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Church and Community News

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Rota for Services

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The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

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***Harvest readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18, OR 28:1-14, 2 Corinthians 9:6-end, Luke 12:16-30 or 17:11-19, Psalm 65**
(Theme of Remembering, obedience, being thankful).

Sunday 4 October

Readings

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Philippians 3:4-14,
Matthew 21:33-end Psalm 19 or *Harvest readings

Sermon:

I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection

9.30

Wield

Harvest Festival

10.00

Preston Candover

Morning Worship CW

11.00

Northington

Harvest Festival with
Holy Communion CW

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Sunday 11 October Trinity 18

Readings

Exodus 32:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
Psalm 23

Sermon:

The invitation

8.30

Bradley

Holy Communion CW

10.00

Preston Candover

Family Worship

6.00

Wield

Evensong BCP

Sunday 18 October

Trinity 19

Readings Exodus 33:12-end, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22
Psalm 147:1-7

Sermon *Are we giving to God what belongs to God?*
9.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship

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Sunday 25 October

Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday

Readings Nehemiah 1:1-12, Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 24:30-35
Psalm 119:9-16

Sermon *The Word in our hearts*
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Praise

””

Sunday 1 November

Fourth Sunday before Advent All Saints Day

Readings Revelation 7:9-end, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12
Psalm 34:1-10

Sermon *The great multitude before the throne*
9.00 Wield Matins BCP
10.00 Preston Candover Holy Communion CW
11.00 Northington Holy Communion CW

3.00 Preston Candover Bereavement Remembering Service

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St James, Wield Harvest Festival 2020 Sunday 4th October at 9:30 am

Everyone is very warmly welcome to celebrate the harvest at St James’.

Please join us to give thanks and do please bring some of the produce of your own harvest. We look forward to seeing you there, especially children who we would like to play a part in our service by bringing your produce contributions up to the altar....

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St James, Wield, (cont.)

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Brian Collins and Alwin Hutchinson, Churchwardens

St. Peters, Brown Candover October 2020

Due to the roof repairs there will be no services in the church until further notice.

Farleigh Parish

Some services may be outdoors weather permitting

Sunday 4 October Trinity 17

8.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Cliddesden	Holy Communion CW
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special Family Service

Sunday 11 October Trinity 18

8.00	Dummer	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Ellisfield	Holy Communion CW + welcome of baptised child
11.15	Cliddesden	Family Communion CW

Sunday 18 October Trinity 19

8.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Dummer	Holy Communion CW
11.15	Cliddesden	Family Service

Saturday 24 October

6.00	Cliddesden	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 25 October last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

9.45	Dummer	Holy Communion CW
11.15	Ellisfield	Morning Praise + baptism

Sunday 1 November Fourth Sunday before Advent – All Saints Day

8.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Cliddesden	Holy Communion CW
11.15	Dummer	Family Service with

Professor Julian Evans God's Trees (2)

Dear Friends

As we climb out of lockdown and re-engage in Sunday worship, may I make some observations for us all:

First, engaging with the Lord as we begin worship; many people, on arriving in their pew, do spend a few moments in private silent prayer, engaging with the presence of Jesus by His Holy Spirit. Personal preparation for worship is essential – bringing our worries, our pain, our unexpressed frustrations, thanks, praise, joy and sorrow before Him with whom we have to do, who knows all our weaknesses and our needs.

