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

The Parishes of Farleigh, The Candover Valley  
and Wield

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August Transfiguration

11:00 Northington Holy Communion

11.00 Dummer Sunday Special

*Readings Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19,*

*Luke 9:28-36 Psalm 97*

*Sermon "...when they were fully awake they saw..."*

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

11:00 Farleigh Wallop Holy Communion

11:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer  
and Baptism

18:00 Wield Evensong

*Readings Genesis 37:1-4, Romans 10:5-15,  
Matthew 14:22-33 Psalm 105*

*Sermon "O you of little faith..."*

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

11:00 Bradley Holy Communion

11.00 Cliddesden Family Service

*Readings Genesis 45:1-15, Romans 11:1-2,29-32,  
Matthew 15:21-28 Psalm 133*

*Sermon "Great is your faith"*

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

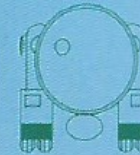
11:00 Brown Candover Morning Prayer

11:00 Ellisfield Holy Communion

*Readings Exodus 1:8-2:20, Romans 12:1-8,  
Matthew 16:13-20 Psalm 124*

*Sermon "St Peter at the 'Pearly Gates'?"*

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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
09:30	Wield	Matins
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special

*Readings Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-end,  
Matthew 16:21-end Psalm 105*

*Sermon "Mindful of the things of God?"*

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'Pops Ups' on our computer screens can be quite annoying but 'pop ups' occur in more solid forms. Pop Up Cafés, turn up in village halls and homes and even pop-up orchestras or choirs show up in shopping malls. One short video that has been around for a while now shows a small girl placing money into a solitary street musician's hat and as he begins playing on a cello the opening bars of Ode to Joy, he is soon joined by other musicians, one by one, until there is an entire orchestra playing Beethoven in a public square.

There was once a Pop-Up Psychiatrist, a couple of chairs placed in a London square, and strangers were invited to sit down and talk to each other about, well, anything at all. The purpose of this social experiment was to explore how personal problems might be reduced in our perception when they are shared and why not share with a stranger?

Jesus made a Pop-Up Café once on the beach. His disciples had gone fishing one night and Jesus met them on the shore, made a fire and cooked them a welcome breakfast after a night's fishing and had a conversation with the Apostle Peter that showed Jesus' forgiveness of Peter's strong denial of him, before his crucifixion.

In a sense our own lives are 'Pop ups', we arrive at some point, and we have a short span of time. Psalm 143 reminds us, "Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows, and we are gone as though we had never been here. But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him".

In everyday life God pops up, if we can put it like that, it isn't that he is absent but there are times when we do find that God seems more present, and we are aware that there is much more to life than the trivial things pop up ads tell us about. We may be more aware of the beauty of the landscape or of a piece of music, there are conversations and life events that make us think




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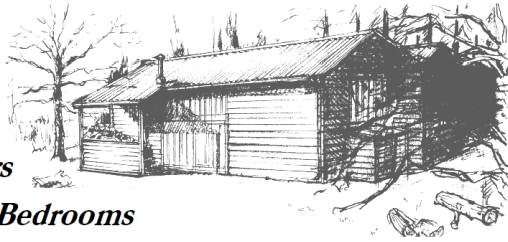
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deeply and as anniversaries come around, we count the years passing by and wonder if there is more to life than this – is this life really all there is?

But God is not a Pop Up, he is the pre-existent eternal one who created heaven and earth and gives life to all creation. The Bible also tells us much more, that God is One who loves, One who came into his creation as part of it to reveal himself in Jesus Christ so we might know God. God is only a prayer away – perhaps even closer- but the discovery of his presence and love needs our response to him.

Blessings

David



## Harvest Festival at St. Peters

It may seem a bit early to flag up Harvest Festival at St. Peters, but as I write this, the combines have not started their long awaited job (all depending on when your Oxdrove reaches you).

We plan to have our usual Harvest Festival service followed by tea in the Club on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September** and hope that you will put this date in your diaries.

## Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>St John's Northington</b>	6 Aug	Mark Ashburton	Mark Ashburton
<b>St Peter's Brown Candover</b>	27 Aug 11.00am	Sue Marriott	Paul Curtis Hayward Jonathan Moseley
	3 Sept 10.00am		
<b>All Saints Bradley</b>	20 Aug	Bob Wood	Bob Wood
<b>St James' Wield</b>	13 Aug 6.00pm	Alwin Hutchinson	Alwin Hutchinson Eileen Collins



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<b>St. John's Church Northington</b>			
<b>St Peter's Church Brown Candover</b>	Flowers	August	Di peisley
	Key Holders	August Sept	Celia Foote Edwina Curtis Hayward
<b>All Saints Church Bradley</b>	Flowers & Cleaning	August	Felicity Wood and Jackie Dearden
<b>St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover</b>	Flowers	August	To be confirmed
<b>St James' Church Wield</b>	Flowers	Aug 12 & 19 Aug 26 & Sept 2	Caroline Masterton Annabel Feather
	Cleaner	Permanent	Leanne Griffiths

## Report on Organ Restoration and Recitals

Two delightful organ recitals were held in St John's, Northington on 26 June and 9 July by Philip Berg, Master of Music at the King's Chapel of the Savoy and Claudia Grinnell, Sub organist at Winchester Cathedral respectfully.

Both were to celebrate the restoration of the Charles Martin organ in the church by Walkers and Sons, the selected organ restorers. The restoration was made possible by grants from the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Historic Churches Trust, the Leathersellers Foundation, and generous individual donors.

These two events initiated a series of concerts as part of the Organ Restoration Project; the next is a choral event on 24 Sep with the Candover Valley Choir and Vox Lucis, our local semi-professional choir.

The Organ project has a large educational element which has mostly involved Perins school, as well as initiatives to spread the word about the church's fantastic culture and heritage.

The church is a veritable treasure trove of cultural artefacts which all together make a stunning church set in a beautiful location.

Do check it out at: [www.stjohnsnorthington.org](http://www.stjohnsnorthington.org) or at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18213/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18213/)

## Parish Council Vacancy

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Candovers Parish Council also has one vacancy for Chilton Candover. If you would like to get involved with local issues, please come along to our September meeting in the Candover Valley Club, Brown Candover.

*Whether you have lived here for years or are new to the area, everyone has something to contribute, please come and get involved.*

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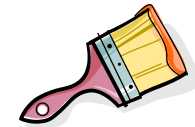
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## Happy summer holidays!

Schools and colleges are now closed for the long summer break and a well-deserved rest is on the timetable for pupils, teacher and parents. We wish you all a lovely few weeks and hope to see some of you from time to time in the store. Don't forget we have ice creams and cool drinks to help you through hot days, comics for wet days, stationery items for "getting organised" days and lots, lots more! Have a lovely summer!

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## Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

On a bright breezy Sunday afternoon we head up to Magdalen Hill Down, the Butterfly Conservation reserve, near Winchester. On a previous visit in April, the meadows were pale yellow with a vast carpet of cowslips. Today we are greeted by drifts of tall grasses, swaying with a wonderful array of the flowering plants of the chalk downlands.

Here are the purples and mauves of knapweeds and scabious. The blue flowers of meadow cranes-bill or wild geranium stand out. The summer scents of marjoram and thyme linger over the sheltered sunny banks, while high overhead the larks pour out their sky-songs.

Despite the breeze it's a marvellous day for butterflies, in particular the marbled white, a delightful butterfly with a distinctive marquetry of wing-patterns, chequered black and white in the male, while the female has more sepia tones. Although marbled whites and meadow browns were abundant with nine other species on the wing, one eluded us – the small blue.

A habitat for small blues has been especially created here from a sheltered south-facing chalk scrape, sown with kidney vetch, the caterpillar's foodplant. Clearly the stage was set, but we had missed the early summer flight period and will have to return later in August for a second showing. Nevertheless as we meandered along the permissive path through the grasslands overlooking Chilcomb, we chanced upon a fine display of pyramidal orchids, cherry pink, to complete our visit.

On the sunny morning following the July 4<sup>th</sup> downpour, when a colossal amount of rain fell in a few hours, I biked up to Micheldever woods. I was hoping that the damp stony hoggin lining the main avenue through the woods, when lit up by warm sunshine, would appeal to foraging butterflies, by luring them down from high in the canopy.

By the Iron Age settlement, a butterfly flew up from the path. At first I thought it was a white admiral, but as it circled in the sunlight its wings flashed shades of blue – it was a purple emperor – a summer highlight.

Robert Bryant  
6<sup>th</sup> July '23


This phase of the work should take ten weeks and be completed by the 18<sup>th</sup> September.

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Work will start on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July on the much-needed refurbishment of the department starting with the installation of new digital X-ray equipment to our X-ray rooms. The new equipment and environment will very much improve the patient experience as the Department modernises and improve the efficiency of the service.

