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THE OXDROVE Church and Community News *Of* The Candover Valley and Wield Rector: Interegnum

Associate Minister Ian Thaker—07864 095 435
Ian will be in Preston Candover every Tuesday from 9.00am, to take morning prayers and available for anyone who wants to chat.

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Rota for Services

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship LL = Lay led
The Parishes of Farleigh, The Candover Valley
and Wield
The Benefice of Farleigh, Candover and Wield
Services for March 2024

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Key to initials:

IDT = Ian Thaker: PR = Peter Raine: JG = Julian Gibbons LH = Lyn Hardy: AL = Anne Lunenburg: DC = Debbie Scholey

Sunday 2nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP IDT

09:30 Wield Matins IDT

09.45 Cliddesden Morning Prayer PR

10:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer JG

11:00 Northington Holy Communion IDT

11.15 Dummer Sunday Special

Readings 1 Samuel 3: 1-22 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3.6

Psalm 139 1-5 and 12-18

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Sunday 9th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Dummer Holy Communion IDT
09:45 Ellisfield Morning Prayer BC
10:00 Preston Candover Family service IDT
11:15 Cliddesden Family Holy Communion IDT
18:00 Wield Evensong PR
Readings 1 Samuel 8:4-11 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35
Psalm 138

Sunday 16th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.00 Wield Holy Communion IDT
9:45 Dummer Morning Prayer LH/CPT
10:00 Preston Candover Family service +baptism IDT
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service PR
18:00 Clifton Candover Evening Payer (1662) Buried Church service
Readings 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 2 Corinthians 5:6-10:Mark 4:26-34
Psalm 20

Sunday 23rd June 4th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW. IDT
9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW IDT
11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship JG
11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion IDT
13:00 Northington Baptism IDT
Readings 1 Samuel 17 1a and 4-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 :
Mark 4:35-40: Psalm 92

Sunday 30th June 5th Sunday after Trinity

10:00 Farleigh Holy Communion CW iDT
10:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer JG
Readings 2 Samuel 3:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 5:21-34
Psalm 82

Sunday 7th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

09:30 Wield Matins IDT
11:00 Dummer Parish service IDT
10:00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer JG
11:00 Northington Holy Communion RB
Readings 2 Samuel 5:1-5 and 9-10 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13 Psalm 48



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The Annual Buried Church Service will take place on
Sunday 16th June at St. Nicholas, Chilton Candover at 6.00pm
followed by refreshments at the Yard.

John of Candover

Directly after the Norman Conquest (1066) the family of Andely, or De'aundely, settled in Chilton Candover and St. Mary Bourne. They probably came from Les Andelys, a fortified town on the River Seine between Parish and Rouen. By 1086 the Manor of Chilton Candover was held by Richer de Andely, under the Bishop of Winchester and the land continued in possession of the family for the next 475 years before being sold to John Fysshier.

One of the Daundely family, know as Johan du Candevre, lived at Chilton Candover in the 13th century and when he died in 1295, he was buried in a stone coffin in the churchyard of St. Nicholas church and is inscribed (translated from the Lombardic script) "Here lies John of Candover, may God have mercy on his soul".

John of Candover was a man of considerable importance and during the construction of ten royal castles in North Wales for Edward I in the last quarter of the 13th century, he held the appointment of Warden of the Works, under the great Master Builder James of St George. His responsibilities included the assembling of artisans and labourers from every county in England, the provision of iron, steel, timber and masonry and all building materials, near the site of the new castles, Conway, Caernavon, Harlech, Rhuddlan, Ruthin, Flint, Aberystwyth and other great fortified works.

He received money from the Lord Treasurer for the payment of wages to a large labour force, comprising some 600 smiths, carpenters, masons and quarrymen, together with about 2,000 minor workmen. All had to be found living quarter near the building sites, and arrangements made for their gathering in from far-flung counties, in groups of 30 to 70, with transport for their tools, each group escorted by guides.

Payment of wages was in silver pennies, and in 1283-84 some 1,400,00 coins had to be brought to Conway, a formidable undertaking in itself. Pressure of building work and general administration must have been massive, all ten major castles being completed within eighteen years 1277-1295. This was largely due to the energy and brilliance of Master Builder James of St. George supported by John of Candover.

