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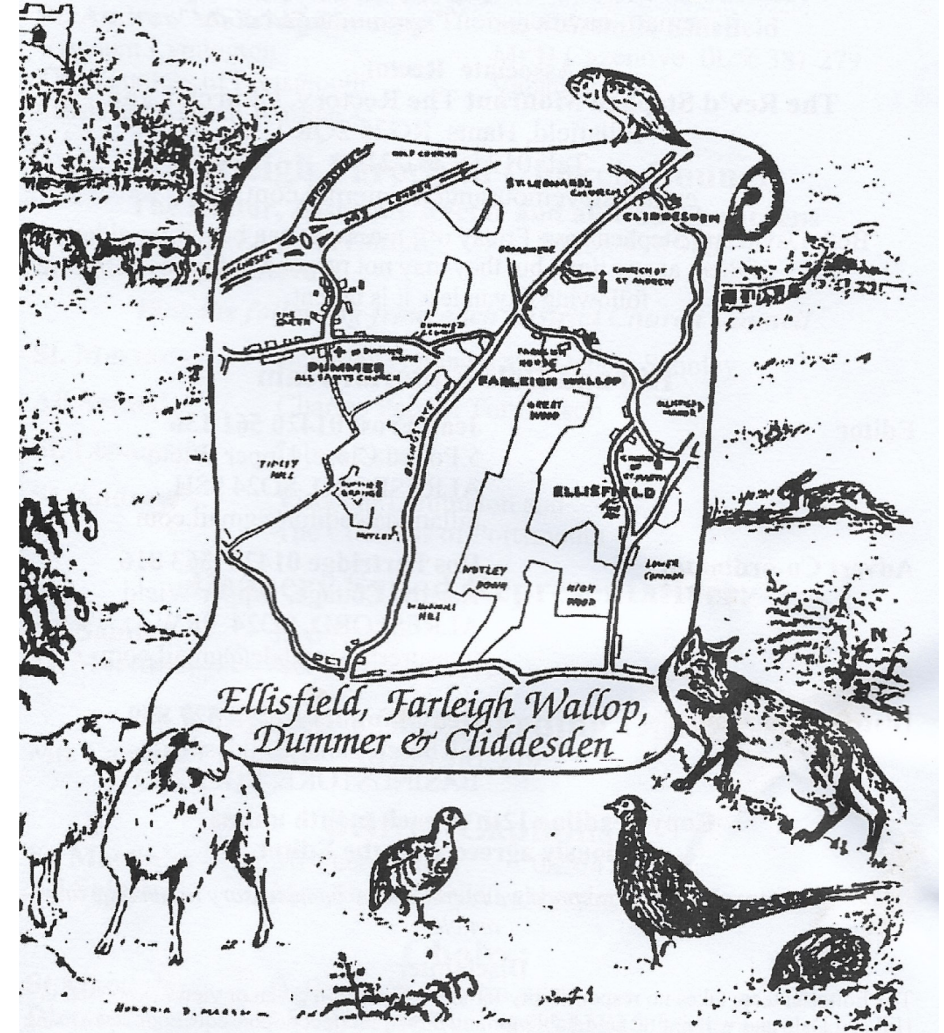
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The Benefice of Farleigh, The Candover and Wield

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

### The Benefice of Farleigh, Candover and Wield Services for March 2024

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#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

08:00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:30	Wield	Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer PR
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer JG
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion IDT
11:15	Dummer	Sunday Special
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 10:44-48</i>	<i>1 John 5:1-6 John 15 9-17</i> <i>Psalm 98</i>

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#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

08:00	Dummer	Holy Communion +D
09:45	Ellisfield	Morning Prayer BC
10:00	Preston Candover	Holy Communion IDT
11:15	Cliddesden	Family Holy Communion IDT
18:00	Wield	Evensong +D
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 1:15-17,21-end, 1 John 5:9-13,</i> <i>John 17:6-19</i>	

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*Psalm 45*

## Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

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Happy Easter Holidays! See you on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April

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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost** IDT away

9.00 Wield Morning prayer JG please note swap  
9:45 Dummer Morning Prayer LH/CPT  
10:00 Preston Candover Family Service AL  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service PR

Readings *Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27,16:4-15*

*Psalm 104*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday** IDT away

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW. RB  
9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW RB  
11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship JG  
11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion RB

Readings *Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:10-17*

*Psalm 29*

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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP IDT  
09:30 Wield Matins PR  
09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer IDT  
10:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer JG  
11:00 Northington Holy Communion IDT  
11.15 Dummer Sunday Special

Readings *1 Samuel 3:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6*

*Psalm 139*

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## Message from Ian

Once of the nice things about being retired is having a bit more time to catch up on some reading. I've had a book about Nelson Mandela on the bookshelf I've wanted to read for ages, and now I'm not commuting to Oxford and back each day finally have the time to look at it. It was gripping stuff. It filled me in awe of the man's ability as he left Robben Island to look for a way that a volatile nation on the brink of civil war could lay the foundations for peace.

On a totally different scale, each one of us faces things in our lives that either have changed or are about to change. For some the change will be obvious and joyful. There is a whole host of people getting married or having children within the Benefice this Summer. There will be some of us who face career changes or alternative options in our lives can lead to a positive outcome.

For others the change is less welcome. Losing a job, seeing children leave home, getting older or falling ill change our lives. This month we've lost two key members of the Cliddesden community, and the impact on their families' lives will be painful and long lasting.

Change always carried a risk. Mandela was aware that to fail to bring change acceptable to both communities in South Africa was something that would be counted in cost of lives if he got it wrong.

Three things that were at the core of Mandela's approach. Firstly, he always aimed for the best result, secondly he held onto what he knew to be true and finally he listened to people he trusted.

If you are facing an uncertain time and need someone to talk to, talk to your mates, that is that they are there for. If you feel we can help in the churches, please don't be afraid to ask.



