwashed pan and fry for 4-5 minutes over a medium heat, until soft (you may need a bit more oil) add the garlic and fry for 30 seconds.
- Stir in the tomato purée, sun blush tomatoes, wine, and stock. Bring to the boil then return the chicken to the pan along with any resting juices.  
Cover, reduce the heat, and simmer for about 30 minutes until tender.
- Add the cream and spinach and stir until wilted.  
Remove from the heat, sprinkle over the Parmesan and serve with a crisp salad and some crusty bread.

Enjoy the summer sun we've waited long enough for it.

Tracey

## Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club

### AKA 'The Film Club'

It has been pointed out to me that few, if anyone, knows about "Rotten Tomatoes" so here's an explanation; "Rotten Tomatoes" is a website which aggregates reviewer ratings of films both of professional reviewers and audiences. The name "Rotten Tomatoes" is misleading as historically rotten tomatoes were thrown when audiences disliked what they were watching, in this case the higher the rating, the higher the approval. I use the audience ratings to give a feel for reaction to the film in case anyone is interested.

**Thursday 6 July - *Mama Mia Here we go again!*** (2018, 114 minutes, Certificate PG)

a jukebox musical romantic comedy film written and directed by Ol Parker, It is the sequel to the 2008 film *Mamma Mia!*, again using the music of AB-BA. The film features an ensemble cast, including Dominic Cooper, Amanda Seyfried, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgård, Lily James, Julie Walters, Andy García, Meryl Streep, and Cher. Both a prequel and a sequel, the plot is set after the events of the previous film, and is intersected with flashbacks to Donna's youth in 1979, with some scenes from the two time periods mirroring each other.

Rotten Tomatoes -66%

**Thursday - 3 August - *The Dressmaker*** (2015, 118 minutes, certificate 15)

An Australian comedy-drama film co-written and directed by Jocelyn Moorhouse, It stars Kate Winslet as the eponymous central character, a femme fatale who returns to a small Australian town to take care of her ailing, mentally unstable mother. The film explores the themes of revenge and creativity and was described by Moorhouse as "Clint Eastwood's *Unforgiven* with a sewing machine".

**Thursday 7 September - *What we did on our holiday***, (2014, 95 minutes, certificate 12) *Not to be confused with "What We Did on Our Holidays"* which is totally different in all respects.

A British comedy-drama film written and directed by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin. The film, starring David Tennant, Rosamund Pike, and Billy Connolly, was inspired by, the BBC show *Outnumbered*.

Set in a large house on the coast of the Scottish Highlands, a family gather to celebrate Grandad's 75th birthday with a lavish party. The usual family resentments surface.... The relationship between Grandad and the children is an absolute delight.

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

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## SUMMER FETE

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023

From 12noon to 3pm

At Cliddesden Primary School

Entry - £1 per adult - children go free!

*Our main fundraising event for the school is our Summer Fete and BBQ  
with plenty of stalls and fun activities for the whole family!*



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# Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July (end of term party)

Happy Summer Holidays

9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September

0 - 4 years old and their grown-ups

A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us

Cost: £2 donation per family



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## Cliddesden Primary School



Our wonderful Year 6 children took their SATs tests. As you may well have read in the media, the tests were controversially very challenging this year. However, our children demonstrated the school value of resilience and tried their very best. They were focused and didn't show any stress.

We rewarded them with a tasty, cooked breakfast every day and after the final test the children had an afternoon of bowling at



The Hollywood Bowl



Our Year 2 children letting off steam and enjoying fun and games on the field following their SATs tests.



On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Chestnut class was lucky enough to have Mr Wood present an interactive workshop on Morse code. We learnt all about how Morse code was invented and how it has been used over the years.

We looked at how Morse Code was used on the Titanic and why the distress signal was not received quickly enough to help. The class decoded their own



messages and were able to send messages on a replica morse code machine. The afternoon was very interesting and informative.

On Monday 5th June, Chestnut Class visited the SeaCity Museum in Southampton. When we arrived, we had a guided tour of the Titanic Story exhibition. We impressed the tour guide with our knowledge of the Titanic and also learnt lots of new facts.

