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## Rota for Services

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### The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

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Sunday	4 July	Fifth after Trinity
Readings	2 Samuel 5:1-10, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13 Psalm 48	
Sermon:	<i>Faith environments affect outcomes</i>	
9.30	Wield	Matins BCP
10.00	Preston Candover	Morning Worship CW
11.00	Northington	Holy Communion CW
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Sunday	11 July	Sixth after Trinity
Readings	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19; Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29	Psalm 24
Sermon:	<i>How to get ahead</i>	
8.30	Bradley	Holy Communion CW
10.00	Preston Candover	Family Worship
6.00	Wield	Evensong BCP
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**Sunday 18 July Seventh after Trinity**  
 Readings 2 Samuel 7:1-14, Ephesians 2:11-end, Mark 6:30-34, 53-end Psalm 23  
 Sermon: *Come apart and rest a while or you will come apart*  
 9.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP  
 10.00 Preston Candover Holy Communion CW  
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**Sunday 25 July Eighth after Trinity**  
 Readings 2 Samuel 11:1-15, Ephesians 3:14-end, John 6:1-21 Psalm 14  
 Sermon *Let nothing be wasted*  
 10.00 Preston Candover Family Service  
 11.00 Brown Candover Pet Service CW  
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**Fellowship Month service sequence:**

*2 Aug: Northington, 9 Aug: Preston C., Wield Evensong: 16 Aug Bradley, 23 Aug: Brown C. 30 Aug: Preston Candover*

**Sunday 2 August Ninth after Trinity**  
 Readings 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35 Psalm 51:1-13  
 Sermon *Work for the food which endures to eternal life*  
 11.00 Northington Morning Prayer CW  
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**St John's, Northington**

There will be a short Remembrance Ceremony at the Northington War Memorial at 1215hrs on Sun 18 July 21.

All are encouraged to attend. The month of July is chosen to hold this ceremony as it marks the death of the first person from Northington/Swarraton and Totford in the First World War.



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<b>Sunday</b> 11.00	<b>4 July</b> Dummer	<b>Fifth after Trinity FELLOWSHIP MONTH</b> Family Service <i>with Professor Julian Evans "God's Trees part 3"</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 11.00	<b>11 July</b> St. Andrew's Farleigh Wallop	<b>Sixth after Trinity</b> Holy Communion CW
<b>Sunday</b> 11.00	<b>18 July</b> Cliddesden	<b>Seventh After Trinity</b> Family Service
<b>Sunday</b> 11.00	<b>25 July</b> Ellisfield	<b>Eighth after Trinity</b> Family Service
<b>Sunday</b> 8.00 9.45 11.15	<b>1 August</b> Ellisfield Cliddesden Dummer	<b>Ninth after Trinity</b> Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion CW Family Service /Sunday Special

### Forward Notice

**St. Peters Church** will yet again have scaffolding on the tower to the west of the building.

The scaffolding will be erected on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July and will be in use from then on for two weeks.

The builders/roofers will be repairing a small part of the tower leadwork which has been allowing water to enter the interior ceiling over the main door.

Access to the main door will not be affected and the job is expected to finished on or around 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## Dear Friends

“We’re all going on a summer holiday, no more working, for a week or two” sang Sir Cliff Richard in 1963. No work for two weeks and time to spend somewhere else, “where the sea shines brightly ...like in the movies”.

A simple song and its lyrics are about rest, laughter, enjoying beauty and a time when our “dreams come true”.

Who would have dreamt back in 1963 that there ever would be a global pandemic and communities would be locked down, except perhaps Sci Fi writers fantasising about an alien invasion or malign superpower plotting to take over the world? I guess many now we have a dream that we can go back to work, to find again normal ways of working and relating, that we can holiday without restrictions and find space in life for our dreams to come true.

The Psalms in the bible often reflect on the most heartfelt of longings and dreams, for freedom, an end to oppression, that the playground bully meets their end, for society to be better ordered according to God’s laws, for God’s very own presence to be experienced. Rather than remain in our frustrations the psalms direct us to make these deep feelings into prayers to God and tell us that the God we are praying to is all powerful, all glorious, and is on the side of righteousness.

Psalm 121 invites us to “lift up our eyes to the hills”, in other words looking upwards and beyond ourselves to the all-powerful God the maker of all.

