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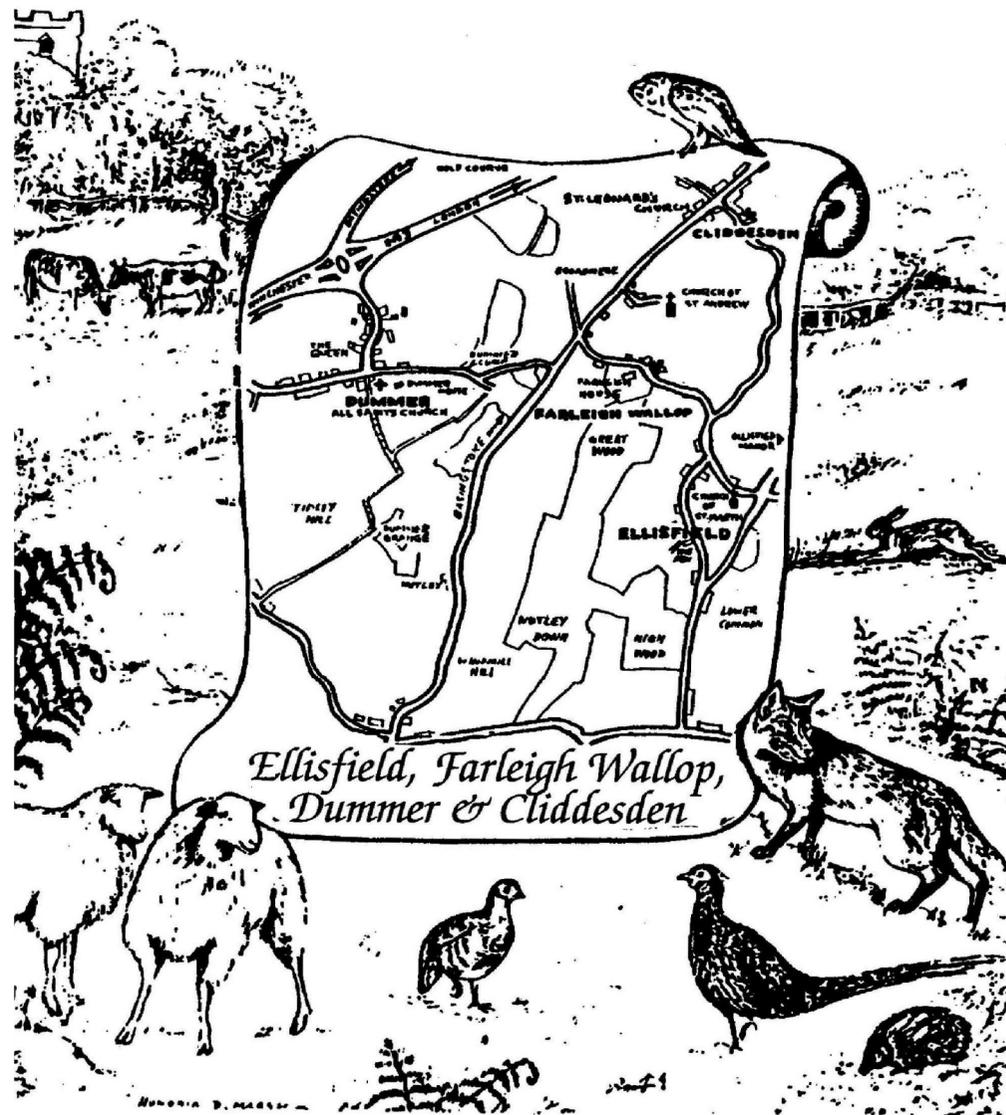
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~CLIDDESSEN~

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Some services may be outside depending on weather, so be prepared – notice will be given well in advance and this rota assumes full resumption of services. Online services will continue for as long as they are needed.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

Sunday 2 May Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
9.45 Cliddesden Holy Communion CW
11.15 Dummer Family Service/Sunday Special
Readings Acts 8:26-end, 1 John 4:7-end, John 15:1-8
Psalm 22:25-end
Sermon Branching out? Or pruning drastically?
_____”””_____

Sunday 9 May Sixth Sunday of Easter
8.00 Dummer Holy Communion BCP
9.45 Ellisfield Holy Communion CW
11.15 Cliddesden Family Communion CW
Readings: Acts 10:44-end, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
Psalm 98
Sermon what sort of fruit are you producing?
Thurs 13 May to Sunday 23 May Ten Days of Prayer “Thy Kingdom Come” – see separate information
_____”””_____

Sunday 16 May Sunday after Ascension
8.00 Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
9.45 Dummer Matins BCP
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service
Readings Acts 1:15-17, 21-end; 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19
Psalm 1
Sermon “I go, I come back”
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Saturday 22 May
6.00 Cliddesden Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 23 May

9.45 Dummer Holy Communion CW
 11.15 Ellisfield Family Service
 Readings Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4-15
 Sermon Come Holy Spirit

Psalm 145

Pentecost

Sunday

11.00
 Readings

30 May

St. Andrew's Farleigh Wallop
 Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

Trinity Sunday

Sermon Three working together as One

Psalm 29

Sunday 6 June

8.00
 9.45
 11.15
 Readings
 Sermon

Ellisfield Holy Communion BCP
 Cliddesden Holy Communion CW
 Dummer Sunday Special/Family Service

