

Chilbolton and Wherwell Community Magazine

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September 2023

The English summer has been a bit of a wash-out and with the days already noticeable shorter, it feels as if we've been somewhat done out this year. But with so much change going on in the world, from global warming to AI, not to mention the many ghastly conflicts, it's comforting so little has changed in the villages and to find so much going on by way of community activity, such as the Warm Hub, the U3A, a choice of films, the Gardening Club, Keep Fit, the History Group, even a projected Reading Group, to name but a few. Some might disagree, but it feels as if there is greater community spirit than ever.

Tessa Youell

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Church Matters
The Downs Benefice
The Reverend Jax Machin, Rector



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From the Church Records – July 2023

Service	Date	Name (s)
Chilbolton		
Wedding	15/7/23	Luke Johnson & Belinda Wilman
Wedding	22/7/23	Matt Barnett & Sam Page
Interment of Ashes	5/8/23	Frederick William-Smith
Wherwell		
Baptism	23/7/23	Pearl Rhys
Wedding	29/7/23	Samuel Brown & Johanna Walukiewicz

Dear Friends,

‘And remember that I am always with you until the end of time.’

(Matthew 28: 20)

Standing in the queue to pay for our delicious, cooked breakfast in Chilbolton village shop the other morning (if you haven’t sampled one of Nicky’s tasty dishes, then you really MUST!!), a lovely man stopped to tell me he would miss me when I move to Devon in late September. I found our conversation deeply touching; his heartfelt words took my breath away as I came face to face with a reality from which I had been trying to hide: that I would miss him, and all of you too.

To paraphrase Jane Austen rather badly, it is a truth universally acknowledged that it is far easier to make an acquaintance than it is to say ‘goodbye!’ The beginning of a friendship feels pregnant with promise: both parties enjoying the opportunity to explore the uniqueness of the other. As these relationships deepen in the blessing of time and shared experiences, both happy and sad, they serve to strengthen the sense of mutual respect and admiration that develops between acquaintances who have become friends. So, it is with each of you. The privilege of my ordination to priesthood has blessed me with being able to meet and grow in respect and trust for the people you are and the lives you lead; deepening in empathy and humility as I tread a little while in your shoes and marvel at the grace with which you accommodate the joys and sorrows of your lives, and care for the needs of your families, friends and neighbours with genuine tenderness and generosity of spirit. Thank you all.

One thing that helps me to counter the sense of loss I feel as my decade among you as Rector of The Downs Benefice comes to a close, is that our shared faith in Jesus Christ will guide us all into the ‘*unknown*’ of our futures, with the deepest love the world has ever known. There is the story of a man on a Safari deep in the African jungle. Weary with heat and frustration, he cries out to the Tour Guide ‘*Where are we?*’ The guide stops his work beating through the dense undergrowth with a machete and replies, ‘*I am the path.*’ In our journey of faith with God, we also ask this question at times when our lives seem unclear and the path difficult to see. We ask God, ‘*Where are you taking me?*’ God’s answer to our cries for help and direction is to give us His Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

At the end of His earthly ministry, Matthew’s Gospel gives us this tender dialogue between Jesus and his disciples: ‘*And remember that I am always with you until the end of time.*’ When Jesus speaks these words to the disciples who have also become his close friends, He is about to face his own death.

Continued

Even in this desperate situation, Jesus offers the disciples and each of us a way to find a more meaningful life on earth that will lead to eternal life with Christ. He is the right pathway! Wherever the journey of our lives takes us, if we keep Jesus as the way, the truth and the life, we will always tread on sure ground and know the grace of His love guiding and protecting us through every twist and turn we face.

I very much pray that I will meet many of you again. I trust the Lord that I will. Darren and I will only be in Devon and look forward to seeing you if you ever come down to Kingsbridge. We leave you with the words of William Shakespeare who says, *'Farewell! God knows when we shall meet again.'*

May God bless each of you and keep you, and make His face to shine upon you and bring you His peace, now and forever more, and with my love, always,

Jax

Revd Jax Machin, Rector of The Downs Benefice

Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola

Take, Lord, and receive our liberty,
our memory, our understanding and our whole will.
All that we are and all that we have You have given us:
We surrender it all to You.
Give us only Your love and Your grace;
with these we will be rich enough,
and have nothing more to ask.
Amen.

Wherwell Village Hall is going to the DOGS!



PUPPY CLASSES

Wednesday Evenings from 6pm to 8pm

OBEDIENCE TRAINING /BEHAVIOUR COUNSELING

Thursday Evenings from 6pm to 8pm

For friendly advice and more information please contact-
Ray Alexander: 07824 512484, or Paul Whittick: 07743 095719

Services September	<i>St Mary the Less, Chilbolton</i>	<i>St Mary's, Crawley</i>	<i>St Catherine's Littleton</i>	<i>St Stephen's Sparsholt</i>	<i>St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell</i>
<i>This information is correct at the time of going to press but please check on the website (www.downsbenefice.org) for up-to-date information.</i>					
Sunday 3rd September – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion		10am			
Morning Prayer	10am				
Littleton Show Service <i>(in Marquee on Show Ground)</i>			10am		
Sunday 10th September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity					
Leaving Service for Rev'd Jax (5 th Sunday Holy Communion)					10am
Sunday 17th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion (BCP)				8am	
Holy Communion	10am				
Harvest Festival		10am			
Sunday 24th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity					
Holy Communion (BCP)					8am
Harvest Festival			10am		
Pet Service				10am	
Wednesday 27th September					
Mid-Week Holy Communion			10am		

Autumn Meditations at Wherwell Church

We are delighted to bring you another series of meditations on the lives of three well-known characters: two saints, and one who may well deserve to be known as such.

