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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 6 November

8:00 Ellisfield
9:30 Wield
9.45 Cliddesden
10.00 Preston Candover
11:15 Dummer
11:00 Northington

*Readings Job 19:23-27, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end,
Luke 20:27-38*

Sermon An eternal perspective

Third Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion BCP
Matins BCP

Morning Prayer
Morning Worship CW
Sunday Special
Holy Communion

Psalm 17

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Sunday 13 November

10:55 Dummer
10:55 Preston Candover
10:30 Cliddesden

Readings John 15:9-17 1 Cor 15:20 - end

Sermon Greater Love

Second Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Service
Remembrance Service
Family Remembrance Service

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Sunday 20 November

9.00 Wield
9.45 Dummer
10:00 Preston Candover
11.15 Cliddesden
Readings *Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43*
Sermon *Christ the King*

Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion BCP
Matins
Morning Worship with Baptism
Family Service
Psalm 46

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Sunday 27 November

8:30 Bradley
9:45 Dummer
4:00 Preston Candover
11:15 Ellisfield
Readings *Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-end Matthew 24:36-44*
Sermon *People of the day*

Advent Sunday

Holy Communion
Holy Communion CW
Advent Sunday Carols
Family Holy Communion
Psalm 46

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Sunday 4 December

8:00 Ellisfield
9:30 Wield
9.45 Cliddesden
4:00 Brown Candover
11:15 Dummer
11:00 Northington
Readings *Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12*
Sermon *His delight*

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion BCP
Matins BCP
Morning Prayer
Christingle
Sunday Special
Holy Communion
Psalm 65

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Funerals

Wield – John Giles interred ashes 04/10/22

Baptisms

Oliver and Grace Boydy – Dummer – 2/10/22

Toby Daniell – Brown Candover - 25/09/22



Annual Tidy up St John's Northington

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Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	6Nov 11.00	Rhona Hatchley	
St Peter's Brown Candover	4 Dec 4.00pm	Celia Foote (Christingle)	To be advised
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	6 Nov 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
	13 Nov 10.50am	Jane Laws & Gunnel berry	RBL
	20 Nov 10.00am	Marina Avis	To be advised
	27 Nov 4.00pm	Marina Avis	Various
	4 Dec 4.00pm	Christingle at Brown Candover	
All Saints Bradley	27 Nov 8.30am	Julian Gibbons	Julian Gibbons
St James' Wield	6 Nov 9.30am	John Lailey	Paul Markillie & Jonathan Enderby
	20 Nov 9.00am	Brian Collins	Mark Kemp Gee & David Cowley
	4 Dec 9.30am	Alwin Hutchinson	Alwin Hutchinson & Joanna Nelson

St Peter's Brown Candover

We are holding a Christingle Service on December 4th at 4p.m.
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Dear Friends

“Remember, remember, the fifth of November, gun powder, treason and plot” as every year we recall Guy Fawkes and fellow conspirators plotting an explosion in 1605 to destroy the House of Lords and sitting Peers of the Realm.

Historians tell us a number of things went against the plotter’s plans. The plague virus delayed parliament sitting for one month in which time the gunpowder deteriorated so much that if a burning torch were thrust into the powder there would have been fizz but no bang. The delay also allowed the plot to become known as an anonymous plotter wrote to Lord Monteaule warning him to stay away from the House of Lords.

That letter was leaked and the resulting search led to the arrest of a ‘John Johnson’ who was discovered near thirty-six barrels of gunpowder! He was of course Guido Fawkes. If the plot had succeeded there would have been huge bloodshed and England would likely have become a Catholic country reigned by Catholic monarchy.

Arising from a plot to murder the Lords came the Observance of the Fifth of November Act, that the Fifth of November be a celebration every year that the King’s life had been spared. Now we have an annual event in which millions of pounds are spent on fireworks and thousands of bonfires are lit across the UK, though the Act was repealed in 1859.