First Sunday after Trinity

1 Samuel 8:4-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-end
 Psalm 138
 Sermon We do not lose heart

Candover Valley

Sunday 2 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30 Wield Matins BCP
 10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship
 11.00 Northington Holy Communion CW

Sunday 9 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30 Bradley Holy Communion CW
 10.00 Preston Candover Family Worship
 6.00 Wield Evensong BCP

Sunday 16 May Sunday after Ascension

9.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP
 10.00 Preston Candover Holy Communion CW

Sunday 23 May Pentecost

10.00 Preston Candover Family Service
 11.00 Brown Candover Morning Worship CW

Sunday 30 May Trinity Sunday

11.00 Preston Candover Benefice Morning Worship

Sunday 6 June First Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Wield Matins BCP
 10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship
 11.00 Northington Holy Communion CW
 6.00 Brown Candover Buried Church Service – St. Nicholas

Dear Friends

Do you have a reliable source of information?

A unique way of timekeeping was discovered in Cape Town. From the foot of Table Mountain, a gun would be fired at noon. An observer watching the two gunners fire the cannon wondered how they knew when to fire it as they had no watch or radio. They pointed to a mounted telescope and explained that they could see a clock in a jeweller's shop window, declared to be the finest clock in the Cape.

Later in the day the observer found himself in town by the jewellers and so went to ask about this fine clock and was told it was imported from Amsterdam in the 19th century and was the finest timepiece in South Africa. The observer asked how the clock was kept in good time and the shopkeeper explained it was a straightforward procedure. He set the clock by the sound of the noonday gun across the valley.

I'm sure that you've spotted the fatal flaw in that process! Being without an outside reference point means we can't know what is beyond ourselves unless someone comes to tell us.

God has come into our world in Jesus to show us what he is like, he reveals our need, and He shows us that we cannot meet our own needs ourselves, we need someone from outside our situation.

Christians look to God to for their 'reference point' and in scripture find his word to be truth about God, about ourselves, about our needs and about God's remedy for our condition.

Many people like to talk about Christian values and though values such as love and justice are common to all peoples they are claimed as 'Christian', but what makes any 'value' Christian? Discuss. Sometimes I reflect that we don't often recognise honesty as a good starting point for talking about Christian values, perhaps as it challenges us so deeply. We claim the value of love and yet find ourselves saying, "I hate so and so". At that point some honesty would be a good thing, to admit and accept that we have failed in living up to the values in which we believe, proclaim and fail to fulfil.

When we say our Confession in church I am grateful for these and other words by which I acknowledge my sin to God

"Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault...."

In the Bible, God says look outside your own reference point of self-righteous living and be honest! See your need, common to all, of God's mercy that is freely offered to all who would be honest with God.

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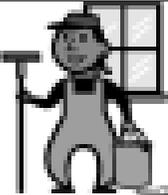
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The Bible reveals God to be perfect in all he is and does and requires people to be the same, at which point I think we see we have not met the mark, though relative to other people we might not be too bad! God is perfect in power, love and judgement and yet full of compassion and mercy and because of his love for us came into the world in Jesus Christ to “save sinners”.

My God grant us the humility to receive his grace and love, forgiveness and kindness, as understood from his perspective, which is truer than ours.

Blessings
David

Ten Days of Prayer “Come Holy Spirit”

We are all invited to pray together again from Ascension Day (Thursday 13 May) to Pentecost (Sunday 23 May) for God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon us, His church and world.

We pray for three things:

1. *For ourselves to be renewed by the Holy Spirit*
2. *For The Church – that’s all of us who know Jesus – to be filled with new passion for Jesus Christ, for worship to come alive and be filled with God’s presence*
3. *For others outside the faith community to come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour – and for us to pray specifically for perhaps three people we know who don’t yet know Him, that they will find Him.*

Times will vary each day: we will send round a list of times, venues or Zoom links a week or so before – if you would like to lead a half hour of prayer, please let Stephen or David know as soon as possible.

David and Stephen



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13 April 2021 Robert Alan HARDEN aged 77

Ellisfield
19 April 2021 John Graham EVANS aged 90

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St Martin's Ellisfield	2 May	Susie Deane	
	9 May	Janette Bacon	Peter Raine and Caroline Allen
	16 May	Bernard Ca- zenove	
	23 May	Nickie Palmer	Mark Duncan and Annie Duncan
(At St Andrew's, Farleigh Wallop)	30 May	Lord Lymington	Lord Portsmouth and Lady Portsmouth
	6 June	Lucinda Rule	
All Saint's Dummer	2 May	Melanie Gill	
	11.15		
	9 May	Lyn Hardy	
	8.00		
	16 May	Mervyn Mann	Brian Gazzard and John Trueman
	9.45		
	23 May	John Holden	Michael Hill King and Charlie Palmer- Tomkinson
	9.45		
	6 June	Stafford Napier	

The Belles of St Martin's



The Belles of St Martin's spring video was released at the end of last month just in time for Easter. You can view this on The Ellisfield Village Facebook page if you haven't yet seen it.

We had some glowing feedback and I think everyone enjoyed it. Thank you to all the ladies who contributed to make this a team event.

We are looking forward to returning to rehearsals in mid-June where we will start looking at music for the Ellisfield Village Pantomime planned for February 2022. More about this in next month's issue.

Theresa Webb Choir Leader.



