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Rota for Services

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The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

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***Harvest readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18, OR 28:1-14, 2**

Corinthians 9:6-end, Luke 12:16-30 or 17:11-19, Psalm 65

(Theme of Remembering, obedience, being thankful).

Sunday 1 November

Fourth Sunday before Advent – All Saints Day

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

Sermon: *The great multitude before the throne*

9.30 Wield Matins BCP
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Prayer

[no service at Northington due to buildings work]

3.00 Preston Candover Bereavement Remembering Service

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Sunday 8 November

Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

Readings: Amos 5:18:24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end, Matthew 25:1-13
Psalm 70

Sermon: *Remembrance theme*

10.50 Brown Candover Outdoors Remembrance Service
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Sunday 1 November 4th Sunday before Advent

8.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Cliddesden	Holy Communion CW
11.15	Dummer	Family Service with Professor Julian Evans "God's Trees- 2"

Sunday 8 November 3rd Sunday before Advent: Remembrance Sunday

10.55	Dummer	Remembrance Service <i>outdoors</i> with the Royal British Legion
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Sunday 15 November 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Saturday 21 November

6.00	Cliddesden	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 22 November Last Sunday before Advent

9.45	Dummer	Holy Communion CW
11.15	Ellisfield	Family Service

Sunday 29 November Advent Sunday

11.00	St. Andrew's Farleigh Wallop	Holy Communion with Professor Julian Evans- "The Star of Bethlehem"
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Sunday 6 December Second Sunday of Advent

8.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Cliddesden	Holy Communion CW
4.00	Dummer	Farleigh Benefice Christingle Service <i>possibly outdoors</i>

Dear Friends

It'll all be over by Christmas, they said, when the First World War began 28th July 1914. The Great War, the war to end all wars, ended years later after millions of casualties from many countries on Armistice Day, November 11th 1918.

Commemorative events will take place at our nation's war memorials but they will be scaled down in size due to the Covid restrictions set out by the government.

Some said the Covid crisis would be over by Christmas perhaps not understanding that a vaccine would take some months to be developed and trialled before it could be used to inoculate the country's population. The Prime Minister said in March he thought it possible that the virus would be sent packing if guidelines were heeded and in May ministers spoke of having a vaccine by September. Current hopes are for a vaccine to be available in spring 2021.

At Easter we had to forgo our church services as lockdown took hold and places of worship and many other places were closed and now, though we may meet in church for worship, singing is not permitted.

Sadly, it won't all be over by Christmas and we will have a very different celebration of Christmas than we are used to and we are working out how we can find a way to be together for carol singing somehow, somewhere!

Many churches have recorded services and put the material online and it has been a joy this year to explore other churches, to see the variety of music and song, thought provoking interviews with black pastors about racism, and to be in touch with the vibrancy of worship elsewhere.


Now we are entering the time of year with shorter days and colder weather we know some folk are going to feel the effects of the Covid restrictions even more which will intensify the lock down feeling. There is much more awareness of mental health now and how important it is for wellbeing to enjoy good human interaction. In October a man who said he was feeling "really depressed" after a "horrible year" put this message out on Twitter "I am not OK. Feeling rock bottom. Please take a few seconds to say hello if you see this tweet. Thank you."

Within minutes, he began receiving messages from around the world. Since then he was been retweeted more than 14,000 times and received more than 300,000 likes with warm messages of encouragement as well.

I found it fascinating that strangers will respond to a shout out for help and granted that tweeting a reply is not tangible or substantial it is still an act of kindness that has helped someone realise that they are not alone.

In our villages we have seen the readiness of people to help in practical ways during lockdown and no doubt that this will continue but I wonder how we might hear about those who are feeling at rock bottom, feeling the bleakness of each day and could really do with a but if human contact to give then a lift?

It is not easy to overcome shyness, or being fearful of rejection or rebuff we may not want to say a "hello how are you" but a warm reception makes it all worthwhile to



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share some kindness. Our Community Store in Preston Candover is a great place where people receive excellent service and have opportunity to meet others; they leave with more than their shopping as there are some things that money can't buy!

The Duke of Cambridge is a champion for mental health, his Royal Foundation website exploring this topic states

“Mental health... is one of the biggest public health issues of today... It is simply wrong that 330,000 people in Britain lose their jobs each year due to mental health, or that one in 10 children has a diagnosable condition”

The message of Christmas is that human life is so valuable that God became part of it in Christ and through his life, death and resurrection has made it possible for God's Holy Spirit to enter our lives.