So often small things have ‘knock on’ effects leading to big outcomes, sometimes tragically as in the case of accidents involving drivers on mobile phones. A jury’s verdict, or a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ which might be true or false, or the courageous whistle blower who exposes lies and wrongdoing in an organisation, all these change for ill or good the lives of innocent people.

Small faith results in a big outcome. A small yes from us, that we believe Jesus died for our sins and that through him God gives us forgiveness of sins and gives us eternal life, all comes from a believing ‘Yes’ to God. That has been the starting place for many whose lives went on to be transformed by God, their ‘yes’ brought the gift of the Holy Spirit’s presence and their eyes spiritually opened to the wonders of God’s truth in the Bible.

Perhaps we have experienced the small action of our own prayers, of opening the gospels and reading Jesus’ words, or learning through the Bible or Alpha Course, and found that these small things lead to eternal outcomes. This is profound and wonderful; may God bless us in the small prayers of faith and trust in Him.

Every Blessing
David

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Remembrance 2022

Friday 11th and Sunday 13th November

Starting at 1055hrs on Friday 11th November there will be a short ceremony at the War Memorial, Preston Candover.

Starting at 1055hrs on Sunday 13th November the annual RBL Remembrance Service will be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Preston Candover.

Looking forward to seeing you all as we remember the service and sacrifice of those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

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The Advent Carol Service will take place at St Mary's on Advent Sunday, 27th November, at 4.00pm.

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Refreshments will be served afterwards.

All very welcome.

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St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Flowers		
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All Saints Church Bradley	Flowers and cleaning	Nov	Isla Baring and helpers
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers	Oct 29 & Nov 5, 12, 19. 27 Nov—21 Dec	Anne Luneburg Advent—no flowers
St James' Church Wield	Flowers		
	Cleaner		

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

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Thinking back to this Summer, there was only one story in town – the urgent need to help households and businesses with eye-watering **energy bills** expected this Winter.

Every news bulletin screamed for action and my inbox was full of constituents, understandably, asking what help might be available.

Then, in the first few days of September – before the world changed and we lost our beloved late Queen – the new Prime Minister announced the single biggest Government intervention in peacetime in the form of the **Energy Price Guarantee**.

To recap for moment, the global rising cost of energy - caused in part by the war in Ukraine - created unprecedented price rises for Winchester residents. Energy bills were due to rise by £6,500 so direct support measures had to be announced by the government.

As a result typical **households in the Itchen Valley** will save £1,000 per year on their energy bills for two years which is ON TOP OF the £400 cash grant towards your domestic energy bill this autumn. This comes in six instalments over the next six months and will either be paid directly (as cash) into your bank account or credited to your electricity bill. That depends on your supplier but, to be clear, you do not need to take ANY ACTION to receive either but sensible energy saving measures are never a bad idea and there's lots of help out there to advise on ways to do that in your home.

Furthermore, a £300 one-off cost-of living payment is on its way to pensioners who receive the Winter Fuel Payment.

When we announced this help, we promised something equivalent for non-domestic properties and I spent time in the constituency talking to businesses, charities, schools and hospitals to ensure I could feed their need for help into Ministers. The **Energy Bill Relief Scheme** quickly followed (we announced as soon as we could after the period of national mourning was over) giving a discount on wholesale gas and electricity prices worth up to half the price of expected energy prices this winter. I know this will be a great help locally.

Unlike the domestic help, this is initially only until end of March but I will be lobbying to see it scaled back for big firms – I don't believe Amazon need the help even if they received it initially in the need to get help out there fast – and focused on small business in particular from the Spring.

There are still, however, gaps and as I write I am still pressing Ministers for clarity on how this help will achieve equivalence for park home owners, others who pay their rent and bills to one landlord and to those who are 'off grid' because at present they're not getting the same help as everyone else and that's not fair.

Finally, I may no longer have children at the school, but my job took me into the wonderful **Itchen Abbas Primary School** last month. I spent time chatting with Mr Bogan's Year 5/6 class and then had a session with the school council to help them in their work this year.

