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Church and Community News

Of

The Candover Valley and Wield

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Rota for Services

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

The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

Sunday 3 July 3rd Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| 9.30 | Wield | Matins BCP |
| 10.00 | Bradley | Morning Worship CW |
| 11.00 | Northington | Holy Communion CW |
| 11:00 | Dummer | Sunday Special |

Readings Habakkuk 2:1-4, Ephesians 2:19-end, John 20:24-29

Psalm 31

Sermon Where does God live?

””

Sunday 10 July 4th Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|-------|----------------|-------------------|
| 10.00 | Brown Candover | Holy Communion CW |
| 11:00 | Farleigh | Holy Communion |
| 6.00 | Wield | Evensong BCP |

Readings Amos 7:7-end, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Psalm 82

Sermon 'Being a Good Samaritan today'

””

Sunday 17 July 5th Sunday after Trinity

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|-------|------------------|---|
| 9:00 | Wield | Holy Communion BCP with Bishop David |
| 10:00 | Preston Candover | Family Service with Baptism with Bishop David |
| 11:00 | Cliddesden | Family Service with Bishop David |

Readings *Amos 8:1-12, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-end*
 Sermon *'Priorities!'* *Psalm 52*

Sunday July 24th 6th Sunday after Trinity

11:00 Ellisfield Holy Communion
 11:00 Brown Candover Morning Prayer

Sunday 31 July 7th Sunday after Trinity
United Benefice Service led by Rev Kate Seagrave from Winchester Diocese School of Mission

11:00 Farleigh Wallop Holy Communion
 Readings *Hosea 11:1-11, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21*
Psalm 107

Sermon *'Rich toward God?'*

Sunday 7 August 8th Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
 09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer
 11:00 Northington Holy Communion
 11.15 Dummer Sunday Special
 Readings *Isaiah 1:1,10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16, Luke 12:32-40*
Psalm 50

Sermon *'Watching and waiting'*

Sunday 7 August 8th Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
 09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer
 11:00 Northington Holy Communion
 11.15 Dummer Sunday Special
 Readings *Isaiah 1:1,10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16, Luke 12:32-40*
Psalm 50

Sunday 14 August 9th Sunday after Trinity

11:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer
 11:00 Farleigh Wallop Holy Communion
 6:00 Wield Evensong

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Readings *Isaiah 5:1-7, Hebrews 11:29-12:2,
Luke 12:49-56*

Psalm 80

Sunday 21 August 10th Sunday after Trinity

11:00 Bradley Holy Communion
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service

Readings *Jeremiah 1:4-10, Hebrews 12:18-end,
Luke 13:10-17*

Psalm 71

Sunday 28 August 11th Sunday after Trinity

9.45 Dummer Holy Communion CW
11:00 Brown Candover Morning Prayer
11.15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion

Readings *Jeremiah 2:4-13, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16,
Luke 14:7-14*

Psalm 81

Sunday 4 September 12th Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
09.30 Wield Matins BCP
09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship CW
11.00 Northington Holy Communion CW
11.15 Dummer Sunday Special

Readings *Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33*

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Farleigh and Candover Valley & Wield

Weddings

Northington

16th April 2022 – William Zehner and Emma Gorwood
7th May 2022 – Dr William Seligman and Charlotte Freer-Smith
28th May 2022 – Samuel Mason and Sofia De Quick

Preston Candover

30th April 2022 – Neil Tankard and Annabel Harkness

Funerals

Cliddesden

19th May 2022 - Dennis Ilsley – aged 89 –
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9th June 2022 – Donald Faithful-Davies – aged 77 –
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| <u>Church</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Sidesmen</u> | <u>Readers</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| St John's Northington | July | Rebecca Fletcher | Rebecca Fletcher |
| | August | Yvonne White | Yvonne White |
| St Peter's Brown Candover | 10 July 10.00 | Sue Marriott | Paul Curtis Hayward & Jonathan Moseley |
| | 24 July 11.00 | Celia Foote | Geoff Ellett & Rees Smith |
| St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover | 17 July 10.00 (if open) | Marina Avis | To be advised |
| | 24 July | Service at Brown C | |
| | 31 July | Service at Bradley | |
| | 7 Aug | Service at Northington | |
| All Saints Bradley | 3 July | | |
| | 31 July | | |
| St James' Wield | 3 July 9.30am | Barbara wells | Barbara Wells & Catherine Simons |
| | 10 July 6.00pm | Brian Collins | Eileen Collins & To be advised |
| | 17 July 9.00am | Alwin Hutchinson | Annie Lou Gibbs & Mark Kemp Gee |



