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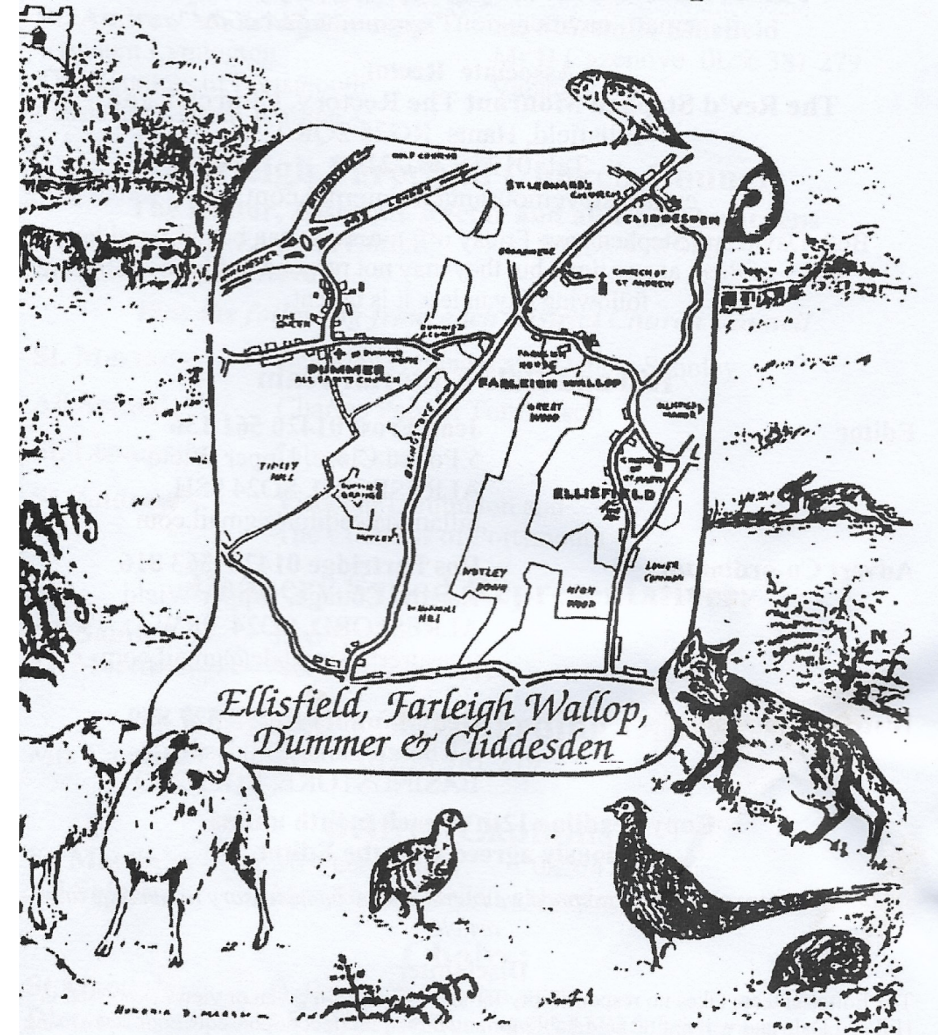
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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP DC
09:30	Wield	Matins DC
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer IT
11:00	Northington	Holy Baptism DC
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special
4pm	Brown Candover	Farewell Service DC & JG

Readings *Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22*

*Psalm 19*

Sermon "Cleansing of the temple"

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

08:00	Dummer	Holy Communion IT
09:45	Ellisfield	Morning Prayer IT
10:00	Preston Candover	Mothering Sunday Family Service JG
11:15	Cliddesden	Family Holy Communion IT
18:00	Wield	Evensong PR

Readings *Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3 :14-21*

*Psalm 107*

Sermon "Look up and be saved"

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9.00	Wield	Holy Communion BCP IT
9:45	Dummer	Morning Prayer
10:00	Preston Candover	Holy Communion IT
11.15	Cliddesden	Family Service PR

Readings *Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33*

*Psalm 51*

Sermon "Walking in the dark...?"



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 11:00 Brown Candover Family Morning Worship IT  
 11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion +D  
 Readings *Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-end*

*Psalm 31*

Sermon *"Lies, betrayal, corruption, hatred and desertion"*

**Thursday 28th March Maundy Thursday**

7pm Bradley Holy Communion IT  
 Readings Exodus 12:1-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**

10am Northington to Wield Walk of Witness JG & +D  
 2pm Dummer 'An hour at the Cross' Bishop David

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday**

09:30 Wield Family Holy Communion +D  
 09:45 Dummer Family Holy Communion IT  
 11:15 Cliddesden Family Holy Communion PR  
 11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion IT  
 11:00 Preston Candover Family Holy Communion +D  
 11:00 Northington Family Holy Communion JG  
 4pm Brown Candover Family Easter Worship and tea following. +D  
 Readings *Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18*

*Psalm 118*

Sermon *"He is risen"*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP IT  
 09:30 Wield Matins PR  
 09:45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer IT  
 10:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer JG  
 11:00 Northington Holy Communion ?? JG??  
 11.15 Dummer Sunday Special  
 Readings *Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-end*

*Psalm 133*

Sermon *"We have seen the Lord"*

## Dear Friends

Goodbye and thank you. Thank you for all your warm comments and good wishes sent to me and Ruth as we leave the benefice. Since arriving on April 1<sup>st</sup> in 2011 I have had the privilege of sharing in folk's lives in many different ways. Not least of which has been sharing the joy of couples in the solemnisation of marriage, the delight of holding newly born children at the font for baptism and helping many families with funerals. There has been so much more beside that, and I have enjoyed many conversations about faith, the privilege of listening to troubles shared or hopes explored and living in a beautiful area with you.