The words of Psalm 95, familiar to many,

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
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<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

<sup>7</sup> for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

Lifting our hearts and minds in worship to God is the healthiest thing to do and we can worship God in the work season or holiday season and in the struggles and joys of our lives may I encourage you to worship God, creator of all, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every blessing on your summer, holiday or not!

David

### St John's, Northington—Advance warning

From 1300hrs on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 21 to 1200hrs Tues 6<sup>th</sup> July 21 there will be a film company using the area of St John's Church, Northington, including the graveyard and adjacent church car park.

They have a large number of support vehicles including heavy trucks. Consequently, Church Lane, the Car Park and the Church are being utilised exclusively by the Film Company with the exception of Church Lane residents accessing their homes.

Please be aware that security personnel will be active. The public foot path along Church lane and around St John the Evangelist Church can still be used but only for pedestrians.

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<b>St John's Northington</b>	<b>4 July 11.00</b>	Richard & Rebecca Fletcher	Richard & Rebecca Fletcher
	<b>2 August 11.00</b>	Mark & Sophie Ashburton	Mark & Sophie Ashburton
<b>St Peter's Brown Candover</b>	<b>4 July Pm Baptism</b>	Sue Marriott	To be advised
	<b>25 July 11.00</b>	Celia Foote	To be advised
<b>St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover</b>	<b>4 July 10.00</b>	Anne Luneburg	Celia Foote
	<b>11 July 10.00</b>	Anne Luneburg	To be advised
	<b>18 July 10.00</b>	Marina Avis & Jane Laws	Anne Luneburg & Jane Laws
<b>25 July 10.00</b>	Marina Avis	To be advised	
<b>All Saints Bradley</b>	<b>13 June 8.00</b>	Julian Gibbons	Julian Gibbons
<b>St James' Wield</b>	<b>4 July 9.30</b>	Barbara Wells	Barbara Wells & Nicola Robinson
	<b>11 July 6.00pm</b>	Alwin Hutchinson	Selina/Philip Geddes & Alwin Hutchinson
	<b>18 July 9.00</b>	John Lailey	Joanna Nelson & Jean Frost

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St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Flowers		
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All Saints Church Bradley	Flowers & cleaning	July	Denise and Grant Findlay.
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers		
St James' Church Wield	Flowers	July 3  July 10 & 17  July 24 & 31	Joanna Nelson  Rachel Ley  Pauline Lailey
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You will have heard the Prime Minister’s call to ‘Build Back Better’ many times – a ‘big-picture’ vision for Britain’s post COVID world that, given the struggles we have all faced recently, can seem too big and abstract to imagine. But, as with many of Boris Johnson’s big ideas, it will happen.

Over the coming months, I would like to explore and explain what this could mean for Hampshire, North East Hampshire as a constituency, and Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop, starting with the environment.

We have all seen nature boom throughout our time in restrictions. At the start of the pandemic, newspapers and social media were full of images and clips of animals ‘taking back control’ of areas man has overused for generations. Venice waterways filled with fish and dolphins, previously well-trodden country paths bursting with wildflower and bugs – locally, I have noticed the bird song much more prevalently as we bound into spring. I don’t think anybody could doubt that our connection with nature has been key to us being able to stomach restrictions put in place to protect us. Nature was given a chance to recover, and it did – we must now protect its recovery and include it in our thinking as we grow. Locally in Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop, this means the Council must continue to take it into account – not just for nature itself, but for our wellbeing too.

I have written many times on the regeneration of our retail centres, and I know it is an issue residents in Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop care about. COVID has given us an opportunity to reflect on what our towns and retail centres mean to us and to rethink our relationship with the buildings that bring our area down. We have some fantastic independent stores, pubs and restaurants in our local towns – these should be supported by increased footfall with attractive community and leisure facilities; and the concrete carbuncles of old replaced with new but in-keeping, traditionally-designed, architectural masterpieces for new shops and cafés too. Having previously been a Borough Councillor – when, as Deputy Leader, I led regeneration in Basingstoke – I know our local Council is fully equipped and able to bring these changes about.

‘Build Back Better’ is more than a slogan, it the groundwork of a plan across the country and here in North East Hampshire to still look and feel like home – whilst allowing it to mature and modernise.

