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## THE OXDROVE Church and Community News *Of* The Candover Valley and Wield Rector: Interegnum

**Associate Minister**, Rev Ian Thacker, MA. 07864 095 435.

Ian will be in **Wield Church from 9-10 on Wednesdays** for anyone to drop in. This will be followed by a brief service of morning prayer and bible study.

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**Key to initials:** *IDT = Ian Thaker: PR = Peter Raine: JG = Julian Gibbons LH = Lyn Hardy: AL = Anne Luneburg: DS = Debbie Scholey*

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Sunday next before Lent

08:00	Ellisfield	Holy Communion BCP IDT
09:30	Wield	Matins IDT
10:00	Preston Candover	Morning prayer JG
09:45	Cliddesden	Morning Prayer PR
11:00	Northington	Holy Communion Richard Brand
11:15	Dummer	Sunday Special

*Readings Exodus 34:29–end, 2 Corinthians 3:12–4.2, Luke 9:28–36,*

*Psalm 99*

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### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday

19:00	Brown Candover	Ash Wednesday service IDT
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**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

08:00 Dummer Holy Communion IDT  
09:45 Ellisfield Morning Prayer BC  
10:00 Preston Candover Family Service JG  
11:15 Cliddesden Family Holy Communion Richard Brand  
18:00 Wield Evensong IDT/CS  
*Readings Deuteronomy 26:1–11, Romans 10:8b–13, Luke 4:1–13,  
Psalm 91:1–11*

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

09:00 Wield Holy Communion BCP IDT  
09:45 Dummer Morning Prayer  
10:00 Preston Candover Holy Communion IDT  
11:15 Cliddesden Family Service PR  
*Readings Genesis 15:1–12 & 17–18, Philippians 3:17–4:1, Luke 13:31–end,  
Psalm 27*

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

08:30 Bradley Holy Communion CW IDT  
09:45 Dummer Holy Communion CW IDT  
11:00 Brown Candover Family Morning Worship KG  
11:15 Ellisfield Family Holy Communion IDT  
*Readings Isaiah 55:1–9, 1 Corinthians 1:1–13, Luke 13:1–9, Psalm 63:1–9*

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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday**

09:30 Preston Candover Family Service Mothering Sunday JG  
11:00 Farleigh Farleigh Parish communion IDT  
11:15 Cliddesden Family Mothering Sunday Service PR  
*Readings Exodus 2:1–10, 2 Corinthians 1:3–7; Luke 2:33–35, Psalm 127:1–4*

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## Message from Ian

February was a sober month in the Benefice as we've carried our four funerals. Every time I take a funeral service, I witness the loss of a family member as a disaster for the people concerned. For many it involves intense pain coupled with a sense of unbelief.

While a funeral is over in a short time, mourning the loss is something that can go on for a long time. It is always comforting when people come up to the newly bereaved and express genuine feelings of how sorry they are, but the lives of those not so directly involved move on while we remain in the state of loss. This is something that should heal but never really goes away. Over the past five years our family has lost my mother and both of my wife's parents. While they were all advanced in years each of their deaths left us with a gaping hole in our family. We still miss them and not to have them around us leaves a hole that is unlikely ever to be filled.

There is no set way to mourn the loss of someone we loved. The way we come to terms with the loss depends so much on the depth of relationship we had with them and length of time we had to prepare ourselves for their death. But there are things that we can do to help ourselves move forward.

The most important is to keep the memory alive. For some this may mean going to the cemetery or having a special place that enables us to feel close to them. We have a spot in our garden where we can remember my mother-in-law, we grow purple flowers and on summer evenings drink gin there. It is important not to be afraid of talking about the people we have lost. Sharing memories of what they said or did and never being afraid to laugh. Even though people are no longer with us we can still celebrate who they were and the contribution they made to our families.

Sometimes, though, we can get stuck in our grief. This is especially true when the death was traumatic or unforeseen. If you feel stuck it is important to remember that you are not alone. Talking about how you feel is such an important part of coming to terms with loss and there are several support groups available to you. Perhaps the best known is Cruse and their helpline number is 0800 808 1677

To those who have lost loved family members the Benefice would like to offer its sympathy and support. If you feel we can help you don't be afraid to get in touch.

