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Church and Community News

Of

The Candover Valley and Wield

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Rota for Services

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

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Sunday 7 November Third Sunday before Advent

9.30	Wield	Matins
10.00	Preston Candover	Morning Worship CW LL
11.00	Northington	Holy Communion CW
<i>Readings</i>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Hebrews 9:24 – end Mark 1:14-20 Psalm 62:5- end

Sermon: Three Preachers

_____ ” ” _____

Sunday 14 November Second Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

10.55	Northington	Remembrance Service <i>with the Royal British Legion</i>
<i>Readings</i>	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8 Psalm 16

Sermon: “Wars and rumours of wars”

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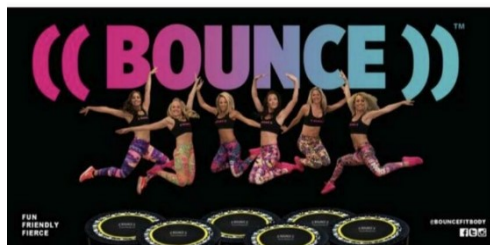


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Sunday 7 November Third before Advent

8.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer LL
11.15	Dummer	Sunday Special Family Service LL

Sunday 14 November Second before Advent

10.55	Dummer	Remembrance Sunday
1030	Cliddesden	Family Service of Remembrance

Sunday 21 November Sunday before Advent. Christ the King

8.00	Ellisfield	No service
9.45	Dummer	Morning Prayer LL
11.15	Cliddesden	Family Service LL
6.00	Cliddesden	Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 28 November Advent Sunday

9.45	Dummer	Holy Communion CW
11.15	Ellisfield	Family Holy Communion CW

Sunday 5 December–Second Sunday of Advent

8.00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Cliddesden	Morning Praise LL
3.00	Dummer	Christingle

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1230hrs

Please come and help, even if only for 30 minutes.

Sidesmen and Readers


<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	7 Nov 11.00	Sophie & Mark Ashburton	Sophie & Mark Ashburton
	5 Dec 11.00	Sophie & Mark Ashburton	Sophie & Mark Ashburton
St Peter's Brown Candover	28 Nov 11.00	Celia Foote	Jonathan Moseley & Paul Curtis Hayward
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	7 Nov 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
	14 Nov 10.55	Remembrance at Northington	
	21 Nov 10.00	Marina Avis	To be advised
	28 Nov 11.00	Advent Service at Brown Candover	
	5 Dec 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Gunnel Berry
All Saints Bradley	28 Nov 8.30	Julian Gibbons	Julian Gibbons
St James' Wield	7 Nov 9.30	Alwin Hutchinson	Amanada Bromfield & Mark Kemp Gee
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Northington

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Dear Friends

Learning about our ancestors can be a fascinating thing to do and TV programs like, "Who do you think you are?" take viewers through research revealing details of a person's relatives; who they were, where they lived, their occupations and all kinds of interesting facts along the way.

In the summer I was given a box of old black and white photos, one striking photo showed a man named James Chattell staring directly into the camera from his cell in Dartmoor prison. My grandfather, who died when I was three, was imprisoned for his conscientious refusal to bear arms since, as a devout member of the Plymouth Brethren, he believed it was wrong to take a life.

I stared at a young man's face, the familial likeness staring back at me. Here was a man I never knew, a forebear whose life had, in part, shaped mine through some of his familial and business decisions in life.

How many forks in the road, how many free important decisions, and those of time and chance, were taken by our ancestors to arrive at where we are today? We'll never know many of them, although we can track some of the significant ones of matrimony, location and occupation.

Entering Christian faith is to enter into the history of our spiritual ancestors. Abraham is called the 'Father of faith', as he was given promises from God that he trusted God to keep and so was blessed and called 'righteous'. That important principle of believing what God says is how we are blessed by God today in Jesus Christ.

In the Baptism Service we touch on the story of the Israelite slaves in Egypt and how, by the powerful action of God, they were saved as they fled Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea into freedom. This speaks of how God rescues those who are trapped with no hope from the slavery of sin, from the oppression of darkness in our lives to a place in which we know God's love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

Also in baptism, the historical events of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus become our story too when we identify with Jesus' death in dying to our sin and wonderfully joined with him in his resurrected life. We then experience new life, given by God's Holy Spirit, that, as Jesus was given new life by God, so we are joined by faith to him to have new spiritual life.

