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## THE OXDROVE

### Church and Community News

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### 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

#### Wednesday 2 March

7:30pm

Preston Candover

#### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service

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#### Sunday 6 March.

#### First Sunday of Lent

9.30

Wield

Matins BCP

10.00

Preston Candover

Morning Worship CW

11.00

Northington

Holy Communion CW

*Readings*

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13*

*Psalm 91*

*Sermon*

*Tempted for forty days in the Wilderness*

” ”

#### Sunday 13 March

#### Second Sunday of Lent

10.00

Preston Candover

Holy Communion CW

6.00

Wield

Evensong BCP

*Readings*

*Genesis 15:1-12,17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-end*

*Psalm 27*

*Sermon*

*Jesus grieves over Jerusalem*

**Sunday 20 March Third Sunday of Lent**

9.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP  
 10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship  
 Readings *Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9*

*Psalm 63*

Sermon *Bearing fruit for the Kingdom?*

””

**Sunday 27 March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 Mothering Sunday**

8.30 Bradley Holy Communion  
 11.00 Brown Candover Mothering Sunday Morning Worship  
 Readings *Exodus 2:1-10, 2 Corinthians 5:16-end, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-end*

*Psalm 32*

Sermon *A Mother's care*

””

**Sunday 3 April Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9.30 Wield Matins BCP  
 10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship CW  
 11.00 Northington Holy Communion CW  
 Readings *Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8*

*Psalm 126*

Sermon *Price or Value?*

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### Sunday 13 March Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 Dummer Holy Communion BCP  
9.45 Ellisfield Morning Prayer  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Communion CW

### Sunday 20 March Third Sunday of Lent

9.45 Dummer Morning Prayer  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service

### Saturday 26 March

9:00 Cliddesden Dads and Children 'Mothering Sunday'  
Prep.

6.00 Cliddesden Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.45 Dummer Holy Communion CW  
11.15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion  
11:15 Cliddesden Family 'Mothering Sunday' Service

### Sunday 3 April Fifth Sunday of Lent

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP  
09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer  
11.15 Dummer Sunday Special 'Police Chaplaincy'

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Farleigh and  
Candover Valley & Wield**

### Funerals

#### Preston Candover

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 *Lord John SAINSBURY aged 94*

#### Northington

24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 *Elizabeth Ann LEONARD aged 81*

#### Wield

18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 *Audrey GILES (Wessex crematorium)*

### Baptisms

#### Cliddesden

16 January 2022 *Leon HOLDSWORTH*

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<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>St John's Northington</b>	<b>March</b>	Emma and Colin La Fontaine Jackson	Emma and Colin La Fontaine Jackson
	<b>April</b>	Rhona Hatchley	Rhona Hatchley
<b>St Peter's Brown Candover</b>	<b>27 Mar 11.00</b>	Jonathan Moseley & Celia Foote	The Elletts & Claire Gilmour
	<b>6 Mar 10.00</b>	Anne Luneburg	Sue Marriott
<b>St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover</b>	<b>13 Mar 10.00</b>	Gunnel Berry	Marina Avis & Gunnel berry
	<b>20 Mar 10.00</b>	Marina Avis	To be advised
	<b>3 April 10.00</b>	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
	<b>27 Mar 8.30</b>	Chris Swam	Chris Swan
<b>St James' Wield</b>	<b>6 Mar 9.30</b>	John Lailey	Jean Frost & Max Konig
	<b>13 Mar 6.00</b>	Robert Grande	Eileen Collins Catherine Simons
	<b>20 Mar 9.00</b>	Brian Collins	Amanda Bromfield & Mark Kemp Gee
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	Key Holders	March  April	Sue Marriott (01256 389385)  Jonathan Moseley (01256 389488)
All Saints Church Bradley	Cleaners & Flowers	Lent 2 <sup>nd</sup> March to April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cleaning -
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover			
St James' Church Wield	Flowers	Lent 2 <sup>nd</sup> March to April 16 <sup>th</sup>	
	Cleaner	Permanent	Michelle Kuhn

## Dear Friends

“Good morning, this is Google’s security department, how are you today” “I can’t tell you, that is confidential and a security matter” I replied, and my caller put the phone down.

Being a scammer’s ‘mark’ can leave one feeling angry at the attempted duping and victims of scams feel violated by the deception to which they have fallen prey.

Netflix released a film last month called ‘Inventing Anna’ about a woman who deceived Manhattan hotels owners and high society folk into believing she was an heiress worth around \$60 and that her father was a very wealthy man. She conned banks into lending her money, other people into paying some of her bills and left a trail of debts behind her ‘robbing Peter to pay Paul’ until she was found out and brought to justice.

