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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

Sunday 7th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
09:30	Wield	Coronation Commemorative Service
09.45	Cliddesden	Coronation Commemorative Service
10:00	Preston Candover	<i>Combined service at Northington</i>
11:00	Northington	Coronation Commemorative Service
11.15	Dummer	Coronation Sunday Special
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Luke 22.24-30</i>	<i>Ephesians 3.14-21</i>
		<i>Psalm 20</i>

Sermon “The King”

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Sunday 14th May **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
 08:00 Dummer Holy Communion
 09:45 Ellisfield Morning Prayer
 10:00 Preston Candover Holy Communion
 11:15 Cliddesden Family Holy Communion
 18:00 Wield Evensong
Readings Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-end, John 14:15-21
Psalm 66
Sermon "Ready to explain the reason for hope"

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Sunday 21st May **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
 9.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP
 9:45 Dummer Morning Prayer
 10:00 Preston Candover Family Service
 11.15 Cliddesden Family Service
Readings Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Psalm 68

Sermon "Casting all your care on him"

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Sunday 28th May **Pentecost**
 8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW
 9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW
 11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship
 11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion
Readings Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13, John 20:19-23

Psalm 104

Sermon "The gift of the Holy Spirit"

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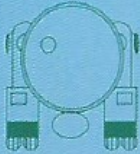
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Sunday 4th June

08.00 Ellisfield

09:30 Wield

09.45 Cliddesden

10:00 Preston Candover

song

11:00 Northington

11.15 Dummer

6pm Chilton Candover

Church'

Readings *Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end, 2 Corinthians 13:11-end,*

Matthew 28:16-end

Psalm 8

Sermon "Make disciples, baptise and teach"

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion BCP

Matins

Morning Prayer

Joining Brown Candover for Even-

Holy Communion

Sunday Special

Outdoor Evensong at the 'Buried

Coronation Commemorative Service - Sunday 7 May

Do come and celebrate with thanks the crowning of Charles III at a Commemorative Service in St John's church in Northington at **1100hrs on Sunday 7 May.**

It is also the first service in the church on completion of the 4 month organ restoration.

Thank you Bradley!

Thanks to the generous support of the residents of Bradley we have been able to send £202.50 to Hampshire Air Ambulance from the profits of the Bradley Jubilee Commemorative Calendar 2023.

From the collection at Bradley Carol's Evening, £112.25 was sent to the Camrose Centre to support the homeless of Basingstoke.

Thank you so much to all involved,

Jane

Dear Friends

Handel wrote his anthem 'Zadok the Priest and Nathan the Prophet' for the coronation of George II in 1727 and is likely to be heard on Classic Fm playlists this month.

The anthem, sung at Queen Elizabeth II coronation in 1953, refers to the anointing of King Solomon by Nathan the Prophet and Zadok the Priest. King Charles III will be anointed with specially prepared olive oil from the Mount of olives in Jerusalem by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the coronation service.

Anointing with oil is a special action and something a priest or minister may give when prayers for healing are made or applied to a person near to death. A child in the baptism service receives the sign of the cross in oil with the words, "Christ claims you for his own". Church of England clergy in their ordination services are anointed with oil on their hands for service by a Bishop and the oil used in all these occasions will have been blessed in a cathedral service on Maundy Thursday.

The anointing of the monarch draws on the action of Samuel anointing King David, of Zadok anointing Solomon and also the anointing of Bishops, Priests and Deacons in Church of England ordinations. The anointing of the King is a part of the coronation service in which the King's divine role is recognised, that under God he may fulfil that role in which power and service, state and God, authority and accountability all combine in such a way that seeks the best welfare of his subjects. Interestingly the actual anointing of Her late Majesty the Queen was an action too intimate to be televised in 1953, we shall see what happens on May 6th, 2023!

Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II was widely praised and respected for her obvious commitment to serve the nation and commonwealth as monarch in a Christ honouring way, she sought wholeheartedly to fulfil her coronation oaths. Some people, we are told, will protest the crowning of King Charles saying, "not my king". (Is that treasonable under the Treason Felony Act 1848?) but we will have a crowned monarch on May 6th who will have sworn to serve faithfully under God

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Blessings

David

Buried Church Service at St. Nicholas, Chilton Candover

The Annual outdoor service of Evensong will be held on Sunday 4th June at 6pm.

This service has taken place on an evening in May or June for last fifty years.