I wonder what your spiritual story might be. Did it begin in baptism when godparents made promises about trusting in Jesus on your behalf? Perhaps the only reminder of that event is an old photo which seems like a distant entry on the first page of a book with hundreds more pages and chapters since



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Blessings

David

Stephens's final retirement party.

On Saturday October 1st we were able to say our last farewells to Stephen and Julia Mourant at a lively and vibrant drinks party held in Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall.

Thanks and gratitude's were given in abundance by David Chattell, Quentin Portsmouth and Bishop David reminding us of Stephens's tenacity and drive to serve the community over the last 10 years, as well as his jokes. He was presented with a new book of Jokes which should help his future ministry in retirement, and generous contributions from the congregations towards their retirement travel plans.

As the photo shows Stephen had the last word as he enjoyed entertaining us with his words of wisdom.

We are thankful for the 10 years that Stephen has served the Parish of Farleigh, he will be missed.



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Dear friends,

I write to thank you all for your very kind cards, emails, comments and for the very generous gifts which you have given to Julia and I as I retire from full-time ministry. We have been deeply touched by your love, warmth and encouragement, and we give thanks to God for each of you.

As we complete our move to Farnborough, please do pray for us as we wait for the Lord to open the door into the next area of ministry, and pray too for Him to direct David in his seeking for a new colleague to minister in these villages.

You may be aware that that the premature retirement of the bishop of Winchester has now been followed by the resignation of the Chief Executive; please pray for God to overrule in the appointments to these two posts in due course, and for those with leadership responsibility to fully address the big changes needed in both culture and expenditure of this diocese. Please continue to give as God directs you into our local churches.

Pray for David and Ruth Chattell as David now carries an increased workload – all the baptisms/ weddings/ funerals/ pastoral care – that they may be sustained, and that many of you will help take up some of the work by being trained by the diocese in leading worship, pastoral care, preaching and other areas of ministry – we can all contribute to the ministry of the local church – some of you do so in huge measure – but others need confidence to do it.

I would like to thank David for his kindness, support, prayer, inspiration, quiet calm nature, and for the working together in partnership for the gospel and for you all over the last ten years: we have played to one another's strengths, we have developed ministries – Marriage Preparation, funeral ministry with annual Remembering Services, Messy Church and "T at 5" – some of these have come and gone but will return in due time – and other areas which have inspired, brought people to faith using adapted material from various sources, and Lent courses which have had great highlights. And of course Ruth, whose support for him and their family has enabled us to exercise a ministry that has eternal consequences.

Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" - my prayer for you all is for you to press on – make time to pray each day, focus, concentrate, seek the Lord – He will speak to you – and we are called to do what He tells us – abundant blessing is there for the asking – seek after Him and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Thank you again, and "may the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and surround you on every side, now and for ever, Amen."

Stephen and Julia



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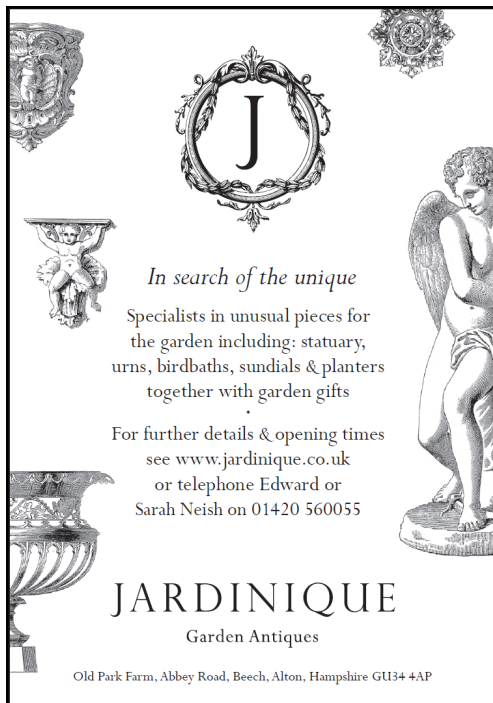
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On Sunday 14th November the annual RBL Remembrance Service will be held at St Johns' Church, Northington, beginning at 1055hrs. Both events will be conducted in the usual traditional manner.