Through Jesus we receive God's mercy, his forgiveness, which is essential for full spiritual health. His Holy Spirit wonderfully affirms to us in our inner being that we are loved by God. How amazing to be known and loved by God, for it is his love we were created to know and receiving that love will affect our wellbeing like nothing else!

Every blessing

David

St. Peters, Brown Candover October 2020

Remembrance Sunday Service will be held on Sunday 8th November at 10.50 am on the cricket pitch by St. Peters Church, Brown Candover. Parking will be in the Club car park and where directed by the marshalls.

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

Annual tidy up at St John's, Northington



We are holding a tidy-up of the graveyard and surrounding area at John's, Northington on
Saturday 7 November, 0930hrs – 1230hrs

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Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington		No service because of building work	
	6 Dec	Mark Baring & Peter Lamb	Mark Baring & Peter Lamb
St Peter's Brown Candover	8 Nov 10.50	<u>Outdoors</u> Remembrance Service	<i>with the Royal British Legion</i>
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	1 Nov 10.00	Marina Avis	Marina Avis
	1 Nov 3.00	Anne luneburg	To be advised
	15 Nov 10.00	Anne Luneburg & Jane Laws	Anne Luneburg & Marina Avis
	22 Nov 10.00	Merina Avis	To be advised
	6 Dec 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
All Saints Bradley			
St James' Wield	1 Nov 9.30	Brian Collins	Eileen Collins & Annabel Portsmouth
	15 Nov 9.00	Alwin Hutchinson	Amanda Bromfield & Alwin Hutchinson
	29 Nov 11.00	Barbara Wells	Catherine Simons & Eileen Collins
	6 Dec 9.30	Robert Grande	Jean Frost & Selina Geddes



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Following the recently announced Covid restrictions on gatherings, Remembrance will be marked very differently this year.

Remembrance Sunday 8th Nov at the War Memorial St Peter's Church Brown Candover starting at 1055hrs a special outdoor wreath laying ceremony will take place. Although there will be no public participation, if you should you find yourself in the area that morning, you may wish to

honour our War Dead by pausing in silence and observing (maintaining social distancing).

11 Nov Preston Candover War Memorial. A short ceremony (with invited participants only) will take place on 11 Nov at 1055 hrs. Members of the public in the area at that time may wish to observe but social distancing rules will apply.

RBL Poppy Appeal 2020

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

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

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

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

Last year the money from the Poppy appeal help among others 2500 ex service personnel and their families through financial difficulties. The Royal British Legion run 6 care homes including specialist dementia care. They also, in partnership with Dementia UK provide Admiral Nurses to help the Armed Forces Community and their families living with dementia.

To find out more about how your Poppy donations are spent go to www.britishlegion.org.uk

Joanna Gibbons
Poppy Appeal Organiser

Church flowers, cleaning and Key Holders

St. John's Church Northington	Flowers	Church closed	for the time being
	Key holder	Church closed	for the time being
St Peter's Church Brown Candover	Flowers	No services until further notice	Roof repairs
	Key Holders & brass	November	Sue Marriott (01256 389385)
		December	Edwina Curtis Hayward (01256 389704)
All Saints Church Bradley	Flowers & cleaning	November	Ros Heath
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers	Nov 7, 14, 21 & 28	Anne Luneburg
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If you deliver to your neighbours, please will you send me a list of the house names (no need for the names of those living in the houses) where you deliver.

Even if you only receive a small number to deliver, it would still be helpful to know the names of the houses.

I have asked those whose email addresses I have and most have now sent me their lists, but I don't have contact details for most of you.

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Many thanks
Jean

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Please bring your own tools and refreshments.

If we can also clean inside whilst observing social distancing we will do that too.

Many thanks in advance for your help, Anne

Research into Covid-19

I have been feeling bad that my age and underlying health issues have prevented me returning to nursing in ITU.

Wanting to do something to help I have volunteered to take part in several research programmes, and if you are interested you can do this too. I accept that not everyone wants to be a guinea pig for new vaccines or other drugs, but filling out a survey on a regular basis can also give vital information to the researchers.

If you are interested in doing this, please go to www.qmul.ac.uk/covidence where you can find all the details.