After the service, we go to the Yard for refreshments.

Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington Coronation Commemorative Service (Not Holy Communion)	7 May 11.00am	Peter and Beth Lamb	Peter and Beth Lamb
St Peter's Brown Candover	28 May 11.00am	Celia Foote	Ed Danielle Rhys Smith
Buried Church Chilton Candover	4 June 6.00pm	Jonathan Moseley Paul Curtis Hayward	Ed Marriott Matt Winter
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover			
All Saints Bradley			
St James' Wield	7 May 9.30am	Robert Grande	Philip Geddes David Cowley
	14 May 6.00pm	Alwin Hutchinson	Nicola Robinson Alwin Hutchinson
	21 May 9.00am	John Lailey	Amanda Bromfield Max Konig
	4 June 9.30am	Robert Grande	Paul Markillie Catherine Simons



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St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers	6 May	Lisa Cresswell
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Easter Sunday 9 April – store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed.

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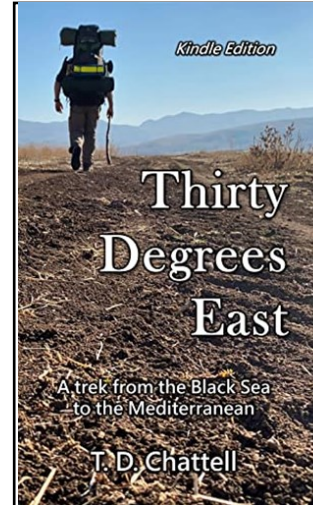
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Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

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Lesser celandines revel in the record damp days of March creating a broad splash, a golden gleam in fleeting sunshine along the lane-side verges. Brimstone butterflies, sulphur yellow, huge buff-tailed queen bumblebees, and the curiously furry bee-flies, emerge to roam in search of nectar, mainly from primroses.

For squelchy woodland walks, wellie boots and wet weather gear seem most appropriate this spring. The white flowers of wood anemones light up the dappled shade of the woodland edge. An indicator of ancient woodland, wood anemones bloom well before the massed ranks of bluebells. Tracking down wood-sorrel is another springtime delight. An early spring flower of the shady woodland floor, this plant was often sought at Easter-time. With distinctive three-lobed leaflets and delicate white flowers, wood-sorrel was formerly known as Alleluia for its links to Holy Week. The less devout apparently found the leaves quite tasty and would nibble them as a tangy salad in cheese sandwiches.

Good Friday proved to be fine and fair as we headed over to Noar Hill near Selborne, for an early springtime ramble around the humps and hollows of this intriguing nature reserve. Chiffchaffs were the bird of the morning, chanting from the tree-tops, active but quite elusive. Perhaps eight or more of these little brown leaf warblers were darting about. By chance, two birds burst from the sunlit crown of a juniper, wings flicking, tails twitching, their repetitive calls amplified by the dip of the dell.

Across the grassy slopes, sweet violets were the flower of the moment, centre stage in the springtime succession. Their intensely deep blue flowers were visited by queen bumblebees, especially the impressive black ones with red tails.

At the woodland edge, the crown of a goat or pussy willow glowed in the morning sunshine with golden catkins humming with honeybees.

Robert Bryant, 9th April '23

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We are now a Veteran friendly practice.

Announcing our Armed Forces veteran friendly GP practice accreditation!
We are pleased to announce that we are now registered as a veteran friendly GP practice.

This means that, as part of the health commitments of the Armed Forces Covenant, we have a dedicated clinician who has a specialist knowledge of military related health conditions and veteran specific health services. This is important in helping ex-forces to get the best care and treatment.

If you are ex-forces, please let us know to help ensure you are getting the best possible care.

For information on health services for the Armed Forces community, please visit the NHS website at www.nhs.uk/armedforceshealth

Bank holiday closures 1st, 8th & 29th May

The surgery will be closed for the bank holiday weekend from 6.30pm Friday 28th April until 8am on Tuesday 2nd May then again from 6.30pm Friday 5th May until 8am on Tuesday 9th May then again from 6.30pm Friday 26th May until 8am on Tuesday 30th May.

Welcome to our Trainee Advanced Nurse Practitioner

The Alresford Surgery are delighted to welcome Lizzie Blacklock to the practice who has joined as our new Trainee Advanced Nurse Practitioner. Lizzie will be working alongside our GPs to deliver on the day care Monday-Friday.