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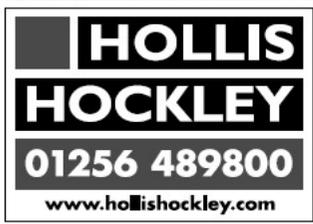




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The Church of England

Sometimes we drift along in our lives not knowing basic things about all sorts of issues, until someone asks a question and we didn't even think about it until then. I was asked to do a short summary of the Church of England, as quite a few folk have no idea what lies beyond their parish church. How the Church of England is structured and governed is important and if we don't know, one day we may find ourselves in a difficult place because we never thought about the implications of change that come along from time to time.

In England, every inch belongs in a **parish**, which is an ecclesiastical area with a boundary, often set before Norman times. We now use "benefice" as well, which is usually a gathering of rural churches/parishes across a geographical area, with a population too small to warrant a paid full time minister/priest/vicar/rector in each community. You all live in the benefice of **Farleigh, Candover and Wield**, which consists of 4 parishes and nine churches: *Farleigh Parish*, uniting together *Cliddesden*, *Dummer*, *Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop*; the *Candovers with Bradley – Preston Candover* as the parish church and *Brown Candover and Bradley* as daughter churches; *Wield and Northington*. Currently served by two full time clergy, this will go down to one full time and there is a faint possibility of having a second part time or retired vicar to assist, after Stephen retires, at some time in the future.

We are part of a **Deanery** – of Alresford, which consists of about 27 village churches, with a total population of 15,000; to pay for the clergy, their housing, pensions, training of new clergy, and support services, each parish pays an annual contribution called "Common Mission Fund" to the diocese. The total for this benefice for last year was about £130,000, (in 2020 Farleigh Parish paid approx. £64,000 of this) and the total for the deanery was about £430,000 last year. Diocesan budget is around £10m.

The deanery is part of the **archdeaconry of Winchester**, which is part of the **diocese of Winchester**, which is part of the **Southern Convocation (or province) of the Church of England**, under the **Archbishop of Canterbury**, whilst the northern part, the **Convocation (or province) of York** is under the **Archbishop of York**.

The Church of England is part of the **Anglican Communion**, which has branches across the world, from Nigeria, which has the biggest Anglican Church membership of any country in the world, to Myanmar, Australia, countries in South America, North America – around 41 provinces.

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no authority over the Communion to direct in any way – nor has he power over the individual dioceses and bishops in the Church of England – he did not have the authority last year to shut the churches, as this rests solely with the incumbent, churchwardens and PCC!

Each diocese has a structure – parishes have their Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) which are the legally constituted bodies; there are deanery synods, led by the area Dean, clergy and synod reps, elected at annual church meetings.

These Deanery Synod members elect people to serve on the **Diocesan Synod** – each diocese has one, and these are responsible along with the bishop for the running of the diocese; and these deanery synod reps also elect people to the **General Synod**, which is the ruling body that makes decisions about church law and other matters.

So – people in a parish to PCCs, deaneries, archdeaconries, dioceses, convocations, to Provinces, to the Worldwide Anglican Communion. The C of E is not the largest denomination in the world – it is the third largest – approximately 80 to 85 million – after the Roman Catholics - approximately 900 million and the Orthodox churches – Eastern, Coptic, Russian, Armenian; then there are the Baptists, the Pentecostal churches, Salvation Army, community churches etc.

We all need to remember that we are part of a gathered people or over 2 billion who follow Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord – not to mention the many hundreds of millions already rejoicing in the fullness of life in heaven, whom we will join one day when our time ends in this world.

Jesus only has **one church** - made up of all those who personally know Him and trust Him. He sees His Church, not His churches. We all belong to Him and to one another.

These notes may help you to understand the structures – to most of us they are irrelevant and sometimes I wonder if they try to justify the existence of some areas by producing report after report and making the right noises from time to time.... When the real job of mission is leading people to Jesus in the villages and helping them to grow into responsible, prayerful disciples of Jesus.

Stephen Mourant April 2021

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Zen and the Art of Rural Broadband

The Covid pandemic has accelerated the trend towards home working and highlighted the need for fast and reliable broadband. We take other services like running water and electricity for granted but broadband provision in rural Hampshire has always been behind the curve. There has been an on-going tussle over funding of broadband services in “hard to reach” rural areas, where the provision of broadband on a purely commercial basis is uneconomic.

The current most common provision of broadband technology is the “fibre to the cabinet” model, where the last leg from the cabinet to the house runs on the old copper voice circuits. In theory the service adjacent to a cabinet should be 70/80 Mbps and at 1 km still just superfast (24 Mbps), before falling off the cliff at about 2km. Theory and practice are rather different with the parlous state of the copper infrastructure degrading the service dramatically, often to the point that it does not work at all. The solution is to run fibre all the way to each house and thus achieve a quality network with no speed degradation over distance, i.e., “full fibre” or “fibre to the premise”.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) has for some time run a Gigabit voucher scheme to subsidise the installation of gigabit (1,000 Mbps) capable full fibre networks in rural areas. Each DCMS residential Gigabit voucher was worth £1,500 with a £1,500 match funding offer from Hampshire County Council (HCC), taking the total value to £3k. North Ellisfield has recently completed the voucher-based financing of a Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) project to be delivered by BT Openreach. The Gigabit vouchers are still available but at the time of writing the fate of the HCC top-up is unclear. Any other community wishing to start a CFP project, should register their interest with BT Openreach as soon as possible.

