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**Church and Community News**  
*Of*

**The Candover Valley and Wield**

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## Rota for Services

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

The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

### **Readings for Harvest Thanksgiving only:**

*Deuteronomy 26: 1-11, Philippians 4:4-9*

*John 6:25-35 Psalm 100*

#### **Sunday 4 September**

08.00 Ellisfield  
09.30 Wield  
09.45 Cliddesden  
10.00 Preston Candover  
11.00 Northington

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion BCP  
Matins BCP  
Morning Prayer  
Morning Worship CW  
Family Harvest Thanksgiving  
with Holy Communion CW

11.15 Dummer  
*Readings* *Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33*  
*Psalm 139*

*Sermon* *What will it cost?*

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## Sunday 11 September

08.00 Dummer Holy Communion BCP  
09.45 Ellisfield Morning Prayer  
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship CW  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Communion CW  
4.00pm Brown Candover Family Harvest Thanksgiving +  
Harvest Tea  
6.00pm Wield Evensong BCP  
*Readings Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, 1 Timothy 1:12-17,  
Luke 15: 1-10 Psalm 14*  
*Sermon Everyone counts*

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## Sunday 18 September

09.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP  
09.45 Dummer Family Harvest Thanksgiving  
10.00 Preston Candover Family Harvest Thanksgiving +  
Brunch  
11.15 Cliddesden Family Harvest Thanksgiving  
*Readings Jeremiah 8:18- 9:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13  
Psalm 79*  
*Sermon Serving two masters?*

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## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

6.00pm Cliddesden Holy Communion BCP

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## Sunday 25 September

09.45 Dummer Holy Communion CW  
11.00 Brown Candover Morning Prayer + Baptism  
11.15 Ellisfield Family Harvest Thanksgiving

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4.00pm

Bradley

Family Harvest Thanksgiving  
+ Tea

*Readings*

*Jeremiah 32:1-3, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-end  
Psalm 91*

*Sermon*

*Uncrossable chasm*

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## Sunday 2 October

08.00

Ellisfield

Holy Communion BCP

09.30

Wield

Family Harvest Thanksgiving

09.45

Cliddesden

Morning Prayer

10.00

Preston Candover

Morning Worship CW

11.15

Dummer

Family Service + Baptisms

11.00

Northington

Morning Prayer

*Readings*

*Lamentations 1:1-6, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10  
Psalm 137*

*Sermon*

*“Doing our duty”*

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## Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	4 Sept 11.00am	Yvonne White	Yvonne White
	2 Oct 11.00am	Jane Bryant	Jane Bryant
St Peter's Brown Candover	11 Sept 4.00pm	Celia Foote	Rhys Smith
	25 Sept 11.00am	Sue Marriott	To be advised
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	4 Sept 10.00am	Marina Avis	Marina Avis
	11 Sept 11.00am	Gunnel Berry	Jane Laws & Gunnel Berry
	18 Sept 11.00am	Anne Luneburg	To be advised
	2 Oct 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Anne Luneburg
All Saints Bradley	25 Sept 4.00pm	Andre Don	Andrew Don & Robyn Gibbons
St James' Wield	4 Sept 9.30am	Brian Collins	Joanna Nelson & Mark Kemp Gee
	11 Sept 6.00pm	Robert Grande	David Cowley & Eileen Collins
	18 Sept 9.00am	John Lailey	Philip Geddes & Catherine Simons
	2 Oct 9.30am	Alwin Hutchinson	Ben Robinson & Barbara Wells



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## Dear Friends

We live in hope! Looking out on the parched grass and wilting plants I'm longing for a decent rainfall to irrigate the dry garden and allotment. Of course by the time this article goes out we might have enjoyed some torrential rain which is why we live in hope because it will rain again! Experience tells us that the clouds will one day bring the rain we need and water levels in reservoirs will rise again.

But sitting out this dry hot weather is not easy and we long for cool nights to sleep better, and the rainfall to satisfy the thirsty land.

In Psalm 63 King David wrote, while living in the desert, of how our longing for water is akin to another thirst, that of God. "O God... my soul thirsts for you... in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water." We turn on a tap for our water and many around the world go to a well or bore hole but how might we 'source God' to satisfy our longings for him? King David explained that he finds God satisfying his soul like the tastiest of foods, celebrating, actually revelling, in his loving kindness, goodness, mercy, his help, his character and in the praise and worship of the perfect God he finds his thirst is satisfied.

