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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

**Harvest Readings** Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
2 Corinthians 9:6-end Luke 12:16-30

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
09:30	Wield	Harvest Thanksgiving *Readings above
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer with Rev Ian Thacker
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning Prayer
11:00	Northington	Harvest Thanksgiving * Readings above
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special

*Readings Exodus 17:1-7, Philipians 2: 1-13, Matthew 21:23-32  
Psalm 78*

*Sermon :Change your mind?:*

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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 Exodus 20:1-4, Philippians 3:4-14, Matthew 21:33-end  
Psalm 19*

*Sermon "Fruits of the kingdom:"*  
\_\_\_\_\_””\_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP  
9:45 Dummer Morning Prayer  
10:00 Preston Candover Family Service  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service

*Readings Exodus 32:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14  
Psalm 106*

*Sermon "Wedding attire!"*  
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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW.  
9:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW .  
Rev Ian Thacker  
11:00 Brown Candover Morning Worship  
11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion

*Readings Exodus 33:12-end, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10,  
Matthew 22:15-22  
Psalm 99*

*Sermon "A clever answer"*  
\_\_\_\_\_””\_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October Last Sunday after Trinity**

09:30 Brown Candover Holy Communion  
11:00 Farleigh Wallop Holy Communion. Rev Ian Thacker.  
3:30pm Preston Candover Bereavement Remembering Service  
*Readings Deuteronomy 34:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8,  
Matthew 22:34-end*



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Sermon "No more questions, my Lord"

Psalm 90

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November All Saints Day

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

Readings Revelation 7:9-end, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm 34

Sermon "Are you blessed?"

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## Dear Friends

One hymn that is always popular is 'Guide me o thou great redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land'.

I suspect the rousing tune that allows singers to 'belt it out' is one reason for its popularity, who doesn't like to get behind a strong song and sing it out!


Our churches have a regular stream of visitors who are walking a section of a pilgrimage route on the Camino de Santiago or Way of St James, who is believed to be buried there. UK pilgrims walk from Reading Abbey to Southampton for the UK section of this pilgrimage and some stop there, but others do the whole route of around 750km.

In Mediaeval times a pilgrimage was seen as penitential and completing one, barefoot even, would relieve one from punishment of 'temporal' sins. The Reformation was the corrective to those erroneous ideas with Luther's work in the 1500s bringing the church back to understanding the complete work of Christ on the cross as making full pardon for sin, received by faith and not by 'works' eg. walking a road barefoot, excessive fasting and self-flagellation.

But I do wonder if the line about being a pilgrim gives the hymn some appeal. We are familiar with the idea that life is a journey with multiple destinations or stages in life all taking us toward the final destination to 'cross the Jordan'. Crossing the river Jordan in the bible was the occasion when the people of Israel left their forty years of wilderness wanderings to enter the 'promised land'. So, when we die, we leave behind this life with all its blessings and vicissitudes in hope of heaven. Or not?

Some people undertake a pilgrimage as a purposeful journey to experience moving from place to place with a focus on their walk of faith with Christ, not to gain merit with God but rather to have a focused contemplative experience accompanying physical movement with prayer and contemplation. This might be as simple as a walk with the dog or a longer expedition that includes new sights and places.

For some, travel is impossible as ill health confines them, though the mind is free to travel, and I know some are pilgrims remain at home watching the seasons go by as they journey with God in prayer,




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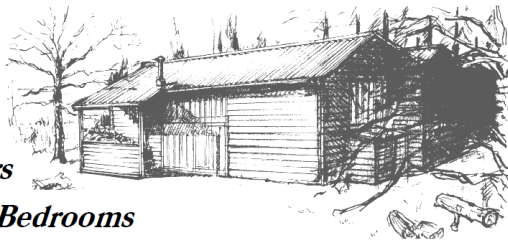
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reading scripture, privately worshipping the God who loves them. To travel through life with faith in Jesus Christ is a wonderful thing, to know his peace and presence now and be ready to 'cross the Jordan' when the time comes knowing where we are going and whom we shall meet is truly a blessing.

David



## Harvest Festival - Northington & Swarraton

Harvest Festival for Northington and Swarraton will be celebrated at 1100hrs in St John's on Sunday 1 October 23.

If you cannot come to the Service but would like to contribute, please leave your offering on the doorstep of Ruffside or the church Porch in the week before.