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All Saint's Dummer	5 May 11.15am	Melanie Gill		
All Saint's Dummer	12 May 8.00am	Shirley Powell		
All Saint's Dummer	19 May 9.45am	Lyn Hardy	Charlie Palmer- Tomkinson Claire Wilmot Sitwell	
All Saint's Dummer	26 May 9.45am	Mervyn Mann	Michael Hill King Jenny Padmore	
All Saint's Dummer	2 June 11.15am	Jeremy Glyn		
St Martin's Ellisfield	5 May 8.00am	Vicky Reed		
St Martin's Ellisfield	12 May 9.45am	Susie Deane	Caroline Allen Gordon Dunsie	Bernard Cazenove
St Martin's Ellisfield	26 May 11.15am	Debbie Scholey	Tim Guinness Dee Hass	
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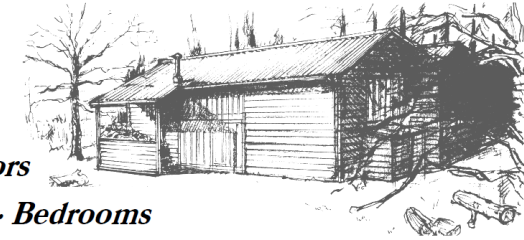
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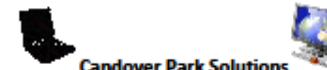
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## LOCAL BEEKEEPERS URGE THE PUBLIC TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE INVASIVE SPECIES

- Beekeepers across Hampshire are calling on the public to help spot and report Asian Hornet sightings as we head towards spring.
- The destructive insect poses the greatest threat to our native honeybees in a generation.
- Experts warn there could be catastrophic consequences for the UK's wider ecology if the insects are allowed to become established here.
- Asian Hornets can become aggressive when defending nests, posing a risk to public health.
- More nests were discovered in 2023 than in the previous six years combined.
- The cost to the economy in France, where Asian Hornets have become established, is estimated to be in excess of £26 million every year.

Local members of the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA) are calling on the public to be vigilant and look out for Asian Hornets and nests as we head into the warmer months.

Asian Hornets are an incredibly destructive invasive species that specialise in preying on honeybee hives - one Asian Hornet alone can kill 30-60 honeybees per day. First discovered in the UK in 2016, the insect has travelled to our shores from northern Europe, where there are now over half a million nests annually in France alone.

By 2022, just 16 Asian Hornet nests had been discovered in this country. But in 2023, this increased dramatically to 72 nests in 56 different locations, with Kent and the Southeast most predominantly affected. But there have been sightings in many other locations, including as far north as Scotland, and a credible sighting already reported in January this year, sparking fears the non-native insect may become established in the UK.

Experts are keen to point out that this is not just a problem for beekeepers but poses a significant risk to public health. Asian Hornets are aggressively defensive of their nests, which are often built in hedgerows and brambles, meaning disturbances by unsuspecting individuals could have dangerous consequences.

An Asian Hornet can be identified by its very distinct markings - they're a similar size to a European Hornet, which is two or three times the size of a common wasp and are **black with distinct yellow lower leg**.

The public are being urged to stay vigilant and encouraged to report any suspected sightings on the *Asian Hornet Watch app*, which is available to download on iOS and Android.

Expert teams from the National Bee Unit, part of Defra, will then be deployed to track hornets back to their nests, which are then destroyed.

Reporting a possible sighting of an Asian Hornet is quick, free, and easy and has the potential to make a huge difference in the fight against this invasive species.

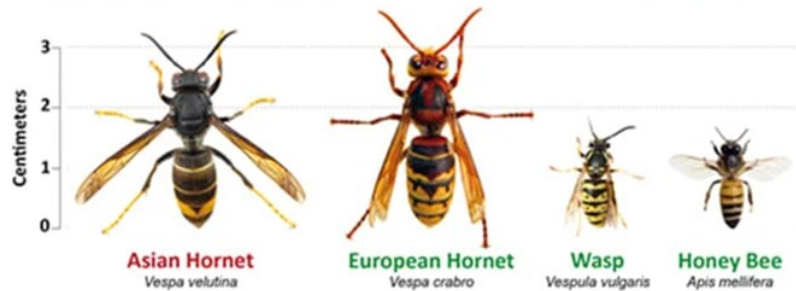
Members of the Meon Valley Beekeepers' Association are available for interview: please contact our Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT) leader - Linda on [asian-hornet@meonvalleybeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:asian-hornet@meonvalleybeekeepers.co.uk).

Further information including how to identify Asian Hornets, and the latest updates, can be found on the BBKA and National Bee Unit websites here:

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## Cliddesden

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

## Cliddesden WI



Janet and Deana from Home Instead came along to talk to us in March. Home Instead is an independent award-winning provider of care for the elderly who need some help and want to stay in their own home or are not ready to go into a Care Home. They offer a wide range of services and help tailored to your needs and can also provide live-in care for those who want to stay at home but cannot live independently. Janet and Deana are very cheerful, happy caring ladies and went into a lot of detail to explain the services that are on offer. They also touched on scams and the signs they look out for when visiting their clients to spot any potential problems their clients may be experiencing with scammers. Janet and Deana also run the Let's Move classes run by the organisation so we finished the session with some seated exercises singing along to some well-remembered songs from the past.

It was a very informative fun morning which we all enjoyed.

**Next meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am  
AGM with cake!**

At the time of writing this report we have not held our Crafty Lunchers day or our April meeting so more on these events next time. Some of the committee have been busy putting together our next programme which is now complete. We have a lot of varied speakers which we hope will please everybody. Why not come along and join us you would be made most welcome.

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

## Betty Rapley 10/09/1930 – 28/02/2024

Betty was born in December 1930 in Bournemouth, an only child; her father was a Taxi driver.

Fast forward to 1944, when Bournemouth started receiving Evacuees, one of them was Peggy Prosser and a lifelong friendship began. Betty, Peggy and another friend Mari, all attended Bournemouth Grammar School for girls. At 16 Betty left school to enrol on a secretarial course at Bournemouth College for 2 years. She successfully completed the course, and her first office job was at a Builder's Merchant.