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St John's Northington	2 March 11.00am	Rhona and James Hatchley	Rhona and James Hatchley
St Peters Brown Candover	23 March 11.00am	Ed Daniell	Ed Daniell
St Marys Preston Candover	2 March 10.00 am	Marina Avis	Marina Avid
	9 March 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	To be advised
	16 March 10.00am	Gunnel Berry	Anne Luneburg Gunnel Berry
Mothering Sunday	30 March 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	To be advised
	6 April 10.00am	Anne Luneburg	Jane Laws
All Saints Bradley	23 March 8.30am	Christopher Swan	Christopher Swan
St James' Wield	2 March 9.30am	Catherine Simons	Jonathan Enderby Eileen Collins
	9 March 6.00pm	Robert Grande	Barbara Wells Philip Geddes
	16 March 9.00am	Alwin Hutchinson	Mark Kemp Gee Catherine Simons
	6 April 9.30am	Brian Collins	Eileen Collins Amanda Bromfield

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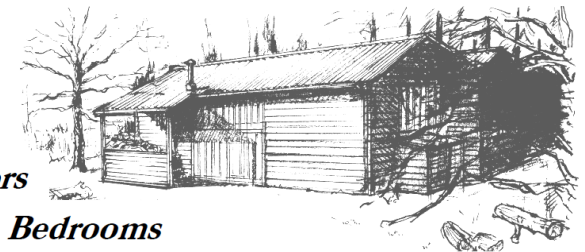


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## Swarraton and Northington WI

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - February

On such a cold and grey afternoon it was lovely to see so many members and guests attending the meeting.

The business part of the meeting was managed in the usual efficient way, apologies, finances fine, there was an explanation and discussion about our WI participating in the future local group meetings and details about a proposed summer outing to Chavenage House with a list circulated for members wishing to go.. There were thanks to the tea hostesses and the lovely flower arrangement and Jane Glennie the speaker for the meeting was introduced and welcomed.

Jane is an actress and historian with 30 years experience of bringing history to life in museums, theatres, schools and heritage sites. She gave an animated and enjoyable talk titled 'Suffering Suffragettes' theatrically adopting the role of a leading suffragette trying to rally local women 'of a certain class' to support the movement to get votes for women. The talk included references to local activities by suffragettes and also details of the less well known suffragists. She handed out details from the period about the expectations of women particularly in marriage and encouraged the group at the end to wave flags and banners. The talk was very enjoyable and Jane was warmly thanked, when she finished her role she welcomed interesting discussions with members about further details of the suffragette movement whilst enjoying tea and cake.

Guests are also always welcome at any of the speaker meetings for a small charge of £5.

The next meeting at Swarraton & Northington Village Hall is at 2pm on **Tuesday 4th March** with a talk titled 'Dream Interpretations' by Graham Further  
Tea hostesses - Erica Sisk and Beth Lamb  
Flowers - Erica Sisk  
Please will members not able to attend send their apologies to Gill Graham Maw

### Small change for hard graft.

A few weeks ago, whilst standing in the middle of a field admiring a particularly beautiful winter sunset I wondered how many others had, over time, viewed that familiar scene. The particular field is one in which there seem to be buried a higher than usual number of small denomination silver coins, all from the reign of Henry III (1216-1272).

Silver pennies at that time were hammered between two dies, one depicting the face of the king, the other a cross and pellets. Those from Henry's reign are distinctive in that they have on the reverse, a cross as an outline with, importantly, an internal void. The voided cross allowed them to be accurately cut into halves and quarters (fourths or farthings), thus allowing their use in small transactions as a monetary economy slowly evolved from one of traditional bartering and exchange. Henry also revolutionised the production of coinage by bringing in new moneyers (those who struck the coins) and centralising mints (to eventually London, Bury St Edmunds and Canterbury). Thus, the production of coinage could be more closely monitored and controlled.