Lizzie has worked in a mixture of settings including Community Care. She is experienced in dealing with patients of all age's presenting with acute and chronic illnesses, along with minor injuries and musculoskeletal problems. Lizzie has undertaken additional medical training and education in order to provide this level of advanced nursing.

Covid spring booster programme

COVID-19 is more serious in older people and in people with certain underlying health conditions. For these reasons, people aged 75 years and over, those in care homes, and those aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system are being offered a spring booster of COVID-19 vaccine. Those eligible will be contact by the surgery either by text message or telephone call.



Swarraton and Northington WI

We had a very happy afternoon at our meeting in April with an excellent turnout, a delicious tea and were fascinated by our annual three speakers' reminiscences. This year, we had an eclectic mix of female pioneers in the fields of political lobbying and journalism plus tales of adventure on the high seas.

Jennifer Miller was a director of the CBI during the Thatcher, Major, Blair, and Cameron years, encountering a range of politicians and heads of industry, some pleasant others rather challenging and most with huge egos!! She was usually the only woman in the room, having to take on many varied roles in her time, learned to think quickly on her feet and hold her own. Jennifer rapidly became an expert in organising information sharing events, dealing with HR, PR, marketing, and finance matters whilst also getting her feet on the ground by visiting businesses, manufacturing industries and even nuclear plants. She conducted many interviews with the press, including one memorable and unexpected TV session where she had to go on camera wearing a Christmas jumper. It was very well received!!

Diana Irons had an amazing career as a journalist specialising in the movie and film industry. She began, earning just £14.10 a week for MGM in St James' in London, by helping to publicise and promote new film releases. She rapidly learned how to deal with the press, to manage crowds at premiers, shepherding film stars or royalty, helping with big receptions, obtaining unusual props at short notice such as a sleigh in Bond Street for the premier of Dr Zhivago just because it was snowing! In her time, Diana rubbed shoulders with Sophia Loren, Julie Christie, Peter Ustinov amongst others. Strangely, she only met Omar Sharif many years later when they ended up sitting next to each other at a dinner!

Tina Bowie is a remarkably intrepid sailor, who learned to sail as a child with her father in India. She loved exploring, sailing on her own and racing. When she met and married Ian Bowie, they shared the same love of the sea and the joy of racing. Together they raced from Hong Kong to Manilla, got stuck on a reef at one point, explored ex-President Marcos' palace (Imelda really did have masses of high-end shoes!) and were hosted by local island people who had nothing by comparison. They undertook a huge trip from Singapore to the UK, taking in the Malacca Straits, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and Spain amongst others! Subsequently, they crossed the Pacific to the Caribbean several times and returned to the far east for further adventures. Tina especially recalls one trip from Phuket to Hong Kong and Sri Lanka where they encountered a huge whale. The whale, although curious as to what the boat was, eventually got bored, spat masses of water over them and disappeared.

Dates for the diary:

Outing to Stratfield Saye – Weds 17th May – 9.15 depart, 4.30pm return from the Village Hall.

Summer Lunch – August 17th

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 2pm.

We will be holding our AGM on this date. This will be followed by our own highly entertaining version of 'Call my Bluff'. Members will also be sharing a celebratory Coronation Tea complete with pink fizz (and cake of course) to toast the advent of the reign of King Charles 111.

Rediscovering Chalk Stream Treasures

Formed by a happy accident of weather and geology, our chalk streams show nature at its most magnificent. But look into the water near an old house, foot-path, or footbridge and you may also see human additions: fragments of blue-and-white Victorian pottery, the edge of a stoneware beer bottle, or a shard of aqua glass from the 19th century.

Jane Eastman, who lives near the Upper Test, is dedicated to rediscovering these lost treasures. For several years now, she has been ‘streamlarking’ – wading in chalk streams and plucking pieces of history from their gravelly beds. The result is an incredible range of finds, each made more fascinating when her research reveals their origins.

There are coffin-shaped poison bottles, sometimes with contents remaining. There are the bowls of broken clay pipes – the cigarette butts of their day. There are imperfectly made ink bottles – testaments to a time of rapidly increasing literacy. Then there are precious metals: an 18-carat gold wristwatch and a folding fruit knife in sterling silver.

After some careful cleaning, Jane posts her finds on a dedicated Instagram account called @myordinarytreasure, along with their stories. This act of sharing has given thousands of people a window into Hampshire’s history, and highlighted how our chalk streams have shaped – and been shaped by – human lives over the centuries.