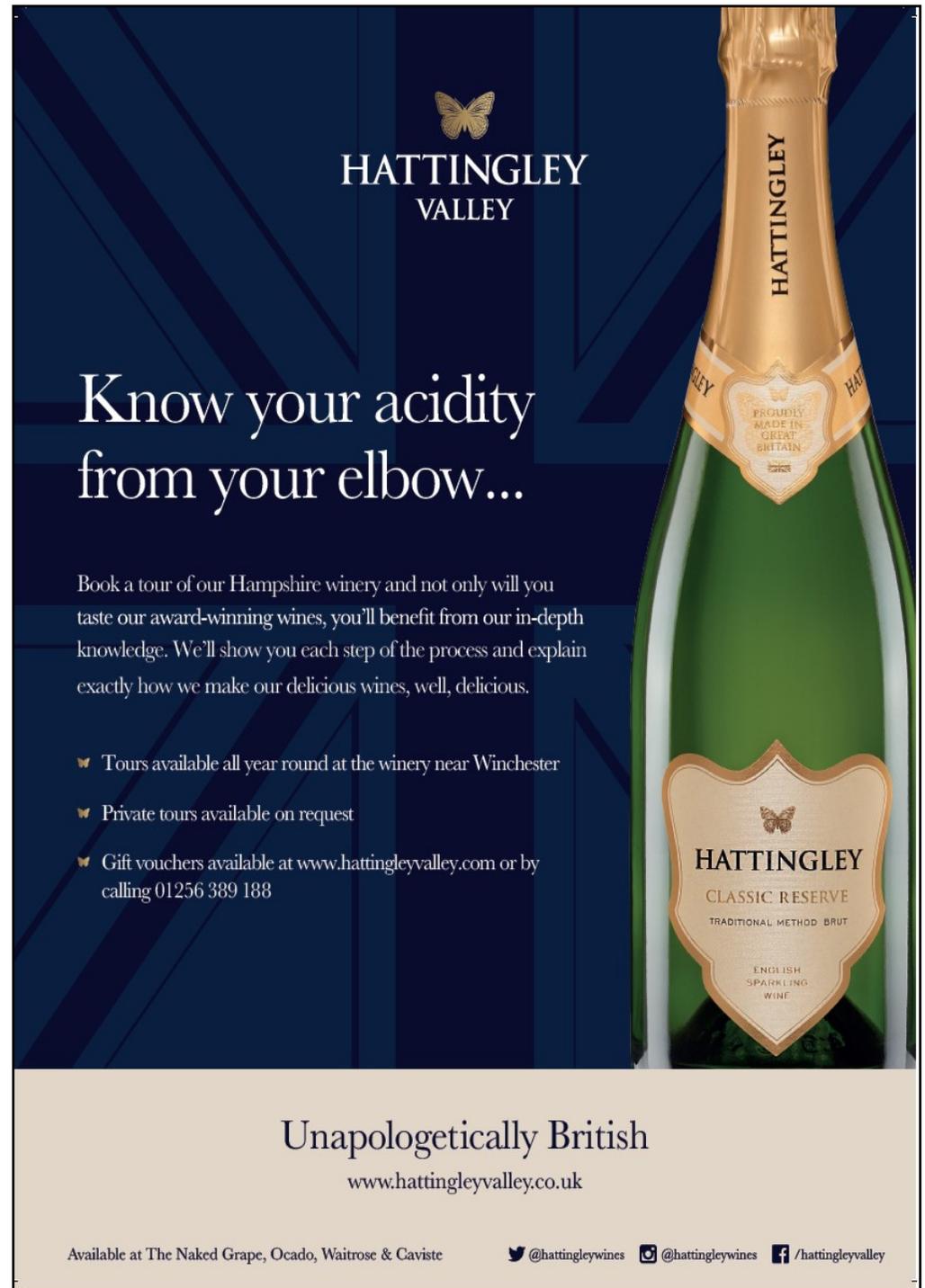
Second, being aware that others have needs and to be wise to spatially distance, whilst metaphorically giving others a hug or “virtual” handshake, engaging corporately with them as we approach the Lord in praise.

Third, to listen. Our temporary loss of congregational singing gives time to reflect on what inspires us: we are allowed choirs to lead us, and a “scratch choir” at some services, made up of those who can sing in tune and who can be appropriately distanced from each other in our church chancels can add a new dimension to meeting with the Lord – as well as saying hymns together, or different people reading a verse each – can enable congregational participation in new ways, using the words of a hymn to express our worship, praise, struggles, and hopes.

Forth, to give: of ourselves in worship and service, for it is not solely about the words, but our voices, our bodies as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2), our hands as offerings of peace and skill, and of our substance as we give to God what belongs to Him, and then more, as we remember that our lives do not consist in the abundance of our possessions, but of His possession of us.

The biggest obstacle to overcome as we move back into Sunday worship is fear. Many are fearful of catching the virus, or that by carelessness could unwittingly contribute to its spread; at the same time, risk assessments have to be realistic, but that is dependent on assumptions too.

We all live just one heartbeat away from eternity, and He calls us to live in faith, not fear; in hope, not despair. “I sought the Lord and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.” says Psalm 34:4. That does not mean that we live recklessly, but circumspectly, knowing one day we will all come to an end of our finite existence, but walking with assurance that we are His, and because Jesus rose from death to life, we have a living hope that trans-



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cends the despair of this world and the ungodly system and culture within which we live.

With autumn coming, we have a Bereavement Remembering Service again on 1 November – advertised elsewhere -Remembrance Sunday, and our run into Christmas. We don't know yet whether we can hold our Carol Services as in previous years –possibly if we have limited & ticketed attendance, we may have to hold more than one when one would have sufficed – we'll see!

May I encourage you to pray personally much more at home: too many never set aside time to pray and seek the Lord; the consequence is stunted, shallow experience of the Holy Spirit of God, and a huge lack of spiritual power when difficulties arise. If God has more for us, why do we settle for less than the best?

May God bless you all as we look forward to all God has for us.

Prayerfully as always,
Stephen

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Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	4 October 11.00	James & Rhona Hatchley	James & Rhona Hatchley
	1 Nov 11.00	Church closed	Re-wiring
St Peter's Brown Candover	No service	Until further notice	Because of Roof repairs
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	4 October 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Gunnel Berry
	11 October 10.00	Marina Avis	To be advised
	18 October	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
	25 October 10.00	Marina Avis	To be advised
	1 Nov. 10.00	Marina Avis & Gunnel Berry	Marina Avis & Gunnel Berry
All Saints Bradley	11 Oct 8.30	Andrew Don	Andrew Don
St James' Wield			



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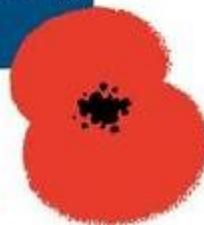
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It is also intended that a short memorial ceremony will be held at the Preston Candover War Memorial on 11 Nov.