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Child Flu Clinics

We are working through contacting the parents of eligible children who are aged 2-3 or aged 4-17 and have a condition which puts them at greater risk if they get flu.

Children in years R-7 will be vaccinated in school by Schools Health.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers

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Alresford Surgery Patient Forum - Thursday 17th November, 6pm
General Practice in the 21st Century

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Thank you to the Sainsbury Family and Preston Farms for permission to use the field next door to the Hall.

5.30pm Gates open

6.00pm Judging the Guy, entry open to people of all ages

6.30pm Lighting the Bonfire

7.15pm Lighting the first Fireworks

(These may be delayed if it is still too light.)

Barbecue, refreshments and glow sticks will be available.

IMPORTANT - do not bring your own fireworks or sparklers - PLEASE.

To cover the increased cost of the fireworks we have regretfully decided there will be fixed entry charges this year, but these are considerably lower than other events nearby.

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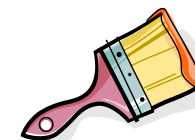
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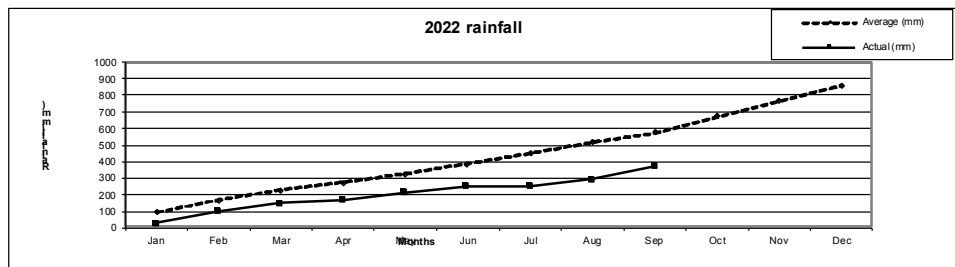
Highest	22.5/78	(12 th)
Lowest	0.2/32	(17 th)
Warmest Night	14.5/58	(13 th)
Coolest Day	14.2/58	(27 th)
Average maximum temperature	19.1/66	
Average minimum temperature	8.5/47	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	79.8/3.14	(average 53.6/2.11)
Annual total	368.3/14.50	(average 562.6/22.15)
Maximum 24hr. fall	15.8/0.62	(6 th)
Number of days with rain	13	

Summary

The first few days of September were mild and dry before an unsettled spell with two and a third inches of rain and two thunderstorms. There was further rain around the end of the second week and distant thunder on the 12th. High pressure then brought a week of dry weather, with mostly below average temperatures and these continued through to the end of the month. The last week or so was unsettled with showers or longer outbreaks of rain. Overall, the temperature was below the seasonal average. Whilst rainfall for the month was almost 50% above the norm, it was only the second month this year with above average rainfall and the total for the year to date was the lowest recorded here with only 65% of the long term average.



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Jane Bryant, Music Director

07740 871341 - bryantjane50@gmail.com

Rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 7.45

Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

In the early dawn of a misty Michaelmas morning, I hear the distinctive honking of wild geese. These are not winter visitors flying over but a large roosting flock of Canada geese. Some 90 or so birds are camped out, towards the far side of the back field. Some are still asleep, heads tucked in; some are alert with long black necks held upright, and some are on their feet cropping grass, their distinctive black heads and white throat patches clearly visible.

Canada geese were introduced from North America in the 17th century, originally as exotic parkland ornamentals. Now widespread as a resident breeding species, they were a late arrival to the Hampshire wetlands, with sightings dating only from the 1880s (according to the HOS's 'Birds of Hampshire').

A gregarious bird, with a familiar clamour as they fly up and down the Candover valley, I presume this flock has flown over from the nearby lake at Northington Grange. As if on cue, a grey heron, vast of wing, sweeps low over the wooded brow of Northington Down. With slow steady wing-beats, he seems to be heading away from Grange Park towards the ponds and brooklets of the Dever valley.