The original Government target was to achieve 100% full fibre by 2025, which was clearly unrealistic. This ambition has subsequently been massively watered-down to 85% coverage, which is only 5% into the last 20% “hard to reach” premises. DCMS have recently launched Project Gigabit, comprising a series of regional procurements to cover the 20% hard to reach premises. The good news is that the procurement for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is high on the list of priorities and scheduled for June of this year. It is worth noting that it may prove too costly to reach some properties with full fibre and that alternative technologies may need to be used.

The choice for rural Hampshire communities is to wait for Project Gigabit to deliver or get going ASAP on their own voucher-funded project.

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ELLISFIELD WITH FARLEIGH WALLOP DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL (DCC)

For the last year the DCC have been meeting periodically by zoom, including this year's annual general meeting of the (DCC) for the churches of Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop, which was held on March 29th 2021. The following people were formally elected for the following year at the meeting:

CHURCH WARDEN FOR ST ANDREW'S, FARLEIGH WALLOP

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Seconder: Vicky Tribble

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Lucinda Rule
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Seconder: Janette Bacon

REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PARISH OF FARLEIGH PCC

Beverley Guinness
Debbie Scholey
Proposer: Gordon Dunse
Seconder: Bernard Cazenove

The role of the DCC is to manage the funds and fabric of the individual churches. The DCC for each church in the Parish is represented on the PCC of Farleigh. In our case the DCC covers both St Martins and St Andrews. Bernard Cazenove has been the Church Warden at St Martins for over 20 years, and continues to do a great job of managing the DCC team. One of the main tasks is fund raising and many of you will have enjoyed our annual spring 'off the beaten track' bluebell walk and BBQ, open gardens and other fund raising events. This year unfortunately, once again, we are unable to gather for the spring walk but we are planning to do a similar summer walk with BBQ later in the year, probably July, subject to the lifting of covid restrictions.

Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield Horticultural Society



The Gardening Club

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Secretary: Marilyn Smith

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Hello from Claire!

Be patient, for the return of all things shall soon be realised, and as the flowers do grow and bloom in their time, so shall our joyful reunions be all the more pleasing after our wait. A little archaic for our modern times, however it is in keeping with a passage I remembered referring to our flower for May.

The beautiful Lily-of-the-Valley, one of my favourite flowers, with a scent that takes me back to my childhood.

The delicate white flowers stand out against the rich green of the leaves, and their meaning is sweetness, humility and motherhood, making it an especially appropriate gift for your own mother.



It would seem that this simple bloom has had the power to inspire both literature and music.

The Victorian hymn, written by William Charles Fry (1837-1882) gives us:

I've found a friend in Jesus, - He's ev'rything to me
And, harking back to my childhood, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote in 'Kidnapped' sound advice from Mr Campbell to David Balfour about makin' Lilly of the Valley water



Something Happened!

Our March meeting, while it couldn't go ahead as a meeting, we had our first ever Zoom.

While I was unable to be on the call, Steve Bowcutt gave this feedback:

"Last night we had our first Hort. Soc. Zoom meeting which I thought went very well.

Seumas took on the organisation, which went really well.

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Hello from CVP!

During this month we have been reading *What the Ladybird Heard*. Linking this to activities including cotton wool sheep and our sensory tray of foam for the children to explore the textures, role play the story and lots of communication for the little ones to talk about the animals they could find.

Our Covid friendly Easter egg hunt was a huge hit! The parents and children were welcomed to our forest site to socially distance, while taking part in our quiz, answering the questions, collecting letters from the Easter Bunnies they could find and discovering the surprise word to collect an easter chocolate treat prize. What a fun activity to take part in during the holidays.

About CVP:

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

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

We are looking for Bank Staff Members, so please contact us if you are interested.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon!

Best wishes,

Lisa Collisson, Pre-School Head



Andy Small gave us a marvellous talk, well presented with lots of advice, wonderful photographs and his intriguing new technique, new to me anyway. Thought you kept the camera still!

Those who attended, I think most of you, I hope found it enjoyable and worthwhile."

Something Else is Happening!

Summer Show Schedules are now available – please contact either myself or Marilyn Smith if you would like one.

Fuchsia plantlets for Class 45 – Plantlets are available at £1.50 from myself on 01256 381504 or Steve Bowcutt on 01256 324707.

The Plant Sale.

As long as the current guidelines for the easing of lockdown restrictions don't change our plant sale will be on **23rd May at Cliddesden Millenium Hall**. Open from 1200-1300 for delivery of plant donations and setting up, open for sales 1300 - 1500

A maximum of 30 people will be allowed into the sale at any one time – there will be someone on the gate to count in and out.

You will be required to provide your name and phone number for track and trace purposes.

Hand sanitizer will be available and must be used by everyone coming into the sale.

Face masks must be worn unless you have an exemption card.

Tables will be laid out in order to maintain social distancing, with arrows to ensure a steady flow of visitors.

The hall will NOT be open.

The car park will be available for use.

If you are unable to deliver plant donations please contact your local committee member to arrange collection, and many thanks in advance.

May 27th Meeting

Jennifer Carter – Images of France start 1945

This meeting will again be held via Zoom.

Details for joining the meeting will be sent out via email to members.

If you are not a member of the Horticultural Society and would like to join us, please contact one of the committee for login details.

Thank-you to everyone who has now paid their subs.

If you haven't yet done this payment can be made to any committee member, or via bank transfer, please contact me for details on how to do this.

Happy gardening!

Claire



Ellisfield

Distributor Nicki Palmer

Debbie Scholey will be very pleased to receive your Ellisfield news.