Further details for both events will be provided nearer the time.

RBL Poppy Appeal 2020

Due to Covid 19 regulations we will not be able to undertake a door to door collection this year.

We are hopeful of having some static boxes with poppies & pin badges at The Candover Valley Store & pubs throughout the valley.

Please see National press nearer the time to find out about other ways that you can donate this year.

The Appeal is most grateful for your support in this difficult time.

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Joanna Gibbons
Poppy Appeal Organiser

Church flowers, cleaning and Key Holders

St. John's Church Northington	Flowers	Church closed	for the time being
	Key holder	Church closed	for the time being
St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Flowers	No services until further notice	Roof repairs
	Key Holders & brass	October November	Edwina Curtis Hayward (01256 389704) Sue Marriott (01256 389385)
All Saints Church Bradley	Flowers & cleaning	October	Kim Bray
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers	October	To be advised
St James' Church Wield	Flowers	October 4 October 11, 18 & 25	Harvest Festival flowers To be advised
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Offenders should be aware that dog waste, in bags or not, is litter. Dropping litter is an offense punishable with a fine.

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Benefice of Farleigh, Candover and Wield Recruitment of a part time Benefice Administrator

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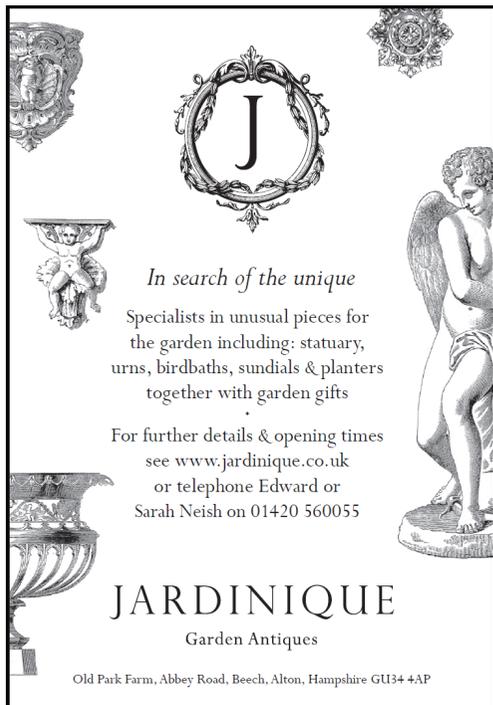


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Good news about the proposed giant warehouse campaign:

- 1) At a meeting today, Dummer's M.P. Kit Malthouse confirmed that he and Basingstoke M.P. Maria Miller OPPOSE plans for a giant warehouse at Junction 7 of the M3.
- 1) More than 200 letters objecting to the speculative development have been received by Basingstoke Council with more to come. Local Parish Councils will be sending in their objections soon. If you haven't written yet do it ***now!*** (www.cleanairgreenenvironment.org)
- 1) In Swindon, the local council has set a precedent and a standard for Basingstoke to follow. They have ***turned down*** a planning application for a science park citing many of the reasons (pollution, destruction of farmland, lack of benefits, substantial increases in traffic) that apply in the case of the proposed giant warehouse.
- 4) Campaigners are changing the name 'Basingstoke gateway' to 'Basingstoke Gatecrash' – because it's uninvited, unwanted, and likely to cause trouble!

CAGE ([cleanairgreenenvironment](http://cleanairgreenenvironment.org)) continues to be working on understanding and preventing the environmental damage which will be caused if the distribution warehouses on junction 7 of the M3 get the go-ahead.

We're speaking to local councillors, MPs, and relevant experts.

We need and appreciate support both financial and practical so please visit the website: cleanairgreenenvironment.org or the Facebook page which has the latest information.

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I was horrified, and so sorry to hear of the terrible school bus crash at Headbourne Worthy: children from the Itchen Valley and the Worthys were on the bus. Some of the children were hurt, though thankfully, there were no fatalities. Many people have asked: 'what happens now'? The investigation will take about three months before any conclusions are published. **All this happened in the first week of schools opening for all pupils, and in Hampshire, over 90% have returned.** Parents who are concerned about sending children back or about the impact lockdown has had on their child's mental health can call the dedicated HCC Educational Psychologist helpline 01962 876239 (Tues & Thurs mornings)

Flooding: Flash flooding at the end of August brought 35 mm of rain in 25 minutes (according to HCC). Please report any blocked drains or road cleaning requirements through www.hants.gov.uk: go to roads and transport, then road defects, then report flooding. You can upload photos too.

The floods arrived so fast and so unexpectedly, no one authority could have reacted in time but one idea has been suggested by the emergency team: if you don't have a sandbag, you can keep a 'growbag' near your door. When the rains start pouring, use it to divert water away from your door or air bricks. It's not ideal, but a good start, and may hold the fort in a flash flood.