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David

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It's a chiffchaff: a leaf warbler often heard chanting its springtime chiff-chaff call from high in a copse or hedgerow. Now resident all year, this active insect feeder switches to fruit and berries during the winter months.

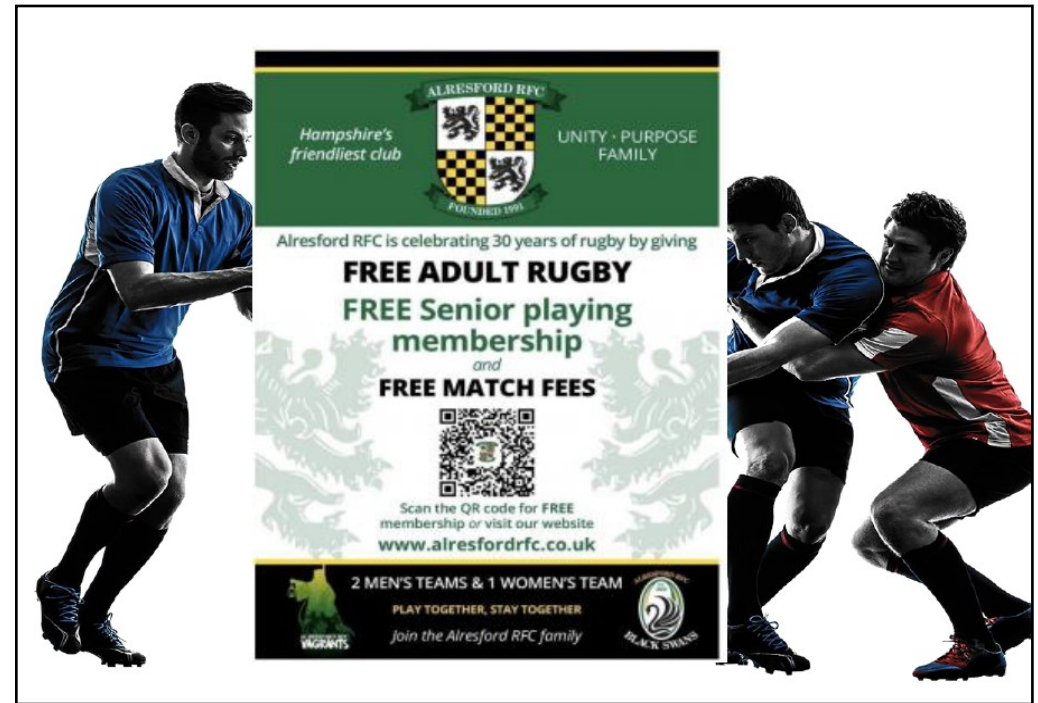
The back field is shrouded in mist, the far oaks and ash trees just dim silhouettes, as I set off for my walk, tiptoeing through a spidery world of dew-damp webs and threads, revealed in all their fog-dripped patterns. In the low light, a clod of earth shifts into pheasant form, before racing away into the gloom, head held high. Beside the path, the deep green leafy wall of the hedgebank is tied with a twine of crimson berries, bryony beads, linking back to a holly also a gleam with scarlet berries. Reaching the copse, formerly a game covert, I watch as a family of three roe deer set off across a stubble field. Part trotting, part prinking – a four-legged leap upwards – their white rump patches bounce away into the shadows.

The Michaelmas migration of swallows and house martins seemed quite discreet this year: no mass gatherings of twittering flocks along the power lines or in the tree-tops. Just a steady flow of small groups well spaced out, passing overhead. Feeding parties were hedgehopping on sunny mornings or skimming the fields for a final stopover on their long journey south.

Along the hedgerows, the leaves of elder seem the first this year to turn russet, while ivy-clad tree trunks are a mass of pompoms. These globular clusters of yellow-green flowers are a late source of nectar and pollen for bees, especially the ivy bees, and red admiral butterflies.