Jesus told the crowds of his hearers that he is the 'water of life' whoever drinks of him shall be satisfied. This is an amazing claim that the God who satisfied the early worshippers of King David's time is known through Jesus Christ who satisfies the thirsty who come to him with an invitation to anyone who thirsts to come to him. (John ch7 verse37)

This water is only a prayer of faith and trust away. When the longing heart seeks God he promises to give the water of life and his peace and forgiveness. The 'tap handle' turns with our honest acknowledgment of our need for God, to praise and worship, to listen to, to receive of his presence and goodness and forgiveness of our sins.

Other 'waters' are available but won't do the above, pleasure, education, wealth and status will not meet our needs of God who specialises in water for the soul with all its needs.

You are always welcome to join us in our churches as we worship the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who promises water to all who ask. We worship because we have found 'water' and even when thirsty we live in hope of God who is faithful.

Blessings  
David

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Drinks and nibbles will be served on Saturday 17th September, between 12.00md and 2.00pm.

Plans are afoot for further events, please keep an eye open for posters on the notice board, and on social media, for details when available.

Come and join us celebrating 100 years of the village hall, run by the community for the community.

**Harvest Festival at St. Peters, Brown Candover**

Harvest Festival at St Peters will take place at 4pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September followed by tea in the Brown and Chilton Candover Club.

All Harvest gifts which the congregation might like to donate, tins and packets, will be given to the New Alresford Basics Bank.

**Family Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's Preston Candover**

This will take place on Sunday 18th September at 10.00am. Fresh produce brought to decorate the church will be auctioned after the service in aid of Basingstoke Food Bank.

Please also bring donations for the food bank, the latest list of items they are short of will be on the notice board and in the Community Store.

After the service you are invited to stay and enjoy brunch in the churchyard, weather permitting.

We hope to see you there, everyone is welcome.



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St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Flowers	Harvest Flowers	Help needed, please, 10 September
	Key Holders	September	Edwina Curtis Hayward
		October	Jonathan Moseley
All Saints Church Bradley	Flowers and cleaning	September October	Gibbons Family Yvonne Burnett
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## To Everyone

It is with very deep sadness, but absolutely no regret that I have resigned from Preston Candover CofE Primary School after 44 years of working there as a teacher. It is a very sad way to end my long career and my service to the community. I joined the school in 1978, and oh my, we had some wonderful times. I also married and came to live just outside of Preston Candover in the same year.

However, I have not been happy at the school for several years. Having to join a supply company in order to be offered work in my own school, when I agreed to go to one teaching day a week, only served to compound my unhappiness at Preston Candover, as I visited and taught in many other lovely, happy, welcoming schools.

I have NOT retired, I resigned as I needed to, for my own wellbeing, and because my trust and faith in the leadership of the school have been irretrievably broken.

I did not give my life to the school as I was paid for my role. Nevertheless, I did everything to the best of my ability, with dedication and love.

I have a great fondness for the many children whom I have taught over the years and have enjoyed watching lots of you grow into adults and, in some cases, allow me the opportunity to teach your children. I have worked with some fantastic people over time but have been greatly saddened, in more recent years, by the number of colleagues leaving the school. In fact, this term I left with two other teachers and two members of the support team.

I have a strong faith and loved leading and coordinating Collective Worship within the school and with the church. I continue to hope that links with the church and especially our Rector David will be maintained and repaired, Respectively; Preston Candover is a Church of England School.

I still sincerely maintain that if the children at Preston Candover are expected to live out the Christian values of Love, Hope and Justice, these values must be embedded in the hearts and minds of all adults in the school. They should be naturally practised, as an example, from the top, cascading down through everyone and all relationships within the school.

With love, all good wishes, and thanks to so many of you for your friendliness over the years,  
Marina (Avis)



## From conversation in a cave with the Taliban to a column in The Times.

A short piece following on from conversations about August's Dear Friends.

**Dr Amy Orr-Ewing** was an Oxford undergraduate, when she and some friends and a bag full of courage, took Bibles as gifts to Taliban leaders. She was led at the point of an AK 47 into a cave of Taliban fighters but it all ended well as the fighters took a bible and a good conversation was had!

