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The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

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Sunday	6 June	First Sunday after Trinity
<i>Readings</i>	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-end Psalm 138	
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>We do not lose heart</i>	
9.30	Wield	Matins BCP
10.00	Preston Candover	Morning Worship CW
11.00	Northington	Holy Communion CW
3.30	Wield	Baptism of <i>Arabella Foster</i>
6.00	Brown Candover	Buried Church Service at St. Nicholas

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Sunday	13 June	Second after Trinity
<i>Readings</i>	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, 2 Corinthians 5:6-17, Mark 4:26-34 Psalm 20	
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>Church growth comes when the climate is right</i>	
8.30	Bradley	Holy Communion CW
10.00	Preston Candover	Family Worship
6.00	Wield	Evensong BCP

Sunday 20 June Third after Trinity

Readings 1 Samuel 17:32-49, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-
end Psalm 133
Sermon: *Storms come – is Jesus in your boat?*
9.00 Wield Holy Communion BCP
10.00 Preston Candover Holy Communion CW

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Sunday 27 June Fourth after Trinity

Readings 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-end, 2 Corinthians 8:7-end Mark
5:21-end Psalm 130
Sermon: *Why withhold what you have been given in abundance?*
10.00 Preston Candover Family Service
11.00 Brown Candover Morning Worship & baptism of
Billy Berry

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Sunday 4 July Fifth after Trinity

Readings 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark
6:1-13 Psalm 48
Sermon: *God did not promise it would be easy*
9.30 Wield Matins BCP
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship CW
11.00 Northington Holy Communion CW
4.00 Brown Candover Baptism of
Rollo Percy Ralph Paul

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Sunday 8.00 9.45 11.15	6 June Ellisfield Cliddesden Dummer	First Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion CW Sunday Special/Family Service
Sunday 8.00 9.45 11.15	13 June Dummer Ellisfield Cliddesden	Second after Trinity Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion CW Family Communion Service
Sunday 8.00 9.45 11.15	20 June Ellisfield Dummer Cliddesden	Third after Trinity <i>Father's Day</i> Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion CW Family Service
Saturday 6.00	26 June Cliddesden	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 9.45 11.15 3.00	27 June Dummer Ellisfield St. Andrew's	Fourth after Trinity Holy Communion CW Family Service Baptism of <i>Keira Luplow</i>
Sunday	4 July	Fifth after Trinity FELLOWSHIP MONTH <i>(Sunday service sequence Dummer, Farleigh, Cliddesden, Ellisfield)</i>

The Annual Buried Church Service at St. Nicholas Church, Chilton Candover 6pm on Sunday 6th June.

This outdoor service has continued through Covid and has never been cancelled in its 60 year history. Come and join us in the churchyard. Refreshments will be served after the service.

If wet, the service will be held in the farm buildings.

Dear Friends

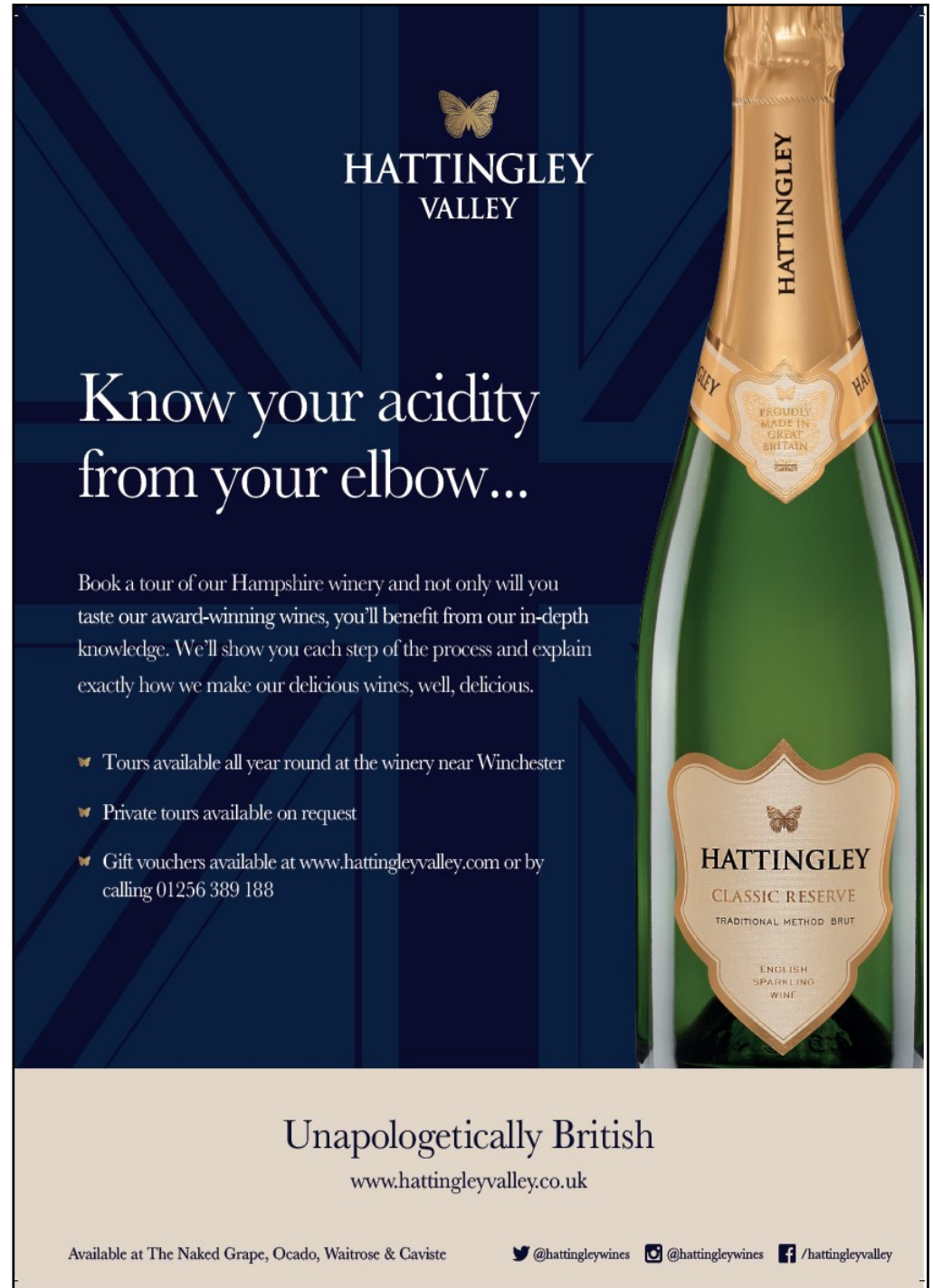
On May 23rd we celebrated Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples as they waited and prayed; Jesus promised that He and His Father would fulfil what had been promised through the prophets, that God himself would come and reside inside anyone who invited Him to come. This meant moving from the idea that God dwelt in a place – in the Temple at Jerusalem – to realising we are all temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20: “*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.*”)