For my latest updates, you can follow me on Facebook (“Ranil Jayawardena MP”) – or sign up to my newsletter at: [ranil.uk/newsletter](http://ranil.uk/newsletter) – and, as ever, if there is anything my team and I can help you with – send us a message: [email@ranil.uk](mailto:email@ranil.uk)

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The curious tale of the missing house martins was resolved with the warmer weather at the end of May. A flock of ten or so martins finally returned to their summer haunts here at Newhouse Farm, whizzing around the barns in the bright morning sunshine. In 25 years of recording, this was their latest arrival, some five weeks beyond previous years. I presume the chilly April followed by a soggy May affected the flying insects on which they feed. Now the martins are back, as if from quarantine, floating overhead with their familiar flutter and glide.

The warmth of the late May holiday weekend held the promise of butterflies and a timely visit to the Noar Hill nature reserve, near Selborne. With 'no mow in May', the verges along the lanes were white with a wash of cow parsley. The hedges were a mass of blossom, mainly hawthorn with its perplexing scents. Fluffy seeds of pussy willow drifted around on the breeze. The whitebeams - chalkland specialists - were leafing up, silvery-green.

Following a meandering route through the reserve, we first entered a sheltered hollow. Treading carefully, we found small blue butterflies busily searching the sunlit floor. Small blues are engagingly petite and easily overlooked. Heading on, we roamed the cowslip lawns, now turning to seed. Our botanical ramble also revealed blue specks of milkwort sprinkling the turf, plus fine specimens of early purple orchids, still present. It was the turn now for common twayblades to set the scene: these sturdy orchids have a single pair of broad oval leaves from which arises a tall flower spike. The flowers resemble little green people.

The Noar Hill reserve is well known for its colony of Duke of Burgundy butterflies. Finding them though can be rather a challenge. Resembling a small fritillary, they are often tucked away and quite elusive. On this occasion remarkably, both the timing and the conditions were ideal. Instead of one or two specimens, we were pleased to meet eleven or twelve of these delightful rarities.

Robert Bryant  
9 June '21

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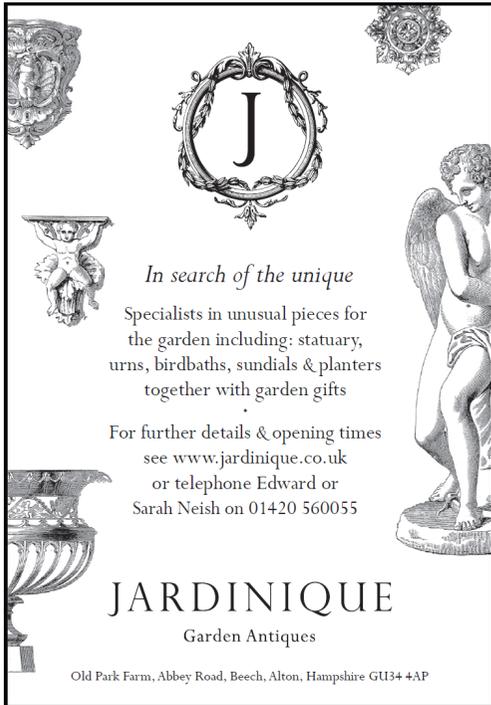


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## On the Farm— Ben Robinson

We cracked on with some haymaking during the hot weather recently.

Initially I thought crop was looking a little light. The sheep had only come off at the end of February and the cold spring did not encourage much growth. However the key with hay is the weather window, 5-6 days of hot sun is needed, preferably with a little breeze. You do not want to miss a spell of haymaking weather! It is always a challenge to get it right, especially as weather forecasts can be so unreliable beyond three days out.

Hay made in mid-June (or earlier) is harder to 'make' than crops cut later in the Summer as there is more water in the grass initially. This means more drying is required. Haymaking is quite a laborious process - mowing, tedding several times, raking, baling, carting and finally stacking over nearly a whole week. My hay fever makes it a greater challenge still! Silaging into clamps by contrast is much quicker and can usually be completed over two days.

Mowing, tedding and raking all went smoothly. The bombshell was dropped when the large square baler I had booked about a week before told me he could no longer make it until the Wednesday. With thunderstorms due on Tuesday night, Wednesday wasn't really an option! I made a few calls to other baler operators in the area but understandably all were booked up before the weather was due to break. There was one possibility left...the small baler.