Do come along and be entertained by the stories of their lives. The meditations will be held at 6 pm in the church, lasting for around thirty minutes, and will be followed by refreshments.

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| 8 October 2023 | St Ambrose: theologian, statesman, Bishop of Milan. Died 397 AD |
| 5 November 2023 | Mother Teresa: Catholic nun, founder of the Missionaries of Charity. 1910 – 1997 AD |
| 10 December 2023 | Leonard Cheshire: decorated RAF pilot, philanthropist. 1917-1992 AD |

Wherwell Church Flowers - September

2nd and 9th - Tanya Waters
16th and 23rd – Jo Baughen

Revd Jax' Leaving Service

All Welcome

Please join us for a special service to say Farewell and Thankyou to Revd Jax as she leaves us to move to her new role in Devon.

Sunday 10th September
St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell
10am

Please join us after the service for light refreshments not only to wish Revd Jax Godspeed but also to wish her and her fiancé Darren Tilbury congratulations and all the best for their wedding and a long and happy life together.

We are taking up a collection for a leaving present for Revd Jax and if you would like to contribute towards this, please could you contact either your Church Wardens or PCC Treasurer, in church or directly.

Chilbolton - Andrew Kent / Michael Payne
Crawley - Alick Kay / Robin Bayford
Littleton - Simon Kingston / Clive Thompsett
Sparsholt - John Wesley / Tonia Sales-Truter / Sally Wesley
Wherwell - Pam Prince / Nigel Waters / Tanya Waters



Revd Jax and Darren
will be getting married by Bishop David
at St Mary's Crawley
the following Saturday,
16th September at 3.30pm.

The Reception is for immediate family only please
but EVERYONE is welcome to come to the Church Service.
Jax and Darren will be holding a celebration party
to which you are invited
in February 2024 – details will follow

Chilbolton Parish Council Report

We have had a quiet July with some rather poor weather but hopefully August will be much better.

Not a lot to report this month but first, a reminder of the public meeting arranged for 14th September at 7pm at the Village Hall, to receive presentations from the Tunnel Tech management on the modifications to overcome the smell. The smell emitted by the Tunnel Tech plant processing compost for mushroom cultivation has caused distress to village residents for at least 10 years and work is in progress to enclose part of the process that we hope should reduce the noxious smell. The management team from Tunnel Tech will answer questions after their presentation. All those who have been affected are encouraged to attend.

Cow Common continues to be our greatest asset and concern and some people with disabilities have asked for more information about access and parking. The problem is that visitors using the parking area have selfishly ignored the no parking signs, removed dragon's teeth and blocked access to the houses on the common. There have also been many cases of irresponsible behaviour.

The common is private land owned by the parish council but is also a registered common and an SSSI. It is, of course, open to all. However, the Parish Council is bound to permit unrestricted access for resident's vehicles and delivery and emergency vehicles.

After several public consultation meetings and much discussion, the parking space has been restricted with a changed layout and a lockable barrier installed. The open spaces committee manages the common and benefits from a grant from Natural England but is bound by regulations from the Environment Agency for SSSIs.

With full support of the parish council, COSC has decided to close the barrier over the school holidays and the months of June, July and August. We realise that this could be a problem for those with disabilities and if this causes anyone a problem please contact our clerk and we will try to find a solution.

Tony Ewer, Chairman Chilbolton Parish Council. September 2023

Wherwell Primary School

As we continue our mission to provide the best learning environment for our pupils, we are looking for people who want to make a difference and lend their skills to our school. We need people with a broad range of experience, if you are willing to help, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Sean Hutton 01264 861031 or governor.hutton.wps@gmail.com

Come to the Movies!

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proudly Present

Friday, 1st September 2023

'What's Love Got to do With It?' (12A)

**Starring Lily James, Shazad Latif,
Sajal Ali and Emma Thompson**

For a documentary film maker, a dating app only delivers a stream of Mr. Wrongs. For her childhood friend, the answer is an arranged marriage to a beautiful bride from Pakistan. As she films his journey to marry a stranger, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn

Friday, 6th October 2023

'The Lost King' (PG13)

**Starring Sally Hawkins, Philippa Langley,
Harry Lloyd, Steve Coogan, James Fleet
and Mark Addy**

Guided by instinct and spectral visions, an ambitious writer and amateur historian defies the academic establishment to unearth a King's long-missing remains.

Doors open 6.30 pm Films commence 7.30 pm

Tickets £6.00 - In advance or £7.00 - On the door

Tea/coffee and biscuits available in the Interval

Wine, beer, orange juice and choc ices will be on sale.

**To book your ticket, please ring Beryl Lawrence
on 01264 860618**

CHILBOLTON WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT GROUP NEWS

....and good news it is too!

As soon as we had finalised plans for the installation of the table tennis table we started research and planning for our most ambitious addition to the facilities yet: an adventure tower.

Having had our proposal agreed by the Parish Council late last year, we applied to the TVBC Community Asset fund for a 50% grant in early January 2023. After very careful consideration the full grant we requested was offered and an order has been placed with Caledonia Play for a three-tower wooden structure incorporating a range of additional activities to suit children up to early secondary school age.

Visitors will have noticed that, notwithstanding its popularity with children (and the odd adult), the slide mound is showing its age and signs of wear so to prepare for the adventure tower installation (hopefully) in mid-September, we will remove the mound by the end of August. The adventure tower will include a slide and tunnel. The short wait without a slide should be well worthwhile!

That in turn will mean that we can use the soil as part of the construction of a cycle bumps track - another item included in our medium-term plan presented to the Parish Council for their endorsement in 2020. We are very pleased to have the assistance of a local, experienced bike bump track rider for its design.

