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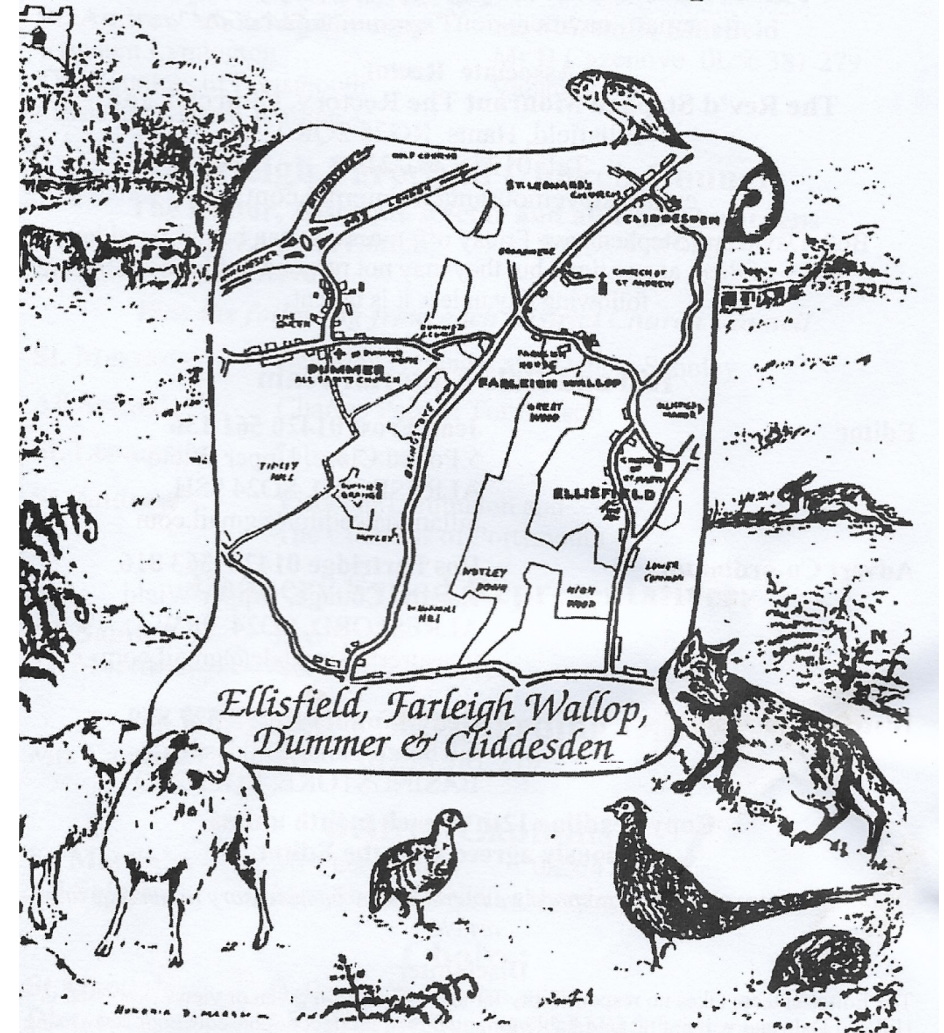
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Key to initials:

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

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

Tomkinson:

Sunday 1st September Trinity 14

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:30	Wield	Matins IDT
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer PR
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer JG
11:00	Northington	Morning prayer with Baptism IDT
11.15	Dummer	Harvest festival

*Readings Song Sol 2:8-13 James 1:17-2.7 Mark 7:1-8 14-15 and 21-23
Psalm 45 1-2 and 6-9*

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Sunday 8th September Trinity 15

08:00	Dummer	Holy Communion IDT
09:45	Ellisfield	Morning Prayer BC
10:00	Preston Candover	Family Service JG (IDT if JG is harvesting)
11:15	Cliddesden	Family Holy Communion Peter Brown
18:00	Wield	Evensong IDT

*Readings Proverbs 22:1,2,8,9,22 and 23 James 2:1-17 Mark 7 24-37
Psalm 125*


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Sunday 15th September Trinity 16 IDT away

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



Readings Proverbs 1:20-33 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38 Psalm 19


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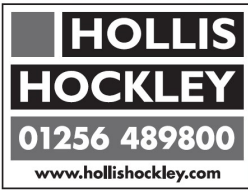




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Sunday 22nd September Trinity 17

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW. IDT (JG to preach)

9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW IDT

16:00 Brown Candover Harvest service IDT

11:15 Ellisfield Harvest festival

Family Communion Peter Brown

Readings Proverbs 31_10-31 James 3:13-4:3 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

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Sunday 29th September Trinity 18

10:00 Preston Candover Harvest festival JG

11:00 Farleigh Holy Communion IDT

Readings *Esther 71-6, 9-10 9:20-22 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50*

Psalm 124

Basingstoke Choral Society Concert

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Saturday 6th July 7pm

Basingstoke Choral Society will return to Odiham on Saturday 6th July for their summer concert, with choruses from the popular 'Armed Man A Mass for Peace' by Karl Jenkins, written to commemorate all victims of war.

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Message from Ian

It's amazing how we get used to things. For some time, the sight in my right eye was getting decidedly ropey. It was OK and I got used to things in the distance being a bit blurry. It also enabled my wife and me to play the daily game of "have you seen my glasses". I was a bit shocked when I went to the optician, and he told me that my vision had deteriorated to the extent that I was not allowed to drive.

The problem with my vision was a cataract. I knew I had one, but really didn't want the surgery; my retina had detached when I had the left eye done. So it was with some fear that I went for surgery, and the results have been brilliant. I can see things now much more clearly than I ever could wearing glasses.

The thing that has been underlined for me is gratitude. I'm grateful, obviously, to the medical staff for their care. For the support and prayers from the churches. I was so grateful when my wife agreed to miss out on attending her church so she could drive me around the Benefice to take services. Attending three Anglican services in a go was something for which she didn't quite sign up.

This is a good time of year to practice gratitude. In a country parish Harvest is always a focus; a time when we give thanks for the colossal hard work that our farmers have put in over the year to enable us to have food. For many of them it's been a hard year facing issues with the weather for the whole of the growing season.