We usually make a couple of hundred small bales of hay or straw a year at most. Generally small bales are to be avoided- they are a lot of work, and the baling process is quite slow. They are called 'idiot bricks' in the trade with good reason. They largely go into the equine and smallholder market. Most winters I intend to sell the small baler to free up some space in the shed, but I have never quite got round to it yet. Luckily I still had it as it did us proud. Aside from the odd easily rectified blockage the 40 year old veteran kept chewing through the grass, filling the sledge towed behind that was placing the bales into eights for the JCB to load onto the waiting trailers.

With impeccable timing the rain started falling as the last fully loaded trailer left the field. At the time of writing it hasn't stopped since!

☞ Wear appropriate clothing (a long-sleeve shirt and trousers tucked into your socks);

☞ Use an insect repellent;

☞ Wear light coloured fabrics that may help you spot a tick on your clothes;

☞ Inspect your skin for ticks, particularly at the end of the day, including your head, neck and skin folds (armpits, groin and waistband)

☞ Check your children's head and neck areas, including their scalp (skin on top of their head)

☞ Check that pets do not bring ticks into your home in their fur.

If you do get bitten by a tick, removing it quickly and correctly can help to reduce any potential risk. The only safe way to remove a tick is to use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, or an easy-to-use device which can be purchased from pharmacies or vets.

Then:

☞ Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouthparts left in the skin can cause a local infection

☞ Once removed, apply antiseptic to the bite area and keep an eye on it for several weeks for any changes

☞ Contact your GP if you begin to feel unwell or develop a circular red skin rash, often described as a bull's-eye rash, and remember to tell them that you were bitten by a tick.

See NHS Choices for more information on signs, symptoms and treatments for Lyme disease. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

### Free, safe and anonymous support for anyone aged 11-25

The Kooth service is now available to support everyone aged 11 - 25 in Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight.

Kooth is a safe and secure way of accessing emotional health and wellbeing support, with no referral needed.

Find out more at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

### How can I demonstrate that I've had my Covid-19 vaccine?

If you've had both jabs and need to prove your vaccination status:

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- Please **do not** come in if you have tested positive for COVID-19.

### COVID-19 Vaccination programme

We are still vaccinating patients in line with the Government & NHS England guidelines alongside attempting to return to normal in general practice. Below you can find details of standard operation procedures for general practice at the current time;  
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/managing-coronavirus-covid-19-in-general-practice-sop/>

### Be tick aware!

Watch out there are ticks about! It's the perfect conditions for these mini beasts. Here's a helpful reminder of some simple 'tick tips' if you're out walking. These tiny insects, which can transmit bacteria such as Lyme disease, can be found throughout the year but are most active between spring and autumn. They are typically found in woodland, grassland, moorland or heathland but are also found in urban parks and gardens. When out walking, remember to keep to footpaths, avoiding long grass 'Tick tips' for walkers include:



## Candover Valley Gardening Club

May was at last a busy month for our members. We had our very popular first garden visit of the season to a beautiful garden in the Candover Valley where we were given an interesting guided tour by the garden team around the extensive and very well maintained grounds, tropical greenhouse, cutting and vegetable gardens followed by very welcome refreshments. It was good to be back together again and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We also had two very successful plant sales. Thanks to the support of our members donating their surplus plants we were able to offer a wide variety from herbs to vegetables, flowers and house plants. Our customers were tempted to fill up a box or two with a range of bargain plants. We were also delighted to recruit three new members and look forward to welcoming them to our forthcoming events.

This month we have our Annual Garden BBQ and also a visit to a garden in Medstead. If you would like to join us for garden visits and talks you can find out more from our contact details as follows: Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or at <http://candovervalley.org/2021/04/candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>

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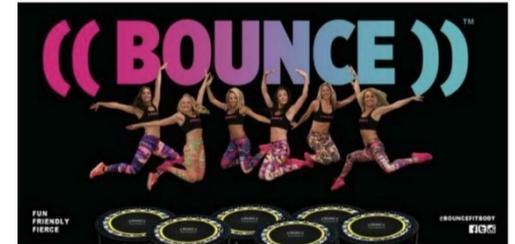


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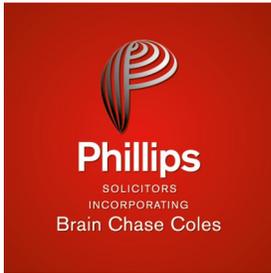
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## Can you get divorced whilst living in the same house?