Some parting thoughts; firstly, I wonder what impresses you? An Oxford vicar now in his late fifties said that as a fit young man he was impressed by strength and physical prowess. In his twenties it was by academia as his friends gained graduate and post grad degrees. In his thirties he was impressed by business success as the financially able with business acumen accumulated wealth and made money, lots of it! He reflects now with the perspective of years that what impresses him most is human kindness. None of us needs to be very successful in anything to be kind, for it is always within our reach. In wedding services, we often hear St Paul's writing on love, described as patient and kind, that forgives and forgets, looks for the best and never ends, and concludes that without love all our abilities and talents are worth nothing, so primary and principle is love to a flourishing human life.

As we often reflect, we do live in a beautiful area, and feel deep appreciation for the blessings bestowed through countryside and communities.

Sometimes I wonder at two things, firstly with appreciation for those who are quietly kind with common courtesy through to philanthropy, and secondly, I am surprised by unkindness, why treat people worthy of respect, badly or with contempt?

When I left teaching to 'enter the church' I quoted from St Paul to staff at my send off from Romans 1 that 'I am not ashamed of the gospel as it is the power of God for salvation' that we all need. The gospel, or good news, of Jesus is that there is real effect and power in Christian truth, that Jesus has wonderfully made a way to approach God and to receive from him the blessing of forgiveness of sin and hope of eternal life. This message has power to change us inside since it 'does what it says on the tin' and over the centuries so many have found in Christ, wonderful things. God who is impressively strong, powerful who knows everything and with great creative power made all things and owns all things is fundamentally kind. The gospel is essentially God's kindness towards us and for us all, even those who treat God with contempt there's invitation to receive from him! The gospel message though is like an RSVP, and we do need to consider our response!

Farewell and God bless,  
David



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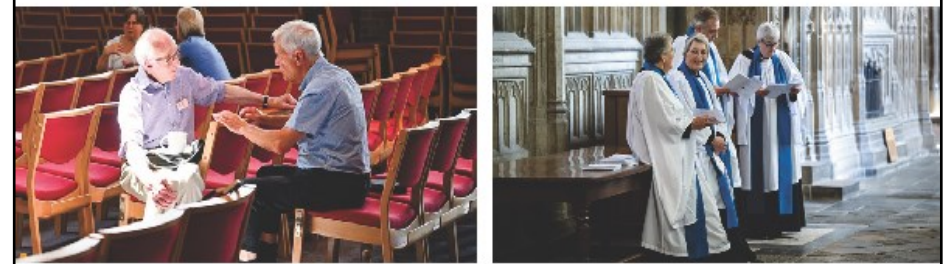
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<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Service led by/ intercessions</u>
All Saint's Dummer	3 Mar 11.15am	Melanie Gill		Lay led
All Saint's Dummer	10 Mar 8.00am	Shirley Powell		Led by Ian T
All Saint's Dummer	17 Mar 9.45am	Mervyn Mann	Charlie Palmer Tomkinson Jan Marks	Lay Led
All Saint's Dummer	24 Mar 9.45am	Lyn Hardy	John Holden Claire Wilmot Stitwell	Led by Bishop David
All Saint's Dummer	29 Mar 2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross		Led by Bishop David
All Saint's Dummer	31 Mar 9.45am	Michael Hill King	Brian Gazzard Michael Hill King	Led by Ian T
All Saint's Dummer	7 April	Jeremy Glyn		Lay led
St Martin's Ellisfield	3 Mar 8.00am	Lucinda Rule		
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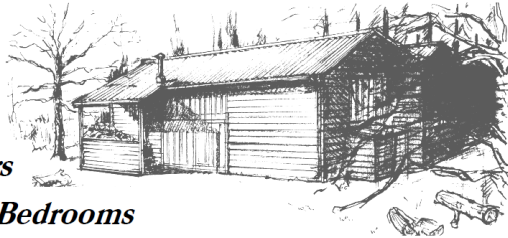
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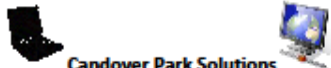
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## Reverend Ian Thaker

The Reverend Ian Thacker will be taking services in the vacancy created by David Chattell's departure, in the Benefice of Farleigh, Candovers and Wield.

Ian was the Lead Chaplain at Huntercombe Prison for twenty years before his retirement to the area. Prior to that he was a Radiologist in a hospital.

His telephone number is on the website, and he will be pleased to make pastoral visits and get to know our communities better.

