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

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Key to initials:

IDT = Ian Thaker: PR = Peter Raine: JG = Julian Gibbons LH = Lyn Hardy:

AL = Anne Luneburg: BC = Bernard Cazenove: CPT = Charlie Palmer

Tomkinson:

Sunday 2nd March Sunday next before Lent

08:00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP IDT

09:30 Wield Matins IDT

10:00 Preston Candover Morning prayer JG

09:45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer PR

11:00 Northington Holy Communion Richard Brand

11:15 Dummer Sunday Special

Readings Exodus 34:29–end, 2 Corinthians 3:12–4.2, Luke 9:28–36,
Psalm 99

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Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday

19:00 Brown Candover Ash Wednesday service IDT

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Sunday 9th March 1st Sunday of Lent

08:00 Dummer Holy Communion IDT

09:45 Ellisfield Morning Prayer BC

10:00 Preston Candover Family Service JG

11:15 Cliddesden Family Holy Communion Richard Brand

18:00 Wield Evensong IDT/CS

Readings Deuteronomy 26:1–11, Romans 10:8b–13, Luke 4:1–13,
Psalm 91:1–11

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Sunday 16th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

09:00 Wield Holy Communion BCP IDT

09:45 Dummer Morning Prayer




10:00 Preston Candover Holy Communion IDT

11:15 Cliddesden Family Service PR



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Readings Genesis 15:1-12 & 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-end, Psalm 27

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Sunday 23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent

08:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW IDT
09:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW IDT
11:00 Brown Candover Family Morning Worship KG
11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion IDT

Readings Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:1-13, Luke 13:1-9, Psalm 63:1-9

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Sunday 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

09:30 Preston Candover Family Service Mothering Sunday JG
11:00 Farleigh Farleigh Parish communion IDT
11:15 Cliddesden Family Mothering Sunday Service PR

Readings Exodus 2:1-10, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2:33-35, Psalm 127:1-4

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Message from Ian

February was a sober month in the Benefice as we've carried our four funerals. Every time I take a funeral service, I witness the loss of a family member as a disaster for the people concerned. For many it involves intense pain coupled with a sense of unbelief.

While a funeral is over in a short time, mourning the loss is something that can go on for a long time. It is always comforting when people come up to the newly bereaved and express genuine feelings of how sorry they are, but the lives of those not so directly involved move on while we remain in the state of loss. This is something that should heal but never really goes away. Over the past five years our family has lost my mother and both of my wife's parents. While they were all advanced in years each of their deaths left us with a gaping hole in our family. We still miss them and not to have them around us leaves a hole that is unlikely ever to be filled.

There is no set way to mourn the loss of someone we loved. The way we come to terms with the loss depends so much on the depth of relationship we had with them and length of time we had to prepare ourselves for their death. But there are things that we can do to help ourselves move forward. The most important is to keep the memory alive. For some this may mean going to the cemetery or having a special place that enables us to feel close to them. We have a spot in our garden where we can remember my mother-in-law, we grow purple flowers and on summer evenings drink gin there. It is important not to be afraid of talking about the people we have lost. Sharing memories of what they said or did and never being afraid to laugh. Even though people are no longer with us we can still celebrate who they were and the contribution they made to our families.

Sometimes, though, we can get stuck in our grief. This is especially true when the death was traumatic or unforeseen. If you feel stuck it is important to remember that you are not alone. Talking about how you feel is such an important part of coming to terms with loss and there are several support groups available to you. Perhaps the best known is Cruse and their helpline number is 0800 808 1677

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All Saints' Dummer	9 March 8.00am	Shirley Powell	
All Saints' Dummer	16 March 9.45am	John Holden	Jan Marks Jenny Padmore
All Saints' Dummer	23 March 9.45am	Lyn Hardy	Michael Hill King John Truemen
St Martin's Ellisfield	2 March 8.00am	Lucinda Rule	
St Martin's Ellisfield	9 March 9.45am	Bernard Cazenove	Marcus Rule and Tim Guinness
St Martin's Ellisfield	23 March 11.15am	Caroline Allen	Guy de Jersey and Susie Deane
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What an exciting start to the year we've had! We made amazing dragons to celebrate Chinese New Year. For Valentines Day, we made fingerprint cards to take home with a verse that read:

I know you wipe some away
But these were made to stay
So keep them forever, a treasure they'll be
A special I LOVE YOU for you,
from me.