Our Family Law team are often asked “can you get divorced whilst living in the same house?” The answer is ‘yes,’ you can, however as you can imagine, living under the same roof during separation or divorce is not ideal and is by no means an easy thing to

do. This is invariably an emotional and stressful time, even more so if the costs rise because you have not received the correct advice.

If you want to rely on a period of separation to support an application for divorce, you will need to show that you are maintaining separate lives, despite living under the same roof. To comply with this, you must no longer share day-to-day activities such as sharing a bedroom, joint food shopping and eating meals together.

You cannot use grounds of adultery as a reason to divorce if you have continued living in the same property for six months or more after you learned of the adultery, unless that physical relationship is continuing.

You may want to consider making a separation agreement if you cannot yet or do not want to apply for a divorce but want to make it clear when your relationship ended. Although not a legally binding court order, a separation agreement can give the court a clear indication of how you wish to deal with financial assets.

If you live in the same property but separate as an unmarried couple, you may both want to consider a ‘Deed of Separation.’ This can cover on-going maintenance, especially if you have children, and what will happen if you were to sell your home, setting out how the money from this will be divided too.

If you would like to discuss this or any other family legal matters, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Elizabeth Ford, a Solicitor specialising in Family Law at Phillips, by calling 01256 854628, emailing [elizabeth.ford@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:elizabeth.ford@phillips-law.co.uk) or by visiting [www.phillips-law.co.uk/family](http://www.phillips-law.co.uk/family)

When contacting Phillips, please mention The Oxdrove magazine.



## Swarraton and Northington WI

Our committee have met for the first time and plans for a summer get together will be shared as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Events planned by Hampshire Federation of WI’s are open to all our members.

Date and time	Talk	Cost per person	Closing Date – postal/email
Wednesday 11 August	Cream Tea & Cruise Princess Caroline	£36.50	1 July
	Lady Denman Cup – Let me show you what a woman can do	£5.00	30 July
	30 Stem Challenge	-	20 August
Thursday 9 September	Thanksgiving Lunch, The Concorde Club, Eastleigh	£39.00	26 August
Tuesday 19 October	Autumn Meeting, The Anvil, Basingstoke	£18.50 early bird by 1 August	£19.50 after 1 August Closing date 8 October
15/16 September	WI Day	Details coming soon	
25 September	Speaker Selection Day		

Members continue to be busy in their homes, sewing for Days for Girls and some have recently joined the Alresford project to create a huge outdoor blanket display of knitted poppies to highlight Remembrance in November. Janet Pooley has all the details so do contact her for the pattern and yarn. ([janet@thepooleys.plus.com](mailto:janet@thepooleys.plus.com) or 01962732779). Lots and lots of poppies are needed for a great show so if you like to knit please join in. You don’t need to be a WI member to contribute.



We have recently sent a large parcel of used stamps to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance to help with their fund raising. Do continue to save your stamps as we will have another parcel by Christmas.

## WEATHERWISE

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in May 2021

By Simon Bourne

### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

Highest	24.0/75	(31 <sup>st</sup> )
Lowest	-2.6/27	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Warmest Night	10.9/52	(9 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> )
Coollest Day	11.5/53	(21 <sup>st</sup> )
Average maximum temperature	15.2/59	
Average minimum temperature	4.9/41	

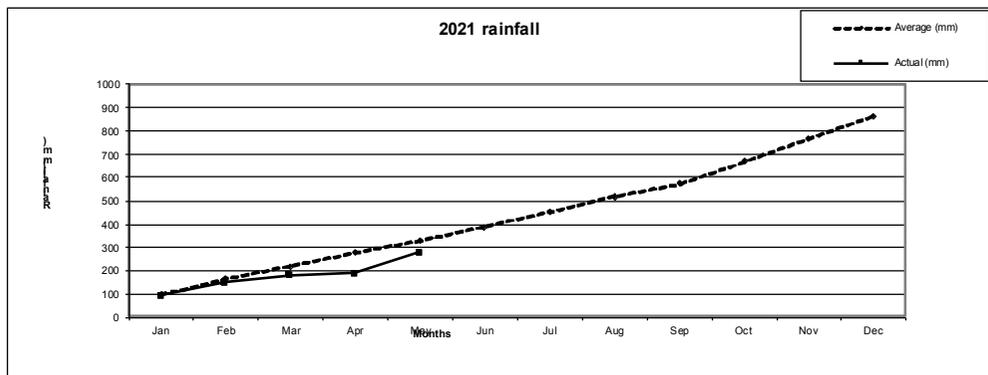
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### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly & annual total	90.6/59	(average 54.8/2.16)
Annual total	276.1/10.87	(average 327.9/12.91)
Maximum 24hr. fall	14.5/0.57	(23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Number of days with rain	23	