Interestingly, research has shown that people are predisposed at first to believe what they are told, we expect to hear the truth as that is the norm in social interaction. Researchers found that people more readily fell for a con when under some form of pressure to make a quick decision before they had all the facts and would accept stories at face value.

Near the beginning of the bible is the story of a scam based on a lie and a deception that resulted in Eve’s deception. The wily serpent lied and twisted what God had said and she fell for it, and then shared the forbidden pleasure with Adam with the consequence that they knew for the first-time the feeling of guilt and shame and above all the need to hide themselves from God because of those things.

Christians worship God who is truthful, who does not deceive or lie to people. Do we doubt that, I wonder, do we want to make out that God is other than who he has shown himself to be in Jesus Christ?



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David



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### Dates for your Calendar:

AGM – 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Yew Tree

Ladies Social – Thursday 7th April, Supper in the Yew Tree

Junior Coaching Starts – TBA

Senior Season begins – 8<sup>th</sup> May

For further information about any aspect of the club, please contact:

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Ben Robinson – captain on 07903 513196

Neil Hewitson – secretary: Neil.Hewitson@KPMG.co.uk

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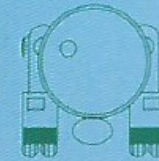
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4. Bench(es) to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee
5. Tree(s) to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee
6. Extend Candover Valley Club (CVC) terrace to front
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You may remember in the February magazine a photo of two graceful swans on the pond at Chilton Candover.

They were photographed in mid January and by end of that month they had gone leaving a lot of feathers scattered in the pond.

The fear is that they did not go peacefully but were chased away as various sticks were found as well as the feathers. Very sad.



## Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

The darkling days of late winter shroud the wooded downlands and valley trails in misty monochromes. The shadowy form of a silver birch, that most elegant of trees, plays host to a flock of engagingly agile little birds, tucking in to their breakfast buffet of birch seed cones. Silhouetted in the low light, I can make out the dangling forms of streaky-brown finches with forked tails and white wing bars. They are rather a Garden Birdwatch conundrum, until I spot the ruddy smudge or red thumbprint on each forehead. These are redpolls, specifically lesser redpolls, as somewhat confusingly the common redpoll is larger, quite rare and described as 'frosted'. The scientific name for lesser redpolls is *Acanthis cabaret*, which may allude to their entertaining acrobatics.

In complete contrast, the bright mornings around Candlemas, strangely mild, light up waysides of breezy hazel catkins. Drifts of snowdrops now crowd the shady banks and verges. Intrepid honeybees flicker through the blooms. Fresh soil-heaps of molehills erupt across the grasslands, as male moles pause in their solitary quest for more earthworms and begin to extend their territories, tunnelling by scrape, scent and squeak towards the favoured abodes of fragrant lady moles.

Great globes of mistletoe, olive-green, reveal themselves in the winter tree canopies. With mild winters and few frosts, the march of the mistletoe proceeds apace, spreading far and wide. Hereabouts, they seem to favour lime trees as a host. Both the mature limes lakeside at Avington Park and the splendid lime avenue at Grange Park, Northington are festooned with cascades of mistletoe.

Blackcap warblers, enchanting summer singers, feed on mistletoe berries and spread the sticky seeds by wiping their beaks on the bark of trees. This seems to be a more effective means of seed dispersal than by mistle thrushes or redwings, who tend to gobble the berries whole. Blackcaps are remarkably adaptable: recent studies have shown that wintering blackcaps, tagged with lightweight geolocators, fly here from central France and Germany. They feed on hedgerow berries before topping up from garden bird feeders.

Robert Bryant  
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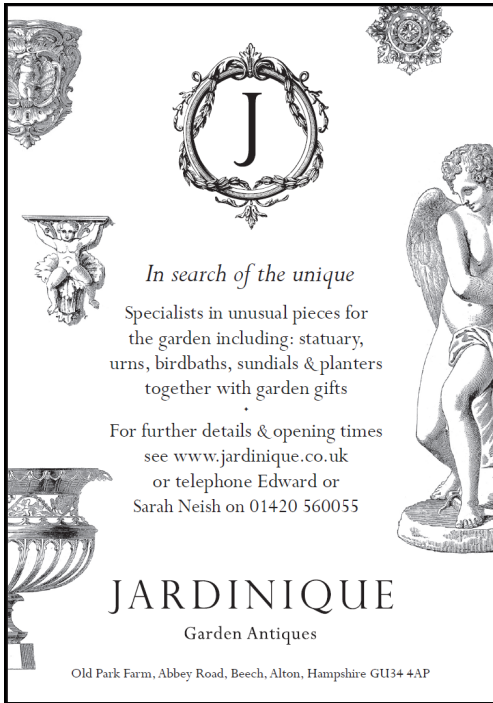