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## Small Change for hard Graft (Cont)

Life for ordinary people in the Candover valley in the thirteenth century must have been tough, with villagers generally labouring in the fields or trading in low-value goods. Manual workers then could expect to earn 2d per day if not 'paid in kind'. This might be enough for 12 eggs and 4 loaves of bread - or good ale, tempting after a hard day's labour, but a penny a gallon. Cottage rental though, even for the poorest, could have set them back £2 per year (480d, thus equivalent to 240 days' work). In rural England at this time, many women would have also spun thread out of coarse wool whilst going about their day to generate extra income. Given that this was often a productive way to use time when meeting others and speaking to friends, it would ultimately originate the expression 'spinning a yarn'. Whether wool, baskets, woodwork, tools or other foodstuffs and livestock, local markets would have offered a financial lifeline to many, as well as a chance to procure everyday goods brought in by travelling pedlars and traders. I suspect that this is what was going on in this particular location.

Coins such as those pictured above, however, were not always simply used in legitimate trades. There were more underhand ways of bringing in extra income for those who had the requisite skills or were desperate enough, one being clipping – shearing off the edges of coins for their silver content. The reduced weight of the clipped coins devalued Henry's economy since a silver penny was, by law, a penny's worth of silver. The voided crosses also acted as an early anti-clipping measure, with the tips of the cross designed such that any clipping would be immediately evident. Despite this, in a highly decentralised economy with no formalised police or regular law enforcement, clipping remained a menace for centuries. The authorities instead relied on the threat of harsh punishments to deter clipping, and it could mean large fines, imprisonment or, in some cases loss of eyes, hands or even life. Who knows whether those in that field, all those centuries ago, also had such things on their minds.

Written by Cathy Wollweber

## On the Farm— Julian Gibbons

As I write this, we have sighted a strange orange glow in the sky that we haven't seen for what seems an eternity. I have it on good authority that it is the Sun! It is also due to warm up, so we have started putting a small amount of nitrogen fertiliser on the winter sown crops to get them growing. We have also put some nitrogen on Ben Robinson's herbal leys. Although they have a lot of legumes in them that will supply most of the nitrogen the grass will need, the clovers need warmer weather to start to fix nitrogen. So, to ensure there is enough early grass they have a small amount just to get the grass growing until the clovers get going.

Most of our winter crops are quite small and haven't really produced many side shoots (tillers), so they will get fed little and often to get them to thicken up. These early applications also have sulphur in them. In the days of coal power, we got the sulphur free in the rain, now with much cleaner air we have to apply it from the bag. We have most of our seed ready for the spring sowing. I have been left with a quantity of a new variety after the rest went to the maltster, so will get that cleaned for use as farm saved seed. Last years crop went for malt distilling at Munton's maltings in Stowmarket. I suspect it will then travel up to Scotland to the distillery. Scotland used to produce all its own grain for whisky, but such is the demand that it can no longer grow enough barley, so they rely on English barley to make up the shortfall.

Malt distilling barley needs a lower grain protein level than that for brewing. Some barley varieties are only suitable for distilling, some only for brewing and some are multi-purpose. Those that aren't suitable for either are feed varieties.

We have ploughed some land for the first time in nearly 15 years or longer. Paul from Moundsmere ploughed ground destined for peas. It has buried a weed problem and left a clean field ready for drilling. Occasional ploughing has been shown to not produce as much carbon emissions as first thought. This is because the organic matter that builds up in the top 10cm under a no-ploughing regime, is buried. However, if regularly ploughed it would be brought back to the surface where it would breakdown, releasing CO2.

We have had coppiced another length of overgrown hedgerow that we have been wanting to do for several years. The field maples have been left and the blackthorn should grow quickly (it's other name is quick thorn) and protect the other slower species. This probably could have been carried out with a capital grant, but we haven't applied for a capital grant before. As it happens the government has stopped all granting of capital grants for environmental work.

Our cluster group had a great meeting at Preston Farms in January looking at water-flows and how to protect tracks and prevent them funnelling too much water. It had given us some further practical ideas to try and implement. The group has lots of ideas for joint work in the coming year and we are indebted to our steering group for their work.

Congratulations to Ben Robinson and his Basingstoke Growmore club team for making the final of the County quiz competition 2 years in a row. Hopefully they can make it a win this year.

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For further information, see:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2024/01/over-10000-nhs-pharmacies-begin-treating-people-for-common-conditions/>

### Bank holiday closures

The surgery will be closed on Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April.