### **Inventing the Universe:**

#### **Why we can't stop talking about science, faith and God. (2015)**

By Rev Prof Alistair McGrath. Amongst many things once Principal of Wycliffe Hall theological college, Oxford.

We just can't stop talking about the big questions around science and faith. They haven't gone away...in fact, we seem to talk about them more than ever....religion continues to grow around the world. Meanwhile, Richard Dawkins and the New Atheists argue that religion is at war with science - and that we must choose between them.

What if science and faith might *enrich* each other? What if they can together give us a deep and satisfying understanding of life?

Alister McGrath, one of the world's leading authorities on science and religion, engages with the big questions that Dawkins and others have raised - including origins, the burden of proof, the meaning of life, the existence of God and our place in the universe. Informed by the best and latest scholarship, *Inventing the Universe* is a groundbreaking new primer for the complex yet fascinating relationship between science and faith.

*Amazon review.*

### **Pollinators, Honeybees and the Asian Hornet – why should you care?**

You may have heard about Asian Hornets in the news recently, as last year the UK has suffered its biggest incursion to date of this non-native species. We have gone from just a single nest in 2016 to 72 nests in 2023.

#### **Why should any of us care, though?**

Whilst the Asian Hornet does not pose any more danger to people than our native European Hornet, it is a prolific hunter of insects – eating ALL pollinators – but especially a threat to honeybees. Honeybees are conveniently housed in hives by us humans and this has made their colonies something of an Asian Hornet's equivalent to a MacDonaldis drive-thru.

France was particularly badly hit last year, and the fear is that the hornets are homing in on the UK to take up permanent residence next. Number-crunchers have estimated that the economic impact of the loss of bee colonies in France could amount to €30.8 million per year and other estimated losses throughout Europe are huge.

For all you keen gardeners, walkers, tree surgeons ... it is worth knowing that Asian Hornets are much more aggressive than our native European Hornet if you get too close to their nest. Beekeepers who have been to talks by the experts have heard first-hand witness to an Asian Hornet attack and they say it is not something that they would want repeated ...

#### **So, what is being done and what can you do to help?**

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A public awareness campaign has been initiated by DEFRA, the NNSS (Non-Native Species Secretariat), APHA (Animal & Plant Health Agency) and NBU (National Bee Unit). Among them, these departments aim to make as many people and organisations as possible aware of this species, to both help control its spread and to protect employees and the public.

Beekeepers across the nation, and across Europe, are uniting to try and stop the spread. It is an uphill battle, and we need as many eyes as possible to help us! Research by experienced insect geneticists is revealing that just one queen introduced to France in 2004 may be responsible for the spread of the entire invasion we have now. But when a nest is spotted and destroyed, the rate of proliferation is considerably slowed.

Most beekeeping associations will have a team of volunteers to help raise awareness, assist the NBU and monitor sightings, etc.

If you think you spot an Asian Hornet, try to take a photo and note exactly where you are. Download the **Asian Hornet Watch App** on your phone and report your sighting, using the photo you took. 'Or if you prefer you can send a photo via [www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport](http://www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport).

The photo will be automatically sent to the NBU and inspectors will come to the site as soon as possible. Please do not attempt to catch or kill the hornet. It is essential that it can be traced back to its nest and for the nest to be destroyed. licensed staff from APHA and the NBU take over to track down and destroy the nest. It is illegal for non-licensed organisations to do this.

We are grateful for all the help you can give to keep this invasive insect out of our area, keep all our pollinators safe and let the honey flow from our busy bees! Thank you in advance.

There is further information about Asian Hornets on the British Beekeepers Association website <https://www.bbka.org.uk/Listing/Category/asian-hornet-vespa-velutina>



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Farleigh PCC has linked up with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to help raise funds to assist with the increasing running costs of our churches.

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3. Before you shop, please select the Church you wish to support highlighted on the dashboard as the 'cause'.
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Thank you, your help would be much appreciated - small amounts all add up and help to support our churches.

PCC Team

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## Beautiful Blue Butterflies

The rolling hills of Hampshire's chalk downlands are amazing havens for butterflies. These colourful creatures light up the landscape, and are a crucial food source for birds, bats, small mammals, and amphibians. If you take a walk around our local chalk streams, keep an eye out for these blue beauties – just remember that the females, which can be partly brown, present more of a challenge!

The earliest to emerge is the holly blue, which can appear as early as April. This first generation is followed by another in August, and sometimes a third in October. As its name suggests, this species tends to congregate around holly plants in the springtime, although the summer generation mostly relies on ivy. Unlike the others in our list, this butterfly is pale blue on the underside of its wings.

Britain's most widespread blue butterfly, the common blue, can roam due to the prevalence of its favourite foodplant: common bird's-foot-trefoil. You can often spot it in grassy areas, including along riverbanks. Look for individuals or pairs in late May, and again in late August. As with the holly blue, a third generation can sometimes arrive in October if the weather has been warm.

The chalk hill blue is the largest blue butterfly on our list, and the second largest in Britain. It is mostly confined to chalk downlands, as they are the main habitat for horseshoe vetch – its sole foodplant. Unusually, the chalk hill blue has just one generation, which emerges from July to September. The caterpillars secrete a sweet substance, so ant colonies will often protect them from predators.