New bus routes from 1st September: Added stops on the 'free' bus to Tesco (Winnall) bus from Sutton Scotney, Stoke Charity and Wonston and Kings Worthy, a renewed call-and-go taxi service for East Stratton, and a new 95 bus route on a Monday and Thursday for East Stratton, Micheldever, Wonston and Worthys areas are now in operation. These are being trialled for six months to see how they go, despite the challenges of lockdown distancing..

There are **two Government consultations:**
Planning for the Future, deadline 29th October 2020. This is a fundamental change to the planning system, labelling land as 'growth, renew or protect'. The Govt. wants to increase housebuilding to 300,000 homes a year (currently permission given for 187500 a year), and so there is a second consultation:
Changes to the Current Planning System, deadline 1st October 2020, with proposals for a new algorithm that will result in more than 1000 homes a year for Winchester district.

I urge you (even if you're in the SDNP) to look carefully and respond to these consultations. The real changes are designed to strengthen influence of the Local Plan and reduce the emphasis on public consultation for individual planning applications.

Hampshire wants to recruit an **HCC Residents Forum** to test the public's response to policy changes. If you'd like to join, please go to <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/01092020residentsforum> for details.

Child Flu Clinics

We will also be contacting parents whose children are aged 2-3 (born 1.9.2016 – 31.8.2018) 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.

Phlebotomy service (Blood tests) at Royal Hampshire County Hospital:

The phlebotomy service at Hampshire Hospitals on all sites changed to an appointment only service on Monday 23 March & is still currently in place. Appointment capacity has been increased as has the resource to answer calls and book appointments.

The Trust is currently restricting patient and visitor access and would ask that, where possible, patients attend for their appointment unaccompanied. Where this is not possible only one person should attend with the patient and children should not be brought on site.

To book a blood test appointment at the hospitals:

Call 01256 314751 and choose option 1.

Lines open Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm.

Please note that if you are able to call in the afternoon, lines are often less busy and you may have a shorter wait.

They also offer a call back facility so you do not have to wait on the line when they have lots of callers.

Retirement of Sister Val Bond

After thirty years of working as a Practice Nurse at the Surgery Sister Val Bond has decided to retire.

She officially retired on Wednesday 9th September. She will, however, be coming back to help cover holidays, sickness etc and will be joining the team to give flu jabs.

She will miss staff and patients very much but is looking forward to having more time to spend with her family and friends.

Website

Our website (www.alresfordsurgery.co.uk) has been updated & is now LIVE! Our website should now be easier to navigate as well as having extensive self-care & health promotion resources.

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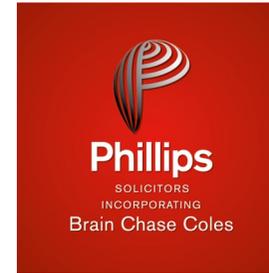
- 2.) You need to be wearing a face covering/mask before entering the building, even if collecting a prescription.
- 3.) To ensure there are as few patients in the building as possible,
- Do not attend more than 5 minutes before your appointment time.
 - You should attend the surgery alone, unless you need an essential carer or parent/guardian to accompany you.
- 4.) Any enquiries relating to appointments, repeat medications or otherwise please telephone (01962 732345)

Flu Clinics

Our flu clinics are well under way & any eligible patients will have been or will be either contacted by text or letter.

Please make sure you wear a face covering when you come for your flu jab. Please make sure you wear a short sleeved shirt or top and that your outer clothing can be easily removed. We will need to access the very top of your arm in order to administer the vaccine and anything you can do to make that easier would be very much appreciated.

Patients who are aged 50-64 year old –Please do not call the surgery with enquiries, we will be in contact later when the at risk patients have been vaccinated.



Don't forget your digital assets when making a Will

Have you ever thought about what will happen to your photographs on Facebook, your digital music and book library and your online film collection, not to mention your online bank accounts when you die? Nowadays we are all increasingly living our lives online, so protecting your digital legacy is something that you must consider when you are making or updating your Will.

Failure to do so could mean your loved-ones not only losing access to things of sentimental value like photographs, but also those of financial value too. In addition, an up-to-date Will can help avoid any potential confusion and possible conflict for your loved ones.

Digital assets also include investments you have made such as stocks and shares on online platforms, virtual currency like Bitcoin along with anything that has built up points such as frequent flyer schemes and unspent balances on shopping sites.

Laura Karon, who works in the Wills and Probate team at Phillips Solicitors incorporating Brain Chase Coles recommends that you leave clear instructions about what should happen to your digital assets after your death.

She said: “You want to ensure that your loved ones, and the executors of your Will, know not only of the existence of all of these accounts, your collections and assets, but also have the legal authority to access them.” “In fact, just allowing your accounts to be left open and dormant is also very unsafe as identity fraudsters could hack into them and hijack your personal details.”



If you would like advice in making or updating a Will, please contact Laura Karon by emailing laura.karon@phillips-law.co.uk or by calling 01256 854618.