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## Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>St John's Northington</b>		Colin and Emma La Fontaine Jackson	Colin and Emma La Fontaine Jackson
<b>St Peter's Brown Candover</b>	22 Oct 11.00am	Celia Foote	Rhys Smith Charles Marriott
<b>St Marys Preston Candover</b>	1 Oct 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Celia Foote
	8 Oct 10.00am	Jane Laws	Julian Gibbons Jane Laws
	15 Oct 10.00am	Marina Avis	To be advised
	22 Oct 11.00am	At Brown Candover	
	29 Oct 3.30pm	Bereavement Service	Remembering
<b>All Saints Bradley</b>	20 Oct 8.30am	Julian Gibbons	Julian Gibbons
<b>St James' Wield</b>	1 Oct 9.30am	Alwin Hutchinson	Paul Markillie Ben Robinson
	8/Oct 6.00pm	John Lailey	Eileen Collins Annie-Lou Gibbs
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## Church flowers, cleaning and Key Holders

<b>St. John's Church Northington</b>			
<b>St Peter's Church Brown Candover</b>	Flowers		
	Key holders	October November	Rhys Smith Jonathan Moseley
<b>All Saints Church Bradley</b>	Flowers and cleaning	October	Yvonne Burnett
<b>St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover</b>	Flowers	October	Gunnel Berry
<b>St James' Church Wield</b>	Flowers	Oct 7 & 14 Oct 21 & 28	Lorna Timmis Nikki Cowley
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### Common Mission Fund

There is a big ask each year to all our parishes that they contribute to our 'Common Mission Fund' which is essentially a figure set by Winchester Diocese so that if all our parishes paid their portion the books would balance at Diocesan HQ!! The annual budget is based on what money is essential to meet various fixed costs, ministers, housing, office costs, etc and then seeing if that sum can be raised across all the parishes in Winchester Diocese. There is a formula that considers the size of congregations as well as their perceived affluence. There is a little more finesse than that, but the idea is to base an "ask" on some knowledge of how realistic a payment from different parishes across an area (roughly) from Southampton to Muddeford, to Stockbridge to Hook to Winchester, might be. Built into that model is a 'weighted ask' so those who might have more affluence than others are able to assist the less able to pay parishes.

Saint Paul wrote to the church in Corinth (2 Cor 9) commending the generosity of those who contributed to a church collection to relieve the needs of other Christians elsewhere. He commended those who gave, not from compulsion, but rather with eyes wide open generous hearted giving away of their own funds to assist churches in another place. He commended their zeal in giving to others and wrote, using imagery of an agrarian culture, "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So, let each one give as s/he purposes in their heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver"

So, this is a short piece to say that the recurring request to our churches for funds is again made to us, details of which I can provide, and my thanks to all who do give, both from inside the church and those not quite at the centre of church life! We are unlikely to meet our current 'ask' this year in all our parishes, and so if anyone reading this would like to add support, please do get in touch with any of our church treasurers, wardens, or me. The most effective way of giving is via the Parish Giving Scheme that will automatically get gifts to the right account with the enhancement of 25% thanks to 'Gift Aid', courtesy of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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David

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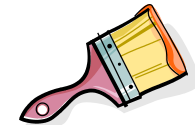
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As quite a few members of the Committee were away, a very brief meeting was held. There were thanks for

flowers, tea hostesses, Erica Sisk and the Alresford Show tea tent team and praise for the Summer Lunch. Janet Pooley explained the Shoebox Appeal and suggestions for future charities discussed. Carole Ledger was thanked for attending a WI course and keeping the finances in good shape and members were reminded to look in the WI Life magazine for courses and events.

We then had a very entertaining talk by Susan Howe about the Indiscreet Revelations of a Tour Guide. She trained as a London Tourist Board Guide, a very prestigious qualification and toured with many different interest groups. There were lots of funny anecdotes and she gave an enlightening and enthusiastic talk with a few bits of social gossip added.

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 3rd October at 2pm at the Village Hall**  
**The talk is titled "Grannies Can Do Anything" by Tess Burrows**

## Parish Council Vacancy

*Your community needs you!*

Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council currently has two vacant Councillors positions. If you love living in this wonderful community and would like to get involved with local issues including the children's play area, flood prevention, highways and speeding issues and so much more, then please come along to our September meeting in the Preston Candover Village Hall.