If you need urgent medical care you can access the Out of Hours service for advice, a face to face appointment or, if it is necessary, a home visit & the number to call is 111.

e-Consults will not be able to be submitted after 6.30pm on Thursday 28th March & will not restart again until 8am on Tuesday 3rd April.

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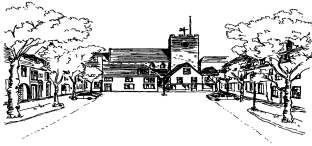
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- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed (as defined in tables 3 or 4 in the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book)

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- Infected insect bite



### **Candover Valley Gardening Club**

On a very chilly evening in January, we had a very suitable talk on chillies from Steve Gibbs. As well as growing chillies, Steve makes a wide variety of chilli sauces which our members were keen to purchase!

On March 20<sup>th</sup> we have our AGM followed by Wilf Simcox who will be speaking to us about 'Growing in a small glass house'. Wilf has always worked in the horticultural industry, mostly in training and education. Wilf lectured at Sparsholt College for 25 years and then Pershore College for 3 years. He has a small glasshouse at home where he grows a wide range of plants from tomatoes and cucumbers to ornamental flowering pot plants.

Before that, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having our annual quiz and this year we will be guests of the Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop, Ellisfield Horticultural Society. I'm sure this will prove to be a fun evening.

Our indoor meetings are held at 7.30pm in Preston Candover Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month from September to April. In the summer months we visit some beautiful gardens. If you would like to join us at any time, guests are very welcome for a small fee and we always welcome new members.

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**WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne**  
Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down  
in January 2025

**Temperatures** (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

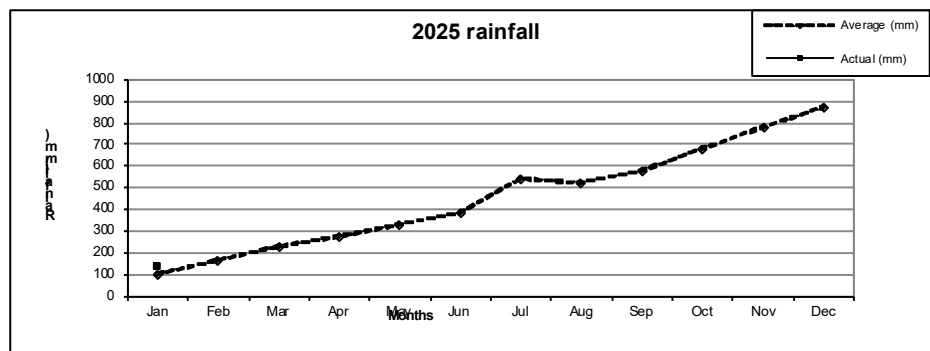
Highest	1.3/54	(5 <sup>th</sup> )
Lowest	-7.0/19	(11 <sup>th</sup> )
Warmest Night	6.7/44	(9 <sup>th</sup> )
Coolest Day	1.9/35	(10 <sup>th</sup> )
Average maximum temperature	7.0/45	
Average minimum temperature	-0.8/31	
Number of air frosts	19	

**Rainfall** (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total and		
Annual total	134.2/5.28	(average 96.6/3.80)
Maximum 24hr. rainfall	31.1/0.59	(26 <sup>th</sup> )
Number of days with rain	14	

**Summary**

A wet and windy start to the New Year was followed by a couple of fine, cold days before more rain and some snow, and lightning and thunder on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Two thirds of the normal monthly rainfall fell in the first eight days. High pressure then brought settled conditions with almost no rain in over a week and a half in what is normally one of the wettest months of the year. There were some of the coldest temperatures during this time, including the lowest overnight temperature at 19°F on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Storm Eowyn brought a fresh breeze and over ¾ inch of rain on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Storm Herminia followed just three days later with a fresh to strong breeze and the wettest day with 1.22 inches of rain. Overall, the temperature for January was 2.5°F below the seasonal norm and it was the fourth wettest in a quarter of a century.