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## On the Farm - Ben Robinson

The stratospheric price of fertiliser price has shown no sign of falling, kept high by the presence of Russian tanks on the Ukrainian border. The combination of the locally dry winter and Mr Putin's military antics have led us to try something new on the farm, a demonstration of quite how interconnected the world now is.

Along with some neighbouring farms we have received an application of digestate from the Biogen anaerobic digester near Farleigh Wallop. This is food waste that has been allowed to break down at a high temperature to produce methane under controlled conditions. This methane is used to produce electricity for the National Grid.

The digestate product provides the equivalent of 90kg of Nitrogen per hectare, along with Phosphate, Potassium and Sulphur, reducing the need for manufactured 'bagged' fertiliser. A crop of winter wheat for example requires around 220kg/ha of Nitrogen through the growing season to reach its potential, so 90kg/ha is a significant saving with fertiliser at £650/t. On the grassland I am hoping not to need to spread any artificial fertiliser at all as later on in the growing season the nitrogen requirement for grass is provided by white clover. The spreading equipment was quite spectacular- I don't think I have ever seen an agricultural machine so large. I'm glad it wasn't me navigating the end of the 36 metre boom around our mid-field telegraph poles.

With the Net Zero agenda products such as food waste, treated sewage sludge, slurry and muck will become ever more important in agriculture. Hopefully the days of water companies discharging raw sewage into rivers will be coming to an end. Increasingly these denatured sewage products will need to be spread on farmland to nourish crops. There isn't another viable option. The key is to use these products wisely and efficiently at the correct time of year and in conditions that allow machines to travel and the crops to take up the nutrients.

I always find it frustrating when you hear sensational headlines in the press such as 'the average age of farmers is 66'. It's complete rubbish. The name of the business might be Grandad's but often the children or grandchildren are working on the farm and regularly making the management decisions. I recently advertised a full-time role on the farm as Jeremy is moving on in April after securing a job with a hunt in Shropshire. I am happy to report I received a dozen applications, mostly from people under the age of 25. There seems to be no shortage of youngsters passionate about farming in Hampshire.

## Police update

Officers are investigating a number of reports of thefts from motor vehicles have arrested a man.

Between Wednesday, 26 January and Wednesday 2 February, a number of vehicles were broken into in areas between Burghclere and Beacon Hills. Items including number plates, Apple AirPods, handbags and clothing were stolen.

On Saturday, 5 February, officers arrested a 47-year-old man from Havant on suspicion of the following offences:

- Theft from a motor vehicle in Whitchurch between Wednesday 26, January and Wednesday, 2 February
- Theft from a motor vehicle in Micheldever on Wednesday, 26 January
- Theft from a motor vehicle in East Stratton on Thursday, 27 January
- Theft from a motor vehicle in Dummer on Friday, 28 January
- Theft from a motor vehicle at Beacon Hill on Saturday, 29 January
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Many other thefts from vehicles that have occurred in the areas of Upon Grey and the Candovers not to mention two other counties are also being linked to the individual in question.

He has been questioned by officers and released under investigation while enquiries continue.

Information that we receive from the community is vital and informs where we put our resources and take action against any illegal activity. We would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists to make sure valuables are removed from vehicles and that they are locked.

Make sure to physically check that doors and window are locked, especially if the remote has been to lock the vehicle, then look inside again to make sure nothing has been left.

Further information and advice on how to keep your vehicle secure can be found on our website: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>





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Thank you.

### **COVID-19 Vaccination update**

We are still offering covid boosters to patients who require them & for the time being is being offered locally.

More information on the COVID-19 vaccination programme can be found here: <https://hampshiresouthamptonandisleofwightccg.nhs.uk/your-health/latest-information-on-covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-programme>

### **Retirement of Sister Jo Stokes**

Sister Jo Stokes is taking early retirement from the surgery on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Jo has worked at the surgery since 1999 & has developed our diabetic service during that time.

Jo is hoping to still have some surgery contact through bank work.

### **Welcome to new staff**

We are excited to announce the arrival of Megan Power who joins us as a Trainee ACP/ Paramedic Practitioner.