### Summary

May was largely unsettled, with rain on all but two days in the first 3½ weeks, in stark contrast to the preceding month which had rain on just one day. There were sunny spells and showers or longer outbreaks of rain and low pressure systems brought continuous rain and a fresh, gusting to strong breeze on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> with similar wet and windy conditions on the 8<sup>th</sup> and around the early part of the third week. High pressure then gave settled conditions with above average daytime temperatures for the first time from the 27<sup>th</sup> with rising temperatures and the warmest at 75°F on the last day of the month. Overall, it was the coldest May in



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Firstly, it was an absolute pleasure to bring our energetic new Police & Crime Commissioner – Donna Jones – to the constituency for a special **BEAT surgery** with local police officers.

We spent a busy evening outside East Stratton Village Hall where any policing matters could be raised by residents. Illegal trap racing along the A33 was a key topic and our PCC went away with a clear message that we expect a comprehensive plan in place for any future events. And we are both clear, people from outside our area will not come here to use our roads as a race-track.



Thank you to local councillors who joined us for what I hope will become a more regular event. Visible policing is more important than ever in our rural community.

Secondly, I am reportedly a “rebel” again after backing our own **0.7% official development assistance** target. That is, for those who don’t know, the policy whereby the U.K. spends 0.7% of gross national income on overseas aid.

It remains something I am incredibly proud of and, while I totally accept not everyone agrees with the concept of even having an aid budget, I have seen first-hand the amazing work this country is able to support on behalf of some of the poorest people on earth.

The current argument is whether we should make savings from this budget, and drop from 0.7-0.5, for a period while we recover from the worst effects of the pandemic. My judgment is we should not but, if we do, we have to set a clear date for its return. Every other G7 country is maintaining its commitment and while the saving (some £4bn) is a lot of money, it means a lot more to the places it goes to help than it does to our relatively rich nation.

As I always say to those who disagree with me on this subject; charity does begin at home; it just does not end there.

Finally, my **2020-21 Annual Report** is out now and being delivered to homes right across the Itchen Valley. I produce this each spring to fulfil the promise I made to my constituents when I was elected eleven years ago.

Look out for your copy to see how we’ve adapted in a time of Covid to ensure constituents can continue to engage with me (and even see inside the voting lobbies of the House of Commons). There’s a specific Westminster Report covering, among other things, my work on the influential DCMS Select Committee and with the exciting HIV Commission and you can enter my ballot for tickets to see Prime Ministers’ Questions live. You can download a copy online via [www.stevebrine.com/annualreport20-21](http://www.stevebrine.com/annualreport20-21) but please follow me on Facebook for more instant updates on all else I am up to : [www.fb.com/SteveBrineMP](http://www.fb.com/SteveBrineMP)

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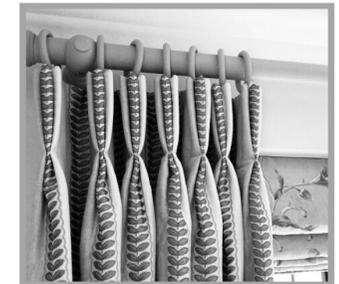
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**Help available for your club or group**

Candover Valley Pre-School and 1<sup>st</sup> Candover Valley Scouts are two organisations that received a financial boost earlier this year after applying to the store's Community Projects Fund. There is still support available from the sum set aside for 2021 by the CVCS committee. If you belong to a local club or group that could benefit and that meets the funding criteria, an application is invited for consideration by the beginning of August. To discuss or to request further information please contact Jocelyn Rogerson on 01256 389611 or visit the website: [www.cvcs.org.uk](http://www.cvcs.org.uk) to download the forms.