That’s why when Jesus takes up residence within us, He starts the process of making us more like Himself from the inside. With Him living in us, it is a reminder that when God created human beings He breathed on them to give life; the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same in Hebrew –*ruach*- and in Greek it is the same – *Pneuma*- from which we get the word to describe our car tyres for they are *pneumatic*- full of wind, spirit or breath.

When a person dies, it is said they “give up the spirit” – in older language “give up the ghost” – the life, the breath, departs.

Sometimes people are described to be so alive that they are “full of spirit” – energy, life, inspiration, and enthusiasm – this word comes from “possessed by or inspired by God.” Some of the newer converts through the centuries who came to Christ were derogatorily called “enthusiasts” because they were inspired by their faith in Jesus. Nothing wrong being enthusiastic – unless it becomes a bit “over the top” as some are described. Romans 12:11 says: “Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.” The RSV translates it, “be aglow with the Spirit.” I’ve met people who “glowed” with the divine presence – in the Old Testament Moses, whenever he went into the presence of God to pray and worship would return with a face so aglow that he had to wear a veil (yep, one of the few times mask wearing was needed in the Bible!) because the people were afraid of that glow, which comes from living in the presence of the Holy One of God.

What is it that attracts people to Jesus? Seeing people filled with Jesus and doing the stuff of Jesus – living and doing what Jesus said – truth, love, compassion, care, unruffled, willing to work with the worst as well as the best in society to bring change for the better. How do we get filled with Jesus? Read Acts 2 where the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and began that “glowing” within them.




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During the ten days from Ascension Day (13th May) to Pentecost (23rd May) there were prayer times for everyone to join in with to pray for others to encounter the King of Kings, and for our own lives to be set alight for God. If you are not yet “aglow with the Spirit” why not ask? Because life moves into a different dimension when we walk with God.

We are now in the wedding season with quite a few weddings to take this year – 17 on the books, but by the time you read this we will have already taken two or three. Do pray for them that they may be much blessed by wanting to be married in the presence of God, and as each week goes by, more congregational members will be allowed and singing fully restored in our worship too.

May the living Jesus make His home in your hearts and lives today: if He is not yet resident invite Him in, for He will give you hope, peace and His salvation.