The autumn migration of swallows and house martins appears to be almost complete as the last few birds pass through on their long journey south. One moment they seem to be everywhere, floating across the skies, whizzing around the stubble fields, or hedgehopping along the lanes.

Days drift by without a sighting, before one fine evening with the sun setting over Micheldever Wood, a feeding flock of house martins and swallows suddenly drops down from clear skies to scoop up insects along the woodland edge.

The wayside hedges are laden with hips and haws, sloes and the curiously pink spindle berries. The pompoms of flowering ivy buzz with foraging ivy bees. I turn, distracted by a silvery gleam. Pied wagtails are darting about the bare brown earth of a ploughed field. As they chase flies, the flicker of their long bobbing tails catches the low sunlight.

Robert Bryant
12 October '22

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Riparian Responsibilities

This is the time of year when we need to think about the state of Hampshire's land drainage network. As the season for rainier days approaches and leaves begin to fall, all riparian owners (those who have watercourses on or bordering their land) across Hampshire, should be checking the state of drainage ditches, pipes, culverts that carry watercourses to ensure there is unobstructed conveyance of surface (rain) water to reduce the risk of localised flooding.

Below is the link to a leaflet/poster detailing what responsibilities riparian owners have and guidance on how to undertake this maintenance to reduce flooding from surface water. Please also review our updated web pages on flood prevention where there is a video about riparian responsibility and clearer advice on riparian responsibilities and ditch maintenance:

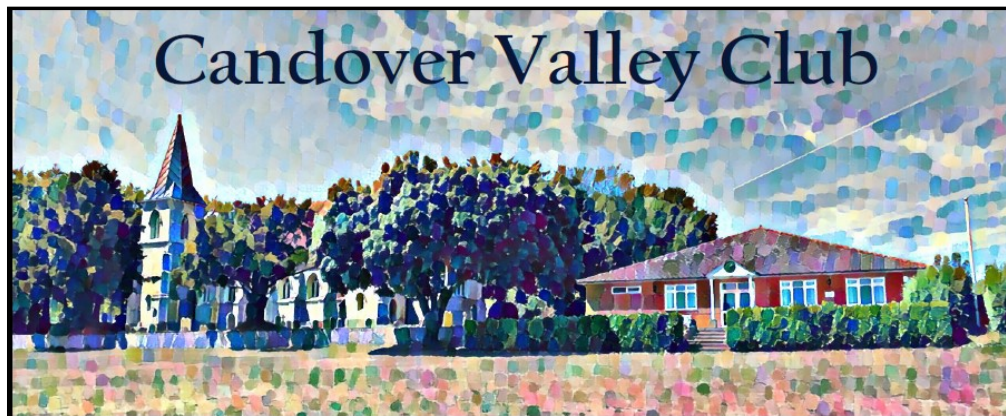
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To reduce the risk of future flooding we would also appreciate being informed of any planned, ongoing or recent works to install a culvert, pipe or infill/realign a ditch (i.e. an ordinary watercourse) so that we can check that a land drainage consent is in place for those works. Please see 'Making changes to a watercourse' for further details.

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theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Swarraton and Northington WI

Jill Dickens, our Vice President, welcomed a vibrant 27 members and guests to the October meeting. She reported that our assistance at the Alresford Show WI tea tent, thanks to a mega effort by three star bakers in particular, was hugely appreciated!

Well done to Gill Graham Maw, Erica Sisk and Carol Ledger who baked ten full sized cakes and a shed load of biscuits between them!

We will be holding a full Days for Girls sewing day on Monday 17th October from 2pm to 4.30pm at Old Alresford Village Hall. Everyone welcome! 35 kits have already been made up and are destined for Ethiopia.

Our WI continues to support a range of other charities including the Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance (used stamps), ACWW (Pennies), Save the Children (Christmas Cards) and the Rotary Club Christmas Shoe Box Appeal and Treloar College as our local charity.