In 1284 John was admitted to the Rectory of Swarraton and it is noted that he was a receiver of royal revenue in France at Agen, Cahors and Auch; it is also known that he was granted 40 acres of Land at Conway.

Communications and transport at that time was limited to horses, carts and wagons and it is astonishing that so much was efficiently and so speedily undertaken.

This article appeared in the Oxdrove 25 years ago and written by Colonel Savill of Chilton Manor Farm.

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Message from Ian

Who is your hero? We all have them, people who have inspired us or challenged us. When I was much younger my heroes tended to be sporting gods of the 1970s and 80s. Ian Botham JPR Williams or Sir Vivian Richards. Never got anywhere near their standards but they allowed you to dream while playing on a tatty council run cricket field in Surbiton.

As I've got older, I've noticed that my heroes have got smaller. No longer do I gaze in wonder at the sporting superstars, but at the ordinary people who face challenges and attempt to overcome them. When I was a radiographer in a nuclear medicine department we had regular visits from a young girl with a nasty bone tumour. We used to dread seeing her name on the list for a scan because we knew we would see someone beautiful and charming having her life ravaged by a terrible disease. She won our hearts by the bravery and cheerfulness she displayed.

One of the truths of life is that that bad things happen. This isn't an exact quote, but this carries the gist of it. The question is always how do we respond to it? We see this on the nightly news with the sufferings of the people in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and many other places. Much closer to home there remains the concerns of people who are in food poverty. People on benefits who struggle to feed their families because of the rising costs of food and utility bills. To be a hero isn't to shrug our shoulders and look the other way but to stand and try to make a difference. By giving, there are loads of charities anxious for financial support or by supporting the local food banks. Christians will also suggest prayer. Because when we go through the darkest valley the promise is that God is still with us. Why not today – go and be a hero.

BRADLEY HISTORY BOARD

I would like to express my thanks to Sally Hembury for researching the history of BRADLEY SCHOOL in the 19th Century.

Thanks, too, to Denise Findlay for word processing the text which can be viewed in the notice board.

If anyone has any stories or photos of more recent history of the village, I would appreciate hearing about them.

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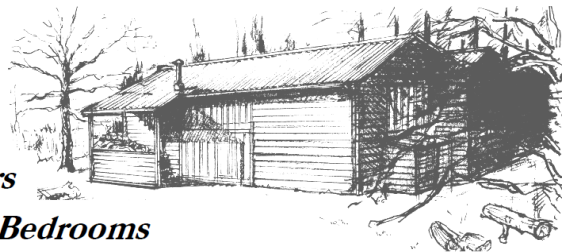
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<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington		Yvonne White	
St Peter's Brown	16 June 6.00pm Buried Church Service	Sue Marriott	Charles Marriott Matt Winter
Pet service	23 June 11.00am	Jonathan Moseley	To be advised
St Marys Preston Candover	2 June 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
	9 June 10.00am	Marina Avis	To be advised
	18 June 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Anne Luneburg Marina Avis
	30 June 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Anne Luneburg Celia Foote
	7 July 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Gunnel Berry
All Saints Bradley	8.30am 23 June	Andrew Don	Andrew Don
St James' Wield	2 June 9.30am	Brian Collins Allan Futtly	Amanda Bromfield David Cowley
	9 June 6.00pm	John Lailey	Eileen Collins To be confirmed
	16 June 9.00am	Catherine Simmons	Mark Kemp Gee Catherine Simmons
	7 July 9.30am	Alwin Hutchinson	Paul Markillie To be confirmed

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St. John's Church Northington			
St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Key Holder	June July	Jonathan Moseley Geoff & Alison Ellett
	Flowers		
All Saints Church Bradley			
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers		
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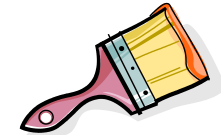
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June

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Our Camino in the UK

The Camino de Santiago, or in English, the Way of St James, is the ancient network of paths walked by pilgrims to the resting place of the Apostle Saint James. Their ultimate destination is now the reliquary in the crypt under the altar of the magnificent world-renowned Christian pilgrimage destination of Santiago de Compostela Cathedral.