The plan is to accomplish all of this from funds already set aside by the parish council to develop the CWMPF facilities, and the generous grant from TVBC...BUT...in order to provide an optimal cycle bumps track we will need additional soil and that is where readers of this can help. If you have, or know of, unwanted soil please communicate with us via the parish clerk – chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk .

If you have any questions or would like an update on our progress with the project it will be great to hear from you, via the parish clerk. In the meantime, we'll be concentrating on delivering these major improvements for those enjoying the CWMPF and its facilities.

*Trish Heaton, Nick Horne, Emma Noble
CWMPF Development Group*

CHILBOLTON AND WHERWELL GARDEN CLUB



Talk by horticulturalist,
RAY BROUGHTON

**“Topical tips and new ideas in
gardening”**

Chilbolton Village Hall 7.45pm, 19 September

Raffle, refreshments. Non-members £3.

All welcome.

CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

EASTMANS FIELD, SO20 6AT

LARGE INDOOR SPACE

ENCLOSED GARDEN

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*Monthly
coffee
mornings*

*Regular
classes to
join*

*Chair cover
hire*

*Monthly
film shows*

Stockbridge Practice Patient News – August 2023



We are currently continuing our system of having a waiting list for patients who want to see a specific GP who doesn't currently have any available appointments.

We hope this is improving patient continuity and reducing calls into the surgery. We welcome any feedback on this new system.

Starting Boarding School or University?

If you are starting at boarding school or moving away for university, please ensure you register permanently with a GP who is local to you there. If you are unwell when you are living back at home, you can register as a temporary patient. Schools or nurseries should ensure prescribed medication is named but if your child takes over the counter medication this does not need to be prescribed.

GP Patient Survey 2023

Thank you to all patients who contributed to the national GP patient survey. We are pleased that the 2023 National GP Surgery has shown that 89% of patient report their overall experience at Stockbridge Practice is good. We have seen a reported increase in patients saying it is easy to get through on the telephones and that they find our website easy to use.

Social Prescriber

We have a Social Prescriber called Sarah Armstrong working at the Practice. She can help patients who have social issues which are impacting on their mental and/or physical health such as housing, finances, loneliness etc. Sarah accepts self-referrals.

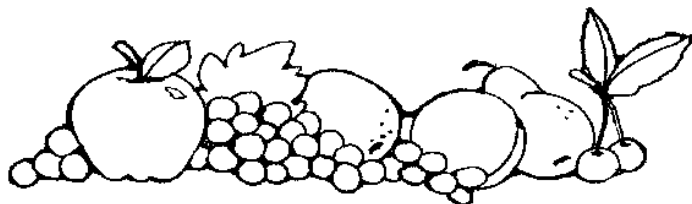
Firearms licences

Please remember to renew your firearms licence as soon as you get the reminder from the police. We are unable to do these urgently and would appreciate as much time as possible because the GP has to review the last 10 years of your medical records.

Out of stock items

We share the frustration of patients that there are an increasing number of medications we are unable to get hold in a timely manner. We have tried to explain some of the reasons for this in the news section on our website. We are working to improve our communication with you regarding out of stock items and are sorry that sometimes we get this wrong.

Harvest Festival at St-Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton



**Sunday, 1st October
at 10am**

We are thrilled that Bishop David is coming to lead our Harvest Festival. Families, friends, everyone is very welcome to join this joyful celebration.

We will be supporting the Andover Crisis Centre. Gifts of fresh produce and non-perishable food, tinned food, pasta etc. are welcome. Please bring donations to the church on Sunday 1st October or drop off at church on Saturday 30th September. Fresh produce will be auctioned following the service and proceeds will be given to the Crisis Centre.

We look forward to seeing you!

St Mary the Less – Church Flowers

September – Eileen Painter

Harvest festival – decorating will take place on Friday 29th September from 1.30pm. All arrangers welcome and donations of flowers, fruit, harvest goods will be very welcome.

Jane Brown

Chilbolton Village Hall - Warm Hub

We will resume offering a simple soup lunch in the Village Hall every Monday from 12 pm, with the first lunch on Monday 2nd October.

We look forward to welcoming you - please tell your neighbours and friends. All welcome.

Jane Brown

Sandra Rosemary Brown (Sandy) (1944-2023)

Sandy Brown (nee Standfield) was born in Stockbridge on 28th January 1944, the only girl in the family with three brothers - Brian (Bucky), Stuart and Jim. Sandy went to Stockbridge school where, unsurprisingly, one of her favourite subjects was cookery.

Sandy was fifteen years old when she left school and she went to work at Portals in Overton where the bank notes were made.

She married the love of her life, Rex Arthur Brown, on 16th March 1963, and they lived for a while with Rex's mother in Tovey's Cottage in Wherwell, before moving to Chapel Court. Sandy & Rex had two boys, Robert in 1965 and Shawn in 1966, and the family later moved to Beech Grove in Wherwell.

When the boys started growing up, she became a dinner lady and then head cook at Wherwell school. She loved working at the school and would always spoil the children with extra portions of dinner and pudding!

Sandy's husband Rex passed away on Christmas Day, 1989.

After leaving Wherwell school, she went on to work for Hampshire County council and then Mencap where she cared for old and disabled people. She would take them on days out and would also take them on many holidays. Sandy also did the catering for a lot of the village functions - cricket teas, weddings, parties and funerals, her buffets were always very popular.

Sandy loved helping people in the village and surrounding areas and would often visit friends and take them out for the day or visit them in their care homes and give them a haircut or the gentlemen a shave to help make them feel better.

Sadly, Sandy died on 2nd July 2023 at the Rothsay Grange Nursing Home, after she had suffered with dementia for several years.

Sandy leaves behind her son Shawn, daughter-in-law Kim, grandsons Shawn and Leigh, great-grandson Rex, brothers Bucky and Jim and Debbie and Zoe. Sadly, in the past few months, there have been two bereavements of close family; her brother Stuart in December 2022 and her son Robert in May 2023.