During their teenage years, the girls all attended an 'All Girls Youth Club' and this is where Betty developed her love for Amateur Dramatics. She trained with a 'Lamda' group and achieved a Gold Star certificate. In the confines of the youth club, the girls organised a dance and invited the boys from the 'All Boys Youth Club'. Betty met Eddie and in April 1955 they were married. Eddie's job as a Salesman for a building firm took them to Honiton in Devon for 4 years, with Betty working as a secretary in a Lace making company. They then returned to Portsmouth and eventually decided to follow Eddie's sisters to America. Betty continued with office work and Eddie in Insurance. After 4 years they returned to the UK and Eddie took advantage of the Government Grants to enrol on a teacher's training course. A year later Betty also enrolled to become a teacher. Betty taught shorthand and typing initially at 'The Shrubbery Girl's School' and then at the newly opened 'Cranbourne comprehensive school', where she remained until retirement.

In the mid 60's they bought 24 Southlea. They became involved with village life and Eddie became Parish Clerk ably assisted by his personal secretary Betty. They were keen to have acting opportunities, and this saw the birth of 'The Cliddesden Players'. Through their great energy and drive they were responsible in obtaining grants and organising fund raising which eventually saw the building of Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall. Betty was always on the look out to coerce people into helping with projects to do with the village hall, as she regularly walked their Poodle Minty.

They both became active members of St Leonard's church and Betty participated in the 'Hand Bells group' and the church choir and was also on the cleaning rosta!

Betty and Eddie, with Peggy and Gordon holidayed annually in Spain, where they purchased a time share on a Golf course near Benidorm. They both loved sport and supported Bournemouth Football club for every home game as members. Betty loved tennis and was an avid follower of Wimbledon and regularly attended, she was a huge fan of Djokovic.

Betty was an active member of the 'Cliddesden Ladies' group' and always insisted on bringing 'cheese and grapes' to the food evenings as cooking was not her greatest love! She was also a founder member of the Cliddesden 'Friday Night' club, participating in Table Tennis, where she could beat everyone!

My family have known Betty since we moved into the village 42 years ago. 35 years ago we invited Betty & Eddie to join us for Christmas and for 23 years they were both very much welcome guests to join our celebrations. They both were important guests at our children's weddings 10 years ago.

Avril Hudson 03/02/2024

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What a splendid turnout for her, around 75 people. We are sure she would have been very proud to know so many people gathered for her final departure. There was a lovely spread afterwards at Cliddesden Village Hall.

A huge thankyou to everyone for attending and helping to make this a very happy occasion.

The collection in memory of her, taken in the church, amounted to just over £300, which we have split between St Leonard's Church and Beech Tree Care Home in Overton, where she resided for the last 5 years.

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Betty and Peggy

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Cliddeden Millenium Village Hall



2024



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**Thursday 9 May**

**Summertime; 9 May** (1955, 100 minutes, cert PG)



Set in Venice, *Summertime* is a romantic comedy. The film was directed by David Lean who made the hugely successful *Lawrence of Arabia*, a completely different film which demonstrates what a good director he was. It stars Katharine Hepburn, in a film completely different from her usual style, and Rossano Brazzi. A truly magical film which I am sure will leave a lump in the throat of all romantics amongst us. It's the story of a middle-aged woman on her summer vacation, enjoying her lifelong dream of a trip to Venice.

When I went to Venice in the late 80's it was as it's shown here; spacious and uncrowded enough to enjoy. If you go now, you can't move for crowds from ocean-going cruises which ruin the magic of the whole place, fortunately, they all leave for the evening on their boats leaving it to tourists like me! If he still lives there, Franco Da Mosta will be the last local.

**Living Thursday 6 June** (2022, 102 minutes, cert 12)



*Living* is a 2022 British film directed by Oliver Hermanus adapted from the 1952 Japanese film *Ikiru* directed by Akira Kurosawa (*Seven Samurai*). Set in 1953 London, it depicts a bureaucrat in the county Public Works department (played by Bill Nighy) in which a staid, emotionally withdrawn local government official receives news which compels him to rethink his outlook on life.

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

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## **Seasonal local produce is in stock**

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## **Coming up ...**

It is astonishing to realise that our amazing little community store is heading for its fifth birthday! Next month marks the anniversary of the store opening its doors to customers for the first time. Watch out for more information about how we will be celebrating this red letter day!

## **CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP**



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**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLIDDESSEN**

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Another jam packed month it's been for the children! We can't believe that Easter is over and we're now looking ahead to the summer term. We had a hilarious visit to preschool from the Easter Bunny, who was spotted in the playground by the children – and met with lots of giggles and laughter. The she delivered eggs to the children which they took home, along with some lovely easter chocolate crispy cakes they made themselves. The cakes were decorated beautifully.

The children also made a wonderful range of Easter crafts and did lots of Easter drawings/paintings to proudly take home to show off. They have also continued to learn about different shapes, and are encouraged to use the shapes they've learnt in their craft work.

We've also been outside on the playground lots more this month, riding the bikes and scooters, drawing with big colourful pavement chalks and having great fun digging in the free-standing sandpit. We just need the mud to dry up, and we'll be able to get out onto the Meadow for more fun in the coming weeks!

Laura Reed

Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School Secretary

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**Lent and Easter at St. Leonard's**

We had a fantastic, full and fruitful Lent and Easter at St. Leonard's!

Our Pancake Party kicked off Lent in style, attended by 30 children.

Dad's and Kids met on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March to make posies and crafts with Sian, Carys and Tricia for Mothering Sunday. Monica kindly fuelled the workers with one of her special buffet's! Many thanks to all who took part.

Mothering Sunday we had a busy church and a special reading from our Junior Church members.



Our Easter egg-stravaganza was well attended, with 20 children being introduced to the importance of Holy Week.

Easter Sunday was full of life, joy and hope. Bishop David led a beautiful family communion service, engaging all those who came along. A special Easter Choir, which included people



from three generations, sang with enthusiasm for the glorious occasion. Thank you to the Friends of Cliddesden School, who sent extra

supplies from their school cake sale to help with the Easter celebrations. And of course, Easter would not be complete without an Easter egg hunt!

We are a friendly, inclusive church with something for all ages – do come along and join our community! Service times are at the front of the Hill and Dale.