We shared a magic moment last Friday. We were sat on the rug together ready for our story, when it started to snow. Toddlers raced to the windows and excitedly pressed their noses against the glass to watch the snowflakes tumbling from the sky. "Isn't nature wonderful?" remarked one nanny to her child.



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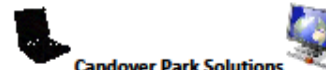
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Basingstoke Choral Society is delighted to present their spring concert:

When: Sunday 30 March 2025

Concert starts 7:30 pm

Where: Anvil Theatre Basingstoke

Conductor: David Gibson

Accompanied by professional orchestra and soloists.

Programme:

Ralph Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony and Toward the Unknown Region

Benjamin Britten: Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes

To book: anvilarts.org.uk

Our programme this spring is inspired by the beauty and grandeur of the sea and showcases two major British composers.

Vaughan Williams was deeply inspired by the poetry of American writer, Walt Whitman, whose verses from 'Leaves of Grass' form the text of both 'A Sea Symphony' and the shorter choral work, 'Toward the Unknown Region'. Whitman's expansive and humanistic vision of the sea, a metaphor for both the natural world and the spiritual journey of mankind, appealed strongly to Vaughan Williams. The symphony captures the grandeur, mystery, and awe of the ocean, while at the same time representing human experience and exploration. It is remarkable as one of the earliest major choral symphonies in the English repertoire. Composed between 1903 and 1909, it premièred at the Leeds Festival in 1910, with Vaughan Williams himself conducting. Each of the two works is a powerful testament to Vaughan Williams' ability to blend poetry and music into a unified, stirring experience.

Benjamin Britten's 'Four Sea Interludes' extracted from his 1945 opera 'Peter Grimes', are some of the most evocative orchestral music in the 20th-century classical repertoire. In the opera, the interludes serve as atmospheric transitions between each scene, but are frequently performed, as in our concert, as a stand-alone suite. The Suite remains one of Britten's most popular orchestral works and is a powerful example of his ability to fuse musical drama and atmospheric depiction. All three works in the concert regularly captivate audiences with their rich imagery and emotional depth, inviting listeners to travel on a profound and majestic journey across the seas of the world and the human soul.

We are delighted to be joined once again by our friends from Croydon Philharmonic Choir, as well as a professional orchestra and soloists, making this a concert not to be missed; so join us on our seaward travels.



Cliddesden

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Gill Palmer will be very pleased to receive your Cliddesden news.

Contact Rachel on rachelbd@hotmail.co.uk or Gill on westwoode@btinternet.com



Cliddesden WI

At our February meeting, our speaker was Rev. Jane Leese.

Jane called her talk "More tea , vicar ?" but it could have been subtitled "Surprising Outcomes! " as she had been surprised herself by the direction her life had taken.

She gave a very interesting and memorable talk about her life and work as a local vicar who had trained at Salisbury and been ordained in Winchester.

She was one of the early female priests, and worked in areas such as Kempshott, South Warnborough, and Long Sutton during her ministry, before retiring in 2016.

Next month Jacqui Matthews will help us with seated yoga

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In the Fields—Emma Ilsley

Well, I didn't think I'd be the only contributor to the Hill and Dale who was hoping to be writing this month with a punch-line along the lines of 'Spring has sprung!' but I think it suffices to say that hasn't quite been the case yet. Nevertheless, we have had some particularly beautiful days thus far in 2025 – so often denoted by heavy frosts we wake up to, after which the sun burns through around mid-morning. These conditions have made for some lovely scenes across the Estate, both across the farming landscape, and around the House and gardens. Pausing for a moment to take in the surroundings on these sunny mornings holds such great value for us, as well as reminding us of the benefits of being in the great outdoors.

Winter jobs have continued on the farm, and two of particular prominence at present are: the servicing of the machinery, and the outgoing of crops from the grain stores.

It is imperative that annual servicing of our tractors and telehandlers is complete during this 'downtime' period, as we rely on them so heavily around the year for such a wide variety of jobs. Of course, this is supplemented by routine care and maintenance throughout the more active seasons, but this time of year is our best chance of getting any 'heavy' servicing completed.