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<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	6 June 11.00	Philippa and Matthew Pellereau	Philippa and Matthew Pellereau
	4 July 11.00	Richard and Rebecca Fletcher	Richard and Rebecca Fletcher
St Peter's Brown Candover	6 June 6.00pm	Charles Marriott & Jonathan Moseley	Sue Marriott & Celia Foote
	27 June 11.00	To be advised	Celia Foote & Sue Marriott
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	6 June 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
	13 June 10.00	Anne Luneburg	To be advised
All Saints Bradley	20 June 10.00	Gunnel Berry and Joan Hills	Marina Avis & Gunnel Berry
	27 June 10.00	Marina Avis	To be advised
	4 July 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Celia Foote
St James' Wield	13 June 8.00	Julian Gibbons	Julian Gibbons
	6 June 9.30	Brian Collins	Eileen Collins & David Cowley
All Saints Bradley	13 June 6.00pm	Alwin Hutchinson	Catherine Simons & Alwin Hutchinson
	20 June 9.00	Brian Collins	Mark Kemp Gee Annie-Lou Gibbs
	4 July 9.30	Barbara Wells	Barbara Wells & Nicola Robinson



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All Saints Church Bradley	Flowers & cleaning	June	Debbie Peters
St. Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	Flowers		
St James' Church Wield	Flowers	June 12 & 19 June 26 & 3 July	Caroline Masterton Joanna Nelson
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My recent updates have focused on our local response to the pandemic, but it's right that this not be the only show in town. Residents of both Bradley and the Candovers are lucky to live in and alongside some beautiful countryside, which folk love to walk and bicycle through – especially over the last year – and we can all play a part in 'Our Plan' for local services that keep us greener, cleaner and safer.

For example, Hampshire County Council recently committed half a million pounds to restore and improve local footpaths. So, if there's a much-used country path near Bradley or the Candovers in need of improvement, or a beloved trail damaged by one of the wettest winters on record, do report it at: bit.ly/footpathrepairs

And, just a quick reminder, you can have your say on my suggestion of a "North Hampshire Cycle Network" at ranil.uk/cycling – and see the latest thinking on which particular route might be deliverable first.

Sadly, not everyone respects our environment – and fly-tipping is a crime which blights communities across the country. It's particularly unacceptable here, given the free household waste disposal at Hampshire's network of Household Waste Recycling Centres – a cost-effective option open to small businesses too. You'll be pleased to know that over 100 people have been successfully prosecuted and 116 fixed penalty notices issued across Hampshire since 2018, while prosecutions nationally have more than doubled since 2016. As a result, we almost saw fly-tipping in Hampshire decrease for the seventh consecutive year – but for a single organised crime gang that shockingly dumped 30 tonnes of waste around Hampshire! This proves how lucrative fly-tipping can be for organised criminal gangs, and shows that, as ever, there's more to do.

That's why the government continues to make sure local authorities have the powers they need, including: fines of up to £400; enhanced powers to search and seize vehicles of suspected fly-tippers; Magistrates' Court fines of up to £50,000 or twelve months imprisonment; and unlimited Crown Court fines or five year sentences. Work is under-way to increase Magistrates' awareness of the prevalence and importance of waste crime too, whilst the Environment Bill will make it easier for officers to search premises to seize evidence and make sure that fines can be revised if needed.

Our local councils do act, and that's why it's promising that recent figures show a ten per cent increase in community reports across Hampshire, but please do report anything you see around Bradley, the Candovers and beyond too!

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The swifts were back sweeping over the rooftops of Broad Street in Alresford. Swallows too had returned but where were the house martins? The cool spring with its frosty mornings and brisk northerly breezes seemed to have delayed their return.

We were down at the far end of Avington Park, near Itchen Abbas, visiting the Hampshire Countryside grassland site, with its fine views across the lake to Avington House. Dainty little black and white ducks with golden eyes were bobbing about on the water in bright sunshine. These were male tufted ducks. In profile the drakes displayed a floppy, slicked back head crest – the tuft. In contrast the females were brown with only a hint of a tuft. A red kite appeared, floating over the tree-tops and beneath it, to our delight, the familiar profile of a house martin – our first sighting of the season. Four more martins drifted over, gliding in from the south, with barely a flicker of their pointed wings.

Heading on, we followed the lane, before taking the footpath across the damp pastures of the valley bottom to Chilland. Here beside the River Itchen, bright gold with kingcups or marsh marigolds, we paused to listen to the chanting calls of chiffchaffs hidden in the willow canopies above. Swallows and house martins swooped fast and low, hunting for insects over the river and water meadows. They seemed to be biding their time, feeding in the shelter of the valley wetlands before returning to their downland haunts to nest and breed.

Far away at Preston Oak Hills, the bluebells were in full bloom mingling with the white stars of greater stitchwort and the unfurling fronds of ferns. The sight and scents of a bluebell wood ringing with birdsong was quite enchanting. Clumps of yellow archangel, arching stems of Solomon's seal and patches of wood-sorrel lined the wayside path. The oaks had flushed an olive green, their twigs mossy with clusters of leaves and catkins. Oak before ash in for a splash, runs the old saying, perhaps predicting a dry summer.