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Dear Friends

The Jubilee Weekend was a wonderful celebration of the life of the Queen. It was amazing to see and hear so much of her life- she has worked hard and been a huge influence in our nation and the world. Whilst recognising her public and state roles have demanded sacrifice and commitment, it was also clear she has benefited from much comfort, advantage and privilege. In a time when many are struggling to feed families and heat homes, access benefits and healthcare- **advantage and privilege** are becoming much debated topics.

And we here in Hampshire are also hugely advantaged and privileged in many ways. Our surroundings, infrastructure and opportunities abound. We are able to read! When one thinks about our own situation- there are many, many advantages we enjoy. How do we let our advantages and privilege shape us? Or shape our response to, or even our thoughts of others?

I listened recently to a very thought-provoking “Thought for Day” programme- whilst driving home from a local hospital! I highly recommend the 2 minute listen to Bishop David Walker, Bishop of Manchester, available online or on apps. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0c9y15y>

I share a few of his ideas; He begins with the statement that privilege is neutral, just a statement of fact. What we do with our privilege is the crucial response.

In the Bible the people of Israel- were special to God but wrapped up within this privileged status was the calling and responsibility to be a blessing to others. This could be a pattern for us to follow? Do we use our advantages to be a voice for the voiceless or do we shout down others? Do we use our influence to better others, work for justice and provide mercy or graciousness to people in their weaknesses?

Bishop Walker suggests that advantage and privilege can lead to entitlement – if we don’t manage it well- and interestingly links



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this ‘evil twin’ to many failings in our leaders in the UK and in the world that has led to war. Entitlement shapes our response- can lead us to put others down- lead to oppression, intimidation, discrimination and marginalization- even terrorism.

In contrast, Jesus is an example of humility- the opposite of entitlement- the one who sought the good of others, the betterment of the people he met. He used his power, influence and voice to enable, encourage and bring freedom.

In Luke’s gospel, Chapter 22, we hear of the disciples arguing about their position and ranking within this close band of followers who had unrivalled access to the wise teacher and healer that they followed. Jesus answered them with wise words that I commend to you;

“Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Jesus told them, “In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called ‘friends of the people.’ But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.”

His example was to be a servant King, one who came to serve. What an example to us whatever our role, rank and advantage.

Ruth Chattell

Licensed Lay Minister of the Benefice of Fairleigh, Candovers and Wield

(I write in replacement for David, as he recovers from surgery. He would like to thank you for the many good wishes for his recovery.

And I would like to thank all those who have supported the churches and us as a family in these weeks.)



SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2022

Ride & Stride Day supports our Churches & Chapels in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This event happens nationally.

Despite Covid the Ride & Stride Participants raised nearly £62,000 in Sept 2021 for the Trust which will enable it to help our churches even more.

More youngsters are joining in as well as clergy encouraging their benefice churches to participate all helped. Those churches that did have a sponsored participant were able to also raise some much needed funds themselves – 50% of the sponsorship money for a nominated church was returned to them!

The Trust keeps the other half plus any gift aid to hand out in grants to our churches on application. The Grants Committee are very supportive of churches to the extent that they sometimes offer advice! In addition, the Trust is extraordinarily grateful to Hampshire County Council for their generous support of the Trust with a £25,000 grant annually. The Trust is also run entirely by volunteers so almost all the money raised goes to our churches.

We have/have not registered our church for Ride & Stride on **Saturday 10 September**. Please take part as a sponsored participant. Participants can enjoy a picnic and have a fun day exploring our wonderful cultural heritage! The participating churches will be on our website and it is best to check registrations shortly before the event. <https://hihct.org.uk/participating-churches/>




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Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

In the early dawn we awoke to the sound of a cuckoo calling from the trees nearby. Once part of the familiar sounds of summer, cuckoo populations have tended to fade away in recent years.

The folklore rhyme, 'in May he calls all day', was certainly true though on a recent visit to Fritham Plain in the New Forest. Here, two cuckoos were calling constantly from the far woods that bound this plateau of forest heath. In bright sunshine, we strode through dry heather speckled blue with milkwort. At Green Pond, a herd of ponies stood head to rump, flicking flies with their long tails.