Sandy was loved and respected by many people in the local area, and this was evident at her funeral, where the church was standing room only!

Kim Brown

Wherwell Parish Council
Correction to Report from the meeting on 11 July

Last month in my parish report I stated that the 'next scheduled meeting will be the Parish Assembly which will take place on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm'.

To correct this error, Wherwell Parish Council held its Parish Assembly for 2023 in May, so on September 12th we will be holding a normal parish council meeting.

Sean Hutton, Chair

Harvest Lunch

Chilbolton Village Hall



Sunday, 1st October

at 12.30 pm

**Families, Friends,
Everyone Welcome!**

We need to know how many are coming for catering purposes.
Please telephone Lesley on 860584 by Sunday, 24th September and leave
your name and contact details.

No charge for lunch, voluntary donations welcome.

Bar drinks available.

TEST VILLAGES U3A

“Remembrance: The Commonwealth War Graves Commission”

Thursday 7th September - 2pm in Chilbolton Village Hall

Phil Wilkinson’s 40 years in the Royal Air Force took him to many parts of the world including Berlin and Moscow. Invariably his posting were in close proximity to a Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery. The solemnity and peace of these sites are highlighted in this lecture about the Commission and its work. That work, started in 1914, continues today, commemorating the sacrifice of the 1.7 million Commonwealth service personnel who died in both World Wars. The talk will be illustrated with images from all round the world, wherever a Commonwealth grave can be found – from Chilbolton to Vladivostok.

Test Villages u3a meets on the first Thursday of every month in Chilbolton Village Hall. Doors open at 1.40pm for the presentation, followed by refreshments. New members are very welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

u3asites.org.uk/test-villages



Ride + Stride for Churches 2023

Saturday 9th September



Ride + Stride is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts enabling them to make Grants to places of Christian worship. Taking place on the 2nd Saturday of September the funds raised can be split between the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust and the participants chosen church or chapel.

The day is an exceptional opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family. As a participant your sponsored journey between as many churches as you wish, can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, bus or classic car.

Link for more information: <https://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

**Chilbolton Parish Council
Will be hosting a public meeting
for
Tunnel Tech Ltd**

to present the steps that are being taken to reduce the smell emanating from their business on the Old Airfield, Leckford

**On Thursday 14 September From 19:00
At Chilbolton Village Hall**

**Next Collection for Ukraine
Saturday 9th September between 10.30am – 12.30pm
at Wherwell Home Guard Club**

The focus for our September collection is on helping the injured, especially the young men in the Ukrainian hospitals, whose lives have been blighted forever by this terrible war.

As Olga said in Update 133 on her GoFundMe page “The next few months we will concentrate on the help towards injured people. Ukrainian hospitals full, thousands of boys there without arms and legs”.

It’s impossible to imagine the devastation to the lives of the Ukrainian people whom some 20 months or so ago were going about their day-to-day activities, just as we are today.

You may feel it’s hopeless because we can do so little but every donation, whether a few pounds in money, or some bandages or packs of paracetamol is going to be helping someone and bringing some comfort.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

**For this month’s collection we’d be grateful for the following items
(They must be new as they are going to the hospitals):**

All sorts of medication

i.e. pain relief such as paracetamol, cough lozenges, cold remedies, etc.

Bandages and other wound dressings

New soft T shirts

Absorbing blankets/pads

New Underwear

Adult nappies

New slippers for hospital use

Please don’t bring other items as we have no storage facilities, thank you.

The link to Olga’s blog, for updates and monetary donations, is:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/xk4vq-stand-with-ukraine>

Thank you very much, Pam Flanagan (01264 860 560)

CHILBOLTON OPEN GARDENS

We were surprised and delighted to have had such a wonderful response to the Chilbolton Open Gardens Day. Thank you again to the 11 families who volunteered to open their gardens and to everyone who helped on the day to make it such a memorable occasion. (We had lots of comments about the wonderful cakes!)

We were blessed with great sunshine, and we think that our entry on the opengardens.com website certainly helped to swell the numbers. (We estimated that we made 200 cups of tea!) We were aware that we had visitors from outside Hampshire, and we were thrilled that the final tally was £1,954, which will be split equally between Hampshire Air Ambulance and the village Community Fund.

Let's hope that this could become a regular village event!!



Sue Larcombe & Tessa Youell

Diary Dates

Monday Movers	Every Monday	1.45 pm
Wherwell Fit Step	Every Monday	6 - 7pm
Weekly Bingo WHG Club	Every Monday	7.30 pm
Wherwell Keep Fit class	Every Tuesday	9.15 - 10am
Short Mat Bowls at CVH	Every Tuesday	2 - 4pm
West Down working party	Every Tuesday	2 - 4pm
Badminton at CVH	Every Wednesday	7.30pm
Puppy/dog training WVH, see advert	Weds and Thurs	6.00 – 8pm