Robert Bryant
11 May '21

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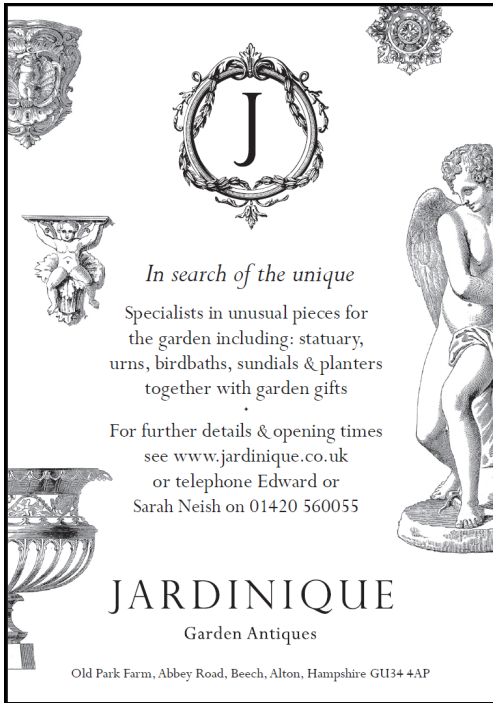


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On the Farm— Julian Gibbons

As I write this in the middle of May, it is a wet Sunday evening with a forecast for a cluttery week of weather. This follows the coldest and one of the driest April's we have experienced. By the time it started to rain the winter crops weren't actually short of moisture, but they were short of nutrients.

The fertiliser was all on the surface waiting for rain to wash it in. Rain in May is like liquid gold, very precious at building yield and within a week of it starting to rain the wheat darkened as it picked up its nitrogen. The cold April meant the crops were slow to move through growth stages; warmer nights and rain heralded a rush through their growth stages in days and the last leaf on the wheat (the flag leaf) is now poking through. The dry April meant most disease was kept back, allowing us to make savings on fungicides. We have cut one spray out completely and reduced rates on the next spray. This also reflects that we are growing more resistant varieties.

Nearly all the nitrogen is on all the crops, we just have final amounts on the milling wheat to boost the grain protein to make the contract specification of 13%. We will probably try a foliar feed, that although three times the price of using solid fertiliser, is supposed to be much more efficient, so requiring much less nitrogen. This is good for carbon accounting, because nitrogen fertiliser is our biggest source of CO2 emissions, but it needs to be seen that it is good for our bottom line.

Grain prices are very buoyant. Feed wheat, if you have any left, is worth over £200/tonne. Milling wheat however is harder to sell, because the millers have imported so much. We sold our milling wheat in February, but the earliest we could get a delivery slot was for July. The November futures price, although less than old crop, has risen by £28/tonne in the last three months. New crop rapeseed has hit levels we have never seen at around £450 + oil bonuses for November delivery. Poor harvests, global weather uncertainties and China being very active buying grain have pushed prices up. The UK will finish the season with grain stores nearly empty and the area of rape has plummeted we now are a net importer. Those growers who bravely planted rape last August will now be very pleased with themselves.

On the farm, we have 12 hectares of wild bird covers to put in. Last year's were very weedy and stifled the actual crop out. We have gone back to tried and trusted mixtures that we have more options for weed control. This will mean much better seed production for the winter. We have put some poultry muck that came from the poultry unit in Preston Candover on the strips and incorporated it within a couple of hours. This should supply most of the fertiliser required for the season. One of the seed mixes we will use has sunflowers in it and hopefully the sunflowers will not all go on the first drilled strip as they appeared to last year.

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COVID-19 Vaccination programme

We are still vaccinating patients in line with the Government & NHS England guidelines alongside attempting to return to normal in general practice.

Below you can find details of standard operation procedures for general practice at the current time;

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/managing-coronavirus-covid-19-in-general-practice-sop/>

New telephone system

We began using a new telephone system at the end of April because our previous system meant we had a limited number of lines & when busy we did not have enough lines for patients to get through to us.

We had received feedback from patients about having a system with a queue function so that is what we have invested in.

The new system now means we have the function for training & monitoring of calls. It allows us to have additional recorded patient messages, call options & a call queue facility.

The queue is set up to allow up to 15 people in a queue at one time, when the queue is full a message is given to ask the patient to call back to prevent excessively long wait times.

All GP's now have a dedicated line to call out, so there are no issues when contacting patients for telephone consultations.

To give you an idea of the number of calls we receive we have got some call stats for you;

Week commencing 26th April; 1183 -Calls received. 24 minutes & 28 second - Longest answer time. - 3 minutes 2 seconds – Average answer time. – 2 minutes & 2 seconds – Average talk time.

Patients can expect a longer wait time daily, between 8.30-9.30, which is when we receive the highest number of calls.

We can now monitor our telephone system & can make informed decisions on staffing. These telephone stats will be reviewed regularly.

We are aware that some patients would like to know where they are in the queue, we have been in contact with the phone company & unfortunately this function is currently unavailable to us.



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What is eConsult, and how does it work? Youtube video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fGEpzrgAJc>

Please see this link for FAQ's relating to eConsult;

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If you would like to use eConsult you can find the link on the front page of our website;

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Repeat prescriptions / Online access:

NHS App: (You need to have a smartphone & be 16 years old or over)

You can use the NHS App to:

-Get advice about coronavirus – get information about coronavirus and find out what to do if you think you have it.