Megan will be working alongside our GPs to deliver on the day care Wednesday-Friday.

Megan, our Advanced Nurse Practitioner and GPs will be triaging patients and seeing those who require appointments in the surgery.

Megan has worked in Primary Care as well as being a Paramedic so has a wealth of experience & knowledge.

She is an independent and supplementary prescriber, so she is able to prescribe any medication that is required and can order any necessary investigations including bloods and x-rays and make referrals to specialties and community teams as appropriate.

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## Stamp warning.

Martin Lewis put out the following warning on his Money Live show:

Stamps which have 1st or 2nd, but no monetary value on them, will no longer be valid from January 2023.

From March 2022 it should be possible to exchange any of these stamps, that you will be unlikely to use, in time for the new stamps with bar codes. Apparently this can not be done at a Post Office (!) but a form must be down loaded, completed and posted with the stamps.

This information will be updated if more information comes to hand. People often stockpile stamps before the price goes up so if you do so , this information is probably important.

## CPRE Hampshire launches new 'community' gin in partnership with local company, Gorilla Spirits Co.

With dry January well and truly over, and thoughts of spring just peeking into view, it's time to treat ourselves with something fresh and new.

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## WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in January 2022

### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

Highest	13.4/56	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Lowest	-6.6/20	(21 <sup>st</sup> )
Warmest Night	9.5/49	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Coollest Day	3.4/38	(25 <sup>th</sup> )

Average maximum temperature	8.1/47
Average minimum temperature	0.4/31

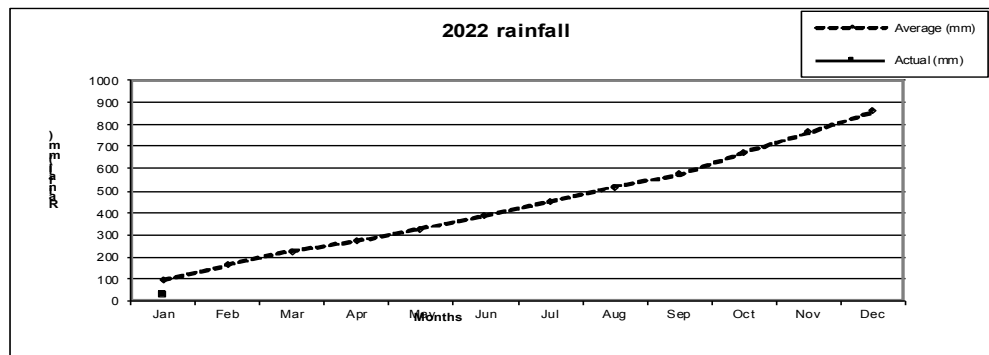
Number of air frosts	19
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### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly & annual total	22.5/0.89	(average 94.0/3.70)
Annual total		
Maximum 24hr. fall	8.8/0.31	(8 <sup>th</sup> )
Number of days with rain	11	

### Summary

January started where the previous month had left off, with the mildest New Year's Day on record in the UK and reaching 56°F here. Temperatures then returned to more normal levels, remaining mild during the day but with overnight frosts. The middle third of the month was the sunniest including four days with bright, unbroken mid-winter sunshine. There were strangely unchanging overcast and almost still conditions for four consecutive days from the 22<sup>nd</sup> before the return of brighter weather. There was only a quarter of the normal rainfall and the lowest recorded here for January in over two decades. Overall the month was cooler than normal, due to the cold overnight temperatures.



## Candover Valley Gardening Club

We commenced the New Year with a very interesting and varied talk on Soil Management from Ray Broughton, a lecturer at Sparsholt College.

Of the many items he covered were the importance of seeing soil before buying it in, checking drainage when planting, composts, thermal weed control devices and a plastic box of farm manure in your greenhouse to prevent leggy seedlings. Some of the latest ideas we can try in our own gardens.

**On Thursday 17th March at 7:30pm** at Preston Candover Village Hall following our AGM, our speaker will be Roger Hirons who will be giving a talk on Climbing Plants and their uses. Guests are very welcome to join us for £3:00 for the evening.

Our exciting new programme covering talks and garden visits will be available and our annual subscription of £12: will be due if you wish to join the club. For more information our contact details are as follows **Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or our website at <http://candover valley.org/2021/04candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>**

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*We are following government guidelines for Covid with appropriate measures in place.*

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Constituents sometimes say to me, “*I just wish politicians in London would get on with the job*”, so I bring good news. The media may not report such but that, alas, is something we cannot control.