## Cliddesden Primary School



Our football team played their last league game this season against Park View. Going into the match both schools were top of the league on equal points with Cliddesden having a slightly better goal difference. However, this was our toughest game yet against a very strong side. Park View started well and were 2-0 up within a few minutes but we managed to equalise and then go 3-2 up in

the first quarter.

At the end of the second quarter the score was 4-4 but in the end, Park View proved too strong and finished the game winning 7-4. Our team played well and for a small school, coming second in the league was a significant achievement.



Also getting in on the action, on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 9 girls from years 3 and 4 took part in the Basingstoke School games football event at Power League. The weather was kind to us, and we had perfect playing conditions. The girls were beyond enthusiastic and got involved with everything. During their rest sessions, they were desperate to get back on and

turned their energy and enthusiasm into vocal support for their teammates. The event was non-competitive, and no scores were kept. However, the growth in their confidence and skills makes me believe that we have the makings of a great future girl's football team! Well done to all the girls who took part.

The children enjoyed World Book Day. In Assembly they talked about their favourite books.

In Willow class our youngest children created their favourite characters by drawing around their own body and making them life-size. They also created a reading corner in the garden and played 'Guess Who' using book characters. They enjoyed sharing books, swapping them when the bell rang.

Beech class enjoyed a story based on each lesson. They had a Maths story about fractions, for science it was a story about flowers and plants, and they listened to a David Attenborough story describing a place in English. They also made bookmarks describing how to look after a plant.

## Grayling: The Lady of the Stream

If I asked you to name a chalk stream fish, which one would you choose? For many, the brown trout or Atlantic salmon will come to mind – the most famous fishy mascots of these rare freshwater habitats. But today we're looking at another amazing member of the salmonid family: the European grayling. Or, to use its wonderfully romantic nickname, the 'Lady of the Stream'.

The grayling belongs to the genus *Thymallus* – so named because its members exude a faint scent of thyme. Although widespread across Europe and native to England, this fish was not originally found in the Test and Itchen. Records suggest that it was introduced to these rivers in the early 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries respectively, possibly by moving fish from the Hampshire Avon.

Ironically, grayling would later be routinely culled in many southern chalk streams, due to fears of them out-competing brown trout. This practice declined as studies showed key differences in the diet, growth, habitat, and spawning behaviour of the two species. Today, grayling are particularly popular with anglers, as they can be pursued in the winter when brown trout are prohibited.

The grayling can be recognised by its glittering pewter scales and red-fringed dorsal fin. This ruby colour is much brighter in the males, especially during the breeding season. From March to May each year, they attempt to woo females with a vibrating dance. Fertilised eggs are nestled in the gravelly stream bed and – if all goes well – two to four weeks later, the water is filled with baby grayling!

After hatching, juveniles stick to the slower-flowing stream margins until they get large enough to swim further out. As they grow, their diet expands to include worms, insect larvae, and small crustaceans like freshwater shrimp. Grayling can gain twice the weight that trout and salmon manage in their first year but end up a little smaller – the largest adults weigh around two kilograms.

Grayling need cool, clean, oxygen-rich water, in addition to areas of silt-free gravel for spawning. If their homes aren't healthy, then sadly they can struggle to thrive. To learn how the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme is helping grayling, brown trout, and other chalk stream species, visit [hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes). Our work is made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

### Free Events

#### 'The Role of the River Keeper'

Often responsible for habitat management in fisheries, river keepers can play a crucial role in protecting our precious chalk streams. Online on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

#### 'Tales from the Riverbank Literature Festival'

Join us in Andover, Whitchurch, Overton, and Alresford this June. Hear from amazing nature authors and get creative with writing workshops for children and adults.

Book your tickets at [hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes).

## Taking the Dog for a Walk

Come on Dog lets go for a walk and see what's about at the moment. Its not actually raining now for a change, though it might later, so this may not be too much of a chore. I've got my coat and your lead so let's get going.

There is a bit of strength in the sun now, you can feel it when the cloud clears through. The roadside verges are greening up fast now. The crops in the fields are growing at last, but the fields without crops look a bit sad, no crops yet and no chance of getting on and sowing anything until they dry out a lot more.

Here are some celandines, a bright yellow patch opening when the sun shines on them. They seem to do better on wet land that catches the sun. There are some early dandelions too and that one has a bee on it so don't get your nose too close.

The hedges do still have a bit of white blackthorn flower, its getting a bit late now. The flowers only come on second year wood so a if the hedge trimming is too tight in the autumn and winter there will be no flowers the next year.

The first Bluebells are early this year, although it's been wet it has not been cold, some white stitchwort with its spiky leaves is coming too. The woodland edges are the best places to see them at the moment.

Look Dog, here are some cowslips and primroses on the little bank outside this house, I suppose they will have been planted, but the show is good. On the other side of the road where the grass has been cut daisies are open. At the back where the grass hasn't been cut and the Council haven't yet sent in the destruction squad the first cow parsley is showing. Just wait until May when they will be a fabulous show. By then the bright red grenadier beetles will be found on the flowers, along with flies, bees, small pollen beetles and more.

Keep up Dog you are giving that bank a good sniff, your nose must have found something the rest of us know nothing about. I would have thought the wild garlic smell smothered everything else, or maybe it's the dogs mercury that you want to check out.

Down the road here the banks are steeper, and it's a bit darker because of the trees growing on the top of the bank. Mind the potholes Dog, they have got a lot bigger this winter. I can see some fern fronds; I think its harts tongue beginning to unroll as they emerge. The grasses are growing where the sun can get through, but best of all are the wild strawberry flowers. Remember where they are Dog, we might find some tiny strawberries here in the summer.

That will be something to look forward to.



Chestnut class competed in a character related quiz. They also created their own bookmarks and wrote character profiles. Meanwhile in Oak class, they worked hard to identify characters using clues given and also participated in a book-based scavenger hunt.

We recognise this event every year as reading is so important to a child's academic development and is a life skill that is essential to a successful future.

The 21st day of March (the 3rd month of the year) was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Every year on March 21st, World Down Syndrome Day is observed to create awareness about Down syndrome.