The seasonal change is further heralded by the robin's wistful twilight song. On calm starry nights the tawny owls also begin their territorial hooting contests – calling by owl-light.

Robert Bryant
12 October '21



Other ways to recycle in Alton

The Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)

Most domestic waste can be recycled here. Please check items with HWRC when booking your appointment. HWRC now operate on-line booking for residents to use their sites. This can be found at: hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment

Recycling facilities in some local car parks

Bank car park in Alton has recycling for cans, plastic (bottles only), Newspapers and magazines
Glass collection points at various locations including Medstead Village Hall and Four Marks.

Clothes and Shoe recycling

Salvation Army collection bins widely in Alton. Oxfam Bins in Sainsbury's recycling and Scope in Upper Wield

Household battery recycling

Inside Sainsbury's, M&S Simply Food, Boots and Superdrug in Alton

You can also share, re-use and repair

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What can I put in my recycling bin in Hampshire?

Hampshire recycles

Recycling labels on packaging can be confusing and unclear. Remember that no matter what the labelling says there are only 5 materials which can be placed in your kerbside recycling bin in Hampshire.

We will one day be able to recycle more. If you are going to Sainsbury's in Alton you can drop them off in the recycling centre in the lower car park.

WEATHERWISE

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in September 2021

By Simon Bourne

Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

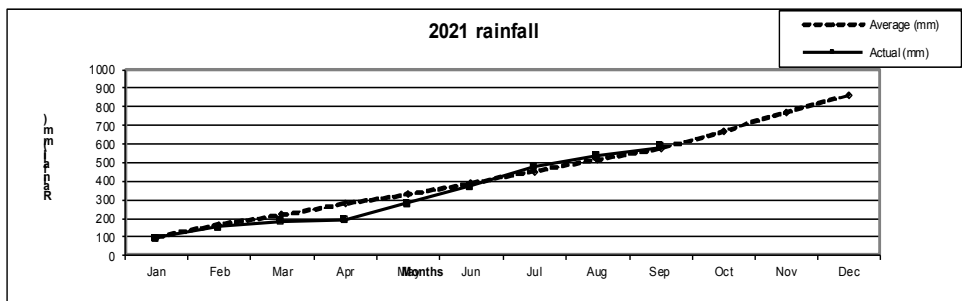
Highest	28.4/83	(7 th)
Lowest	3.9/39	(30 th)
Warmest Night	14.6/58	(10 th)
Coollest Day	13.9/57	(29 th)
Average maximum temperature	20.8/69	
Average minimum temperature	10.1/50	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly & annual total	47.9/1.89	(average 52.4/2.06)
Annual total	576.8/22.71	(average 571.8/22.51)
Maximum 24hr. fall	19.7/0.78	(28 th)
Number of days with rain	8	

Summary

The dull weather at the end of the previous month continued into September but the cloud thinned and there was fine, sunny weather in the second half of the first week with temperatures well above the seasonal norm. The second week was a little more unsettled with the first rain of the month. It was slightly brighter, and temperatures remained mostly above average in the third week and the only rain was a light passing shower. There was some fine, sunny weather at the start of the last week after early morning fog had cleared. It then became unsettled and three quarters of the months rain fell in the last five days with particularly wet and windy conditions on the 28th and 30th. Overall, the month was warmer and slightly drier than the long term average.



Candover Valley Gardening Club

Our members very much enjoyed finally meeting in the Hall again in September. Marina Christopher from Phoenix Plants gave a very interesting talk on Late Summer Flowers and Extending the Season. She brought along a wide variety of plants and used them to demonstrate the different types, from daisy styles to the umbellifers and stressing their importance to our pollinators. Many were tempted to buy a plant to extend the flowering season in their own gardens.

Coming up on the 18th November at 7:30pm at the Preston Candover Village Hall we have a talk on Trees for Small Gardens by Kelvin Mason, a Lecturer at Sparsholt College and a regular judge at our Annual Shows. He will show slides of suitable trees as Winter is the best time for planting them and they are also good for our planet. If you would like to find out more, please come and join us, guests are very welcome at £3. For more information our contact details are as follows: Candover Valley Gardening Club on Facebook or our website at <http://candovervalley.org/2021/04candover-valley-gardening-club-2/>

Candover Valley - Landowner Riparian Responsibilities!