Thirty years on Amy, based in Berkshire, lives out mission today explaining and reasoning the Christian Faith. She is an engaging speaker and a readable author with many books published.

In my August 'Dear Friends' letter I mentioned the article Amy wrote for **The Times newspaper (June 2022)** where she described her experience of supporting victims of abuse as they gave evidence in court. The victims had courage to speak up.

Afterwards, grateful for the calm of a nearby cathedral service she was struck afresh hearing the words "He will cast the mighty down from their seat..." There are so many mighty in our world and we know many use their might wrongfully causing harm to others. Whether on the world stage as politicians or nearer to home there are people with positional power, who abuse and bully people in the organisation. Those bullied cannot do anything except to endure abuse and suffer consequent fear and deep anxiety, this is compounded when those in charge won't take allegations of abuse seriously.

From personal experience, Amy wrote about an abuser's typical reaction when called to account. The acronym **DARVO** stands for Deny Accuse Reverse Victim and Offender. Denial of abuse is usually the first response with emphatic denials of what the victim alleges is true. Then follows on a counter accusation to portray the victim as the abuser and the bully as the victim. This is so common in cases of alleged harassment and bullying cases that it has been recognised in academic study by Professor Freyd who includes it as part of her work on Institutional Betrayal. (All found on Google).

In **Institutional Betrayal** the victim is betrayed by those who should deal with the abuser (trustees, or co-leaders) but fail to investigate. Often after long delays in investigating the abuse allegations, the victim is forced into leaving their organisation in which abuse has taken place compounding the injustice they have experienced. This leaves the abused person with their integrity under suspicion, suffering from enormous anxiety, sleep loss and mental health issues. It is clearly very debilitating and I have heard dreadful stories of those who have suffered in this way. The abuser gets away with their abuse because responsible persons refuse to listen to allegations or are afraid themselves to conduct a proper investigation since an investigation makes a call on their courage. The soft target here is the victim, the balance of power is not on their side.

Dr Diane Langberg writes, "It is very important for all of us to remember that telling an abuse story, facing the truth, and expressing the deep and painful emotions that keep company with trauma takes tremendous courage." Enormous courage is required and also resilience, to endure the process of putting their case against an abuser who is unlikely to be truthful, may bring reprisals and make the organisation an untenable place to be.

It is an act of 'love for our neighbour' to speak up for victims, to hear their allegations, and to support them to find justice- this takes courage rather than standing aside. Those who do stand up for a victim and courageously take up the issues, may also receive the same unfair treatment and suffer too. But in doing so we give hope, the alternative is to collude with oppression leaving the victims to suffer in isolation. Amy heard words of scripture when she stood alongside victims that gave her hope, may I commend Psalm 37 to you.



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Your project must be based around at least one of the above streams, and must support one of two aims. It could improve the condition of locally important chalk stream habitats, or their associated built heritage. It could also enable people to explore, enjoy and learn about the streams' natural and cultural heritage. The proposed activities should be accessible to, or beneficial for, the wider public.

We'd love to hear from passionate groups of people with the drive to bring their vision to life. You might be part of a parish council, a school, a registered charity, or a Community Interest Company. Voluntary and community groups are also welcome, provided you're constituted and have your own bank account. If successful, you'll receive up to £5,000 in funding and have one year to complete your activities.

The projects funded so far have been varied. New Alresford Town Trust created information materials that capture the unique story of the town's Eel House. Hampshire Bat Group installed 35 roosting boxes to support the bats that thrive along our chalk streams. Andover Trees United connected communities with the Upper Anton through artist-led walks and musical performances. Finally, the Watercress Way Charity are currently developing a programme of educational events focused on the River Arle.

The deadline for the next round of funding is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, but we recommend expressing your interest as soon as possible. You can find more information, including details of eligibility criteria, on the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website: [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/communitygrants](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/communitygrants). You can also contact us at [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk) – we're happy to answer any questions!

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

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### Mask wearing

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Thank you for your understanding.

### Flu vaccines and COVID Boosters Autumn/ Winter 2022

We are preparing now for the delivery of 2 mass vaccination programmes that will commence in September/October 2022 (Seasonal influenza and the COVID autumn booster).