We are continuing to empty our grain stores and have made a good start in seeing the 2024 crops vacate the farm. This will continue in a steady trajectory across the next few months, eventually leading to the end goal of the grain stores across the various sites being empty before Harvest 2025. In recent weeks, we have now added the Coat of Arms logo to the side of our tractors, combine harvester and sprayer, acknowledging all the machines belonging to Farleigh Wallop Estate. This has added a level of uniformity to the fleet which we are very pleased with and will make us recognisable to the wider community!

Emma Ilsley
Trainee Property Manager, Farleigh
Wallop Estate



Andy drilling

Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club AKA 'The Film Club'

Thursday 6 March 2025

Fisherman's Friends: One and All
2022, 112 minutes Certificate 12A



The film follows the celebrated shanty singers through the highs and lows as lifelong friendships are put to the test and they battle the 'curse of the second album'

Starring James Purefoy, David Hayman, Richard Harrington, Dave Johns, Sam Swainsbury and Maggie Steed.

The bar opens at 7.30pm and we start at 8pm. There is an intermission half way through during which refreshments and drinks at the bar are available at very low prices.

Thursday 3rd April 2025

For a Few Dollars More

1965 126 minutes Certificate 15

A sequel to A Fistful of Dollars the tale of a quest to track down the notorious bandit El Indio by an unforgettable alliance between ruthless bounty hunters Clint Eastwood and Lee Van Cleef

Starring Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, Gian Maria Volonte, Mara Krup, Luigi Pistilli and Klaus Kinski

The bar opens at 7.30pm and we start at 8pm. There is an intermission half way through during which refreshments and drinks at the bar are available at very low prices.



Please note we work on a cash only basis

Please come along no matter where you live, bring as many friends and neighbours as you like.

We hope to see you there.

On Friday 31st January we went along to The Farleigh Club to celebrate the life of Ted Dowson who sadly died on 12th January. Ted ran the Film Club for many years amongst his many interests. Listening to his daughters' eulogy of his life bought many surprises and admiration for a man who lived his life to the full, followed his interests and served his community well. I will always think of him as a kind and gentle man and I'm sure we will all miss him.

Diane Rampton
dianerampton@btinternet.com



Mothering Sunday

Family Service

at St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden

30th 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 29th 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 28 March between 9 and 10am.
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St Leonard's Pancake Party!

Children and grown-ups of all ages had lots of fun at our Pancake Party in half term. We celebrated it a little early this year, and we thought about Valentine's Day and God's love for us, leading to his sacrifice.

Pancake races, singing and, of course, pancake eating led to lots of laughter and a fun morning.

Huge thanks to everyone involved to make the service such a happy occasion. The children created a beautiful stained-glass window of everything they are thankful for.

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a look. We would love to see you!



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Small change for hard graft.

A few weeks ago, whilst standing in the middle of a field admiring a particularly beautiful winter sunset I wondered how many others had, over time, viewed that familiar scene. The particular field is one in which there seem to be buried a higher than usual number of small denomination silver coins, all from the reign of Henry III (1216-1272).

Silver pennies at that time were hammered between two dies, one depicting the face of the king, the other a cross and pellets. Those from Henry's reign are distinctive in that they have on the reverse, a cross as an outline with, importantly, an internal void. The voided cross allowed them to be accurately cut into halves and quarters (fourths or farthings), thus allowing their use in small transactions as a monetary economy slowly evolved from one of traditional bartering and exchange. Henry also revolutionised the production of coinage by bringing in new moneyers (those who struck the coins) and centralising mints (to eventually London, Bury St Edmunds and Canterbury). Thus, the production of coinage could be more closely monitored and controlled.

Silver penny of Henry III showing the voided cross on the reverse.



Cut half penny.



Cut quarter penny



Candover Valley Store

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Love Your Shop – we need your feedback

Since its inception, our store has been dedicated to supporting and serving the local community. We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful customers and volunteers - your ongoing support has been instrumental in making the store the success it is today and now we are asking for your feedback.

While our store continues to thrive, many rural businesses face significant challenges. We are committed to ensuring that our shop continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our community.

How can we improve, adapt, and what would you like to see more of? Your feedback is invaluable in helping us continue to be a vital part of the community.