If you have questions, I will try to answer them about my experiences,
Anne

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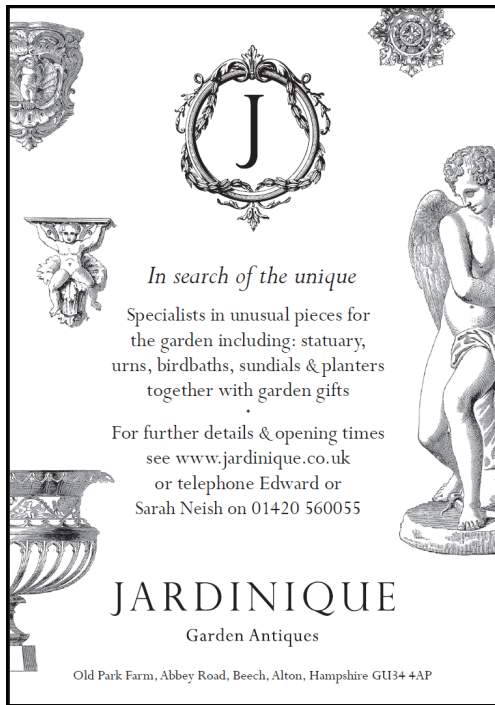
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Amazon Warehouse on Junction 7 M3 – CAGE NEWS Update!!!

Latest details of the proposed A30 warehouse development have revealed some alarming examples of planning creep.

First its main tenant is almost certainly going to be Amazon. Similar schemes in Tilbury and Darlington have been used to illustrate the planning documents which now reveal a low profile grey flat shed, which is just over ninety feet high. The developers have in many cases failed to send the council the illustrations of this, despite specific requests from planning officials.

It is now clear that the distribution centre will be plainly visible from most of the surroundings.

But more disturbing are the staff numbers. The original proposition was for 146 employees. Here's the creep - the latest documents show a huge increase in those figures, now 1381. The car park has also been extended to 800 spaces.

Comparing the quoted staff numbers with similar data from the Tilbury and Darlington sites, that 1381 figure may only apply to one shift. The other two quote a similar figure for *each* of two shifts. Such is the congestion as one shift leaves and another arrives at Tilbury and Darlington, those centres have been forced to stagger leaving and arriving times.

This traffic would be on top of the 24 hour flow of HGVs, and add to the congestion which the other nearby housing developments will already create not only into the A30 corridor into Basingstoke, but onto the M3 at junction 7.

The CAGE group does not have sufficient technical skills to investigate and make official traffic models. This probably needs to be handled by County Council planners. But it is fairly obvious that none of the local roads, including the M3, will be able to cope safely with such traffic volumes.

CAGE and the Parish Council will be contacting the relevant officials to reinforce the case against this development.

CAGE needs literally hundreds of letters of objection to reach Basingstoke and District Council's Planning Department.

The developers soon after the outline submission for 4 warehouses was submitted, put in another application for 1 HUGE warehouse which is likely to be an Amazon one. This second application runs alongside the first. Please visit the CAGE web site: www.cleanairgreenenvironment to get helpful information about writing your letters. Thank you!!

If this development goes ahead it will impact on everyone in the area.

Jackie's County Corner

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The County Council has set up a 'Citizens Forum' to receive feedback. Go to hants.gov.uk and search Hampshire Perspectives for details or go direct to www.hampshirecc.researchfeedback.net

The Covid-19 Local Engagement Board is headed up by the Leader of the County Council. It is advised by the Director of Public Health (DoPH), Simon Bryant. I attend the meetings as your Councillor and as Cabinet Member for Wellbeing at WCC. The local virus figures are low but rising steadily, so many events are being cancelled by organisers or by the DoPH. We want Christmas to be good for everyone- and I'm sure you'll agree that a Covid-free Christmas present is the best present we can imagine right now. Meanwhile, click on the interactive map on www.jackieporter.co.uk for recent, very local Covid-19 data.

If you have an autistic person in your family, you'll know the challenges of obtaining a diagnosis. At HCC **Children's Scrutiny we heard of the woeful progress of services for Autistic children** which has been an ongoing problem for more years than I can remember. It's a money issue- there just isn't enough- and the funding needed didn't happen because the General Election of 2019 'got in the way'. To an 'old hand' like me, this felt like Groundhog Day. I have asked for frequent updates until this is resolved, and was pleased that the NHS Director, newly appointed to carry this forward, agreed: this *must* improve.

Hampshire Hospital options: Online consultations involving 1000 people were held through the summer. Most people who attended the online events wanted the best healthcare wherever it was possible, the opportunity to 'stay local' for tests and check-ups, excellent public transport links to all sites (including Alton and Andover) for staff, patients and visitors, and a better link between the NHS and social care. Options for care have been drawn up by HHFT. You will be able to comment on these in early 2021. Visit www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk for more information about this health service improvement programme – and you can also follow it on Facebook (www.facebook.com/hampshiretogether).

Please give your comments: even if you haven't been to any of our hospitals yet, it is worth putting yourself in the shoes of an employee, patient or visitor to think how it would work for you.