The popularity of the Camino began its renaissance in the 80s when it became the first cultural route of Europe. Since then, it has grown into a phenomenon that causes great numbers (over 450,000 officially registered in 2023) from all backgrounds and beliefs to journey along its infrastructure that supports pilgrimages.

Although many of these Camino routes weave their way over hundreds or thousands of kilometres throughout Spain, Portugal, and France, there are also a number in the UK, and one of them visits St James's Church in Upper Wield. This route is called the St James' Way. It was so called owing to the cult of St James that arose around Reading Abbey in the Middle Ages, which reportedly housed the relic, the Hand of St James.

The route was conceived by the Confraternity of St James (CSJ), the UK charity which advises and supports people interested in the Camino, as a probable route a medieval pilgrim would have taken from the abbey on the way to the port of Southampton before embarking on a voyage across the Bay of Biscay to Galicia. Our 12th-century church, dedicated to the saint, was included in the plotting of this route, which is why multi-national and multi-county pilgrims are being drawn to Wield. The actual route crosses the Oxdrove before Upper Wield and afterwards, follows it for 4 miles to Old Alresford.

It officially became a *Camino Inglés* (English Way) route in December 2016 when the cathedral accepted overseas Camino pilgrims who continue their journey in Spain from A Coruña. This vibrant Spanish city is 75km from Santiago. The combined UK leg, on the St James' Way, and the Spanish leg, on the historic Camino Ingles, now gave the requisite minimum distance walked of 100km for a pilgrim to claim a *Compostela*.

The coveted and devotional certificate is awarded at the Pilgrims' Office in Santiago to pilgrims who provide sufficient evidence of stamps collected along the Camino in their Pilgrim Passport, or credencial in Spanish. To gain a stamp is one reason many pilgrims venture into our church. The St James' Way also has its certificate of recognition, the *Via de Sanctus Iacobus* (Way of St James), for this English leg of the Camino, which may be claimed at venues in Southampton.

More recently the route was waymarked by CSJ volunteers and was added as a recreational route to Ordnance Survey maps. There are over 460 stylish and

✓ Once removed, apply antiseptic to the bite area and keep an eye on it for several weeks for any changes.

✓ Contact your GP if you begin to feel unwell or develop a circular red skin rash, often described as a bull's-eye rash, and remember to tell them that you were bitten by a tick. See NHS Choices for more information on signs, symptoms, and treatments for Lyme disease. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

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'Tick tips' for walkers include:

- ✔ Wear appropriate clothing (a long-sleeve shirt and trousers tucked into your socks);
- ✔ Use an insect repellent;
- ✔ Wear light-coloured fabrics that may help you spot a tick on your clothes;
- ✔ Inspect your skin for ticks, particularly at the end of the day, including your head, neck and skin folds (armpits, groin and waistband)
- ✔ Check your children's head and neck areas, including their scalp (skin on top of their head)
- ✔ Check that pets do not bring ticks into your home in their fur.

If you do get bitten by a tick, removing it quickly and correctly can help to reduce any potential risk. The only safe way to remove a tick is to use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, or an easy-to-use device which can be purchased from pharmacies or vets.

Then:

- ✔ Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouth parts left in the skin can cause a local infection.

distinctive 'Camino Ingles to Santiago' waymarks with a directional yellow arrow and European scallop shell motif to guide walkers continuously from start to end. It also has an informative pocket-sized guide, 'A Pilgrim Guide to St James' Way', compiled and written by CSJ experts and published by the CSJ UK, along with a Harper Collins map booklet with the route traced, for those who prefer to follow compact paper maps.

Close to us also in the Candover Valley is the Candover Valley Store, Preston Candover. Visiting the shop will provide a welcome break to pilgrims for refreshments, either in the shop or on the patio overlooking the tennis courts and the vineyard, as well as a stamp for their Pilgrim Record.