Alternatively, for more information about our wide range of legal services please visit www.phillips-law.co.uk

Walking with Wildlife

Field margins, blue with a cover crop of phacelia, have proved popular with bees, butterflies and hoverflies again this summer. A member of the borage family, phacelia, also known as blue or purple tansy, is often planted as part of a bee recovery programme to restore bumblebee habitats on arable farmland, as well as forming a green manure. Long-tongued bumblebees such as the garden bumblebee benefit the most. With a long flowering period, an entire field of scented phacelia, lavender blue in bright sunlight, is quite an impressive sight.

On the sunny side of grassy verges in late summer, the yellow snapdragons of common toadflax are blooming and will last well in to the autumn. The sturdy flowers, the colour of scrambled eggs, have acquired all manner of folk-names over the years from butter-and-eggs to bunny-mouths. A native perennial it is widely cultivated as a garden plant. The tall spires of its cousin, purple toadflax, introduced long ago in the 17th century from Italy, are now naturalised and popular with ladybirds, bees and bumblebees.

Returning from Micheldever Woods one day, I found hiding in plain sight on the grassy verge near Hassock Copse another late summer delight: a giant puffball. The chalk-white mound, a pan-sized breakfast treat for some when freshly sliced, was now grooved and furrowed, sculpted into a fungal artwork by feasting slugs.

Giant puffballs can be quite elusive; common in some years, rare in others. Found in fields, paddocks and hedgerows, they favour soils rich in manure, compost heaps and nettle beds. One afternoon I searched in vain beyond the churchyard walls at St. John's, Northington – a well-known site in previous years.

However, there were other compensations: looking up I saw the skies were suddenly full of a throng of house martins and swallows, a fascinating display of some hundred or so excited birds. They seemed restless for migration, swirling around the village rooftops, settling briefly to perch in rows on the power line, before taking off to swoop fast and low over the water-meadows, chasing insects.



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Dear residents

I start this month with an appeal for information about three burglaries, two of which are houses, in our area. For the first eight months of the year we experienced no reported house burglaries across the whole of my 75 sq. mile area, unfortunately that has not lasted.

The first was between August 15 and 16 at a barn behind the Woolpack public house at Totford. I am pleased to report we have forensic evidence however if anyone has any information that can assist please give me a call direct. The second was between August 21 and 31 2020 at a house in Dummer Road, Axford, and the third at a house in Chilton Candover overnight between September 1 and 2.

In both the dwelling burglaries a substantial amount of property was stolen and I continue to urge all residents to photograph and record details of valuable property and items.

On August 20 theft from a garden at Chilton Candover took place where two lead planters was stolen. Slightly further afield in Upton Grey overnight of August 16 and 17 a large amount of stone was stolen from a garden in Basingstoke Road. Whilst during the day on Monday September 7 between 11:58 AM and 12:05 PM an ornate ceramic bird bath was stolen from a garden in Cliddesden. A silver car was seen to enter and stop outside the garden and then drove away a short time afterwards. As with property at home, I ask residents to please remain vigilant, photograph and mark valuable items.

As the evenings draw in please consider your home security, leave lights on and use timers, consider an alarm and CCTV, leave a radio/television on, please make the appearance that someone is at home, consider 'Beware of the Dog' signs on the front gate, again it all helps to prevent burglary.

Many thanks for your continued support as always

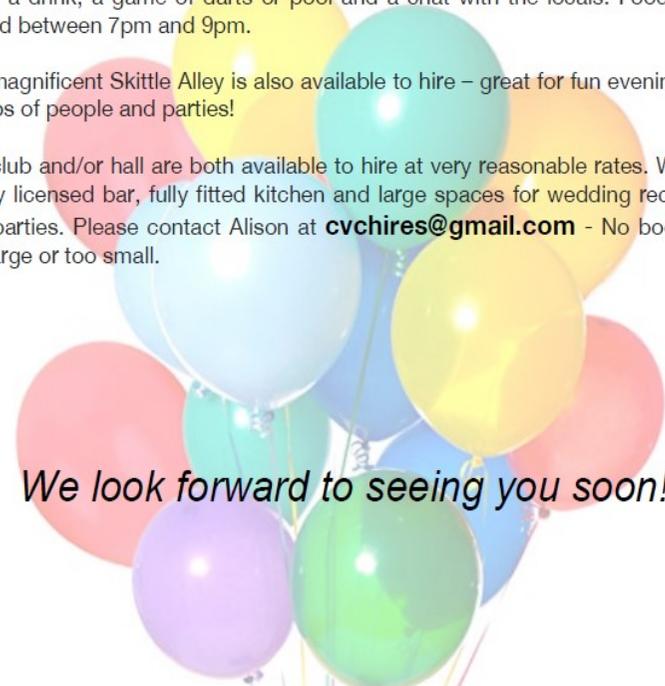
Candover Valley Club

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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Official guidance continues to evolve, however the information in this article was correct as of 21st August 2020.

Wash your hands, cover your face and make space.

Throughout the pandemic, HM Government has said the plan to reopen Britain and her economy is conditional – that it relies on continued progress against the virus. Since my last update, we have squeezed the lock-down brake pedal in certain areas to ensure the numbers aren't rising rapidly and that we keep the virus under control.