Eating only horseshoe vetch is a trait shared by the Adonis blue, although this butterfly prefers to find its food on slopes with shorter grasses. Like those of the chalk hill blue, Adonis blue caterpillars have a symbiotic relationship with ants. Despite a significant decline in its overall population, this species can still be seen at sites across Hampshire in late May and late August.

If you're keen to learn more about these amazing animals, the local branch of Butterfly Conservation holds guided walks throughout the spring and summer. To discover the wonderful world of chalk streams, explore the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme at [hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes). Our work is made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

### Free Online Talks

'The Future of the UK's Water Resources'  
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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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### Cliddesden WI

In January we all met up for a quiet morning playing board games so that we could catch up with friends and have a good chat about our Christmas festivities with our families. A team were busy in the kitchen preparing sausages and bacon rolls which went down a treat I have to say.

The WI resolutions for this coming year were discussed and after a vote by members our group voted for Dental Health Matters – ‘NFWI calls on government to increase the investment in training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone an access to an NHS dentist wherever they live.’ My dentist withdrew from the NHS system last year and we now have to pay a great deal more for this service. Many families are finding it even harder as this service has also been withdrawn for children.

A few of the committee got together to start organising the programme for the coming year starting in May. Ideas were discussed and plans are being made.

**Nest meeting**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am**  
**‘Home Instead’**  
**Speaker Janet Walker**

Janet runs the Let’s Move seated exercise class in the village for the more elderly of us. It is a very relaxed happy atmosphere where we are encouraged to sing along to the exercises. Afterwards there is time for a cup of tea and a chat with our new made friends. Amongst the group there are people with healthcare problems and some who come with their carers. Janet works for Home Instead and will be telling us a bit about the organisation as well as the scams that are about at the moment.

Please come along if you are interested.

Diane Rampton [dianelrampton@gmail.com](mailto:dianelrampton@gmail.com)





# Mothering Sunday

## Family Service

at St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden

10<sup>th</sup> March at 11.15am

With songs and activities for all ages, you're invited to this informal celebration of mums and everything they mean to us.

Families who attend the posy-making workshop on the 9<sup>th</sup> will be able to give Mum, or someone who is special to them, beautiful posies of flowers in this service.

### Posy and card-making Workshop

Saturday 9 March between 9 & 10 am  
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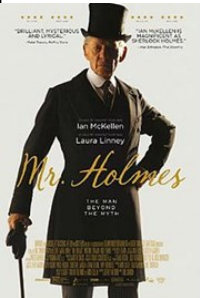
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**“Crooked House” (2017, 115 mins, cert 12)**

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**Mr Holmes (2015 ,PG, 88 mins)**



Mr. Holmes is a mystery film directed by Bill Condon, based on Mitch Cullin's 2005 novel *A Slight Trick of the Mind*, and featuring the character Sherlock Holmes. The film stars Ian McKellen as Sherlock Holmes, Laura Linney as his housekeeper Mrs. Munro and Milo Parker as her son Roger. Set primarily during his retirement in Sussex, the film follows a 93-year-old Holmes who struggles to recall the details of his final case because his mind is slowly deteriorating.

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

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### **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.

## IN THE FIELDS By Seumas Foster

### Wet January.

January rainfall total measured here was 95.5mm, which was probably about average for the last ten years, memorable because of two very wet days at the beginning of the month. February has so far shown a similar pattern with two days of heavy rain. Last year we only had 13.5mm in the whole of February. This month used to be called 'February Fill Dyke'.

### Sowing

Spring crop sowing will start when conditions are suitable, that is the soils are dry enough for machinery and warm enough for the seed to germinate and establish a crop quickly. Most locally grown crops are grown from a seed, except for potatoes.

### The Seed

A seed is a highly complex device that a plant has made to perpetuate the species. A lot goes into the making of a seed which is packed with genes, nutrients and chemical 'messages' to start the new plant when the time is right. Farm crop seed can be bought in from a seed supplier or it may be farm saved. Wherever it is sourced it will need to be good quality, not contaminated with weed seeds, disease, or pests and have good germination, usually well above 90%, as well as breeding true. Bought-in seed will have been cleaned, graded, tested, and probably have a seed 'dressing' to help control pests or disease. Farm saved seed should be sampled and tested before cleaning and a dressing applied if required.

### Care When Drying

Heat can damage germination so if a crop has seed potential, then it needs to be treated carefully when it is dried after harvest. Malting barley is a particular case as malting barley must germinate as part of the malting process. After harvesting it needs to be stored at 14% moisture, so overheating while drying the crop is a very real risk. A slip at this stage can be very costly.

### The First Green Shoots of Spring

Some seeds can start to grow as soon as they are ripe and have dispersed, others are dormant and need to have that dormancy broken, for example by a spell of frosty weather.

Germination starts with the seed taking up water once it is in the soil and has been sown at the right spacing, depth and in contact with the soil. The soil will need to be warming, at least 5°C. If the seed lies waterlogged after sowing it can rot.

The danger has not passed yet as pests will feast on the seed before, during and after it has started to grow. The best strategy is to sow more seed than you need for a successful crop and allow for some loss.

