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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

#### Sunday 1 May

9.30

Wield

10.00

Preston Candover

11.00

Northington

*Readings*

*Acts 9:1-6, Revelation 5:11-end, John 21:1-19*

*Sermon*

*Jesus shows himself to his disciples*

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Matins BCP

Morning Worship CW

Holy Communion CW

*Psalm 30*

” ”

#### Sunday 8 May

10.00

Preston Candover

6.00

Wield

*Readings*

*Acts 9:36-end, Revelation 7:9-end, John 10:22-30*

*Sermon*

*“I told you and you do, do not believe...?”*

*Psalm 23*

” ”

## Sunday 15 May

9.00 Wield  
choir

10.00  
Readings

Preston Candover  
*Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35*

Sermon

*"...you are my disciples, if..."*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion BCP with Vox Lucis

*Psalm 148*

## Sunday 22 May

8.30 Bradley  
11.00 Brown Candover

Readings

Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
*Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5, John 14:23-29*

Sermon

*"My peace I give to you, not as the world gives"*

*Psalm 67*

## Sunday 29 May

9.30 Brown Candover

Readings

Holy Communion CW  
*Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-end, John 17:20-end*

Sermon

*"I pray for those who will believe"*

*Psalm 97*

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

9.30 Wield  
10.00 Preston Candover  
11.00 Northington

Readings

Pentecost  
Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving service  
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*Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17*

Sermon

*"Her Majesty and the King she serves"*

*Psalm 104*

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### Sunday 1 May Third Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 8 May Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 15 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.45 Dummer Morning Prayer  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service

### Saturday 21 May

6.00 Cliddesden Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 22 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 29 May Seventh Sunday of Easter

11.00 Farleigh Wallop Communion

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP  
09.45 Cliddesden Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving service  
11.15 Dummer Platinum Jubilee Sunday Special

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St John's Northington	May	Mark Ashburton	
St Peter's Brown Candover	25 May 11.00	Celia Foote	Edwina Curtis Hayward & Jonathan Moseley
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	1 May 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
	8 May 10.00am	Gunnel Berry	Celia Foote & Gunnel Berry
	15 May 10.00am	Marina Avis	To be advised
	5 June 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Sue Marriott
All Saints Bradley	22 May 8.30am	Julian Gibbons	Julian Gibbons
St James' Wield	1 May 9.30am	Alwin Hutchinson	Annie-Lou Gibbs & Alwin Hutchinson
	8 May 6.00pm	Barbara Wells	Paul Markillie & Amanda Bronfield
	15 May 9.30am	Robert Grande	Alwin Hutchinson & Joanna Nelson
	5 June 9.30am	Brian Collins	David Cowley & Ben Robinson




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St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Flowers		
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		June	Edwina Curtis Hayward (01256 389 704)
All Saints Church Bradley	Cleaners & Flowers	May	Beth Cazalet a& Tina Easton.
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover			
St James' Church Wield	Flowers		
	Cleaner	Permanent	Michelle Kuhn

## Dear Friends

Someone I know visited London to photograph various buildings for an A level project enjoying the many varying architectural styles to choose from. But not knowing

London very well they were unaware that one building to which they gave particular attention was not a shop or a private residence but a place Ministry of Defence Police keep a close eye on!

It was not long after photographing this building with a long lens, zooming in on the interesting window designs and brickwork two armed police officers detained, questioned and searched the student! He was not found to be in possession of weapon or explosive and persuaded the officers he was a bona fide student. As a trophy of his experience, he has his 'Stop and Search' receipt to this day!

Some things prompt our inquiry and questioning, we might wonder what is going on in our villages if a large gathering is seen, or on a motorway amidst a haze of blue flashing lights. When someone's routine changes we might speculate on questions of health and circumstances for we are by nature a curious species!

The big questions of life have been around for as long as human beings. Here are some to ponder. Why is there 'something rather than nothing'?

Why is the world so beautiful? Why is there such ugliness that some people are content to can make life miserable for others in defiance of natural values of love and justice?

We might think about Russia and Ukraine...and other examples.

Why is there a sense of "eternity in our hearts" and what and why is there love? A question arises about how we do find our answers? We are by nature 'sense making' people who long to 'know the reason why' and even if our belief is not correct, nonetheless having an explanatory belief provides comfort. Is that sufficient?

Christian belief offers explanation for the questions above, from beauty to ugliness, understanding that God is good, that human kind can abuse their freewill, reject God's love, with contempt for God, justice and love. Things, as we see go seriously wrong at this point.

What is God's answer to this and why do Christians believe it?