Finally, are you entitled to Healthy Start Vouchers? These provide vouchers to purchase a range of healthy foods for some pregnant mums and children under 4. See more on www.gov.uk but if you need a printed version of the form, please contact me or your health visitor.

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Children & parents – Covid:

Now that children have returned to school it is important that parents & carers are able to access the right support if their child becomes unwell and that schools are able to signpost parents and carers to the appropriate sources of help.

GP's are unable to provide individual risk assessments, letters or notes that a child is Covid-19 free or provide evidence of a child that has been told to self-isolate.

Should your child become unwell please see the following information:

Childhood illnesses:

If a child is unwell with other symptoms such as sore throat, earache, stomach ache, runny nose, skin rashes, or a winter related illness such as norovirus with vomiting and diarrhoea, then parents are advised to check NHS 111 online health condition advice – is my child too ill to go to school, and contact their local pharmacy or GP if they need further help.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

NHS 111 phonenumber should only be used for an urgent medical problem where parents or carers are unsure what to do. If a child is too ill to attend school, the parent or carer should advise the school as per normal and arrange to care for the child at home until they are well enough to return.

For schools there is also government guidelines that say when a child should be kept off school and when they shouldn't which can be accessed via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>.

Urgent & Emergency Care:

The following link explains how to access urgent assistance for a child: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/urgent-and-emergency-care/>. The advice as always is to call 999 if it is a medical emergency - when someone is seriously ill or injured, or their life is at risk.

Healthier Together:

It can be extremely stressful when your child is unwell. We know that there is a huge amount of information available at your fingertips, but finding something that provides clear and accurate information is not always easy!

The resources on the Healthier Together website have been developed in partnership between parents and healthcare professionals from across Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. You'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/> they also have a whole section on Covid-19.



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Adult Flu Clinics

Our flu clinics are well under way and operating safely.

However, you are probably aware that, like all other surgeries, we are running short of vaccine as the uptake this year has been well beyond normal levels. The Government has bought all spare stock, but at the time of writing (early October) we do not have information of when or how that stock will be made available to us. This is a rapidly changing situation for all of us.

Please bear with us if you have not been able to book an appointment or we have to postpone your appointment. We will endeavor to ensure all eligible patients are vaccinated either by ourselves or by the local pharmacies.

Meanwhile could we remind you to wear a face covering and wear a short sleeved shirt or top when you come for your flu jab.

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

Child Flu Clinics

We have now written to parents whose children are aged 2-3 (born 1.9.2016 – 31.8.2018) or aged 4-17 and have a condition which puts them at greater risk if they get flu. Please ensure you book an appointment for child to receive their flu vaccination. Children in years R-7 will be vaccinated in school by Schools Health.

Covid testing

As well as COVID, common colds are also in circulation.

This video contains some useful information about when to get a COVID test and how to tell if your symptoms are likely to be a cold: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329>

If you have the following symptoms you need to get a test;

-a high temperature

-a new, continuous cough

-a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

To request a test visit; <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

Sadly GP's are unable to access tests on behalf of patients.

If you cannot get a test straight away, or the location or time are not convenient, try again in a few hours.



Five tips when considering divorce

Dealing with a divorce is never easy but Elizabeth Ford, a family law solicitor and mediator at Phillips Solicitors offers five tips to help make the process as smooth and amicable as possible.

1. Get legal advice

It is important to have a full understanding of your legal rights and responsibilities. Having an idea of what the divorce process involves will help you feel much more in control and less anxious. Write a list of questions to take to your first appointment; no question is trivial or irrelevant.

2. Gather your financial information

You and your spouse will need to share financial information with each other. If possible, work together to gather details about your income, property valuations, mortgages, savings, pensions and debts. If you cannot do this together, write down what you can recall about the financial arrangements during the marriage.

3. Keep communicating with each other

This will be a very difficult time but maintaining open channels for communication can make planning your futures much easier. Make a written note of what you have talked about to remind you both.

4. Mediation is often helpful

For many people, mediation is a quicker and cheaper option for resolving family difficulties about children or finances than going to court. It empowers separating couples to make their own decisions together.

We can refer you to a local mediation service or you can choose to come directly to Haymarket Family Mediation, which is part of Phillips Solicitors instead if you prefer.

5. Update your personal details and entitlements

You should check to see whether you are making the right claims for benefits including Child Benefit, the council tax reduction if you are living separately and Universal Credit.