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## Hello From Claire

Lighter evenings – check. Snowdrops in flower – check. Primroses and daffodils emerging – check.

Looks like Spring is on its way! YAY ☐

This month we are having a look at herb #2 – Sage.

Sage – *Salvia Officinalis* – family : Lamiaceae  
 Sage is an evergreen shrub, growing to a height of 2-4ft. With soft purple flowers this plant is not just useful, it is decorative and can be grown outdoors in a container, or indoors. Pollinators love the flowers.



A strongly flavoured herb, most commonly known with onion in stuffing, used sparingly can be added to many dishes.

Sage will grow in any soil, provided it is well-drained and sunny.

Sow seed in early spring under glass, transplant in late spring to open ground.

Sage grows rather slowly, but should be a good size by the end of the first season.

Alternatively take cuttings from an established plant in late spring and put straight into open ground.

Medicinally an infusion of the leaves as a hot drink is good for coughs, colds and constipation, makes tonic tea, a mouthwash, and can ease rheumatic pain. Put the leaves in a facial steam to cleanse and refine the skin, and an infusion of the leaves is a good hair conditioner.

Something to try:

### Sage Butter

**3oz (75g) butter 12 leaves sage (approx. 1 tablespoon) when chopped  
 Sea salt and black pepper 2 teaspoons lemon juice 1 teaspoon onion juice\***

Cut butter into small pieces and pound until smooth. Chop the sage and add the butter. Pound again until a paste. Add salt and pepper to taste, onion juice, lemon juice and pound again. \*\* Chill until firm. Serve with lamb cutlets, veal chops or grilled tomatoes.



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 01256 398172.

In this month's issue, I wanted to spotlight the amazing art-and-crafting by the Cuckoo staffing team. Not only as a committee member, but also a parent myself, it is truly delightful to see the children's wonderful creations; crafted during their days in Preschool.

Not only are the creations just brilliant, but they are also based around educational topics to inform and inspire our children as they take their early steps into the world.

So, sit back, relax and enjoy this little montage of crafts, lovingly made by our wonderful children!



## Benefice Recipes

Hello all, so spring has nearly sprung again, and the garden is gearing up. How is it there seems to be nothing growing then you turn your back and there are buds on everything and the plans you had for re jiggling things around are now scuppered because it's all systems go again.



The last of the sprouts have gone from the allotment and a few Jerusalem artichoke have been left in the ground to regrow for this year. The raspberries have been cut down with hopefully another decent crop to come in the autumn and fingers crossed mice or voles haven't eaten the asparagus which has been tucked up under a good mulch.

The recipe this month is a Fruity Slump. I had to Google a slump anyway it is like a cobbler, crisp, grunt, crumble or buckle. A topping for fruit and how it's cooked, whether on the top of the stove or in the oven.

### Rhubarb and Orange Slump

#### *You need*

Serves 8

900g Rhubarb chopped into 3cm chunks, Zest and juice of 2 oranges  
150 g caster sugar, 200 g self raising flour, 85 g butter cut into pieces  
150 ml milk, 2 tbsps flaked almonds.

#### *Method*

Heat oven to 190c / fan 170c / gas 5

Place the rhubarb in a pan with the orange juice and 50g of the sugar. Heat gently to dissolve the sugar, then cover and cook for a few minutes until the rhubarb is softened but still holding its shape, about 5 minutes. Then tip into a 1.5 litre gratin dish. Put the flour, orange zest and remaining sugar in a bowl, add the butter then rub in with your fingertips till the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the milk to make a soft dough. Drop 8 spoonfuls over the rhubarb and scatter with the almonds. Bake for 25 - 30 minutes until the topping is crisp and golden.

If you find it too sharp add more sugar. It's on the tart side.

Serve with cream, custard, ice cream.

This pudding will suit most soft fruit but also blueberries, plums, tinned peaches or apricots or gooseberries with a dash of elderflower cordial.

Enjoy Tracey

\*make onion juice by crushing onion in a garlic press

\*\*alternatively bung the whole lot in a food processor or blender

### What's been happening?

**Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>** – Preston Candover Village Hall

It was lovely to be so welcomed by Preston Candover for the quiz night, a great atmosphere, and delicious snacks.

Despite the confusion over the quizmaster at the beginning, one of the Preston Candover members rose admirably to save the night, and we racked our brains over a wide variety of questions.

Thank-you to everyone who came along, we hope to have more shared events in the future.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 745pm

The National Gardens Scheme

District Nurses, the AA, cakes, charities and, of course, thousands of gardens!

With millions of pounds having been donated over the years, and millions more raised every year for charities such as MacMillan and Marie Curie, the National Garden Scheme has something for everyone, from large stately homes to cottage gardens, even an allotment in Hook!

There are so many places to visit close to us, open from February through the year, I would recommend getting hold of a copy of the yellow book, and take a look!

### What's coming up?

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 730pm for 745 start

The Botanic Nursey – Terrys favourites, hardy shrubs

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** – 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.

Email Seumas Foster on [Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk](mailto:Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk)

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

# Candover Valley Pre-School

(within Preston Candover Primary School)

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I would like to begin by thanking everyone for the welcome I have received as the new Head of Preschool at CVP. It has been a wonderful start to the year meeting and getting to know all the children and families who attend CVP, as well as members of the wider community.