Contact Debbie on
debbie@ivycottage.aero

Ellisfield Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting in Ellisfield will be held on Thursday May 6th at 8pm on Zoom. Do come and listen to Tim Guinness, the Chairman of the Parish Council present his annual report, followed by reports from other village organisations.

(The meeting is on the same day as the local elections so it may be advisable to cast your vote before the meeting starts.)

We are unable to hold a face to face meeting this year because of Covid regulations so unfortunately, the usual wine and cheese afterwards will have to be in your own home!

If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Peter and Sylvia Raine either by email clerk@ellisfield.gov.uk or by phone 381221 and we will let you have a link by 3pm on May 6th.

If you are unable to access the internet and you would like a hard copy of the reports, please contact the Joint Parish Clerk.

TCC

We are open again, outdoors..

It's been great to re-start TCC outdoors in the Memorial Hall garden on Wednesdays from 10-12 and see everyone again not to mention enjoying the lovely cakes! Subject to the further relaxing of Government guidelines we may be able to have tables indoors as well from mid-May.

A special thank you to all our bakers who for 12 weeks during lockdown produced over 400 individual cakes for the Basingstoke NHS ICU and surgical teams. The notes of appreciation from the recipients were heart felt. 'The TCC carrier bags became 'iconic' in the unit!'

Campaign Corner

Each month this page will show details of the campaigns that are ongoing in and about the Benefice.

CAGE- cleanairgreenenvironment.org. This campaign is fighting the planning application for 4 warehouses on J7M3.

The overall length of the site inc. buildings and vehicle access space is 1.06 kilometers and the height of the main building will be 26 metres. There is still time to comment, up till 6 April.

Please visit: website above,

email: cleanairgreenuk@gmail.com or 'phone 0208-638-6131 for further details.

Brighton Hill Community School

For this issue I interviewed Mr Edwards about being a Headteacher in lockdown.



Q: What have you been doing to keep the spirits of students and staff high?

A: Well, my job as Headteacher is to do everything I can to keep everyone's spirits high, which is much more difficult when everybody is apart. My aim is to try to keep all staff as happy and motivated as possible, so that they can deliver the best possible experiences for my beloved #YellowArmy!

We have been doing staff challenges on Teams and have reduced the amount of screen time to try to ensure that students and staff are able to get a good break from their computers during the day.

Q: What have you been doing to keep yourself occupied during lockdown?

A: When you're spending lots of time indoors, it's important to get yourself out in the fresh air, even if you don't feel like it. I set myself a challenge of at least 10,000 steps every day. I love listening to audiobooks as it is a great opportunity to learn new things whilst exercising.

Q: What makes you proud of the students?

A: I've been bowled over by the work I've seen from our students during lockdown. Your teachers regularly share with me the work you've been doing at home. I'm proud of every single student who has managed to get up and give their absolute best every day during lockdown.

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Dear Residents

We wish to provide you with an update of recent events within the area and **request your assistance please**. If you can help with any information at all please call PC Reid directly, all calls are in the strictest confidence.

At about 5.30am on March 23 a fire was discovered at a workshop in Station Road, Cliddesden which is currently under investigation. If anyone was in the area and saw anything or anyone acting suspiciously, please give PC Reid a call.

In Dummer overnight of March 31 and April 1 a catalytic converter was cut off a car parked in Bible Fields; the price of scrap metal has risen in recent times and such thefts are on the increase. A similar crime was reported in Axford back in February.

In Ellisfield overnight of April 8 and 9 damage was caused to a hedge at a property in lower Green Lane, again if you can help please call.

There has been an increase in burglary to outbuildings, with the theft of tools etc. In Preston Candover overnight of April 7 and 8 two garages were broken into. Whilst nothing was stolen it shows these criminals are active in our area.

We are also receiving various reports of poaching with vehicles being driven across crop fields, hares and deer are being targeted. If you see suspicious vehicles at any time of the day or night please do let PC Reid know.

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Haikus for May

Many thanks to everyone who sent in their Haikus; they were terrific!
Please keep them coming. All ages are welcome to contribute.

It would be lovely to include some next time from children!! Fingers crossed ☺

Avril

Spring Signs

First the Snowdrops come
Followed by the crocuses.
Nature knows the way.

Cacti

Succulent, spiny
Strange structured, water storers,
Desert survivors.

Children at St Leonard's Church

Our family services are going well, and on Easter Sunday we had not one but two egg hunts! The first search was for Resurrection Eggs, and inside each egg was a clue to part of the Easter story which the children retold beautifully. After, the children hunted for some more eggs...this time of the chocolate variety!

Family services are held the third Sunday of each month at 11.15 at St. Leonard's. Children laugh, play and learn with activities outside in the fresh air. Come along and give it a try!



Playgroup Walks

Playgroup walks return from 23rd April – see poster for more details.

St Leonard's Foodbank

Thank you for your continuing generosity to the Foodbank at during this challenging time. The box is in the porch and is checked regularly if you would like to donate any dry goods.

Clare Nunn

Each section is topped and tailed with a node which is where a leaf will grow from. Right in the middle at the top of this mass of cells will be the embryonic ear waiting at the top of the stem to eventually flower.

The ears of the crops should be emerging towards the end of May, winter barley will be the first to show, with wheat at the beginning of June.

The dry cold weather tends to cause the growth to be rather shorter than would be the case in a warm damp time, which encourages lush, sappy crops. Its all to do with cell extension, which can be influenced with some chemical growth regulators if required.