September

1	Film: What's Love Got To Do With It	CVH	6.30 for 7pm
2	Wherwell Coffee morning	WVH	10.30 – noon
3	Music on The Test '23	Houghton Lodge	2 & 5pm
4	Chilbolton PC & Planning	CVH	6 - 8.30pm
6	<i>AD hoc advert deadline</i>		
7	Qi Gong Taster session	WVH	10.00 am
7	U3A Talk - Commonwealth Graves	CVH	2.00 pm
7	White Lion Quiz	White Lion	7.30pm
8	Stockbridge Cinema: 'Close'	S'bridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
9	Ride & Stride for Churches	see article	
9	Ukraine Collection	WHGC	10.30 - 12.30
9	Longparish Church and Village Fete		
9	Last Night of The Proms	WHGC	7.45 pm
10	<i>October copy deadline</i>		
10	Rev Jax Leaving Service	Wherwell Church	10.00 am
12	Qi Gong Taster session	WVH	6.00 pm
12	Wherwell Parish Council	WVH	7.00 pm
13	Stockbridge Cinema: 'Allelujah'	S'bridge Town Hall	7.30 pm
14	CPC Tunnel Tech meeting	CVH	7.00 pm
15	WHG Talk - 238 Squadron RAF	CVH	8.00 pm
16	Janet's Bingo	WHGC	7.30 pm
17	BOAZ Fun Run and Walk	BOAZ Hill Farm	10am & 1pm
19	C & W Garden Club Talk	CVH	7.45 pm
21	White Lion Quiz	White Lion	7.30pm
24	Andover Cyclothon	Thruyton Circuit	8.30 am
24	Simon's Quiz	WHGC	7.30 for 8pm

October

1	Harvest Festival Service	Chilbolton Church	10.00 am
1	Harvest Lunch	CVH	12.30 pm
2	Warm Hub lunch	CVH	12.00 pm
6	Film: The Lost King	CVH	6.30 for 7pm
8	Autumn Meditations	Wherwell Church	6.00 pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA – September

Fri 1st 01962 840440	I'm Alive! A Celebration of Celine Dion - Following an incredible run of sell out theatre tours across the UK and Europe, multi-award-winning tribute artiste January Butler is now taking her very own brand-new theatre production. Performing at Theatre Royal Winchester 7:30pm – 10pm
Sat 2 nd 10:30 / 3pm	Chesil Railway Guided Walking Tour -This is a guided walk exploring the route of Winchester's 'other' railway, the old Didcot, Newbury and Southampton line 01962 840 500
Sun 10 th	Second Sundays brings together seasonal food and drink producers, designer-makers and artists alongside street food, craft drinks, workshops and music on the second Sunday of every month in Andover town centre.
Sat 9/10th 01256 844244	Judy Love stand-up comedian , presenter and actress from London who rose to fame as a panelist on the ITV show, "Loose Women". Performing at the Anvil, Basingstoke 8pm
Tue 12th 01264 368368	An Evening of Mediumship - Remarkably compelling, amazingly detailed and always humorous, this show will have you on the edge of your seat. At the Lights in Andover 7:30 to 9:30
Fri 15 th 01264 368368	Neil Sedaka Story - This outstanding show is packed full of hits such as Calendar Girl, Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen, Breaking Up Is Hard to Do, (Is This the Way To) Amarillo, Stupid Cupid and of course Oh! Carol at the Lights, Andover
Fri 22 nd 07826 723880	Worthy Earth Festival - a celebration of the summer's harvests with an excellent lineup of live music on the rolling hills of Dummer Down Farm, Hampshire.
Fri 29 th	A Night at the Opera – Winchester Cathedral 6:45pm (starts at 7:30) Presented by Candlelight with some of the country's greatest opera singers, this truly is an evening not to be missed.
Sat 30 th 07810210272	Grant-Lee Phillips - predominantly a master of the acoustic twelve-string guitar is performing at St Mary's Church, Winchester SO21 1NS (7:30pm)
Future What's On	Requests welcome , just because I think something is a possibility, does not mean others do. Any suggestions welcomed – (e.g. more visits to Gardens, more Winchester Cathedral Events, more Comedy or fewer Concerts/Tribute bands) Email thoughts to tim.whiteside@gmail.com ☺ thanks
Farmers' Markets	
Romsey - First Sunday of every month 10am - 3pm	
Winchester - Second and last Sunday of every month 9am -2pm	
Andover - Third Sunday of every month (March to December)	
Plus... Andover Market for All Seasons – every Friday 8:30am - 1pm	

VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDING SERVICE

**We are looking for Volunteers in your Community
Could you be a 'Befriender'?**

What will I be doing?

As a Volunteer Befriender your role will be to provide social companionship to patients who have a chronic or life limiting illness and who are isolated or lonely. Visiting patients in their own homes, you will help them to feel more supported and help to improve their emotional well-being and confidence.



What support will I be given?

All relevant training will be given, as well as regular and on-going support and supervision.

How much time do I need to commit? Just 2-hours a week, or less, can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community.

Interested?

For further information contact Caroline Nash, Befriending Manager on: 01264 835293

Email: caroline.nash@hhft.nhs.uk

Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.

Wherwell's Keep Fit Class is back!

every Tuesday morning

9.15am to 10.00am

at Wherwell Village Hall

BAZ MYERS 
PERSONAL TRAINER

<https://www.bazmyerspt.com/>



There was an enthusiastic response to the Keep Fit Taster last month. Baz's Fitness class comprised a 10-minute warm up (limbering up and pulse raiser), 25-30 mins of cardiovascular work in the form of circuits using body weight and light weights, with a warm down at the end which included stretching. Every exercise has options which allows Baz to accommodate **ALL** fitness levels within the one class.

Baz charges either £6 cash on the day (for Pay-as-you-Go) or £5 per class if paid on a monthly basis via bank transfer.

Why not give this class a try – everyone is welcome

Wherwell Coffee Morning



Saturday 2nd September, 10:30 - 12noon

at Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street

- Coffee, Tea and Biscuits
- Free Raffle Entry with Admission

All for £1.50 per person * Everyone Welcome**

Greener Villages Local Recycling

A reminder about the 'any time' drop-off locations

- **Chilbolton Village Hall Car Park**

~ black plastic bin adjacent the wheely bin enclosure

- **Wherwell Home Guard Club Car Park**

~ a collection of small bins inside the smoking shelter

- **What are we collecting?**

~ Batteries

~ Drinks Cans

~ Candles

~ Inhalers

~ Contact lens cases

~ Medicine blister packs

~ Oral health products

~ Britta cartridges

~ Printer cartridges

~ Plastic wrapping

& Food pouches

(NB: see below)

- **Meet the Team**



Angela Hughes, Janet Gray, Fiona Jackson & Jenny Hamilton

- **Guidance notes:**

** **Plastic wrapping** can be a mix of carrier bags, shrink-wrap, crisp packets, snack packets, chocolate and biscuit wrappers, pasta and rice bags, bread bags, clear film lids and multi-pack wrappers ... in general, any wrapping which when squeezed is soft, noisy or springy.