One place to start might be this, from Psalm 27 "One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I search for, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, to behold the beauty (perfections) of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

(The A level student gained an A\*)

Blessings

David



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### Preston Candover

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## Baptisms

### Preston Candover

10<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Jasper Edward Joseph Frost aged 1 and Freddie Luke Frost aged 4

## **Concert for Ukraine**

The Concert for Ukraine held in St John's Northington on Palm Sunday raised in excess of £3400 in aid of medical supplies for Ukraine via the British Red Cross. Any further cash donations are most welcome and will be forwarded. If you donated, whether you attended or not, thank you so very much.

## **Advance Notice**

The Annual Buried Church Service at St. Nicholas, Chilton Candover will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm. The annual service for our pets will be on Sunday 26 June



## **Litter Pick Preston Candover and Axford 2022**



A team of helpers completed the annual litter pick in Preston Candover and Axford on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

We collected rubbish amounting to 16 large black bags + discarded road signs etc. in 2 hours along main road from Axford to Chilton Candover, Berrydown Lane, Wield Road including to the Recreation ground, Bradley Road and up to the Alresford cross road.

I would like to thank all who helped with this valiant effort.  
Gunnel Berry





## St James Upper Wield Sunday 15 May at 0900 hrs.

There will be a family friendly service on 15 May when we will be treated to a full choir who will sing for us.

I know that kick off at 0900hrs might be a bit of a struggle for some, but do try to come and share this special occasion with us.



### Keep Britain tidy!

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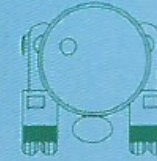
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A herd of cattle, British Whites, roamed the cowslip meadow known as the Extension. This docile, hardy breed, white-faced with black ears and muzzle, are widely used for conservation grazing. As we noted the recent sightings chalked up on the reserve notice-board, a chiffchaff began chanting. This small olive brown warbler was busily foraging through the sunlit tree-tops, while a kestrel floated silently overhead.

The warmer weather had brought out the first of the spring butterflies from hibernation. Peacock butterflies with their startling eye-spots were basking in the sunshine. Dark-edged bee-flies, endearingly ginger fur-balls, hovered while probing for nectar among the early cowslips. Queen bumblebees, buff-tailed and heavy bodied, cruised low over the wayside banks, searching for suitable nest sites in old mouse burrows.

As we strode along the central hilltop path, with fine views over Winchester and beyond, a skylark suddenly lifted off from the surrounding grasslands, fluttering upwards to hover and circle in its song-flight.

With a keen breeze behind us, we strolled down to the sheltered south-facing slopes overlooking the Chilcomb bowl. The morning sun was lighting up the primrose-yellow banks of St. Andrew's churchyard, on the far hillside above the hamlet of Upper Chilcomb. Next we meandered along the chalk scrape, a niche habitat of bare chalk, seeded with vetches, created to conserve colonies of the small blue butterflies and rare moths.

Taking the perimeter path to the far boundary with Morn Hill, we peeked under sunlit sheets of corrugated iron to reveal a wood mouse hoard of nibbled hazel shells, plus a slow worm, a legless lizard, coppery-brown, gently warming in its retreat.

Robert Bryant  
8th April '22

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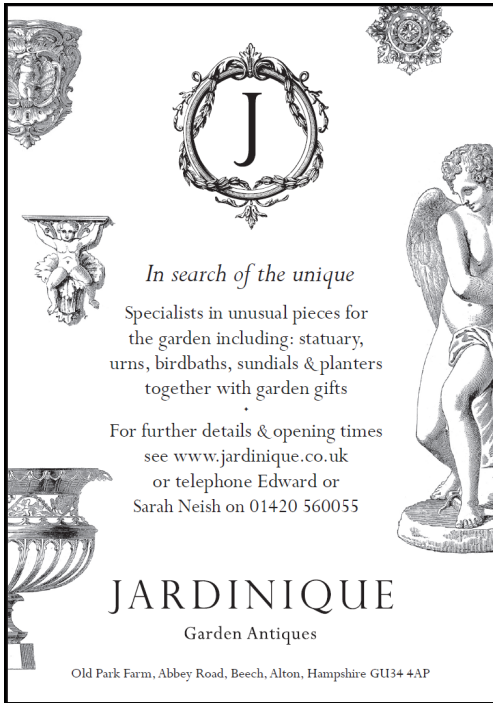


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## On the Farm - Ben Robinson

The media portrayal of lambing emphasises the cute. Fluffy lambs, sunny days, daffodils. At times the reality can be somewhat different. There tends to be one major issue at lambing each year. The year of mastitis, the year of blizzards, the year of the rogue fox, the year of magnesium deficiency and so it goes on. As long as they don't all happen during the same lambing I can generally cope!