Currently we have a mini project going to repair some wonderful kneelers that were originally made for our local church in Northington by WI members back in the 1970s and 80s. They are looking quite magnificent again after some special WI TLC! The work continues...



Our talk this month, entitled 'British Flowers Rock' was given by an amazing young man at very short notice (due to a cancellation).

Ben Cross, from Crosslands Flower Nursery, at Walberton near Arundel, came to extoll the stunning properties of the gorgeous Alstroemeria plants that his family have grown since the 1930s. They are onto the 4th generation of family members directly involved, having blossomed (literally) out of the Land Settlement Association at Sydesham following the Jarrow March. Deep roots indeed! Crosslands currently grow over 70 varieties of these wonderful and long lasting lilies sustainably, in a high tech fashion, using bio controls rather than chemicals. These are completely unlike most overseas varieties. Ben was passionate that the British Cut Flower industry is worthy of our support and that as consumers, we should question the provenance of the blooms we buy.

Rightly so!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 1st when our talk will be given by Janet Budd, 'A journey from the Caspian Sea to the Black Sea'. Guests and new members are most welcome.

Cllr Jackie Porter County Corner - March 2022

County Councillor for the Itchen Valley

Division **Jackie Porter,**

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I hope this Autumn finds you well, and maybe even as active as these runners at the Rotary Clarendon Marathon! It was fun to be just one of the hundreds of volunteers supporting nearly 1000 runners taking part. This month we had a stark warning from



the County about the state of the finances at HCC, given to us in preparation for the Council tax budget in December. They expect a £200m per annum deficit by 2025/26, even having made £640m per annum savings since 2008. (The budget for 2022/23 is £2.4 billion)

Inflation isn't just a problem for us at home: the social care of adults and children is increasingly expensive and the costs of building new projects and maintaining older ones are rapidly increasing, in many cases by up to 40%. When I first became a County Councillor, approx. 1/3 of the income had to be generated locally, the remainder came from Government. Now the position is more than reversed and after a period of nil and lower council tax increase limits, and a restriction on the social care levy, the potential income has been forcibly reduced.

There is a new trend to ask councils to bid against each other for a limited pot, which results in extensive consultations, and maybe no outcome. Unfortunately, Hampshire's bid for 'Bus Back better' was unsuccessful so there is no budget to transform buses as hoped.

Capital programmes must be limited to those which maintain safe environments. This does not give us much hope on starting new capital programmes, but I am pleased that certain capital programmes outlines last month are expected to be going ahead. You can read more at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/12072022toughestbudget>

Road maintenance

Drainage: I have reported several drainage issues in the division; the gully cleanser is travelling round at present: if you have drains that need clearing, please report on www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance

You can see local road works that might affect you one day, one week or longer on www.one.network

M3 Junction 9

onsultation of the new design for this junction is currently underway before National Highways seek a Development Consent Order over the winter. Go to national highways and search 'M3 Junction 9'

The A33 option in the new design is much better, but local residents are expressing concern about the longer walk/cyclepath alongside the A34. This design will add to the UK's carbon budget, but should reduce queues on south and north in busy periods.

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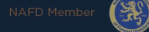


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Candover Valley Gardening Club

In September for our first indoor meeting of the season, we very much enjoyed an excellent talk on Propagation by Marina Christopher. She covered picking and drying off seeds from the garden and demonstrated seed sowing, taking cuttings and the division of mature plants. It was very detailed and so useful to our members for making free plants. We also had our first monthly competition when members were asked to bring along their home-grown fruit or vegetables and flowers, which proved very popular and as we had not held our Annual Show it was lovely to see what lovely produce everyone had been growing.