You can give gratitude a try before eating a meal by the practice of giving thanks for it. This doesn't have to be a prayer but a feeling that we are thankful for something many do not have. You can show gratitude by donating to a food bank and enabling those on benefits with children to be able to feed them better. For those of us with faith, September is also the time of harvest festivals. A time to give thanks to God for all that we have and celebrate all we have been given. If you want to attend, you will be welcome, and we'll see you there.

Drop in

From Wednesday 25th September I'll be in Wield Church from 09:00-10:00 for anyone who wants to come in and have a chat. You can also have a face-to-face meeting to start to arrange baptisms or weddings. At 10am we'll have a brief service of Morning prayer and a bit of bible study. We'll finish with a cup of tea and biscuits. I'm sure this will be augmented to cake later on as cake is always available in the Benefice. If you want to come you will be welcome.

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All Saints, Dummer	8 Sept 8.00am	Anita Austin	
All Saints, Dummer	15 Sept 9.45am	Stafford Napier	John Trueman Stafford Napier
All Saints, Dummer	22 Sept 9.45am	Mervyn Mann	Charlie Palmer Tomkinson Jenny Padmore
All Saints, Dummer	6 Oct 11.15am		
St Martin's Ellisfield	1 Sept 8.00am	Bernard Cazenove	
St Martin's Ellisfield	8 Sept 9.45am	Susie Deane	Gordon Dunse Tim Guinness
St Martin's Ellisfield	22 Sept 11.15am	Debbie Scholey	Seumas Foster and Marcus Rule
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At the end of July Police have had cause to attend a property in Ellisfield after reports had been received of constant smells of cannabis emitting from it.



The property was entered with the owner present and located within were cannabis plants, 70 in total. The plants were being grown in several rooms, the estimated street value of the plants is believed to be more than £100,000. Whilst Police enquiries are ongoing this seems to be a good time to highlight the sort of activity that could be happening without you suspecting anything.

The growing of cannabis (cannabis factories) in houses requires a lot of light to encourage the plants to grow at an increased rate. This in turn generates a lot of heat and the combined result requires a lot of electricity to run the equipment. Often the electricity is bypassed and by not going through the electric metre, avoids any costs etc. This is inherently dangerous, and the risk of fire is increased significantly. Criminal gangs sometimes become aware of these premises and as a result it is not unheard of for traps to be laid to prevent their product from falling into rivals' hands.

What to look out for?

- In the winter months the roofs of the houses are usually clear of any frost or snow
- Curtains at the windows closed all the time.
- Are the lights on a timer?
- Do they come on & off at set times daily. Giving the impression someone is at home.
- Is there a pungent smell? Not everyone knows what cannabis smells like, but the plant is described as earthy, herbal & woody. Sometimes carries notes of Lemon or apple depending on varieties. Once smelt never forgotten.

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Our Fellowship Service filled the church with song, joy and praise. The Children's Singing Group treated us to some songs they have been working hard to practise with Sylvia, including one with some grown-ups in the choir, too! The fizz and nibbles after the service rounded off a very happy occasion. Many thanks to everyone who contribute to make the service such a happy occasion.

Claire



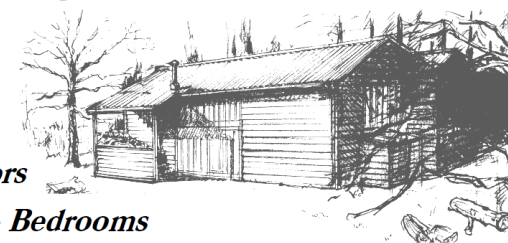
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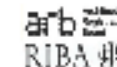
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End of Year Report

What an amazing year our children have had, and thankfully the sun did show its face towards the end of summer term. Sports Day was a big hit – lots of traditional races, plus the hilarious highlight of the ‘mums’ and ‘dads’ races brought much amusement to all!

The scooters, bikes and ride-on motorbikes were getting a great deal of use; a fantastic way to get some exercise whilst learning co-ordination, teamwork and sharing with your friends.

Interactive ‘lessons’ in the summer term included learning about bees and pollination, healthy eating and keeping our teeth nice and clean – but best of all, the children got the opportunity to learn firsthand about the world of work i.e. jobs that mummies, daddies or carers do, to earn their money. A huge thank you to Simon and Aimi; two parents who came to preschool to explain all about being a pilot and cabin crew aboard an aircraft! The children were mesmerised by the lesson and learnt a lot about what it takes to fly around the world.

As another year draws to a close, I’d just like to wish a huge, good luck to all our leavers moving up to Big School and extend a warm welcome to our little ones joining us in the autumn!

Laura Reed

Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School Secretary



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Here, we are looking at rights around appealing a parking ticket. You can appeal a ticket if you think you were parked correctly. For example, if a parking attendant thinks you stayed too long when you were in fact within the time limit.

By law, a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) or Excess Charge Notice (ECN) from the council – issued on public land, such as a high street – must be cancelled if you didn't break the parking rules. You can check these rules on GOV.UK or on signs near where you parked.



When you park on private land, such as a supermarket car park, the parking rules (the terms and conditions of using the car park) should be made clear on nearby signs. If you're given a Parking Charge Notice and can prove you stuck to these rules, your ticket should be cancelled. This is because the parking company can't argue that you didn't stick to their terms and conditions.