However, they will have limited capacity in the department while the constructing team and engineers are on site.

### **On the Farm -**

. One of the advantages of being a mixed farm is that it allows me to think that any type of Summer is good for the farm. Hot and dry is good for the grapes, a dry cereals harvest and easy haymaking. Cool and damp is positive for big cuts of silage and plenty of grazing grass in front of the sheep and cattle. At least this Summer we haven't had the very hot weather of last year, where the soil profile became so dry that the electric fencing wouldn't earth correctly meaning there was sufficient current through the fence to keep the sheep contained. They just kept on walking straight through it which got highly frustrating. At least with the damp this year the electric is giving enough kick to keep the beasts where they are supposed to be.

Training is an important part of any business, and farming is no different. Farmers and their staff need certificates to use a telehandler, industrial forklift, chainsaw, and crop sprayers as a minimum. These are not technically the law to acquire but are good business health and safety practice. If there is an accident and no evidence of training is available, then the proverbial 'book' is likely to be thrown at the farm business. Agriculture is the second most dangerous industry in the country after trawler fishing, so it is important that we do all we can to minimise risks wherever possible. My staff and I are booked on to do telehandler and quad bike refreshers in the next month.

This year is my first year as Alresford Show Livestock Chairman. It is a slightly daunting role. Most challenging so far is navigating the bureaucratic government machine with its regularly changing demands. I am pretty up to speed with this for my own farm, but the requirements for a show ground bring many extra levels of complexity. I am sure it will click into place on the day but forgive me if I appear a little stressed in the days leading up to the Show!

Please do come and enjoy the Show. For a relatively small, one day show the Alresford Show has a fantastic display of livestock and wonderful arrays of vintage and modern machinery to rival any show in the country. The committee is very focused on ensuring that it stays principally an agricultural show that celebrates the best of country life. As well as the pure farming element there will be local arts, crafts and produce, local food, several packs of hounds and a busy horse ring. Some of the equine classes are now qualifiers for Olympia for the first time. I hope to see you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Tichborne Park – head down early to avoid the traffic!

## Wield Cricket Club Fixtures – August

30 July	Dummer	14.30 Home
6 August	Gnomeads	14.00 Home
20 August	St James Casuals	14.00 Home
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3 September	Rioteers	13.30 Home

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## WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in June 2023

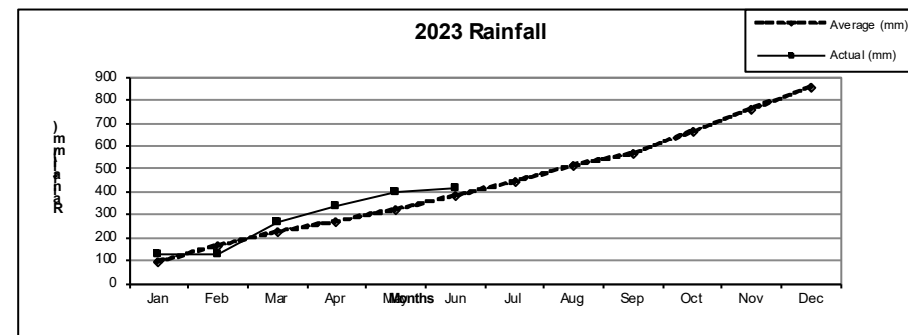
### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

Highest	30.8/87	(10 <sup>th</sup> )
Lowest	6.1/43	(3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Warmest Night	14.5/58	(28 <sup>th</sup> )
Coollest Day	17.2/63	(30 <sup>th</sup> )
Average maximum temperature	24.1/75	
Average minimum temperature	10.5/51	

### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	18.4/0.72	(average 57.3/2.26)
Annual total	416.9/16.41	(average 383.1/15.08)
Maximum 24hr. rainfall	11.8/0.46	(19 <sup>th</sup> )
Number of days with rain	6	

**Summary** There was a fine start to June, with early cloud dissipating to give clear skies, or unbroken sunshine in the first nine days whilst a cool north easterly breeze kept the average temperature below the seasonal norm. It was warmer by the second week, with the daytime temperature peaking at 87°F on 10<sup>th</sup>, and temperatures remained mostly above average to the end of the month. The first rain in over three weeks fell with a thunderstorm on the 11<sup>th</sup> then more fine, dry and sunny weather that lasted into the third week. There followed sunny spells with some rain before warmer, sunny weather then dull and cooler conditions in the last few days of the month. It was the warmest June recorded here, and the Met Office reported it as the hottest in the UK since records began in 1884. Rainfall for the month was a third of the long term average.







