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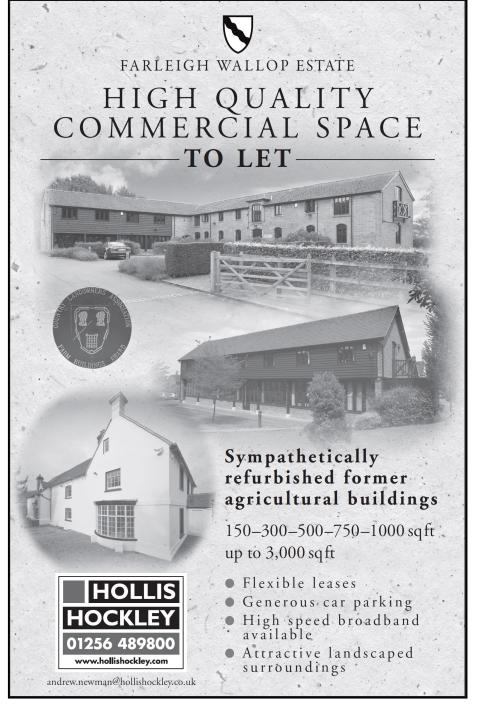
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Sunday 2nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity

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08.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:30	Wield	Matins IDT
09.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer PR
10:00	Preston Candove	r Morning Prayer JG
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion IDT
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special
Readings	1 Samuel 3: 1-22	2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3.6
<u> </u>		Psalm 139 1-5 and 12-18

Sunday 9th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

08:00	Dummer	Holy Communion IDT
09:45	Ellisfield	Morning Prayer BC
10:00	Preston Candove	er Family service IDT
11:15	Cliddesden	Family Holy Communion IDT
18:00	Wield	Evensong PR
Readings	1 Samuel 8:4-11	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35
		Psalm 138





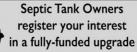
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Sunday 16th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.00	Wield	Hol	y Communion I	DT
9:45	Dummer		Prayer LH/CPT	
10:00	Preston C	Candover	Family servic	e +baptism
IDT			•	-
11.15	Cliddesd	en Fam	nily Service PR	
18:00	Clifton Candov	er Evening F	Payer (1662)	Buried Church
service				
Readings	1 Samuel 15:32	4-16:13 2 Co	rinthians 5:6-1	0:Mark 4:26-34
J				Psalm 20

Sunday 23rd June 4th Sunday after Trinity

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8:30	Bradley	Holy Communion CW. IDT
9:45	Dummer	Holy Communion CW IDT
11:00	Brown	Candover Morning Worship JG
11:15	Ellisfield	Family Holy Communion IDT
13:00	Northington	Baptism IDT
Readings	1 Samuel 17 1	la and 4-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 :
C	Mark 4:35-40	Psalm 92

Sunday 30th June 5th Sunday after Trinity

10:00	Farleigh	Holy Communion CW iDT
10:00	Preston Candove	r Morning Prayer JG
Readings	2 Samuel 3:1-10	, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 5:21-34
		Psalm 82

Sunday 7th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

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09:30	Wield	Matins ID	PΤ	
11:00	Dummer Pa	arish service	IDT	
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning 1	Prayer JG	
11:00	Northington	Holy Con	nmunion RB	
Readings	2 Samuel 5:1-5 and	l 9-10 - 2 Cori	nthians 12:2	-10
	Mark 6:1-13			Psalm 48

Message from Ian

Who is your hero? We all have them, people who have inspired us or challenged us. When I was much younger my heroes tended to be sporting gods of the 1970s and 80s. Ian Botham JPR Williams or Sir Vivan Richards. Never got anywhere near their standards but they allowed you to dream while playing on a tatty council run cricket field in Surbiton. As I've got older, I've noticed that my heroes have got smaller. No longer do I gaze in wonder at the sporting superstars, but at the ordinary people who face challenges and attempt to overcome them. When I was a radiographer

do I gaze in wonder at the sporting superstars, but at the ordinary people who face challenges and attempt to overcome them. When I was a radiographer in a nuclear medicine department we had regular visits from a young girl with a nasty bone tumour. We used to dread seeing her name on the list for a scan because we knew we would see someone beautiful and charming having her life ravaged by a terrible disease. She won our hearts by the bravery and cheerfulness she displayed.