For more information on appealing a parking ticket, please go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/parking-tickets/appealing-a-parking-ticket/

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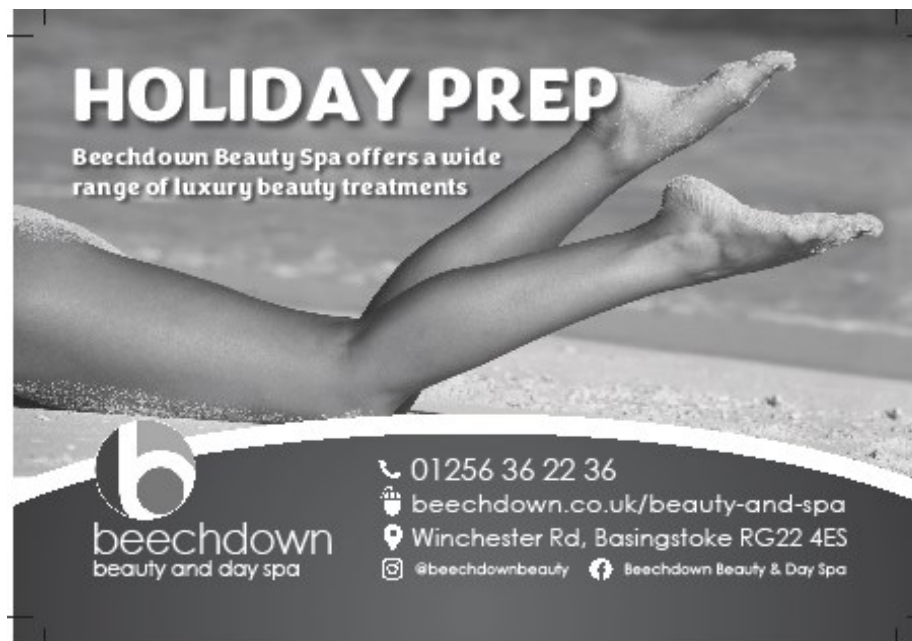
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Cliddesden WI

August 2024


At our August meeting, we enjoyed a morning at the movies. We watched "It's Complicated" with Meryl Streep, Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin, with popcorn and ice-cream served during the interval.

We have an afternoon tea planned for our September meeting to celebrate the 102nd birthday of Cliddesden WI.

We would welcome new members. Cliddesden WI is over 100 years old and we want to ensure the group is still here for the next generation of women. If you are interested in joining please contact Julia Ross at cliddesdenssec@hamsphirewi.org.uk.



Save The Date!
St Leonard's Church
Village Quiz Night
Saturday, 9th November



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Here we go again with our annual cerebral fundraiser and food fest for teams of 6!
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Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club AKA 'The Film Club'

Thursday 3 October
(2022, 99 minutes, cert 12)

The story of a geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital threatened with closure.



Allelujah, the latest film by Richard Eyre, features a who's who of British acting talent.

Starring Jennifer Saunders, Judi Dench and Bally Gill, the comedy-drama, based on the 2018 play of the same name by Alan Bennett, the film is set in the geriatric ward at The Bethlehem, a small hospital in Wakefield, Yorkshire.

Thursday 7 November

A Man Called Otto
(2022, 126 minutes, cert 15)



A Man Called Otto is a 2022 American comedy-drama film directed by Marc Forster starring Tom Hanks. It is a remake of the 2015 Swedish film A Man Called Ove, The film stars Tom Hanks in the title role,

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

Admission £2 to cover the cost of the DVD, surplus is donated to the village hall.

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

Hope to see you there,

Ted Dowson

edward.dowson@btinternet.com

Cliddesden Wine Walk 2024.

And so, like Glastonbury, the Cliddesden wine walk returned after a fallow year. And what an event it was!

More than 80 tickets sold (I think a record for us), so there was already great support for the event. The day itself started with the now-characteristic summer rain, which continued into the early afternoon. Undeterred, our intrepid hosts were unfurling bunting, sweeping patios, laying out tables and dusting down gazebos ahead of the start.

The theme this year was France and the Olympics in Paris for our “bons viveurs”. There was just that small matter of the England v Switzerland Euros quarter final starting at 5pm. As it was the quarter final inevitably drifted to extra time and penalties with the England victory resulting in a surge of guests venturing out around 15 minutes after the normal start of the wine walk.

Although the football result was never in doubt, the celebrations nonetheless added to the conviviality of the evening, and the sun was out to cap it all off. We had some lovely cheeses, dips, baguettes, coq au vin and all sorts of other Gallic-inspired foods to accompany the reds, whites, Rose and Kronenbourg.

We also spied a replica Eiffel tower in one of the gardens, glittering until late in the night! Our thanks to all the hosts and those brought in to help the hosts, the ticket sellers and all those who enthusiastically participated.

We made a fantastic profit, all going to the well-deserving St Leonards church funds.

Roll on the next one! If you would consider being a host, we are always looking so do get in touch, we typically look to stage the event in the first or second week of July.

John and Miche Donaldson

Candover Valley Store

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Harvest season at the store

Don't miss the chance to buy the freshest of fresh produce - with less than one food mile on the clock - before the season ends! Since the spring, a group of volunteers has been growing, tending and harvesting fruit, vegetables and flowers in a local garden. The fruit and the first crop of flowers have now been enjoyed but courgettes, chard, several varieties of beans, tomatoes, shallots, dahlias and cosmos should be available for a few more weeks.

New starts and farewells

If your little person is starting school this month, or your bigger person has flown the nest for uni or to travel the world, you may need a bit of TLC to help you through those first days apart! Make your way to the store where you will always find a cheery welcome. Treat yourself to a mug of Moon Roast coffee, a slice of cake and a chat and you'll be feeling better in no time! And on the subject of uni, we would like to wish the best of luck to those of our lovely youth workers who are off to pastures new this month. Thank you for all the shifts you have worked at the store! Do come in to tell us how you are getting on when you are next back home.

Staff and volunteers' summer party (in the drizzle!)

One of the gloomiest evenings in August threatened to spoil the party we hold each year to say a most sincere thank you to our fantastic staff and volunteers. But all was well! The marquee overlooking the Candover Brook vineyard gave us cover from the elements and a fun night was had by all, even if we weren't properly able to see the normally beautiful views. We are grateful to the Sainsbury family, Preston Farms and Candover Valley Wines for allowing us to use the marquee for our event.

Reporting Highway Problems
Links to report road issues are here:

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WE ARE RECRUITING! Come and join the team
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- Retail experience (*not essential*)
- Commercial skills and financial awareness
- Friendly and approachable personality
- Good computer literacy

If you are over 18 yrs of age, interested in the Candover Valley Community Store with excellent customer service skills and a reputation for being reliable, hardworking and good at working in a team then we want to hear from you.