Growth will be patchy in a field where better soil and differences in nutrient availability will show up. Variations of the microclimates exert subtle influence on growth and the aim of the farm will be to limit these differences and encourage the beneficial conditions that assist the crop to reach potential.

Wayside Flowers

Wild flowers show very well especially on sunny days, the number of different flowering plants grows daily. The timing of each species has a seasonality the plants have developed to make the best of the timing.

Yellow Celandine has been great, however top of the spring list must be the Bluebells, flowering in the woods before the leaves of the trees steal the light, with patches of wood anemones and stitchwort as white splashes.

Where bluebells are still growing on road verges you can be sure that the surrounding fields will have historically been woodland and the road was once a path or track.

Soon Cow parsley will be covering the verges where it seems to flourish, and I for one really look forward to the white heads of Cow Parsley with all the insects that feed and hunt there.

(Note to self- Put some cat food out for hedgehogs)

IN THE FIELDS

By Seumus Foster

Temperatures Slow to Rise

Last month lambs and lions were mentioned, the lamb seemed to be in charge as April Fool's day came and went, but the lion was not far behind with some strong cold winds and sharp frosts. If a camel is a horse designed by a committee then April was a camel month, with something for everyone!

I measured only 42 mm of rain in March, easily the lowest March total for several years. The dry weather has meant that the spring sowing went ahead into good seedbeds and the spring cereals germinated and emerged quite quickly.

Crop growth has been slow because of the cold, but growth has still been happening with crops and grass moving on, albeit slowly.

The hedges have had a good show of Black-thorn flowers this year, maybe the Hawthorn and Elderflower blossom will also put on a good display.

Crop Growth

The best way to check on the development of the crops is to dissect the stems and have look at the way the stems are changing.

Cereals grow from the bottom of the stem where the meristematic cells divide to create new cells, and as they do they push up the leaves.

The push is given by the new cells extending, getting bigger and longer with thickening cell walls to give the stem strength.



CLIDDESSEN SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT CLUB— aka The Film Club

Please note that the schedule may change due to any further lockdowns

Thursday 1 July 2021– *JoJo Rabbit*. (2019)

A comedy-drama film written and directed by Taika Waititi, Roman Griffin Davis in the Title Role and Scarlett Johansson as his mother. It gives an unusual portrayal of WW2 from a German perspective. The film is set at the end of the 2nd World War. It had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival , where it won the top prize, It drew mostly praise – especially for the performances, direction, screenplay, musical score. It was chosen as one of the ten best films of 2019. At the 77th Golden Globe Awards it was nominated for Best Motion Picture and gained many other awards and nominations. JoJo Rabbit grossed \$90.3 million

Thursday 5 August “*Somethings Gotta Give*” (2003, 128 minutes, cert PG,

Contains infrequent strong language and moderate sex references). 2003 American romantic comedy film written, produced and directed by Nancy Meyers. It stars Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson who in the later phase of his acting career Nicholson has created a niche for himself in comedy roles.

The film received generally favourable reviews from critics, and was a box office hit eventually grossing \$266.7 million worldwide. For her performance Keaton received a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Actress, and won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress, Nicholson also received a nomination for the Golden Globe Award for Best Actor.

I hope to see you in July,
Ted Dowson

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Headteacher Kenneth Davies

It is a joy to have all the children back in school. The majority of those who had been working at home came back with smiles on their faces and settled back in quickly. The interaction in the playground was a pleasure to see, with children catching up with their friends. We have eased the children in gently and continued to provide a broad curriculum with a big focus on well-being.

Cliddesden Bake Off

We set a half term Bake Off challenge for the children and we really enjoyed looking at all the entries submitted via Google Classroom. The entries looked delicious and we wish we could have tried them all. Winners were announced during our weekly Achievement Assembly. There was a winner for each year group and these were chosen by their class teachers.

Head teacher, Mr Davies also got to choose his favourite for Star Baker, and he chose a wonderful, smiling caterpillar cake by Olivia and her brother James in Years R and 2. Certificates were sent out to all the winners.



World Book Week

Regardless of whether the children were home learning or at school, they enjoyed participating in lots of activities for World Book Week. Stories were shared, videos were sent in of children reading to their siblings, parents, pets and cuddly toys. The children used their imaginations to create their own stories and their art skills to create bookmarks.

Thursday was World Book Day and the children came into school wearing their pyjamas and shared their favourite book with their friends. Lots of fun was had by all.

World Down Syndrome Day – Lots of Socks

Every year we support World Down Syndrome Day at Cliddesden. On Monday, 22nd March we promoted awareness of Down Syndrome as part of our PSHE curriculum. The children were shown a short video from Stepping Stones who support children and young people with Down Syndrome. To support awareness of Down Syndrome, and to celebrate our differences, children wore odd socks, as this is the way the charity celebrates the day.



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National Walking Month

The beautiful, blossoming month of May is National Walking Month. Warmer days offer the perfect opportunity to increase your step-count. Now the rules allow, why not plan a sunny walk with friends, rewarding yourselves with a stop at the store for a refreshing drink and cake or ice cream? Or maybe stroll down for your paper rather than taking the car?

Coffee area

Happily, the store's rear decking is open again! Safely distanced tables are set out where drinks and snacks can be enjoyed on dry days. Once seated on the deck we ask customers wishing to re-enter the store, to do so only via the front entrance as we still have to try to maintain the rule of only three customers at a time, in the store. For this reason it is not possible to open the indoor coffee area on rainy days just yet.