The leaves have fallen, the aquifers are nearly full & rain is on its way!

Particularly for those landowners adjacent to the Candover Brook but also to those where runoff from the fields enters key drainage ditches etc, please ensure that ditches and culverts are clear.

Various villages have tasked the Lengthsman to clear “public” ditches & culverts and the Environment Agency has completed various projects, but **it is incumbent on landowners to fulfil their riparian responsibilities, please!**

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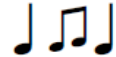


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On the Farm— Ben Robinson

The past week has seen a lovely spell of dry, sunny weather. You may have seen lots of tractors out cultivating, drilling wheat and barley as well as maize harvesting. To cultivate and drill successfully the ground needs to be dry enough to travel on without making a mess, the machinery becoming stuck or the ground ‘smearing’. However, there also needs to be a bit of moisture under the surface so the newly planted seed can make a quick start and start growing. The heavy clay soils in the area have a much tighter window in which you can cultivate and plant than the more forgiving lighter, chalkier ground.

The spell of mild sunny weather has also been beneficial for the vines. The grapes are just beginning to be picked, a few weeks later than normal. It has not been a vintage Summer, with many cool, cloudy days, which adversely affect the sugar content or Brix level of the grapes. In our marginal climate for vineyards a sufficient Brix level is crucial to be able to make quality wine.

Sky high gas prices have been in the news a great deal recently. The price of natural gas has risen to such an extent that the UK’s only fertiliser plants have ceased production. The production of fertiliser uses natural gas and produces enormous quantities of carbon dioxide, which is then used to keep packaged vegetables fresh and to stun pigs before slaughter. There is now a potential for a serious lack of fertiliser when it is needed in the Spring. Fertiliser prices have already more than doubled and are still rising. It is highly likely that the use of less fertiliser on crops next Spring and Summer will mean lower yields. To an extent this is a global problem and is already leading to higher food prices - how high will they go is anyone’s guess.

In a volatile world national food and energy security is looking increasingly important. It seems rather ironic that as the world leaders meet at the COP summit in Glasgow to look for ways to reduce CO₂ emissions, one of the most pressing issues in the UK at the moment...has been caused by insufficient CO₂ emissions!

Milk Collection!

The Foote's at Church Lane Farm in Brown Candover were generously offering free unpasteurised milk when the milk collection lorry didn't make it!



Basingstoke Rural Police “Barn” meeting

The Candover Valley Club hosted the inaugural Basingstoke Rural Police “Barn” meeting on Wednesday 6 October - over 50 local landowners, farmers & gamekeepers were updated on local police initiatives followed by a most useful Q&A session and all while basking in the sun!



Candover Valley Store

community made

Coffee area tables are back Two tables have now been reinstalled at the rear of the store to allow customers to enjoy a drink and a snack indoors. On days when the sun is shining, customers may prefer to sit outside on the decking if it is open or at the picnic tables on the field. The choice is yours! We hope this will work well as the autumn and winter progresses. The situation will be kept under review as maximising the safety of those working in and visiting the store remains paramount.

Roll call for cake makers If you enjoy the occasional session of *Bake Off* in your kitchen at home and would like an outlet for your cakes, we are always looking for people to join the store's cake-making rota. If you can help out, please let anyone working in the store know or call Lucy Muncey on 01256 389338. Thank you!

It may only be November but Christmas IS coming! Garry and his “elves” have been planning for the festive season for months, with many products already in stock. There is a selection of advent calendars, plus everything you will need to make your own Christmas puddings, cakes and pies. If you prefer bought ones, they will be available throughout the coming weeks (and don't forget mince pies are perfect for freezing!). Premium English sparkling wine from The Grange, a very local product, has been newly added to our shelves and would make a perfect present or indulgent treat. Mulled wine is now in stock too and do remember to look out for our wine deals during the run-up to Christmas. Summerdown, who grow the mint for their luxury chocolates at nearby Malshanger, also offer a complementary range of home and beauty products. See a selection in the store for even more delicious gift ideas.