Since my last update for the Oxdrove, I have spoken in Parliament about the new **ten-year Cancer Plan**. As a former Cancer Minister, I know huge strides have been made in cancer care recent years – indeed in the last fifteen years, one-year survival has increased by more than 10% and for patients diagnosed in 2015, their survival rate was 72% after one year.

Now we need to go further and make a reality of the ambition to see three-quarters of cancers are diagnosed at stage one or two. We know early diagnosis is cancer’s magic key so this is a must. You can see more on this at [stevebrine.com/prioritynhs](http://stevebrine.com/prioritynhs)

Secondly, I have been doing a lot of work lately – which came together with a big Commons debate in **children’s mental health** week – around local CAMHS services and, in particular, for families who have a child with special educational needs.

I spoke in the debate of the despair many of my constituents feel at ongoing issues accessing children’s mental health services in Hampshire; reading out a series of personal, anonymised, stories sent to me by constituents.

While strong advances have been made by the Government – a new SEND plan is imminent and huge sums of money continue to be invested – I still regularly hear from parents angry and desperate for help that is just not there. None of the personal stories I received ahead of this debate made easy reading but they all showed a sense of despair at where to turn next. Here too, early diagnosis is often what’s missing and as a result children are falling further down meaning they’re helped later and, as a result, the intervention they need is significantly more acute.

Too often families are waiting for a referral from CAMHS which is not forthcoming and, worse than that, they’re told not to ask how long the wait might be so they’re unable to plan accordingly. Covid has been a disaster for children and young people’s mental health so none of this is getting easier.

I want the new ‘My Planned Care’ website, launched last month to keep patients up-to-date on their wait for surgery as the NHS tackles the Covid backlog, to include information on CAMHS referrals which is the least that should happen if we want to properly realise parity of care between physical and mental health. I plan to meet with the new Integrated Care System covering Hampshire & the IOW in the coming weeks given its’ new role holding services, including CAMHS, accountable across the NHS.

Finally, I have written a lot about **Green Winchester** and events leading to – and since – COP26 in Glasgow which I attended. Our focus now shifts to holding Ministers to their promises made and delivering our Net Zero Plan. Further to this, I will be holding a very special *AskTheMinister* event in Winchester on the evening of **Thursday April 7 with COP President Alok Sharma MP**. More details and sign-up to receive GW updates at [greenwinchester.com](http://greenwinchester.com)

More at [stevebrine.com](http://stevebrine.com) but instant updates at [fb.com/SteveBrineMP](http://fb.com/SteveBrineMP)



## Swarraton and Northington WI

As we are no longer able to make our traditional donation of a Denman brick in memoriam, we decided to pay tribute to Ann Leonard, past president, treasurer, secretary, wholehearted WI supporter and Friend, by providing the refreshments in the village hall after the funeral service. It was lovely to work together with members of the Candover Valley Garden Club as Ann had been a great supporter of both organisations.

Our annual Lasagne Lunch is a much-loved tradition and about 30 members and guests enjoyed a delicious selection of lasagnes which had been cooked by the committee. Members provided a scrumptious array of puddings, and we had an enjoyable time solving Bobbie Sanderson’s cryptic puzzle ‘Know Your London’. Kate Norrie organised a very successful raffle. It was a very happy start to the 2022 programme

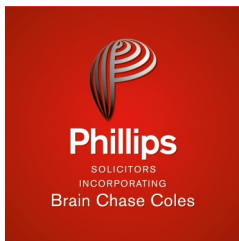
At our February meeting our speaker was Ian Margetts, the Farm Manager from nearby Malshanger Farm, Oakley.

\*\*\*\* Summerdown Mints – Local Business. \*\*\*\*

Ian gave a really interesting, illustrated talk about the diverse crops grown on the farm where the Black Mitcham Peppermint is grown and the oil distilled. The oil is then used to make the Summerdown chocolate products. Lavender is also grown and harvested and the oil distilled for cosmetic products. The farm also produces camomile for tea and wheat, beans and barley. Straw is sold to West Country farms for their livestock. This project to grow Black Mitcham peppermint was started by Lord Colman, formerly of the mustard company and is now a family run business with younger members of the family fully engaged in this award-winning enterprise. Members enjoyed sampling the products produced by Summerdown at teatime.

