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The Parishes of Candover Valley and Wield

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***Harvest readings: Joel 2:21-27, 1 Timothy 2:1-7 OR 6:6-10, Matthew 6:25-33 Psalm 126**

Sunday 3 October Trinity 18

<i>Readings</i>	Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16 Psalm 8	
<i>Sermon:</i>	<i>Real marriage: "a man shall...be united to his wife and the two become one flesh"</i>	
9.30	Wield	Harvest Thanksgiving
10.00	Preston Candover	Morning Worship CW LL
11.00	Northington	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion CW
3.00	Dummer	Bereavement Remembering Service
		”””

Sunday 10 October Trinity 19

<i>Readings</i>	Amos 5:6-7,10-15, Hebrews 4:12-end, Mark 10:17-31 Psalm 90:12-end	
<i>Sermon:</i>	<i>That's impossible, or: "A camel through the eye of a needle".</i>	
10.00	Preston Candover	Holy Communion CW
6.00	Wield	Evensong BCP

Sunday 17 October Trinity 20

Readings Isaiah 53:4-end, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45
Psalm 91:9-end

Sermon *True greatness is to serve*
9.00 Wield Holy Communion
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship

””

Sunday 24 October Last after Trinity –Bible Sunday

Readings Isaiah 55:1-11,2 Tim3:14-4:5, John 5:36-end
Psalm 19:7-end

Sermon *The Scriptures: “of whom do they speak”?*
8.30 Bradley Holy Communion CW
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Praise

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Sunday 31 October Fourth before Advent

Readings Deut.6:1-9, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-40 Psalm 119:1-8

Sermon *“You are not far from the kingdom of God”*
9.30 Brown Candover Benefice Holy Communion CW

””

Sunday 7 November Third before Advent

Readings Jonah 3:1-5,10; Hebrews 9:24-end, Mark 1:14-20,
Psalm 62:5-end

Sermon *From Catchers of fish, to fishers of people*
9.30 Wield Holy Communion BCP
10.00 Preston Candover Morning Worship CW LL
11.00 Northington Holy Communion CW

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Farleigh Parish

Sunday 3 October Trinity 18

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

Sunday 10 October Trinity 19

8.00 Dummer Holy Communion BCP



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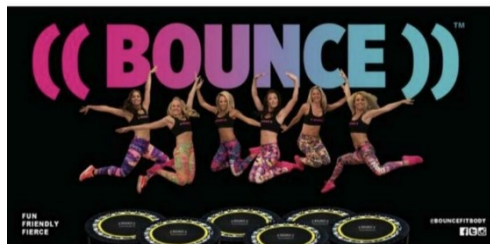
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9.45 Ellisfield Morning Prayer LL
11.15 Cliddesden Family Communion CW

Sunday 17 October Trinity 20

8.00 Ellisfield No Service
9.45 Dummer Morning Prayer LL
11.15 Cliddesden Family Service LL

Saturday 23 October

6.00 Cliddesden Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 24 October last after Trinity – Bible Sunday

9.45 Dummer Holy Communion CW
11.15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion

AFGHAN EVACUEES

Harvest Festival at St James Wield, 3 October 9.30am

Donations at Harvest Festival at St James' this year will be given to the charity looking after Afghan Evacuees.

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Dear Friends

My final “DF”: Over the years David and I have tried to make you think, to present the good news that there is a God who loves us: who has made Himself known in Jesus Christ, whose life, miracles, ministry, healings, teaching, death on the cross for all our sins, and subsequent bodily resurrection in a transformed body fitted for eternity opens up forgiveness for us: Who returned to His Father and one day is coming again in all His glory to judge the world, and to take to Himself all who have received Him as Saviour and Lord, but who will also destroy all who have rebelled against Him and His ways. (yep, gospel in one really long sentence!)

My own conversion – turning to Christ, being born anew, coming to faith – all these phrases used to describe the moment when we put our personal trust in Jesus Christ – took place on 14 February 1971, during a hymn not in our hymnbooks here: “Who is on the Lord’s Side, who will serve the King? Who will be his helpers, other lives to bring?”; since then I have tried to do just that – serve the King, and help others to realise their need of a relationship with Jesus Christ, so that they find the joy and hope of knowing God personally, having assurance of forgiveness and eternal life, and walking with Him daily.