The return of drama tots this term has been a huge success, with all the children thrilled to join in with the adventures they are led on by our wonderful teacher Kate.

We have been focusing on movement this term, utilising the climbing frame, balance beams, bikes and scooters to develop gross motor skills, as well as enjoying movement to music and yoga activities!

Love is in the air at CVP as we have celebrated St. Valentine's Day. The preschool buzzing with kindness and creativity as our children have been partaking in Valentine's activities, fostering a sense of community and friendship.

We have also been delighted to join in the festivities of Chinese New Year. Our classroom adorned with traditional decorations, the children have had the opportunity to learn about and participate in activities related to this vibrant celebration.



Candover Valley Preschool is a vibrant and nurturing learning environment. Please contact us if you would like to enquire about a place for your child.

Environmental Protection Act 1990. In 2022/23, residents made 2.1 million bookings, depositing nearly 120,000 tonnes of waste across our 24 HWRCs, costing over £10 million a year to operate.

The county council is now consulting on a range of proposed changes to save money, including:

- charging for discretionary services (such as premium booking slots,
- additional services by site staff and chargeable items like gloves and sacks
- alternative delivery models, such as handing over management to charities or community organisations or districts or borough managing some sites.
- reductions to types of waste accepted at some sites
- reducing opening days and or hours
- Potential reductions to opening hours and days to achieve savings.
- reducing the number of sites.

In assessing whether sites should be considered for closure, the council has split the sites into four tiers, based upon their size, usage and the cost of running them and is consulting on three options, no closures, just closing Tier 4 or closing Tiers 3 and 4. The tiers are as follows:

- Tier 1 are newer, larger sites; these are Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Gosport, Segensworth, Waterlooville and Winchester
- Tier 2 are strategic locations which may need some investment; these are Alton, Efford, Farnborough, Havant and Netley
- Tier 3 are smaller, more operationally challenging sites and comprise Aldershot, Bordon, Casbrook (Romsey), Hedge End, Marchwood, Petersfield and Somerley
- Tier 4 are the smallest sites, poorest performing and most expensive to run; they are Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Hartley Wintney, Hayling Island.

Not all the proposals may be taken forward, but savings will have to be found, especially following the additional £2m per annum cost as a result of the Government's ban on charging for DIY waste, as I mentioned last month.

### 3. New 20mph policy introduced.

HCC's new policy on 20mph speed limits has now been introduced. The new policy allows the council to introduce speed restrictions where there is a proven safety need for them, for example, outside schools. In addition, it allows communities to request the introduction of 20mph zones in their own area, subject to meeting specified criteria.

One of criteria is clear evidence of community support. Secondly, communities will need to fund the introduction of the schemes they request themselves. This should be possible using Community Infrastructure Levy or other forms of developer contributions. Given the financial challenges I have referred to above, the county council does not have the resources to fund these. Communities should also give thought to measures to reduce speed, such as Speed Indicator Devices. These devices, when introduced, have shown significant speed reductions.





## Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor

### Hampshire County Councillor report

#### County Council Budget Consultation

You will no doubt have seen the publicity about councils 'going bust' in the last few months. The latest was Nottingham City Council, closer to home Southampton City Council is close to declaring it cannot deliver a balanced budget and Somerset Council is asking the Government to allow them to increase Council Tax by 10% this year to avoid the same situation. Hampshire County Council is not in that position, yet. Unusually for many councils it projects its finances ahead by several years. As I have mentioned before, these projections show that while it will be able to balance its budget for the next two years, by 2026 there will be an anticipated shortfall of £132 million.

The County Council has a legal responsibility to carry out certain functions. Examples of this are social care costs for older people, support for those with disabilities, the care of vulnerable children and young people and school transport for those who meet the necessary criteria. These mandatory services are increasingly expensive without sufficient government support to fund them fully.

Other services are discretionary, the council chooses to do these. HCC therefore has to consider ways by which it can balance its budget going forward, absent government support. HCC has now launched its consultation on how it might change its discretionary services to meet that budget shortfall. These include:

**School Crossing Patrols** - HCC do not have a legal duty to provide school crossing patrols. It does, however, have a legal duty to ensure children can travel to school safely.

**Winter Gritting Routes** - these have not been reviewed in many years, so it will be testing whether the current network is needed.

**Community Transport and Bus Services** - there is no legal duty for the County Council to support community transport or to subsidise bus routes. However, both these can play a vital role in combatting social isolation and enabling access to vital services.

**HWRCs** - I will talk more about this below.

You can read more about the consultation here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation> I do encourage you to take part, do not rely on others to do so.