One of the truths of life is that that bad things happen. This isn't an exact quote, but this carries the gist of it. The question is always how do we respond to it? We see this on the nightly news with the sufferings of the people in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and many other places. Much closer to home there remains the concerns of people who are in food poverty. People on benefits who struggle to feed their families because of the rising costs of food and utility bills. To be a hero isn't to shrug our shoulders and look the other way but to stand and try to make a difference. By giving, there are loads of charities anxious for financial support or by supporting the local food banks. Christians will also suggest prayer. Because when we go through the darkest valley the promise is that God is still with us.

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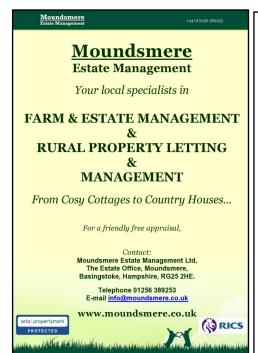
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All Saint's Dummer	9 June 8.00am	Anita Austin	
All Saint's Dummer	16 June 9.45am	Stafford napier	John Truman Jan Marks
All Saint's Dummer	23 June 9.45am	David Craven	David Craven Clare Wilmot Sitwell
St. Andrew's Farleigh Wallop	30 June 11.00am		
All Saint's Dummer	7 July 11.15am	Melanie Gill	
St Martin's Ellisfield	2 June 8.00am	Lucinda Rule	
St Martin's Ellisfield	9 June 9.45am	Tim Guinness	Caroline Allen and Beverley Guinness
St Martin's Ellisfield	23 June 11.15am	Sallie Paravicini	Gordon Dunse and Ed Fellows
St Martin's Ellisfield	30 June 11.00am	Oliver Lymington	To be Confirmed

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Cliddesden WI

On 9th April we held another Crafty Lunchers Day which as usual was a big success and raised some funds for our WI. Everybody who comes really en-

joys the day especially the lunch where members and non-members can get together and have a good chat. Many thanks must go to Catherine for organising everything to make the cards. Also, to all the helpers in the kitchen, without them the event couldn't go ahead.

I was away for the April meeting, but Julia kindly wrote the following for the newsletter in my absence:

'This month we are preparing for our AGM. The members discussed the future of Cliddesden WI, which will be 103 this year. We need more members, especially anyone who would like to get involved with the organisation of meetings and events. If you are interested, please do contact our secretary Julia on cliddesdensec@hampshirewi.org.uk

This month members brought along items for show and tell. Pat Rampton showed us the amazing pictures she has made from her homemade rubber stamps. Muriel brought along an apron she made at school over 70 years ago when she was 11. She remembered her sewing teacher Miss Knight and the expectation of tiny hand sewing which resulted in many hours of unpicking. Rosemary showed us Mrs Elsie Boxall's wedding dress and homemade white crocheted gloves which were beautiful. Julia brought along three wall hangings, one from a workshop in March and another partly completed which shows the stages to completion.

Trish read us an anecdote from Joyce Grenfell where school children were choosing which flower they would like to be. Most children chose a rose, but one pupil first chose a horse then a carrot - only to be told NO.'

Our May meeting will be our AGM as well as our ordinary meeting. Members will be making cakes to enjoy with our coffee. We will be reporting about the meeting next month.

Continued overleaf

Cliddesden WI (Cont.)

Next meeting Monday 17th June at 10.30am

The Dogs Trust

Speaker Wendy Edwards

We look forward to seeing everybody there.

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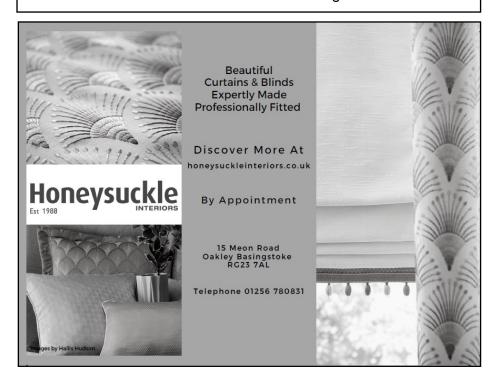
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Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club AKA 'The Film Club'



Thursday 6 June Living

(2022, 102 minutes, cert 12)

Living is a 2022 British film directed by Oliver Hermanus adapted from the 1952 Japanese film Ikiru directed by Akira Kurosawa (Seven Samuri).

