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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 5 June

#### Pentecost

08.00	<b>Ellisfield</b>	Holy Communion with Bishop David
09:30	<b>Wield</b>	Jubilee Thanksgiving Service
09.45	<b>Cliddesden</b>	Jubilee Thanksgiving Service
10:00	<b>Preston Candover</b>	Jubilee Thanksgiving Service
11:00	<b>Northington</b>	Jubilee Thanksgiving Service
11:15	<b>Ellisfield</b>	Songs of Majestic Praise
11.15	<b>Dummer</b>	Jubilee Thanksgiving Service
12:30	<b>Brown Candover</b>	Short Thanksgiving, prior to Jubilee Picnic at the Cricket field
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17</i>	
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>“Her Majesty and the King she serves”</i> <i>Psalm 104</i>	

## Sunday 12 June

8.00 **Dummer**

9.45 **Ellisfield**

10.00 **Preston Candover** Holy Communion CW

11.15 **Cliddesden** Family Communion CW

6.00 **Wield** Evensong BCP

*Readings* Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15  
Psalm 8

*Sermon* God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

## Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion BCP  
with Bishop David

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion CW

Family Communion CW

Evensong BCP

” ” ”

## Sunday 19 June

9.00 **Wield**

9.45 **Dummer**

10.00 **Bradley**

11.15 **Cliddesden** Family Service (Father's Day)

6:00 **Chilton Candover** Evensong at the Buried Church  
with Bishop David

*Readings* 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a, Galatians 3:23-end,  
Luke 8:26-39

Psalm 42

*Sermon* Why did the people tell Jesus to go away?

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### Sunday 26 June

9.45	<b>Dummer</b>	Holy Communion CW
11.00	<b>Brown Candover</b>	Pet Service in Churchyard
11.15	<b>Ellisfield</b>	Family Holy Communion

*Readings 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51  
-end Psalm 77  
Sermon 'Jesus reaction in the face of provocation'*

### Second Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 3 July

9.30	<b>Wield</b>	Matins BCP
10.00	<b>Bradley</b>	Morning Worship CW
11.00	<b>Northington</b>	Holy Communion CW
11:00	<b>Dummer</b>	Sunday Special

*Readings Habakkuk 2:1-4, Ephesians 2:19-end, John 20:24-29  
Psalm 31  
Sermon Where does God live?*

### Third Sunday after Trinity

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In her Christmas broadcasts the queen has spoken of her own faith in Christ, and has often reflected on the need that we ‘love our neighbour as ourselves’. Recently she said, “For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, He stretched out His hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ’s example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none.”

Though the queen has demonstrated exemplary service nonetheless some of the critical publicity and extensive coverage of some aspects of the lives of the Royals, must be very difficult to live with. In the face of criticism and perhaps wanting to make public statements in their own defence and to set the record straight the Royal family are said to live by an unwritten rule of "never complain, never explain" which origins may be traced back to prime minister Benjamin Disraeli who served under Queen Victoria.

I think we have seen in the queen stoicism, forbearance and patience, not lashing out petulantly when challenged or derided but rather displaying calm dignity in the face of adverse publicity. St Paul reflects on Jesus, who, though being God “made of himself no reputation”...he humbled himself to come and serve... laying aside his majesty to humbly serve his people and to die on a cross.




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No one gets away without a reputation of some sort, deservedly or otherwise! The ninth commandment, “Do not bear false witness against your neighbour” is surely necessary if we are to live well in any community. We are all known to God and loved but he alone know all our flaws and weaknesses and sees through the masks we wear and “tests” our hearts, our true selves and knows what our reputations should really be!

As we reflect this month on the life and reign of our Sovereign may her example of faith and service be encouragement to us in our own communities to further love and serve for the common good and to the glory of God.

Blessings  
David

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St. Mary's will be closed from Monday 13th June for approximately 4 weeks whilst it undergoes rewiring to install a new energy efficient lighting and heating system and an audio visual system.

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### Concert for Ukraine

The Concert for Ukraine held on Palm Sunday at St John the Evangelist, Northington raised £3417 before Gift Aid to provide medical supplies. Thanks to all who assisted or contributed.

# Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	July	Rebecca Fletcher	
St Peter's Brown Candover			
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover			
All Saints Bradley	19 June	Andrew Don	Andrew Don
	3 July	Robyn Gibbons	Robin Gibbons
St James' Wield			

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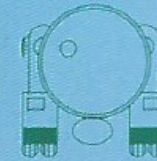
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### **Background**

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Left behind are queen cells containing virgin queens.

The first queen that hatches will sting and kill all the others, (there may be more than ten), and she will then head the colony. She flies out of the hive to mate with between 10 - 20 drones, returns to the hive and starts laying eggs. That does not leave the hive again unless the colony swarms again the following year.



### **What happens next?**

The swarm first gathers about 100meters from the main hive and hangs there while scout bees locate their new home. That could be a hole in a tree, a chimney or other fabric of a building or even a 'bait' hive set up by a beekeeper.

### **If you find a swarm collector**

To find a local beekeeper to come and remove the swarm go to the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) website. Search for 'Swarm Removal'. There is information that allows you to decide if you have a swarm of honey bees or have found some other type of bees, in which case a beekeeper will not be able to help. You will need to scroll down to the foot of the page where you can enter your postcode and click on 'Find the nearest swarm collector'. There will be a series of pins on a map and if you click on the nearest to you, a name and telephone number will be shown.

### **What about other types of bees?**

Most will die at the end of summer leaving a mated queen to start a new colony the next spring. If they aren't a nuisance, leave them alone, they are valuable pollinators.

### **What if the colony has made a nest in the fabric of a building?**

In that case it is unlikely that a beekeeper will be able to help. You may need to contact a pest controller. He or she will most likely be able to help and will, as far as possible, save the bees.

## Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

I'm tip-toeing through a hazel copse, treading with care to avoid trampling the bluebells that cover the woodland floor. Dense drifts of these fragrant blooms swirl away beneath the trees in a carpet of deepest blue. Somewhere just above me, hidden in the spring-green leaf canopy, there's a blackcap warbler pouring out its remarkable song. Later, as I stroll home beside a field now chrome-yellow with flowering oil seed, a swallow powers out of the southern sky. Flying fast and low it's heading for its summer haunts after spending the winter in South Africa, some 6000 miles away.

On a splendid morning of blue skies and bright sunshine, we travel over to Noar Hill near Selborne. Of many memorable Easter walks, this remains a favourite. While tramping along the bridle-path, now bone dry, I glimpse another early swallow diving away from Charity Farm. A chiffchaff chants from somewhere deep in the hedgerow canopy above; in the distance a blackcap sings from its woodland retreat.

At the entrance gate to the nature reserve, an orange-tip butterfly leads us to an ancient chalk-pit, now a sheltered sunny dell where cowslips nod, in full bloom. To our delight we find a Duke of Burgundy butterfly, a local rarity for which this reserve is renowned. Treading with care we soon chance upon another of these endearing fritillary-like butterflies, each darting up from their cowslip domain to challenge intruders. Easily disturbed, they are best observed through binoculars on close focus.

Following the close-cropped grassy trail, we wind our way over humps and hollows bright with splashes of cowslips. A hillside oak seems quite distinctive, sunlit with a flush of tawny-tinged leaf and catkin clusters. The whitebeams here leaf-up with elegant goblets of silver-green. The ash trees alas remain gaunt and bare, either late to leaf or doomed by dieback.

Our search now turns to orchids. Tucked away in the longer grass, almost hiding in plain sight, are early-purple orchids, a springtime delight. They cluster with tall spikes of purple-rich flowers, held on stout stems above narrow spotted leaves.

Robert Bryant  
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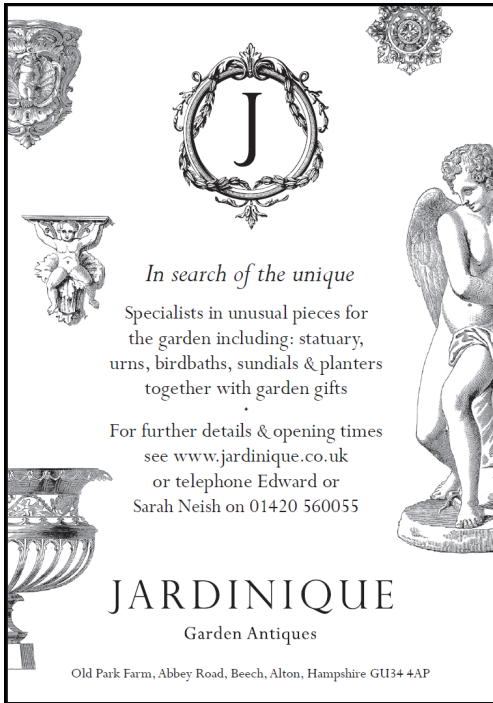