It is anticipated that the Candover Valley will have many pilgrims this year and that they will receive a warm welcome whenever met along the road. They may also need overnight accommodation.

To facilitate the provision of affordable overnight pilgrim refuge, The British Pilgrimage Trust, another UK charity committed to opening pilgrimages in the UK, coordinate a scheme called, Britain's Sanctuary Network, or simply, Sanctuary. Individuals, communities, and parishes offer sanctuary through their hall, church, or grounds, which at the very least provides basic sanitary facilities, but some have showers, kitchens and even offer breakfast. Pilgrims make a suggested donation toward the very welcome hospitality they have received. They will usually provide their own bedding carrying a sleeping bag, and an (inflatable) roll mat to insulate them from the floor.

On the St James' Way, the 3 sanctuaries that have opened so far in 2024 been given from the CSJ's St James' Way Fund, a fund created to help develop the route for pilgrims, a special stamp to mark pilgrim passports.

If you would like to offer a field for camping or a space for sanctuary overnight, please contact Dawn Champion, Head of Community Operations, British Pilgrimage Trust, by emailing: dawn@britishpilgrimage.org.

So please, if you spot a Camino pilgrim, identified by the scallop shell on their day-pack or backpack, wish them, "Buen Camino". This is a universally recognised term on the Camino, which is a sort of blessing and means, to have a good walk, way, or life.

Buen Camino!



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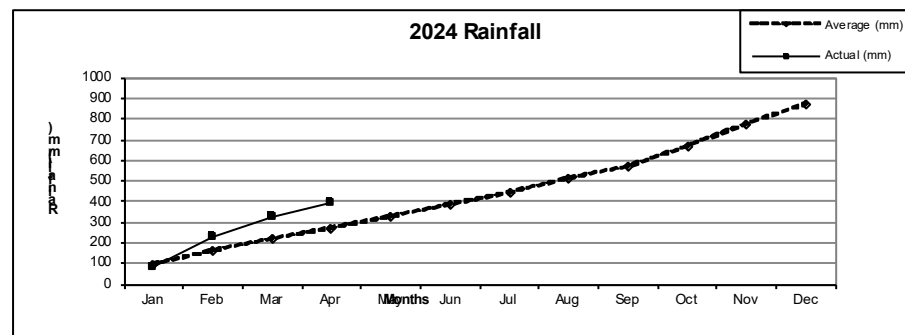
Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

Highest	18.9/66	(12 th)
Lowest	-1.0/30	(21 st)
Warmest Night	10.6/51	(21 st)
Coollest Day	8.5/47	(22 nd)
Average maximum temperature	13.8/57	
Average minimum temperature	4.7/40	
Number of air frosts	4	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	73.5/2.89	(average 48.2/1.90)
Annual total	396.5/15.61	(average 276.4/10.88)
Maximum 24hr. rainfall	18.3/0.72	(27 th)
Number of days with rain	17	

Summary There was an unsettled start to April, and it was breezy at times including a fresh to strong breeze on the 9th. Overnight temperatures were unseasonably mild into the second week but there were some light frosts in the second half of the month. A few dry days towards the middle of April gave some relief to the otherwise wet conditions before more unsettled and cooler weather, which would last to the end of the month and included a cold north westerly breeze in the third week. Overall, the temperature was average, with cooler than normal days and milder nights. There was 152% of the normal rainfall and this was the third consecutive month with an above average figure. The rainfall for the year to date was the third highest in over two decades.



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Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

On a fine sunny morning, we travelled down to the New Forest at Fritham for a leisurely springtime ramble. After a long wet winter, the oakwoods were bursting into life, their canopies now yellowy-green with leaf clusters and catkin tassels. A blackcap sang from the woodland edge as we set off across Fritham Plain. Among the massed ranks of hollies, a crab apple stood out, smothered in blossom and buzzing with bees.

The sunlit heath was warm enough for a peacock butterfly to venture out, but not alas for a slow worm which lay motionless on the heathery trail. Following the winding path down to the stream and along to the footbridge, we found tadpoles in the marshy wetlands of the delightfully named Rakes Brakes Bottom.