Download the job description from the website www.cvcs.org.uk or call Jane



“The 13th Floor”

The Cliddesden Players certainly had a smashing time (literally and metaphorically!) in their summer show on 28th and 29th June. It was another resounding success, so many thanks to our wonderful audiences who laughed and clapped so enthusiastically!

Confusion over the non-existent 13th floor, a very slow lift, the Hotel Manager panicking about his hotel’s reputation as dead bodies piled up in front of the reception desk and a spoilt rock star with a psycho stalker was not a normal day for the Grand Central Hotel.

Hysterical guests were struck over the head by vases and a falling chandelier suddenly ended the rock star’s career, as the staff gradually lost control of the situation.

Don’t worry, the vases were not made of glass but Isomalt, a synthetic sugar product and were expertly made by Jack (the Bellboy). And the chandelier was card!

Of course, huge thanks must go to our own Emily Golborn for her very funny, fast-moving script and to the Players for their superb timing, dashing in and out of doors and lift.

Our audience programme donations for St Michael’s Hospice totalled £100.24 –thank you for your generosity.

Our overall play profit totalled a massive £2896.76, a record for a summer production!

We were very lucky that the sun shone, so the Pimm’s flowed, and ice-creams flew out of the freezer!

Many thanks to all our Helpers and the great Saturday BBQ crew, we couldn’t do it without you.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!
The Cliddesden Players

Save the Date: Panto – 13th & 14th December

And Hampshire isn’t alone – colder, wetter winters take a toll on roads everywhere. Plus, inflation means it now costs taxpayers around 44% more to repair a pothole.

But fear not! Summer’s here, bringing drier, warmer days. Our highways teams are on it, fixing potholes, smoothing surfaces, and maintaining roads across the county.



Hampshire Country Parks this Summer

With the school holidays upon us there is loads to do at Hampshire County Council country parks and farms.

From bug hunts at Staunton and Queen Elizabeth Country Parks, to a Film Festival at Royal Victoria Country Park and a Seashore Safari at Lepe there are dozens of things to do, most particularly to keep your little ones occupied.

The general link to the country park and farm site is here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/>

Hampshire Archives Talks

There's another fantastic event coming up from Archives - Hampshire County Council and Archives in a few weeks' time.

Entitled 'The Women's Institute at War' this online talk is given by local historian Phoebe Merrick who will talk about how the WI contributed to the war effort in the villages of southern Test Valley.

The talk is on Monday 2nd September, from 6-7pm. It costs £6 per person and you can register for it here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../womens-institute-at-war-090924>



The Women's Institute at War
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Local historian, Phoebe Merrick, joins us to talk about the role of the Women's Institute in village life in the Lower Test Valley area during World War Two.



Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor

Hampshire County Councillor report

Hampshire Children’s Services rated ‘Outstanding’
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Road Repair Update

Hampshire County Council has been hard at work fixing potholes and road defects!

From April 2023 to April 2024, they delivered a whopping 180,909 repairs – a 37% increase from the previous year.

Potholes impact daily journeys for residents, whether commuting to work, heading to school, running a business, or exploring our beautiful county.

Thanks to an additional £22.5 million investment over two years, our highways service and main contractor, Milestone, have been able to deploy more resources to tackle these road issues promptly.





St Leonard's churchyard

Over the past few months, we have carried out some work on the northern border of the churchyard. The perimeter was becoming a little scruffy and we felt it was time to address this. Fencing would have been an expensive choice which our church would have struggled to finance.

As we worked on the border clearing bramble and ground growing ivy, a surplus of dead wood gave us the idea of building a Dead Hedge, a completely free way of creating a perimeter to the churchyard. Apart from saving us a lot of money this structure will be a huge benefit for wildlife. It therefore enhances and complements our status of a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).

We are a group of church members and some villagers, and we have really enjoyed this project. It has been hard work but we are very pleased with our creation.....so far!

The Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers are coming to help us in November to cut and rake the wild areas.

Our next project, after our summer break, is to plant some natural hedging along the western perimeter which runs beside the public foot-path.

If you would like to help with future work, please contact:

Gill Palmer
01256 359413

Benefice Recipes

Hello again, so we've had some sunshine and I'm definitely not complaining. I've had to dunk my baskets in a huge bucket a few times to re wet the compost and so far, so good. No tomatoes from the greenhouse yet but many cucumbers. Lots of raspberries for us and the freezer and decent new potatoes dug before the flowers came and the runner beans are coming through now as well.

A plate of new potatoes and runners with salt pepper and cold butter, delish.



So, the recipe this month is **Honeyed Halloumi with Golden Couscous**.

Serves 2

You will need

1 Red Onion peeled and sliced, 2 Tbsp of Lemon Juice, 2 Tbsp of Olive Oil
100 g Couscous, 200 ml Boiling water, 400 g can cooked Chickpeas (drained)

1 Tsp ground Cumin, 1 Tsp of ground Turmeric, 225 g Halloumi cheese sliced

2 Tsp Clear Honey, 2 Tbsp Parsley chopped, 2 Tbsp Mint chopped

Method

- Toss the onion in 1 tbsp of lemon juice. Heat half the oil in a pan and gently cook the onion, covered, for about 15 minutes. Stirring occasionally until softened but not browned.
- Meanwhile, put the couscous in a heatproof bowl and pour over the boiling water. Cover and leave to soak for 10 minutes until the water is absorbed. Then fork up the grains and stir in the chickpeas, spices and plenty of salt and pepper.
- When the onion is cooked add the couscous. Cover and heat through over a low heat stirring often for around 5 minutes.
- Heat the remaining oil in a frying pan over a medium to high heat and cook the halloumi on each side for 2-3 minutes until golden. Drain on kitchen paper.
- To serve mix the honey with the remaining lemon juice. Stir the herbs into the couscous and pile into warmed bowls. Top with the cheese and drizzle with honey and lemon.

Enjoy!

Tracey



**The Ellisfield McMillan Coffee morning at TCC
Wednesday 25th September
10:00-12:00 at The Memorial Hall.**

September also sees The TCC celebrate its 5th year.