We marked Down Syndrome awareness with Rock your Socks Day. Wearing our funkiest socks symbolised the uniqueness of every chromosome - each one valuable and one-of-a-kind. Mrs Nye, whose daughter Abi used to attend the school, came in and did a special assembly for the children which involved using Makaton symbols to accompany a song.



Willow had an action-packed Pirate Day to finish their exciting unit on exploration. The children enthusiastically took to their roles and joined in with a wide range of activities. They learnt all about the not-so-glamorous side of a Pirate's life and were fascinated by the more gory details! The children particularly enjoyed the sensory experience of delving into water beads to discover hidden objects. They showed great creativity in decorating their cutlass' and designing a Pirate's hat!



What an incredible time the Year 5 and 6 children had on their 5-day residential. We visited the Osmington Bay centre overlooking the bay of Weymouth. The weather was a little unsettled to start but it didn't dampen our spirits and it brightened up as the week went on. There is always an element of nerves before a trip like this, but all of the children demonstrated our school values incredibly well and showed amazing resilience and growth mindset. They all had their own personal challenges and succeeded admirably, pushing themselves to improve and overcome fears. We enjoyed many activities such as abseiling, archery, fencing, rifle shooting and many more but a firm favourite was definitely the giant swing. There are lots of photos to enjoy on our website.



Our brave musicians enjoyed performing to family, friends, and their peers at their end of term Rock2theBeat concert. Watching the children grow in confidence with each performance is a

Stagecoach South, Go South Coast, and First Solent are supercharging their services!

What's New?

Enhanced Services: 15 Hampshire bus routes are set to enjoy more day and evening services.

Sunny Sunday Specials: Welcome three new services making your Sundays brighter and better connected.

Extended Hours: Enjoy late-night escapades and early morning rides with improved timings.

This funding magic stems from Hampshire's £7.2 million slice of the DfT's Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus treasure. It's our ticket to not just saving existing routes from cuts but also adding more frequent services across the board.

From the 14 April by Bluestar:

- The Bluestar 1 between Winchester and Southampton will run every 15 minutes on weekdays and Saturdays (current frequency is: every 20 minutes).
- Bluestar 2 linking Southampton, Eastleigh and Fair Oak will run every 15 minutes during the day on Saturdays (current frequency is every 20 minutes) to match the current weekday frequency on this busy route. The Bluestar 2 will also get evening service improvements on Mondays to Saturdays from the same date.
- On the Bluestar 1 between Winchester and Southampton there will be additional evening weekday services and new late-night services in each direction on Friday and Saturday evenings. Additional evening services will operate on the Bluestar 4 between Romsey and Southampton. Bluestar are also set introduce an earlier outbound journey on the Bluestar 4 from Southampton to Romsey on weekdays.

From May onwards by Stagecoach:

- In Farnborough, buses will run more frequently to and from the Prospect Estate throughout the daytime, and earlier in the morning and later in the evening on Sundays. Extra evening buses will also run to Pinewood Park and Hawley Lane.
- Buses between Newbury, Kingsclere and Basingstoke will run later into the evening and on Sundays for the first time, as well as more frequently at weekday peak times. These changes are in partnership with West Berkshire Council.
- Service 66 between Romsey and Winchester will improve to every 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday daytime.
- In Andover, more buses will run to and from East Anton throughout the week, with extra trips during the day as well as into the evening and on Sundays. Service 76 between Andover, Whitchurch and Basingstoke will improve to every 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday daytime.
- In partnership with Surrey County Council, service 65 between Alton, Farnham and Guildford will move to a new hourly timetable, running seven days a week.

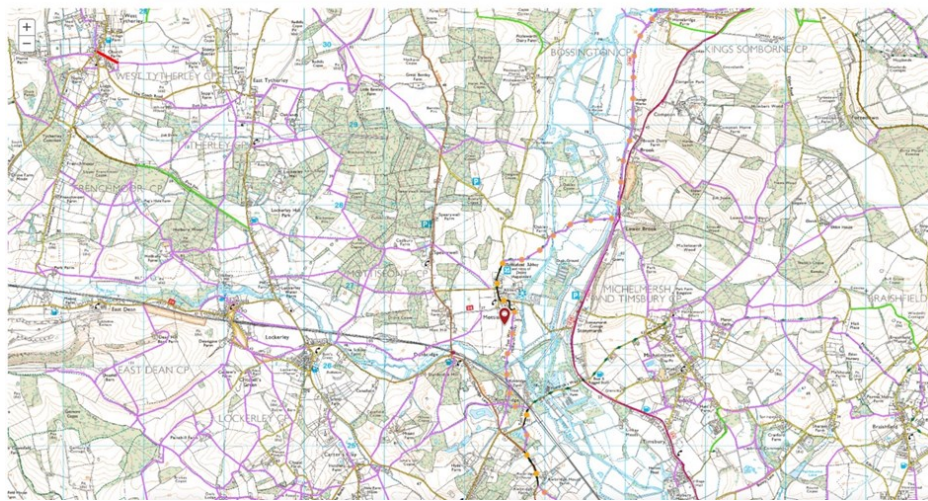


## Map of Public Rights of Way

Search by address, place or grid reference

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### Big Changes Coming to Hampshire County Council Offices

Hampshire County Council is set to review proposals this week aimed at reducing office accommodation across the county. This move is all about consolidating staff into fewer buildings and saving those precious pennies on running costs.

What's the plan? The strategy will roll out over the coming years, focusing on adapting to changing work patterns and making sure the council's facilities are up to snuff. With many staff working remotely or directly in the community (think local services like social care for our vulnerable neighbours), it's clear that the way we work is evolving.

This isn't just about cutting costs. It's about ensuring access to public services remains robust for everyone in Hampshire. From libraries to register offices, no public service closures are on the table—just smarter use of the space we have.

This is all about staying efficient, effective, and, most importantly, close to the community's heart. While some staff might see changes in their work locations, the goal is to keep everything running smoothly without a hitch to services or the public.