The WI started in 1915 to give women a voice in the community but also to encourage them to grow vegetables during the First World War. It is now the largest women’s voluntary organisation in the UK and all generations are welcomed to meet and make friends. The WI has successfully campaigned on a number of important issues over the decades, and many have become national policies such as ‘Keep Britain Tidy’, ‘No smoking in public places’ and ‘Equal Pay for equal work’. At our February meeting we voted on 5 resolutions that had been proposed by WIs throughout the country. A majority of members voted to support a resolution to support ‘Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders’.

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm in Swarraton Hall. Sarah Delves will bring her collection of antique powder compacts and lipsticks. We would love you to come along too!**



## Tips When Buying a New Build Property

Jo Francis, Senior Associate in Residential Property at Phillips, is a specialist with new build purchases, including purchases under the Help to Buy Scheme. Buying a new build has many benefits but, from the legal side, the conveyancing can be complex. The potential for something to go wrong is higher with a new build, which can be costly if not addressed. Jo fully understands what is required and highlights key points to consider:

- Ensure your finances are in order - developers often insist finance for the mortgage is secured before contracts are exchanged.
- Most mortgages are only valid for six months, if completion is not within this period, you need to apply for an extension from your lender or you may have to reapply for the mortgage, depending on circumstances. However, some lenders offer specific new build mortgages lasting for 9 months.
- Check the property specification details carefully before reservation. Pay attention to the landscape drawings and development plans. Visit other sites built by the developer to see if the properties meet your requirements.
- Reservation fees are paid when making an offer or a sale is agreed, ranging from £500 to £5,000 or more depending on property value and usually set for 28 days, covering the period leading to exchange of contracts. This fee is non-refundable, if you fail to exchange contracts in time or you decide to pull-out of purchasing. Your mortgage should be agreed in principle before making a reservation.
- A deposit is paid of 5% or 10% of the full purchase price, depending on whether the Help to Buy Equity Loan scheme is being used.
- Usually, mortgage lender valuations are taken at the beginning of a new build project but sometimes after construction is completed. A long period between exchange and completion could risk the property value decreasing, affecting the mortgage offer and amount your Lender agrees to lend you. You would still be contracted to purchase the property for the price agreed upon exchange.
- At completion, there will be an official handover. Ensure you are given copies of all the guarantees for the property.
- Before handover, check for defects, i.e. 'snagging', which the developer should rectify.

If you would like to discuss purchasing a new build property, please contact Jo by calling 01256 854634, emailing [jo.francis@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:jo.francis@phillips-law.co.uk) or visit [www.phillips-law.co.uk/residential-property-services](http://www.phillips-law.co.uk/residential-property-services)



## CVC 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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### Cllr Jackie Porter County Corner - March 2022

County Councillor for the Itchen Valley Division

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Many of you ask me why a road is being dug up, or when a diversion is due to end? The County Council is encouraging all road users to connect to **one.network**. It is really useful. After

signing up, you can activate layers, and by diving in at a greater magnification, you can see the roadworks and details of it. You can also request alerts: I now have alerts for my division daily- they arrive at 4am! You can define the boundary of interest. I recommend this for your journey to work?

Three other matters for road users:


- The Highway Code has changed. You can see more at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- Don't forget to check your driving licence: it may need renewing after the pandemic.
- The new proposal to introduce 20mph zones is a complete change of attitude from HCC towards 20mph speed limits. To work out how and if this proposal is to go ahead, a working party has been set up to look at the options, and review results of the Pilot schemes, including those in Winchester and Micheldever. Importantly, it includes seeking the support of the Police in its remit.

The County council has confirmed a booking scheme for their HWRC's for the foreseeable future. This was the result of a survey of users: 89% liked the scheme. I think they missed one important point- it didn't include those who don't use the tips! I have asked again for on-the-day booking. I was reassured that it is an aspiration, but at the time of writing is not in place because of a software issue. We also asked for equity for cyclists-who can now book as road users, and argued for better pedestrian access in Alresford.

The Dever Society has published a useful statement to clarify information on housing numbers in the district. They were dismayed to see the ridiculously huge figure bandied about: this is the developer's aspiration figure. Winchester needs to agree to the release of land or brownfield sites to provide space for around 2700 homes in the new Local Plan to 2038. You can see more about this on my website: search 'scare stories'

Meanwhile, the County Council continues to upgrade the Minerals and Waste Plan. I am proposing that oil and gas extraction licences are not renewed in this County. One impact of the Climate emergency is the conscious public and industrial increase in recycling, and many recycling companies are seeking cheap land with large areas of yard space for waste management activities. These sites are often