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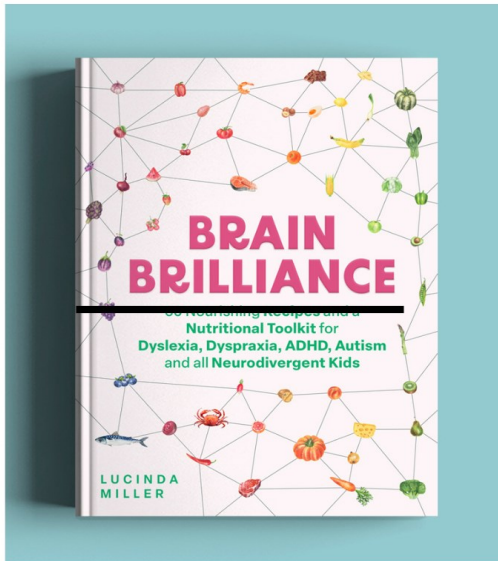
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## Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

Although Candlemas Day (2<sup>nd</sup> February) was ‘fair and bright’, winter was still in sight, to paraphrase the old folklore saying. Nevertheless, it was a fine morning to be out and about. Firstly, while heading along the Candover Valley for a quick visit to the shop at Preston Candover, we noted the splendid displays of snowdrops coming into flower. In particular were the bankside blooms above the brook at Candover Park in Brown Candover, plus the floral drifts spreading beneath the roadside thickets just beyond Chilton Candover. Back home for coffee and keen to search for more signs of spring, I next biked up to Micheldever Wood for a brisk ramble beneath the sunlit beeches. On the way I passed hazel copses dangling with catkins and blackthorn hedges speckled with white flower buds.

The winter woodland floor, coppery brown with a dense layer of leaf litter, was speared with clumps of bluebell shoots. Patches of lesser celandine leaves, heart-shaped and mottled green, now spread over damper parts. Here and there the first flutes of cuckoo pint began to unfurl. Alas, there were no signs of frogspawn in the leaf-stuffed pools and swampy furrows, but plenty of deer tracks and badger trails in the soft mud.

Later, we drove up to Woodmancott, parking at St James’s Church, with its distinctive deep green bell. Here too were clumps of snowdrops emerging from the grassy bank below the churchyard hedge. As we were about to stride off, we were most bemused by a pony and trap suddenly clip-clopping into view along the lane.

Skirting Manor Farm, we set off along the bridleway that leads to the high point of The Holt atop Popham Down. Sunshine and scenic views were the main features of this walk - the winter landscape lit up under clear skies. Of wildlife, four red kites and a buzzard were soaring high on the thermals far above. We hoped to see or hear the peacocks that live up here, but not today. Instead, a large brown hare suddenly jumped up and raced away.

Robert Bryant  
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In February, I spoke at the new **Minerals and Waste Plan hearing**, arguing for the County Council only to allocate new sites alongside the strategic road network, and to remove the expectation of 'once a waste site, always a waste site'. I want us to achieve higher recycling rates but reduce the impact of increasingly heavy lorries transporting waste on unsuitable roads. I've written more about this on my website, search 'minerals and waste'.

#### All change in Local Government!

Government has agreed to Hampshire becoming a Strategic Mayoralty Authority with a working Mayor. This delays County elections until 2026. Strategic Mayors will have a national role bridging the gap between national and local Government.

Then it's the turn of local government to re-organise. The districts, including the Isle of Wight, Southampton and Portsmouth councils must submit their initial proposals for reorganisation into unitary authorities big enough to absorb all functions of the current district and county councils by the 21<sup>st</sup> March. All parties at the County Council broadly agree that this change must provide a form of Government fit for fifty years, so there's a lot to absorb, understand and be finalised.

I'll keep you posted!

#### Speed Limits and Casualty Reduction

We all say, *"Something must be done: it's an accident waiting to happen"*.

The reality is that the number of 'slight injury' accidents reported on Hampshire's roads is rising again post Covid, and the impact of 26 deaths in Hampshire in 2023 (most recent data available) cannot be underestimated for those involved. You can view this information on the [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) website or contact me for the details.