This year the problem was abortions. Starting about a fortnight before lambing quite a few ewes aborted their lambs. It is normal to expect a few abortions- vets says the threshold of concern is around 2% of the flock. As this threshold was approached I took some dead lambs to the University of Surrey Vet School laboratory in Guildford for testing. After much delay it became apparent that the problem was campylobacter. On the plus side it wasn't enzootic abortion, which can result in huge losses over the course of a lambing campaign. More negatively the only vaccine available for campylobacter is manufactured in New Zealand, with importation to the UK only possible via a special DEFRA licence granted to vets on an individual case basis at serious expense. However as soon as the expected due date for the start of lambing was reached the abortions stopped and the lambs were born stronger. They always say that lambing problems are worst at the start- by the end the sun is usually shining and you have forgotten the horrors until the next year!

We gave George from Endell vets, an interesting day early on in lambing. I find vets tend to love a bit of gory surgery. The only ewe in the flock scanned for quads tore her uterus and prolapsed so needed stitching. As George was on farm and had nowhere else to rush off to I asked him to deal with a bad eye on a Hereford steer that had not improved after a course of treatment. Out came the eye under anaesthetic, with the socket being stitched up. The Hereford is a much happier chap now.

After a quick cuppa we went to check up on the ewe with quads. She had pushed her stitches out so there was only one option left- a caesarean. The odds were not good- the gestation period of lambs is only five months less five days so any born prematurely are often not viable. We could quite easily have had four dead lambs, a dead ewe and a big bill. Propped up on the back of the pick up the c-section was performed. George got three large lambs out of the left-hand side but couldn't reach the fourth lamb. This meant the first side had to be sewn up and a second c-section performed on the right-hand side of the ewe. The fourth live lamb came safely out and the ewe was stitched up again. She is now happily turned out to grass with two healthy lambs and the other two were fostered on to ewes with single lambs.

service via our website. We will return to offering direct access to either a telephone or face to face consultation.

While we will continue to try our best to respond to increasing pressures and demand, please be kind to us and be reassured we are doing the best we can with what limited resources we have. It is vital that we work together and you too play your part in helping your local surgery by only accessing us if you really need to. Below is the advice from NHS England ('Use the right service') to consider when addressing your healthcare needs. We have also included a helpful website to access if you are worried about your child's health and are uncertain of which service to use. If you feel you would like to be more involved with the practice directly, please consider joining our patient participation group by contacting us at the surgery – admin.alresford@nhs.net

<https://usetherightservice.com/> "Use the Right service"

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/> "Healthier Together"

### **Bank holiday closures 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

The surgery will be closed for the bank holiday weekend from 6.30pm Friday 29th April until 8am on Tuesday 3rd May then again from 6.30pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June until 8am on Monday 6th June.

### **Changes to eConsult:**

Please be advised that we have taken the decision to only use e-Consult during the surgery's opening hours (Monday-Friday 8am-6.30pm) After 6.30pm & over the weekends & bank holidays patients will still be able to access the 'self help' area but will be unable to submit requests using the service. NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem when your GP practice is closed. Dial 111 on any phone for advice, or visit the NHS 111 website – 111.nhs.uk.

Remember to call 999 at any time in a medical emergency. This is when someone is seriously ill, or injured, and their life is at risk.

### **Dispensary service**

Over the summer months (From now until September) it is likely to take longer for prescriptions to be handled by our dispensary due to staffing levels. Therefore please ensure that you place your medication requests in plenty of good time.

Please also remember that when attending the surgery, even if just to collect a prescription that you are required to wear a face mask unless you have a medical exemption.

Thank you.

### **Welcome**

We offer a warm welcome to Dr. Charlotte Allberry who joins us from mid May on Tuesday- Friday mornings & to Dr. Samantha Powell who will be joining us from the beginning of June on Thursdays & Fridays.





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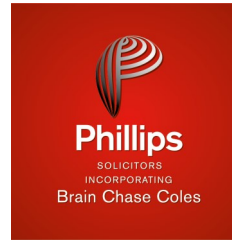
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### Appointment system changes

Over the last couple of years, the Covid Pandemic has changed the way we provide General Practice care. It has been a very challenging time and we had to be responsive; moving quickly to ‘on the day’ service, providing the Covid vaccination program whilst also trying to maintain General Practice services with high staff sickness levels. Our clinical demand locally and nationally has now reached levels which are not sustainable in the current way General Practice is being offered. Nationally there are now 1,608 fewer fully qualified full time GPs compared to numbers in 2015 despite the promises of increased recruitment. As a result, each GP is looking after approximately 300 more patients. In January 2022 there was a total of 25.7 million appointments nationally, which is an increase of 0.5 million since January 2020. Our own consultations rates in Alresford have increased month on month despite the challenges of increased staff sickness and difficulties with recruitment. In March we offered 2925 appointments and this was an increase of 15% and 17% offered in February and January respectively.