-Order repeat prescriptions - see your available medicines, request a new repeat prescription and choose a pharmacy for your prescriptions to be sent to.

-Book appointments - search for, book and cancel appointments at your GP surgery, and see details of your upcoming and past appointments.

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-View your medical record - securely access your GP medical record, to see information like your allergies and your current and past medicines.

-Register your organ donation decision - choose to donate some or all of your organs and check your registered decision.

After you download the app, you will need to set up an NHS login and prove who you are.

The app then securely connects to information from your GP surgery, without the need to visit the surgery.

If your device supports fingerprint detection or facial recognition, you can use it to log in to the NHS App each time, instead of using a password and security code.

The NHS App does not replace existing services. Patients can continue to use Patient Access if they prefer.



Candover Valley Gardening Club

At the time of writing in mid-May, our first local garden visit was proving so popular that pre-bookings very quickly reached the maximum number permitted. Understandably we are all eager to be back together wandering around gardens again after such a long time. I will update you on that visit and our Plant Sale next month. We are delighted to have welcomed several new members to the Gardening Club so it will be good to meet them at the forthcoming events.

In June we have a garden visit to Longparish to look forward to. If you would like to join us for guided tours around beautiful local gardens in the summer and learn from a wide variety of talks by expert speakers in the winter months, you can find out more from our updated contact details as follows –

<http://candovervalley.org/2021/04/candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>
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Inspector Luchesa has updated various people of the officers that will cover this area in the future including Police Constable Ross Holdsworth (ross.holdsworth@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) and PCSO Andrew Jones, (andrew.jones13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) both of whom with others will support you well.

Thank you all once again and I send my sincere best wishes to you all and your families for a safe and healthy future.

Andrew Reid
Local Constable

PCSO Introducing Andy Jones

My name is Andy Jones and I am the PCSO for Rural South which on the map reads Whitchurch, Overton / Laverstoke / Steventon, Upton Grey and the Candovers.

I joined Hampshire Constabulary in January 2007 initially covering Basingstoke Town Neighbourhood Team which in itself present many challenges. In 2016 I was requested to attend the rural team and rural south is where I stayed. I have worked closely with PCs Andy Reid & Ross Holdsworth during this period who also covered the South.

PC Andy Reid has now retired, as some of you may know already; he will be deeply missed. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to introduce myself to those members of the community who do not already know me.

As you can imagine, I cover a very large patch and not always available at the end of the phone. I am more than willing to meet members of the community I serve and ask that you contact me by email, to which I will always at my earliest opportunity.

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Andrew Reid, Police Constable Rural Beat Officer

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Dear Residents

I start with a concern in that we are experiencing an increase in poaching across the area. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please call 101 and if a crime such as this is actually taking place, call 999 and quote Operation THORNLEY, which is a dedicated poaching operation.

Between April 24th and 25th some mindless idiots felt the need to smash up a commemorative bench at the Preston Candover Recreation Ground and throw part of it through the window. The bench has a special meaning to the families that placed it there. Sadly the idiots that broke it would not know that or, I suspect, care. If you can help with any information please call 101 and quote incident 44210157708.

There is however, something further that I do need to report and that is that is by the time you have received your copy of this excellent magazine I would have retired from the Hampshire Constabulary and as your local Constable.

Some of you will be aware that I should have retired over two years ago but remained in post, however as with all good things, my service has come to an end and I have left both the Force and the area moving to Wales. Whilst I have tried to visit as many people as possible, it is impossible to speak to everyone that I should have visited, so please accept my sincere apologies.

I was posted here in 2004 from Kingsclere and cannot reiterate enough the absolute pleasure that it has been to serve your community as the local Policeman. You are extremely fortunate to live in a beautiful area with a low crime rate; however, it is you that has kept crime down; the residents that have called in to report suspicious vehicles or people, letting me know when things just did not seem quite right. I have had many successes because of your support and I would very much like thank everyone who kindly helped and supported me over the seventeen years that I have been here.

I am unable to name all those that I would like to thank for obvious reasons; however, there are some that I really do need to. I would like to thank my Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, Jane, Simon, John D in Dummer, and I continue to urge residents to please contact them to join and keep up to date with



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If this sounds like you, your loved ones could be left with some very complicated issues to resolve at a difficult and emotional time.

It is worth remembering that if you do not make a Will, when you die your estate will be dealt with according to the Rules of Intestacy, where the law dictates who inherits your estate. This may be against your wishes, especially if you are unmarried or live with your partner.