If you are considering divorce, please contact Elizabeth by emailing elizabeth.ford@phillips-law.co.uk or by calling 01256 854628. Alternatively visit www.phillips-law.co.uk/family



Walking with Wildlife

One fine morning we drive to Fritham in the New Forest. It's the pannage season, when pigs are released to forage for fallen acorns. At Fritham Plain, the vast skies seem strangely empty except for a kestrel tussling with a passing crow. In the distance, tracts of shady woodland suddenly light up with a glow of autumn colours. Striding across the forest heath towards Green Pond we pause, entranced by the gleam of a small copper butterfly basking on the heather in bright sunshine.

From the pond we head over to the wooded slopes of Freeworms Hill, now bright with holly berries. A speckled wood butterfly flickers around a sunlit patch of bracken, while a red admiral butterfly chases through the groves of pollarded holly. The gnarled trunks of older hollies, silvery-grey, bulge with goblin noses of branch stubs. A wild apple tree stands at the woodland edge amid a huge crop of fallen little green apples. A Spanish chestnut, long since toppled but still growing, resting on its elbows, displays a bumper crop of prickly yellow-green fruits. Looking upwards, the crowns of nearby red oaks are just turning crimson.

As we approach the stream at the valley bottom, a line of fallow deer bound down, bursting through the bracken of Ragged Boys Hill startled perhaps by the Forest Rangers' Land Rover high on the hillside above. After a break for coffee and shortbread, we follow the trail, crossing the footbridge to lead up and through the natural amphitheatre of Rakes Brakes, a land of bracken, holly and birch trees where ponies and cattle roam. At a small pond, flashes of russet reveal dragonflies, common darters, each perching and patrolling a patch of water.

Later on leaving Fritham, we pass four donkeys gathered around a blue council grit bin. With lid askew, they seem to be busy licking salt! Alas, although we saw no pigs on our walk, despite acorns galore on the woodland floor, we do find a pair of Old Spots foraging at the woodland edge near Bramshaw.

Robert Bryant
12 October '20.



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Dear residents

I am pleased to report a lack of criminality of concern within the area of this magazine. However in Cliddesden on Sunday October 18 between 1:30 and 2 two garages were broken into in Southlea, Cliddesden.

A light coloured Transit sized van was seen leaving the area. These crimes took place on a Sunday afternoon in broad day light.

I am also appealing for any information regarding two burglaries in Preston Candover . Between 01:30 and 02:00 on Thursday 22nd October, burglars struck in Preston Candover, gates were forced into the grounds of a house in Alresford Road at the far end of the village, the criminals managed to get into the garage and stole some tools however were challenged and became aggressive to local residents. They then went off and stole a motorcycle from a neighbouring house before making their way out of the village and up Wield Road.

I ask if you live in Preston Candover please check any CCTV if you have any for the period between these time and let me know if anything has been recorded.

In Herriard the same night a vehicle was broken into a some car related tools were stolen and two garages were entered.

We are also experiencing poaching at the moment and associated criminal damage to the fields of growing crops. Recently two hares were found shot and left by a gateway in Weston Patrick, I ask if you see any vehicles on the land at night, or lamps being panned across the fields, please give us a call. Those who are lawfully out doing vermin control would have made the Police aware before going out.

As the evenings are now drawing in I urge all residents to make sure homes are secured, lights etc. left on. Please make sure your home looks as if it is occupied when you are out. Whilst we have only had two house burglaries across the area during 2020, I would not like to see any increase.

There are still several scams doing the rounds, one latest concerned a cold caller from telephone number 01174433677 offering services, usually it rings then hangs up when asking for home owner? If you receive any such calls please place the number into Google and if it is a scam number it will frequently show up on the internet as such.

Many thanks, if you are the subject of any crime I ask that it be reported.