As we are now moving out of the pandemic and addressing the backlog, we recognise the need for the appointment system to change. We have listened to your feedback and recognise the importance of having access to pre-bookable appointments as life is returning to normal. We have responded to increasing demands by recruiting new members to the clinical team such as Helen Hall (Acute Nurse Practitioner) and Megan Power (Paramedic Practitioner) to help us deal with the emergency workload. We have in addition recruited Dr Hannah Harring as a new salaried GP and recently appointed two more GPs to the clinical team who are replacing retiring GPs in June. We now have access to musculoskeletal specialists via reception and several of the local opticians offer a Minor Eye Conditions service. Please be aware our staff have been trained and may appropriately direct you to an alternative service, which may be better suited to your problem thus ensuring you can access GP appointments when you really need them.

Our new appointment system will provide a balance of on the day emergency care alongside pre-bookable appointments (up to 7 days in advance). We hope that this system will provide a better balance of appointments for the Alresford Population and preserve some of the continuity of care we have lost. In addition, we have boosted our access for those who are more vulnerable by having additional slots throughout the day for this group to access. There will be a range of methods for booking appointments including online, by telephone and through the e-consultation



### Forward Planning

We often like to think of ourselves as invincible. A lot of the time we are. I am constantly amazed by what business owners manage to achieve whilst also balancing the never-ending challenges of running a business. Sadly, sometimes life events can bring a halt to our best laid plans. I recently helped a family friend through a very difficult situation which I wanted to share so that you can ensure you have the relevant plans in place for you, your business and

your family.

### Background

My family friend was happily married with three children. Her husband was a one third shareholder in a professional service company. He was in his early 40s and was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Very sadly, he died six months later.

I became involved, after his death, and it was clear that little planning (which was not that unsurprising given his age) had been put in place. This left his wife and children in a difficult situation. There was no life insurance in place, and by the time he received his diagnosis, it was too late to get any insurance in place. There was also no provision in any of the company’s constitutional documents as to what happened with the shares.

As a result, my contact was left with a large mortgage to pay, three children to support and minimal income as she, at the time, was retraining. Given that most business owners are growing their business ultimately for their family’s benefit, I wanted to set out some of the points which you may want to consider.



- 1. Set out a clear process in the articles of association or shareholders’ agreement as to what will happen on the death of a shareholder.**
- 2. Consider whether a cross option agreement may be suitable for your business model.**
- 3. Ensure you have adequate life assurance in place for you and your spouse/ civil partner**
- 4. Make sure you have a Will in place and that it is up to date**
- 5. Consider having a lasting power of attorney for both financial and health matters.**
- 6. Consider what the effect on your business would be if you were unable to work for a prolonged period or were to die.**

I highly recommend that you do spend to time to consider these points and discuss them with your fellow shareholders and family.

I would be delighted to discuss with you your plans and thoughts for your business because for us business is personal.

Please contact Jack Gardener on 01256 854665 or [jack.gardener@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:jack.gardener@phillips-law.co.uk)



## Candover Valley Gardening Club

At our March meeting we welcomed back Roger Hirons for a talk on Climbing Plants and their Uses. As you can imagine this was a huge subject but one useful tip was when planting a climber dig a very deep hole as their roots need to reach the water table.

We have a busy month coming up. We start with our very popular Annual Bring and Buy Plant Sales outside Preston Candover Village Hall on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. This is always a very good opportunity to buy a wide variety of bargain plants and also pass on any surpluses you may have. Please see our separate poster in this magazine for further details. Then on Thursday 26th May, we will commence our season of outdoor meetings when we will visit a beautiful garden in the Meon Valley. If you are tempted to join us please see our contact details or even better, come and chat to us at the Plant Sale. For more information or to get in touch:- Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or our website at <http://candovervalley.org/2021/04candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>

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0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups.