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WEATHERWISE

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in April 2021

By Simon Bourne

Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

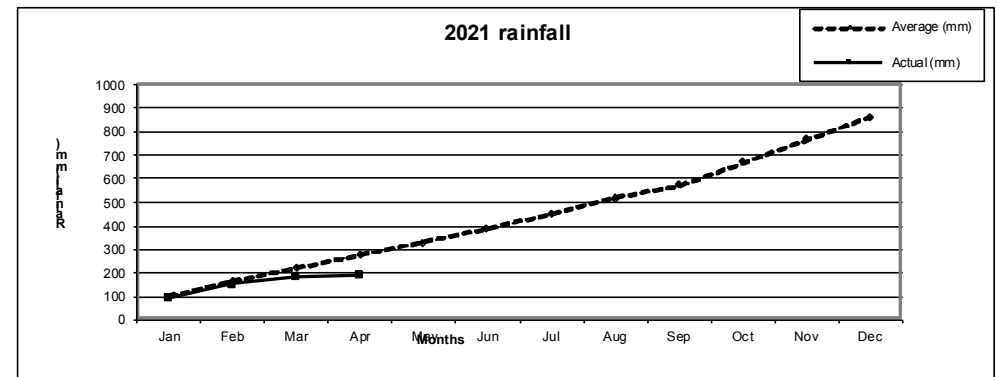
Highest	18.3/65	(20 th)
Lowest	-4.3/24	(7 th)
Warmest Night	6.8/44	(1 st)
Coollest Day	6.2/43	(7 th)
Average maximum temperature	12.8/55	
Average minimum temperature	0.3/31	
Number of air frosts	16	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly & annual total	7.2/0.28	(average 47.5/1.87)
Annual total	185.5/7.30	(average 273.1/10.75)
Maximum 24hr. fall	7.2/0.28	(28 th)
Number of days with rain	1	

Summary

There was a cold start to the month with temperatures well below the seasonal norm and snow flurries on the 6th. Further snow fell overnight on the 11th which left a scattering on the ground. High pressure then provided stable conditions for two weeks with plenty of sunshine, unbroken on several days towards the end of this period, warmer daytime temperatures but more overnight frosts. Rain on the 28th brought to an end, a record 32 days without measureable rainfall. It was the third driest April and the cumulative rainfall for the year to date is a third down on the long term average. This was the coldest April in over 20 years, with more than three times the average number of frosts, and colder than the preceding month for the first time since 2012.



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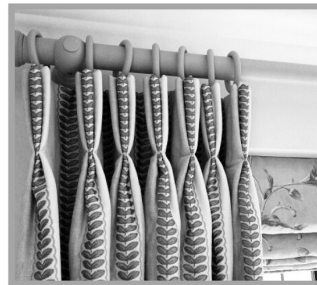
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First of all this month, I want to touch on the subject of **illegal traveller racing** over on the A33.

I deliberately put it in those terms because that's what it is. And, yes, I appreciate it's difficult for the police – and we should try to respect other cultures – but not when they break the law of the land.

As I promised at the time, I have been speaking (pretty frankly) to the police and the robust new Police Commissioner, Donna Jones, since the events of May's early Bank Holiday weekend, and supporting their efforts to escalate the response for any future races. This is extremely pressing given adverts for a race at "Mitchell Diva" have been circulating on social media and I am pleased to say, as a result of what happened last month and the numbers involved, the weekend in June has been escalated to a Public Order Public Safety event. A silver commander officer has been identified who will write up a tactical and strategic plan.

And I will be leading the calls from constituents – coordinating your elected representatives at all levels – to meet these plans with a show of strength that makes it very clear the A33 is not a race track and we do not want this here. Clearly it's a fast-moving situation but I will endeavour to post updates via the Parish Council and on my Facebook page.

Secondly, it was a welcome return at the end of May for my **ASKtheNHS** series of public meetings. This one heard from Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust – and local commissioners – about future services at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester and plans for a new build hospital near (possibly) Junction 7 of the M3. You can see find all the details at www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs

On a different subject altogether, I recently joined officers from the **British Transport Police** at Winchester station as they carried out an important "**county lines**" operation. I was taken through the work of the team in combatting the practice which brings drugs into our area from big cities including London.

After ten years in public life, I am not easily shocked by things but it never ceases to amaze me what I hear. Drug running into places like Winchester is a menace which prays on the most vulnerable and the BTP team are doing superb work to try and disrupt it. It is so important that the police are tough and out showing a strong, but supportive, face.

Finally, many congratulations to **Cllr Fiona Isaacs** for her **election to Winchester City Council** representing the Alresford & Itchen Valley Ward and to Cllr Porter for her re-election as County Councillor. I will, as always, work with them both for the benefit of my constituents in this lovely part of my patch.

Much more, and daily updates from me, please 'follow' www.fb.com/SteveBrineMP

Candover Valley Store

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Celebrating TWO YEARS!

On 10 June our community store and post office will have been open for two years, so do pop in on the day and help us celebrate! We have worked out that in the last 12 months alone, we have clocked up 52,000 transactions, selling more than 6660 bottles of milk; 15,230 newspapers; 745 pots of double cream; 1065 pounds of butter; 1350 sausage rolls; 1000 packs of bacon; 2070 dozen eggs; 6225 loaves of bread; 4200 cups of coffee and 2400 slices of cake! Huge thanks to all our customers for keeping us so busy and to our wonderful management and volunteer teams for the hard work needed to keep the shop so full of things that are delicious and beautiful as well as those that are necessary and useful.