An initiative started by Debbie, Sylvia, Peter and Gordon - they made some coffee and hoped that villagers would come by for a drink and a chat!

From that initial idea to get people together the TCC morning every Wednesday has become a regular fixture in the weekly calendar.

Over the years many volunteers have added their names to either bake or serve to ensure that each Wednesday there is a warm welcome and a selection of wonderful cakes to enjoy with a cuppa! During COVID those same volunteers continued to bake in order to provide the hard-working staff at Basingstoke Hospital with a well-earned treat during their breaks!

A very big THANK YOU to all our volunteers for your continued support and, of course, all the delicious cakes.

We have also sent 22 knitted blankets to Ukraine to be distributed by local organisations to those in need. Since its inception the TCC has raised £10,000 for The Memorial Hall and over £3,500 for international and local charities.

Come along - you might like it!!

Cliddeden Millenium Village Hall



2024



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

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

The 100 club is also drawn here each month.

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

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

Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.

Gill (01256 359413)

January 8th	July 15th
February 12th	August 12th
March 11th	September 9th
April 8th	October 14th
May 13th	November 11th
June 10th	December 9th

Cliddesden Primary School



It has been a summer of great sporting achievements. Our cricket team played in the annual Basingstoke Schools Tournament at Mays Bounty Cricket Ground. They came second on the day in Group B which put them through to the final four teams. They returned to Mays Bounty the following week for the finals. They first played St Mary's who came top of group A. The game was close, but St Mary's pipped us by 23 runs. This meant Cliddesden then played for 3rd or 4th place

against Great Binfields. They won this game convincingly by 45 runs and came 3rd place overall. Cliddesden won a trophy for being the highest placed small school.



We took part in The Tag Rugby festival. This was a lovely event where 12 schools from Basingstoke and the surrounding areas took part in a day of Tag Rugby. In the morning we played in a league of six and only lost one of our games, topping our group. This led us into the afternoon quarter finals where we got to play the other league's fourth placed team. This was Sherborne St John, and it was a close game, but we went through victorious. In the semi-final we faced the other group winners, Castle Hill. This game was very tight, and we

were level until the final minute. However, we stepped up the pace and scored two late tries to make it 5-3 at the final whistle. In the final we faced North Waltham, who despite only finishing third in their league, had improved during the knockout stages. The game started well for us, but North Waltham had more energy and towards the end of the game became dominant, beating us 5-3. However, despite a little disappointment, it was a big achievement to reach the final and we are very proud of our team. As winners of the Norman League this year Cliddesden were presented with a trophy by our guest Roger Filbey, who retired last year after many years of teaching and hosting Tag Rugby events for schools across the Basingstoke, Whitchurch and Andover area. Many of the team are from Year 6 and have represented the school in cricket football and tag rugby this year. They truly have been exceptional at sports.



Children, family and friends all had a huge amount of fun at our Sports Day. Once again, we were blessed with fine weather to make all the events and spectating more fun. We thank Dan Du-Heaume and Brighton Hill Community School for the use of their premises, their sports leaders and helping us organise the event. All the children competed their

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CHRIS KIPPIN 1943-2024

Chris and Heather Kippin came to Ellisfield from Bristol in 1991 and lived in Larkspur for 17 years. Right from the start of their time in the village Chris was involved in St Martin's as a regular attender of all services and a major contributor to music and bell ringing. Chris was devout without in any way being pious – a true Christian. He loved playing the organ and campanology and was involved in many bell ringing groups around the country. He was responsible for getting the old pipe organ replaced for the current electrical one and initiated and arranged for the rehanging and retuning of the St Martin's bells. Not only did he contribute his great skills of music to the church but, as can be seen from a plaque in St Martin's, he was prepared to put his hand deep into his pocket when it came to the funding of both the new organ and rehanging of the bells. He raised money for several charities by his physical efforts, one being a bicycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Chris was instrumental, with Heather, gathering an enthusiastic group of bell ringers going who practised every Friday night, and he could be heard playing the organ throughout the week.

He was a kind and decent man and both he and Heather were greatly missed when they left the village in 2008. In the words of his daughter, Eleanor, "Chris was talented, enterprising, imaginative, capable, modest and a man who gave so much to our community in so many ways".

A quarter peel was rung at St Martin's on 27th August in his memory by the ringers of All Saint's, Basingstoke.

ELLISFIELD HARVEST EVENTS HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AT ST MARTINS September 22nd 11.15.

Donations of food or money for the Basingstoke Foodbank. Fresh harvest produce as well as non-perishable goods would be welcomed.

HARVEST SUPPER

Please join Ellisfield Ladies Club for The Harvest Supper in aid of St Martins Church and Ellisfield Village Hall. Saturday 21st September, Ellisfield Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm

£20 per head, there will be a raffle

It is open to the village, and we will be serving coq au vin followed by mixed fruit crumble and cream. Please bring your own plates, cutlery, glasses, drinks and some money for the raffle. If you can help with crumble-making or setting up on the day, it would be very much appreciated. All donations for the raffle will be much appreciated! It should be a lovely evening and if you'd like to come along please contact **Maggie on 01256 381 419 or 07432 552 681** - please book early

best and congratulations to Farleigh House for winning for the third consecutive year.

On Tuesday 2 July, all of Key Stage 2 went to the Anvil in the afternoon to attend the Schools Primary Prom, run by Hampshire Music Service. Our afternoon was made even more exciting just by getting to the coach - a road closure in the village meant that we had to have a quick walk down to the duckpond! At the Anvil, we were lucky enough to get seats near the front. We were treated to a range of music, all themed around the Olympic Games. There was a large choir from Whitely Primary School, a percussion ensemble, an orchestra, a brass band but the most impressive performance was definitely a Samba group from Knightwood Primary School. They had only been playing for 5 weeks, but they were incredibly co-ordinated, showed an excellent sense of rhythm and made the most amazing sound! We also had to use our own vocal talents: along with all the performers and the whole audience, we had to sing 'The Climb' by Miley Cyrus and 'Reach' by S Club 7. We had an amazing afternoon and can't wait to go again next year.