### Seasonal influenza vaccination eligibility

- Those aged 50 years and over
- Those aged 5 years to under 49 years in clinical risk groups
- All children aged 2 to 13 on 31 August 2021 (i.e. up to school Year 9)
- Pregnant women
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals aged 5+
- Frontline healthcare workers, social care workers and care home workers

For more information visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

### COVID-19 Autumn Booster vaccination eligibility

- Those aged 50 years and over
- Those aged 5 years to under 49 years in clinical risk groups
- Pregnant women
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
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**or**

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**07740 871341 - [bryantjane50@gmail.com](mailto:bryantjane50@gmail.com)**

**Rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 7.45**



## Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

I was just popping out to top up our birdbath early one bone dry and very warm summer's morning and was delighted to find a frog – a full-sized adult, ochre brown – calmly sitting, soaking in this shallow pool. He was having a cool dip before hopping off into the parched undergrowth. The birdbath is a large flat terracotta tray placed in a shady spot on the dried out lawn, popular with birds to wash and to drink when there is little moisture, apart from windfall apples and the last of the plums. Bees also line up around the damp rim to sip.

Unexpected finds may be literally on the doorstep – especially when moth wings begin to appear on our front porch in mid-July. Odds and ends of silver-Y moths, these are the remnants of a bat's dinner, dining alfresco, perched on top of an old Dutch barometer. It seems that generations of brown long-eared bats have foraged here for the previous twenty years or so, using the barometer as a convenient feeding post.

Leaving the roadside verges to romp away unmown in May and June yields many benefits botanical. Amid the swaying stands of ripening grasses, the purple heads of knapweeds, plus blue pincushions of scabious, meet the eye. Pinky-purple splashes reveal another treasure of these strips of chalk grassland – the cones and domes of the pyramidal orchids. Along the lane from my home, one or two of these orchids are often to be found on the verge but with a change in mowing regime, they've been left to flower and set seed, steadily increasing in numbers until this year we counted a record thirteen of these colourful troopers.

Clumps of dark mullein with their yellow flower spikes are a familiar feature of wayside verges. In late July, those on Kites Hill at Totford in particular, are being munched by large caterpillars with distinctive yellow and black markings. Pale green bands separating each body segment identify those of the striped lychnis moth, a nationally scarce species found here in the Candovers.

Robert Bryant  
1 August 2022

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## WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in July 2022

### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

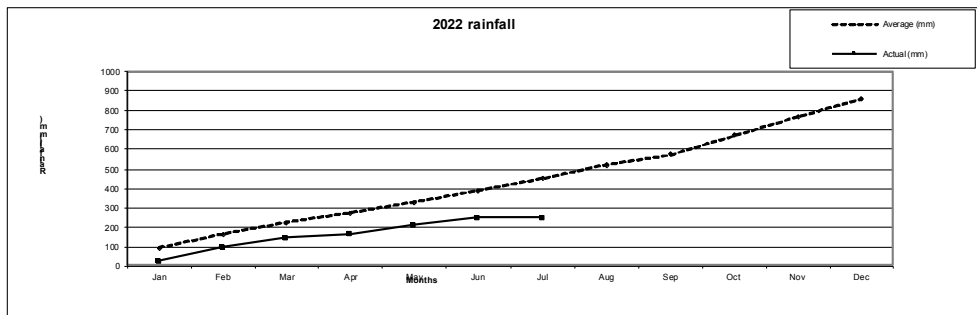
Highest	34.9/95	(19 <sup>th</sup> )
Lowest	4.8/41	(5 <sup>th</sup> )
Warmest Night	19.5/67	(19 <sup>th</sup> )
Coollest Day	19.3/67	(1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Average maximum temperature	25.0/77	
Average minimum temperature	11.5/52	

### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	0.5/0.02	(average 62.4/2.46)
Annual total	246.2/9.69	(average 443.9/17.48)
Maximum 24hr. fall	0.3/0.021	(21 <sup>st</sup> )
Number of days with rain	2	

### Summary

After a cool start with sunny spells and a few passing light showers, July was predominantly fine and sunny. High pressure dominated for much of the month and daytime temperatures increased steadily for two and a half weeks, culminating in 95°F on the 19<sup>th</sup>. It was also the warmest night in over two decades at 67°F on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a 19°F drop the following day as temperatures returned more to the seasonal norm and overall, the temperature for July was above average. The first measurable rain fell on the 21<sup>st</sup> but only 0.01 inches. The sunny weather continued to the end of the month with the occasional light shower. At 0.02 inches and 0.8% of the normal rainfall, it was the driest month recorded and the lowest year to date total with just 55% of the long term average.