#### 2. Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

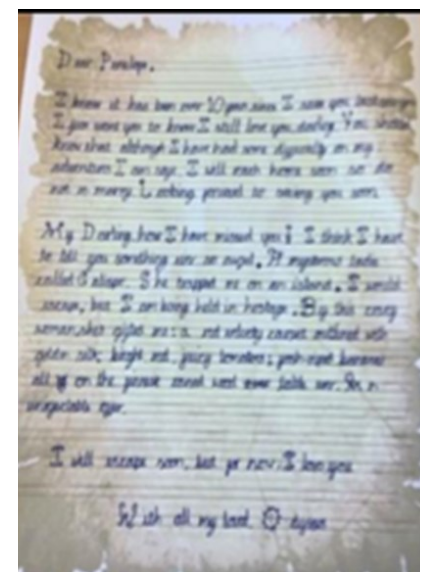
Hampshire is the best served county in terms of its waste and recycling centres, we have more per square mile, per head of population and open them longer than any other area. As a Waste Disposal Authority, the county council is obligated to arrange for the deposit of household and garden waste at no charge under the

## Cliddesden Primary School

A busy start to the year both in the classroom and sports events:

In Willow class the children have been looking at colour and shape through the artist Kandinsky and produced some of their own artwork. Beech have enjoyed learning about famous astronauts and space. In Chestnut class the children studied the artist Kumi Yamashita, who works with light and shadow and created some of their own work using paper sculpture, light and photography. Oak have been learning about Ancient Greece through reading The Odyssey

Clockwise: Kandinsky art EYFS/Year 1, Shadow Art by Jasper (Year 4), Written piece by James (Year 5) and Moon writing by Barney (Year 2.)





### Athletics Competition

Cliddesden took part in the Basingstoke schools indoor athletics competition at Cranbourne School. We competed well in the athletics competition with many individual and teams winning their races and field events. Everyone showed amazing team spirit, encouraging and congratulating each other. The determination to keep going when events were challenging was admirable and we have much to be proud of!



## Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March (end of term and Easter party)

(Easter holidays) We return on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April

0 - 4 years old and their grown-ups

**A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us for a fun and happy time**

Cost: £2 donation per family



Contact:

**Melanie** Qualified in Early Years (07833 528040)

**Claire** Qualified teacher (07757 498653)



# SAVE THE DATE

The Ellisfield Wine Walk  
Friday 21st June 2024  
Details to follow

## Cross Country Competition

A group of Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed an afternoon in the wind running this year's cross country at Down Grange. The children raced against over 100 competitors and demonstrated fantastic perseverance to complete the 1.5 mile course. The children overcame their nerves at the beginning to show grit and determination until the end. They paced their races carefully and remembered to sprint all the way to the finish line!

**Mrs Robinson**

On Wednesday 31st January, we went to Cranbourne School for an indoor athletics competition. Six boys and six girls were chosen to compete. Mrs Robinson and Mrs Nye took us and we had lots of fun. We all cheered each other on when we did our races and relay. We did some field events too like triple jump, long jump, javelin, chest push, target throw and speed bounce. We felt we did better than we placed but we still enjoyed it a lot. In the end, we came 7th out of 8 schools. The most challenging event for us was the relay races. Everyone displayed the school values, particularly resilience and aspiration.

**Skyelah and Macey**

## Tag Rugby

### **Norman League Tag Rugby League Table as it stands**

		Played	Points	Tries Scored
1	Cliddesden	8	38	31
2	Kempshott	8	26	25
3	North Waltham	8	26	24
4	St John's	8	16	20
5	Hatch Warren	8	14	10

We took part in the second round of The Norman League Tag Rugby. Again, our team were outstanding, winning all their games. With the league half-way through, we are top of the table and 12 points clear of second placed Kempshott Juniors.

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



**Well Being Day**  
Saturday 7 April  
10.00am—  
3.00pm  
**Upper Wield**  
**Village Hall**

Come and discover the amazing therapies we have in our local area including \*Nutritionists \*Yoga teacher \*Acupuncture \*Medical Herbalist..and more. Talks will be running throughout the day, with taster sessions available too. Coffee/tea& cake available, with a fabulous raffle at the end of the day.  
**£2.00 on the door—U16 free**  
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# Easter Egg-stravaganza!

**St Leonard's Church**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**3.45-4.30pm**

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard, make palm leaves to wave and listen to a story with hot cross buns and coffee.



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TCC This month is supporting Jan Newman who is raising money to take medical supplies to Ukraine. Jan hopes to buy an old van, fill it with as much as she can and then, along with a friend, drive it to Ukraine in early April.

Jan is looking for:

### **Medical Supplies**

In date medication, pain relief, surgical gloves, eye care, spectacles, etc



### **General support:**

Hard wearing gloves, woollen socks, beakers with lids, sleeping bags, floor mats, etc

Items and bank donations are very welcome.

Janice's contact details are....