Willow class received a letter from Mrs Grinling, the lighthouse keeper's wife, saying the seagulls were back! Could we make some healthy sandwiches? She heard that the seagulls don't like to be healthy!

We found out about healthy food and looked at the Eatwell plate. We then designed a healthy sandwich.

We invited the parents to come and help with

making our sandwiches.

They were so helpful, helping us follow our instructions and cut and spread. The adults then became seagulls and tried the sandwiches. They were YUK! Hurray, we had made healthy sandwiches. The children enjoyed the healthy sandwiches and were great at sharing their healthy food knowledge.

The grown-ups from Beech Class came in to assist us with a fun sewing project. We designed symmetrical butterflies and carefully sewed on beads and buttons to decorate our felt cut outs. Their help made the process enjoyable and ensured that our creations turned out beautifully. Each butterfly became a unique piece of art, showcasing our creativity and newfound sewing skills.



On Friday 5th July, all of Year 5 went to Brighton Hill School to experience lessons in a secondary school. We were shown round by three Year 9 pupils, one of whom (Juliet) used to go to Cliddesden! Our first lesson was a Drama lesson. We all worked in groups in the drama studio. We had to show a range of emotions in a short, improvised scene. Some of them were really funny!

After Drama, we had a short break before going to our next two lessons - Design Technology and Science. In DT, we had to design something to help us launch a

packet of Haribo as far as possible. We used a range of junk modelling materials, but in the end the most successful design was very simple: make the packet of Haribo as aerodynamic as possible, then throw it.



In Science, we gathered some samples of things we could find in the courtyard outside the classroom. Then we took them back in the laboratory and used the microscopes to observe what we saw closely. After lunch, we had our final lesson - PE. We were lucky enough to use the Power League pitches and we did a football lesson. After several mini-games, we were very tired.

It had been a long, but very interesting day. Although we liked the lessons, we decided that having another year at our school was not such a bad thing - there was a lot of walking around between lessons and carrying all our things around! Thank you to the staff and pupils at Brighton Hill for such a great day.



Despite the windy, rainy weather everyone soldiered on and what fun was had at our Summer Fete. Our contingency plan was put into operation by moving some stalls into the Hall and others onto the playground. An amazing afternoon full of fun and laughter was had by all.

Our Eco Team went along to Festival Place to take part in The Blooming Barrels project. After designing our barrel at school earlier in the term they planted houseplants in it. They learned about compost and how to arrange plants to maximise growth and look visually interesting. The barrel is on display over the summer at Festival Place shopping centre. As part of the day, they also watched a short play at the Anvil Theatre Studio called the Allotment. The play was funny, and they got to join with some songs about growing plants.



Our wonderful Rock2theBeat bands who performed with such confidence to family, friends and their peers.



Second prize winner of the scarecrow competition



Third prize winner of the scarecrow competition



Winner of the scarecrow competition

Oak Class Production – Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits

The ancient city of Old Baghdad is in chaos. Whilst the bustling bazaar is overrun with ruthless robbers, up in the palace Sultan Pepper's precious princess and Royal



Ruby have vanished! To make matters worse, it seems the poor Sultan cannot trust his own Vizier, Mustapha Widdle, nor his mischievous monkey Booboo. So, when Ali Baba discovers the hidden Cave Of Wonders, secret hideout of Balthazar Bongo and his bumbling bandits, it's down to him to save the day! But when his ravenous, tap-dancing

camel Humphrey bites off more than he can chew and Ali is accused of royal robbery, his fate seems as sealed as the Cave Of Wonders itself! With the sands of time rapidly running out, will Ali escape the clutches of the evil Vizier? Will he find and free the imprisoned princess? And what's in store when Ali and Bongo finally meet... fez to fez? These mysteries and many more were revealed as we followed Ali across the dusty desert dunes to face forty filthy thieves, rescued a runaway princess, flew a magic carpet and released a genie from a bottle of ketchup!

The children performed this hysterical magical musical brilliantly. They looked incredible in their colourful costumes, performed the side-splitting script fabulously and there were many enchanting show-stopping songs with a sprinkle of sparkle from a genius genie.

It was time to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We hope they enjoyed their well-deserved summer break, and we wish them well for their onward journey to secondary school. We gave them a good send-off including a special graduation assembly where we celebrated the children's individual achievements as well as those they achieved as a class.

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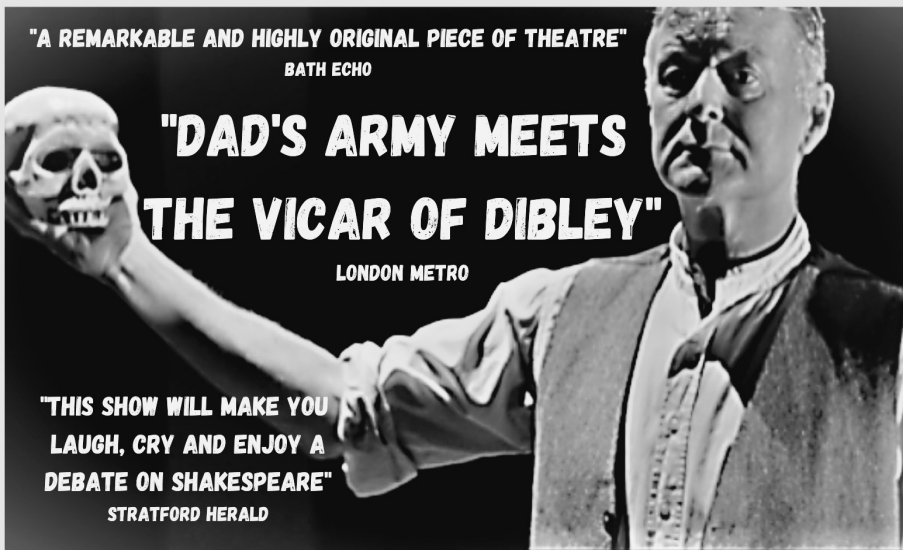
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Sunday 15th September at 11.15am

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There is no charge but non-perishable donations to the Food Bank will be gratefully received.