On 17th November at 7:30pm in Preston Candover Village Hall, we have a talk by Paolo Arrigo from Franchi Seeds on Italy from Seed to Plate which looks at the seed industry and takes us on a vegetable food journey around Italy which sounds fun and guests are very welcome to join us for £3:00 for the evening. For more information our contact details are as follows:- Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or our website at <http://candovervalley.org/2021/04candover-valley-gardening-club-2>

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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On the Farm - Ben Robinson

In amongst the madness of politics at the moment it felt good to turn the tups out with the ewes again yesterday. Eleven lads for 700 ladies- a bit like a vet school disco these days. If you see any sheep with brightly coloured backsides it means they are ewes that have been tugged. All being well they should have lambs from around the 12th March onwards. The US market has recently opened up for UK lamb for the first time since the BSE crisis, so Wield reared lamb could potentially be finding its way onto American plates.

The grass is growing nicely into the Autumn which is a welcome bonus after such a dry Summer. I recently sold 240 lambs at Wilton sheep fair near Salisbury and bought 80 Mule Shearling ewes (18 months old) ready for the ram.

The lambs were bought by a couple of vegetable growers on the Isle of Wight. They will graze them on cauliflower fields that have already been harvested until they are finished and ready for killing. A great example of nutrient recycling in farming.

Though the fair is a shadow of its former self it is still a great spectacle- a competitive auction held in an open field monthly from August to November. At its height in the 1980s the September 'Wilton Great Fair' apparently attracted 20,000 sheep. Now around 6,500 would be the September average, with lower numbers for the other month's fairs.

We recently hosted the North East Hampshire ploughing match on the farm, in a stubble field that will be planted with Spring Barley in March next year. It was great to see the 33 entrants taking such pride in their machinery and work. One 13 year old local youngster who wants to enter the 2023 competition has asked for a small old plough for Christmas to attach to his father's vintage David Brown tractor. I have said he can use the rest of the field to plough to practice. I suspect with a two furrow plough and a 45 acre field it will take him the best part of a month!

At the time of writing Ranil Jayawardena, MP for NE Hampshire, is the new DEFRA secretary. Could this be the first time an MP for at least part of the Candover Valley has held the agriculture brief? He appears to be a keen supporter of UK food production, which is a welcome change of direction. However, his tenure may be rather short depending on the make-up of the post-Truss PM's cabinet.

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Hello from CVP!

We have been exploring Autumn through sensory experiences the last few weeks. Creating natural art and researching hibernation using our new technology which we were lucky enough to have purchased through a local grant.

We have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears and using this to discuss friendships, kindness, and emotions with the little ones. We have been role playing scenarios and identifying how our friends might be feeling as we play together throughout the day. The little ones have been making fruity pizzas with Rachael after reading The Fruitysaurs story and hedgehog biscuits.

We have been working on some important communication areas such as asking for help and expressing our needs. We carry this out in a variety of ways including modelling and during play with small world toys. We also use visuals and Makaton to suit the little ones needs best. At pre-school we model 'please', 'thank you' and 'may I get down' to the children throughout the day and it is lovely to see them copy us and use these manners when they are ready.

DramaTots lessons have been such fun with the children visiting the circus, dinosaurs, exploring Autumn, Harvest and 'off to work' which has been great for our little ones, helping them understand why Mummy and Daddy go but come back to pick them up from pre-school. The children have been so creative during the forest sessions, swinging in the hammock, exploring the area, making pinecone creatures and clay faces on the trees. This terms sessions at The Hornbeam Hideout are only a few weeks away! Hope to see you soon!
 Lisa Collisson
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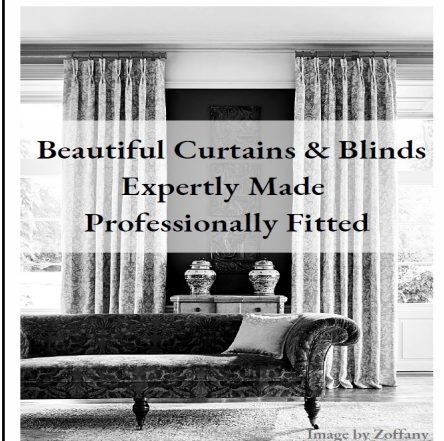
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After the sadness, here is some GOOD NEWS and a date for your diary - no excuses!