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

Cost: £2 donation per family

Contact:

Melanie (07833-528040) Claire (07757 498653)



## WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in March 2022

### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

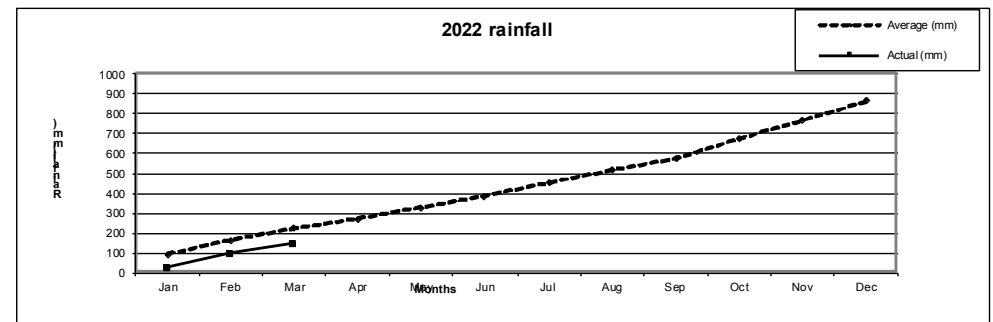
Highest	18.8/66	(23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Lowest	-2.5/28	(21 <sup>st</sup> )
Warmest Night	7.3/45	(10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> )
Coollest Day	6.5/44	(31 <sup>st</sup> )

Average maximum temperature	12.7/55
Average minimum temperature	2.4/36
Number of air frosts	8

### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	50.9/2.00	(average 60.2/2.37)
Annual total	143.8/5.66	(average 221.9/8.74)
Maximum 24hr. fall	14.2/0.56	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Number of days with rain	9	

**Summary** There was a dull and wet start to March and a north-easterly breeze kept temperatures below the seasonal norm. It was brighter and milder by the second week and an inch and a third of rain fell in the middle few days of the month. High pressure then brought a week and a half of dry and largely fine, sunny weather with above average daytime temperatures. The highest at 66°F was recorded on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The last days of the month were dull and significantly colder, a reminder that this was still only early spring, with snow flurries and the coldest day at 44°F on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Overall, the month was mild and dry, with 85% of the normal rainfall.



# 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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## Swarraton and Northington WI

We welcomed five new members to our April meeting and members enjoyed afternoon tea and a wonderful time with four of our members sharing their reminiscences.

**Bobbie Sanderson-** In this our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year Bobbie delighted us with her memories of Swarraton and Northington WI which she joined back in 1980. Bobbie recalled the fun they had entering group competitions, Scrabble, tennis, skittles, darts, and the many quizzes which they did rather well at. 'Adopt a granny' and afternoon tea and games hosting members of an organisation for the blind were days they enjoyed.

During the Iraq war **Primrose Reynolds** had a great idea for the WI to make fruit cakes for the soldiers who were so far away from home. The recipe was shared and at the county meeting in Winchester thousands of fruit cakes appeared from WIs throughout Hampshire. All were carefully wrapped, packed, and despatched. Swarraton and Northington were known for 'Operation Fruit Cake'. Bobbie summed up her memories by saying 'It was a privilege to be a member and it has given me 40 years of fun and friendship.'

**Linda Amarnani** – Talked about her work in London's fashion world with Mary Quant and later De Beers jewellers in Bond Street. London was buzzing in the 70's and Mary Quant had a wonderful eye for style and colour. The Mary Quant brand was hugely successful because as well as great designs she had terrific support with marketing and business know how from her husband and a friend.

Later Linda moved to work for De Beers in Bond Street and was involved in planning and organising photo shoots, displays and special events. She recalled frequent walks along Bond Street with a carrier bag of priceless jewels as she crossed to another venue for a photo shoot where she would meet many of the famous models of the day. Linda reminded us of Mary Quant's famous line 'Clothes get there first'.

**Sarah Martin** – Sarah was born in Peshawar and her father was stationed at Fort Jamrud at the beginning of the Khyber Pass. She recalled her early years in Bombay and Karachi and how her mother gathered her three children in 1944 for the long journey back to England and safety. It began with a two-day camel cart journey to Hyderabad before the train journey to Poona. They embarked on the troop ship Highland Brigade for the 6-week journey back to Glasgow travelling through the Suez Canal into the Mediterranean Sea with blackout blinds drawn and a ship nearby sank probably mined. In 1964 Keith and Sarah were posted to Karachi where Keith took charge of a Pakistan Refinery.

A year later The Indo/Pakistan war started, and they were placed on 24-hour alert for evacuation with a Royal Naval ship waiting off shore ready. A suitcase was



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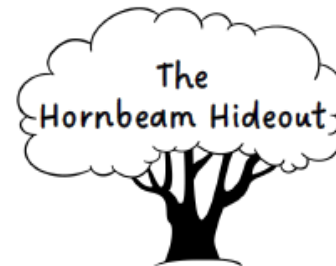
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## From Steve Brine, MP for Winchester, Alresford & Itchen Valley

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There's so much news around at the moment – and so much going on in Parliament – I was spoilt for choice on what to write about but it had to be my latest ASKtheMINISTER event.