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LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) is a charity that works with farmers to deliver more sustainable farming techniques and food production. They also work closely with the food industry, scientists and consumers to inspire and enable farms to be prosperous, enrich the environment and engage with local communities.

We have been part of LEAF's 'Resilient and Ready' program which is delivered in partnership between LEAF and Corteva Agriscience. Corteva is a global company supplying seed and crop protection services and is working with organisations such as LEAF to promote greater agricultural efficiency while limiting its environmental impact.

Being part of this program has given us access to a plethora of industry experts in soil health, business management and even advice on the use of social media and public speaking. Through our partnership with LEAF we have been working towards a philosophy of Integrated Farm Management, covering the following nine core priorities to enable us to produce food more efficiently and sustainably.

1. Organisation and planning 2. Soil management and fertility 3. Crop health and protection 4. Pollution control 5. Animal husbandry 6. Energy efficiency 7. Water management 8. Landscape and nature 9. Community engagement.

On 26<sup>th</sup> May we will become one of fifty LEAF Demonstration Farms across the UK, all promoting the IFM principles and values.

Over the past few years we have frequently welcomed visitors to Newhouse – through our Open Days and school visits as well as hosting industry groups, politicians and farming groups. As part of our commitment to LEAF, we will host at least 6 visits to the farm each year. Having been farming for 36 years, I have seen some big changes in the industry and I now think that we are on the cusp of another. The phasing out of government subsidies, rising input costs, unstable markets - not forgetting the delicate balance between feeding the growing population and satisfying the fashionable demand for rewilding and the need for affordable housing. British agriculture certainly faces some challenges but we also have the opportunity to advance the case for domestic food.

With this in mind, my goal is to get as many people as possible on to our farm, to showcase the good things that we are doing and ultimately encourage support for British agriculture.

So far this year we have had visits from two local schools to discuss topics on their curriculum. The leader of the Lib Dems, Ed Davey dropped in with Danny Chambers to discuss the problems that we are facing in agriculture and in June we will be welcoming 50 members from DEFRA for a farm tour.

We hope that you will be able to join us for our Open Farm Sunday and Summer Market on Sunday 12 June which will be a great opportunity for you to see more of what we do here at Newhouse Farm.

Take a look at our new website for more information, or follow us on Instagram and Facebook

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notes using fountain pen, doing night's on-call carrying a bag full of equipment and medications, and relying on paper maps and torches to find rural addresses. A fond memory is holding weekly branch surgeries in Preston Candover Village Hall, using the nearby phone box to enquire about home visits to be done afterwards. Hospital referrals were simple, and I had easy access to Consultant colleagues, meeting them once a week over lunch for an educational session. From antenatal to end-of-life care, and everything in between, we were involved in it all.

How things have changed. I am now part of a large multi-disciplinary team where greater specialisation, and technology has allowed me to consult by text, email, and video, even working from home when necessary. There is a "template" for everything, electronic inboxes and messaging systems, and various pathways to enable hospital referrals. Medicine is more complex and treatment possibilities almost endless. Education and meetings are done via "Teams" sitting at my computer, and lunch is noticeable only by its absence!

Yet, much has remained the same. Concern, anxiety and fear around ill health is a normal human characteristic that can affect us all. Illness continues to present in many different ways, challenging clinicians daily as we try to make a diagnosis. Some of my patients have been from the same families for three decades, though in recent years from the third or even fourth generation! Over the years we have shared many stories together, and I have had the privilege of being there through both good and difficult times. It is the continuity of these relationships that has made my role as a GP such an enjoyable one and I am grateful for this. Alongside this, I have had the privilege of working within a team who are kind, compassionate, and committed to providing the best care possible, having to respond to a continually changing NHS.

As I step back from the surgery, I wish you all well in the future.