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### **A festival with wide appeal - a date for your diary**

This year's West Meon Music Festival, from 14th to 17th September, promises a wide range of classical music to appeal to all tastes.

The festival, now in its thirteenth year, opens with the event's founders the Primrose Piano Quartet, performing Brahms' *A major Piano Quartet* as well as duo works by Mozart and Schubert. Friday evening sees a recital by Thomas Kelly – followed by “Who's afraid of Arnold Schoenberg?” an informal late-night concert by the Primrose exploring his work.

On Saturday 16th September the festival spreads out across the Meon Valley: in the morning the strings of the Primrose will perform a version of Bach's *Goldberg Variations* at East Meon's historic All Saints Church while in the afternoon the beautiful twelfth century Church of Our Lady at Warnford hosts the Gonzaga Band performing works from the “Age of Monteverdi”.

On Saturday evening the Primrose are back at West Meon Church with Schubert's *Trout Quintet* followed on Sunday by a morning recital of French song with exciting young soprano Harriet Burns. The French theme continues for the “Festival Finale” in the afternoon with works by Fauré, Chopin, Saint-Saëns, Françaix and Bizet.

**Full details of all concerts are now available at [www.westmeonmusic.co.uk](http://www.westmeonmusic.co.uk) and the box office opens on 1st June. The West Meon Music Festival is a registered charity no. 1185082**



## Candover Valley Gardening Club

In June, forty members and guests were lucky enough to visit the beautiful garden at Tichborne House. On a really warm and sunny evening, we were able to stroll around the garden and admire the colourful perennials and grasses surrounding the moat. There was also a very productive walled kitchen garden with cut flower beds, fruit trees and vegetables. The evening concluded with some very welcome refreshments.

In July we have our annual BBQ and garden visit with an opportunity also to join our friends at Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield Horticultural Society at Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants in Freefolk.

If you would like to join us at any time, guests are very welcome for a small fee and, of course, we always welcome new members. You can find us on Facebook – Candover Valley Gardening Club.

## Going Batty (cont.)

Do you have an idea for a chalk stream project? You could receive up to £5,000 to make your vision a reality, with a Watercress and Winterbournes Community Grant. For more details, visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/communitygrants](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/communitygrants).

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Bat photograph courtesy Chris Damant



## Farleigh Parish Playgroup



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## Going Batty

As dusk falls over a Hampshire chalk stream, those looking skyward may see strange shadows flit into view. Charismatic and enigmatic in equal measure, bats are some of the UK's most fascinating animals. Our county's chalk streams – each humming with insect life – make it an attractive place for these winged wonders.

Many different bat species frequent our waterways, from the high-flying noctule to the diminutive soprano pipistrelle. The Daubenton's bat is even called the "water bat" for its love of ponds, lakes, and rivers. When the sun goes down, this aerial expert can be seen swooping close to the water in search of a tasty meal.

Every bat species has its favourite food, but all feast on various types of insects. Chalk stream residents like mayflies and caddisflies are on the menu, as are mosquitoes, moths, and beetles. The tiny size of their prey means that bats spend a lot of time hunting – the common pipistrelle can eat 3,000 insects in one night!

While their abundant insect life makes them great places for feeding, our chalk streams have more to offer. Bankside trees supply temporary shelter, while bridges provide potential roosting spaces. Female bats roost together in the summer, when they have their babies, and all bats hibernate in roosts during the winter.

Sadly, like many wildlife species, the UK's bats are struggling to thrive. Loss of habitat, shrinking insect populations, disease, and pollution have caused their numbers to decline in recent years. Luckily there are local volunteers, like those of Hampshire Bat Group, who are supporting these amazing animals.

Among the group's many projects is the installation of 65 bat boxes in the Alresford and Overton areas. The project, which received two Watercress and Winterbournes Community Grants, aims to provide roosting spaces near the River Alre and Upper Test. The boxes will be checked twice a year for signs of use.

If you'd like to support our local bats, there are many ways to help. You could hang a bat box on a tree or a wall of your home. You could also turn your garden into a bat haven – try adding a pond, reducing artificial light, and planting night-scented flowers. The Bat Conservation Trust website has lots of good advice.

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I hope you are enjoying the summer – but as I write, there seems to be no shortage of water as the rain continues to pour! Water butts fill quickly on days like this, and I'd like to find some volunteers who could help others install water butts in their gardens. If you are interested, please let me know.