If you would like to let us know your thoughts - there is a suggestions box in the store, or you can submit online via clicking the feedback links in our email newsletters or Facebook and Instagram profiles or by scanning the QR code on the next page.

Bringing you the joy of Spring

Spring has arrived at the store, and we have celebrated with a fresh delivery of beautiful potted plants from The Hairy Pot Plant Company. Based locally in Winchester, they specialize in eco-friendly herbs and cottage garden plants, grown in sustainable coir pots that can be planted straight into the ground - zero waste, just pure spring magic!

We also have a newly refreshed Spring Gift Area, with new seasonal products perfect for spring birthdays, Mother's Day, or just a little treat for yourself.

Be the first to know

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting another tasting event at the store, taking place during the afternoon of Friday 25 April. Come and meet our local suppliers at the store and savour lots of tasty products. Mark it in your calendar, we would love to see you.

Small Change for hard Graft (Cont)

Life for ordinary people in the Candover valley in the thirteenth century must have been tough, with villagers generally labouring in the fields or trading in low-value goods. Manual workers then could expect to earn 2d per day if not 'paid in kind'. This might be enough for 12 eggs and 4 loaves of bread - or good ale, tempting after a hard day's labour, but a penny a gallon. Cottage rental though, even for the poorest, could have set them back £2 per year (480d, thus equivalent to 240 days' work). In rural England at this time, many women would have also spun thread out of coarse wool whilst going about their day to generate extra income. Given that this was often a productive way to use time when meeting others and speaking to friends, it would ultimately originate the expression 'spinning a yarn'. Whether wool, baskets, woodwork, tools or other foodstuffs and livestock, local markets would have offered a financial lifeline to many, as well as a chance to procure everyday goods brought in by travelling pedlars and traders. I suspect that this is what was going on in this particular location.

Coins such as those pictured above, however, were not always simply used in legitimate trades. There were more underhand ways of bringing in extra income for those who had the requisite skills or were desperate enough, one being clipping – shearing off the edges of coins for their silver content. The reduced weight of the clipped coins devalued Henry's economy since a silver penny was, by law, a penny's worth of silver. The voided crosses also acted as an early anti-clipping measure, with the tips of the cross designed such that any clipping would be immediately evident. Despite this, in a highly decentralised economy with no formalised police or regular law enforcement, clipping remained a menace for centuries. The authorities instead relied on the threat of harsh punishments to deter clipping, and it could mean large fines, imprisonment or, in some cases loss of eyes, hands or even life. Who knows whether those in that field, all those centuries ago, also had such things on their minds.

Written by Cathy Wollweber



The Cliddesden & Farleigh Wallop Educational Trust

The Cliddesden & Farleigh Wallop Educational Trust is a registered Charity which aims to provide funding assistance to people who wish to pursue extra-curricular activities that will provide some form of educational benefit such as academic tuition, music lessons, sport & dance etc. Anyone under the age of 25 and living within the Parishes of Cliddesden & Farleigh Wallop is eligible to apply for assistance.

To apply for a grant or assistance please write a letter to the Trustees. This letter should include a description and dates of the educational activity. **Parents must apply for children under 18 and receipts must accompany the application and should be no older than six months.**

Please send applications to:
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All applications need to be received by the quarter ends – 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December – this is timed for discussion at the next quarterly meeting of the Trustees.

If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact Vicky: admin@wallopgroup.co.uk

Please note Grants are not guaranteed as the Trust is dependent on the money available and number of applications received. There is no limit to the number of times applications can be made providing receipts are less than six months old.



General Updates from Hampshire County Council over the last month:

COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSES TO DELIVER NEW SPECIALIST SECURE WELFARE CHILDREN'S HOME AT STUBBINGTON STUDY CENTRE SITE

Hampshire County Council is proposing to build a new specialist secure welfare children's home on the site of its Stubbington Study Centre, to help meet the increasing need for residential care to support the most vulnerable children and young people both locally and nationally

STILL TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY IN STUBBINGTON STUDY CENTRE CONSULTATION

Schools, community organisations and local residents are being reminded to share their views on a proposal to repurpose the Stubbington Study Centre site to provide a new specialist secure welfare children's home. A consultation is currently running on Hampshire County Council's website and is open until Monday 10 February

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SETS OUT PROPOSALS FOR NEW 'LANE RENTAL' SCHEME TO MINIMISE ROAD WORKS DISRUPTION