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## Cllr Jackie Porter

### County Corner - March 2022

County Councillor for the Itchen Valley

Division **Jackie Porter,**

[Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk), text 07973 696 085



I hope you have enjoyed the summer months despite the very hot weather. The imposition of water restrictions by Southern Water bring worries about the security of our water supply to the fore. RAPID is the Regulators' Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development. As part of this programme, Southern Water is developing a scheme to supplement the aquifer water they already extract for our use. You can see more online at [www.southernwater.co.uk](http://www.southernwater.co.uk), search 'Water for life'. Southern Water is proposing to treat our wastewater as usual, but instead of pumping the treated sewage out to sea as it does now, it will be added to the reservoir at Havant Thicket, and that water will be returned to Otterbourne to be cleaned again and processed for drinking water. Southern Water is seeking views on the principles of this from the public this summer- and I'd be interested to hear your views too.

Every year a National Highways Transport Survey is carried out to assess the public view of highways across the country. You often make your views known to me- this is your chance to take part!

Go to [www.hants.gov.uk/transport/nht-surveys](http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/nht-surveys) And please give your views on 20mph limits too: go to [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk), search '20mph' deadline 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Winchester was one of the first cities to sign up to 'Mayors for Peace' and held the first event on 9 August. Now over 8000 Mayors across the world share a commemoration of the dreadful effects of atomic bombs dropped in Japan on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August. This year a small Ukrainian choir sang of their hope for peace too. It was a moving event. It is a point in the year which reminds us all that those nuclear bombs must be the last. Mayor Derek Green is here joined by the first Mayor for Peace, Eleanor Bell and representatives from Rotary, and the University of Winchester. Read more on [www.mayorsforpeace.org](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org)

The County Council is the planning authority for waste management where the waste is industrial, not rural and although recycling is vital, the inevitable transport issues make recycling *sites* a challenge. Experience of several applications in my division shows me that we all want to recycle, but not near our homes. These sites are often large, and although business rates make it cheaper to work from rural sites, we must find economic ways for these much needed businesses to be sited on business parks and industrial estates; not in our countryside. Let me know what you think too. Thank you

Cllr Jackie Porter, text/tel: 07973 696 085, more detail on these links on [www.jackieporter.co.uk](http://www.jackieporter.co.uk)

# Candover Valley Club

The Candover Valley Club is located in a beautiful spot next to the church and fronted by the cricket pitch in the middle of the quiet village of Brown Candover. We are conveniently situated on the B3046 between Alresford and Basingstoke.

Both the clubroom and the back hall have recently been renovated and have never looked so inviting. Club night is Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm if you fancy a drink, a game of darts or pool and a chat with the locals. Food is also served between 7pm and 9pm.

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## Police Report

At the end of July Police were notified of a break in to a shed of an address in Preston Candover. Thieves gained access by ripping off a padlock using a jimmy type implement.

Two cycles have been stolen from within along with STIHL power tools.

Description: Black racing bike, medium frame with the words "Specialised" written in red on the down tube. Men's medium sized racing bike worth £2,000.00.

White Specialised racing white with Roubaix written across the top frame, men's medium sized racing bike worth £2,000.00

Anyone who has information which could help the Police in retrieving these items please contact PCSO Andy Jones and refer to crime ref 44220298504

Police are seeing a higher spec of cars being used by criminals in the area. If anyone does see a vehicle that they suspect could be deemed suspicious, again please feel free to pass onto your local Police contact.