Strolling back up Freeworms Hill, we began to hear the faint call of a cuckoo echoing from the trees beyond. The calls became loud and clear as this elusive summer visitor moved swiftly through the trees and headed away, over to the open plateau of the high forest heath.

As we emerged onto the edge of the Fritham Plain, an ash-grey hawk-like bird with pointed wings broke cover and flew away, fast and low. It was a male cuckoo, skimming the gorse bushes to land in the trees bordering Green Pond - a popular spot for ponies to paddle and pose. Standing on the cropped turf beside the pond, we watched entranced as not one but two cuckoos, a male and a female, noisily chased each other through the trees, before the male eventually flew off.

Generally, cuckoos tend to be solitary and are often heard but rarely seen. Although thinly spread across our chalk downlands, one was recorded calling from the river valley at Itchen Abbas recently. They favour open woodland habitats with bushes and hedges, where they feed on hairy caterpillars and other insects. The female cuckoo tends to have multiple mates before searching for the nest of her host species, often a dunnock or hedge sparrow, in which to lay her egg.

Robert Bryant,
8th May '24



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Looking for a good book? The wild world of Britain's rivers has inspired some truly wonderful nature writing. Here are four terrific tomes for your reading list!

Our first book is 'The Flow' by Amy-Jane Beer. It won the 2023 Wainwright Prize for nature writing, and details Beer's exploration of British rivers after losing a close friend. As a biologist turned naturalist, Beer combines ecological knowledge with a heartfelt desire to connect with wild places. As she rediscovers her love for our waterways and their wildlife, which are rendered in vibrant detail, she considers how caring for rivers helps us to find 'the flow' in our own lives.

Next, we have 'Elegy for a River' by author and ecologist Tom Moorhouse. This funny and thought-provoking book documents 11 years of fieldwork, most of which focused on Britain's endangered water voles. It offers fascinating insights into the complexities of ecological research, and the eccentricities of water vole society are explained with heart-warming fondness. Throughout, Moorhouse ponders the future of our wildlife, and how that future will be shaped by human actions.

Turning to the fantastical, we have 'River Folk Tales of Britain and Ireland' by Lisa Schneidau. An ecologist turned storyteller, Schneidau deftly weaves tales of ghosts, gods, and monsters into a mesmerising tapestry. The result is an intriguing dive into how humans have interpreted their relationship with rivers, and a testament to the enduring power of mythology. Expect awe about the wonders of nature, respect for its dangers, and wildlife species in starring roles.

Lastly, we have 'The Pull of the River' by Matt Gaw. This book documents a year of adventures along Britain's rivers, most of which took place in a homemade canoe. Brimming with enthusiasm for the natural world, Gaw describes his many wildlife encounters with earnest humour and vibrant imagery. As he paddles, swims, and dives his way across the country, the book becomes an absorbing exploration of what it means to look for (and perhaps find) the wild.

All of these books can be borrowed through your local Hampshire library, and some are available as e-books too. So if you don't already have one, consider grabbing a library card to enjoy spellbinding stories like these – membership is free! To learn more, visit hants.gov.uk/library.

You can also hear from these amazing authors in person, by attending our literature festival this June. We're hosting free talks, walks, and writing workshops in Andover, Whitchurch, Overton, and Alresford. Find out more at hiwwt.org.uk/tales. The Watercress and Winterbournes scheme is made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



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Lisa Schneidau – Andover, Wednesday 19th June, 7-9pm

Amy-Jane Beer – Whitchurch, Wednesday 26th June, 7-9pm

Children’s Poetry Workshops

A guided walk along your local chalk stream, followed by a workshop on turning what we’ve learned into an awesome nature poem. Ages 7-11.

Alresford – Saturday 1st June, 1-4pm

Overton – Sunday 9th June, 1-4pm

Whitchurch – Sunday 16th June, 1-4pm

Andover – Saturday 22nd June, 1-4pm

Nature Writing Workshops

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Whitchurch – Sunday 2nd June, 1-4pm

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The May meeting was our AGM plus a Spring Sale of plants, produce and small gifts. The official part of the meeting was very relaxed as all the members of the Committee were happy to stand again. There was no arranged speaker but with a generous tea and the sale stall, all the members seemed quite happy to browse and chat.