The wonderful 'new' St Paul's Church in Fulflood was the venue for a very special evening I organised last month on the subject of COP26, climate change and net zero with Alok Sharma MP.

The COP President spoke with over 120 people at the event, some from the parish, about the landmark conference held last year in Glasgow and the ongoing work to turn commitments into climate action. The focus of the event, which was the first of its' kind to be held physically since before the pandemic, was the future as the UK's presidency continues through 2022 and attendees heard an impassioned speech from the Reading MP before a lengthy question and answer session.

As well as constituents and representatives of various local groups, a number of school children from across Winchester & Chandler's Ford attended and asked questions including from Westgate and Peter Symonds.

I have to admit, I've been looking forward to getting Alok in front of constituents because he's so passionate and knowledgeable on this most important of subjects. He has such a central role at the heart of our Government but also internationally so we were extremely fortunate to get him here in person to engage with residents.

Some of us may have different priorities, and even differences of opinion on how to get there, but we all care about the climate and achieving a sensible, planned, transition to net zero which is central to our mission as a Government. The school children, including my own, attending really stole the show and certainly laid down the gauntlet to Alok while providing a positive energy and some real hope for the future.

You can see pictured and watch a short-film made at the event at [stevebrine.com/askalok](http://stevebrine.com/askalok)

The next event in the series is ASKtheAIRPORT which will give the opportunity for constituents to hear from Southampton International Airport. That will most probably be held in June and constituents should contact my office to register or visit [stevebrine.com/askseries](http://stevebrine.com/askseries)

One other subject; **schools and SEND**. I remain on a mission in both respects so the new schools white paper – which contains some good ideas and some not so much – demands attention from your MP. As do some very welcome new proposals to transform the way we help children with special educational needs. I've spoken in recent weeks in Parliament about the problems accessing CAMHS services so new initiative from Ministers on the subject is good. You can see what I've been saying, and access both documents, at [stevebrine.com/westminster](http://stevebrine.com/westminster)

packed with a change of clothes, nappies for the two small children, a tin opener, milk powder and some tinned food. In 1967 war erupted between Egypt and Israel and again Sarah and the family were at risk again. Sarah's memories were very moving, and we were all fascinated.

**Beth Lamb.** Beth too had a dramatic journey. She recalled a journey to The Falklands in 1982. Her husband had been taken seriously ill and was in the hospital in Port Stanley. The army arranged for her to be on a flight south to visit him and she was in the cockpit to witness the two flight refuelling operations. Peter had to be taken back to Britain for emergency treatment and they were flown via Ascension Island. This reminded us of all those dark days 40 years ago when our servicemen were sent south to protect the Islanders and defend them from the Argentine attack.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** when Jon Colville will show the latest film about the work at Treloar, Alton and we will have our annual meeting to elect the committee.


We have a great new programme for the coming year. Do come along and have tea with us!

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**CANDOVER VALLEY CHOIR**  
Monthly Newsletter – May 2022

Candover Valley Choir is now back into its usual schedule of singing sessions. These take place on Thursdays at 7.45, usually in St John's Northington. We would be delighted to welcome new singers - do drop me or our Chairman, Julian Jones, an email if you'd like to know more.

At the moment we are enjoying working on two very different pieces specially composed to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**1) 'A life filled with grace'**

As a special, unique tribute to Her Majesty The Queen, a brand new Song for the Commonwealth has been commissioned, following an international competition. This is intended to be sung in all 54 Commonwealth countries at the same time as the lighting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



The composed song, 'A Life filled with Grace', is tuneful, accessible, and easy to learn. Members of Candover Valley Choir will be supporting a learning session prior to the Beacon events. Further details are available from Jonathan Moseley and Ian Cammack ([northingtonjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:northingtonjubilee@gmail.com))

**2) 'In Our Service'**

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) has also specially commissioned a new piece, 'In our Service' (Thomas Hewitt Jones), to mark the Platinum Jubilee. The Choir have also begun work on this.

These two pieces are very varied and illustrate the range of music that the Choir sings. If you would like to know more about the Candover Valley Choir or would like to come and join us do contact one of us listed below. We would be very happy to talk things through with you.

For more information do contact:  
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The consultation runs until 26 June 2022 and people can take part at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/localtransportplan>

Subject to the results of the consultation, the new Local Transport Plan is expected to be adopted by early 2023.

Local Transport Plan (LTP4) aims to support the county's economic prosperity, decarbonise the transport system, and help people in Hampshire live healthy lives

The LTP4 will define the future of travel and transport in Hampshire to 2050. If adopted, it would guide the County Council's transport and travel infrastructure, planning and design in favour of improving travel choices for people by transforming and widening the appeal of walking, cycling and use of public transport.