PCSO 13301 Andy Jones

## Wield Cricket Club Fixtures - September

Junior coaching is held on the Lower Wield ground every Wednesday  
From 6.00 – 7.00pm during the summer term

<b>4 September</b>	<b>Wessex Pilgrims</b>	<b>13.30</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>11 September</b>	<b>Rioteers</b>	<b>13.30</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>18 September</b>	<b>Ramsdell</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>25 September</b>	<b>Lynchmere</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Home</b>

If you are interested in playing a senior game, please contact:

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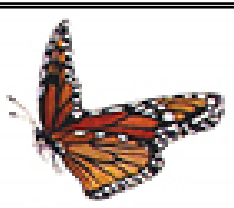
During August we have been planning our celebration for the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with a summer lunch party at Avington Lodge. The intense heatwave has meant vigilant watering of the crab apple tree we planted to mark the Platinum Jubilee. It is surviving and fruiting so thanks to all who have helped carry the cans.

We have received thanks from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance charity for the parcel of used stamps we sent.

Please continue to collect your stamps and cut them with a centimetre margin if possible.

September will open with the Alresford Show on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tichborne Park. The Alresford Group of WIs will be busy baking and ready to serve teas, coffees, and homemade biscuits and cakes.

It will be good to see the show return after the two year Covid break. The WI tent will be in a new position so do come and find us in our new location near to the horticultural tent.



## Candover Valley Gardening Club

For our July meeting our members enjoyed a wonderful evening wandering around together in the beautiful surroundings of a very stunning and well maintained garden in Preston Candover, nicely presented by the gardening team. It was lovely to socialise and relax with delicious refreshments at the end of another excellent visit.

On Thursday 15th September at 7:30pm we will be recommencing our indoor meetings. Our very popular speaker Marina Christopher, is a trained Botanist who runs a nursery in Medstead, grows plants for the Chelsea Flower Show and a garden writer, will be returning with a talk on "Propagation including taking cuttings, collecting seeds and success with sowing". She demonstrates with plant material rather than a power point presentation, which is very interesting to watch. As usual she will have many useful items for propagation, as well as plants, tools and sundries for sale. If you are keen to learn how to increase your plants for free please come along and join us. Guests are very welcome at £3:00 for the evening.

For more information on the Gardening Club please see our contact details as follows: Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook on our website at <http://candovervalley.org/2021/04candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>

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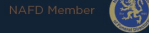


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## INTERNATIONAL CRICKET AT WIELD

Wield Cricket Club hosted a team from the Falkland Islands on 13<sup>th</sup> August. The match was the idea of Matt and Jaz at The Yew Tree as they had spent many happy years running a hotel in Port Stanley and had heard that the Falklands were sending a cricket team to play in the Commonwealth Games. This prompted David Cowley, who is Chairman of the tri Service Charity The Not Forgotten, to invite a group of Falkland veterans to attend to come to Wield to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the victory in the Falklands.

It was a perfect celebration day with sunshine, good cricket, an outstanding cricket tea which was laid on for the players and the veterans, and much reminiscing and banter between the veterans, some of whom had not seen each other for over thirty years. The Parachute Regiment veterans looked very smart in their blazers and berets and Wield can never have seen so many medals all in one place.

Along with the cricket and the famous tea another highlight of the day was the presentation of a cheque for £21,250 to The Not Forgotten by Rachel Webster, a veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, who ran ten miles for each Para who lost their lives in the Falklands War in a staggering marathon of 240 miles.

The day ended with wonderful Yew Tree celebration where more money was raised for Falkland veterans. A huge thank you from all the veterans and the spectators to Matt and Jaz and to Wield Cricket Club who gave all the visitors such a warm welcome.

Wield won the match but the result did not matter as much as the fun and friendship enjoyed by everyone on the day.

## Candover Valley Store

*community made*

### **A new term**

We wish all the pupils in our communities a happy return to their schools and colleges this month. As the youngest children embark on the adventure of first days at pre-school or “big” school, we will be at the ready, to soothe Mums and Dads with comforting post-goodbye cups of coffee and slices of cake!

### **POS system progress**

By the time you read this, the store’s new point-of-sale system should be up and running and management team members will be beginning to reap the benefits of its more sophisticated technology. Among the functions that will be made easier and quicker, will be monitoring stock levels, ordering, and creating shelf labels. We expect the new system to prove itself well worth the many hours of work required to prepare for and execute the switch.