** **Food pouches (pet or baby)** can mix with crinkly wrappers if washed and dried as much as reasonably possible (to avoid contamination by sticking together)

** **PLEASE ...**

NO hard plastic – plastic bottles can be placed in TVBC's brown bin

NO food trays - please place these in TVBC's black bin

Be kind to the team – use separate wrappers/bags for messy items (especially **printer cartridges**) and small items such as **contact lens cases**, **inhalers**, **oral health products** and **hearing aid batteries**.

Drinks cans should be **EMPTY!!**

Thank you for taking part in your local recycling initiative.

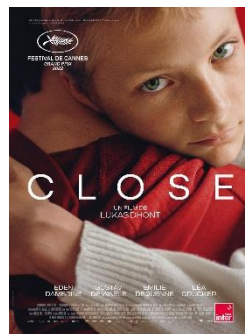
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Stockbridge Cinema – September Films

Friday 8 September 7.30 pm

Close (12)

Winner of the Grand Prix award at Cannes 2022 *Close* is an elegant, poetic and empathetic study of youth from acclaimed writer-director Lukas Dhont. Thirteen-year-olds Leo and Remi are inseparable; they spend every waking moment together, racing each other on their bikes, playing in the fields that surround their homes, and sleeping at each other's houses. They are best friends, as close as brothers. However, as they start a new school year, the pressures of burgeoning adolescence challenge their bond with unexpected and far-reaching consequences.



Wednesday 13 September 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm

Allelujah (12)

When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community: they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could possibly go wrong? *Allelujah* celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of the medical staff battling with limited resources and ever-growing demand. A warm and deeply moving comedy/drama about surviving old age featuring a host of talented British actors including Jennifer Saunders, Judy Dench and Derek Jacobi



Information common to both films:

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE. Tickets can be purchased online (£6.00 incl £0.50p booking fee per ticket) via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (£1.80 charge per telephone *booking* in addition to the online ticket price). Please visit our website for more details about all of our autumn season films.

Would you like to join a local reading group this Autumn?



I'd like to invite you to join a new informal reading group, not only for something to do as the evenings close in, but also to encourage us to read a bit more. If you've been in book clubs before then you'll know the score; you read a different book every month or so, and then, if you like, come along and join in a conversation about it. Everyone is welcome regardless of age, gender or reading-appetite.

At the beginning, in order to keep the costs down, I don't envisage us reading new releases; the first books I propose are widely available in libraries, online as e-books and on charity book stalls:

In September '*A Year in Provence*' by Peter Mayle, and

In October '*Treasure Island*' by Robert Louis Stevenson

As the group grows and finds its feet, I would hope that others will propose books to read in future months.

The plan for monthly meetings is to alternate between both village pubs and the tea-room, so please note there will never be any expectation on readers to host the group in their own homes. I've optimistically set up an email group for us, so if you think this is something you might be interested in, please do get in touch at TheReaders.SO20@gmail.com or just call on 860387. *Deirdre Freearde*

QUIZ

... SAVE THE DATE...

Wherwell's Annual Quiz

Saturday, 18th November

7:45pm Start in Wherwell Village Hall

featuring popular

Quiz Master, Simon Roberts

A likely 'Sell-Out', So PLEASE BOOK NOW!!!

- Teams up to 8, come along and join a team, or pull together your own team!
- Entry £15 per person includes a Two Course Supper
- Dining Out 'Bundle' & Prize Raffle
- Bring Your Own Drinks, Nibbles and Glasses, please!

Ticket Booking: John Conte

e: wherwellbiz@aol.com m: 07836 271089



Qi Gong

FREE Taster Sessions

- Thursday, 7 September, 10:00am
- Tuesday, 12 September, 6:00pm

Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street

- Qi Gong is pronounced 'Chi Gong'
- An Ancient Chinese Exercise
- Combines Meditation with Gentle Movements
- Reduces Stress and Elevates Mood
- Improves Strength and Endurance
- Activates Healing Energy
- Reduces Chronic Pain
- Improves Sleeping
- Helps Improve Flexibility
- Improves Overall Health



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The Little Bookshop

Author Unknown

I know a little bookshop in a quiet alleyway,
With books in rows on shelves outside, a pitiful array
Of volumes faded, tattered, and they look me in the face,
And seem to say, "Once we were wanted, once we had a place".

Poor waifs and strays, my heart goes out, I'd like to buy them all,
I'd like to give each one a home, pressed close against my wall.
To shelter them beneath my roof in warm and firelit nooks,
Who would not take compassion on these lonely, orphaned books.

How can folk let them come to this, a book can be a friend,
And after years of faithful service, what a dismal end.
All jumbled up together, good and bad they have to mix,
Imagine being twopence, when you're really three and six!

This poem was nominated by Pam French for inclusion in a collection of poems, compiled by Wherwell Wives Group, in 2003.