Set in 1953 in London, it depicts a bureaucrat in the county Public Works department (played by Bill Nighy) in

which a staid, emotionally withdrawn local government official receives news which compels him to rethink his outlook on life.

Thursday 4 July



The Lost King

(2022, 108 minutes, cert 12A)

The Lost King is a 2022 biographical film directed by Stephen Frears.

It's the true story of the search for the grave of Richard III under a car park in Leicester, initiated by Philippa Langley (played by Sally Hawkins) to find King Richard

III's remains, and her treatment by the University of Leicester in claiming credit for the discovery. Also starring, Steve Coogan and Harry Lloyd. The film is a suitable replacement for "The Dig" which we were unable to show.

Films start at 8pm, bar opens at 7:30pm, intermission halfway through when drinks and ice creams can be purchased.

Admission £2 to cover the cost of the DVD, surplus is donated to the village hall.

Please come along no matter where you live, bring as many friends and neighbours as you like.

Hope to see you there,

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Teddy Bear's Picnic

Friday 28th June, 11am-12.30pm St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden



Join us in the beautiful churchyard for craft, songs and cake.

Bring your own picnic and don't forget your

Teddy Bear!

Cliddesden Primary School

The Northern Lights lit up the skies over Cliddesden Primary School (coloured photo can be seen on the home page of our website)



Photo: courtesy of Mrs Rebbettes

We have a few spaces for our September 2024 Reception intake. We also have spaces in Year 2 and Year 5 for September 2024.

Please phone or email school to enquire.

Penny Challenge:

We have a winner of our Penny Challenge... HACKWOOD House with 842 points.

Each house could gain points by adding 1p and 2p coins to their house jar. However, other houses were able to secretly deposit silver coins into their opponent's house jar at any time, making them lose a point!

Each house did very well, and all deserve a round of applause. The final total raised = £140.57. Those pennies really do add up!

Candover Valley Store — community made —

Join our celebration!

On Monday 10 June our community store will have been open for five years! Globally and in our little corner of Hampshire, a huge amount has happened in that time and with your amazing support, the fledgling project that we launched in June 2019, has grown into a business that is likely to turn over half a million pounds this year – its best year ever! Please come along on the day to celebrate! The bunting will be flying, a cake will be cut and shared and smiles will abound. We are immensely grateful that our valley community continues to support the store by shopping with us regularly and by giving volunteer hours in a myriad ways. Thank you all and here's to the next five years

A special day for Dads - Sunday 16 June

Forget the socks this Father's Day and get him something he'd really like! You'll find lots to choose from on the store's shelves, from Flower Pots beers to a lovely drop of red or a bottle of local sparkling. Then there's Two Farmers hand-cooked crisps, delicious Old Winchester or Tunworth cheeses or some ChalkStream trout paté, to go with his favourite tipple. And to follow, how about a traybake from The Homemade Brownie Company or a bag of Ourageous Fudge both made within a handful of miles from the store.

Candover Brook sparkling wine tasting

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English Wine Week 2024 runs from 15-23 June, and on Friday 21 our near neighbours Candover Brook will be showcasing their valley-grown wines in the store. Bottles of the brut and rosé varieties are always available from the store but if you have never had the opportunity to try them, don't miss this date! What a treat to start the weekend!



Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

In June, we are open on 7th & 14th, on 28th a Teddy Bears picnic.

Closed on 21st June

5th & 12th July - it is our end of summer term party

0 - 4 years old and their grown-ups. A warm welcome awaits you and we look forward to you joining us for a fun and happy time

Cost: £2 donation per family



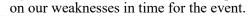
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Melanie Qualified in Early Years (07833 528040)

Claire Qualified teacher (07757 498653)



Congratulations to our Tag Rugby Team for winning The Norman League for the second consecutive year. This is an outstanding achievement considering the size of our school and is testament to the high profile of sport at Cliddesden. We entered the final meeting of the league with an 18-point lead over the other schools and were until this point unbeaten. However, at QMC this week the standard of the other teams had improved and although beating St John's and Hatch Warren, we drew against Kempshott Jnrs and suffered our first defeat in the league to North Waltham. This was enough though, to win the league by an impressive 70 points, 12 clear of runners up Kemphott. In June we will be taking part in the Basingstoke Schools Tag Festival where we will face some very stiff competition from a larger group of schools. We will be working with the squad to try and retain our dominance and improve