I hope that you managed to complete the **County Council's Budget consultation, but if not, here's your chance to have your say on another topic.** This month, I invite you to join in the consultation for a redesign for the Cart and Horses junction, drawn up by HCC as part of the submission for M3 Junction 9. Please note, this design is *not* funded, so capital funding must be agreed before it could go ahead. Following detailed assessment of suggestions from the public, small changes have been agreed which hopefully will be done by the time you read this, but this consultation is for a complete redesign to join onto a new junction in 2027. There is a public exhibition on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept (3-7.30pm) at Winchester Rugby Club. The online link is: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230710CartHorsesJuncSurvey>  
**Response deadline 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023.**

**Water treatment:** of great interest at City and County levels, there is new legislation for owners of 'private water treatment plants' which include small developments and individual properties. This applies from October 2023. You can see the detail on my website or use this short link [www.tinyurl.com/private-watertreatment2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/private-watertreatment2023)

**Flash flooding continues to be a problem** as heavy rain falls over a short period. Please report all flood matters on [hants.gov.uk](http://hants.gov.uk) for speedy maintenance. Thank you

**Road, footway and countryside complaints, flooding, overhanging trees etc** must be reported online at [hants.gov.uk](http://hants.gov.uk) to start any action. I'm afraid the old days of calling up the highways officer have gone and all matters which might require resources start with a reference number. If you don't receive a satisfactory reply from your complaint, please let me know with the reference number. Many thanks

I have recently been appointed to Hampshire's Health and Wellbeing Board and attended a **recent Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) meeting at HCC.** The agenda items and topics of discussion included:

- Shortage of NHS dental services for adults and children
- Looking again at the Pharmacy availability as the situation is worsening with community pharmacies closing. This is resulting in even more limited access for those without a car, long queues and medicines shortages. I have asked for the Winchester district pharmacies



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assessment (compiled by Hampshire's Public Health team) to be updated to reflect the current position.

If either of these matters affect you, please feel free to contact me.

### **Did you complete the South Western Railway public consultation on station change proposals?**

Especially if you need assistance or use a train occasionally, I'd still be interested to hear your opinions about ticket offices. I am sure we will examine the proposals in detail at HCC as part of the public transport offer and I'd like to represent your views.

### **Two new services for 60+**

- A regular coffee morning/carer support group for families coping with dementia will be held at The Dower House on the third Wednesday of the month (Springvale Rd, Kings Worthy) , starting 16th August 10.30 – 12, and thereafter. Contact Kim Torkington, Dementia Advisor, Carer Support & Dementia Advice Hampshire 07507 968408 or email [kim.torkington@andovermind.org.uk](mailto:kim.torkington@andovermind.org.uk)
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## Swarraton and Northington WI July 2023

With our scheduled speaker cancelling due to illness the day before our meeting, we were very lucky to have a return visit from Joyce Meader to continue her history of knitting, this time from 1950 to the present day. She kept us entertained with anecdotes about the various garments she had brought for us to see.

After last month's knitted swimsuit, this time there was much hilarity about a knitted string vest and pants and the Falkland's War knitted "willy warmer!" Joyce's skill is amazing, and it was thanks to our programme organiser Linda for managing to sort out a replacement speaker.

All the members are looking forward to the Annual Summer Garden Lunch on Thursday 17th August. It is being held in the wonderful garden at Avington Lodge, so fingers crossed for a sunny day.... this year we have arranged large marquees so hopefully if we have rain, it won't be a problem!

We have a large selection of used books donated by members, the collection of used stamps and pennies for charity and any surplus plants or produce.

Guests are always welcome for a small charge of £3 per meeting. At the end of the afternoon, we always enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, cakes and sandwiches and a chance to chat to other members.

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday**  
**5th September at 2pm at the Village Hall**

**The talk is titled "Indiscreet Revelations of a Tour Guide"**  
**by Susan Howe**



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

0207 219 7189 (House of Commons) Email: [steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk)

First, thank you to all those who've written since I announced I would not be standing again in Winchester at the next election. I suspect this Parliament has some way to go yet - so much still to do both here and in Westminster - but thanks for the kindness.

Residents will have heard a great deal lately about the NHS as it marks 75 years. We've honoured that locally by securing £40m of capital investment to develop an elective hub and orthopaedic outpatient facility at the **Royal Hampshire County Hospital** in Winchester. It will provide more capacity and allow more operations to take place therefore improving access to elective, planned surgery such as hip and knee replacements.