Andrew Reid, Local Beat Officer



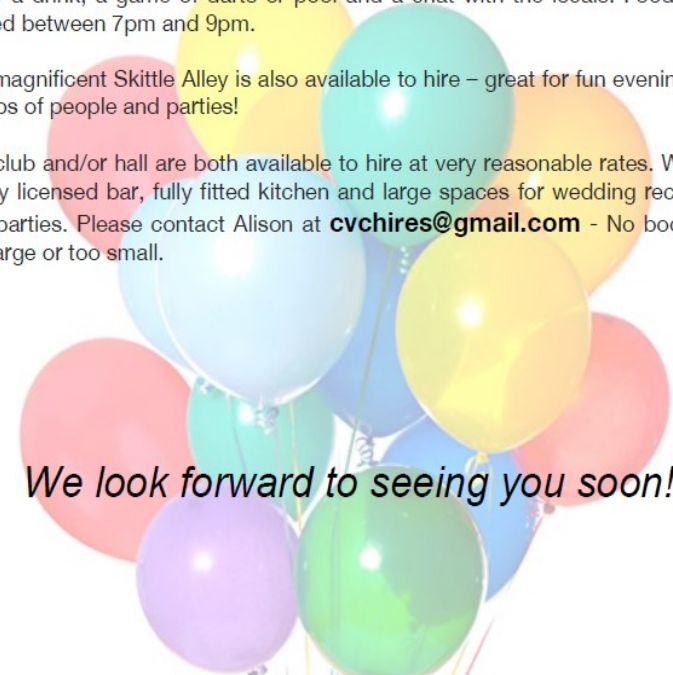
Candover Valley Club

The Candover Valley Club is located in a beautiful spot next to the church and fronted by the cricket pitch in the middle of the quiet village of Brown Candover. We are conveniently situated on the B3046 between Alresford and Basingstoke.

Both the clubroom and the back hall have recently been renovated and have never looked so inviting. Club night is Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm if you fancy a drink, a game of darts or pool and a chat with the locals. Food is also served between 7pm and 9pm.

Our magnificent Skittle Alley is also available to hire – great for fun evenings with groups of people and parties!

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Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in September 2020

By Simon Bourne

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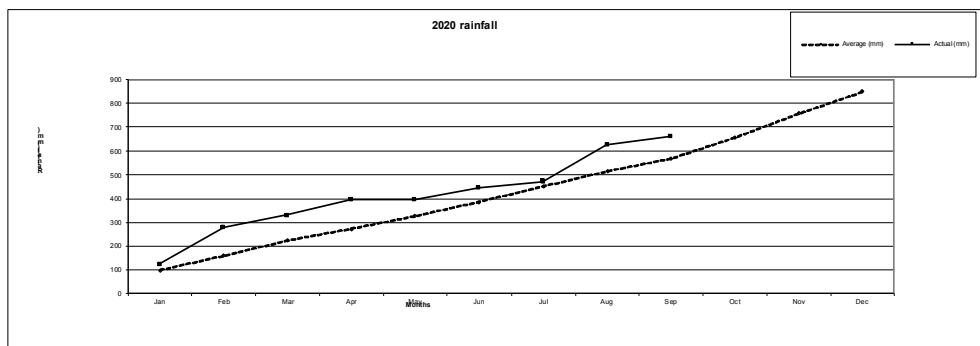
Highest	27.1/81	(14 th)
Lowest	0.6/33	(28 ^h)
Warmest Night	14.0/57	(16 th)
Coolest Day	13.9/57	(26 th)
Average maximum temperature	20.0/68	
Average minimum temperature	8.1/47	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total	35.6/1.40	(average 52.6/2.07)
Annual total	659.1/2.95	(average 571.6/22.50)
Maximum 24hr. fall	12.6/0.50	(30 th)
Number of days with rain	9	

Summary

The start of autumn contrasted from the wet late summer. There was light rain on a few days in the first week but otherwise conditions were stable with dry, sunny weather and increasingly warm temperatures and the warmest day at 81°F on the 14th. The dry conditions and above average temperatures, with at times warm and unbroken sunshine, continued until low pressure and three days of changeable weather with rain at times from the autumnal equinox. There was some fine weather in the last week but temperatures declined, and the last day was the wettest with ½ an inch of rain. Overall, the month was slightly cooler than normal and there was two thirds of the average rainfall.



Remembrance St James Church, Wield.

Wield will once again commemorate the seven men from Upper and Lower Wield who gave their lives fighting in WW1. This will take the form of a special installation in St James Church, Upper Wield throughout November when the Church will be decorated simply to reflect the atmosphere of a battlefield service. All are welcome to visit.

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Swarraton and Northington WI

Hopes of restarting meetings have been dashed by the continuing Covid 19 situation but we continue to keep in touch with one another via our monthly newsletters.

One of our members recently received an invitation to take part in the largest COVID-19 testing research study in England. This was being conducted by Imperial College, London, and Ipsos MORI, on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). She shared her experience with members as follows:-

“After an early cuppa (06.30). The courier could arrive as early as 8am so I was anxious to make sure I followed the instructions correctly”.

The instructions read as follows....On the day of Collection

Only use this process if you have already received your home test kit as part of the COVID home testing research study.

Please do not undertake your test before you have a collection booked.

Please do your test before 08.00 on the morning the courier is due. You need to have done your test before the courier arrives as they cannot wait while you do them.

Make sure you label and package your test correctly.

Attach a barcode label to the plastic vial and the biohazard bag, and place the plastic vial in the bag. Place the bag in the return box and attach the address label to the return box.

Please put the labelled return box containing your sample in your fridge until the courier comes to collect it.