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Well done to our Year 6 children for completing their SATs. They all worked incredibly hard and focused well. To make sure we made the week as sup-

portive and as pleasant as possible for the children, we started each day with a special breakfast and ended the week with a fun trip out. We began the afternoon at Knights Realm Adventure Golf. Despite the weather forecast saying to expect showers, they held off for us. In three groups of five, the children navigated the course overcoming

the obstacles in the way to complete it. This was followed by a picnic in the park and then onto Hollywood Bowl.

The children were a credit to our school, and they demonstrated our school ethos and values throughout the week.











Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School, Rathbone Pavilion, Church Road, North Waltham, RG25 2BL.

www.cuckoomeadow.org Tel: 01256 398172

To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

As I'm writing this, I'm looking out at yet more rain. I hope when you read this, we are over this blip, and have finally banished those winter clothes! However, this dodgy weather has not stopped our children – they have had a brilliant start to the summer term.

These last few weeks have been spent learning about growing, conducting experiments like a scientist and learning to bubble print. And these are just a few of the wonderful activities on offer at Cuckoo Meadow.

Children took part in measuring each other to find out who was the tallest in the class, before they created a beautiful display for the wall, showing each child's height in the preschool!

Science week was such a lot of fun. The children used pipettes and mixing trays to combine lots of different substances to see what happens. A perfect activity to develop those fine motor skills. Every single child – no matter their interests or abilities - found the activities highly engaging. A really excellent topic, delivered so well by the staff at preschool, enhancing the children's curiosity about science ready for school.

Laura Reed

Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School Secretary

About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School: We are a small, friendly, pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavilion, North Waltham. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood and all agree the location and wonderful caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

convention. They represent a critical language spoken by those who maintain and engineer our county's infrastructure, ensuring safety and continuity in our daily lives.

Next time you're walking around, take a moment to spot these colourful clues to what's hidden beneath your path!

#UtilityMarkings

Winter Salting Route Test Runs

Don't be surprised if you catch sight of one of our salting lorries out in the next few weeks. In preparation for next winter, our highways teams are testing some spreading equipment and doing this now before the gritters are parked up for summer.

If you do come across 'Snow Patroller' or 'Grittindor' on your travels, please be patient and give them the space they need to operate and remember these vehicles are limited to a maximum speed of 30mph for everyone's safety.

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes

Tree/hedge problems:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge

Flooding/drainage issues:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

Pavement problems:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving

Problems with rights of way:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you



Please visit our website to read more about our school: Cliddes-den.hants.sch.uk

Paula Lavender

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Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The Gardening Club

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Hello From Claire

Can we really be half-way through the year! Time is passing so quickly, and summer is really here.

Sitting outside in the early morning the birds are filling the air with their joyous songs – whoever said the countryside is quiet should try listening at 5am, it's like a dozen choirs all raising their voices at the same time.

And the pleasure of a long, light evening spent weeding and deadheading, or simply smelling the roses in all their glory. At times like this our beautiful English home is the best place in the world to

be.

This month we are having a look at herb #5 – Chamomile

Chamomile: Botanical name: Matricaria chamomilla: Family: Compositae

There are various varieties of this herb, from the diminutive 'Chamomile Lawn' which is used for it's calming and sweetly scented aroma when

walked on, to the regular chamomile that has so many medicinal and beauty purposes.

The flower heads are the useable part of this daisy-like flowers, so if you are going to use them a far few plants will be needed. Plant in a dry sunny position, mixing the small seeds with sand to get an even spread. Thin to 6" apart, and once the flowers have opened, and the petals turn back to bare the receptacle, it is time to pick them for drying.

Chamomile also grows well in containers, it will self-seed if some of the flowers are left on the plant, and this lets you enjoy the fragrance as well. Make an infusion of the flowers as an herbal rinse for fair hair.

Mouthwash, a soothing eyebath, tea for stomach upsets and indigestion, a face wash to keep the skin soft and supple, and as a facial steam to clear a heavy head cold. Add a spoonful of honey and drink as a tonic or pick-me-up, or just drink as a tea to calm the nerves and reduce stress.