You can read more here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240603Officeaccommodation>  
 #Hampshire #LocalGov #Sustainability #CommunityServices  
 #OfficeConsolidation #PublicServices

**News for Hampshire Bus Travelers!** Thanks to a £4.2 million boost from the Government's Bus Service Improvement Partnership, our local bus operators



delight to watch. Their performances can be seen on our website.

Our Year 1 and 2 children have been mastering the recorder in their music lessons



this term and our Year 5 and 6 children the violin. Both instruments were new to most children, and they developed their skills to be able to perform to an audience made up of family, friends and their peers.

Friends of Cliddesden - Easter Sale Bake. What a fantastic after school event.



There were lots of yummy Easter treats on offer all very kindly donated by family and friends. It proved to be a great success and enjoyed by all. We are delighted to announce that we made an amazing £182.50 in total! These events continue to help enrich each and every child's educational experience at Cliddesden.

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**Daffodil Competition**  
 Our thanks to Cliddesden Horticultural Society for donating daffodil bulbs to our Gardening Club which is organised by Annie Houstoun. The children planted and nurtured their bulbs and they were judged by the CHS. They all looked beautiful dancing in the sunlight and the winners were:



Place	Keystage 1	Chestnut Class	Oak Class
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hazel-Olivia	Lily	Seren
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Florence	Olivia	Rosi
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Silvie	Amelia
Highly commended		Sophie	



**Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield  
Horticultural Society  
The Gardening Club**  
Chairman: Seumas Foster  
[Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk](mailto:Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk)  
07768 443 658



### **Hello From Claire**

I am sincerely hopeful that we have reached this point in the year without any fall of the dreaded white stuff! Personally speaking, my least favourite weather is snow – and so far, so good!

It does mean, however, that many of the benefits that a good cold snap would give us are lost.

Ticks are already rife, slugs and snails will be thriving, and the grass and weeds haven't really stopped growing at all.

As I write this there are 2 weeks until the end of April.....who knows, I many yet be disappointed!

This month we are having a look at herb #4 – Thyme

Thyme – *Thymus Vulgaris* – family: Labiatae

An essential herb for a good bouquet garni, Thyme has a long and distinguished history. Associated with strength and happiness, in the Middle Ages a high-ranked lady would embroider sprigs of rosemary on the clothes of knights going off to the crusades.

Favouring a dry, sunny spot with well-drained soil thyme can be raised from seed where it is to flower, although a quicker reward would come from dividing and old plant or taking cuttings in spring. A spreading, evergreen perennial its small mauve flowers are popular with bees and insects.

The leaves go well in all savoury dishes, especially veal, chicken, and game, and in tomato-based sauces.

Medicinally, thyme derives its use from the compound 'Thymol' which is a powerful antiseptic.

Use an infusion of the leaves as an antiseptic rinse for cuts, and drink for headaches, coughs, catarrh and asthma.

For clearing spots and pimples use oil of thyme.

Lemon thyme (*Thymus x citriodorus*) is one of only 3 of the over 50 different forms of thyme to be grown for culinary use. It has a milder flavour than garden thyme. In Parsley and Thyme stuffing it can be used to replace the grated lemon peel. Use in fruit salads, jellies and baked custards.

Sprigs tied in a muslin cloth and added to the bath give off a lovely scent, and dried leaves can be used in pot pourri and herb cushions.

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

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

Well, it wasn't Terry, it was 'Mrs Terry' and it was much more than hardy shrubs!



## **Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor**

### **Hampshire County Councillor report May 2024**

#### **Highways Information**

**\*\*Additional road repairs funded by HS2\*\***

The Government's cancellation of HS2 resulted in local councils being given additional funding to bring forward road repairs in this financial year and in each of the next 11 years.

Hampshire was awarded £4.22 million last year and this which has meant we are able to bring forward additional road improvement schemes into this year's programme.

You can read the full list here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../20241903NetworkNorthHampshir...>

I don't have dates for this work as yet but it will undoubtedly be before the autumn. I will of course advertise the dates well ahead of time.

#### **Reporting Highway Problems**

Links to report road issues are here:

**Potholes:** <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

**Tree/hedge problems:** <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

**Flooding/drainage issues:** <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

**Pavement problems:** <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

#### **Problems with rights of way:**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

**When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you**

For full details on the route improvements and to start planning your next journey, glide over to [hants.gov.uk/transport/publictransport/timetables](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/publictransport/timetables) and [myjourneyhampshire.com](https://www.myjourneyhampshire.com). **Footpaths/Rights of Way and bluebells**

I thought it might be helpful therefore to share this with you. The Hampshire County Council website has a copy of the definitive map, which shows you in detail all of the byways, bridleways and public footpaths in the county.

The map can be accessed here: <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/rightsofwaydefinitivemap/>

The image below is of the 'larger map', to which there is a link at the top of the page.

**RAISE FREE FUNDS WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE**  
**To help your local Church!**

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.

It's easy to participate and **won't cost you anything** but a little time to register and then shop online. **Support so far has raised a free £70.00!**

**To help, please follow the steps below:**

1. Go to the website: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>
2. Please note, you need to become a 'supporter' of one of churches (St Martins, St Andrews, All Saints, St Leonards) by entering basic details, when prompted, name, address, email address.
3. Before you shop, please select the Church you wish to support highlighted on the dashboard as the 'cause'.
3. Then shop by Brand name or category. You need to accept the suppliers 'cookies' to ensure receipt of your donation. Donations are paid direct to Farleigh PCC Bank Account.
4. Shop as normal on the product website:
  - place the order you wish to purchase.
  - fill in your delivery and email address.
  - confirm your delivery detail, safe place if out.
  - pay by your debit or credit card.
  - easyfundraising and the supplier sites

**DO NOT store your card data.**

5. You will receive an email with confirmation of your order and a delivery date and, a further email telling you how much you raised.

**Thank you, your help would be much appreciated - small amounts all add up and help to support our churches.**

**PCC Team**

The sheer variety of foxgloves that are available is astonishing, and so many lovely colours.

A well-attended evening, and I think the presentation could have gone on well into late evening given the chance. There were well grown, reasonably priced, plants to buy, as well as seeds and all the advice you could want to help them grow.