Best wishes,

Ann Lowman



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### Andover Mind Update

Andover Mind are excited to announce the launch of their web chat service! The new online chat service makes accessing information faster and provides another way to get in touch without the need to call. It also makes communication easier for people who do not speak English as their first language, allowing the use of programmes like Google Translate to chat.

The chat is open on weekdays between 9:30am - 16:30pm.

They have a dedicated team waiting to offer advice, support and information for all their services. To access the web chat by clicking the small pop-up in the bottom left of <https://www.andovermind.org.uk/>

Please be aware that despite being called “**Andover MIND**”, they actually provide services right across Hampshire, supporting people with mental ill health as well as adult carers, who care for an adult, and people living with dementia and mild cognitive impairment.

### Farewell from Dr. Wright

Dear Patients,

I am writing to inform you that I shall be retiring later this month. I qualified as a doctor in 1989, and have spent most of my working life as a GP, the greater part as a partner at Alresford Surgery, so it will be quite a wrench.

I have always been fascinated by science, medicine and psychology, and have relished the diagnostic challenges of General Practice, but above all I've most wanted to walk alongside patients on their journeys in both health and ill health. I very much hope that I have been able to support some of you in this way over the years. Thank you all for making my working life so interesting and enjoyable.

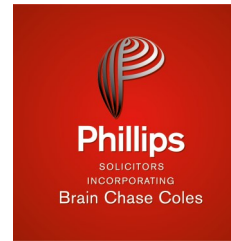
There have been enormous changes since I started at Alresford - I wonder, for example, how many of you remember the walk-in surgeries in the back room of Preston Candover Village Hall? - and in the last couple of years the Pandemic has led to many frustrations which we all share. However I have always been fortunate to work with a dedicated team of doctors, nurses and vital support staff, and for that I am very grateful.

With my best wishes

Susie Wright

### Goodbye from Dr. Lowman

Where have the last thirty years gone? I remember starting work at Alresford Surgery in 1992, when General Practice was very different, including writing in patient



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If have carried out work to a property you are selling, get planning and building regulation paperwork together. Check you have your Final Certificates. A surprising number of sellers do not request the building inspector for a final inspection so do not receive their Completion Certificates.

#### **Lost Title Deeds**

Although most properties are now registered with the Land Registry some unregistered land remains, particularly where the property has remained in the same family for many years. If you have original deeds, please keep these safe.

#### **Missing Rights**

When viewing a property make a point of checking for private access roads and shared driveways, private or shared services such as drainage, and other unusual features.

#### **Service Information Packs**

Properties that are leasehold or have an estate service charge require these, and they can take anything between 2 to 8 weeks to be returned by management companies. If your property is subject to a service charge, let your conveyancer know early.

#### **Missing Landlords and Defective Leases**

If your property is leasehold or subject to ground rent, ensure you have your latest ground rent receipt or freeholder contact details available.

#### **Finance Problems**

Speak to your bank or financial adviser before making an offer. If you are funding your purchase from savings, check how long it takes to release the funds - a Life Time ISA can take up to 3 weeks to be released. If you are receiving a gifted deposit, you need to provide information on the source of the funds to your conveyancer and mortgage lender, so submit your paperwork early.

#### **Search Delays**

Most local authorities can return an Official Local Search within two weeks, but some require longer as not all records are readily available. Further searches may be required in particular circumstances like former mining areas or relative to the particular property such as a Highways Search where there are access issues.

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## Candover Valley Gardening Club

At the time of writing we are busy sorting out our surplus plants to sell at our forthcoming Plant Sales and also looking forward to our first garden visit of the season.

Since our Masterclass on Propagation by Marina Christopher unfortunately had to be postponed, Professor Julian Evans kindly agreed to re-schedule his talk on "A Wood of Our Own". This was very interesting with colourful slides of his own local woodland and members were able to ask him detailed questions on the large variety of trees he grows. He has invited us for a follow-up guided tour so that will be good.