From the plain, we looped down Freeworms Hill, passing groves of holly holms, frilly white with blossom and murmuring with bees. A holly blue butterfly whizzed through on an urgent quest. Looking up we noted the red oaks, newly flushed with leaves of a startling yellow.

At the valley bottom besides the brook, there's an ancient oak, kettle shaped, and full of character. Meandering on through the trees, we chanced upon a storm-wrecked beech, stout of girth and bulging with bracket fungi. As wobbly as a stack of pancakes, these spectacular sulphur-yellow polypores are known as 'chicken of the woods'.

Crossing the wooden footbridge at Rakes Brakes Bottom, we watched a dragonfly, a blue chaser, broad-bodied and milky blue, with a row of yellow markings on each side. It cruised around the wetlands in a manner described in Dan Powell's splendid guide to dragonflies as 'chunky, crashing, noisy ... not subtle'. Heading onwards up to a pony pool on the hillside, we met more of these blue chasers, as well as damselflies: both the large red and the common blue.

Walking back with the still distant echo of cuckoo calls, and the pebble tap of sunlit stonechats, we heard a song trill from the woodland edge: 'tree, tree, tree, once more I come to thee'. Now we glimpsed a small black and white bird, moving through the treetops. It was a pied flycatcher or flicker, a scarce summer visitor.

Robert Bryant
8th June '22

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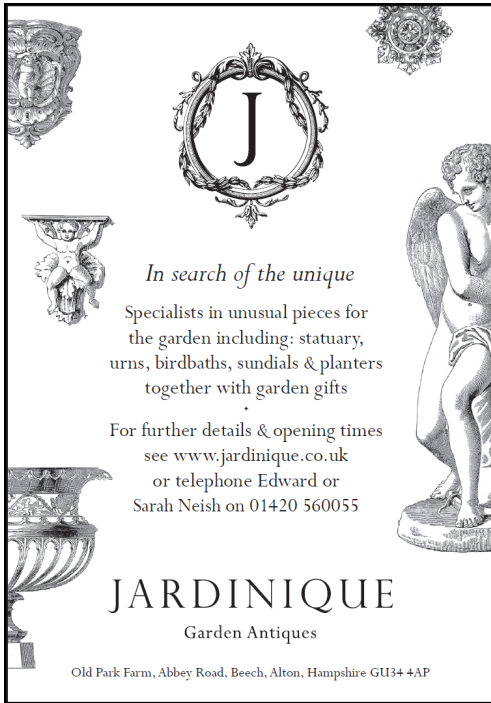


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Thank you.

Be tick aware!

Watch out there are ticks about! It's the perfect conditions for these mini beasts.

Here's a helpful reminder of some simple 'tick tips' if you're out walking.

These tiny insects, which can transmit bacteria such as Lyme disease, can be found throughout the year but are most active between spring and autumn. They are typically found in woodland, grassland, moorland or heathland but are also found in urban parks and gardens. When out walking, remember to keep to footpaths, avoiding long grass

'Tick tips' for walkers include:

☞ Wear appropriate clothing (a long-sleeve shirt and trousers tucked into your socks);

☞ Use an insect repellent;

☞ Wear light coloured fabrics that may help you spot a tick on your clothes;

☞ Inspect your skin for ticks, particularly at the end of the day, including your head,

neck and skin folds (armpits, groin and waistband)

☞ Check your children's head and neck areas, including their scalp (skin on top of their

head)

☞ Check that pets do not bring ticks into your home in their fur.

If you do get bitten by a tick, removing it quickly and correctly can help to reduce any potential risk. The only safe way to remove a tick is to use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, or an easy-to-use device which can be purchased from pharmacies or vets.

Then:

☞ Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouthparts left in the skin can cause a local infection

☞ Once removed, apply antiseptic to the bite area and keep an eye on it for several weeks for any changes

☞ Contact your GP if you begin to feel unwell or develop a circular red skin rash, often described as a bull's-eye rash, and remember to tell them that you were bitten by a tick. See NHS Choices for more information on signs, symptoms and treatments for Lyme disease. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

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Candover Valley Gardening Club

At the time of writing we are very much looking forward to our June visit to an exciting four acre garden near Alton.