God has not changed; His Word cannot be changed, and what He says applies to every human being – we are all equally loved by Him, invited into relationship with Him, and as we do so, we leave behind our sins, - actions, thoughts, and words - and demonstrate by the new way we live that Jesus Christ is living in us.

We live in a culture which is hell-bent on destroying the very basis on which it was built – on godly Christian virtues, truth and common sense – and where extremists appear to have taken over mainstream media, presenting only one point of view and treating with contempt any view which is contrary. The re-writing of history through warped and delusional worldviews and imposing a new tyranny, which seems to be led by mob rule through social media is an interesting moment in world history where The Truth – not “my” truth and “your” truth - is the biggest casualty – whether over marriage, biology of the human body, education, or a proper understanding of world faiths and politics.

Is this a cause for worry? Repeatedly Jesus said, “Do not worry, do not be afraid, do not fear.” Jesus warned that in the last days these things would happen: “love of many good men shall wax cold”, persecution of those who follow Christ would arise – as it is doing in many nations across the world.

1 Timothy speaks of many who will depart from the faith giving heed to lies, hypocrisy, and other things – we don’t have to go far in the House of Bishops of the Church of England to find those who do not tell or have rejected the truth (I have personal examples so I am not speaking from theory) and propound heresy and a rejection of basic Christian truth. But Jesus will build His Church – working through those who DO walk in His ways. These are wonderful times to be a Christian, because in an increasingly dark world the light of Christ in us shines even more brightly. Are you in His kingdom yet? Have you invited Him into your life and are you daily being filled with His Holy Spirit? Too many people settle for less – and some cases FAR less- than the best – why be a spiritual pauper when we are invited to be



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children of the One who owns everything and Whose Spirit will give us all we need and more?

One favourite hymn (amongst many!) says: "How good is the God we adore! Our faithful unchangeable Friend; His love is as great as His power, and knows neither measure nor end. 'Tis Jesus the First and the Last, His Spirit will guide us safe home: we'll praise Him for all that is past, and Trust Him for all that's to come."

I give Him praise for what has been achieved over the last decade as I have tried – imperfectly - to serve Him and you: what lasts is faith sown in lives that have encountered God's love, and entered real faith, or have matured through engaging with Jesus in prayer and His Word. People are what the gospel is all about, not buildings. And we'll trust Him for what is to come – here for you, and for us -Julia and I and our family – Jo, Chloë, Jess and husband Jon, and grandsons William (5) and Arthur (5 months) – we will see what doors of opportunity He will open up for us in the next season of our lives.

I am sorry where I have offended or let others down; thank you for your support, encouragement, prayers and sometimes gentle disagreements: may God bless you all with His power to heal, save and encourage.

With love and prayers,

Stephen and Julia

New Church service rota and future ministry after Stephen's departure.

The departure of Stephen leaves me as the sole priest to maintain a pattern of worship that is as full as it can be. Our patterns of worship will continue but there will be small changes to the number of Holy Communion services, some being replaced with services of Morning Prayer and led by people from the congregation.

I will be in the Farleigh Parish for two Sundays per month per church to take services of Holy Communion.


We are given to understand by the Diocese that an appointment will be made after Stephen's retirement whereby a retired priest is offered accommodation in exchange for taking Sunday services, two days of work plus weddings and funerals.

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Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St John's Northington	3 Oct 11.00	Emma and Colin La Fontaine Jackson	Emma and Colin La Fontaine Jackson
	7 Nov 11.00	Mark and Sophie Ashburton.	Mark and Sophie Ashburton.
St Peter's Brown Candover	31 Oct 9.30	Celia Foote	Celia Foote & Jonathan Moseley
St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover	3 Oct 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Sue Marriott
	10 Oct 10.00	Marina Avis & Jane Laws	Anne Luneburg & Marina Avis
	17 Oct 10.00	Marina Avis	To be advised
	24 Oct 10.00	Gunnel Berry	Celia Foote
7 Nov 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws	
All Saints Bradley	24 Oct 8.30	Andrew Don	Andrew Don
St James' Wield	3 Oct 9.30	John Lailey	Nicola Robinson & Annie-Lou Gibbs
	10 Oct 6.00pm	Robert Grande	Alwin Hutcuinson & Jean Frost
	17 Oct 9.00	Brian Collins	Philip Geddes & Eileen Collins
	7 Nov 9.30	Alwin Hutchinson	Mark Kemp Gee & Amanda Bromfield