What's new in store?

Manager, Garry, has just added Isle of Wight tomatoes to a wonderful display of fresh produce which also includes new season English asparagus, New Forest strawberries and (coming soon) the first crop of Jersey potatoes. Regular deliveries of beautiful locally-grown flowers from Medstead Flower Shack are back and new lines of premium English wines will soon be in store. As the al fresco dining season returns, the store will stock a small range of barbecue meats, plus charcoal for cooking. If you wish to place an order speak to Garry.

Youth workers

If you are 16–19yrs old and are interested in working paid weekend shifts at the Candover Valley Store, please get in touch with Jane Laws on 01256 389491.

Opening times for bank holidays in May

The store will be open on both bank holidays in May (Monday 3 and Monday 31 May) from 8.30am until 12.30pm but please note the post office will be closed.

Comic Relief

We supported Comic Relief this year and the children all looked brilliant in their outfits, some dressed as superheroes and some wearing red. We managed to raise £175. The jokes shared, bright costumes and hairstyles put a smile on all our faces.

JOGLE

When we heard our sports specialist Debs Costen and her friend Sarah Cotton had set themselves an enormous physical and mental challenge, we were keen to support them and use this to motivate ourselves to keep moving.

To raise money for Naomi House Debs challenge was to run 860 miles in 17 days! Debs and her running partner, Sarah, had originally planned to run from John O' Groats to Lands' End but the current restrictions meant that this was no longer possible.

Undeterred they came up with an alternative plan to run 52 miles a day along the Kennet and Avon canal. Clearly this distance in itself is inspiring but this plan meant they would be running the same route every day; 26 miles out and 26 miles back. The psychological challenge of running the same route for 17 consecutive days was an additional burden to this huge challenge.

Our school set a challenge to run, scoot, walk, and cycle the equivalent number of miles. The children could not complete this task within school time, so we asked families and staff to join in. We have been keeping a daily record of how many miles Debs has achieved and our school community have been updating us with how many miles their households have completed. Everyone has really embraced and supported virtually this inspirational challenge from John O' Groats to Lands' End.

We can't wait to hear more about Debs and Sarah's epic adventure when we return to school and can't wait to see if we managed to match their miles.

For more on these stories, please visit our website: Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk and visit the Events pages.





**Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School,
Rathbone Pavilion, Church Road, North Wal-
tham, RG25 2BL.**

www.cuckoomeadow.org Tel: 01256 398172

Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School! First and foremost we would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our Easter hamper this year – we raised a staggering £369 which will make such a difference and will help buy a new water table for the children to enjoy, just in time for summer.

This Easter holiday has been a lovely time to reflect on all that our Pre-School has achieved in the last few months but also has given us time to plan. There are spaces for 2021 and 2022 so do apply now for your local, Ofsted Outstanding setting – all are welcome!!

The end of the last term was full of fun – from making Easter artworks and baking – to all the children enjoying a music class on the meadow with Caterpillar Music. As for next term, we're hoping to have Rugby Tots visit our children on a weekly basis which will be hugely exciting as we all run around in the great outdoors. We have never felt luckier to have such a vast expanse of green on our doorstep, not forgetting the playground of course. For the latest news do visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cuckoomeadowpreschool.

Talking of luck, we also invite you to take part in the Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children. It's a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our Pre-School, and at the same time give something back. Visit www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for: Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School.

Lastly, may we please ask again that you continue to support us – and thanks so much to the parents (past and present) and community members who have been in touch. Please do consider us on www.smile.amazon.co.uk and www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Allocating 'Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School' as your nominated charity on either of these platforms will mean that shops such as John Lewis, Argos and many more donate a % of your purchase price directly to our Pre-School – and at no extra admin for you!

About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School: We are a small, friendly, Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavillion, 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.

Covid testing for everyone

Following the government's announcement that free rapid tests will be offered to everyone in England from 9 April, local residents are being urged to start collecting their test kits from tomorrow (Friday) and get into the habit of regular testing and recording their result.

Where to get a lateral flow device (LFD) test kit

From 9 April, anyone can access free, rapid lateral flow tests for themselves and their families to use twice a week. Kits can be collected from testing sites across the county:

- Collection from community testing sites (enter your postcode in the NHS site map to find your nearest site and opening times).
- To take a supervised LFD test at a community testing site, drop in on the day or book an appointment online.

You must not go to these sites if you have any symptoms.

- Collection from the walk-through local testing site (afternoons only)
- Opening times are available on the County Council's website. These sites offer symptomatic testing during the morning and, following a deep clean, are open again in the afternoon for collection of test kits for people without symptoms. It is important not to attend these sites outside collection times. In Basingstoke this is in Churchill Way long stay car park – due to open from 11 April

For those who cannot access these options a new online ordering service has a supply of test kits for home delivery. Visit www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or call 119.



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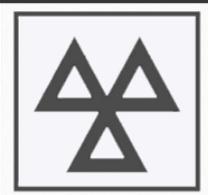
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Dummer

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About Dummer

Best wishes to Jeremy Glyn who had a hip replacement just after Easter. We hope it has been successful, Jeremy.

Dummer Coffee Morning – May 5th 11am – Paddock Lodge, Farleigh Lane, Dummer

Trish Willats has kindly offered her field at the front of Paddock Lodge for the May coffee morning, thus making an outside, socially distanced gathering possible. There is no cover, so we are hoping for warm, dry weather. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MUG!