Add to pot pourris to allow that calming scent to fill your home.

The benefits of this small, unassuming, plant are many and it should be a firm contender for a place in any garden.

What's been happening?

Different coloured markings on pavements and roads

People often ask me about the markings on roads and pavements, often wondering what they mean.

Here's a quick guide to understanding this unique highway language!

Across England over 50 utility companies utilise a vivid array of spraypainted symbols to communicate what lies beneath our feet. Each colour and symbol serves as a critical guide, ensuring safe and efficient urban maintenance.

Red: A warning of electrical cables. Lines, numbers, and letters like 'L/V' (low voltage) or 'H/V' (high voltage) indicate the position and type of electrical hazards. Look out for 'SWA' to spot steel-wire armoured cables!

White: The all-rounder colour used for general instructions and notes by contractors. Whether it's marking previous road schemes or indicating utility cover issues, white is essential for communication on the ground.

Blue: This colour flags the presence of water mains. Often marked by specialized locating companies, these indicators help pre-emptively map out water infrastructure to prevent mishaps during digging.

Yellow: Not just for parking lines! On pavements, yellow highlights gas lines, detailing pressure levels (LP, MP, HP) and other pertinent info like bends in the pipes.

Green: Increasingly used to denote cable communications and networks such as CCTV and cable TV lines. It's a digital world under there!

Others: Sometimes, you might come across markings that seem like a cryptic code or even resemble hieroglyphs! These could indicate anything from future street furniture like lamp posts to specific utility needs. However, if there isn't a white line around a pothole or road defect for example it doesn't mean it's not being fixed. Much of the reporting process for work to fix problems is now carried out digitally - so imagine a virtual white line being painted around the pothole which has been photographed and geolocated, so they repair team know exactly what they are doing.

Remember, these colours and symbols are not dictated by law but by



Juliet Henderson Hampshire County Councillor

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Do you know anyone who may qualify for free childcare?

Do you need 30 hours funded childcare? If you are a working parent or carer with a three- or four-year-old, then you might be eligible for Government funded childcare.

You may be able to access the funding if you (and your partner) meet the working and income eligibility criteria.

Check your family's eligibility for the 30 Hours Childcare and other help with childcare costs, by using the childcare calculator https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator



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Supporting Hampshire's farmers

My Hampshire County Councillor colleague Cllr Russell Oppenheimer has written an excellent Op-Ed piece for the Hampshire Chronicle about how we can all help Hampshire's farmers.

I recommend it to you, it's here: https://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/.../24233542.../

Sunday May 12th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall

The Plant Sale!

The sun came out, and so did all the people in droves!

Luckily the tables were groaning with your plant donations – our grateful thanks to everyone who gave pots and pots of lovingly grown tomatoes, brassicas, lilies, herbs, annuals....well the list goes on.

The total raised was £365, our best ever sale, and these funds will be put back into the Society to enable us to book the speakers and visitors for the next year of meetings.

Thank-you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at those meetings!

What's coming up?

Thursday May 30^{th} – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – 730pm for refreshments, 745 start

Graham Bower – Japanese inspired garden elements

Rocks, water, plants and ornaments, asymmetry, enclosure, borrowed scenery, balance and symbolism – how do you unravel what could and would work for you?

If you would like to create more Zen, but don't know your feng shui from your sushi, we'll see you there.

Members £1, Guests £2. Donations to the refreshments please, and don't forget the raffle!

Look out for information regarding June garden visits – they will be emailed out to members so please do get in touch with Seumas Foster or any committee member if you would like to join and come along.

Thursday July 11th – mystery meeting! Cliddesden Millenium Hall

Due to the vagaries of life the speaker for this meeting is at this time unconfirmed.

Members will receive details via email as soon as this is resolved.......

August 4th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall

THE SUMMER SHOW

Yes, it's creeping round again.

Polish your potatoes, tie up your onions, and reveal your roses.

Flower arrangements, photographs, and, of course, tea & cake.

What more could you ask for on a Sunday afternoon,

Would you like to join us?

Keen gardeners, new planters, or 'haven't got a clue!' everyone will receive a warm welcome.

Come along and make new friends, get ideas for your own patch of heaven, and have fun.