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.

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## Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

After a week's holiday exploring the upland trails of the Black Mountains in Wales, we are keen to resume our late summer rambles among the Hampshire downlands. On a fine Sunday morning we drive over to Noar Hill near Selborne. While heading up the access track, we pause as a pickup, carrying four beehives, trundles down from Charity Farm. A cluster of honeybees clings to the lid of one of the hives. A bank vole, chestnut brown, now pops out of the wayside verge and races across our path. Head up it swims through a pool of rainwater, runs on, stops as if it has forgotten something, turns and scurries back to its grassy domain, paddling vigorously through the puddle. Walking on, we enter the reserve to find the chalk grasslands transformed by the purples and blues of knapweeds and scabious. Meandering around these wildflower meadows in gentle sunshine is quite delightful. Autumn gentians are a particular feature, plus the butterflies. We quickly count eleven different species but one still eludes us – the brown hairstreak, a scarce local celebrity. Pausing in the shade of a hazel to adjust my bootlaces, I glance to one side and there she is – a female brown hairstreak, a golden triangle at rest low down on a leaf.

Venturing over to Old Winchester Hill NNR on a bright Saturday morning, we set off down the way-marked South Slope, passing hawthorns glowing deep red with masses of fruit. The herbal aroma of marjoram drifts around the flower-rich turf of the steep hillside. Against a backdrop of billowing cumulus clouds, the great green ram-parts of the hill-fort, lit up by the morning sunshine, loom into view. Far below, jays shriek from the distant woods, joined by the laughter of a green woodpecker. A roe buck emerges at the woodland edge, reaching up to browse at leaves.

Resuming our searching for butterflies, we watch the twitch and flicker of meadow browns peacefully probing the lilac-blue pincushions of scabious flowers – until a hummingbird hawkmoth powers through, causing mayhem.

Robert Bryant  
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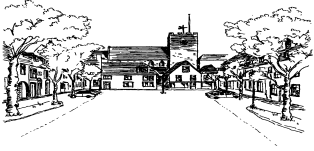
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### **Flu & COVID Boosters Autumn/ Winter 2023**

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We have been offering appointments since mid-September & these are pre-bookable appointments & we have availability throughout the week & some Saturdays.

Vaccination clinics will be held here at Alresford Surgery. Both flu and covid vaccinations will be given at the same time and the appointment will be for both vaccines.

Please feel free to share this information.

Thank you, once again, for your support with this vaccination programme.

### **Child Flu Clinics**

We have been busy vaccinating children who are aged 2-3 or aged 4-17 and have a condition which puts them at greater risk if they get flu. Children in years R-7 will be vaccinated in school by Schools Health.

Please wait until you get an invitation letter before contacting the surgery.

### **Welcome to new staff**

We would like to offer a warm welcome to Dr. John Foreman who completed his GP training with us earlier this year & is now staying on as an employed GP at the practice. John will be working Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.

We would also like to welcome Sheree Villiers who joins us as a registered Nurse Associate & joins our Practice Nurse team. Sheree will be working full time across the week & has previously worked in a similar role but within a community setting.

## On the Farm - Ben Robinson

I breathed a massive sigh of relief on the evening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. After much preparation, a fair amount of DEFRA induced stress and a thwarted bid for freedom by a bull in the Grand Parade my first Alresford Show as Livestock Chairman had passed by without major incident. Cattle numbers were up slightly on 2022 and sheep numbers were as healthy as ever. Some sheep classes may need splitting in future. It was remarked to me that if the rare breed ewe lamb class attracts 26 entries, then perhaps the breeds aren't that rare after all! The goat tent ran smoothly as normal and Dave the pig man was happier after the pig pen pins were located hiding at the bottom of a wheelie bin by the toilets. Everything was made easier by the wonderful weather- roll on the Show in 2024.