Hampshire County Council has set out proposals that could lead to the introduction of a new disruption charge scheme designed to reduce delays on the county's busiest roads, at the busiest times

HELPING HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN GET ACTIVE AND HEALTHY

To help tackle childhood obesity and support children in Hampshire to get active and stay healthy, the County Council is expanding its health and wellbeing programmes for children and families, working closely with district and boroughs, as well as local community organisations

COUNTY COUNCIL CABINET TO CONSIDER BUDGET ACTION TO PROTECT CORE SERVICES

Spending proposals for 2025 / 26, totalling £2.6bn, to ensure the County Council keeps delivering its fundamental pledge to serve Hampshire's 1.4 million residents will be considered by the County Council's Cabinet next week, as the Authority takes a step closer to deciding its annual budget from April

County Council Cabinet to consider budget action to protect core services | Hampshire County Council

Proposals that could lead to the introduction of a new scheme to reduce delays on the county's busiest roads, at the busiest times, have been given approval by Hampshire County Council



**Juliet Henderson
Hampshire County Councillor**

Hampshire County Councillor report

**HCC November Update 2024 Candovers Oakley and
Overton Division**

Hampshire County Council to charge utility companies for disruptive roadworks HCC has unveiled plans for a new disruption charge scheme aimed at reducing delays on the county’s busiest roads during peak times.

This initiative, designed to complement the existing permitting scheme, would encourage companies and agencies to better plan their work, operate outside peak hours, and shorten the duration of their projects.

•How It Works: A daily fee would be charged for the duration of the work, including any delays. Surplus revenues would fund innovative projects to reduce streetworks and roadworks disruption and will also be reinvested into highway maintenance.

•Already in use in parts of the UK, 'lane rental' charges apply to the most congested, strategically important local roads. Hampshire could charge up to £2,500 per day, the maximum allowed under current legislation.

Major Investment in Special Needs Education for Next Academic Year.

HCC has announced exciting plans to transform specialist education at four primary schools, significantly boosting support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Gosport, Eastleigh, and Basingstoke.

We are committed to supporting Hampshire children, whatever their needs, with educational opportunities to achieve their potential within their home communities wherever possible. Keeping such provision within our own successful schools saves costs that would otherwise be spent on special needs provision in the independent sector, often taking children far from their peers and families.

Join the Movement Towards a Smokefree Hampshire!

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Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.

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Benefice Recipes

Hello everyone, I hope you're all enjoying the odd days of sunshine we're having. It makes such a difference to my mood to have a blue sky. Not only do you notice the days creeping out but, in the garden, new growth almost appears overnight. The sun, although not very warm, has enticed me into hanging washing outside as well. The lifted mood helps me to ignore my teenage sons bedroom mess and the growing pile of once worn clothes littering the floor, knowing full well the whole lot will be picked up and plonked in the washing bin. That's a battle for another day.



So the recipe for this month is Naughty Joyce's Banana Nut Loaf.

It comes to us from Julia Ayscough, and naughty Joyce was Julia's mum. When both our boys were born, and they are 19 and 16 now, Julia's mum knitted each of them a lovely blanket which though well used we still have today. I expect Naughty Joyce's cake will have made an appearance at TCC before the year if it's not already done so.

Ingredients

8 oz Self Raising Flour
Half a teaspoon of Bicarbonate of Soda
A pinch of salt, 3 oz Butter, 6 oz Caster Sugar
2 Eggs, beaten
1 lb Bananas (about 3) peeled and mashed
4 oz Walnuts

Method

Heat oven to 350f, Gas 4, fan 160 c
Grease and line the base of a 2lb loaf tin. Mix flour bicarbonate and salt.
Cream butter and sugar together and then add eggs. Stir in flour, banana and walnuts and bake for 1 ¼ hours
Do keep an eye and check on it as my mum's oven cooked hers in 45 minutes.
Enjoy a slice with a cuppa, wrapped up outside enjoying the winter sunshine.
Tracey



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Term begins Friday, 17th January

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH,
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Cliddesden Primary School

Here at school, we have settled into 2025 nicely and we are all eager for the more pleasant spring weather to arrive.