Tel – 07516180581

Bank Details – Janice Newman,

Account number 97613947,

Sort Code 60.83.71

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**STALLS,  
GAMES,  
DOG SHOW,  
BREWERY,  
PIMS, FREE  
CAR  
PARKING  
AND MUCH  
MUCH  
MORE TO  
FOLLOW!**

**THE DUMMER  
SUMMER  
FETE IS BACK!!**

**Join us for an  
afternoon of fun  
and frolics for  
the whole family**

**SUNDAY 14th July 2024  
2:30pm Start**

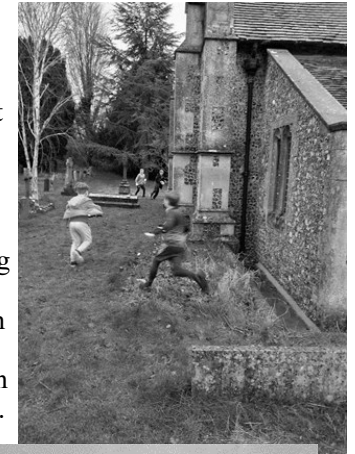
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**Enquiries & offer of help to: [villagehalldummer@gmail.com](mailto:villagehalldummer@gmail.com)**

### **Pancake Party! Pancakes, prayers and parkour!**

St Leonard's hosted a Pancake Party on Shrove

Tuesday. We learnt all about the beginning of Lent and had lots of fun with pancake races and, of course, eating them! Huge thanks to the many children for coming, and to everyone involved in organising the party.



For those of you, like me, who have not heard about Parkour here is the Wikipedia explanation.

'**Parkour** is an athletic training discipline or sport, which originated in France, in which practitioners (called *traceurs*) attempt to get from point A to point B in the fastest and most efficient way possible, without assisting equipment and often while performing flips. With roots in military obstacle course training and martial arts, parkour includes flipping, running, climbing, swinging, vaulting, jumping, plyometrics, rolling, and quadrupedal movement – it includes whatever is suitable for a given situation. Parkour is an activity that can be practiced alone or with others, and is usually carried out in urban spaces, though it can be done anywhere. It involves seeing one's environment in a new way, and envisioning the potential for navigating it by movement around, across, through, over and under its features.'

Very energetic I think, and good fun!!

Obviously very necessary after eating lots of pancakes!



# Dummer

*Editor and Distribution  
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*(Please ensure all copy reaches me by 10<sup>th</sup> of the month)*

## About Dummer

Congratulations to Brigadier Elizabeth (Lizzie) Faithfull-Davies, REME who has been appointed Director Land Equipment at Defence Equipment and Support as acting Major General. As well as her mother, Carrie, all of us in Dummer are very proud of you, Lizzie.

## It's Back!

It's the return of the Dummer Summer Fete at Dummer Down Farm. Put the date of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July in your diary. Offers to man stalls would be gratefully received. See our poster in this issue.

Proceeds are divided equally between All Saints Church and Dummer Village Hall.

## All Saints Church

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 5:00 p.m. Alex Holden presented a beautifully constructed evening of music with information on organs and their importance over the years. To celebrate the restoration of All Saints organ we had some diverse musical offerings. Clare and Emily sung a solo each and also a duet, and they joined some of the former Maidenthorne Singers (Alice, Lyn, Cathy, Janet, Sharon, Ian, Mervyn, Stafford, Julian and Michael) to perform Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine. Both Alex and Henry (on cello) accompanied some of the singers and also performed individual items and Stephen Delany, our organist for two services a month, played a variety of music on the organ. The Maidenthorne Singers ended the evening singing the Tallis Canon as a round. Considering how many of us had colds or a cough, the sound was very credible.

Thanks were given to all those who had made donations to the restoration of the organ, to Alex for masterminding the removal, cleaning and putting back together again and to Stafford for procuring the grants etc to enable this to be accomplished. During the refreshments, everyone was very complimentary on the singing and playing and requests were made for more musical offerings.

(Alex commented on how many Church organs are made redundant or dismantled each year. As some will know, I spend my summers working at

Chateaux from the programme Chateau DIY and August 2023 saw plans being made to remove an organ from St John's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Norwich to a "being" renovated Convent in Normandy. If anyone would like to watch this huge task of dismantling, transporting and rebuilding an organ, log onto The Pethericks YouTube. You will need to scroll back about two months to view but it was a huge endeavour. The Pethericks launched a JustGiving site to help provide a new organ for St Johns RC Cathedral).

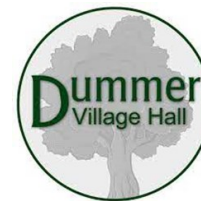
Thank you to Melanie, Bridgette, Janet and Louise for giving the Church a superb Spring Clean.

Our Sunday Special in February was a talk by John Trueman on St Valentine who took us through fact and fiction of the Saints life. It is interesting how little is known about the lives of some Saints, similar to that known of the "Wise Men". Thank you to John and Alex for once again providing an interesting service. Our next Sunday Special is on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Lyn Hardy  
Churchwarden

## Dummer Village Hall

More events are in the pipeline, a play, the Fete, another Beer festival and a Harvest Supper. In the meantime, an invitation to participate in a Zoom call to see what you would like to happen in the hall and how much support you would be prepared to give to such an event as in the offing. See our posters.



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

You are warmly invited to join our VERY FIRST Dummer zoom meeting!



### What's it about?

- ◆ A chance for you to meet your committee
- ◆ A chance to hear what the village hall offers
- ◆ An opportunity to discuss ideas to make our village and village hall better
  - ◆ Thoughts on what events and classes YOU would like to see

Have your say or just listen in to what could be done within our village. This is not to recruit members, it's a way of sharing ideas to help make our community better. So, grab a glass and listen in!

**Meeting ID: 872 177 8988**

**Passcode: DVH**