In the Fields—Seumas Foster

SUMMER and HARVEST

The seasonal passage of time will inevitably bring harvest time.

This is the time of year that requires decisive action, as well as more patience than seems reasonable, because if the crop isn't ready, or 'fit', then it is better to wait until it is, even if the sun is shining!

The first crop at Farleigh to be fit was Oil Seed Rape, this year the variety grown was a HEAR type, (**H**igh **E**rucic **A**cid **R**ape), and it yielded well. The oil is destined for biofuel production.

The next crop to ripen was the Winter Barley, a variety for feed, which yielded well. The straw was still a bit green at harvest and needed to finish maturing in the field.

Straw this year is in big demand as the livestock farmers in the west have suffered with the spring weather, consequently straw prices are high, so the straw has been baled and a lot of it has been moved already.

The main event is the Winter wheat and the harvest as I write is well underway. The season has not been easy as wet weather diseases have been a problem and difficult to control, a timely spray has not always been possible! The yields are reasonable, not record breakers so far, but coming in at the perfect moisture content which will save a bit on drying costs. The quality looks good, it's too early for the final assessment, so here's hoping that the Hagberg holds up. (Hagberg is a measure of bread making potential of the wheat).

Spring barley will be the last cereal crop to cut, its still ripening so will keep until the wheat is finished. This spring the crop was sown late, (weather problems), and has suffered in terms of potential. The full effect will not become clear until the combine starts its work.

Bits and Pieces

The conservation areas on the farm also suffered because of delays in planting, so the establishment has been variable. The seeds that were sown do tend to be slow to establish so after a topping the seeds will continue to get established ready for next year. This year look out where sunflowers were in the mix, they did get away if they had some moisture retentive soils.

Ribwort Plantain

This herb has been included in the mix and shown that it can germinate and establish with very little moisture. It will produce a deep tap root which helps open up any compaction, and then lots of adventitious roots at the upper soil layers to help improve structure. The tap root would be lost in a wet winter, the adventitious roots persist. It is useful in a grazing mix as it is palatable, but also good for insects, and the seed is useful for birds

The other plantain you will see is Broad Leaf Plantain, which used to be used as a shoe lining for walkers.



Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square. Max Turner, a lovely boy soprano, performed a song about a Seagull. Henry and Dexter played a duet on their cellos (and Henry later played another piece), Harriet and Hector Park Weir read, and Janey Park Weir, Lyn and Daisy sung some verses of the hymns.

Thank you to Alex for putting together such a lovely summer service (even if the weather wasn't particularly summery!)

Unfortunately, this was probably the wettest Sunday during July and whilst some gathered to have a glass of wine and some nibbles in the porch, some braved the weather to try and view the Rose Garden at Dummer House (thank you, Crispin, and to Patty for being a great hostess) to enjoy a glass of Pimms. Some brave souls did both. Thank you to those who made food and donated wine etc for the event.

On August 4th Natasha, who runs one of the Yoga classes in Dummer Village Hall, talked to us about Sport in Mind, a multi-award-winning charity that delivers fun, weekly sport and physical activity sessions to improve the lives of children, young people and adults experiencing mental health challenges.

It was an eye-opening talk, and we were amazed at how the charity has grown over such a short space of time. We donated our collection at the service to Sport in Mind.

On Sunday 29th September, Natasha is running a charity special mini-workshop in aid of Sport in Mind in Dummer Village Hall between 10:00 – 12:00. Please support Natasha in this Yoga, Relaxation and Meditation workshop; it is suitable for all levels, including complete beginners.

Contact Natasha on 07950 314636.

Our September Sunday Special on the 1st will be our Harvest Festival at 11:15.

Lyn Hardy
Churchwarden

Dummer Village Hall.

It is not too late to get your tickets for Into the Breach on Friday 13th September. Email: eventsdummervillagehall.com or www.buytickets.at/gilesshentonproductions.co.uk

And don't forget our Beer Festival at Dummer Down Farm on Saturday 5th October. See our poster. Email: eventsdummervillagehall.com



Dummer

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(Please ensure all copy reaches me by 10th of the month)

About Dummer

On the Move.

We say goodbye to Will Scott, formerly of Rose Cottage (not to be confused with Rose, Court Cottage) and welcome Paddy and Sarah to Dummer. We hope you will enjoy living in Dummer.

Dummer Summer Fete

The final total wasn't available when preparing this edition of Hill and Dale, but it seems that well over £2000 was raised which will be divided between All Saints Church and Dummer Village Hall.

Thank you to Andrew and Flo Ferguson for providing a huge field at Dummer Down, to the Scouts for organising the parking and to Basingstoke Fire Brigade for bringing a huge Fire Engine which drew admirers of all ages.

Thank you to all who organised and manned stalls, the variety was huge. There were games for youngsters and great commentary from Stafford. And thank you all who supported by buying at the various stalls

The weather held and we managed to have a dry day during a wet July.

A huge field needs quite a bit to fill it and without Mary Stevens wonderful contacts (and hard work) we would have been very short of large gazebos and games, but it is an immense amount of work and perhaps another time we can persuade young men to support us and flex their muscles to help with the erecting and breaking down of the site.

Many thanks from All Saints Church and Dummer Village Hall Committee.

All Saints Church

On July 7th All Saints Church hosted the first Sunday of Fellowship Month. A multitude of musical talent were involved from the Benefice. Rosa was our organist and Daisy opened the service with a beautiful rendition of A

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As we embark on a new preschool academic year, we're excited to embrace a journey guided by the curious minds and natural interests of our children. Our child-led teaching philosophy puts the children at the centre of their learning, allowing them to explore, question and discover at their own pace. In our classroom, children are encouraged to follow their interests, whether that means exploring nature, diving into imaginative play, or creating their own stories through art and movement. Our dedicated teachers act as guides and facilitators, providing a rich environment full of opportunities for exploration while supporting each child's unique learning path. This year, we look forward to partnering with our families to create a community where each child's voice is heard and celebrated, and where learning is a joyful adventure.