Our members had a busy and sociable May. We held two very successful Plant Sales with many satisfied customers filling boxes with a wide variety of excellent value, locally grown plants. Then we had our first garden outing of the season to a beautiful garden in West Meon. We were blessed with a sunny evening and strolled around the two acre gardens admiring the mixed borders, lovely trees, vegetable beds, greenhouses and the ducks and chickens. Our friendly hosts very kindly served drinks and canapes on the patio, which were extremely popular. What an idyllic way to spend an evening. We were enjoying ourselves so much no one was in any hurry to leave.

Coming up on Thursday 14th July, we will be visiting a very interesting local garden. If you are tempted to join us for these special outings you are very welcome. To get in touch please see our contact details as follows:- Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or our website at <http://candovervalley.org/2021/04candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>

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Cost: £2 donation per family

Contact:

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WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in May 2022

Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

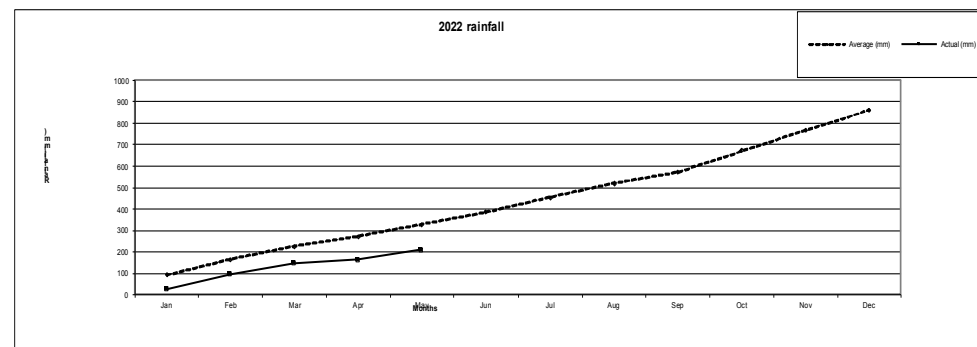
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| Highest | 23.3/74 | (17 th) |
| Lowest | 1.3/34 | (9 th) |
| Warmest Night | 11.6/53 | (16 th) |
| Coollest Day | 11.4/53 | (1 st) |
| Average maximum temperature | 18.2/65 | |
| Average minimum temperature | 6.9/44 | |
| Number of air frosts | 7 | |

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

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|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Monthly total | 46.5/1.83 | (average 54.4/2.14) |
| Annual total | 208.2/8.20 | (average 322.5/12.70) |
| Maximum 24hr. fall | 9.6/0.38 | (15 th) |
| Number of days with rain | 17 | |

Summary

There was a cool start, then daytime temperatures recovered after the first few days of the month and the weather was unsettled throughout with sunny spells and showers or longer outbreaks of rain. There was some brighter weather with all but unbroken sunshine on four occasions including the warmest day on the 17th with a temperature of 74°F. There was a thunderstorm late evening on the 18th and distant thunder in the afternoon on the 31st. Overall, the temperature for the month was above average and rainfall was 15% below the norm. The spring season was also mild with 18% less rain than the long term average.



Candover Valley Club

The Candover Valley Club is located in a beautiful spot next to the church and fronted by the cricket pitch in the middle of the quiet village of Brown Candover. We are conveniently situated on the B3046 between Alresford and Basingstoke.

Both the clubroom and the back hall have recently been renovated and have never looked so inviting. Club night is Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm if you fancy a drink, a game of darts or pool and a chat with the locals. Food is also served between 7pm and 9pm.

Our magnificent Skittle Alley is also available to hire – great for fun evenings with groups of people and parties!

The club and/or hall are both available to hire at very reasonable rates. We have a fully licensed bar, fully fitted kitchen and large spaces for wedding receptions and parties. Please contact Alison at cvchires@gmail.com - No booking is too large or too small.



We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Swarraton and Northington WI

On May 26th a party of twenty-two members and guests enjoyed a coach trip to the wonderful gardens at West Green. The gardens near Hook have been created over two decades by Marylyn Abbott, a renowned Australian garden designer whose passions are English Gardens and Opera. After stroll through the walled garden, the lake garden and the five bridges the members enjoyed afternoon tea in the conservatory.