Our football team played their last league match against Oakley Juniors. We were defeated 7-0 but that score line didn't reflect the effort and great teamwork that the children displayed. Oakley are notoriously good in all sports events and the skill that they showed supported that reputation.

However, our team demonstrated pride and resilience and kept trying hard, defending toughly and never giving up in search of an elusive goal.



The Norman League Tag Rugby League resumed this month at St John's. The first game against Kempshott didn't go too well for the Green and Yellow Army as we were defeated 4 tries to 1. The team picked themselves up to draw 3-3 against North Waltham and in the last game were narrowly defeated 4-3 by the hosts.

This leaves us bottom of the group but only 6 points behind the current leaders. With two more legs to go any of the four teams could still win it. Let's hope for an improvement in the next games. Cliddesden have been the champions for the last two seasons.

In The Lanes—Seumas Foster

Stirrings

Very slowly, but collectively undeniable, the first signs of a spring are showing. Snowdrops are the stars, no doubt of that, but already grass is shooting, as new growth is replacing the decaying leaves of last year, as they return nutrients to the soil. The leaves of Cow Parsley come with a vibrant fresh green to form a rosette before the stems shoot up in late April and May.

Dank , Damp , and Cold

January has been wet. Not all the time but very wet at both ends of the month, and although very little rain actually fell in the middle of the month, it was not drying weather. Dank, cold and damp may be the best way to describe conditions as high pressure kept cloud coming over us.

The evidence of the heavy rain can be seen as the drifts of grit that was washed down to the lower areas where it sedimented out. This year there has also been a lot of soil washed out of the fields. Look out for the drifts of clay and silt, collected where the flow slows down and these particles can sediment out. That's the fertile top soil from the fields.

Watch out, there's a Gully About

The worst effect for lanes users is probably the gullies on the edges of the roads. Avoid these quite vicious gullies if you value your tyres, the future effects of the gullies will be as the road edges collapse without the edge support they had before.

Birds Singing

Birds are singing now as they stake out territory and look for a mate. Male robins have not really stopped singing all through the winter, but in January the blackbirds and song thrush began to call. As time moves on the song intensifies as other birds join in. I have also heard more tawny owls in the evenings when the moon has been out, and recently several people have seen barn owls hunting, by the school in Cliddesden and by the old dairy buildings on Grammarsham Lane.



**Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School,
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**To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on
01256 398172.**

March 2025

It has felt like a jam-packed term already at Cuckoo Meadow!



The children got stuck into the Big Garden Birdwatch and made some bird feeders along with binoculars to watch the birds dig in! We then celebrated the Chinese Lunar New Year by creating a beautiful snake and trying some noodles with chopsticks.



Artistic flair was then shown off with the most



flattering portraits of the children and their teachers! The month was rounded up by learning about healthy eating and teeth cleaning.

Easter will be here before we know it and we are holding a raffle to win luxury hampers – please contact us to buy tickets and good luck!



**Georgia Hawken
Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School Secretary**

On a Wednesday morning in January, just as we were finishing our playtime, an ambulance arrived. Willow Class were so excited! We had a visitor, Alex the paramedic. Alex brought one of the ambulances he works in to show us. We asked lots of questions and learnt all about Alex's job. He told us about how many emergencies he might attend in one day (2-5). He told us Hampshire Ambulance services can attend 2,000 emergencies in a day all together!



We looked carefully at the outside of the ambulance, watched and counted the flashing lights and listened to the noisy siren!

Alex showed us the ramp and how the stretcher comes out to help patients. We looked inside the ambulance and Alex showed the computer, camera, pull down seats, wheelchair and heart monitor. There were lots of tidy cupboards too.

Alex opened the emergency first aid bags he might take to and emergency too. He talked about his uniform, and we liked the badge with a crown and snake.

Thank-you Alex for coming into Cliddesden School and sharing your amazing job with us.

We have been learning about 'People who help us.' What job will we learn about next?

The children and staff all look amazing with their Mad Hair Day hairstyles. We were supporting St Michael's hospice with this special day. We raised around £90.