DO NOT post the samples back via Royal Mail (i.e. please do not put the box in a post box - it should be returned via courier only)

“I watched the video, showing how to take the swab test correctly, and then got to work. I was told how important it was for the swab to reach down into the throat, without touching tongue or teeth, until I was gagging, and then use the same swab, up both nostrils. I was really concerned that I had not carried out the test correctly, and that it would all be a waste of time (and money). I also had to fill out an on line survey.

Three days later, an e-mail arrived from the Imperial College COVID-19 Team, with the result of my swab test, which was negative!!!

I then received another letter from the Team, thanking me for taking part.”

Hampshire federation of WI's continue to create on talks to interest members. Visit HCFWI for more details.

A Postal Scam this Christmas Please take note and pass on to your contacts.

Christmas is fast approaching and Royal Mail and the Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service), suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611 911 (a premium rate number)

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, please contact Royal mail Fraud on 0207 239 6655.

For more information, see Crime Stoppers website:

www.crimestoppers-uk.org/crime-prevention/helpingprevent-crime/scams/postal-delivery-scam.

Please be aware that the premium rate number may change but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from PFD.

Please make all your family and friends and neighbours aware of the above.

AGM The store's annual general meeting this year will have to be held remotely due to the current Covid-19 situation. Everyone is welcome to "attend" on Zoom at 7.00pm on Thursday 19 November, 2020, but please remember that only shareholders may vote. If you would like to take part in the meeting please email Lucy Muncey, CVCS secretary on lucy.muncey@outlook.com to let her know. The appropriate links and documents will be sent nearer the date.

Talk to us! Garry, Emma and the store committee are as keen as ever to have your customer feedback. Tell us how we're doing and what we could improve on. We continue to need to know what you think of the product ranges offered. Are there items you would like to see on the shelves or others you aren't keen on? There is a suggestions box near the till where you can post your ideas (sensible and polite only please!) all of which will be considered. Of course, with limited shelf space and a lot of competition for what goes on them, Garry walks a bit of a tightrope, but he will always do his best!

Basics basket Many visitors to the store during the past month or so have been impressed to see the introduction of the "£1.25 Specials". These staple items are likely to alter from time to time according to availability but the idea underlines the store's aim to develop the offer of a range of essential groceries at fair prices. We hope customers are happy to know that shopping locally really does have benefits.

Coffee and pastry deal What better than to treat yourself to a delicious cup of locally produced Moonroast coffee (or a refreshing tea) and a freshly-baked sweet pastry all for £2.69? On a dry day you could enjoy this sitting out on the decking at the rear of the store, or the offer is available any time to take away whatever the weather is doing.

It's a few weeks away but ...

Christmas stock and new lines now arrive almost daily so keep your eyes peeled! Pre-Christmas wine offers are already running, giving a great opportunity to stock-up with treats while spreading the cost over a longer period. Come in soon to browse!

In memory - Kelpie (and Sue's) bench

Kelpie Buchanan (1920-2000) arrived in the valley (Totford) after regular weekend visits with friends in Brown Candover, buying Keepers in September 1967 and lived here happily until he died, 20th November 2000 aged 80.

Having been a war time Grenadier and founder member of the SBS before a life in London, he longed for a quiet life. He bought the cottage for his mother initially and moved in with Sue (1947-2012) full time in 1973 meaning that their grandchildren Sabrina and Jamie (pictured) are the fourth generation.

The bench on the 'London road' footpath was erected in his memory. It was a special place and remains so still, many a problem has been solved gazing across the valley and the cairns either side are in their memory. They would both be thrilled to think that walkers break pace to sit, and soak up the scenery in a very special place.



On the Farm — Julian Gibbons

Each October I meet up with a man from Montgomery in a lay bye somewhere off a trunk road in the Southern Midlands. It eases the journey to meet half way. We load my empty trailer with his shearling Charollais rams, he slips an invoice into my hand and away we go.

His entire business is based on recording his pedigree sheep flock in minute detail. Specific rams are mated with specific ewes rather than all being run as a mob. Birth weights, 4 week weights, 8 week weights and weaning weights of lambs are all recorded. The level of muscling and back fat is electronically scanned. These figures allow him to plot levels of finish and speed of growth on a graph to forecast which rams are likely to perform best. These figures are then available to me as the purchaser so I can decide which individual rams I feel would best serve my own flock.

I can't say that the Charollais breed would win in a beauty pageant. They are fairly brutish looking beasts. However for the production of quick growing, easily finished lambs the Charollais tups do the job well. They will go in with the ewes on the 24th October until around the 1st December. I would hope for 90% of ewes to be covered in the first 17 day ewe cycle. Management is made much easier by a compact lambing.