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – SPRING SHOW

It never ceases to amaze me the number of different types of daffodils and tulips that we can grow, their many shades and shapes creating a vibrant splash of yellows, reds, and pinks as you enter the hall on show day.

And, as always, our members beat the odds and bring that joyous colour for all to see.

The craft sections show what phenomenal talent we have across our villages, and the domestic section, as always, has a range of recipes so that anyone can try something different. Congratulations to our Cup Winners:



Sue Fripp – Beautifully crafted bead and wire flowers

Steve Bowcutt – Best in show for flowers



Darcey Carmichael – such a lot of hard work, although Darcey did say mum helped with the glue gun because it was hot. A very sensible idea



Our other cup winners were: Domestic Section – Pat Gould, Highest overall points – Eddie and Di Rampton

Thank-you to everyone for all the effort you put in, we wouldn't have a show without you.

**What's coming up?**

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 11am

The Plant Sale! Our major fundraiser of the year.

Vegetable, herbs, annuals, perennials, and a good mix of everything inbetween. All plants are grown and donated by our members, so if you are splitting down, thinning out, or have more plants that you can plant, donations are very welcome. Or if you have a space to fill in a border, don't have the time to grow from seed, or are looking for something to try, do pop along.

**Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – 730pm for refreshments, 745 start. Graham Bower – Japanese inspired garden elements  
Rocks, water, plants and ornaments, asymmetry, enclosure, borrowed scenery, balance and symbolism – how do you unravel what could and would work for you? Members £1, Guests £2. Donations to the refreshments please, and don't forget the raffle!

## Benefice Recipes

Hello all, so on writing this it's still wet and a little chilly too. The garden is getting lush though despite the weather and our eldest, Archie, is more than happy to be mowing again. The strawberry plants have had a dose of nematodes for vine weevil, and we are on high alert for Box Moth Caterpillar with more nematodes at the ready. The greenhouse is brimming with plants for the allotment and houses an apricot tree in a pot with three apricots on it, which we are too scared to put outside now in case the pigeons get them. We've managed to plant onions, shallots and three varieties of potatoes up the allotment! here's hoping they won't sit and sulk because of the weather. So with the hope of a wonderful summer coming our way the recipe for May is a Thai Style Spaghetti Salad a pot luck salad. This recipe serves 10. It's American that's all I'm saying!



### You will need:

#### *The Salad ingredients*

227g spaghetti broken in half, cooked and then rinsed well with cold water.  
100g shredded red cabbage, 128g coarsely grated carrots  
6 to 8 spring onions thinly sliced, 73g roasted peanuts  
2 tbsp sesame seeds, 1 handful of coriander leaves chopped  
1 handful basil leaves thinly sliced,

#### *The Dressing ingredients*

64g rice vinegar, 30g vegetable oil  
32g or a heaped tablespoon of smoothie peanut butter  
1 clove of garlic minced, Half a tofu cayenne pepper  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Method

To make the dressing put all ingredients into a bowl and use a stick blender to mix up. Thin with more oil or vinegar to taste if necessary. Put the Salad ingredients into a large bowl and toss with the dressing. Refrigerate until ready to serve. You can make this salad a bit more substantial by adding strips of chicken, steak or salmon. Or go gluten free with courgette spaghetti. Add more vegetables like edamame beans, broccoli, bok choy, mangetout or French beans. Enjoy Tracey

## Candover Valley Pre-School

(within Preston Candover Primary School)

Tel: 01256-389008

Email: [cvpadmin@btconnect.com](mailto:cvpadmin@btconnect.com)

Website: <https://www.candovervalleypreschool.co.uk/>

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

Hello from CPV

In April the preschool buzzed with excitement as children marvelled at stick insects, caterpillars, tadpoles and newly hatched chicks who made their way into the classroom. These animal visitors not only brought joy but also offered invaluable learning experiences for



they make connections animal species. Wel-

animals into our setting has provided children with hands-on learning opportunities, allowing them to observe, touch and inquire about different species, fostering a deeper understanding of the natural world. Caring for animals instils a sense of responsibility and teaches respect for living beings, promoting empathy and compassion among the children. Our animal visitors cultivated a sense of wonder and appreciation for the natural world which we hope will last a lifetime!

Last month we also hosted our annual Easter egg hunt and preschool bake sale. A big thank you to all those who helped organise the events and those of you who participated. Great fun was had by all and we raised much appreciated funds for the preschool which allows us to continue to offer new and exciting learning opportunities to our children.

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.

**CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
**Ellisfield Parish Council**

Ellisfield is a small, friendly Village consisting of 119 houses and approximately 290 residents.

The Parish Council has six Members.

For more information, visit our website

[www.ellisfield.gov.uk](http://www.ellisfield.gov.uk)

Working hours approximately 5 hours per week

We are looking for someone with good organisational skills, including excellent attention to detail. You must have good communication and interpersonal skills, work effectively under your own initiative.

The successful candidate does not need to have prior experience as a Parish Clerk; this role would be ideal for someone who would like to contribute to the Ellisfield community, represent the Village effectively and develop their professional skills,

Applicants should be open to developing their knowledge of local government processes and procedures, in order to fully assist the Parish Council.

Attendance at evening meetings will be a requirement; the Parish Council has at least one evening meeting every other month, usually the 3rd Monday of the month. Reasonable notice will be given of any meeting to which you are required to attend.

Salary is dependent upon experience and qualifications.

Appropriate training will be provided. The role is home based and the hours can be worked flexibly.

**If you are interested, please contact the Clerk Hannah Ford [clerk@ellisfield.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ellisfield.gov.uk) and email your current CV.**

**The closing date for applications is the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

**Cheriton Singers**

Cheriton Singers will be performing a delightful combination of pieces on Saturday, May 18th, 2024:

"Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo" by Flanders and Horovitz,

Bob Chilcott's "Little Jazz Mass, and the "Litanies a la Vierge Noire" by Poulenc.

The concert will be at 7.30 pm in St Michael's Church, Cheriton.