The plan proposes transformational changes which:

- Shift away from planning for vehicles, towards planning for people and places
- Reduce reliance on private car travel
- Support economic development and regeneration
- Meet national priorities to decarbonise the transport system
- Promote active lifestyles

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*WIELD JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS!*

*Join us on the VILLAGE GREEN, UPPER WIELD on THURSDAY 2ND JUNE from 21.30hrs as Wield takes part in the nation-wide BEACON LIGHTING at 21.45hrs, celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> year as our Monarch, and marking the start of the Jubilee weekend.*

*Then on SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, pitch your Gazebos or Garden Umbrellas on the green, unpack your picnic and join your friends and neighbours at the BIG JUBILEE LUNCH between 12.30 - 14.30hrs.*

*There will be lots of fun things to enjoy including a LOYAL TOAST to Her Majesty, the WIELD VILLAGE photo, The Queen's Green Canopy Tree dedication, a classic car display, Wield's version of the Platinum Pudding Competition, Children's treasure hunt, and an exhibition of memorabilia... all while listening to the Glenn Miller Tribute Act.*

*See you there!*

## Wield Cricket Club Fixtures - May

Junior coaching is held on the Lower Wield Ground every Wednesday during term-time from 6.00 to 7.00pm

8 May	Medstead - Frank Shaw Trophy	14.30	Away
15 May	Not the MCC	14.30	Home
22 May	Candovers	14.30	Home
29 May	X11th Men	14.00	Home
5 June	Howzat	14.30	Home
12 June	President's Match	13.30	Home

If you are interested in playing a senior game, please contact Ben Robinson (captain) 07903 513196, Jack Robson (vice-captain) 07787 018155, Paul Johnson (chairman) 07720 349497.

For junior enquiries contact Georgie Reid: [georginalreid@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:georginalreid@hotmail.co.uk)

Alternatively visit [www.wieldcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.wieldcricketclub.co.uk)



## Open Gardens Broadstreet & Mill Hill New Alresford

### Sunday 19th June Open 11am to 5pm

In Aid of Alresford Pigs, Food Bank & Winchester Beacon (Night Shelter)

### Afternoon Teas Tombola Plant Stall

Entry Fee £6 Per Person Under 16 Free  
Admission to All Open Gardens



## HAMPSHIRE'S FAMILY FESTIVAL

is back for 2022 with an incredible fund-raising target for our local NHS hospitals



**Good Festival** (formerly Hampshire Country & Garden Festival) is returning to its incredible location in the beautiful gardens of Bere Mill on the River Test in Whitchurch, on the 25th and 26th June 2022.

The festival is an annual event organised by The Hampshire Medical Fund, who purchase pioneering medical equipment for Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester NHS hospitals that is not covered by NHS budgets. The charity is aiming sky-high this year, to raise £200,000 for a state of the art machine for interventional radiology, enabling tumour ablations in patients with lung, liver & kidney cancers. The festival begins with a Saturday evening supper and auction and continues into Sunday with an all-day family festival. This family friendly event celebrates good living – with delicious food, exciting attractions, stalls, displays, talks and a delightful dog show. Visitors will have a wonderful time and critically, help to support this incredible cause that will have an impact on cancer treatment in our local NHS hospitals.

**TICKETS ON SALE AT [GOODFESTIVAL.CO.UK/BUY-TICKETS](http://GOODFESTIVAL.CO.UK/BUY-TICKETS)**

To donate to this wonderful cause now, please text **HMFGF10** (£10) OR **HMFGF20** (£20) TO 70450



## Tackling the species invading our chalk streams

Around 10,000 years ago, a land bridge connected Britain to what is now mainland Europe. The end of the Ice Age allowed wildlife to cross, until rising sea levels formed the English Channel. All the plants and animals that were present at this point are now classified as native species.

Non-native species, by contrast, are those that have been transported outside their natural range by human activity. This isn't always a bad thing – sheep originated near the Caspian Sea and the apple tree comes from Kazakhstan, but neither poses a problem for native wildlife.

When a species negatively impacts the environment, the economy, or human health, however, then it is classified as invasive. These species might hunt native ones, or out-compete them for food and habitat. They might carry new diseases or have the ability to hybridise.

This impact is a top cause of worldwide biodiversity loss, and costs our economy £1.7 billion each year. Our precious chalk streams - globally rare havens for many endangered species - are badly affected by invasives like Himalayan balsam, American mink, and signal crayfish.