But for Jane, the search itself has equal value. “It’s a privilege to enjoy the local landscape from this unique perspective; to be immersed in a river that’s thriving and teeming with life,” she says. “Without a doubt, it is this experience of being in the beautiful chalk stream environment which I take home as the ultimate ‘treasure’.”

If you’d like to have a go at streamlarking, remember to get permission from the landowner when on private land. Stick to shallow water and don’t go out alone; chalk streams can be deeper and faster than they look. Always use the ‘Check, Clean, Dry’ process for your clothes and equipment, to avoid spreading diseases and invasive species.

You can read more about Jane’s work, and her fantastic finds, at www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/tales. If you’re a landowner with a stretch of chalk stream, and are interested in Jane streamlarking there, please contact us at winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk. Our scheme is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Free Online Talk – ‘Water-Wise Gardening: Get Smart With Soil’
25th May, 7-8.30pm

Hear how to achieve healthy soil, and how doing so can help your garden to cope with dry weather. Learn top tips on avoiding the need for intense watering. Book at: www.hiwwt.org.uk/events

WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down
in March 2023

Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

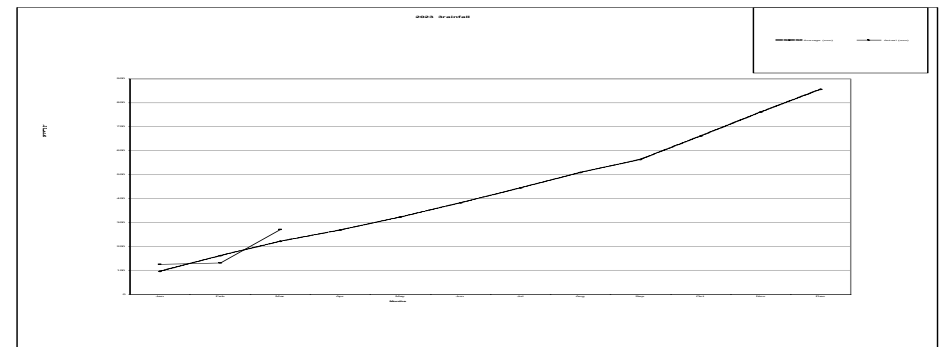
Highest	14.5/58	(17 th & 22 nd)
Lowest	-4.0/25	(11 th)
Warmest Night	8.4/47	(17 th)
Coollest Day	3.8/39	(8 th)
Average maximum temperature	10.4/51	
Average minimum temperature	3.0/37	

Number of air frosts 6

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	139.5/5.49	(average 63.6/2.50)
Annual total	270.3/10.64	(average 224.0/9.82)
Maximum 24hr. rainfall	14.8/0.58	(8 th)
Number of days with rain	7	

Summary March started dry and cold, with temperatures significantly below the seasonal norm. This changed with measurable rain on all but one day from the 5th and milder air from the middle of the second week. There was over two inches of snow on the 8th which was followed by light rain in the evening. The unsettled and largely dull conditions continued to the end of the month, with drizzle and showers or longer outbreaks of rain and it was breezy at times. This was the wettest March in over two decades, following on from the driest February, with more rain than the two preceding months combined and more than twice the monthly norm. The days were cooler and nights milder than average, resulting in overall temperatures normal for the time of year.





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on Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

Farleigh Wallop

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£5 per adult £1 per child up to 16

Dogs on leads welcome Muddy at some points!

Raffle Cake & squash to purchase halfway

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Wallop (RG25 2HX) between

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In aid of St Martin's, Ellisfield and
St Andrew's, Farleigh Wallop



“WE’VE GOT THE POWER TO CHANGE”

Wed 10th May 7.00pm
Alton Community Centre

Light refreshments and bar



- Highlights from our Energy Champions
- Report on Energy Alton’s and Powering Up’s very active work programme
- Including business energy project and Energise South Downs
- And an update from ACAN

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On the Farm -

Lambing has finished now apart from around half a dozen stragglers who have been turned out into the paddock behind the farm buildings. Despite a lot of rain and some fairly cold temperatures lambing has gone well.