The Summer Lunch has been arranged for Thursday 8th August at Easton Village Hall. Plans are in hand to either use a caterer or buy in the main course, as usual the membership will be asked to make desserts. The price this year has been fixed at £21 per head for members and guests. The Lasagne Lunch has been provisionally booked for Tuesday 7th January 2025, this is obviously a long way off and further details to follow.

As always there is a programme of interesting speakers and new members are always welcome, we have a large selection of used books, the collection of used stamps and pennies for charity and any surplus plants or produce. We also have an ongoing project for a really worthwhile charity called Days for Girls which involves sewing sessions held in Old Alresford Village Hall. Guests are always welcome at any meeting for a small charge of £3. 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 4th June at 2pm at the Village Hall

The talk is titled - Tales of a roving reporter by Alan Jones

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YOUR UPDATE



Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Edition 64, May 2024

Increase in Rogue Traders



WHO WILL CALL ON YOU TODAY?

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- ✓ Only pay for work once it has been completed and you are satisfied with the job.

Big Conversation Survey 2024

The Hampshire and IOW Youth Commission have launched their Big Conversation survey 2024. If you are aged 14-25, or a parent, carer or someone who works with young people of this age range, please encourage them to give their views on priorities chosen by the group for this year. It only takes a few minutes to complete:

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First of all, many congratulations to all who were elected to **Winchester City Council** last month and thank you to former councillor, **Fiona Isaacs**, who served the Alresford & Itchen Valley well in my opinion and worked very hard for it. I wish her and Colin well for the future.

In Parliament last month, I voted for the **Tobacco and Vapes Bill**. Smoking is our biggest preventable killer so there is no more obvious target for healthcare gains to save lives lost to cancer, heart disease and stroke each year.

Governments have acted in the past and we've seen smoking rates tumble. It's time to finish the job and this Bill is part of that. We talk a lot about the pressures on the NHS, about public satisfaction, systems and staffing but the truth is – demand continues to outstrip supply and we cannot continue to increase the health budget faster than GDP. We must think long-term about population preventative health.

The proposed measures seek to create a SmokeFree generation and modelling shows us that if the age of sale were increased by one year every year – as proposed in the Bill – smoking rates among 14- to 30-year-olds are likely to be zero by 2050.

True we cannot get away from the fact we will have a situation at some future point where a 50-year-old can legally smoke while a 49-year-old cannot. It is rather inelegant I accept but it misses the very point of the “SmokeFree” ambition this Bill has at its’ heart.

It doesn't criminalise existing smokers and it ensures the purchase of tobacco by those under-age will not be criminalised by this legislation - compliance will be the responsibility of the business as is the case with the current law – it makes it illegal to sell tobacco products to anyone who is born on or after New Year's Day 2009. That includes my 13-year-old son.

By passing this legislation the state is saying to him it's not OK to start smoking when you reach 18 and I think when we look back, we will ask how we ever said it was. And by doing so my son never becomes that 49-year-old. That's the point.

In this debate we often hear about the ‘nanny state’. I have always believed that in a publicly funded healthcare system we have a right – and indeed a responsibility – to act on public health because it becomes everyone's problem when we don't.

Finally, I paid tribute recently to my dear friend **Kris Hallenga** who founded the breast cancer charity **CoppaFeel** after her terminal diagnosis at just 28 years of age. Kris died last month but leaves a valuable legacy and her work has / will save many lives. We met early in my time as an MP and, in 2014, I asked Kris if she'd come to Winchester and speak to young people about the importance of knowing your body and checking your boobs.

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Jackie's County Corner for June 2024

The city council elections are over, and a new municipal year has begun.

At election time, all councils are in the ‘Pre- Election Period’, previously called ‘purdah’. This lasts about five weeks before Polling Day in which no major decisions may be taken- but background work had continued at HCC.



The good news is that the County Councillor Grant scheme is open for applications from the 1st June. You can go onto [hants.gov.uk](https://www.hants.gov.uk) and search ‘county councillor grant scheme’ or use this link. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>.