If you would like to attend, please contact Julia T (398480) or Penny R (398162) so we know how many to cater for. Also let us know if you would prefer to continue to receive cake at home.

All Saints Church

How lovely to be able to join in Church services again. Palm Sunday was dry although cold outside but some hearty singing soon warmed us up.

Easter Sunday was lovely with half the congregation inside and the other half outside. The Holy Dusters had done their magic, Clare had changed the Altar cloths, and the “Flower Girls” had made the Church look really beautiful with lovely fresh spring arrangements. Stafford set up the sound system and the sun shone!

And what a musical treat! With Alex at the organ, Henry Mann playing the cello and Grace Gammell’s beautiful singing, it was such a joyous service.

And for the first time for quite a while we had Coffee! Thank you to those who helped with these and also to Mervyn and Jeremy for assisting me as it was rather busy.

Please do join us again.
Lyn H, Churchwarden



Dummer Village Hall

During May it is hoped that we will return to more or less normality with our regular hirers opening up classes again. Our May Coffee morning will be outside at Paddock Lodge, thank you, Trish, for hosting and to all those who are helping with the 1st Coffee Morning of the year!

By The Garden Gate.

This will take place on Sunday 23rd May (to allow for more growing time!). There will be a variety of stalls around the village and we are open for more helpers and any plants that you can spare. Please contact Lyn Hardy or Wendy Gay if you can help.

Dummer Village Hall Committee.



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A dynamic and friendly senior assistant (part-time) is now sought to join the team which runs the Candover Valley Community store and post office.

The working hours can be negotiated depending on the applicants' availability but will include some Saturday, Sunday morning and Bank Holiday working.

The desirable skills we are looking for include:

- Retail experience
- Commercial skills and financial awareness
- Responsiveness to customer needs with a strong focus on service quality
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- Good computer literacy with experience of EPOS systems and Microsoft Office.

If you have excellent customer service skills and a reputation for being reliable, hardworking and good at working in a team then we want to hear from you.

Download the job description from the website www.cvcs.org.uk or call **Jane Laws on 01256 389491** for further details.

George Getley's 80th Birthday

We celebrated George's 80th birthday in groups of six. Six ladies and then six gentlemen, as permitted by Covid regulations.

The sun shone all day on March 30th. so both groups of six, each hour were able to be outside.

George was thrilled with the surprise, and loved the collage we had made for him. Showing some of his daily routines.

From RDA to Father Christmas, and all the cups he wins at shows all around the country.



Six Hampshire MPS, CAGE and Dummer Parish Council Request a 'Call-in' on warehouse development on J7 M3.

At a meeting of the Development Control Committee of Basingstoke Council, councillors voted to REFUSE the outline plan for 4 warehouses but GRANTED PERMISSION for the building of a single gigantic warehouse. The developers, Newlands, are acting as spokesmen for Amazon with whom they are working in anticipation of a completed financial deal.

Maria Miller MP, Kit Malthouse MP, and four other local MPs have jointly requested that the Secretary of State grants their request to launch a public enquiry which would make the final decision on these applications. The future of a new hospital in Basingstoke could be threatened by the possible warehouse development, as the existing infrastructure would not support traffic from both the hospital and warehouses on junction 7.

Please visit the CAGE website for more information.



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Benefice Recipes



I'm hoping May will be kind to us. I've put my order in for the perfect soft rain that only comes overnight and is then followed by blue skies and sunshine.

The allotment should be filling up as long as we protect everything early enough from the starving pheasants and pigeon. With high expectations of the first carrots, the baby new potatoes, buttery lettuce, the runners, broad beans and all the lovely fruit. Nothing tastes so good as freshly picked.

Early sunny mornings spent sat on rickety garden chairs balancing a hot coffee out of a flask and a slab of cake on our laps while listening to the cuckoos is pure joy. Beautiful pink rhubarb, jersey royals, asparagus, broad beans, peas and elderflower are all in season for May. We absolutely love rhubarb and it always ends up either being popped under a crumble blanket or spooned into yoghurt but I'm thinking a pink rhubarb gin might be the way forward with some lucky forced pink stalks this year. Anyway this recipe is easy as pie and tasty too.

Spring Onion with Mustard and Stilton Scones. Makes 6

Ingredients:

275 g self-raising flour, 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 210 ml buttermilk
1 heaped teaspoon of English mustard mixed into buttermilk
60 g cold butter (grated) keeping a block in the freezer just for grating is perfect.
100 g Stilton crumbled (or a really strong cheddar if you prefer), 6 spring onions finely sliced
1 beaten egg, 1-2 tsp poppy seeds optional

Method

Pre heat Oven 190c Gas 5 or 170 fan

In a large bowl mix together flour and bicarbonate of soda, rub in the butter till crumbly.

Add Stilton, spring onions and buttermilk and mix quickly to combine, try not to overwork it, just bring together.

Pat into a circle 18 cm by 2 cm high ish. Transfer to a baking tray lined with baking parchment. Cut into 6 triangles and pull them apart ever so slightly so they have about a cm between each but still form a circle, they will join together when they rise and cook. Like a tear and share scone.

Brush the top of the scones with the beaten egg and sprinkle with optional poppy seeds.

Bake for 20-25 minutes till golden and risen.

If you can..... wait 10 minutes before eating and of course slather on the butter. Just as tasty cold as well.

These would be delish with a soup at lunchtime.

Enjoy and don't forget, if you're not drinking something sparkly then be sparkly or wear sparkly. Sparkles make the world go round.