A wider choice of magazines You may have noticed the appearance of a new rack to display a wider choice of weekly and monthly magazines and comics. We hope you enjoy having more of your favourite titles available in the store. Yet another benefit of shopping locally and reducing your fuel usage!

CVCS AGM This year's meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 November at 7pm in Preston Candover Village Hall. It is open to everyone although only shareholders are allowed to vote. Please come along to hear about how the store has been performing during the last financial year.



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Friday, 12th November at 7pm

Venue: Preston Candover Village Hall

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To order your tickets and get details of payment, please contact Hannah Houstin-Lacey on 01256 381 863 or by email at: hannahhoustinlacey@yahoo.co.uk thank you.

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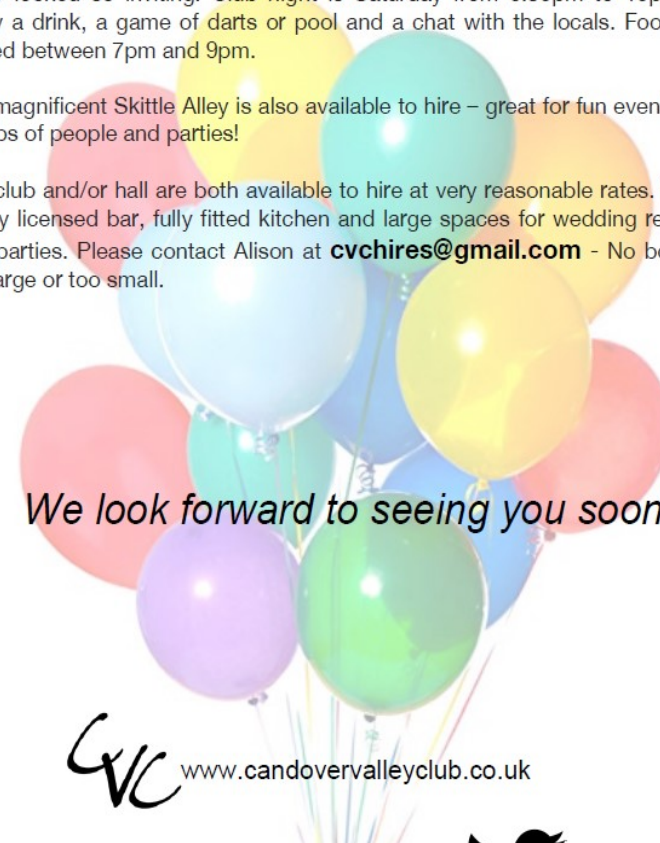
Candover Valley Club

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.

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First up this month, it was such a pleasure to be back in our hospital recently to catch-up with everyone in-person and to welcome the extremely busy **cancer services team** back to Nick Jonas Ward following a temporary move to Sarum Road and Basingstoke because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I understand the trust had to move cancer services out of the Royal Hampshire, and it was key to keeping this lifesaving work ongoing during the pandemic, however there was anxiety among constituents whether they would ever return. I know everyone is extremely pleased that this has happened exactly as envisaged and as promised. It was great to go in and welcome them home.

Our Cathedral has been busy too in recent weeks and one very special service I attended last month was to celebrate the opening of and dedicate **Winchester's first ever adult hospice**. Based just up the road at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital of course, it is something to behold and I know residents will continue to support it as they did to make it happen in the first place. See www.winchesterhospice.com

As we disembark from our pelotons and return to the office this Winter, many constituents will be **returning to the railways** in ever greater numbers. As someone who has commuted (to Westminster) throughout the pandemic I can say we all – especially our coffee selling angel on the London platform – look forward to that but you may wish to take a moment to familiarise yourself with some changes.

I met with South Western Railway's new boss recently to understand the new timetable, scheduled for December 2022, and you can see more on that at stevebrine.com/trains. I also wanted to cover the state of our railway station, of course the entrance to our city for so many, and see some of the planned improvements coming online in the months ahead. One is a new cycle café located in the old signal box alongside the southbound platform and another, is a new safe route for students (and other pedestrians) out of the station towards Peter Symonds and Fullflood.