After the tour, we took part in a workshop where we rotated around four stations. We had the opportunity to look at and hold artefacts from the Titanic, trying to guess what each one was and

what it was used for. Secondly, we had the challenge of deciding who we would put on the lifeboats, making sure the woman and children were on first and there was a crew member to row. After that, we learnt more morse code and looked at a replica morse code machine, before coding our own messages. Finally, we investigated how many leaking compartments it takes to sink a ship using a pipette and an ice cube tray.

At the end of our workshop, four of us dressed up as people from the Titanic (2nd Officer Charles Lightoller, Ida Strauss, Shawneena and Fred Fleet) as we learned about their journey.

After lunch, we had a self-guided tour around the two exhibitions of the museum: Southampton's Titanic Story, our history topic and Gateway to the World, our Geography topic. While looking around the exhibitions, we had to find specific artefacts and people in order to answer questions.

We had a fantastic day sharing our existing knowledge and learning new facts.

As part of our Amazing Animals learning theme, the children in Willow class dressed up as explorers and travelled to Manaus! The classroom was transformed into an aeroplane ready to fly the children to Manaus in Brazil.



**Candover Valley Pre-School** (within Preston Candover Primary School)

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

More news from the  
Pre school after the children  
and their carers have  
enjoyed a long summer break

Have fun all of you!



ANNOUNCING A PET SERVICE FOR ALL  
THE FARLEIGH BENEFICE  
HOSTED AT ALL SAINTS' DUMMER ON  
JULY 2ND AT 11.00AM.

ALL PETS (or their photos) WELCOME  
AT THIS SHORT  
INFORMAL CHILD-FRIENDLY SERVICE.

REFRESHMENTS FOR HUMANS AND  
ANIMALS AFTER THE SERVICE.

The children had packed their rucksacks full of useful things ready for their flight.

As the children arrived at Gatwick airport, they were greeted by British Airways flight attendants. They were guided through to a scanner to check their backpacks. Pushing the tray through the scanner was fun! Next, the children had to walk through the metal detector to check for any metal objects. Sometimes it went beep and the children looked for metal bits on their coats as the flight attendants scanned them again.

At Passport control, the class had the passports they had made, checked and stamped. The children were shown to the Departure lounge where they relaxed with some holiday magazines!

Our flight to Manaus was then announced and seat numbers were called. The children checked their number then went onboard to match their ticket to a seat.

After our safety checks, we set off, watching the pilot in the cockpit and the ground get further away. It was very noisy and the children had to pop their ears once we reached the clouds and higher!

There was time for inflight food and drink served by the air stewards.

Once the plane had landed and the seatbelt signs were turned off, the children went to Arrivals to meet their guide. They shared their backpack contents with the guide who helped them decide if they were going to be useful.

Now the children were ready to explore. They spotted and counted many animals. The binoculars were the most useful item in their backpacks.

After a camp lunch, the guide helped the children find and draw some of the animals.

The children had a great experience, and we hope this will inspire them to find out more about these amazing animals in the next few weeks.



Neil from Chance to Shine Cricket came into school to run cricket workshops with the children from Years 1 to 6. On a lovely sunny day, perfect for cricket, the children learnt a variety of cricket skills. The Year 5s even got to test their bowling speeds with a speed gun. Well done to Aiden who achieved a bowling speed of 40mph! Our cricket team will be taking part in the district competition in June. We are hoping for another Cliddesden sporting success.

Our Tag Rugby team travelled to Overton Rugby Club to take part in The Rams Head festival. Victors in the



Norman League earlier this year, they qualified to play against the top teams from the other seven leagues across Basingstoke and north Hampshire.

The team started well with victories against Sherborne St John, Echinswell and Longparish. We then lost narrowly to Great Binfields, drew against Hurstborne Tarrant and were beaten by Oakley

and Castle Hill, finishing in 5th place overall. This wasn't a disappointment though, as we knew the competition would be tough. Oakley once again were the overall winners.

A special mention goes to Tyler who throughout all the competitions, scored the most tries for Cliddesden. His speed and agility are exceptional.

At the end we were awarded the cup for winning the Norman League for the first time since 2018. It was a special day as it marked Roger Filbey's last competition. Roger has been organising the leagues and festivals for countless years and will be missed. We thank him for his dedication. We hope to continue a league next year with other local schools.