Email Seumas Foster on Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk

Or come along to one of our meetings as a guest, and chat to any of the committee about joining.



Dummer

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About Dummer

Lady Betty Glass 10.12.1923 – 12-05-2024

After a long and interesting life Betty died very peacefully in Dashwood Manor. Born Betty Lindsay Macpherson in London on 10 December 1923. Her birth was a first, being the first unborn baby to survive her mother's appendectomy. Her father, Victor, was a third generation Scot born in St. Petersburg, Russia and her mother, Phyllis Stroyan, had Anglo Scottish parents.

Betty's life changed aged ten when her father died. Phyllis went to work for Robert Mayer, famous for sponsoring children's' concerts. Phyllis was keen for Betty to keep up her French and German. Mayer recommended that Betty went to school at Bunce Court, run by Anna Essinger a German educator who had rescued hundreds of German Jewish children and brought them to Kent. It was a period of Betty's life that was very important to her. She returned for reunions up until the 1990s.

During WW2 Betty worked as a cub reporter in Salisbury, then at Fort Halstead, Kent summarising research papers for what is now understood to be early atomic bomb development. By the end of the war Betty had a bout of tuberculosis and Phyllis had nearly starved as a postal censor in Bermuda. Mother and daughter were luckily posted to Cairo with sunshine and fresh food.

In Cairo Betty met Francis Hoyer Millar, MC. They married in 1947 and had two daughters, Lindsay (1948) and Nicola (1951). They divorced in 1956 after diplomatic postings in Cairo and Lebanon.

In 1957, Betty married a second diplomat, Sir Leslie Glass. They served in Washington DC, London, Bucharest, at the UN in New York, and finally Lagos, Nigeria. In 1971 they retired to Ivington, Herefordshire so that Leslie could fish, and Betty could garden and entertain a stream of visitors. In the late 1980s when Leslie was dying of kidney disease, their close friends Helen and John Tallent, supported Betty. Helen died shortly after Leslie. Betty and John, better known as Tally, became happy companions.

Betty and Tally's final move was to Dummer in 1994 to be near Tally's

Candover Valley Pre-School

(within Preston Candover Primary School)

Tel: 01256-389008 Email: cvpadmin@btconnect.com

Website: https://www.candovervalleypreschool.co.uk/ Opening times: Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 3.15pm Fri 8.30 - 11.45pm

Hello from CPV

The month of May marked a wonderful time of growth and exploration for our young learners. As we finally enjoyed some sunshine, we have been engaging in a variety of outdoor activities, celebrating Spring and exploring nature.

The sunshine has brought interest in shadows and the children have been experimenting with creating their own shadow puppets, wing their bands and hadies



using their hands and bodies to create shadow representations of different animals. Playing with shadows introduced scientific concepts of light and dark, creativity and imagination and fine motor skills, as the children manipulate their puppets and develop dexterity.

Our caterpillars finally completed their transformation into butterflies and the children were thrilled to release them from our preschool garden. We even had a little trouble encouraging them to leave – they must have been too well

looked after!



In our woodland, the children searched for spring flowers and leaves, threading them through 'butterfly wings'. The children learnt about symmetrical patterns, folding their set of wings to check they were creating symmetry.

We had a wonderful turn out for our School Readiness parent workshop, run by Suzanne from Hampshire Health families; offering advice to parents on

how best to prepare the children for starting school in September. We also hosted a preschool pyiama day, raising a superh £61.50 fi

We also hosted a preschool pyjama day, raising a superb £61.50 for Cracker-jacks Children's Trust – a children's charity, committed to offering help and assistance to any child, or their family in the United Kingdom, who suffer from a disability.

Candover Valley Preschool is a vibrant and nurturing learning environment. Please contact us if you would like to enquire about a place for your child.

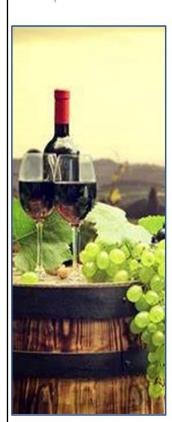
Places are currently available for Autumn 2025.