Tickets £10 for adults, under 16s free, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheritonsingers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheritonsingers), from Cheriton Village Stores, or on the door.

Please make a note in your diary!



**Do you keep chickens or other captive birds?  
Important Information**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 everyone who keeps poultry and other captive birds must by law register on the National Poultry register. Previously keepers of more than 50 had to be register, but in an effort to combat Avian influenza and other avian diseases this requirement has been extended to all poultry keepers.

Bird keepers will need to provide information, including their contact details, site where the birds are kept and details of the birds (species, number and what they are kept for).

This will cover all kept birds including chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, pheasants, but also pigeons, budgies, parrots and birds of prey.

Search Poultry register on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for more details.



# Dummer

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

## About Dummer

Thank you to all who made Holy Week and Easter so very special. Bishop David led our Palm Sunday Eucharist (and loved the choice of hymns) and he also led our Good Friday devotions "Seven Words from the Cross". We are very grateful that he managed to lead us during this very busy time of the Church year.

Thank you to Clare W S who stripped the altar for us and then returned on Saturday to put the altar cloths on ready for Easter Sunday. Thank you to our amazingly talented Flower Ladies, the Church looked beautiful as usual.

Thank you to Ian Thacker for leading our Easter Day Eucharist, fun was had with a bat and ball, and it turned out women were better catchers than men!!! It was a joyous service for all ages.

Thank you to Louise and others who made coffee, poured wine (yes, there were some stalwarts who enjoyed a glass of wine before the sun was over the yard arm) and handed round mini-eggs.

But the biggest thanks must go our organist, Stephen, who forsook his Winchester Cathedral obligations and played for us on both Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It was quite short notice.

Our Sunday Special took place on Low Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April and John Holden gave a very informative and amusing talk on the alternative names for Low Sunday. There were so many from various sources, it must be the most varied named Sunday in the Church calendar. Thank you to all who helped John and Alex to make this such an interesting service.

Our next Sunday Special on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May will be a talk on the brasses in All Saints Church, how to do a rubbing and how to clean (ditch the Brasso is the main advice) and look after them.

Lyn  
Churchwarden

# Off the Beaten Track



## Bank Holiday Monday 6th May Farleigh Wallop

A 5k walk, partly on private land, through bluebell woods, by kind permission of Viscount Lymington

£5 per adult £1 per child up to 16

Dogs on leads welcome \*\*\* Muddy at some points! Raffle \*\*\* Cake & squash to purchase halfway

Barbecue in farmyard after the walk

\*\*\*\*\*

**Start at Home Farm Barn, Farleigh Wallop (RG25 2HX) between 10.30am and 11.15am.**

In aid of St Martin's, Ellisfield and St Andrew's, Farleigh Wallop

**Ellisfield** Distributor - Ali Swanston 07881088123.

*Debbie Scholey will be very pleased to receive your Ellisfield*

## ELLISFIELD SAVE THE DATES 2024

Wine Walk - Friday 21st June

Village BBQ - Saturday 27th July

Harvest Supper - Saturday 21st September

Full details to follow soon

## Bring Me Your Ali Cans! \*\*



Please drop off your Ali cans at my gate and they will be sent for recycling by the **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance**, as part of the fundraising on their behalf.

I have been collecting for a while and so far the efforts have been wonderful, but more cans will always help.

### Leave them by my gate at Northgate Cottage

when convenient to do so.

Thank you to all those who already help, there is always need for more though.

I shall look forward to being blockaded by cans!

### Dummer Village Hall

URGENT. We urgently need a Treasurer, a knowledge of Quickbooks is advisable. Please speak to a Trustee or any member of the village hall committee.

Thank you to Mary for providing an excellent events calendar for the village, hopefully you have seen them around the village and on social media.

The Great Scrap Heap Challenge Scarecrow Competition

Don't forget to make your totally recyclable scarecrow for the competition, there is no age barrier, the more the merrier and the more inventive the more fun the competition will be. Make sure your entry is in situ by May 26<sup>th</sup> and if in a flowerbed or scaring pigeons in your vegetable patch please let Lyn know (397507 or villagehalldummer@gmail.com) so she can inform the judges.

The Fete is looming (Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at Dummer Down) and if you can help out please email villagehalldummer@gmail.com.

Dummer Village Hall Committee.



### Checking if something might be a scam

Scams can be difficult to recognise, but there are things you can look out for. If you've seen something online or in an email or text, you can use our online tool to get advice. The tool will ask you questions and use your answers to give you advice on how to check whether something is a scam and what to do if you've been scammed.

Start the online tool: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/decision-trees/scams/>  
It might be a scam if:

- It seems too good to be true – for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect,
- Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly,
- You suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address,
- You've been asked to transfer money quickly,
- You've been asked to pay in an unusual way – for example, by iTunes, vouchers or through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union,
- You've been asked to give away personal information like passwords or PINs,
- You haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed.

For more information on scams, please go to: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/)

If you have an enquiry please call our free Adviceline on **0808 278 7829**, we are here to help.

# THE GREAT SCRAP HEAP CHALLENGE SCARECROW COMPETITION

All Scarecrows Must Be Made Of  
Recyclable Materials That You Can Put  
In Your Green Recycling Bin Or  
Recycle At Wade Road.

Prizes For 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> And 3<sup>RD</sup>.

£5 Per Entry  
(All ages competition)

All Entries to Be Visible by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
May For Judging During The Week.

Any Profits to Be Divided Between All  
Saints Church and Dummer Village Hall

Contact: [allsaintsdummer@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsdummer@gmail.com)  
or Lyn H 397507

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GAMES,  
DOG SHOW,  
BREWERY,  
BAR, FOOD,  
& MUCH  
MUCH  
MORE!!

**WHOOP!!!**

**DUMMER  
SUMMER  
FETE IS  
BACK!!**

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

**Cash Only!**

- . Cars £5.
- . On Foot -  
Donations at  
the gate.

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

**Exciting**

**DUMMER DOWN  
FARM - BULLPEN  
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*All proceeds go to  
Dummer Village  
Hall & All  
Saints Church*

**Join Us!**

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