Vaccinating pre-tupping against enzootic abortion has made a big positive difference to both the rate of abortion and the vitality of the lambs. At lambing time I am often asked by non-farmers 'have you lost any?' The simple answer is yes. Vets reckon that losing less than 10% of lambs from pregnancy scanning to sale is a good level to aim for. On an indoor lambing system losing less than 5% in the first week of life is doing very well. Sadly, it's inevitable for many reasons; nutrition, mismothering, predators, bacterial infection, bad weather and many more! Sheep aren't always the most robust of animals when young.

I am just clearing the last of the hoggets (last year's lambs). Prices were poor from January to March, so I left them out on some water meadow ground to 'tick over'. They won't grow much on winter rough grazing, but it will keep them fed. In the middle of March, a boatload of lamb from New Zealand destined for the UK was diverted to China. Following the Chinese releasing of lockdowns they were prepared to pay more than we were for the frozen lamb, so the captain turned sharply to starboard and docked in Shanghai! This, coupled with Easter and Ramadan being at a very similar time this year has led to the lamb price rocketing in a few short weeks. By luck rather than judgement I had 450 lambs on hard feed ready to sell into the hungry market. Next year I will no doubt get the timing wrong. All commodity markets are increasingly volatile, with lamb being no exception!

Having finished our own lambing, we are helping another flock down near Alton with theirs. They lamb later and run an outdoor lambing system. The thinking behind this is that the weather is kinder, and the grass is more plentiful at the end of April and early May compared to earlier in the Spring. This means the ewes can lamb outside with lower labour input. However, a hardier, less productive breed is needed, and the lambs may take a little longer to get up to slaughter weight than on a more intensive, earlier lambing indoor system. It also needs fields sheltered from the weather. The normal weather here at Newmer seems to be a howling gale so we have continued lambing in the shed. I haven't been involved in an outdoor lambing set up before so it will be interesting to see how it differs from our way of doing things.

Can you lend us a hand?

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities.

Starting on Monday 8th May there will be opportunities for everyone to join in. No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes! From checking in on someone who'd like a bit of company or volunteering for a charity the more of us who join in, the bigger help we will be.

If you can spare an hour...fantastic. The day?...amazing. If it becomes a regular thing, so much the better. If we all do a bit, it will really help a lot.

Organisations that you could help in and around the Valley include:

- Parish Councils
- The Community Store
- Our Village Hall Committees
- School Governors at the primary and secondary schools
- Parent & Teacher Association also at both schools
- Scouts, Beavers, Cubs
- Parochial Church Council and all churches.

Help us to do something amazing. Join in, Lend a hand. Make a change.

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6th, 7th and 8th of MAY 2023

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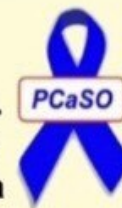
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From Steve Brine, MP for Winchester, Alresford & Itchen Valley

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

A few years back, when I held the Public Health brief in Government, I published a robust tobacco control plan to drive down the **number of smokers** and support people to quit. Smoking is still the biggest preventable killer in our country so it's the right thing to do.

Now, my successor is going further with an updated plan to help meet the ambition of being smokefree by 2030 – reducing smoking rates to 5% or less. Part of this will see one million smokers encouraged to swap cigarettes for vapes under a pioneering new “swap to stop” scheme.

As part of the world-first national scheme, almost one in five of all smokers in England will be provided with a vape starter kit alongside support to help them quit the habit as part of a series of new measures.

Hampshire County Council will be invited to take part in the scheme and design a scheme which suits our needs, including deciding which groups to prioritise.

And following the success of previous schemes, pregnant women will be offered financial incentives to help them stop smoking. This will involve offering vouchers, alongside behavioural support, to all pregnant women who smoke by the end of next year.

Supporting more women to have a smokefree pregnancy will reduce the number of babies born underweight or underdeveloped with health problems requiring neonatal and ongoing care. It will also reduce the risk of miscarriage and stillbirth.

I hear the government will also consult on introducing mandatory cigarette pack inserts with positive messages and information to help people to quit the habit. There will be a welcome crackdown on illicit vape sales as part of measures to stop children and non-smokers take up the habit – which is growing in popularity among young people.

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NHS figures for 2021 showed that 9% of 11- to 15-year-old children used e-cigarettes, up from 6% in 2018 so we must act. The fact remains, up to two out of three lifelong smokers will die from smoking. Cigarettes are the only product on sale which will kill you if used correctly. But for those who quit, the risk of heart attack is halved after one year of quitting, ultimately halving the likelihood of ending up in a hospital bed or worse.