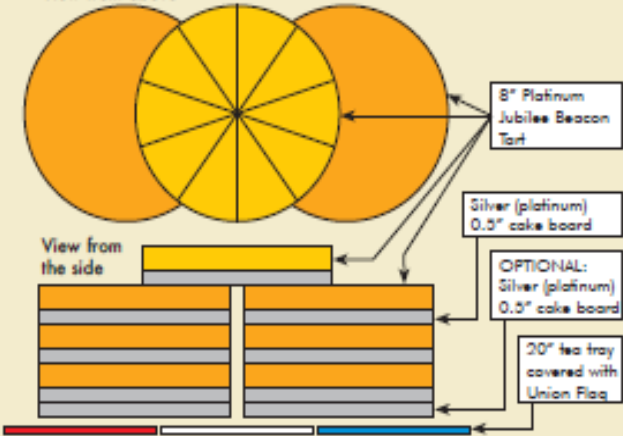
# Jubilee Beacon Tart




1 x 20" tea tray  
2 or 3 x Union Flag napkins  
Optional: 2 additional silver (platinum) cake boards if greater elevation is required  
Additional napkins to hand to guests with their slice of tart

Create two stacks of 3 x 8" tarts, each on a silver (platinum) cake board, and place side by side on a 20" rectangular tray covered with Union Flag napkins. Place a further tart centrally on top (7 tarts in total).

View from above



View from the side



• butter or oil in a small frying pan and cook over a low to medium heat for about 10 minutes until golden. Allow to cool.

• 1 egg, chopped parsley and 1/2 cup of cheese. Layer filling in pastry case; base of tart followed by cooked tarted cheese (keeping remaining filling for another tart). Top with thinly sliced cooked grated cheese over the top then brush with egg mixture in to the tart. Bake for 15-20 minutes until filling is set and golden.


• small tarts using 8cm (3 1/4") plain tart cases. When making small tarts there is no need to pre-bake. Bake small tarts at 160°C Fan forced until filling is set and golden.

The above produces a 6" high stack of tarts. If further elevation is needed an additional cake board could be placed under each stack of 3 tarts.

Once the top tart has been ceremonially cut, remove it from the stack and set to one side to cut into ten slices. This will avoid crushing the tarts underneath. Carry out the same process for each subsequent tart, remembering to remove each one from the stack before cutting into ten. The slices can then be handed round to guests from their individual cake boards accompanied by napkins if desired.

Jubilee Beacon Tarts as shown

of Her Majesty's reign.  
for Her Majesty's reign.  
the Platinum Jubilee Beacon Tarts  
cake boards





# The Queen's Platinum

## Ingredients representing all 4 nations of the UK

England: Cheddar Cheese Northern Ireland: Potatoes

Scotland: Smoked Salmon Wales: Leek

Average cost of ingredients per tart, between £3.75 & £5.00

The following quantities will serve TEN people.

### Pastry

140 g (5 oz) plain flour

35 g (1 ¼ oz) margarine

35 g (1 ¼ oz) vegetable fat

About 1 ½ tablespoons cold water

Or use ready-made shortcrust pastry

\* 20 cm (8") loose-bottom flan tin

\* baking beans

### Filling

100 g (4 oz) Smoked salmon (trimmings or chopped small)

50 g (2 oz) leek

100g (4 oz) cooked potatoes

70g (2 ¾ oz) Cheddar cheese (grated)

200 ml (7 fl oz) single cream

2 large eggs (beaten)

1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

Black pepper

Butter or oil

1. To make pastry - place flour in bowl add the fats and rub in lightly with fingertips until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add enough cold water to bind to a soft dough, knead briefly and shape in to a ball. Wrap and chill for 30 minutes.
2. Roll out the pastry and use to line the flan tin. Prick the bottom of the pastry with a fork. Line pastry shell with foil and fill with baking beans. Place tin on a heated baking tray and bake in preheated oven at 200°C Fan (Gas 7) for 10 minutes, remove foil and baking beans, return to the oven for a further 10 minutes.
3. Reduce oven temperature to 160°C Fan (Gas 4)
4. Scrub potatoes and place in a pan of lightly salted boiling water to cook for 15 minutes. Drain and allow to cool before removing the skin and then slicing thinly.



5. Finely chop leek. Heat a little pan, add chopped leek to the moderate heat, stirring occasionally until soft but not coloured - about 5 minutes.
6. Mix together cream, beaten eggs, plenty of ground black pepper, spread smoked salmon over the leek and then 50 g (2 oz) grated cheddar cheese. Sprinkle remaining ingredients on top potatoes. Sprinkle remaining ingredients gently pour cream and egg mixture over the top. Bake until golden. Serve cold.
7. Bake in oven for 30 - 35 minutes.