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Liquid refreshments and nibbles in Northington Village Hall
Children and the younger generation especially welcome

We want to tell you about an **EXCITING PROJECT** that has been in
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All will be revealed but, as a taster, our wonderful local group
Vox Lucis have agreed to kick the whole thing off with a concert on
Sunday 20th November at 5.00pm.
When at the village hall party - which you have just put in your diary
- you will be able to book tickets for this performance

Meet the Project Animateur/co-ordinator and other lesser but
important mortals who are involved. Students from Perin's School
are also playing a key part in the Project



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**Please find time to come - this Project is important to all of us,
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Everyone and anyone of all age groups is most welcome and
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How invertebrates show the state of our chalk streams

When it comes to the health of our local chalk streams, few animals are more crucial than invertebrates. As a major food source for fish, birds, and mammals, their presence – or absence – directly impacts other wildlife populations. Many are ecosystem engineers that shape their surroundings, and some are found only in the UK. Yet of the 724 aquatic insects known to be here, 11 have been lost and 68 more face extinction.

Because of their key role in chalk stream ecosystems, invertebrates are 'canaries in the coal mine' for the habitat at large.



Three groups in particular – the 'EPT species' – are invaluable for spotting problems, since all spend extended periods in the water and have unique sensitivities to different pollutants. This makes them excellent indicators of subtle, chronic pollution that may be missed by spot water sampling. Mayflies, or 'Ephemeroptera', take their name from their short adult lifespans – mere hours in some cases. As nymphs, however, they can spend up to two years feeding

on algae and plants in the water. Unusually among insects, they have two adult forms: the dull-coloured 'dun' and the clear-winged 'spinner' that follows. The adults often emerge en masse, creating an impressive spectacle.

In their nymph stage, stoneflies – or 'Plecoptera' – can be found clinging to the undersides of rocks in fast-flowing streams. The adults have intricately patterned wings but tend not to be strong fliers, so will usually stay close to where they first left the water. Some species communicate by 'drumming' their abdomen on a solid surface; if they're lucky, this display will win them a mate!

Caddisflies, or 'Trichoptera', are best known for their larval stage, when they bind stones, leaves, shells, and sand together to form protective cases. These shelters are portable, allowing the larvae to crawl – and sometimes even swim – while inside. As adults, they have hairy wings like a moth, which they fold along their bodies when at rest, and can typically be seen sitting by the water.

If you'd like to help monitor these important species, there are a few ways to do so. The Riverfly Partnership hosts several projects for local groups, and citizen science initiatives for individuals. The Watercress and Winterbournes scheme performs in-depth surveys through its SmartRivers Hub – email us at winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk to learn more, or explore our work at www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes. **Photo by Les Binns**

Online Talk - 'Chalk Streams: Wonderful in Wintertime'

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Welcome back!

It's great to have Emma back in her role as store assistant manager, after her time away on maternity leave. Little Beatrix is growing fast but even so, it doesn't quite seem possible that she will celebrate her first birthday at the end of December!

Store and post office opening – Christmas and New Year

Full details will be published next month, but you may like to make a note of some key information. Both the store and post office will be closed on Christmas Day (Sunday 25 December) and Boxing Day (Monday 26). On Tuesday 27, the store will be open for a half day, but the post office will remain closed. On both New Year's Day and on Monday 2 January, the store will be open for a half day and the post office will be closed.

Use up your old postage stamps and post early for Christmas

In the next few weeks, please be sure to sort out all your old stamps as they are being phased out and replaced by the new, larger, barcoded postage stamps. Old style stamps will not be accepted after the end of January 2023. It is more important than ever to post early this Christmas as strikes are still likely to disrupt postal services.

ChalkStream trout sides

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Inspiring gifts

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