We are winning the fight over this virus and we will beat it. With your continued support and sacrifice and if each and every one of us play our part.

School is the best place for a child's education and wellbeing – now is the time they are back in the classroom, getting the education they deserve.

As planned, schools, nurseries and colleges will re-open fully from September, with universities also opening for the new academic year.

Schools across the country have received guidance on the protective measures that must be implemented to ensure the safety of students and teachers and minimise the risks of transmission of coronavirus. These measures include staggered break times, increased hygiene and hand-washing, and children remaining in consistent groups.

Since my last update, we have been able to lift more restrictions:

- Non-essential retail is now open provided they have been made 'COVID-secure'
- Pubs, restaurants, hairdressers as well as museums and places of worship are now able to reopen.

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WEATHERWISE

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in August 2020

By Simon Bourne

Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

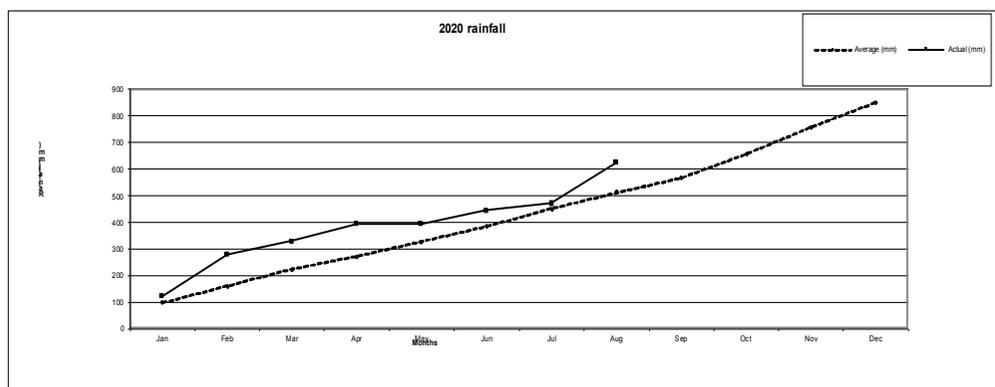
Highest	34.3/94	(12 th)
Lowest	5.7/42	(4 ^h)
Warmest Night	18.0/64	(13 th)
Coollest Day	16.4/62	(29 th)
Average maximum temperature	22.9/73	
Average minimum temperature	12.7/55	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	153.8/6.06	(average 66.8/2.63)
Annual total	623.5/24.5	(average 519.0/20.43)
Maximum 24hr. fall	38.9/1.53	(27 th)
Number of days with rain	15	

Summary

Apart from a couple of light showers, the first week and a half was dry and sunny with temperatures rising to well above normal. The warmest day at 94°F was recorded on the 12th when there was distant thunder, and more the following day with lightning and almost 1½ inches of rain. The next two days provided remarkable contrast with thick, featureless cloud. Almost two weeks of unsettled weather followed, with the odd rumble of thunder, showers or longer outbreaks of rain and a few sunny spells. It was breezy on the 21st and 25th and although spared the worst of storms Ellen and Francis, over 1½ inches of rain on the 27th caused flash flooding across the region. The month ended with an autumnal feel as temperatures declined. Overall, the temperature was well above the norm and it was the wettest August on record, with 230% of the usual rainfall. The summer was slightly warmer and wetter than normal.



- Holidays in England are allowed – with hotels & B&Bs opening.
- Sports and leisure businesses can reopen, as well as close contact services such as nail salons.
- Indoor gyms, swimming pools and sports facilities have reopened, ensuring millions of people can get back into more sport and fitness activities.
- We have updated our advice on going back to work – giving employers more discretion to decide how their staff can work safely.

Thank you once again to everyone across North East Hampshire for following the guidance. I don't pretend it's been easy. Nor do I presume that we've been able to do everything that you might have wanted us to do. But it is because of your sacrifice and our fabulous community spirit that we are defeating this terrible virus and getting back to a sense of normality.

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Swarraton and Northington WI

We are still unable to meet in the Hall and the rule of six is limiting but we are still keeping in contact with calls and monthly newsletters.

Days for Girls

Quite a number of our Days for Girls team have continued sewing, finishing and overlocking throughout this lockdown and the great news is that we are building a healthy stock of finished items. If you would like to sew (or continue to sew) then we have lots of ready cut fabric and PUL for you to stitch pockets, shields, drawstring bags and liners and we are very happy to deliver to you at home for you to work on at your leisure. There are written instructions and diagrams if you need a helping hand.

Shoe Box Appeal

Many of us have enjoyed packing shoe boxes in the past and Janet Pooley has the details for this year's appeal. This year shoe boxes will need to be ready by November 1st.

Denman College

As part of the formal legal process to decide the future of Denman, members will have the opportunity to make representations (to be considered by the NFWI Board) regarding the estate. This is a process required by the Charity Commission.

Zoom calls in September to allow members the opportunity to ask any questions.