**If you have a safety concern about a site, start with your Parish Council.** HCC will investigate the fatal or serious injury collision (there were over 500 in 2023) and the 5-year collision record. Of course, the serious and fatal accident sites take precedence so a decision must be made to focus on those sites where the introduction of an engineering measure will enhance safety. I know this is frustrating for Parishes, but with limited budgets, HCC priorities are clear, but I'd like to see more projects for pedestrian safety: currently the emphasis seems to be on bike safety (also important).

**Complaints about road closure schemes are common, especially when nothing seems to be happening there.** On 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, HCC made a decision to look at a Highways Disruption Scheme (Lane Rental) scheme to require utilities 'opening the roads' to rent space. This is in the hope that if there is a rental charge for utilities, road opening requests-which result in a road closure for normal traffic to pass through- will be more tightly controlled, resulting in less wasted days, and an income stream too.





# Candover Valley Store

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## Love Your Shop – we need your feedback

Since its inception, our store has been dedicated to supporting and serving the local community. We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful customers and volunteers - your ongoing support has been instrumental in making the store the success it is today and now we are asking for your feedback.

While our store continues to thrive, many rural businesses face significant challenges. We are committed to ensuring that our shop continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our community.

How can we improve, adapt, and what would you like to see more of? Your feedback is invaluable in helping us continue to be a vital part of the community.

If you would like to let us know your thoughts - there is a suggestions box in the store, or you can submit online via clicking the feedback links in our email newsletters or Facebook and Instagram profiles or by scanning the QR code on the next page.

## Bringing you the joy of Spring

Spring has arrived at the store, and we have celebrated with a fresh delivery of beautiful potted plants from The Hairy Pot Plant Company. Based locally in Winchester, they specialize in eco-friendly herbs and cottage garden plants, grown in sustainable coir pots that can be planted straight into the ground - zero waste, just pure spring magic!

We also have a newly refreshed Spring Gift Area, with new seasonal products perfect for spring birthdays, Mother's Day, or just a little treat for yourself.

## Be the first to know

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting another tasting event at the store, taking place during the afternoon of Friday 25 April. Come and meet our local suppliers at the store and savour lots of tasty products. Mark it in your calendar, we would love to see you.

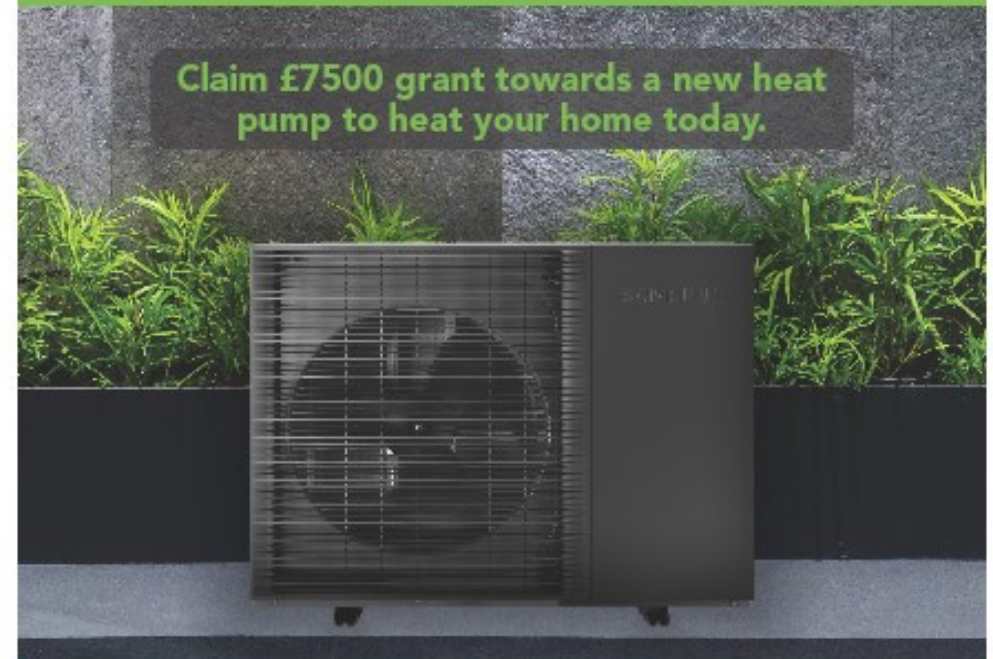


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