Cutting smoking rates reduces the number of smoking-related illnesses needing to be treated, in turn reducing the pressure on the NHS, helping to cut NHS waiting lists.

All of this follows positive progress in the recent decade; smoking prevalence in England in 2021 was 13% - the lowest on record thanks to measures such as doubling duty on cigarettes since 2010 and continued funding to local stop smoking services.

Last year an independent smoking review led by Javed Khan proposed a range of measures to help people stub out the addiction, which has informed many of the measures set out in this new plan.

You can search online at Gov.UK for the full details and you can hear me discuss this on my **new podcast - Prevention is the new cure** - which is recorded fortnightly and available on all the usual podcast platforms including Spotify and Apple.

It's discussion on all things NHS and health with a political twist between myself and well-known GP Dr Helen Stokes-Lampard with occasional guests. Do give it a try and remember to 'like' the show if you enjoy our chat.

Long live the King!

Litter picking in the valley
Axford -Preston Candover - 30th March

Many thanks indeed to those who kindly turned up to pick litter from the verges in Axford and Preston Candover on the 30th March! This annual event takes place around this time of year before the grass begins to grow too much.

13 black bags were filled this year along Dummer road, Berrydown Lane, Alresford Road to Chilton Candover and up as far as the foot path towards Bugmore Hill. This is down from previous years (2022=16, 2021=23) which is a good sign!

Thank you to all who helped make our environment so much more enjoyable to look at and also reduce risk for injury to animals in the vicinity.


Yours,
Gunnel Berry

Litter picking in the valley

As part of Keep Britain Tidy and The Great British Spring Clean initiative, members of HH and local residents litter picked road verges & footpaths in the Candover Valley in late March.



Candover Valley Club



The Candover Valley Club is located in the beautiful village of Brown Candover next to St. Peter's Church, and is fronted by the village cricket field. The Club has a fully licenced bar with kitchen, skittle alley, dart boards, pool table, TV, wifi and a separate function room suitable for large parties. A marquee, tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery are also available to hire.

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May Bank Holidays – amended opening hours

Please make a note of the changes to store and post office opening hours for the three Bank Holidays in May. It's a bumper month for them this year!

Early May Bank Holiday, Monday 1 May - store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed.

Monday 8 May - store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed.

Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 29 May - store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed.

The Big Help Out – YOU are invited!

As the final part of the Coronation celebrations, Monday 8 May has been proclaimed a special Bank Holiday designated as "the Big Help Out". The aim is to highlight the positive impact that volunteering has on communities across our nation, encouraging people to come out and support the causes that matter to them. If our community store is the embodiment of that ethos for you, please do come along from 2.00 – 4.30pm to find out more about volunteering at the store or lend a hand with some of the jobs on our "to do" list (possibly weeding the car park borders or scrubbing the ramp or the decking). Your reward will be a fuzzy, warm feeling inside, from having done something worthwhile! We will provide a cup of coffee or tea and biscuits for everyone who comes along and it's very likely that you will have an enjoyable chat with someone you already know or will get to know by the end of the session! Everyone is welcome for whatever time you can spare. You may want to bring along a kneeler, gloves and a few gardening or DIY tools.

Hampshire Fare Day

The calendar was already busy for several our key current and potential suppliers, so this event, mentioned last month, will now take place later in the year.



Candover Valley Gardening Club

In March, following a brief AGM we had an interesting talk on "Growing Orchids in the Home" by expert Orchid Grower Malcolm Moodie. Malcolm covered in detail repotting, correct feeding and how to care for orchids. There were practical demonstrations and advice on members own plants. He also had sundry items for sale including special orchid feed and material for repotting and members left better prepared to look after their own plants.

The next meeting is our first Garden Visit of the Year, which is always really exciting and is at an interesting garden in the Alresford area.

If you would like to join us, guests are very welcome for a small fee but now is a good time to become a member at £12 for the year.

If you would like to contact us please find us at Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Voter ID (Identification) - what's changing

Electors will have to show an approved form of photo identification to vote in a polling station.

Photographic identification that can be used to vote
Include:

- passport,
- driving licence,
- immigration document,
- a PASS (Proof of Age Standards Scheme) card,
- Ministry of Defence Form 90,
- concessionary travel pass (excluding railcards)
- national ID card.

Electors without an official form of photo identification can now [apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate](#).