These zoom calls are free for all members and you can book a space using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wi-member-zoom-calls-re-denman-tickets-116573603787>

Recipe

Mediterranean chicken with black olives, feta and basil x 4

You will need:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4 chicken pieces | 1 tbs olive oil |
| 1 chopped onion | 450g roughly chopped vine tomatoes |
| 200ml white wine | 250 ml chicken stock |
| 2 tbsp red wine vinegar | Few pitted dry black olives (Crespo?) |
| 50g raisins | Half packet thyme |

Tina Easton from Bradley signed up to volunteer at the shop, because she enjoys helping out and doing 'her bit'. She also finds it rewarding as it's fun, social (both working with others and seeing all the customers) and a great hub of the community. She is amazed by Garry's ability to get stock – how did he manage to find items during the lockdown that other shops couldn't?



Sean Ennis moved to Preston Candover last year and quickly discovered the community store. Sean is a chef by training and has many years' experience of running his own pub and restaurant. But partly to keep himself occupied and partly as a way of getting to know people, he decided to volunteer in the store. He now finds himself an employed member of staff and behind the post office counter three days a week!



If you want to find out more about becoming a volunteer, get in touch with Jane Laws on 01256 38949

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Candover Valley Store

community made

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working volunteers and youth workers who, led by our managers (Garry and Emma) and duty managers (Lucy, Carolyn, Sean and Becky), keep the store up and running seven days a week. Thank you for your commitment to working in the store and for serving the community so well in such uncertain times.

Volunteers come from all over the valley and tell us there are many things they like about working in store. Here are just three ...



Debbie Foster from Ellisfield spent thirteen years going to Preston Candover every weekday when her children were at school there. Then one day she didn't go anymore! Friends and acquaintances made at the school gate drifted away, but volunteering in the community shop has provided a great opportunity to see many of these people again, after 23 years! And now Debbie is seeing many new faces from all over the Candover Valley.

100 g feta crumbled Few basil leaves
Gas mark 4 or 200 degrees or less for fan oven

Method

Fry chicken skin side down

Reduce heat, remove chicken and fry onion. Add tomatoes, wine, stock, vinegar, olives, raisins and thyme. Simmer for about 8 minutes until slightly reduced.

Transfer to oven proof dish and sit the chicken on top and bake for 45 minutes uncovered until golden and cooked through.

Allow to stand for 5 minutes and then add feta and basil. Serve with new potatoes and green beans.

And finally! Sloe Gin There are plenty of fine sloes ripening on our Hampshire hedgerows. Have you picked some and made some sloe gin ready for Christmas?

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On the Farm — Julian Gibbons

Harvest finally finished on the 8th September with the last of the spring sown winter beans. A lot has appeared in the press about the cereal harvest this year and its effects on food prices. We have three empty sheds that would normally have grain in them. This is the result of a combination of lower yields and spring crops that are lower yielding by nature. The quality of harvest was generally good. Our Maris Otter winter barley is better than last year, although lower yielding. Wheat was about 10% down in yield, but quality good. The spring oats, which I said last year we would never grow again, were low yielding and poor quality. They were affected by the wet weather in the second half of August, with quite a bit of grain shed in the field. Beans were generally about 40% down on yield, although one field did come in on budget. The challenge is identifying why it yielded better.

The one bright spot were the peas. They looked good from the moment they emerged in April and never looked back. Brother reckoned they were one of the best crops he had ever combined, which is unusual for peas. They came in 25% over budget with a beautiful sample. It is typical that in a year with no Hay, Corn and Root Shows we produce the best sample of peas ever! Our grain drier also had no use this year.

This year the UK will be an importer of wheat. Prices have risen to reflect the small crop. This time last year feed wheat was £120/t for September delivery, this year it is £170/t. Milling premiums have risen as well. This sounds a bonanza, but we have only 20% of what we produced last year. Warnings have been made about the effect on bread prices, however the wheat price is only about 11% of the price of a loaf. If the price of wheat doubles it will only result in a 5-6p price rise on a standard 800g loaf.

We are now getting ready to start autumn planting. We have put some green cover crops in and we are trying a different mix this year. We have Ben Robinson's sheep eating through one fodder radish cover crop that will be going into wheat once they have finished. We have not planted any oilseed rape this year, we found it too depressing to establish a crop and then watch it die over the winter and early spring due to a pest we can no longer control.

The Sugar Beet crop in East Anglia has been affected terribly by an aphid spread virus. The aphids are resistant to all the sprays and we no longer have the use of neonicotinoid seed dressings and sprays, which controlled them. Beet virus yellows are so bad in France that they anticipate the yield could be down by as much as 70%. The French who were instrumental in getting the Neonicotinoid ban will probably give an emergency use next year to try and save their sugar beet industry from complete collapse. The recent mild winters have meant higher pest numbers, oh for a cold winter

Aphids spread Barley Yellow Dwarf virus in cereals, so we are being encouraged to delay drilling to reduce the risk of spread. The problem is that after last year we need to get crops in the ground and we have to balance the risk of disease and increased weeds against the risk of not planting. Over the last 40 years our rolling 5 year average rainfall figure has been on a steady upward progression and we have fewer days to plant winter cereal than we used to have.