Store lambs are very expensive to buy at the moment, with record prices being achieved across the country. Covid lockdowns, Brexit trade deals and mounting unemployment could all potentially adversely affect lamb consumption so I decided against bidding for any stores this year. Instead I am taking on the winter management of 600 ewes belonging to another farmer from East Sussex. They will eat off the turnips whilst not being such a financial gamble as buying and finishing store lambs. They will return to Sussex at the end of February for lambing.



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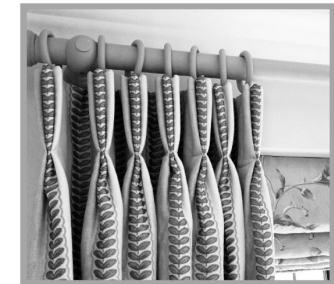
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CANDOVER VALLEY CHOIR

Monthly Newsletter – November 2020

The Candover Valley Choir has now been performing together for some 19 years. With a membership that has grown and diversified over this period, drawing singers not only from the Candover Valley and Dummer, but also from Winchester to Alresford and beyond, the choir performs a range of choral music both sacred and secular.

Covid 19 has however - as for all choirs across the country – required us to make fundamental changes as to how we can continue to work together to keep singing. We have used ZOOM technology to enable us to keep meeting. Alas – it doesn't facilitate us to actually sing at the same time together, but it enables us to meet as a group, to work on music, to learn, and to enjoy music making – albeit in a very different way.

We have now commenced Zoom sessions for the autumn. We don't know yet exactly how and if the traditional carol services in the Candover Valley will be able to take place or what the restrictions may or may not be. We are however working on some Christmas Repertoire so that we are ready for whatever the Churches feel they might be able to put in place.

A number of us are also hoping to support the singing at the annual Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday service, planned to take place outside on Sunday 8th November – if and as possible.

Interested in joining us?

It may seem a strange time to join a choir, but we are always pleased to hear from those interested in joining – whether Soprano, Contralto, Tenor or Bass. To find out more, please contact either me or Julian Jones, our Choir Chairman, on juliang.jones@btinternet.com

He will answer any questions you may have and tell you about our very positive choral group, where we aim to achieve high standards of music making.

Jane Bryant

Music Director

Bryantjane50@gmail.com



Candover Valley Gardening Club

As there has been no change to the restrictions we are unfortunately still unable to recommence our indoor meetings.

It was very fortunate we were able to fit in three wonderful garden visits earlier on. We miss meeting up but are keeping in touch with our members with monthly updates, including suggestions of tasks they might like to add to their own lists, to keep them busy in their gardens.

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News from the Yard



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

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

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

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The NHS (locally and nationally) remains my priority. I’ve written about it countless times in *The Oxdrive*, the local press and in my own publications.

In past decade I have sought to understand the local NHS and support what is in our best interests in line with clinical advice. Politicians do not design health services.

As the old Winchester & Eastleigh Trust came together with Basingstoke, compromises were required – around the centralisation of services – when it came to urgent stroke care or acute orthopaedics for-instance.

This summer it got serious as Hampshire Hospitals embarked on the *Hampshire Together* programme. I have worked incredibly hard, including writing to thousands of households at one point, to get constituents involved on future hospital services.

The process has otherwise passed by unnoticed and that is hardly surprising in the midst of a pandemic which is why I have said publicly, privately - and in the House of Commons - this is a strange time to seek major changes to the local NHS if your aim is to do so with a modicum of engagement and consent from the general public.

Nonetheless, *Hampshire Together* has produced a series of options upon which it plans to formally consult early next year and we should be clear that will pose some very difficult questions.

There’s no question the Trust faces significant pressure to centralise certain services. Some of that external, around neonatal care for-instance, some of it not.

I have consistently said this project, because it is part of the “40 new hospitals”, is primarily about replacing Basingstoke Hospital and the Prime Minister has confirmed that.

But we’re clear, as I promised last December, it will see “significant investment” at the RHCH and I remain of the view Winchester needs a District General Hospital with an emergency department and consultant-led maternity services.

I know that’s challenging and the Trust want a clinical model that does best by us all but I would urge them to keep an open mind and not to give up on Winchester Hospital because we have not.

As I have said for a decade and more, I’ve never met a constituent who doesn’t want to be taken to the right place, to get the right treatment, when they’re acutely unwell and that requires services that give us the best chance should illness strike.

But we should remember, a DGH is a delicate eco-system and the services it has are highly dependent on each other. Some change is manageable but we should be careful before taking too much away and, if the Trust plan to do so, they must be honest with residents what we gain and what will be taken away. It is up to the clinicians to make their case.