Ellisfield Wine Walk 2024



Vins de France





Friday 21st June 2024 7pm until late (at hosts' discretion)

Our Hosts:

Jacqui & Tony Matthews Mayfield, Green Lane

Sue & Dave Fripp The Glen, Axford Road

Mini & Stephen Loftus Fairviews, Bell Lane

Donations of £3 per glass of wine on night OR £10 for four glasses if donation made in advance for drinks vouchers Buy drinks vouchers from Joanne 07398 714 959/jomarkcs2@aol.com Last date for voucher purchase is Friday 14th June

All proceeds in aid of the Memorial Hall, Ellisfield

sister. The village gave them a warm welcome and when Tally died aged 94 in 2004, Betty decided to stay on. An excellent decision! Betty died on May 12th, 2024, aged 100 years and 5 months. A long life well lived. Her life will be celebrated, and she will be buried in Dummer churchyard on June 22nd.

Dummer Summer Fete.

Stallholders and games helpers are still needed for the Fete on Sunday 14th July at Dummer Down. If you can help please email villagehalldummer@gmail.com. A list of where to leave donations for stalls will be available soon.

All Saints Church

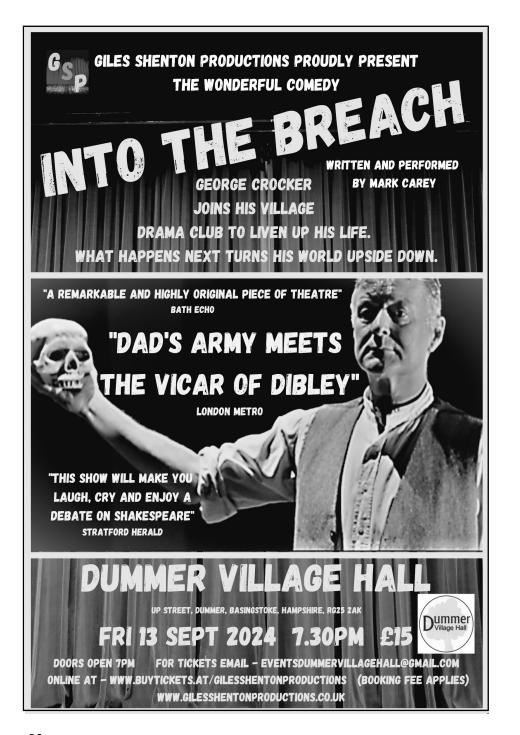
We held our AGM on 21st\April, and this is the time where I am able to thank all our fantastic volunteers. I always say the Church of England would not survive without its volunteers. We have a District Church Council for each Church in the Parish of Farleigh and the members of the Dummer DCC not only discuss the fabric of the Church, fundraising, ideas for services and events meetings but I, as Church warden, and Charles Palmer-Tomkinson are also members of the Farleigh Parochial Church Council, and I am also the Deanery Synod representative for Dummer. Each member of the DDCC brings something different to the table and each contributes in a specific way. Jeremy Glyn resigned from the DDCC at the AGM and we thank him for all the work he has put into providing the rotas of readers and Sidespersons for many years. John Holden has offered to take over this essential job. If we had space I would eulogise about everybody who contributes to our lovely Church but I would like to thank Stephen, our organist, who has proved to be such an asset. It was a very lucky day when he offered his services.

At our Sunday Special on May 5th, we were lucky to have Mike Harris from the Monumental Brass Society talk to us about the brasses in All Saints Church, some of which date from the mid-1400s. Although there was an offer for us to make a brass rubbing most of us thought if we got down on the floor, we would never get up again! It is definitely one for younger folk without arthritic knees! Mike brought the rubbings he had done a few days before, and it was both interesting to learn about the composition of brass and to see the actual rubbings. You can learn more from Mike's web site mbs-brasses.co.uk.

Our next Sunday Special is on June 2nd. Lyn, Churchwarden

Dummer Village Hall

See our posters abut a production of Into The Breach being performed in Dummer Village Hall on Friday 13th September at 7:30 p.m. This is something a bit different. There will be a bar.