### **Basingstoke Foodbank donations**

We are again inviting you to donate food and other items, via the store, to the Basingstoke Foodbank. A list of the goods that the foodbank needs will be posted in the store and these items may be purchased and left for a volunteer to take to the distribution centre. The foodbank is short of: UHT milk; powdered/dried milk; tinned fruit; savoury spread; long-life fruit juice; fruit squash; desserts/puddings; cooking sauces; size 3 and 6 nappies; household surface cleaner; men’s shaving gel; shampoo. Many people in our area are currently facing unprecedented financial challenges. Every single donation will be gratefully received and will undoubtedly make a real difference to those in need. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Preston Candover resident, Anne Luneberg, kindly acts as our link with the foodbank.

### **Community Projects Fund**

Are you a member of a local club or society? If you are and there is a project you would like to undertake but need a financial boost to achieve it, the store has a fund which may be able to help. The next application phase closes in January 2023, so there’s plenty of time to put your case together. Application forms are available from Jocelyn Rogerson (01256 389661) who will be happy to provide more information about the process.



## Candover Valley Pre-School (within Preston Candover Primary School)

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Email: [cvpadmin@btconnect.com](mailto:cvpadmin@btconnect.com)

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### Hello from CVP!

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer with your families and friends as much as is possible during these times.

We are so excited to be back for a new term. Our little ones have grown up so much over the Summer and we have been welcoming our new starter children. We have been reading the story Owl Babies, a wonderful story about the transition when Mummy has to leave us for a little while and it is hugely helpful in talking with the children coming back after a break or starting pre-school for the first time.

So much fun to be had playing with all the fantastic resources and activities that we have on offer. So many different sensory trays to choose from, painting, sand, water and of course mud play.

Our Forest Leaders are so excited to be back at the forest! Busy setting up ready for a new year full of fun with our children on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, exploring and learning about nature again.

### About CVP:

We are situated in the beautiful village of Preston Candover, only 5 miles from Basingstoke and Alresford. We are a long-term Ofsted OUTSTANDING setting providing children with exceptional care and learning.

If you are interested in coming to view the Pre-School, please contact us for a Socially Distanced Show Around. We are still also offering our usual Settling-In sessions and Garden Visits for parents to meet their child's Key Person, ensuring children feel confident and happy when they start with us. We also offer 15 and 30 hour funded places. You can find lots of photos and information via our website or our Google listing online.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon!

Best wishes,  
Lisa Collisson  
Pre-School Head



## On the Farm - Ben Robinson

It has thankfully just started raining after six weeks without any measurable rain. Even before the last rainfall on 1<sup>st</sup> July it was very dry.

The countryside has been a tinderbox, with many fires around the county and further afield. As the combine was cutting at the top of Chalky Hill, Medstead, a spark caused the straw to ignite and start a major blaze. Luckily the combine did not catch light. The quick actions of those working in the field and the massive help of our farming neighbours prevented the fire spreading further than the field it started in. At one stage it looked like both the nearby woodland and the next door vineyard could go up in flames too. As it was about 5 acres of standing crop and 15 acres of straw in the swath was destroyed.

If a fire starts in a field while it is being cut it is best to cultivate around the area ablaze to create a firebreak which removes the fuel from the path of the flames. This worked well on our fire, however the very hot temperatures, exceptionally dry straw and stiff breeze enabled the flames to periodically jump across firebreaks. These smaller fires that crossed the breaks had to be extinguished by farm water bowsers and also the excellent fire brigade. The local fire service had done quite a bit of practice at fighting field fires this season before they got to us! I would like to thank them for their efforts as well as our farming neighbours the Tickners, Grahams, Laileys and Gibbons for their quick actions without which the situation could have got seriously out of hand.

I am not too involved with the cereal harvest, however we do cart the straw back for use as winter cattle bedding. The straw this year has been incredibly dry and the baling hassle free. This means the absorbent quality should be good. The challenge is that very dry straw is shattered by a modern rotary combine which means that picking up the bales with our JCB attachment is quite difficult as the spikes don't grip in the bale as well.

There are many bale stacks in the area currently- however please don't be tempted to climb them or allow children in your care to scale them. They are not the small bale stacks of old. A modern 6 string straw bale can weigh approaching half a ton. Very few people survive to tell the tale of one of those landing on them.



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