The Dever Society AGM

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7:30pm

The Warren Centre, Micheldever Station, SO21 3AR

After the formal business, Cllr Jackie Porter, Chair of WCC's Local Plan Advisory Group, and Cllr Martin Tod, WCC Leader, will update us on Winchester's Local Plan, planning developments and the implications for the proposed new town at Micheldever Station

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We are so excited that Spring has arrived and hope you had a wonderful Easter break with the family.

The children had a fantastic time at the annual CVP Easter Egg Hunt, searching for all the different coloured eggs. Run by a parent/committee member, it was a great way to get families together, have lots of fun in the holidays and fundraise at the same time. The Easter Bunny very kindly left a treat for all the little ones too.

The little ones will be exploring the stories of Puss in Boots and The Hungry Caterpillar, linking this with looking after animals, watching our very own caterpillars grow into butterflies, planting seeds and watching them grow into vegetables.

We are very excited with the upcoming Forest School visits to the local farm over the next term and the opportunity to meet some of the farm animals along with some great outdoor learning opportunities.

Best wishes
Lisa Collisson pre-School Head



Your community-based local choir needs you!

CANDOVER VALLEY CHOIR
is recruiting across all voices

Candover Valley Choir is always interested in hearing from potential new singers interested in joining.

The Choir enjoys a wide repertoire including classical, contemporary, and popular music.

Our 2023 repertoire will include

VIVALDI'S GLORIA

and pieces by Faure, Whitacre, and others!

This is an ideal time to join the choir, as we set out on the new programme for the season ahead.

If you would like to know more or would like to come and try us out (there are no auditions), do contact:

Julian Jones, Choir Chairman, on:

juliang.jones@btinternet.com

or

Jane Bryant, Music Director

07740 871341 - bryantjane50@gmail.com

Rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 7.45

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So many people complain about dreadful potholes everywhere.

I am worried that the public aren't looking ahead now when they drive but look down at the road to swerve round the next deep hole in the roadway. Flooded roads means that holes are often unseen until your tyre bursts. Residents are having to pay out for a new tyre or wheel but unfortunately in most cases, HCC refuses to accept their claims for compensation.

Hampshire received £5.954m of the £200m Government budget announcement and has informed county councillors how this will be spent. They will continue to tackle them as they do now. But I know that many of you (like me) are frustrated by the 'one complaint, one patch' method, when you can see holes not mended in the same vicinity in one visit.

HCC say the primary objective of the programme will be to deploy more smaller patching teams that can focus on fixing potholes and other localised defects across the road network. HCC will utilise the existing 'Dragon Patchers' and other established repair techniques. The Director estimates that the extra money should enable HCC to repair up to 40,000 more potholes.

Please continue to report highway issues online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance>

Once logged, you can review the status of reported issues.

If you are struggling with this system, just email your complaint noting the site, preferably with a picture and/or a what3words location if in rural areas to roads@hants.gov.uk and copy to me. Thankyou.

Community First Funding Fayre

I recently joined a 'funding fayre', sponsored by WCC, to see if there are any tips to help you and groups in your area. It was really useful, and if you need general funding advice, Community First is an excellent place to start. www.cfirfirst.org.uk County Councillor Grants start again in June: contact me for details.

Bus Service changes

Although the £2 fee (running until 30th June) has been popular, the bus services in Winchester district are changing with some bus cuts too. The new timetable is on the Stagecoach website, but changes are as extensive as the weblink, so I've created a tinyurl which works too: <https://tinyurl.com/BusChangesApril23> Use of buses has declined since Covid, and recovery is slow- driver shortages contribute to this. These cuts and changes will be hard for students and

keyworkers who rely on buses. No route in my division has been eliminated, but please contact me if anyone in your family is experiencing difficulties. I continue to campaign for a better early/late offer for all communities along the 86 route.

School Places for Children starting school.

The current HCC school transport policy adversely affects children starting at rural schools with long journeys as the free school transport offer is not provided for children before the term after they are 5 (unless they are entitled to Free School Meals). If you are worried about getting your child to school, please contact me without delay. I want to ensure that all parents are confident that transport arrangements are in place for September.

Cart and Horses Junction

Cllr Nick Adams-King has *again refused to meet* with local councillors on this matter, until the recent accident investigation is received. This is very disappointing. We have secured the principle of works when the M3 junction 9 work is being done, but this is subject to funding and only likely by 2027! Like you, I want to HCC to install earlier, simple, and effective changes now.



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