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St James' Church Wield	Flowers	Oct 3 Oct 10, to end	Harvest Festival Nikki Cowley
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Benefice Morning Prayers

Since 2019 a group of us have been meeting to pray every Wednesday from 9.00 am to 9.30am, reading a Psalm and praying for matters concerning the Benefice, each other and for issues in our country and the world. David and Stephen come almost every week to join in what is most important – praying and seeking the Lord.

Since last year's lockdown we've met on Zoom, which has widened the group beyond Ellisfield, and grown in numbers. Some of us have learned to pray in ways we've not done before, and we have grown spiritually as a consequence.

From August we will meet on the first Wednesday in the month "face to face" in St Martins, the remaining Wednesdays we will meet on Zoom. We would love you to join us, and you will witness specific prayers being specifically answered.

The Zoom link is on the Benefice website.

If you would like to know more please call Peter and Sylvia Raine on 01256 – 381221..... or just come.

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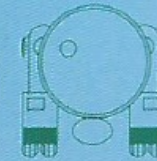


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Northington

7 August Henry Douglas Anthony HOLME and
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Funerals

Ellisfield (at crematorium)

26 August Adrian James (Hammy) HAMILTON aged 73

Cliddesden

7 September Nellie Ivy (Nita) ABBOTT aged 102

At Winchester:

Richard SAUNDERS aged 56 (formerly Preston Candover)

Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

On a morning of rare August sunshine we seize the opportunity to visit Old Winchester Hill, the National Nature Reserve near West Meon. The lure of the chalkhill slopes with their fine flowery meads and promise of butterflies draws us over to this fascinating grassland habitat.

It seems to be quite a popular place: with cyclists at the top of the lane, hikers following the South Downs Way, and runners setting off from the car-park. Passing through the reserve's access gate, we bear right along the path leading to the south facing hillside. Here, there are fine views over the Meon Valley farmland stretching away to the Solent and the Isle of Wight beyond.

Goldfinches twitter from a clump of hawthorns now clustered with crimson berries or haws. A kestrel perches on the skeletal frame of a lone tree before taking off to hover with head down, scanning for voles.

Although the path is close-cropped turf, rabbit-nibbled, the steep slopes on either side are a flowing mass of purples and mauves, largely marjoram and basil with knapweeds and scabious. The yellows of ragwort and wild parsnip also stand out. The deep blue domes of round-headed rampion are a further botanical delight.

With binoculars on close focus, we peer down at a large skipper feeding on marjoram. Resting with wings half open, the undersides show a greenish tint decorated with a pattern of pearly patches. This is a silver spotted skipper - a lover of warm sun-baked chalk downland, languishing here in one of its few remaining refuges. We meet another enthusiast on a similar quest. With butterfly badges pinned to his cap and notebook in hand, he's also on the trail of skippers and the downland blues.

Chalk Hill blues abound with their pale, milky blue wings. Farther on where the turf is short and the vetches grow, a walker stands, rapt, totally absorbed by the butterflies basking on the ground below. One of which, with wings outstretched of the brightest most brilliant blue, is an Adonis Blue – a local rarity.

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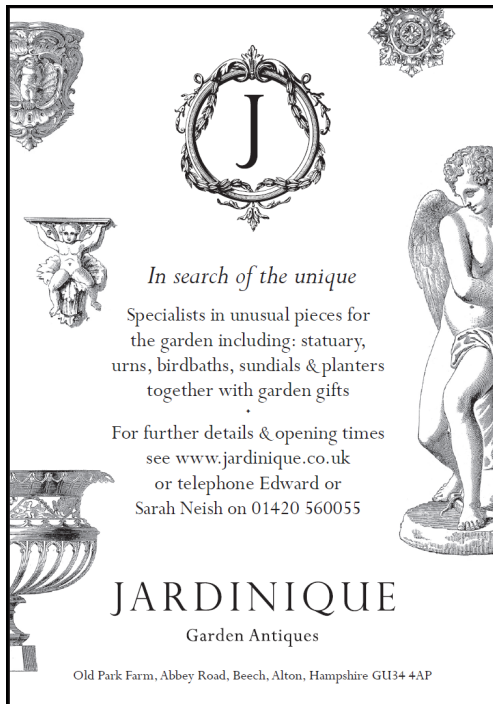


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I counted more than ten different plants.