On farm we have been busy selling finished lambs which have been growing well on the herbal leys over August and September. We also sold a couple of hundred forward store lambs at Wilton Sheep Fair. I quite often sell the lambs in the 35-38kg weight category as stores at this time of year. These lambs often don't quite finish off grass as the sward quality declines in Autumn but if they were kept for the turnips post-Christmas, they would often turn into the very large hoggets for which there is sometimes only a limited market. Any smaller lambs I keep to graze the forage crops. Wilton Fair, held on a grass field north of Salisbury is a good social event as well a place to view and market stock. I couldn't quite stop lifting an eyebrow at times round the ring, so the lorry was filled back up with breeding ewes for the return journey. These have now been vaccinated against footrot and enzootic abortion in preparation for the rams going in around the 15<sup>th</sup> October. The footrot vaccine is new vaccine for us, with the aim of reducing lameness in the flock. Lameness is such a drain on time and resources that even if we can reduce it by 50% the vaccine will have been well worth it.

Just a reminder the Basingstoke and District Annual Ploughing Match is at Upper Farm, Bradley, SO24 9SA in the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Please do go down and support those ploughing. There are trade stands, catering outlets and home produce as well as modern and vintage machinery.



## Save our Chalk Streams

Here in Hampshire, we have some of nature's greatest gems in the form of our local chalk streams. If you love exploring the outdoors, you've probably been treated to the idyllic scene they offer lush green plants drifting in crystal clear water, the serenity broken only by the resident wildlife. Iconic species like the mayfly, kingfisher, and water vole all call these places home.

Chalk streams appear commonplace due to their prevalence in our region, but in reality, we're very lucky – only 210 exist worldwide, and 85% of those are in England. The reason for their rarity is also the source of their special qualities: fed by an underground chalk aquifer, their water is unusually cool, clear, and oxygenated. This makes them wonderful havens for nature.

Sadly, all is not well with these remarkable habitats. Many are failing their ecological health tests, and every single one is in the worst category for chemical standards. The causes are numerous, with over-abstraction and sewage pollution among them. What's more, the government's target for returning the streams to good health is now decades away, in 2063.

When it comes to tackling these issues, legal designations like Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or Special Area of Conservation (SAC) can be somewhat helpful. Yet only a small number of England's chalk streams have such protections, and the existing framework is too narrow to fully address the impact of pressures like housebuilding and agriculture.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has now launched a campaign to raise awareness about this pressing problem. 'Save our Chalk Streams' proposes bespoke legal protections for all chalk streams and greater investment into restoration projects, reduced abstraction, upgraded sewage treatment works, and an expanded system of monitoring and enforcement.

You can play a crucial role in the campaign by completing an e-action that asks your MP to push for change. Our chalk streams can't wait 40 years to be healthy, and we need your help – visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/rivers](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/rivers). You can also support chalk stream conservation through the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme – visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes).

Free Online Talk – 'Habitat Management in Chalk Stream Fisheries'  
10<sup>th</sup> October, 7-8pm

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## WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down  
in August 2023

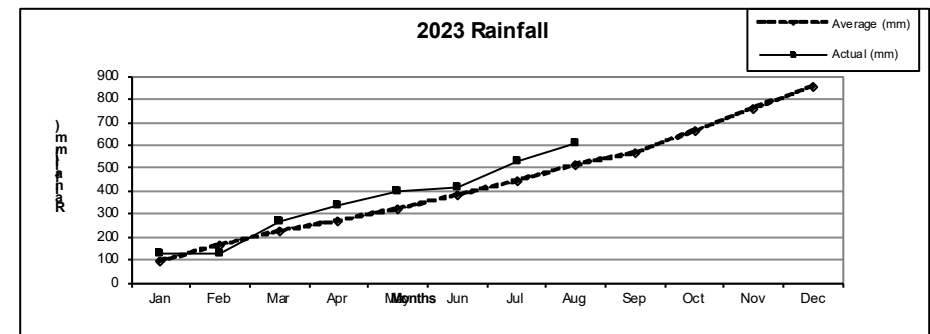
### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

Highest	25.5/78	(23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Lowest	6.6/44	(27 <sup>th</sup> )
Warmest Night	15.4/60	(19 <sup>th</sup> )
Coollest Day	17.2/63	(31 <sup>st</sup> )
Average maximum temperature	21.2/70	
Average minimum temperature	10.9/52	

### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	77.9/3.07	(average 65.6/2.58)
Annual total	605.9/23.85	(average 513.2/20.20)
Maximum 24hr. rainfall	23.9/0.94	(5 <sup>th</sup> )
Number of days with rain	17	

**Summary** August was a rather mixed and unsettled month, continuing the theme of July. The first named storm of the season, Storm Antoni, brought breezy conditions with continuous rain then heavy showers and almost an inch of rain on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The unsettled theme continued before sunnier and dry weather in the middle of the second and start of the third week. Then Storm Betty arrived on the 18<sup>th</sup>, with lighter winds but a similar amount of rain to the first. It was then brighter and dry with the warmest day at 78°F on the 23<sup>rd</sup> before the unsettled weather returned. Overall, the temperature for the month was below average but the summer was warmer than normal, due to the exceptionally warm June. Rainfall was almost a fifth above the long-term average and the seasonal figure was also higher, mainly due to the very wet July.