Alongside my usual work – on select committee and in the House – this academic year I will be a cadet with something called the **Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme**. Since the late 1980's the AFPS has given members of Parliament a chance to experience the work of army, navy and RAF personnel up close and this year I am part of the single service programme within the army. It is a unique chance to better understand our forces and their future challenges to better inform debate when I speak on these matters in the Commons. Read more about the AFPS and see your MP in uniform at stevebrine.com/AFPS

Finally, your MP turned teacher recently as I took a lower sixth **politics class at Peter Symonds College**. The students were very gentle with me as we covered the voting system and its impact on the constituency role we undertake as well as the journey between backbencher and the Cabinet table. Thanks to lecturer Jo Thomas for letting me into her classroom and to the young people for their engagement there and since. If you want to have a go at the politics picture round we did at the start of the lesson, you can download it via www.stevebrine.com/pscteach



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<https://blog.ons.gov.uk/2021/10/12/census-2021-the-count-is-done-the-data-is-in-so-what-happens-next/>

I know many **people have signed out of the Covid19 'tracing app'**. because they see no point. Local authority tracing will continue because they always trace contacts for other illnesses too, such as meningitis or food poisoning as a matter of Public Health, so Covid 19 is no exception. If you are called, and you do need to isolate or seek medical help, you can request help with food shopping, as well as practical or financial support too.

Finally, **would you like to start working with individual children?** HCC is seeking new foster carers and needs more independent child minders. If you are interested, please contact me for more details.

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HCC is asking parents and carers to **take the Hampshire Children's Trust survey**, so we can improve outcomes for the next generation.

For ease, I have shortened the link to <https://tinyurl.com/childtrustsurvey>

There are several county planning matters being considered at HCC:-

The Candover Water Augmentation Scheme is still far from being submitted.

Thanks for all of your interest in this. This is currently at the pre-application consultation stage.

The Solar farm at Three Maids Hill is awaiting an appeal date, the Ecogen application will be heard after November now, the Road Planning site at Three Maids Hill is going to committee, and a new application has been received for the Bryan Hirst site at Bullington Cross.

Please contact me if you'd like more details on any of these.

In October, **HCC has published an Annual Report for their Climate Emergency Action Plan** and HCC Climate Change Strategy 2020-2025.

The Report is available online on www.hants.gov.uk: search 'Climate Change Annual Progress'

There are successes: grant funding has enabled an ambitious programme to improve energy efficiency in schools, but one figure that stays depressingly low is our recycling rate, which is one of the lowest of the 'shire councils'.

'**Aspirational recycling**' contributes to this. Putting something into your recycling bin 'because it should be recycled' or 'because I did so at my last home' is something we hear often -and it's tempting! But doing this will contaminate a whole bin lorry and will result in that whole lorry load going for incineration rather than to recycling. So we can all play our part to improve that rate: please check again to remind yourself about what can be recycled. Go to www.winchester.gov.uk or ask me for a leaflet.

And we're starting a 'Be Kind' campaign at the Alresford HWRC. Having talked to the public and the HCC officers, it's clear that we need to ensure there's a positive attitude on both sides to keep everyone safe- and ensure our valued Alres-

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Swarraton and Northington WI

At our September meeting we were pleased to act as hosts for the first Alresford WI Group meeting for well over a year. We welcomed members from Bramdean and Hinton Ampner, Easton, New Alresford and Wield. We celebrated with a delicious afternoon tea and a raffle was held for group funds.

Our speaker, Judy Theobald, entertained us with her look on 'Life and Other Problems'. Judy described her very varied and interesting working life which she began with a shorthand and typing course. She admitted this was a problem as she couldn't read back her own shorthand notes. Finding this rather dull she opted for a career in the Metropolitan Police force which she felt sure would be more exciting. She dreamed of prestigious opportunities to be on duty at Buckingham Palace or the Houses of Parliament and was bitterly disappointed to be stationed at Brixton.