Among them were Red Shank, Germander Speedwell with its sky blue flowers, Nipple wort, Pineapple Weed smelling sweetly of pineapple, Ridged Plantain, Cornfield Knot Grass with its tiny white flowers,

a type of Chamomile – Scentless Mayweed, Bind Weed, Herb Robert and of course the ubiquitous nettles..

Not all the plants were in flower or particularly attractive, but all have an important part to play in the environment, providing food for pollinators.

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MF stove accessories fabricated

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Walking with Wildlife

The high downland bordering Woodmancott is well wooded with copses, coverts and plantations, merging into a summer skyline of sweeping broad-leaves plus the odd towering conifer. Together with Blackwood Forest over to the northwest and Micheldever Woods flowing away to the south, these woods form the Stratton Woodlands Landscape Character Area – a blend of forestry and farmland centred on the historic Stratton Park.

On a rather autumnal day in early August, we pass through East Stratton with its charming thatched cottages and head up the leafy lane that runs alongside the Park. At the top here is Rownest Wood, a compact Forestry Commission beechwood, known for its fine displays of bluebells in the spring. Two large blocks of sandstone guard the entrance, placed like Sarsen stones – as if markers or seating, or possibly mounting blocks for horse-riders. A splendid stand of teasels grow just within the wood, their bristle cone heads banded violet with tiny flowers. Bumblebees, their furry backs in damp tufts from early rain, cling on in torpor, rather cold and wet, all foraging temporarily suspended. Both white-tailed and tree bumblebees are present.

Strolling along the main ride, we enter a plantation of well spaced beech trunks with good sight lines below the pale green leaf canopy. Clumps of enchanter's nightshade with their delicate sprays of white flowers grow vigorously beside the path. Apparently in Saxon times, this intriguingly named plant was used to ward off spells cast by elves.

Deeper in the wood we find glow sticks of cuckoo pint or lords and ladies. The spikes of bright orange-red berries gleam in the low light of the woodland floor.

Following a line of horse's hoof prints, we emerge into a secluded farm lane brimming with colourful margins of trefoils. Walking up, we find an oak tree of great character contorted by age, looming from the hedgebank. Just beyond, there's an arable field with a wildflower meadow tucked into the top corner. A yellow blur of wild parsnip towers over the mauves and purples of field scabious, knapweeds and marjoram.

Robert Bryant

10 Aug '21

ter the vaccine and anything you can do to make that easier would be very much appreciated.

Please note at the time of going to press we have just heard of a national flu vaccine delivery issue, which is delaying some deliveries by up to 2 weeks, if you do not hear from us please assume your vaccination is going ahead.

Child Flu Clinics

We will also be contacting parents whose children are aged 2-3 or aged 4-17 and have a condition which puts them at greater risk if they get flu. Children in years R-7 will be vaccinated in school by Schools Health. Please wait until you get an invitation letter before contacting the surgery.

Welcome to our new GP trainees

As many of you will know, we are a training practice which means we regularly host doctors who are undergoing their specialist GP training. Prior to starting the GP Specialist Training Programme a doctor will usually have worked in a number of different hospital departments gaining skills, knowledge and experience. The GP training programme takes 3 years and during the first two years of this a GP trainee will undertake placements in a number of different medical specialties including a six month placement in a GP surgery. The final year of the training programme takes place in a different practice where the trainee (or Registrar as they are known) will use the knowledge and experience they have already have to gain the particular skills of a GP.

We are very pleased to introduce our new cohort of trainee GPs, Dr Zane Koetser & Dr Ghayth Sandouka.

Pulse oximeters

If you have had COVID over the last few months and have been given a pulse oximeter by the surgery please could you return it (if you haven't already done so).