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## YAC-tastic!!



**If there was one word to sum up this year's YAC dig, it was YAC-tastic.**

**Not a real word? Watch this space!**

Invited back for another season, the Basingstoke Young Archaeologists' (YAC), eagerly put trowel to earth in search of evidence of a bygone age, as they worked alongside Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society (BAHS). This year, we were given our own trench (Trench S), and it yielded some very interesting finds.



Situated possibly just outside the walls of a proposed structure, our task was to see what evidence we could find of habitation. After what

seemed ages, we began to come down onto evidence of a domestic building, as we unearthed pottery fragments (some fitted together), Oyster shell (proof of what was being eaten) and even hob nails – from the bottom of someone's shoe! One eagle-eyed YACster, on her first dig with us, spotted some





## Candover Valley Gardening Club

In August, members visited Old Thatch, near Hook. For our last garden visit of the season we were treated to a tour of Jill Ede's delightful garden and a wonderful supper. This large quiet garden is in an idyllic setting and runs alongside the Basingstoke Canal. There were abundant perennials, annuals and shrubs and we had the chance to meet Jill's three donkeys who were only too pleased to welcome us. We were also amazed at the wonderful collection of dahlias looking stunning and all grown in pots!

In September at we are back for our indoor meetings and start with a visit from Ben Cross from Crosslands Flower Nursery who is a fourth generation Alstroemerias grower.

In October we will welcome Marina Christopher whose talk will be about 'seedheads and skeletons'. This will include plants that look good in the autumn and winter months providing homes for insects, birds and small mammals as well as aesthetic value for the gardener.

Our indoor meetings are held at 7.30 at Preston Candover village hall on the third Thursday of the month. 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**

## Farleigh Parish Playgroup



### Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

#### Friday Mornings 11am-12noon Term Time

Welcome Back! 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (Macmillan Coffee & Cake morning) September and

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (closed 27<sup>th</sup> for half term) October

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups.

A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us for a fun and happy time.

Cost: £2 donation per family

Contact:

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What a great day out at the Alresford show again this year! Congratulations to everyone involved And thanks to everyone running fetes and shows across the area. Having had my knee replaced over the summer, getting to your fetes proved difficult this year, but I'm looking forward to getting out and about again this month.

**Neighbourhood Watch** is using a new acronym: when considering the security of your home. **WIDE(N)**. **W**indows, **I**nterior, **D**oors, **E**xterior, (**N**eighbours: keep an eye out for your neighbours). 'Making a Better Place to Live' has sprung out of Neighbourhood Watch. I hope you get chance to look it up online and feel inspired! If any community wants to set up a group, advice is available, and I can provide an HCC councillor grant to cover initial expenses. Most important, beware fraud and cybercrime too. Don't forget to be wary of potential scam emails/texts and phone calls., especially from companies that seem so credible.

**The Cart and Horses design consultation** closed in September, but if you missed it, or want to know more, please contact me direct. As before, if you have a 'near miss' or a minor accident which doesn't need police attendance, please contact me too, so I can request to see the CCTV. Two residents contacted me last month. Both showed drivers driving straight across, paying no apparent heed to traffic on the A33.

**Queries regarding school transport.** Unfortunately, the school term started without parents or school having any idea if buses had been booked to take children to school, nor did the bus passes arrive on time.

I have taken up the matter with HCC. I am working with everyone who has sought help, but if you are still struggling with County transport, please let me know.

**I know that many of you want traffic to go more slowly, but are unsure how 20mph could work if the Police do not enforce it.** HCC set up a 20 mph Task & Finish Working Group in 2021. They reported 9500 responses to the 20mph consultation in early 2023, but a report is not expected until the end of 2023. The current policy restricts new 20 mph zones to address casualty reduction.