White Lion Inn

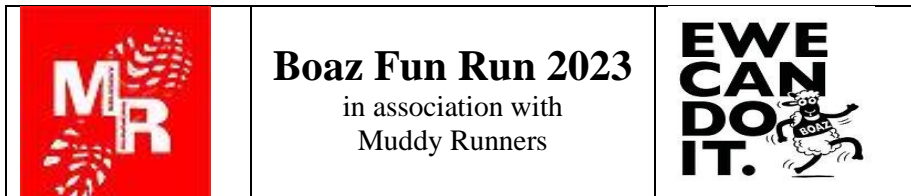


Our Popular Quiz Night
every 2nd & 4th Thursday
7th & 21st September 7.30pm
£2 per person

'Winners Take All' Cash Pot
Complimentary snacks served
afterwards

Meat Draw every Sunday at 5pm
Tickets £1 on sale all week
20 prizes worth £10

Jane & Rachel



Sunday 17th September 2023

5km & 10km

Race waves start at 10:00am

The fun walk starts at 1.00 pm

The course is a 5k multi-terrain trail route within the grounds of the Boaz Project, this private land offers the rolling countryside of Hampshire to runners as a unique route that cannot be run at other times.

The undulating landscape provides spectacular views across the Hampshire countryside. Conditions may well be wet, and the ground is uneven, so trail shoes are recommended.

Both distances are run on the same course with the 10km consisting of two laps. There will be a water station on the course at about 2.5km (and 7.5km. Our events are cupless (please bring your own cup). At race HQ you will find refreshments including a hot meal, cakes, tea/coffee and soft drinks. All proceeds will raise additional funds for the Boaz Project

Registration closes Friday 15th September at 23:59

£15 for the 10k race, £10 for the 5k race

Enter Here: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=313726>

Location:

- Race HQ - Boaz Project, Hill Farm, Sutton Scotney, Winchester, SO21 3NT.
- Parking - Winchester Auto Barn Ltd, Sutton Scotney, Winchester SO21 3NS



Saturday 9th September 2023
from 7.45pm
at Wherwell Home Guard Club

Last Night of the Proms

Tickets £3.00

(Pay at the Door, children under 12 free)

Bring your friends and your own supper

Flags provided ** Raffle

Live BBC transmission on 75-inch TV

**Charity Event - ticket monies donated to:
Countess of Brecknock Hospice (Andover)**

Andover Rotary Cyclethon 23


Andover Rotary Cyclethon 23

September 24th 2023

Cycle around Thruxton Circuit
8.30am until 12 Noon
Just £10 per person

Get sponsored
8.30am until 12 Noon
Just £5 with all your sponsorship going to

FAMILY CYCLE DAY
Whole family cycle £10
All money going to LOCAL charities

 **Apply for information and entry Form**
CHRIS LYNN 01264 396511

The event is in three parts-

- 1** Pay £10 and cycle around the circuit as many times as you like in the morning.
- 2** Get yourself, and possibly a team, and cycle for charity. Pay £5 per cyclist and the sponsorship goes to the charity. Morning 8.30am until 12 Noon
- 3** Pay £10 and bring the family in the afternoon to cycle around the circuit. There will be no traffic and no fast cyclists in the afternoon.

This event is designed to help as many charities as possible and, of course, SAFE family cycling.

If a charity finds a group of cyclists to cycle as many laps as they like, they pay just £5 each member to cycle around the circuit 2.4 miles AS MANY TIMES AS THEY LIKE. The team get themselves sponsored and the charity KEEP ALL THE SPONSORSHIP

Chris Lynn 01264 396511

Wherwell History Group – Illustrated Talk

September 15th 8.00pm

Tom England - the History of RAF 238 Squadron



238 Pilots & groundcrew pose with a Hurricane at Chilbolton - April 1941

at **Chilbolton Village Hall**

Eastman's Field, Chilbolton, SO20 6AT

Tom's talk begins with an overview of the key milestones in 238's operations, which include:

- Anti-Submarine Flying Boat Operations (1918-1922)
- Fighter Operations in defence of the UK, including the Battle of Britain (1940-1941)
- Ground Attack Operations in North African / Mediterranean (1941-1944)
- Air Transport Operations in Burma & the Far East (1944-1946)
- Air Transport Operations in Europe, including the Berlin Airlift (1946-1948)
- Instructional Duties at RAF Cosford (2007-Present)

The talk then returns to the Battle of Britain period and focuses on 238 Squadron's time at Chilbolton, which includes a description of the facilities at Chilbolton in 1940/1941 and what life was like on the base at that time. Tom then covers some of the more significant aerial engagements that 238 took part in and outlines some key people who served with 238 at Chilbolton.

History Group events are free to members.

Guests are welcome (£5 per event)

To make a booking, enquire about membership or download the programme for 2023, please visit our new website at www.wherwellhistory.com

Andrew Flanagan



Cucumber and courgette soup



A quick, delicious and healthy way of using the glut of courgettes at this time of year. I never thought raw courgettes would make an interesting soup but this is surprisingly good and takes only 10 – 15 minutes to make.

Ingredients for 4 – 5 people

1 large cucumber, peeled and roughly chopped
1 – 2 medium courgettes, unpeeled but with most of the seeds gouged out and roughly chopped
1 small to medium onion, roughly chopped
Large handful of chopped mint. You can't really overdo the mint
Juice of half a lemon
1-2 cloves of garlic, depending on taste
1 vegetable stock cube
Mug of water
Mug of cream, crème fraiche, sour cream or full fat Greek yoghurt.