**Please visit our website: [Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk) to find out more about our school.**  
Paula Lavender

# DUMMER BEER FEST

**DUMMER VILLAGE HALL IN ASSOC WITH  
DUMMER DOWN FARM**



**BEER FESTIVAL**

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**7:30pm Until Late**

**Saturday 30th Sept 2023**

**DUMMER DOWN FARM**



**All Saint's Church  
September 2023  
(date to be confirmed)**

**Twelve Hours.  
The story of Jane Austen's engagement.**

Written by Phil Howe.

The play is about a real event. Jane Austen accepted of an offer of marriage from Harris Bigg-Wither, the owner of the Manydown estate and rejected it twelve hours later.

It is a big decision to say, "Yes," to a marriage proposal. It is an even bigger decision to change your mind overnight.

This one woman monologue recreates an intense event in her life that is often overlooked. This drama is approached with sentiment, humour and respect.

The play, which lasts approximately 55 mins will be performed as a costumed read-through. Phil Howe will be available afterwards for a Q&A session and signings of the book, Twelve Hours.

There are many links to All Saints Church and Jane Austen, most noticeably the engagement between Michael Terry (of Dummer House and the Rectory) and Jane's niece Jane Anna.

Refreshments £15 per person

Promoter: Lyn Hardy  
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## **Dummer**

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10<sup>th</sup> of the month)*

### **About Dummer**

Sadly, we have had many much-respected members of our Community pass recently.

#### **Robert Crook.**

Robert "Bob" Crook slipped quietly and peacefully from this world on the 11<sup>th</sup> May aged 91 to join his beloved wife Rene who had died on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 aged 90. Bob was a local man living with his parents at The Barracks in North Waltham until the family moved to Bible Field when the houses were built in 1950. Rene joined them on their marriage, and they raised two children, Susan and Alan. Rene cared for her parents-in-law while Bob worked for his family starting in his teens gardening at Farleigh House. He met Rene at The Joint Nursery in Basingstoke and gardening was the joy of his life until a few years before his passing. His career was varied. He joined the RAF and served for five years, he then worked until retirement at Lansing Bagnall. In his spare time, he did painting and decorating for many in the village and could turn his hand to most things. Bob Rene and Bob are greatly missed.

#### **Michael Williams**

Michael Williams passed away in December 2022 after a short illness in Winchester Hospital. Mike was Postmaster in Dummer for nearly 20 years and leaves his wife Shamim and daughter Sara. He worked hard delivering goods and newspapers during that time until the shop closed. He too is sadly missed.

#### **All Saints' Church**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May Charles Palmer Tomkinson led us in Matins and he gave a marvellous talk on Reincarnation. It concerned a friend who consistently had a dream that he was involved in the Battle of Arnhem. In doing research he had found that this person he believed was in the battle, did actually exist. I am not going to say any more about this as Charlie's daughter, the author Santa Montefiore, has incorporated this into her latest novel, which will be published in July.

An equally fascinating talk was given at our Sunday Special on 4<sup>th</sup> June by Sir Crispin Davis. The title was Charities, The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly. There were many interesting and also emotional stories of the work of the smaller charities. We have invited Crispin to speak to us again of his personal experiences as it is such a vast subject. After the service we enjoyed wine or

coffee in the lovely Rose Garden of Dummer House.

Thank you to Alex for another well thought out service and also thanks to her, John H and Michael H-K for organising and serving the refreshments afterwards.

Fellowship Sunday. A Service for the whole Parish of Farleigh and Community. July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

We welcome you all and your Pets. There will be a short talk from Lori Samolyk. Please see our poster. Please stay for refreshments.

There will only be one service in All Saints during August which will be a Sunday Special at the normal time of 11:15 on August 6th. The organ is being removed for cleaning and will not be reinstalled until later on in August so we are taking the opportunity to see and hear as to how the organ works etc

Lyn H  
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### The Sicilian Invasion. July 1943