**Southern Water sewage seems to have dominated the summer:** in rivers, water, and in our own communities. I am dealing with several different problems relating to sewage in different roads and households, but if you are struggling for your complaint to be heard, you may wish to go straight to the Consumer Council for Water at [www.ccwater.org.uk](http://www.ccwater.org.uk) to register the failure.




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**Highways** are making progress with filling potholes, but cars are still being damaged. I receive so many complaints about this, so I put a formal question to the County Council. You can see replies to all of the councillor questions by going to [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) and search 'meetings calendar.' The County Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September will be live on the day, and the recording available by early October

**You may be aware that HCC's Adult Social Care Homes are being rethought.** There is a consultation until 11.59pm on the 12 November which asks your views on new units, closures and rearrangement of higher dependency beds across Hampshire I urge you to take part in this consultation. It includes provision of a new unit at the Cornerways site in Kings Worthy.

The easiest way to reach the relevant pages is to search 'Consultation' on [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) or go to [www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/social-care-2023](http://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/social-care-2023)



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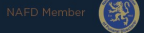


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## Save your Village Hall

On behalf of the Wield Village Hall Committee, we are calling all troops! We are currently experiencing huge pressure on the village hall coffers as we have to replace the roof as well as other necessary works on the windows, insulation etc. which are significantly more than expected. While we have managed to secure some grants which is fantastic (huge thanks to Jonathan for all his hard work on that), we desperately need people to support the village hall by using it. We are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing space and I'm sure we would all like to see it continue in good health for the use of all for many years to come. There are so many ways you can help support the hall:

- **Hire it!** Wielders get a village rate so take advantage! Contact [wieldvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:wieldvillagehall@gmail.com).
- **Join our social committee** – the first meeting is on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the village hall. Anyone over the age of 16 welcome. We plan to organise events throughout the year to bring people together and make use of the village hall. We have some amazing people in the village who always step up to organise things and we'd like to share the load and expand our offerings so please come and join us. Ideas welcome!
- **Support village events organised by the committee!**
- **Donate** – the Village Hall is a registered charity and we appreciate anyone who can support us to make the current necessary refurbishments – any amount welcome!

If you have any questions or would like to divulge any pearls of wisdom on how we can raise these funds or bring our community together more often, please contact

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## **A glorious evening in the vineyard overlooking the Candover Valley to celebrate a new partnership between Candover Brook and The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.**

A new partnership between the award-winning, English sparkling wine Candover Brook and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) was cemented last night at a 'Candover Brook & Canapés' evening in the vineyard celebrating the area's famous chalk streams and the little-known, endangered resident: the white-clawed crayfish.

This joint event was attended by local landowners, HIWWT trustees, donors and those passionate about Hampshire's rivers and chalk streams. Mark & Julian Sainsbury, founders of Candover Brook and Debbie Tann, Chief Executive and Dr Ben Rusbrook from HIWWT were also in attendance.

With only around 200 chalk streams left in the world and most situated in southern England, their preservation and the protection of the crayfish is a key concern. Both stream and crayfish are recognized in the design of Candover Brook's wine label. The white-clawed crayfish is the UK's only native species of crayfish, but due to a dramatic decline, it is now an internationally endangered species. It is believed that up to 95% of the UK population has been lost. The North American signal crayfish and the disease 'crayfish plague' that they carry is the single biggest cause of this decline.

However, there is hope. In 2022, conservationists from the Trust discovered a cluster of the rare crayfish at Winnall Moors Nature Reserve. This was a remarkable discovery as it was believed the species had vanished from the area after a plague wiped out the local populations 30 years ago. And to further boost the wild populations, last year the Trust, working with Bristol Zoological Society, released 200 white-clawed crayfish into a safe section of the River Itchen's upper reaches. The Trust has also implemented a white-clawed crayfish project which involves creating innovative arcs, in river headwaters, lakes and ponds, which are able to support healthy, self-sustaining populations of crayfish.

Mark Sainsbury said: "For us, this is an exciting and important partnership as we care deeply about our place in this beautiful landscape. Our wine is named after the chalk stream running through the valley so the wonderful work HIWWT are doing to preserve this precious habitat and protect our emblem, the white-clawed crayfish, is incredibly important to us. We're delighted to be playing our part in supporting them in their conservation efforts". Candover Brook has pledged 50p for every bottle sold via the website or within a 15-mile radius of the vineyard to support the project set up by HIWWT to preserve the white-clawed crayfish.