Our wild bird strips are a mixed bunch, but some seem to have all the sunflowers. This is I think due to the seed shaking down in the seed box and separating according to seed size. They are giving a bright look to the farm for September.

Lockdown Lives by Poppy Gibbons

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Politicians becoming the snake in the grass.

Nurses and doctors trying to fight for a mask.

Amateur gardeners and online knitters,

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Breaking lockdown rules with no one admitting.

Cancelled exams causing chaos for all,

Teacher's predictions and algorithms galore,

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Candover Valley Gardening Club

Our members have enjoyed two more amazing garden visits.

In August we were blessed with a sunny evening to visit a lovely garden in Medstead where we were shown around the extensive lawns, pretty rose gardens, interesting borders and beautiful trees, including a huge Indian Bean Tree, by our hosts and their gardener.

In September on another beautiful sunny evening we had an invitation to make a return visit to a garden in Armsworth we had previously visited last year. We wandered around with our hosts, thoroughly enjoying all the stunning, colourful flowers, extensive vegetable garden and greenhouses, plus a newly planted vineyard. The gardener was kept busy answering our many questions and we all went home inspired and with an invitation to return again next year.

Reluctantly due to the current uncertainties we have made the difficult decision to cancel our indoor meetings until the end of this year. If you had been planning to join us to get new ideas from our speakers, please keep an eye on our website www.cvgc.btck.co.uk for up to date information.



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Friday Mornings 11am-12noon Term Time

October: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd (not 30th as half term)

Due to Covid-19 we are offering a walk and following government guidelines

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups. Join us for a country walk suitable for all ages.

A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us.

Cost: £1 donation per family

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News from the Yard



We've been overwhelmed by your enthusiasm & support of our new pop-up café in the Candover Valley! Thank you for visiting us this summer, we've had such a great time serving up the best Moonroast coffee, homemade Italian gelato and our ever popular toasties.

We have some fantastic news and some exciting plans going forward. We were recently awarded our 5* gold rating for food safety & hygiene which we're pretty pleased about! And we've also introduced our Yard loyalty card: buy 6 hot drinks, and enjoy the next one on the house 😊.

Going forward into the autumn, we'll be adding to our toasties with soups & delicious bowl food, and upping our hot chocolate game as we'll be sadly saying goodbye to our gelato bar at the end of September. With our track & trace systems in place, rigorous hygiene policies, and our beautiful, well ventilated, open plan space, we're confident we can keep you safe as you take refuge with us over great coffee through the autumn. Huge thanks are due to our lovely neighbours Moonroast, with their excellent coffee, and our wonderful staff team who've been so brilliant to work with over the summer.

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Parliament is back in full swing now and, without a conference season this year, it's a long session through until Christmas. Using my decade plus experience, I have been speaking out in recent weeks; of my concerns for the future of many **health prevention** duties within the remit of the soon to be disbanded Public Health England, on access to **Covid testing** and that important **UK/EU free trade agreement**.

I also spoke recently in a major debate on aviation and focused on two things; the shameful way British Airways have turned a health crisis in an industrial relations catastrophe and **sustainable air travel** as we chase our climate change objectives through the 'jet zero' programme. It should never be either or and we shouldn't listen to the negative mindset that says otherwise. You can find the speech linked from my Facebook page.

Recent weeks have, of course, been dominated by the awful events around the **school bus crash in Kings Worthy**. For those who don't know, that bus comes through Alresford and picks up young people in the Itchen Valley and we can only thank God no one was killed as it struck the railway bridge on Wellhouse Lane on its way to Henry Beaufort School.

Speaking on the local TV news, I said at the time how we need clear answers as to how this could ever have happened and, notwithstanding the police operation which must take its proper course, I haven't wasted time in this regard. The school, police, council and Stagecoach were round a table with me within days of the incident and now know how upset and angry residents are.

There is no doubt (or argument) that this bus was on the wrong route but we need to know why. As importantly for us, there are clearly issues with the timetabling of this service out in the Itchen Valley and I want a speedy resolution to them because my hunch is they're symptomatic of a home school transport contract that has been found seriously wanting. This is a fast-moving situation, and subject to various legal action, but I will keep all updated as best I can via my usual channels.

Finally, I passionately believe **Winchester has a unique opportunity** to become a real workplace destination in the wake of covid and changing work patterns. The question is do we have the local leadership, the ambition and the vision to grab this opportunity?

In my recent column, published in the *Hampshire Chronicle*, I argue that the challenges facing Winchester's economy and continued dither over its' regeneration have been badly exposed by the pandemic. My central thesis is that Winchester can no longer afford to indulge in endless debate and self-interested legal challenge because this is all connected to the changing workplace; we should have a bold strategy to be an exciting workplace destination and build an economic powerhouse that can fund the public services and cultural offering we so value. Read in full at; www.stevebrine.com/winchesterworkplacedestination

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