Invasive Species Week (16-22 May this year) reminds us that this remains a pressing issue. But we can help to tackle it all year round, with a few simple actions:

- 1) Some species can survive long periods out of water and may hitch a ride on your damp clothes or equipment, so follow the 'check, clean, dry' procedure.
- 2) Plants are natural escape artists, so choose local species for your garden or take steps to stop non-native ones from 'jumping the fence'.

3) There are websites and apps for recording species sightings, so let them know even if you're not completely sure what you've seen.

For more detail, visit [www.nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do). The Watercress and Winterbournes scheme is also tackling invasive plants and American mink across the Test and Itchen headwaters; to get involved visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/volunteering](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/volunteering) or email [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk).



# Candover Valley Store

community made

### 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.

**Early May Bank Holiday Monday 2 May** – store open 8.30am to 12.30pm.  
Post office closed.

**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.

### Bring a reusable mug and SAVE!

Your Moonroast coffee delivered from our instore bean-to-cup machine will taste even more delicious if you take advantage of our newly introduced 20p reduction when you drink it from your own reusable mug. If you don't already own one, Candover Valley Store - branded bamboo reusables are still available to buy priced £5.99. The offer applies to any hot drink. It's an easy win for your pocket and for the environment. The difficult thing might be remembering to bring your cup!

### Eco-friendly spring cleaning

It's the season for throwing open the windows to fresh air and sunshine! Should you find yourself suddenly gripped by the urge to deep clean your home, the store stocks products from the Bio, Ecover, Faith in Nature and Wilton ranges to help you do it in a way that is kinder to the environment. Remember the Fairtrade household gloves too!

### Mud, mud, glorious Mud pies

Garry has added a delicious new line in savoury and sweet pies to tempt your tastebuds. Made just 30 miles away in Midhurst, British Pie Award-winning Mud pies are suitable for heating and eating from chilled or as a handy standby for your freezer. A selection including game, quiche Lorraine, blueberry and apple and blackberry are priced between £3.39 and £3.99. They serve two and are available from the chiller.

### Plants to brighten your borders

Look out for bedding plants that will be arriving soon!



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Working locally and nationally for a beautiful and living countryside

## CPRE North Hampshire District Group

### Visit to Vitacress

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am



We are delighted to once again, be able to organise visits for our members. The first outing this year is to see a Vitacress, watercress operation. Also, we will learn more about a new project on bees! Numbers are limited!

Tickets are £15.00 per person.

Please book with Hannah, email: [hannahhoustonlacey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hannahhoustonlacey@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Ticket Application for Vitacress Visit, Abbots Ann, nr Andover

Please send me ..... e-ticket(s) for which I have made an online payment of £..... to CPRE North Hants District – Sort Code 30-99-71 and A/C No. 01053498

**Please use: Surname/Cress as the reference.**

Name:..... Telephone no.:.....

Address:.....

Tel:.....

[www.cprehampshire.org.uk](http://www.cprehampshire.org.uk)

## The Hampshire Countryside Needs You!!

CPRE most people have heard of, but few may know what we do, and what we do is amazing! Once known as the Campaign to Protect Rural England, we are the Countryside Charity. We believe in countryside and green spaces that are accessible to all, are rich in nature and play a crucial role in responding to the climate emergency.

Sadly, today, the countryside is threatened as never before. A failed planning system and a government policy to build millions more houses of the wrong type, in the wrong place; the ever-increasing threat of the climate emergency, and the constant pressure to grow the economy. Today is a critical time for our beautiful countryside. CPRE was founded in 1926 to preserve and protect the rural environment.

With a National Office in London, CPRE works to influence national policy and raise awareness nationwide of the big issues affecting the countryside.

As part of the National Network, CPRE Hampshire is an independent, non-political charity working solely on behalf of the Hampshire countryside. Our aim is to promote, protect and enhance our local green space in a way that underpins the economy whilst maintaining all that is best in the balance between necessary development and a thriving and beautiful Hampshire countryside.

Run largely by volunteers who devote an enormous amount of time and effort to ensuring our beautiful countryside thrives, we need your help. If you have experience or expertise to offer or simply a general interest in the countryside, we would love to hear from you.

CPRE Hampshire is funded solely by member subscriptions and donations. The best way to support a thriving Hampshire countryside is to join as a member. Membership starts from £36.00 a year. With more support, we can do even more to keep protecting the beautiful Hampshire countryside.

To register your interest, please email [hantssupporter-care@cprehampshire.org.uk](mailto:hantssupporter-care@cprehampshire.org.uk) or call 01962 797312. Alternatively, you can visit our website [www.cprehampshire.org.uk](http://www.cprehampshire.org.uk)

**The countryside needs YOU!**

Hannah Houstin-Lacey

North Hants District Group Chairman (Acting)