**Charcoal choices**

Don't forget the store is able to offer not only mouth-watering food for your barbecue, but also a choice of fuel for cooking your summer sizzles. In stock, you will find lump wood and instant-lighting charcoal, briquettes and instant barbecues, together with bottles of lighting fluid, kindling and firelighters.

**It's a wrap!**

Our gift section has now moved to the rear right corner of the store, where you will find rolls of luxuriously thick wrapping paper, beautifully printed and with a matching gift card. Alongside these are equally gorgeous beeswax food wraps, ceramic and glass items, packs of Art Angels notepads, notelets and greetings cards as well as small plants in pretty pots. A recent addition from local florist, Wild Scent, is a selection of delightful bunches of dried grasses and flowers.

**A floral fanfare**

... And on the subject of flowers, we now have two truly local suppliers as well as the sprays delivered by the Co-op. Only flowers grown on her Hampshire farm go into Sarah's Medstead Flower Shack hand-tied bunches. Pil Sadler also uses some home-grown blooms for her bouquets - so the store can offer the right choice for everyone.

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20 June	Bournemouth Wanderers	14.30	Home
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27 June	Long Sutton	14.30	Home
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His commitment and dedication extended to making every effort to attend Parish Council meetings (even on his day off) and where he always imparted valuable information, to being the smartest on parade at Remembrance Sunday but equally he would be outside the local primary school in the afternoon ensuring the traffic flowed smoothly!

Andy was a very approachable and visible “copper” and therefore was known to many; as a result the community became his “eyes and ears” and opportunists tended to be reported within minutes, to our benefit.

The farming community worked very closely with Andy in an attempt to stem the constant trespassing, poaching and theft of high value farm machinery & equipment - his presence and commitment undoubtedly saved this rural cohort many thousands of pounds.

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## Tea-ladies' Supper at the Yew Tree

Sixteen past, present and (hopefully) future Wield Cricket Club tea-ladies gathered in the Yew Tree tent on 19 May just days after the Covid-19 restrictions eased. This was the third attempt at bringing together Wield ladies since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020. Matt & Jas at the Yew Tree served a delicious meal that kicked off with anti-pasti followed by a couple of very popular pasta dishes and a great salad; naturally this was all washed down with a very quaffable rosé. No prizes for guessing which was the nosiest of the three tables! Everyone was delighted to be able to socialise with old friends and get to know some new people to the village too. Well done & thank you to our favourite pub team.

The Club relies on around 20 local ladies to bake & prepare teas for the Wield team's Sunday matches. Over the years, the teas have earned a deserved 'scrumptious' reputation amongst cricket players in the south of England but also as far away as India & Australia! The ladies invariably forge local friendships that span several generations as do their families. Their input is just as important (probably more) to the Club than the players!

If you are interested in joining the tea-lady dream team to prepare one or two teas a season, please contact Wield Cricket Club Social Secretary, Nicola on [ndes@kingsfarm.co.uk](mailto:ndes@kingsfarm.co.uk) or 07767 238874.



## Seatbelt Campaign



If you are involved in a collision and not wearing a seatbelt, the force you will hit the windscreen is approximately 30 to 60 times your own body weight. You are also twice as likely to die as those who wear a seatbelt.

This is the stark message our roads policing officers will be communicating as they take part in a national month of action around seatbelt education and enforcement.

From Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the Joint Operations Unit (JOU) of Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police will be supporting the [National Police Chiefs' Council seatbelt campaign](#). It will see officers highlighting the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt – and from May 31<sup>st</sup>, carrying out dedicated operations targeting those who fail to wear a seatbelt despite the clear dangers.

## Youth Independent Advisory Group (YIAG)

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, in partnership with Hampshire Constabulary, are looking for young people aged 14 - 25 years old from a range of diverse backgrounds, to join the new Strategic YIAG for Hampshire and the IOW. This is an exciting opportunity for young people to discuss in a safe environment their views and experiences of policing. Visit <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/youth-iaa>



## Courier Fraud

If you get a call from someone claiming to be your bank or the police and they ask you to transfer money to another account, hang up, it's not your bank or the police.



## Contacting the Emergency Services



Autism Ambassadors from Hampshire Constabulary and Dimensions (<https://dimensions-uk.org/>) have worked together to create a [useful animation](#) on how someone with Autism can contact the emergency services.