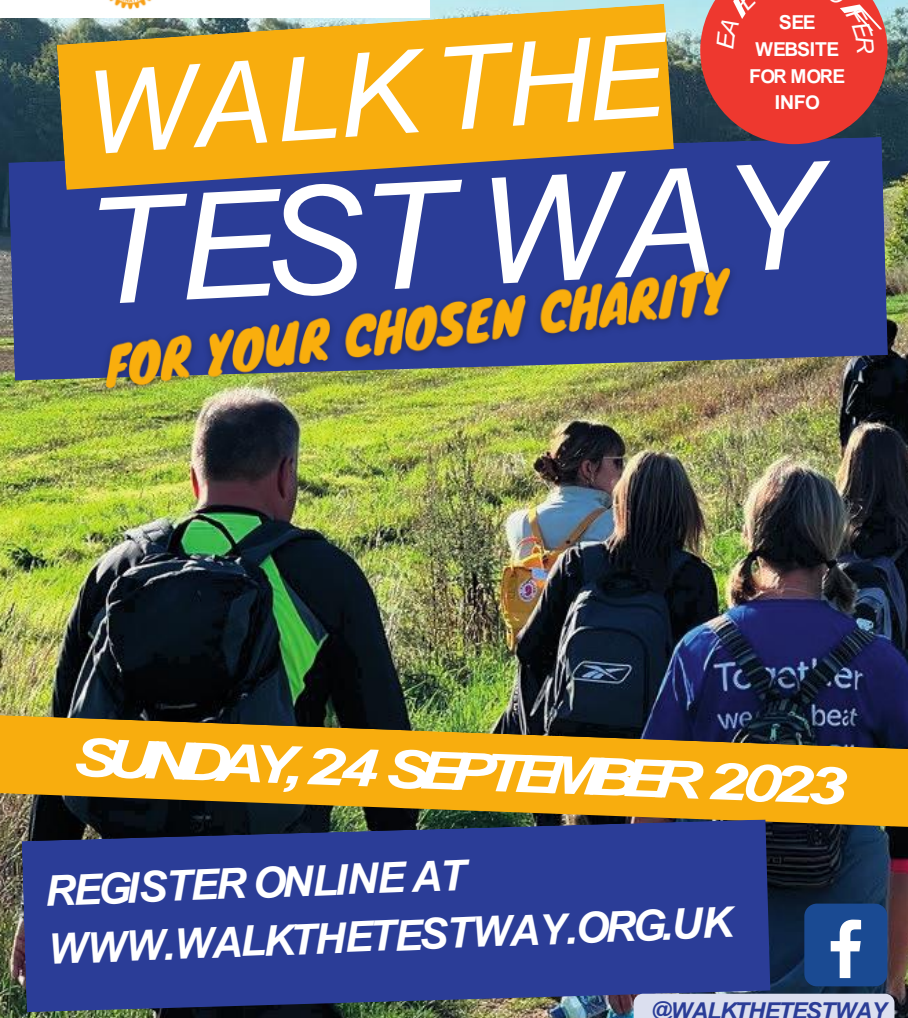
Put the whole lot in the blender and whizz until smooth. I used to make stock from the cube first, before putting in the blender, until I realised you can simply crumble it in and add water. So much quicker!

It's great to have chilled on a hot day, with a swirl of cream and sprinkling of mint or chives. Also good eaten hot. In either case, buttered warm baguette or sourdough bread are delicious with it.

Tessa Youell

Note from editor:

Please send in your recipes to cw.magazine@hotmail.co.uk. If not published in the same month as submitted, they will appear in later issues ☺



WALK THE TEST WAY FOR YOUR CHOSEN CHARITY

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.WALKTHETESTWAY.ORG.UK**



@WALKTHETESTWAY



TRUST FUND REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1029525



Walk The Test Way

Walk the Test Way is back and it's our 20th Anniversary!

We are so excited to be organising this event again this year, which will take place on the **24th September 2023** so make sure you save the date!

Last year over 300 walkers raised just over £43,000 for 63 charities. Amazing!!

The Test Way is constantly rated one of the top 10 best walks in this area and each year this event draws interest from many groups from families to Schools, Scout packs to charities and businesses all walking and raising funds for their chosen charity. Who will you choose?

So how do I sign up?

Please visit www.walkthetestway.org.uk/register and check out our blog "How do I take part in the Walk the Test Way" which will give you all the information you will need to get started.

Registration open 21st May 2023 onwards

Once you are all registered, it's time to start raising funds for your chosen charity!

Don't forget to....

- Share your Just Giving page on your social media
- Share the event with your colleagues and friends
- Let the charity know that you are fundraising for them, they might send you some goodies!!

Last but not least, like, share and comment on our social media. We are on facebook [@walkthetestway](https://www.facebook.com/walkthetestway)

Alternatively, you can email registrar@walkthetestway.org.uk

Wherwell Home Guard Club

Save the date for our

6th Annual Bazaar

Saturday 18th November 2023

11am – 2pm

Christmas Gifts ~ Craft Stalls ~ Handicrafts

Charity Christmas Cards ~ Cakes ~ Raffle

Simon's Sunday Quiz

with Ali – our Guest Quiz Master

24th September 2023

7.30 for 8.00pm ~ ~ ~ Admission £2.50



Cash Prizes

Teams of up to 6

Light Buffet included

Tables **MUST** be reserved **IN ADVANCE**
-- phone Jo (07515 384 915)

Janet's Bingo – everyone welcome

every Monday -&- Saturday 16th September

8pm start – doors open from 7.30pm

CLUB MEMBERSHIP



Facilities include Snooker, Pool,
Bar Billiards & Darts.

Free Wi-Fi
Weekly & Monthly Bingo
Monthly Quiz

Relaxing environment and
reasonably priced licensed bar.

Annual Subscription £15.00

Enquiries at the bar or call
Sandie on 07584 673 993

Coming Events

(see our adverts)

Sat. 9th Sept.

**Last Night
of the Proms**

Sat. 18th Nov.

**Christmas
Bazaar**

at **Wherwell Home Guard Club**

The Old Hill, Wherwell, SP11 7JB, 01264 860 314

Newly decorated Meeting Room & Kitchen available for hire.
Seats 60, Licensed Bar optional. Enquires to Sue on 07557 051 041.