WHAT'S ON

DUMMER VILLAGE - KEY UP COMING EVENTS

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ALL SAINTS CHURCH</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Sun 11.15am Family Service/Sunday Special 2nd Sun 8 am Holy Communion 3rd Sun 9.45am Morning Prayer 4th Sun 9.45 am Holy Communion 5th Sun - No Service at All Saints <i>Bell Ringing Practice Monday Evenings</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DUMMER VILLAGE HALL</u> <u>COFFEE MORNINGS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Wednesday of each month 11am (Exc August)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BEAT THE WINTER BLUES</u> Uplifting evening of Blues, Jazz/Folk & more with Maud's Dog & The Down Street Boys Friday 21st March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doors and Bar open 7pm. Tickets £5 for more info message: www.maudsdog.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THE QUEEN INN</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DUMMER LUNCH CLUB</u> Wednesday, 12th March Wednesday, 9th April <i>Email: marystevens34@gmail.com</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUIZ NIGHTS</u> Tuesday, 11th March 8:30pm Tuesday, 8th April 8:30pm</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>DUMMER VILLAGE HALL EVENTS PAGE FOR ALL HALL ACTIVITIES</p> </div>
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DUMMER CRICKET CLUB



RACE NIGHT

Fundraising for Dummer Cricket Club

**SATURDAY
22ND MARCH 2025**

**£15 PER PARTICIPANT
INCLUDES SUPPER**

Payment of £15 on the night via card reader

**TIME: BAR OPENS AT 6:30PM,
RACES START AT 7:30PM PROMPTLY**

VENUE: DUMMER VILLAGE HALL

Entry tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Please scan below or email dummercricketclub@outlook.com and reserve your place on the night.



For any other information please call Richard on 07747793814.

Cash is required for betting on the night.



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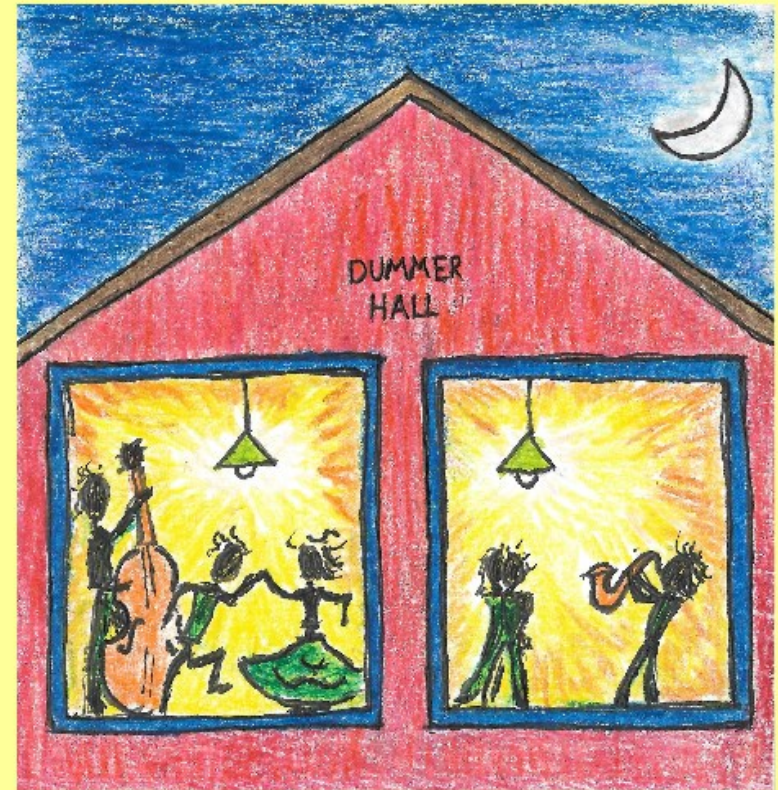
Paula Lavender

More pictures of Mad hair day, overleaf.



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Dummer Village Fete Put the date in your diary. Saturday 21st June.

All Saints Church

Our Sunday Special's speaker was Henry Mann, maker of cellos. Henry took us through the process of making a cello. We saw templates that he had made and Henry told us the price of the wood for the cello, no wonder they are expensive! And so they should be, it was obvious that a huge amount of craftsmanship goes into each one that is hand made. Henry explained that the neck was the hardest as he tried to make sure that it fitted the customer. He then played a soupcon of well-known compositions. It was very interesting and to have somebody so accomplished in Dummer is a great asset.

Congratulations to Michael Hill-King in being one of the winners of the National Churches Trust photography competition. The theme was "Your pictures of Churches in the snow".