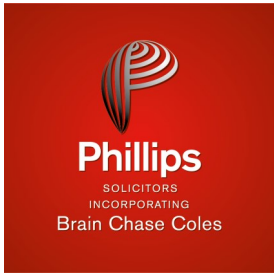
Two husbands later found her living in Lincolnshire with two children and the need to be earning again, so she applied for a job as a journalist with the local paper, the Lincolnshire Post. Rejected as a reporter she was offered the job to write a weekly poetry column for the women readers. - 'A View from the Ironing Board'. During this time, she wrote more than a thousand verses. Judy read three of the aloud and had her audience rocking with laughter.

Her journalistic career took her to work for Lincolnshire Life Magazine where she became sub editor and she later moved into broadcasting presenting regularly for Radio Lincolnshire, where she enjoyed interviewing many celebrity guests including actor Peter Davidson (delightful), broadcaster Sandi Toksvig (scary) and author Colin Dexter (highly intelligent).

When she retired to Southampton, to be nearer family, she decided retirement didn't really suit her so she decided to take up public speaking as she was fairly sure that, 'The death rate from public speaking was fairly low'. Her mother had been an ardent member of the WI, carefully recording in a notebook what she wore to each meeting (in an effort to impress other members of her vast wardrobe), so she decided to start with the WI. She has travelled all over the county entertaining WI and Rotary groups and all went well until COVID. Judy decided to tackle ZOOM and her audience were in fits of laughter as she reminded them that whilst speaking, she could watch her audience on ZOOM (unless they had switched off the camera). She described the lady eating chips, the toenail trimmer and the many conversations overheard in the background from those who had omitted to mute the sound.

It really was a wonderfully entertaining talk and great to hear the hall ringing with laughter again.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday November 2nd** at 2pm when Tony and Lizzie Gilks will entertain members with their presentation of 'Upstairs, Downstairs'. Please bring your shoeboxes for the Rotary shoebox appeal.



Leave a gift for charity

Whilst many Christmas presents will be forgotten as soon as they have been unwrapped, there is a festive gift that can make a big difference – leaving a legacy to a charity.

Three quarters of Britons regularly give to charity in their lifetimes, but only 6% include a charity when writing a Will.

Without this source of income many charities would have to cut important services and some could not exist.

Lucy Watson, who heads the Wills and Probate team at Phillips Solicitors, said: “Charities rely on both regular donations and legacies in Wills to be able to continue their good work. Leaving money to charity in your Will can make a huge difference and what a wonderful way to ensure that your legacy lives on after you’ve gone.”

“It is especially important to think of charities at the moment when so many of their normal fundraising avenues have been cancelled with the coronavirus pandemic.”

Donations can be as small or as large as you wish, as every gift makes a difference. A gift made to a UK registered charity is also inheritance tax free.

“If your estate is large enough to be chargeable to inheritance tax, gifts to charity will reduce not just the overall amount of tax paid by the rest of your estate but may also reduce the rate of tax, resulting in your family getting the most of their inheritance,” explained Lucy.

“If you are looking to leave money to a charity you may well consider Sebastian’s Action Trust, which is Phillips’ charity of the year.”

For help in leaving a charitable legacy, or for any other Wills and Probate issues, please contact Lucy by emailing lucy.watson@phillips-law.co.uk or by calling 01256 854646.



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As we prepare to sing this year for the Remembrance Sunday Service in St John’s Church Northington, the Candover Valley Choir is reminded of its performance on Remembrance Sunday 2018 in Carnegie Hall, New York, under the baton of Composer/Conductor Patrick Hawes. Representatives of the Choir joined with other choristers from around the world. It was a tremendous privilege to travel to New York to sing in the first USA performance of this major new Commission: ‘The Great War Symphony’, which Patrick Hawes composed to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the ending of WW1.



This year on Remembrance Sunday, the Choir will be singing, ‘The Long Day Closes’ by Arthur Sullivan, a beautiful poignant example of choral writing.

The repertoire we are also working on at the moment includes our work towards the Nine Lessons and Carols Services at Christmas. This is a great reminder of the power of music to bring reflection, solace, togetherness, as well as enable us all to express fear and hope, as well as celebration and joy.

If you would like to know more about the Choir, do get in touch with either:

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We are always interested to hear from potential new singers.

Jane Bryant (Music Director)