**On Thursday 16th June we will be visiting a garden near Alton** so if you would like to join us on our Summer visits please contact us as follows: Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or our website at <http://candovervalley.org/2021/04candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>

## Farleigh Parish Playgroup



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**A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us.**

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## WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in April 2022

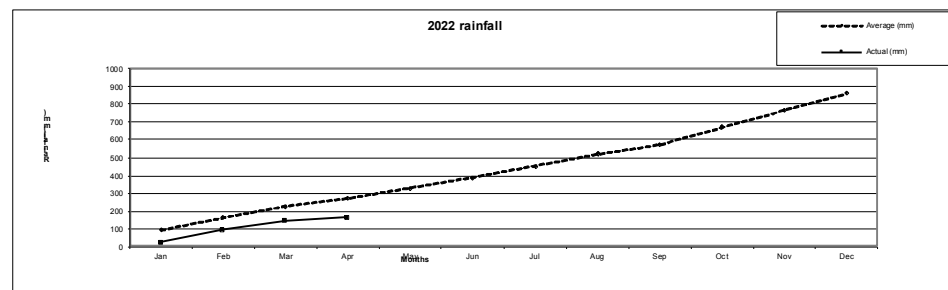
### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

Highest	20.8/69	(16 <sup>th</sup> )
Lowest	-6.5/20	(3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Warmest Night	8.3/47	(12 <sup>th</sup> )
Coollest Day	8.5/47	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Average maximum temperature	14.9/49	
Average minimum temperature	2.5/37	
Number of air frosts	7	

### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	17.9/0.70	(average 46.2/1.82)
Annual total	161.7/6.37	(average 268.0/10.55)
Maximum 24hr. fall	10.4/0.41	(6 <sup>th</sup> )
Number of days with rain	10	

**Summary** Daytime temperatures were below the norm for the first week and a half and it was generally dull with a snow shower on the 1<sup>st</sup>, then occasional showers or longer outbreaks of rain. There were overnight frosts and the coldest April night in over two decades at 20°F was recorded on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Temperatures then increased and mostly above the seasonal average for the remainder of the month. High pressure was a dominant feature in the second half of the month with some fine, sunny weather. Apart from a light shower it was dry from the 13<sup>th</sup>. Overall, there was just 39% of the normal rainfall for April and it was the driest start to the year since 2005 with only 60% of the normal year to date rainfall. April was colder than normal for mid-spring, due to the cold start to the month.



# 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.

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*We look forward to seeing you soon!*

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We have planted a Malus x robustus Red Sentinel tree (crab apple) in the field behind the village hall to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The blossom is stunning, and we hope for a good crop of crab apples eventually to make jelly.

We were delighted to welcome six new members to our WI at our annual meeting. Our speaker was Jon Colville, from Treloar, Holybourne. Jon first visited us 20 years ago and we were then the first talk that he gave in his fundraising role. Jon retires in June so we were so pleased he could update us on news from Treloar before he leaves. So much has changed in those 20 years. Now located just on one site the young people have more complex disabilities. 80% have poor cognitive ability and many have no speech, so communication is a challenge. However technological advances have helped in the aim to give every student the maximum opportunities to learn and develop some independence. Jon told us of wonderful plans for independent living units away from the Holybourne campus which are being built on the site of the Coors brewery in Alton. Treloar is working to support students into their twenties with online courses and wheelchair and technical support. We heard some wonderful stories of the courage and character of the students and the plans to improve the swimming pool and the Florence Treloar Hall. Much has changed since Lord Mayor of London, William Purdie Treloar bought an old Boer War campsite on the western side of Alton and carried his first disabled youngster to what became the Treloar hospital.

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm when Steve Ingram will help us with our photography.**

His talk is entitled, 'Who needs a camera in the age of the Smartphone?'



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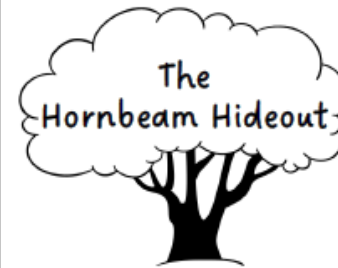
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First up this month, out on patrol in Winchester City Centre with the **Street Pastors**. Many of you will know of this fantastic organisation which organises volunteers, always backed by prayer, to patrol our city centre on a Friday and Saturday night. They are now ten years old and, having supported them from the start, I went out with the team recently to observe the quietly effective work they do.