Benefice Recipes

So at last we have a little sunshine and what a difference it makes. The garden is charging on and plants really need to be out of their pots. Unfortunately, I am a sucker for Forget me Not and I can't bring myself to pull any up to make a bit of space. They just need a few more seeds to set then I'll pull them and shake them out. We've had some lovely pink rhubarb and asparagus from the allotment and the potatoes are all showing, ready for an earthing up. We re roofed our shed, on a dry day, and turfed a family of rabbits out from



underneath it, they scooted off through a hole in the fence. So, we just need the ground to warm up and we can get sowing. Going into the second week of May and sadly still not heard the Cuckoo. I've heard one in Herriard but not at home. We always hear him at the allotment, where we sit with a cuppa and me trying to catch a glimpse of him but not a peep yet. So, June recipes using Elderflower.

Elderflower Vinegar for use in dressings. Ingredients

500ml. White wine or Apple cider vinegar, 5 good sized heads of Elderflower **Method**

Shake your elderflower out so no insects remain. Wash them if you want but you will lose some of the flavour. Put the flowers into a jar and make sure they are covered in the vinegar. Put the lid on and store at room temperature for at least 2 weeks making sure the flowers are always covered with the vinegar. After a couple of weeks strain the flowers out and re bottle just the vinegar.

Chicken Garden Salad with Elderflower Dressing serves 6 Ingredients

8 Asparagus spears washed and halved length ways, 200 g pack of sugar snap peas.

140 g frozen peas, 1 small, cooked chicken, meat shredded.

250 g radish sliced, 1 red onion halved and thinly sliced.

1 large curly round lettuce

For the dressing

2 tbsp Elderflower vinegar

Zest and juice of 1 lemon.

3 tbsp rapeseed oil

Method

Bring a medium pan of water to the boil and fill a large bowl with ice cold water. Drop the asparagus into the pan. After 1 min, add the sugar snaps. After another 30 seconds tip in the peas. Cook for 1 min more then drain and tip the vegetables into the icy water. After 1-2 minutes drain and set aside in a colander.

Pour dressing ingredients into a bowl and add salt and pepper and whisk together. Add the chicken ,radish, onion, cooled and drained vegetables, and the lettuce leaves and gently toss together until well coated in the dressing.

Enjoy Tracey

KNIT FOR UKRAINE CONGRATULATIONS to all the knitters.

I am writing this in the middle of May and Miriam and I have just completed putting together the 19th and 20th blankets. This is an amazing achievement in less than 2 years. We also have 2 more blankets set out and ready to stitch together.

The blankets are regularly sent out to Ukraine where they are distributed by local agencies. One truck load of aid has been sent out every two weeks since the war began.

If anyone would like to crochet squares rather than knit, we now have a pattern which I can send to you.

You can find further information about the development of the knitting on the February Newsletter on the website. https://www.hopeandaiddirect.org.uk

Completed squares can be delivered to TCC at Ellisfield Memorial Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12noon or to Sylvia Raine, Church Cottage, Ellisfield (01256 381221) sylvia.raine@btinternet.com
Sylvia Raine and the TCC team





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BLUEBELL WALK 6th MAY 2024

The bluebell walk on the first Bank Holiday Monday in May has become a traditional activity for many people in the Parish of Farleigh and surrounding area and, this year the route taken was very much a favorite, going through the woods of the Farleigh Estate, thanks to Oliver Lymington. Sadly, the forecast rain started at 10.30am in time with the early walkers leaving Home Farm Barn which will have discouraged some of those intending to take part, but not those hardy people who had done the route before and a number for the first time. They were greeted by a team of Dee Hass on reception and Debbie Scholey with Martine Bell on raffle and were soon on their way. Vicky Reed's grandson Bruce Dawson did a great job, getting wet standing in for his grandmother on car parking duties and also cheerfully turning his hand to other tasks. The halfway refreshment area, organized by Jacqui Matthews, was up by the old water tower which has splendid views down towards Winchester, somewhat masked by drizzle this year. Spirits were uplifted by the array of cakes kindly donated by many people in Ellisfield.

Rather wet walkers arrived back at the Barn, some vanished quickly for a hot bath at home but a number stayed to eat a delicious BBQ cooked and organized by Chris and Caroline Allen and their team of helpers. The atmosphere in the barn where tables and chairs had been set up was very happy although a little damp. The raffle had been drawn earlier so the many and varied prizes were quickly distributed. The total raised on the day was around £1,100 which was not that shy of previous years and will go towards the Parish of Farleigh funds which pays for the annual running costs of our four churches and our clergy, and their administrative support.

A very big thank you to all those involved both as organizers of the event and those who walked.

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