If you have one please just pop it in a bag or an envelope and drop it into reception or into the letter box on the front of the surgery.

Many thanks for your help!

National shortage of blood test tubes:

There is currently an international shortage of blood bottles used for taking samples and clinicians working in GP practices, hospitals, community and mental health trusts and ambulance trusts have been asked to suspend non-essential blood tests.

Clinicians and managers in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are working together to be more efficient. We will ensure we don't waste blood bottles and that we don't duplicate tests which have already been done. We are being thoughtful about which tests are ordered and prioritising those tests which will have an immediate impact on the diagnosis or treatment.

We are working hard to prioritise our blood tests and we appreciate your patience whilst we put in place systems to manage this difficulty safely.

We would like to reassure all our patients that this disruption in supply should not affect any essential blood tests and any tests that are delayed will be rescheduled as soon as possible. We are working closely with NHS England to follow their guidance. We will continue to provide you with updates regarding this and thank you for your support. If you are already booked for a blood test and do not hear from us, please attend as arranged.



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- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

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2.) You need to be wearing a face covering/mask before entering the building, even if collecting a prescription.

3.) To ensure there are as few patients in the building as possible,

- Do not attend more than 5 minutes before your appointment time.
- You should attend the surgery alone, unless you need an essential carer or parent/guardian to accompany you.

Adult Flu Clinics

Initial text invites will be going out to patients shortly to book in for their annual flu vaccines.

These messages will give details of how to book for your flu vaccine, our preferred method is via Patient Access or the NHS APP.

Due to current issues with self-isolating & our services being unprecedentedly busy, using the online booking system will mean less time waiting on the phone and clear our main lines for more urgent calls and, so we request all patients use this system, where possible.

If you are unable to use the automated system, then please ensure that you call after 2PM to book your appointment.

Those eligible for NHS influenza vaccination in 2021 to 2022 are:

- Those aged 6 months to under 50 years in clinical risk groups.
- pregnant women
- those aged 50 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline health and social care staff

We have weekday flu clinics scheduled throughout September & October, with the addition of the following Saturday clinics;

*Saturday 25th September

*Saturday 9th October

Please make sure you wear a face covering when you come for your flu jab.

Please make sure you wear a short sleeved shirt or top and that your outer clothing can be easily removed. We will need to access the very top of your arm in order to adminis-



Candover Valley Gardening Club

We had a superb finale to our programme of outdoor visits when we visited a beautiful garden near Alton. Our very welcoming hosts guided us around their immaculate two acre plot. We were all entranced by the beautiful colour combinations in the borders, the stunning hydrangeas, the unusual shrubs, we tried to remember the names, and the magnificent trees in the arboretum. There was so much to enjoy and it was a very pleasurable evening.

We have now recommenced our indoor talks and on Thursday 21st October at 7:30pm in Preston Candover Village Hall our speaker will be Gillian Taylor whose subject will be My Greenhouse Year. She will explain how she uses her greenhouse throughout the seasons giving year round interest and colour. If this appeals to you, guests are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you. 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/>

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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 Sainsburys, M&S Simply Food, Boots and Superdrug in Alton

You can also share, re-use and repair

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<https://tinyurl.com/AltonCommunityShare>

What can I put in my recycling bin in Hampshire?

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.

Hampshire recycles

WEATHERWISE

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down in August 2021

By Simon Bourne

Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

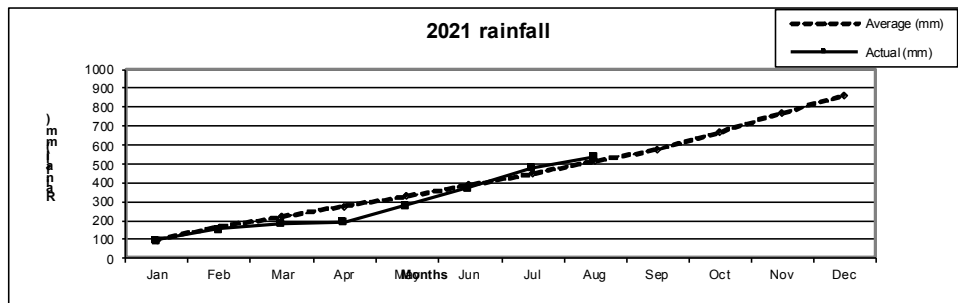
Highest	22.9/73	(4 th 14 th & 22 nd)
Lowest	5.1/41	(29 th)
Warmest Night	14.0/57	(12 th)
Coollest Day	17.3/63	(30 th)
Average maximum temperature	20.4/69	
Average minimum temperature	10.9/52	

Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly & annual total	52.1/2.05	(average 66.1/2.60)
Annual total	528.9/20.82	(average 519.4/20.45)
Maximum 24hr. fall	11.9/0.47	(8 th)
Number of days with rain	12	

Summary

Unsettled weather with showers and longer outbreaks of rain on most of the first nine days of August brought disappointing late summer conditions. Temperatures were mostly below normal for the time of year, which did not improve much later in the month. A couple of fine, sunny days followed but then the weather was generally dull and dry and brighter in the fourth week. Anti-cyclonic gloom descended at the end of the month where there was high pressure but thick, featureless cloud including on the summer bank holiday. The highest daytime temperature occurred on three occasions but at just 73°F was the lowest recorded here for August in over two decades. Overall, the month was cooler and drier than normal. The summer temperature was average and rainfall a third above the norm.



On the Farm— Julian Gibbons

We finally finished harvest on the 13th September having started on the 21st July. Although we finished the last field that actually yielded over budget it was the only field that did. It is fair to say that most of us in this area will be pleased to see the end of a difficult and bitterly disappointing harvest.

Only one crop came close to a budgeted yield, which was our Maris Otter winter barley. This might be because it is already inherently low yielding, however it actually looked much better then it performed.

Those of you who have watched the travails of Jeremy Clarkson on Clarkson's Farm, will be familiar with his battles with the weather and has given insight into why farmers are obsessed with the weather. It is the biggest driver for profitability and yet something over which we as individuals have little or no control.

Crops went into May looking remarkably disease free with all but the latest planted crops on heavy land looking full of potential. The wet May/June put pay to this with leaf diseases rampaging through them. The real killer blow however was the lack of sun. This really affected the counties from Hampshire to Kent and south of the M4 most of all. June, July and August were markedly duller than usual. Crops need this sunshine to make the starch to fill then grain. We finished up with poorly filled grains that have struggled to make the specific weights end users require. These poorly filled grains show up in poor yields. Our wheat yields were 20% or more down on budget, which is almost unheard of. Our milling wheat, which incurs the highest growing costs, is all in the feed bin. It's hagberg falling number, which is related to the enzyme activity that starts with germination, was on the floor even though the crop was harvested as soon as it was fit. Soft (or biscuit) wheat yields were disastrous with yields down nearly 40% on recent performance, with grain that will be discounted even as feed grain.

Our winter oats although down in yield were of good quality, with a bright colour and good specific weight. They along with the winter barley came in to store dry unlike everything else that requires drying.

The spring barley was about 15% down in yield, but again it has all made malting which is a consolation.

To cap it all our grain drier that has been solidly reliable for the two seasons when we haven't needed to use it, broke when trying to fill it the first time and 7 weeks later is still waiting to be fixed.

Prices are very buoyant providing you haven't sold too much early. We budgeted for more grain than we could store, so sold 8 lorry loads as the alternative was paying for storage. However we now find ourselves loading cheap wheat and stores with 500 tonnes less grain in them.

Focus now moves onto planting next harvest's crops. The rape is in and up, seed is all ordered and so is the nitrogen fertiliser. The latter was for June delivery and we have received some of it, but with more to come and the factories shut due to high gas prices. This has seen nitrogen double in price.

Wield Cricket Club Senior Fixtures September

Junior coaching is held on the Lower Wield Ground every Wednesday during the summer term-time at 6.30pm

29 August	Hursley	13.30 Home
5 September	Wessex Pilgrims	13.30 Home
12 September	Rioteers	13.30 Home
19 September	Whiteditch Wanderers	13.00 Home
26 September	Lynchmere	13.00 Home

If you are interested in playing a senior game, please contact Ben Robinson (captain) 07903 513196, Jack Robson (vice-captain) 07787 018155, Paul Johnson (chairman) 07720 349497.
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Candover Valley Store

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This translates in the CVS, to a wonderful display of home baking ingredients! Garry has stocked up on an abundance of dried fruit, nuts, flours, sugars and baking ingredients ready for a flurry of home baking up and down the valley. But if your time is short and baking is not on the menu, come and sample our wonderful selection of ready-made cakes, biscuits and pastries.