Whether it be handing out a cup of hot chocolate or a cuppa-soup to rough sleepers or a lollipop to young (and old) people high on life – and possibly a few drinks – they just come alongside people and I have to say it’s hard to over-state the calming presence they can have and the quiet acts of kindness they dispense. Everyone out in town - or who has kids out in town with their mates - should be very pleased they’re around. You can find out more and join the team at [streetpastors.org/locations/winchester](http://streetpastors.org/locations/winchester)

While we were patrolling the streets here of course, an ancient ceremony dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century was taking place in Westminster as the cellars of the House of Lords were searched for gunpowder ahead of the **State Opening of Parliament** which was presided over by Prince Charles.

It was always a huge privilege to see Elizabeth II in person open the new session of Parliament (and I have done so many times) but this one - we had to mobilise the little used Regency Act of 1953 to enable the heir to the throne to present the Government’s legislative agenda for the year ahead - was obviously very different and tinged with sadness in this Platinum Jubilee. As we stood at the Bar of the House in the Lords Chamber we knew we were witnessing history before our eyes, in a ceremonial sense, and a whole lot of work for MPs in practical terms.

As a country we have risen to challenges with no precedent in recent history; leading the response to Putin’s attack on Ukraine and protecting lives and livelihoods in the battle against Covid but these events have caused huge disruptions to the global economy.

The Queen’s Speech set out 38 new bills helping us to continue delivering on our top priorities; including easing the cost of living and growing the economy, cutting crime and supporting communities while clearing the **Covid backlogs**.

On that, I spent time recently inside the theatres at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital speaking with surgeons and nursing staff who are, day after day, clearing that backlog. These are often conditions – urology, orthopaedic, gynaecology – which seriously inhibit quality of life for those waiting and the team there are doing really well to get through the work.

And I wouldn’t be true to myself talking about health without mentioning prevention. I am working with **Diabetes UK** after the launch of a new report as part of the charity’s *Diabetes Is Serious* campaign. There are 4.9 million people living with diabetes in the UK and we’re pushing a number of recommendations for improving care including a routine care recovery plan. A recent survey of over 10,000 people with diabetes found that 1 in 3 respondents had no contact with their diabetes healthcare team in the last year. Without these vital checks and routine care, people living with diabetes face increased risk of developing serious complications. You can find out more at [stevebrine.com/diabetes](http://stevebrine.com/diabetes)

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We are so lucky to be able to offer additional events to families at pre-school. This term the children and their parents/carers have enjoyed a wonderful morning at a local kitchen garden, learning all about vegetables, sowing seeds and finished off with a lovely lakeside walk and snack.

Our additional OWLS/Forest sessions at a local farm are now up and running. The children had an amazing time for their first morning session. Meeting some furry friends (guinea pigs and rabbit), toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate – yum!

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# Candover Valley Store

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**Bank Holiday changes to opening hours**

Please be sure to make a note of changes to opening times at both the store and the post office for the forthcoming Bank Holidays in early June.

**Spring Bank Holiday Thursday 2 June** – store open 8.30am to 5.00pm. Post office closed.

**Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Friday 3 June 2022** – store open 8.30am to 5.00pm. Post office closed.

**Congratulations Your Majesty ...**

Bedecked in red, white and blue, the store will be dressed for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee this month. A reign of 70 years is a truly remarkable anniversary. Hip, hip, hooray!

**... and a happy birthday to our store!**

The bunting will continue to flutter as we celebrate our third birthday on 10 June. You may be interested to learn that in the last 12 months you, our wonderful customers, have bought thousands of food products, gifts, cards, stamps and Post Office services at the Candover Valley Store including: 266 Tunworth cheeses; 146 packs of Jaffa cakes; 354 bags of Moonroast Candover Blend coffee and 429 Chupa Chups lollies! Thank you all for shopping locally and for your valued loyalty and support as we enter our fourth year of trading.

**New summer bedding**

Beautiful, healthy plants for borders, tubs and baskets are now in stock ranging in price from £2.39 to £3.49 each. Fuchsias, nemesia, petunias and many more, in a variety of colours, are all raised just a few miles away in Four Marks.

**Brothers Bakery**

A selection of sourdough loaves and focaccia will be available from this local specialist bakery on Saturdays. You need to be in early to make sure you don’t miss out!

**It’s hot, hot, hot**

For this month only, if you buy Candover Valley Store-branded bamboo reusable mug (priced £5.99), you will receive a FREE hot drink! (While stocks last).