Nevil Wilson

We were very saddened to learn of the recent death of Nevil Wilson, a member of the original group who sought to set up a community-run shop in the Candover Valley. Over the six years it took to make the store a reality, Nevil's experience of business and law and his calm authority proved to be invaluable. As company secretary he oversaw the annual reporting of the CVCS accounts, managed the bank account throughout the build and issued, hand-written, every store share certificate. A true gentleman, Nevil will be sorely missed by all CVCS committee members who extend sincere condolences to Rhona and family.

Welcome to the team

Following our advertisement for a part-time senior assistant to help run the store and post office, it is a pleasure to announce that Louise Harris from Cliddesden has been appointed to the role. We look forward to working with her.

Father's Day – Sunday 20 June

The store stocks a range of delicious Hampshire-produced food and drink that could make the perfect treat for a Dad. Choose from local beers, cider, sparkling wine, a bag of Moonroast coffee or special chocolates. There is also a selection of cheeses from our area, plus packs of Chalk Stream smoked trout. You are bound to find something he will love!

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Lesley Rose, Advice Services Manager for Citizens Advice Winchester District gives advice on how to choose a local tradesperson.

I've been saving up to have my kitchen redone, but I'm a bit worried about it. Last time I had any work done on the house, it took more than double the time and ended up costing me a fortune. I'm looking for a different builder this time, but how will I know I can trust them?

Many of us are desperate to make improvements to our homes after so much time spent in them during the pandemic, but it's important to choose a trader wisely. Here are some steps you should take when choosing a trader:

- **Find a Trading Standards 'approved trader'** - use the internet to search for one in your area or the Government's approved trader scheme TrustMark.
- **Get references or recommendations** - ask people you know or ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.
- **Find out if they are a current member of a trade body** - trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong, so check your trader is a member. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.
- **Only use certified traders for gas and electrics** - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. Check the Gas Safe Register for a list of traders and use a registered electrician who can certify their own work. When you're having a kitchen fitted, it's worth checking whether the person you've hired will be doing the electrical or gas work themselves. If not, check who they will be using and whether they're registered.
- **Get a written quote** - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the builder can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. Try to compare quotes from a number of contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.
- **Get a written contract** - this should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, like timings, payments, who will pay for materials and subcontractors.
- **Think carefully about payment** - opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Where possible, try to pay by card as this can afford you extra safeguards if something goes wrong.
- **Keep copies of receipts** - also keep your written contract as evidence, as well as photos of any problems if they arise.

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Jackie's County Corner—June

I'm back and very grateful to all of you who took the time to vote by post or in person at the elections on the 6th May. I was elected to be your County Councillor for the Itchen Valley Division.

Although we could not meet you earlier, we were allowed to meet you at your door after the 8th March and I had hundreds of conversations- both happy and sad. I saw a distinct difference in those conversations in comparison to those in previous years.

- A greatly increased interest in our green environment
- A greater awareness of recycling, and how we can reduce our own Carbon footprint
- A far greater number of electric cars plugged into homes
- The health and wellbeing of you, and of those around us
- And of course- getting out more!

Electric cars have burgeoned in the last few years. 'Range anxiety' is often less with an electric car when you plug it in at home, rather than find a fuel station. But conscious that this is not possible for residents without off street parking, WCC has provided fast and rapid charging spots at car parks in Winchester and Alresford, with more planned. HCC is trialling slow charge on-street overnight charging from lamp posts.

NewLeaf Alresford is joining a group of sites that are working with WCC and HCC trialling new forms of **verge management to increase the number of wildflowers** we see on the roadsides. The cost of maintaining a verge in this way is actually more complicated than it sounds so these trials will be really useful to see the implications. If you fancy trying verge gardening, please contact www.NewLeafAlresford.org for more details

any of you will have had a tidy out as part of the Covid19 re think in our lives, and want to **recycle children's toys and clothes**. Go to www.winchestervineyard.org (see 'storehouse' on their menu) to support families with young children- toys, money, they even have an Amazon wish list!

I'm still a Trustee of The Watercress Way. Our progress has been hampered through the last year but we are volunteering **from June, with walks, and conservation activities**. Go to www.thewatercressway.org.uk for details. Volunteering is an opportunity to make a real difference for others; and taking part is fun particularly if you want to walk and talk and meet others along the way.

Proposals for **new incinerator sites in Hampshire** fill me with horror. If this county is taking recycling seriously, we must do that: recycle what we can and not build more capacity to burn. So, it is disappointing that even though pubs and shops are open again, the recycling centres are still appointment only- and still only for cars. I'll talk more about recycling in the context of the new Hampshire Minerals and Waste plan in July's county corner.

As you read this, the Hampshire Together consultation on the difficult decision on **the new hospital will be underway**. Go to www.HampshireTogether.nhs.uk to give your views- and I'd be pleased to hear them too! If you don't have the internet, please give me a call, so I can talk you through how you can be involved too.