Youth workers With the start of a new academic year, we are sad to say goodbye to some of our regular Saturday youth workers as they move on to university and other adventures. Particular thanks to Jasmine, Jessie, Georgia H and Georgia B who have over the past two years worked many paid and unpaid shifts in the store. We wish you all very happy times ahead – do come back and see us when you are next about in the Valley.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and want to find out more about becoming a paid youth worker, get in touch with Jane Laws on 01256 389491.

Post office – important information

Please note that Covid-19 tests cannot be posted at the post office counter. They must be posted in a priority post box (such as that by the Canterton in Preston Candover which is emptied twice a day). A list of priority post boxes can be found at www.royalmail.com or call 0345 266 8038 **Monday to Friday 8am-6pm to find out the one nearest to you.** Please do not come into the store to complete or post a Covid-19 test!

Gift corner Regular customers will have noticed that our selection of gifts, gift bags, cards and wrapping paper are all now located at the back right hand corner of the store. You can now find all your gift requirements together in one place where there is more room to browse. If you haven't already discovered some of the lovely and unusual gift items, specially selected for CVS by Hannah, do come in and have a look around.

Coffee indoors? For the moment we are continuing to restrict the number of customers in store at busy times. But if circumstances permit, we hope to reintroduce one or two of our cafe tables into the store in the late autumn when we feel it is safe enough to do so. We look forward to the time when our customers can enjoy coffee and cakes sitting inside the store!

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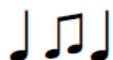
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Many constituents will know that I like to keep busy during Parliament's summer recess with my **Summer Tour** and 2021 was no different.

This year, Monty the pup and I held events right across the constituency. Thank you to everyone who stopped by.

We are grateful also to the many local residents who took the time to respond to my **major environment survey**. We have had thousands back and will be in touch with you all but it has been a brilliant exercise and given me a real sense of your priorities – local and national – as we step up our response to the climate crisis and move ever closer to COP26 this winter. You can take part at greenwinchester.com



One subject I don't need to canvass opinion about through surgeries or surveys – at least in so much as we need change – is **social care**.

So many of you have told me we need to “fix” social care but, of course, that is easier said than done which is one reason it has alluded Governments for the best part of twenty years.

Our return to Westminster for the new term last month arrived with a bang and constituents will not have missed the £36bn fund to help the NHS scale its Covid backlog and lay the foundations for a new health and care offer.

No-one is pretending this is easy – politically in the decision to put up taxes or practically in helping the millions of people on the waiting list/putting in place a social care system that works. But, as I said in Parliament, we're not in Government to do nothing for fear of offending anyone and this nettle HAD to be grasped.

Clearly it is complex so I have published a detailed “vote explainer” at: stevebrine.com/nhsandcarelevy I would love to hear your thoughts.

Finally, and this is of course linked in many respects, I am returning to a subject close to home – our ongoing battle against **breast cancer**. Some of you may remember I chaired the all-party group for many years, and of course had the chance to be our Cancer Minister in Government. But the task is bigger than ever and the recent heart-breaking death of Girls Aloud member Sarah Harding (at just 39) reminds us all how lethal it remains.

I am going to be working with my colleagues in Government, at NHS England and local clinicians to do what I can to fightback and raise awareness among my constituents. We are not alone.

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Swarraton and Northington WI

Our speaker at our September meeting was Richard Murphy a former actuary, who explained that his talk'And now the good news'... was created in a response to a challenge from his mother-in-law, a local WI member. He set out to prove that despite the gloomy focus of daily news stories the world is indeed a much safer place today than it used to be. With a mass of facts and figures on hand he looked at the improvements in safe childbirth, reduction in diseases such as polio, malaria and measles and the development in medical research and medication. The development of technology, communications, and electricity has led to better connectivity and living conditions. Globally education is more widely available for both men and women. In the past 20 years improvements in commercial aircraft flight safety and road developments have meant a dramatic fall in the numbers of lives lost. Our daily lives have been made safer by the introduction of standards in food hygiene safety measures in toy production and clothing manufacture.