At the same time our Trust is also developing proposals to build a new outpatient facility, also in Winchester, specifically for orthopaedics. Scheduled to open in early 2025, this is part of the ongoing investment into services in the city. Winchester is heard in the corridors of power because that's my job.

Secondly, Owen Carey was just 18 when he suffered a **fatal anaphylactic reaction** after eating a chicken burger, which was stated on the menu as being plain grilled, at a restaurant in London.

Owen's sister, Emma Kocher, lives in Winchester and I am working with them to secure a change in the law to prevent other families suffering their agony. We recently met with the Food Minister at DEFRA as part of that.

They've created 'Owens Law' which calls for legal change to put more appropriate and accurate information about the allergens in their food on menus, changes in the regulations around proactive discussions with customers about allergies as well as changes in guidance and industry practice for the restaurant sector. The campaign also wants to see greater research into the causes of allergies and proper recording of, and a national register for, anaphylaxis deaths.

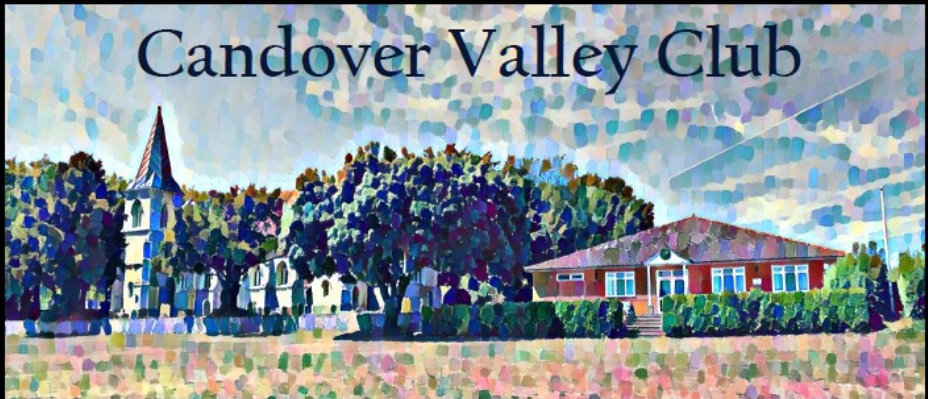
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Finally, it was such a pleasure to attend the **National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast** recently in Westminster Hall and to welcome church leaders from our community to be there. That included the Bishop of Basingstoke and the leaders of Hope Church as well as Christ Church in Winchester.

There's so much more on my work, across Westminster and the constituency on a wide range of issues, on my website but also on my socials which are a great way to stay in touch [fb.com/SteveBrineMP](https://www.facebook.com/SteveBrineMP)

Have a great Summer and look out for me on my Summer Tour which will be up and running as usual in the constituency.

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**St John's Organ Restoration Project and its Education and Community Programme  
Progress report (July 2023) and concerts and events ahead!**

It has been an immense privilege to enjoy the two recent organ concerts in St John's Church by two leading organists. The first by Philip Berg MVO, Master of Music at the Kings Chapel of the Savoy, and the second by Claudia Grinnell, Sub organist at Winchester Cathedral.

Each gave uplifting performances which finely demonstrated both the range and power of the restored organ, but also its sensitivity, subtlety, and renewed clarity.

With the organ restoration work complete, these two concerts have also launched a 6-month programme of education/community events, concerts, and activities. Look out for these on our website and in the Oxdrove. The following give a taste of the delights ahead:

- **Saturday 9 September:** Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust - Ride and Stride event in St John's - <https://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>
- **Wednesday and Thursday 13/14 September:** Heritage Tours of St John's: <https://www.winchesterheritageopendays.org/>
- **Sunday 24 September at 6:30pm:** Choral concert (including Vivaldi's Gloria) with the Candover Valley Choir and Vox Lucis (see flyer in the Oxdrove)
- **Saturday 21st October (evening):** Choral concert with London-based Chamber Choir: Vox Cordis
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am** (time tbc): Family Concert and Workshop in partnership with Hampshire Music Service
- **Sunday 12th November at 5pm:** Organ recital by Richard McVeigh
- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November (times tbc):** Sound and Light event - Sonic Cradle!
- **Saturday 2nd December at 5pm:** Community Sing with Grange Festival

Fuller details will be available nearer the time – along with a range of further events - keep checking our website: [www.stjohnsnorthington.org](http://www.stjohnsnorthington.org)

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