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CANDOVER VALLEY CHOIR

Monthly Newsletter – June 2021

By the time this article appears in the Oxdrove, the Candover Valley Choir may have held its first live rehearsal since we stopped meeting last year at the end of February 2020. This will, if it takes place, be subject to social distancing rules and, we will certainly not be singing facing each other, but separated distantly among the pews.

After what will then be some 15 months of not being able to sing together in one place – other than through the auspices of zoom - this, I hope, will be a tremendous step forward.

But what impact will the gap of well over a year have had on our voices and our confidence, and how should choir sessions recognise this and begin to address these potential challenges? We will start with some gentle warming up exercise, endeavoring to nurture and ease our bodies and our voices as we begin to move into song. And, we will sing a few things that we already know – a New Zealand folk song and a lovely piece by Sullivan – nothing too high or demanding. Plus – we will have great fun with a piece by Irving Mills (words by Duke Ellington): **'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing'**! This may be just what we need to get our vocal folds moving again....!

So - although this may feel a strange time to join the choir, if you would like to know more about the Candover Valley Choir **do contact me**. I would be very happy to talk things through with you.

For more information do contact:
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The Candover Valley Choir is always interested in hearing from potential new singers to join us.

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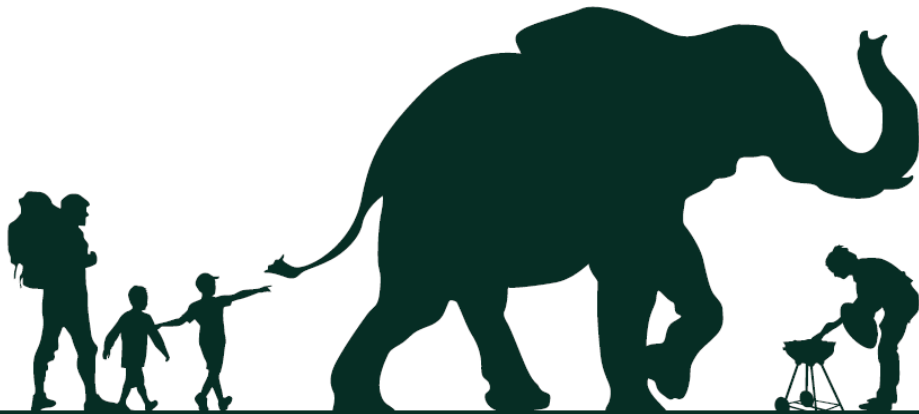
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THE NOT FORGOTTEN

TAKE A WALK ON THE WIELD SIDE



**SATURDAY 19TH JUNE
AT COTTAGE FARM,
UPPER WIELD**

Join us for a six mile walk over some of Hampshire's most beautiful countryside in aid of The Not Forgotten.

The walk starts and finishes at Cottage Farm, Upper Wield, SO24 9RU.
The route will be marked and simple maps will be provided.

Join us anytime before midday. Coffee, tea and chocolate brownies will be served from 10am. Refreshments of squash and chocolate brownies will be offered at the halfway point.

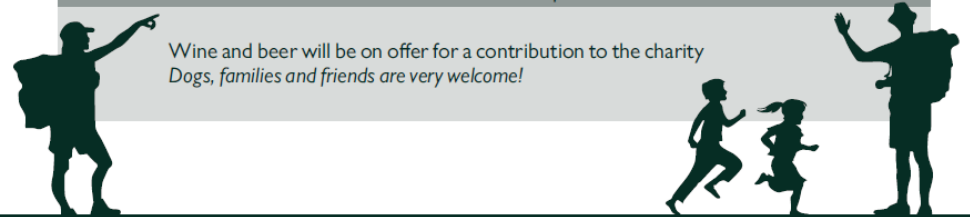
The fabulous Glenn Miller Tribute Band will send all walkers off in style and be there to welcome everyone on their return, when there will be a hog roast to enjoy.

IN ADVANCE ENTRIES

Adults	£20 per walker
Under 16s	Free
Teams of six or more	£15 per walker
Hog roast	£10 per head, including soft drinks.

ENTRIES ON THE DAY £25 per walker

Wine and beer will be on offer for a contribution to the charity
Dogs, families and friends are very welcome!



HOW TO JOIN US

To join us for a wonderful walk, whilst raising money for some of the country's bravest and most deserving people, simply visit www.hhevents.uk to book and pay for your tickets.

Entries are online in advance or card payments can be taken on the day (for £25 per adult)

Please email walk@hhevents.uk with any queries.

The Not Forgotten has been proudly serving the Armed Forces since 1920. Through social activities, challenges and peer support, it provides events which improve physical and mental health, address isolation and loneliness, and promote a sense of community and balance for wounded service personnel and disabled veterans.

The Not Forgotten is very grateful to the landowners for allowing the walk to take place on their land and some funds will be given to local causes who help deliver the event.

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