Today life expectancy in the UK is 70 +years. However, Richard pointed out that there are still challenges aheadclimate change and lifestyle choices to name but two areas to be tackled.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th October.

This will be a group meeting when we invite members from New Alresford, Bishops Sutton, Easton, Bramdean and Hinton Ampner and Wield to join us.

The speaker will be Judy Theobald, a journalist and radio presenter, formerly from Lincolnshire, who will give an amusing talk on the subject of 'Life and Other Problems'.

We look forward to welcoming all members and guests for an enjoyable afternoon and of course a jolly good tea!

Donations for Afghan refugees

Community First is working with Hampshire County Council and other partners to coordinate the collection and distribution of donated items to support those being offered temporary accommodation in Hampshire

Check the Community First website www.cfirst.org.uk and click on the very top line of the page. There you will find of a list of items that are desperately needed, the list includes:

- **Nappies – all sizes**
- **Coats in all sizes – adults and children**
- **Warm clothing for boys and girls from 10 years upwards**
- **New underwear for all – including socks and bras**
- **Blankets**
- **Adult shoes (no sandals please)**
- **Mobile phone chargers, power packs and top up vouchers/ cards**
- **New or refurbished laptops – to help families keep in touch with loved ones.**

You can also find out where the various drop off places are in Hampshire.

You are requested that donations of clothing should be new or nearly new and that **your kind donations are pre-sorted by age and gender and placed in a reusable bag**

Please follow and adhere to these guidelines – the logistics of sorting clothing at the collection hubs is causing a challenge for volunteers, particularly as the volume items increases and the space lessens).

At this time the centres are only supporting those in temporary accommodation and are unable to accept general donations of other items no matter how well intended and well-meaning they are.

The most local to us is:

Unit 12, Winnal Valley Road, WINCHESTER, SO23 OLD.

Cllr Jackie Porter
County Councillor for the Itchen Valley Division
Liberal Democrat spokesperson for Children in Hampshire

Text: 07973 696 085 Ansaphone: 01962 791054
Write to me at: The Down House, Itchen Abbas SO21 1AX I'm also on twitter: @JackieLibDem, Facebook or What's App, but for a personal matter, a phone call, text or email is best.



I've included two pictures this month: The picture of the 'yellow brick road' is not of The Watercress Way, but a section of the new cycle path from Worthy Down south towards to the Water Treatment site off the Andover road. It's a fantastic surface, and the section that is done is a credit to Hampshire County Council who have constructed it, but unfortunately, it doesn't reach all the way to Winchester yet. I am continuing to press for this route to be completed and I'd welcome your views.

I've been trying to get the Millennium path mended for several years, and a recent sighting (and photo) of ducks swimming in the puddles on the path seemed to chime with Hampshire County Council! I'm delighted that they have now agreed a budget for this work. It's a sensitive site ecologically, so the County Council will be working with the Winterbournes project and others to upgrade the path, hopefully before someone falls in the river. They have also agreed a budget to upgrade the path to Bishop's Sutton: hooray!

The County Council is preparing the budget for 2022-23 and it inevitably includes cuts. I'm pleased to see that the proposal to cut the school crossing patrols budget has gone: if we want children to walk to school, they must be helped to cross busy roads safely.

There are a number of Consultations this autumn: the proposal for the County Deal (similar to the Mayoral deal) will go out in early October. I'll give notice of others as they arrive.



There's still no news of the New Hospital Consultation, but it was a huge pleasure to visit the Winchester Hospice on its open weekend. Huge thanks to every one of the fundraisers, NHS staff and Trustees. It will support residents as inpatients and whilst using their Hospice at Home service. Please continue to support *them* now the building is up and running- they need £1/2 million per year. You can donate online- or maybe run an event?

Finally, please don't forget, if you need a grant for your local organisation, please contact me for the details. I have a small grant pot but I'm keen to share it out as fairly as I can!

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