Our next Sunday Special is on March 2nd at 11:15m when Diane Taylor (former Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane) will talk about an Indian Doctors work to care for hundreds of abandoned children.

Dummer Village Hall

Hall Hire. N.B: An increase in fees will be announced soon.

The River Runner

What a fantastic performance. A play about family, village life, hierarchy and fears set in the Fens. (Congratulations to the actors who managed the Fens accent)! Fabulous music and great acting, Andy Brock and the cast of Glimmer Theatre presented an excellent evening. Also thank you to all who supported it.

Thank you, Jackie, for organising the event and also to all who helped make the evening such a success.

If you didn't attend the Fifty years of Fun, Frolics and Foolery a chance to hear two of the excellent performances of the evening, Mauds Dog and Then Down Street Boys.

Future Events are

Friday 21st March. Mauds Dog and The Down Street Boys. £5 plus Bar
Saturday 5th July. Commemorating D-Day. "Nightingales", 1940's music.
Contact for these two events: eventsdummervillagehall@gmail.com
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Well, spring is in the air and the Singing Season has begun.

After a well-earned rest after last year's concert, the choir are looking forward to getting back together again on Wednesday 5th March from 7.30pm at St Martin's Church.

If you would like to come along and join the ladies' choir, why not come a long to a taster session that evening, you will be made very welcome. No experience required.

The Choir will be meeting up on the first Wednesday of each month, for some light-hearted singing so come a long and enjoy an evening of song, there will be refreshments during the rehearsal too.

If you are interested or want to find out more, you can email the choir at [**bellesofstmartins@gmail.com**](mailto:bellesofstmartins@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Theresa and Janey - Musical Directors.

Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield Horticultural Society—The Gardening Club

Chairman: Seumas Foster

Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk 07768 443 658

News.

‘Q. March is a busy time for gardeners. Discuss’.

Where to start? There is a lot to do to get ready for the new season. A lot of work will have been done already, although this year is not making early working in the garden easy. Looking for a silver lining, and gardeners must be optimists, leads me to our water butts filled with rainwater, which is a good start!!

Baked, Chipped, or Boiled

We had an excellent meeting with Alan Wilson at the end of January. Alan is very knowledgeable about potatoes. I didn’t know that potatoes are not counted as one of our ‘5 a day’, because they are such a staple in our diet. Or that Sir Walter Raleigh didn’t bring the potatoes as we know them, he brought the Sweet Potato.

We are ready to start the process of growing our potatoes now better informed about the varieties that should do a good job, and when to plant and how to fertilise and water them. Many of us ordered seed potatoes from Alan, they will be delivered at the end of the month.

It did strike me from the comments made that probably a lot more of our members grow potatoes in bags rather than in the ground.

Q??

Our next meeting will be the Quiz with the Candover Valley Gardening Club on March 13th at Cliddesden Millennium Hall, from 7.30pm. The quiz will cover gardening and lots of other things so will be for everyone. More details will be sent out before the meeting.

Getting Value

If you have had a pot of daffodils in the house, or maybe a bowl of hyacinths which have done their best for you, then plant them outside somewhere so they can recover over the summer and flower again next year. Take them out of the pot or bowl and just drop the into a hole in the garden where the topps will not be mown off and cover the bulbs with soil. Planting doesn’t have to be too gentle although they will appreciate some feeding at some stage in the spring. Over the years I have



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With the term in full swing, the children have been ever busy at CVP. In recent weeks the children have celebrated both Chinese New Year and St Valentine’s Day.

Celebrating Chinese New Year was an opportunity to foster cultural awareness, appreciation and curiosity. Learning about different traditions helps children to develop a deeper understanding of the diverse world around them.

At preschool we bring the celebrations to life by immersing children in sights, sounds and traditions. We introduce them to symbols of each celebration, helping them understand the meaning of each one.

St Valentines Day celebrations offered opportunities to express feelings, learning to communicate our emotions. We discussed the importance of building strong, caring relationships and talked all about the people we love. By joining in with celebrations, we are not only having fun, but also learning important lessons about respect, diversity and friendship.

We are thrilled to announce that CVP has been awarded a Food Hygiene rating of 5. The preschool take great pride in our “very good” hygiene practices.



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.

Places are currently available for Autumn 2025.