# CRIME PREVENTION YOUR UPDATE



Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Edition 28, May 2021

## Holiday Scams

Fraudsters are experts at impersonating trusted organisations such as travel agencies and hospitality firms. To stay safe when booking holidays and event tickets, always follow the advice of the [Take Five to Stop Fraud](#) campaign and take a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information in case it's a scam.

### TOP TIPS

When booking a holiday, check whether the company is an ABTA member by looking for the ABTA Logo on the company's website. You can verify membership of ABTA on their [website](#)

Where possible, use a credit card when booking holidays over £100 and up to £30,000 as you receive protection under section 75 of the Credit Consumer Act.



**£2.2m was lost to holiday fraudsters in the 2020 / 21 financial year**

If you think you've fallen victim to holiday fraud, tell your bank immediately and report to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

**ActionFraud** **ABTA** **#HolidayFraud**



**Look for the logo when booking a holiday online**

Check whether the company is an ABTA Member. Look for the ABTA logo on the company's website. If you have any doubts, you can verify membership of ABTA online.

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## Dot Peen Property Marking Machine

Every year, we recover hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of stolen property from the hands of criminals, but all too often there is no way of identifying the rightful owners. Being able to trace the ownership of the property not only helps people get their property back, but it can also provide evidence that is vital in securing convictions.

The Country Watch team have been visiting both stables and liveries across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to mark tack for residents as a preventative measure. Post-codes are engraved onto items using the Dot Peen machine. Residents are then encouraged to record their items on the national property register Immobilise [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)



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## The game goes on...

After a pandemic-enforced break last summer, Wield Cricket Club welcomed back its vice-presidents to the ground on Sunday 13 June. The WCC committee hosted a pre-match reception for VPs, life members & the President's team. Every year, the Beckett family raises a team for the President, Andrew Yorke, to play against the home side captained by Ben Robinson. Old friends meet up to admire the well-groomed ground & discuss the intricacies of the game at village, county and Test levels; this year mention of the Euros also crept in! They enjoyed a ploughman's lunch that was served outside the pavilion along with a selection of wines, beers & soft drinks.

Chairman, Paul Johnson welcomed the guests (numbering 27 instead of the usual 80+) and thanked everyone involved in the Club for keeping it going. This season is the 40<sup>th</sup> year that cricket has been played on the Wield ground and a celebration to mark the milestone anniversary is planned in the Yew Tree garden on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30pm – all players & supporters welcome, current restrictions permitting.

To the obvious delight of the cricketers, both teams were treated to a 'Wield' tea at 4.30pm which prompted exclamations of 'At last, this is so good' & 'Now it is really worth turning up to play Sunday cricket!'





Lesley Rose, Advice Services Manager for Citizens Advice Winchester District gives advice on what house repairs your landlord is responsible for in a rented property.

**I've been living in my privately rented flat for years. I generally have a good relationship with my landlord but I just can't get them to carry out various repairs that have built up.**

**How can I get them to act - and what exactly do they have to do?**

This must be a very frustrating situation. The law states that your landlord must provide accommodation that is safe, healthy and free from things that could cause serious harm. (This is for England - housing is devolved in Wales.)

You don't say exactly what repairs are needed. If you have problems such as electrical wiring that you think might be faulty, or there's damp, or an infestation by pests, the landlord has a legal obligation to put things right.

Landlords are also responsible for the maintenance of the general structure, and fittings such as boilers and radiators; basins, baths and toilets; and the drains.

The first step is to contact your landlord again, in writing. Include photographs of the problems. Keep a record of all communications and evidence relating to the disrepair.

If that doesn't prompt any action, our advisors at Citizens Advice can help with next steps. These could include contacting your local council (who will have dedicated officers for dealing with disrepair in private rented properties) or asking for a visit by the environmental health team.

Tenants can take their landlords to court to force them to carry out repairs. However, it's worth getting some advice and thinking carefully before embarking on this route.

To speak to an adviser at Citizens Advice Winchester District about a housing issue, call our free phone number on 0808 278 7861 or email [advice@cawinchesterdistrict.org.uk](mailto:advice@cawinchesterdistrict.org.uk)



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**Hopefully we will meet in the hall if government restrictions allow. If not, we will walk around the nearby fields. Please phone or FB for more info.**

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