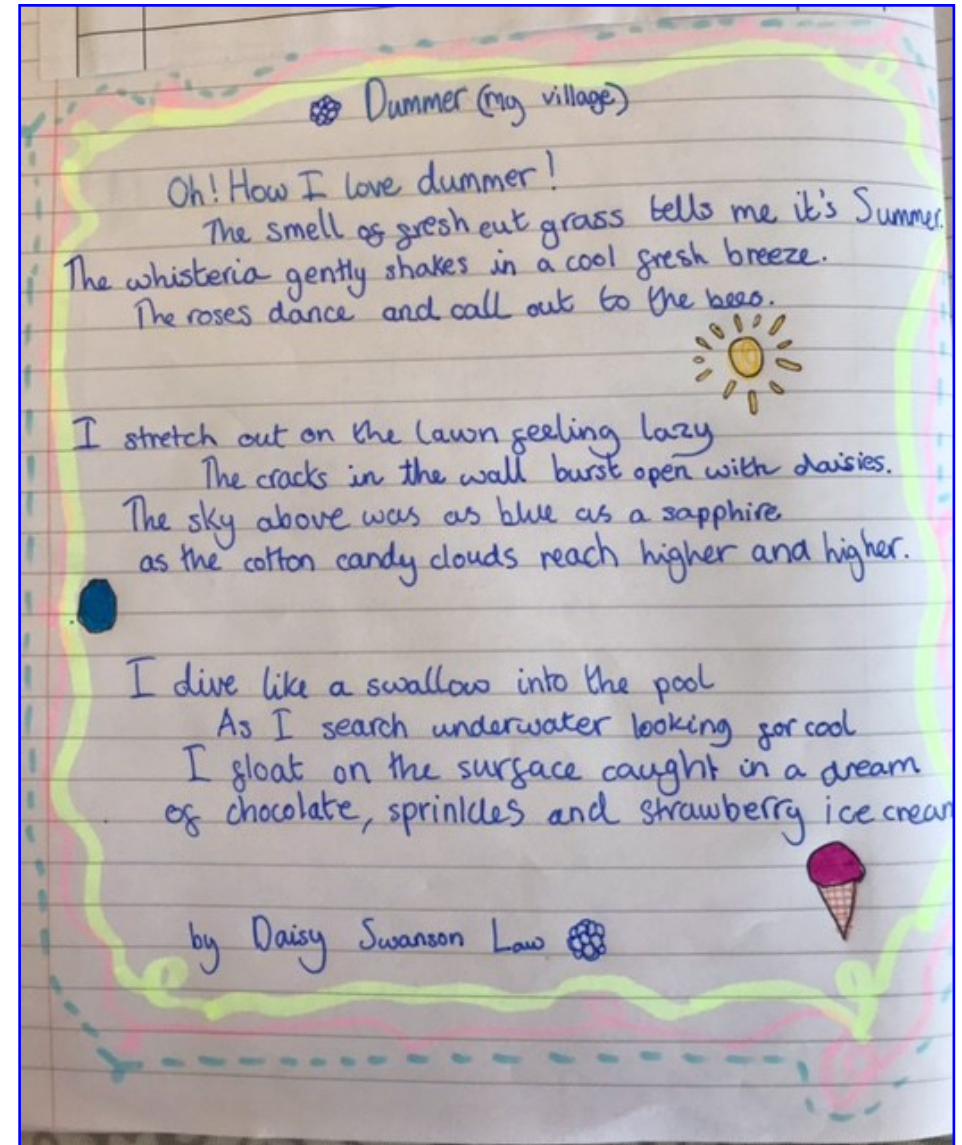
On the night of 9<sup>th</sup> July and early morning 10<sup>th</sup> July an invasion was to take place that would change WWII. Without this invasion the landing on D-Day would not have been the success that it was. Devised by Montgomery and American Generals (Patton and Mearthur), it distracted the Germans and drew them away from Italy where they believed they had a stronghold. This removed thousands of German troops from France to Greece and gave the Allies time to regroup and recoup for the invasion of the Normandy beaches.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1943, Spanish fishermen recovered the body of a Major William Martin. His personal effects, including his briefcase handcuffed to his wrist were given to the Germans. Documents in the briefcase led the Germans to believe the Allies would invade Sardinia and Greece. Hitler moved entire divisions away from Sicily and Southern Italy to prepare for attacks. "Major Martin" was a homeless man who had committed suicide and his body plus a new id was floated into the Med to deflect what has happening in Sicily.

My Father was involved in operation Husky, the initial and biggest invasion of Sicily and Southern Italy. My father always called it the forgotten invasion and, indeed, no mention has been made of this important battle that took place 80 years ago on any TV channel although the BBC is concentrating on D-Day. There were more Allied casualties than on D-Day. There may still be some of those who fought in that invasion still alive.

I have some mementoes of the battle that I will display on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July which some might like to view.

Lyn H



This delightful poem was Daisy's homework for the week end.