The WI have been baking again and members provided cakes to be enjoyed with coffee at the village Jubilee celebrations at the Bank Holiday weekend.

The sewing group continues to make and send reusable feminine hygiene kits for the Days for Girls charity and recently saw photos of the kits they had made being distributed to girls in Somalia.

At our June meeting Steve Ingram gave a fascinating talk entitled ‘Who needs a camera in the age of the mobile phone?’ He began his talk with the beautiful portrait of Lady Emma Hamilton painted in 1885 and then we saw the development of photography from the Boulevard du Temple photograph of 1838, one of the earliest daguerreotype plates produced by Louis Da-guerre, through the new processes invented by Henry Fox Talbot to the in-vention of film and Eastman’s Box Brownie camera .

Instamatic and Polaroid camera followed in the mid-20th century and today we use our handy mobile phones to capture instant images, but the wide-angle lens remains the best way to secure wild life and sports images and the only way to reproduce an excellent image of a sunset.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th July in the Hall at 2pm when John Browning will talk about ‘Kites and the materials used to make them’.

Guests are always welcome so do come along and enjoy the afternoon with us and tea too!



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| 10 July | Grayshott | 14.30 Home |
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| 24 July | Medstead | 14.30 Home |
| Frank Shaw Trophy | | |
| 31 July | Dummer | 14.30 Home |
| 7 August | Merlin | 14.00 Home |

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The majority of my constituents living in this community are fortunate enough to already be on the **property ladder** but this is not the reality everywhere and is why we've recently set out plans to turn Generation Rent into Generation Buy, supporting more people to achieve their dream of home ownership.

Our plan is built on strong foundations as last year there were over 400,000 first time buyers - a 20 year high - but we must go further.

The challenge facing first-time buyers today is far greater than anything we have seen before. It was only 20 years ago – in 2002 – that a home cost on average four and a half times average incomes. Today that multiple has risen to nine times average incomes and we all know our part of the world often exceeds even that. Reforms in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill – now beginning its passage through Parliament - should support home ownership over decades to come. Yet as we all know, it is not enough just to build more homes, something we are already doing in the Winchester District.

Action is now needed to unlock home ownership for more of our constituents which is why we have announced a review into the mortgage market along with measures to support people to save for a deposit, no matter their financial situation. The review, which will report back by Autumn, will set out a blueprint for how to widen the availability of low-cost, low-deposit mortgages that many of us relied on in the past to buy our first home.

There is also a generation of renters locked out of home ownership because of where they currently live. Close to 2 million council homes have been bought by families using their Right to Buy. We made long-standing commitments to deliver the same rights to the 2.5 million households living in homes belonging to housing associations, but they remain trapped. They cannot buy, they don't have the security of ownership, and they cannot treat their home as an asset, or make the improvements they want.

So we are righting that wrong. Over the coming months, this Government will work with the Housing Association sector to bring forward a new Right to Buy scheme. It will work for tenants, giving millions more the chance to own their home by 2024. There will be one-for-one replacement of each social housing property sold to learn the lessons of the past. Much is lost in the noise of Westminster 'politics' but this is really important and has my support.

Finally, in other news completely, I am working with my colleague Pauline Latham MP and 'whispering' Bob Harris on a new health charity; the **Aortic Dissection Trust**. It's a complex heart condition which took Pauline's son suddenly at just 44 years of age and we are determined to raise awareness of the often fatal condition when undiagnosed. You can see more at: aorticdissectioncharitabletrust.org

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I've been campaigning for better broadband in my County division for about ten years now.

As government services started to transfer online by 2005, getting any functioning broadband at all was the first problem.

This picture is of me with Dudley Rees as Gigabeam developed an alternative private service to which many of us still subscribe. The challenge is now for services delivering a much faster speeds direct to every home...

Despite the promises, each improvement in internet speed proudly announced by Government only reaches around 95% of our homes; this leaves 1 in 20 homes lagging far behind. If you live in an area with fast speeds, the 'rolling circle' on your TV will be a distant memory, but to many of us, this still happens!

The Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) scheme was designed to enable communities to sort out their own service direct with providers registered by the Dept of Culture Media and Sport, the DCMS. This is not ideal, because if services are to be truly universal, it should be exactly that- available to everyone. From the start I have argued that we wouldn't want to live in a home where water just dripped slowly out of the taps, so why would we want to live in an area of poor internet connectivity?