The website advises you to contact me about any application you'd like to make. Please do this: there may be a more appropriate grant -maybe with more funds available!

You may have seen me out in your community, talking to people at their own doorstep. This is an important part of our work, and hearing opinions and concerns not only about the Council, but Police, Health and Water services for example, is a key part of my work as your councillor and the opposition spokesperson for Children at Hampshire County Council.

So, it was shocking to hear two statistics recently. Every community needs new social homes, and it is our responsibility as a society to meet those needs. A home does not need to be owned to be secure. Continuing to press for home ownership as the ultimate prize- or investment -is a myth to be busted.

· 145,000 children are in temporary accommodation across the UK. This is because the only homes that are available are either too expensive or not in the right place. We can only imagine the trauma if moving to temporary accommodation means you must leave your school, your friends and maybe puts your parents out of a job they cannot now reach.

· The second statistic was the 30,000 women *per year* are experiencing traumatic births. It is quoted that 60% of NHS malpractice claims are for this reason. As the Hampshire Hospital Foundation Trust is planning its new services within the new hospital configuration, this is a huge concern. I welcome the work at national level to address this and can only hope that it will bring about rapid improvements to a Maternity system which is so understaffed here and across the UK.

The last statistic is the number of children who are not of a healthy weight. We must find ways to allow children to be active day to day, to be able to cycle safely with parents and walk to school rather than being driven. Now meetings have restarted, I will be working with HCC to ensure their recently approved Transport Plan, LTP4, will work for all residents and business in the Itchen Valley Division.

Next month, I will be tackling the continuing problem of broadband ‘notspots’. If this still affects you, please let me know.

Cllr Jackie Porter

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On Monday 10 June our community store will have been open for five years! Globally and in our little corner of Hampshire, a huge amount has happened in that time and with your amazing support, the fledgling project that we launched in June 2019, has grown into a business that is likely to turn over half a million pounds this year – its best year ever! Please come along on the day to celebrate! The bunting will be flying, a cake will be cut and shared and smiles will abound. We are immensely grateful that our valley community continues to support the store by shopping with us regularly and by giving volunteer hours in a myriad ways. Thank you all and here's to the next five years! (Please see the CVCS flyer that has been added to your magazine with details about how to enter our 5th birthday competition and the prizes to be won!)

A special day for Dads – Sunday 16 June

Forget the socks this Father's Day and get him something he'd really like! You'll find lots to choose from on the store's shelves, from Flower Pots beers to a lovely drop of red or a bottle of local sparkling. Then there's Two Farmers hand-cooked crisps, delicious Old Winchester or Tunworth cheeses or some ChalkStream trout paté, to go with his favourite tippie. And to follow, how about a traybake from The Homemade Brownie Company or a bag of Ourageous Fudge both made within a handful of miles from the store.

Candover Brook sparkling wine tasting

English Wine Week 2024 runs from 15-23 June, and on Friday 21 our near neighbours Candover Brook will be showcasing their valley-grown wines in the store. Bottles of the brut and rosé varieties are always available from the store but if you have never had the opportunity to try them, don't miss this date! What a treat to start the weekend!



Candover Valley Gardening Club

Last month we had a very interesting talk from local girl (I still think of her as a girl!) Catherine Leonard who works for The National Trust. The Trust was founded in 1895 and there are 220 National Trust gardens in England. Catherine has worked for the National Trust since 1999 and is now Secretary General of INTO – The International National Trust Organization. Having just returned from a work trip to Japan, she told us how widespread the National Trust is throughout the world, covering 70 countries and territories including all the commonwealth countries. Their aim is to share knowledge for the protection of cultural and natural heritage.

On June 20th we have an evening garden visit to a lovely private garden in Farringdon. We last visited this garden 9 years ago and it will be interesting to see how it has evolved since then.

Our indoor meetings are held at 7.30pm in Preston Candover Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month from September to April. 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. The annual subscription will remain at £12 pp and I hope you will agree this is extremely good value for 7 talks, 4 garden visits and a summer social event.

You can find us on Facebook – Candover Valley Gardening Club



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