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THE SUMMER SHOW

As always, I am so overawed by the standard of entries to our show, and this year was no different. The new digital photography classes proved to be very popular and are a welcome addition to our schedule. All in all, a wonderful day spent with good friends, rewarding and celebrating all the hard work that the garden requires, and enjoying the yummy cakes – of course!

Cup Winners:

Eddie & Di Rampton – with 4 cups our clear champions of the green this time –

Joseph Bone cup – Best Veg Collection

Harold Greenyer Cup – Highest combined points fruit & veg

Lay Cup – highest points flower section

Countess of Portsmouth – highest combined points from Spring and Summer Show

Steve Bowcutt –

Frankham Cup – Best exhibit Onions

Farleigh Wallop & Hurstbourne Priors Cup – Best Exhibit flower section

Pat Doel –

Barker Challenge Bowl – Best exhibit Rose

Nita Abbot Plate – Runner up Flower Arrangement

Debbie Foster – E B Hooper Cup – Flower Arrangement

Jackie Bowcutt – Ivy Cannon Cup – Photography

Steve & Avril Hudson – Banksian Medal – highest points classes 1-46

Congratulations to everyone and thank you for sharing your hard work with us.

What's coming up?

Thursday 26th September – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 1930 for 1945 start

Tim Woodland – Planting and Growing Winter Bulbs

A return visit from Tim, this time for our winter bulbs instead of summer.

If the last talk was anything to go by, Tim is enthusiastic and well-informed, the bulbs are of good quality and reasonable priced. All in all, well worth coming along.

Thursday 28th November – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 1930 for 1945 start

AGM and Social Evening

The years update, food, wine and quiz.

Need I say more? ☐

Would you like to join us?

Keen gardeners, new planters, or 'haven't got a clue!' everyone will receive a warm welcome. Come along and make new friends, get ideas for your own patch of heaven, and have fun.

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



**Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield
Horticultural Society
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Hello From Claire

Horticultural Society News September 2024

Hello from Claire!

And there it was gone – summer sliding gracefully into autumn, the harvest is almost home, a bumper crop of blackberries turned deliciously into jam and jelly and the fruits of our garden labours bringing flavour and pleasure to the table. Is it me, or do the days and weeks seem to go so much faster than they did when I was at school?

I feel I need to make the most of every single day, because the next one is here too quickly!

The herb for this month is such a common place bloom that it's wider uses and benefits can easily be overlooked.

Marigold: Botanical name: *Calendula Officinalis*: Family: Compositae. There are also African and French Marigolds, this is, however, the one to grow. Originally from India these orange and yellow blooms are used to decorate temples. They can be used as an inexpensive substitute for saffron in cooking.



Classed as an annual these are easy growing plants, great for children to try, and are just as effective in containers as in the border. They self-seed easily and will pop up year after year in the most unexpected places! Thin them to about 18-24" (45-60cm) so they can spread out and have a lovely bushy growth. Pick the flowers for use when fully open, deadhead regularly to prolong the flowering season, and gather leaves at any time.

An infusion from fresh leaves will soothe tired and swollen feet. For sunburn and clearing the skin, use an oil or ointment made with the petals. Marigold petal tea sweetened with honey is a pleasant drink and the infusion taken internally is good for the complexion and for poor circulation. Fresh or dried petals can be added to rice, eggs or cheese dishes for colour and flavour, as well as adding colour and nutrition to green salads.

What's been happening?

Thursday July 11th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – 730 for refreshments, 745 start Ben Cross – ‘Growing Alstroemeria and the British Alstroemeria Industry’ Ben’s passion for British alstroemeria certainly came across throughout his talk – and who could imagine that flowers imported from abroad work out cheaper for the supermarkets than buying from home? A really excellent evening, enhanced by the wandering deer that passed the window. Out of interest, the cut flowers purchased on the night lasted a full 2 weeks

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The Boatman's Bubble

In the margins and meanders of our chalk streams, where there is a slower flow, amazing insects swim across the surface. Lesser water boatmen may be small – up to 1.5cm long – but their unique characteristics make them a memorable sighting. There are actually several species in their family (*Corixidae*), and while they are hard to tell apart with the naked eye, their common features can help you to spot them.

The first thing to look for is a brown, boat-shaped body, although a close look at most lesser water boatmen will reveal golden yellow stripes. Another clue is a pair of long legs; their oar shape and 'fringe' of hairs are handy for both swimming and floating on the surface. Then there are the large, reddish-brown eyes, which have a compound structure that combines many tiny lenses to create a wide view.

Despite living in ponds, lakes, and rivers, lesser water boatmen don't have gills. Instead, they employ a clever trick for taking longer dives: their undersides are covered in water-repelling hairs, which trap a bubble of air against their bodies. This bubble acts like the tank of a scuba diver, feeding the insects oxygen through small holes – or 'spiracles' – in their exoskeletons. This comes in handy when foraging for food, which for most species will be algae and dead organic material.

You may be wondering... are there greater water boatmen? Indeed, there are, although they are actually a different group of insects (*Notonecta*) and are usually referred to as 'backswimmers'. As the name suggests, these species swim upside down, so their air bubbles are more visible from above. This can make them appear silver in colour, but they are actually light brown with reddish eyes. Unlike most of their 'lesser' relatives, backswimmers eat small insects, fish, and crustaceans.

There is also the lesser or pygmy backswimmer (*Plea minutissima*) and several pygmy water boatmen (*Micronecta*). Despite being just 2-3mm long, one of the latter is famously noisy. The males of many water boatmen species 'sing' by stridulating, which means rubbing their legs along ridges on their bodies. *Micronecta scholtzi* has been recorded at 99.2 decibels – that's as loud as a car horn! Thankfully, water absorbs most of the sound, but you may still hear it if you listen carefully.

Insects like water boatmen are a key part of our chalk stream ecosystems. As food for fish, bats, birds, and amphibians, these small creatures are crucial to the health of many other animals. If you'd like to help protect their chalk stream homes, check out the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme at hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes. Our work is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Free Online Talk

The Plight of Hampshire's Chalk Stream Salmon
26th September at 7pm, Online

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