In June, at my request, HCC Scrutiny took a second look at the extremely slow roll out of the Government-led CFP scheme. The Government's Broadband Delivery UK, BDUK refused the invitation to come along. In the face of increasing uncertainty that the last 5% of homes will benefit from the commercial rollout, I have urged the County to extend their budget for these schemes for another year, which could help get these schemes become a reality in our rural communities. More details are on my website: if you have a query, please contact me.

Thank you to everyone who hosted, helped and/or attended events to make the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations so special for us all. I didn't want to pick out just one photo- there were so many events of all shapes and sizes! I'm sure you'll agree that it was a great weekend, all in honour of Elizabeth II's reign for 70 years.

Please don't forget:

If you are hosting a Ukrainian family, why not go along to the WCC Support Hub at The Guildhall on Tuesday morning from 10 to 12 noon. All guests and hosts welcome, refreshments provided.

Hampshire County Council is asking for your views on proposed changes for local and community transport. The consultation closes on the 24th July. Go to www.hants.gov.uk/passenger-transport-consultation or phone 0300 555 1388 for a paper copy.

I really hope that you can enjoy these precious summer months! But if you need help, details are above.

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Discover our chalk streams with free events this summer

Open Chalk Streams returns this July, with yet more hidden gems to discover. Come adventuring with the Watercress and Winterbournes team, as we explore spaces that are normally off-limits and see familiar spots in a whole new light. This time, the event locations span fishing beats, historic mills, streamside gardens, and even a gin distillery!

But why is this important? Well, some parts of our local chalk streams flow through private property, from cosy gardens to rolling farmland. Many of the owners are doing great work to protect the habitats in their care, but cannot have open access for privacy or safety reasons. Other stretches of stream are fully accessible, but 'hiding in plain sight'.

The Open Chalk Streams project allows landowners to share their spaces, and communities to experience our amazing streams. Our special events give access to private places and highlight the wonders of public ones. We'll soon be visiting:

Bere Mill (Whitchurch), 1st July, 9:50 – 13:00

Source of the River Itchen, 6th July, 9:30 – 13:00

St Mary Bourne Lake, 7th July, 10:00 – 12:00 / 13:00 – 15:00

Flashetts Footpath (Overton), 12th July, 8:30 – 12:00

Bourne Valley (near St Mary Bourne), 13th July, 13:00 – 15:30

Bombay Sapphire (Laverstoke), 20th July, 10:00 – 11:00

Soke Bridge Garden (Alresford), 27th July 10:00 – 13:00

Tufton (near Whitchurch), 28th July 10:00 – 12:00 / 13:00 – 15:00

Alresford Watercress Beds, 30th July, 10:00 – 12:30

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Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September 2022

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CPRE Hampshire Art Exhibition – last call for artists

CPRE Hampshire, the countryside charity, is currently looking for Hampshire and other local artists to take part in an art exhibition being organised for this September. Taking place in Winslade near Basingstoke, the art exhibition committee are looking for any kind of medium including paintings, prints, pottery, sculpture, photography and more. A wide variety of subjects are being anticipated. Initial expressions of interest are required by 30th June 2022.

The event itself is due to take place from Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th September with a private viewing on the evening of Friday 23rd September 2022. To apply to be part of the exhibition you should send two images of recent work, together with contact details to cpreartexhibition@gmail.com by June 30th 2022. You will be then sent all the relevant information together with an entry form to be completed by 20th August 2022.

For anyone interested in attending the event, please visit the CPRE Hampshire website, www.cprehampshire.org.uk, for further details. Tickets for the Private View will be available on Eventbrite soon.



This month we continue our occasional focus on one of our wonderful band of volunteers and the spotlight falls on Sam Walker.



Sam serves Debbie Scholey a customer from Ellisfield

Sam started helping at the store about three months ago, after being asked by another volunteer if he'd like to join the team. He agreed willingly, already being well-acquainted with the store and its establishment through his father, Richard, a previous store committee chairman. Sam usually works one or two two-hour shifts a week, his favourite being 2 to 4pm

when the children come out of school. "I still vividly remember the excitement of being allowed to go to the old shop to buy sweets occasionally after school," recalls Sam, who was a Preston Candover pupil in the early '80s. "Kids still love doing that. Nothing has changed!"