**NB** These quantities also make 18 round tarts using a 18cm round cutter and lining patty tins. There is no need to blind bake the cases first (Gas 4) for about 30 minutes until golden.

### Guide to serving

A construction of seven Platinum tarts below will serve 70 guests.

Each tart represents a Decade of the Platinum Jubilee. You will need: 7 x 8" freshly made silver (platinum) cases

7 x 8" x 0.5" silver (platinum) cases

poorly situated on rural roads. The increasingly heavy lorries destroy the roads and make it dangerous for other road users. With the changing emphasis on pedestrian, horseriders and cyclists, I have argued for a long time that this is unacceptable. This is a current concern for the Worthys, Stoke Charity and Sutton Scotney.

I have been working with the officers to raise awareness of this problem in the road planings site at Three Maids Hill. The entrance has now been moved away from a narrow road to connect directly with the main trunk network, with other protections for the environment. As I write, I am hopeful that the outcome of the Ecogen application will reflect this new hierarchy too: walkers, bikes, horses, cars and lorries.

**Sale of land at auction underneath the adopted roads.** This can be very worrying for residents. Alerted to the sale at auction of a road in Alresford, this is a useful reminder of what road adoption actually means. The developer usually retains the land, but the County Council takes ownership of the 'top two spits' -two spades' depth, and gives full rites of passage over it. Using the County solicitors, I could reassure the residents that auction of the land beneath will not change their rights of access. This seems to be a new trend. Please contact me if you are informed that your road is 'up for auction' so we can clarify the picture.

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# Candover Valley Store

community made

## Snowdrops for The Queen

As a lasting tribute to Queen Elizabeth II and to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> year of her reign, 7000 snowdrops have been bought for planting in roadside locations throughout the Candover Valley in the next few weeks. We would love your help to achieve this! The valley is already known for its displays of these beautiful winter flowers and this plan, financed by the CVCS Community Projects Fund will enhance the already established colonies. About 20 planting sites have been identified between Nutley and Brown Candover, surrounding village name signs, bus stops or at junctions with the B3046.

Small, safe working parties will be organised to plant the bulbs and as this magazine goes to press, we hope this will happen on the first two Saturdays in March.

You are invited to get involved and enjoy being part of the scheme that will give us all so much pleasure as we mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee year and enjoy the snowdrops every winter from now onwards. Look out for posters with more information, including those planting dates!

## Fairtrade Fortnight - the school and the store working together

The end of February and the beginning of March is an important time for the Fairtrade



movement whose year-round mission includes ensuring farmers and other workers, the world over, are rewarded with a fair price for their products. Three enterprising young pupils at Preston Candover Primary School wrote to store manager, Garry, to ask if the store would support their learning about Fairtrade by donating some products carrying its blue and green logo. Garry was pleased to help and the donated items will now be displayed alongside pictures and written work created by the whole class. This element of the curriculum aims to raise pupils' awareness of the Fairtrade movement, the importance of giving people decent working conditions, producing food and other goods in sustainable ways and with fair terms of trade. You can add your support by choosing to buy goods that bear the Fairtrade logo when you shop.

## Sustainability and the store

The store committee takes very seriously its responsibility to run the business in the most environmentally-friendly way. A small group of committee members is currently looking at opportunities to improve our green credentials. It is a far-reaching task which will take time to achieve, so we are starting with the easy wins and building on the things we already do well. We will report on progress as we go.

## Mothering Sunday - 27 March

As ever when it comes to special celebration dates, there is plenty to choose from at the store. On almost every shelf there are bottles, packages and pots of delicious and tempting fare! Perfect for a garden-loving mother, we now offer beautiful cottage flowers and herbs from one of our newest suppliers - The Hairy Pot Plant Company. This is a local nursery with sustainability at its heart. All plants are sold in peat-free compost and completely natural coir pots. Prices vary, but are usually around £5. Hannah's Gifts, with its constantly changing range of pretty items, is always guaranteed to solve a present conundrum. You will find her display next to the racks of greetings cards.

## The picture on the left shows:

School Fairtrade representatives Ava, Rosie and Noah are pictured here with Garry and Y6 teacher Mrs Meier and some the Fairtrade products they chose which included coffee, tea, sugar, bananas, rubber gloves, wine, flowers and chocolate, all donated by the CVCS.