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Parliament's annual summer recess allows for many things. Importantly, it's a chance to reflect and recharge and, for those of us with school-age children, to take a break. We were in South Devon as always enjoying the water and the sand – and the food.

For me, it's also a chance to crank up my **Summer Tour** which involves a series of pop-up surgeries in many different parts of my vast constituency. This year we've been in Kings Worthy, Itchen Abbas, Winchester, Sutton Scotney and even Tesco at Winnall. Thanks to everyone who stopped – dodging the showers – to speak with me.

I also took the opportunity, as usual, to welcome some senior Government Ministers to Winchester and this year was no exception. Meon Valley MP, Flick Drummond, and I took the Environment Secretary – Therese Coffey – to **Jude's Ices** in Twyford to meet the team at their offices on the Hazeley Business Park.

Topics for discussion included emerging plant-based recipes, access to overseas markets and allergens as well as current regulations impacting the sector. We also took a brief tour of the facility including the factory where products are made and shipped all over the world. I've known the family behind Jude's for many years and what they've achieved is nothing short of remarkable. They're a real local success story and through sheer hard work are now a brand known – and loved – by people in many different countries. They also sell to the Houses of Parliament and have a successful range of dog ice cream which my Labrador, Monty, was only too keen to try!

As we return to the House of Commons this Autumn, we are wrapping up the current session of Parliament ahead of the **first King's** Speech on 7 November from King Charles III. It will most likely be the last session of Parliament before the next General Election so will be watched more keenly than ever. We expect a raft of new Bills including something on reform of the Mental Health Act which is long overdue and something the Health Select Committee – which I chair – will be looking at of course.

Other work ahead on my agenda will include a lot of work post-Letby on patient safety and how we as a committee can support the (happily now judge-led statutory) public inquiry that will look at her awful crimes at the Countess of Chester Hospital. I anticipate we will also look at the whole issue of whistleblowing in the NHS and, very much connected to that, leadership in the health service. What I think we must avoid is an 'us and them' situation between clinicians and managers because that would be a backward step and a good, SAFE, NHS Trust is one where they function as ONE team.

Further to that, we will conclude our work on **assisted dying / assisted suicide**, continue our major inquiry into the **prevention of ill health** and get cracking on a new piece of work we're doing on **men's health** – physical and mental. It's a subject little talked about in Parliament, and I intend to change that.

The vineyard was planted by the late Lord John Sainsbury and his sons, Mark and Julian, on a gentle south-facing slope in the Candover Valley in 2012 and the first wines were released only last year. Both the Brut and the Rosé have achieved high acclaim scooping a raft of national and international awards including the International Wine Challenge's Best English Sparkling Wine (Classic Blend) and Wine GB's Best Regional Producer (Wessex) and Best Newcomer as well as a Gold from Decanter.

Mark Sainsbury added: "as a young brand we are delighted with our recent award success and excited about what the future holds. At Candover Brook we live by our values and our partnership with the HIWWT is the perfect expression of how important the surrounding landscape and its ecology is to us".

Debbie said: "The Trust is absolutely delighted to be working in partnership with Candover Valley Wines who are generously supporting our work to conserve the endangered white-clawed crayfish, now found in just a few of our precious chalk streams. Partnerships like this are crucial to the work of the Trust.

"We have ambitious goals to put nature into recovery, creating more space for wildlife to thrive so it can recover from decades of decline. But we are a charity and have limited resources. So, we rely on the support of corporate partnerships, individuals, charitable trusts and the wider community to support this vital work.

"I would like to thank the team at Candover Valley Wines who are not only helping to support the Trust but are also making huge strides on their own estate to farm regeneratively and bring nature back."

### The Vineyard on 7th September





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- EVENT 2: Evening concert at 7 pm

Lullaby - Sonic Cradle is an immersive music performance for family audiences and adults alike. Step into a magical musical world, fusing evocative Indian melodies with luscious soundscapes and vibrant textures. Drift away as you are taken to a place of wonder and imagination. All ages are welcome to attend the family concert at 3 pm, including babies and toddlers.

£10 adults; £5 under 18s; NB pre-school children free for family concert. Book your tickets via Eventbrite (see below)

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