Nowadays Sam's biggest temptation at the store are the Danish pecan pastries which smell so delicious when they are freshly baked. He enjoys seeing people coming in to meet friends for a coffee and a chat. "This place is so much more than a shop and post office and it's great that people use it as a social space too" he says.

Were there things that he was worried about before he started volunteering? Sam admits he was concerned about whether he could tell the difference between some similar types of fruit and veg and selling of age-restricted goods correctly but it was actually pretty easy and there is always someone else around to ask.

"It really is a sociable way to spend a couple of hours a week," says Sam, "and I've even recognised a few faces from my schooldays! I would recommend volunteering. It's good for you and good for the community."

Come and join us! New recruits are always welcome, so please do give it some thought and speak to any of the staff or call Jane Laws on 01256 389491 for more information about the variety of ways you can volunteer.

Northington, Swarraton and Totford

Enjoyed a full programme of celebrations culminating in the Big Lunch for ~250 at the Grange.

All events were free and funded by the Parish Council and generous donations .

The beacon was lit on Thursday, with a Trumpet Fanfare from Jonathan Blanshard , before Jane Bryant conducted a rendition of the Jubilee song.



On Saturday people enjoyed a bike ride, a treasure hunt and some village gardens were open for all to visit.

Sunday saw the Big Lunch, held in a large marquee in the grounds of The Grange.





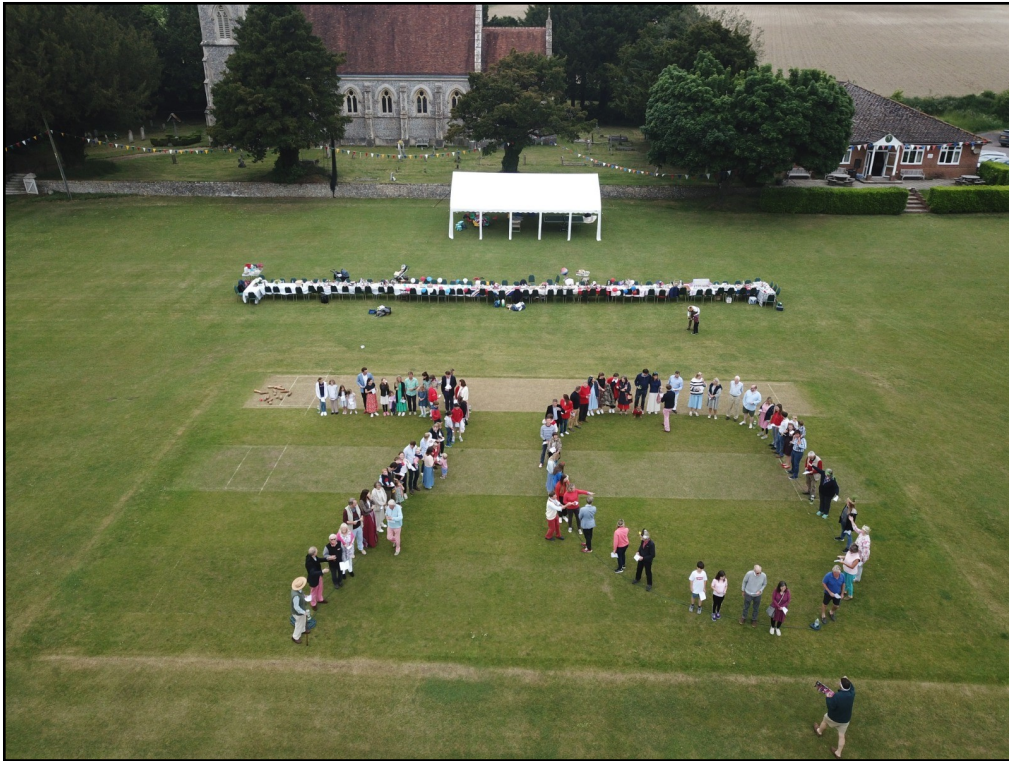
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Tea and coffee were served in the village hall.

Souvenir mugs were on display and given to every child in the village as a souvenir of the Big Jubilee Lunch.





Brown & Chilton Candover Village photo.





Jubilee lunch and fun and games at Brown and Chilton Candover

Wield Village photo and all the fun of the Jubilee lunch. All photos will be on the village website,

