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## Rota for Services

*BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship LL = Lay led*

The Parishes of Farleigh, The Candover Valley  
and Wield

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

08.00 Ellisfield

09.00 Wield

09.45 Cliddesden

10:00 Preston

11:00 Northington

11.15 Dummer

*Readings* *Genesis 12:1-4, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17*

*Sermon* *'The Bible's most famous verse'*

### Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion BCP

Matins

Morning Prayer

Morning Worship

Holy Communion (In village hall)

Sunday Special

*Psalm 121*

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## Sunday 12 March

## Third Sunday of Lent

8.00	Dummer	Holy Communion BCP
9.45	Ellisfield	Morning Prayer
10.00	Preston Candover	Holy Communion CW
11.15	Cliddesden	Family Communion CW
3.00pm	Dummer	Evening Prayer with Baptism
6.00pm	Wield	Evensong BCP

Readings *Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42*

*Psalm 95*

Sermon "If you knew...you would have asked"

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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.00	Wield	Mothering Sunday Family Service
9:45	Dummer	Mothering Sunday Family Service
10:00	Preston Candover	Mothering Sunday Family Service
10:30	Northington	Mothering Sunday Café Church in Village Hall
11.15	Cliddesden	Mothering Sunday Family Service

Readings *1 Samuel 1:20-end, Colossians 3:12-17 Mark 3:31-35*

*Psalm 23*

Sermon "The family of God"

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## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

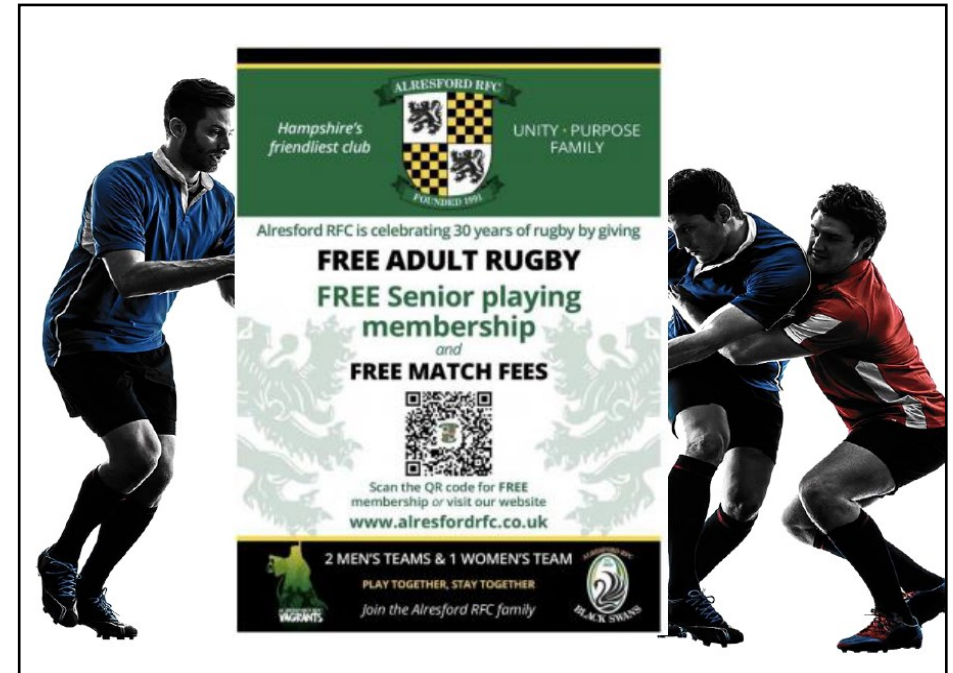
8:30	Bradley	Holy Communion
9:45	Dummer	Holy Communion CW
11:00	Brown Candover	Morning Worship
11:15	Ellisfield	Family Holy Communion

Readings *Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45*

*Psalm 130*

Sermon "I am the resurrection and the life"


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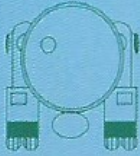
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### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

08.00 Ellisfield

09.30 Wield

10.00 Preston

09.45 Cliddesden

11:00 Northington

11.15 Dummer

Readings *Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-17*

*Psalm 31*

Sermon "Who did people think they were welcoming on Palm Sunday?"

### Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

Matins

Morning Worship

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion. (In village hall)

Sunday Special

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### Thank you Bradley!

Thanks to the generous support of the residents of Bradley we have been able to send £202.50 to Hampshire Air Ambulance from the profits of the Bradley Jubilee Commemorative Calendar 2023.

From the collection at Bradley Carol's Evening, £112.25 was sent to the Camrose Centre to support the homeless of Basingstoke.

Thank you so much to all involved,

Jane

Is it possible to succeed and still have failed?

The Archbishop's Lent book this year is 'Failure' by Bishop Emma Ineson, a thoughtful and happily light-hearted book in the right places! Failure, she says, is part of human experience which should be embraced, reflected on and become a rich lesson in our learning.

Some failures are alright, for instance Thomas Edison inventor of the lightbulb said (purportedly) "I have not failed 10 000 times, I have successfully found 10 000 ways that will not work". Those failures were experimental, we really don't know what will happen so we try something out, though this approach might not be so sensible in a hospital or nuclear power station.

Human failure might be a lapse or slip, some inadvertent and innocent. Others are mistakes of poor judgement in deciding to ignore the sound advice of people who knew what they were talking about or seeking to achieve a goal at any cost! Often with dire consequences.

Desmond Tuto said, "The pressure to succeed has a lot to do with why people overstep the line. It is a peculiar weakness of Western culture where we have made a fetish of success. We give kudos to people who have succeeded if they succeeded. The worst thing that can happen in this cultural environment is to fail".

Success at any cost, is that right, do the means justify the end? St Paul reminds us that deeds done without love are worthless. I may have excellent qualities and competencies, great ability, and power, yet without love I will have failed. When love is just a value on the headed notepaper, it counts for nothing where there is aggression, deceit, domination, and untruths, all in the pursuit of outward excellence.

The sadness is that in denying our own failings we fail to face reality; we can pretend to others for a while, but we know what the case in our own lives is really! The bible is so encouraging when it tells us that yes, in denying our failings we deceive ourselves, but its whole story line faces the failure of human beings and shows God's work to bring us his forgiveness, his grace for change and commitment to stay with us. But it must begin with honesty, the admission things are not 100% ok, we've messed up.

As Easter approaches, we reflect on the life and death of Jesus, someone who was so successful in his life and yet was crucified, was that success or failure?

Jesus could have carried on doing his teaching and miracle work but in dying on the cross he achieved his greatest most successful

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action. On the cross in his death Jesus took on human failings, our sin and received in himself the penalty for human sin. Through his own death and resurrection Jesus has made peace for us with God and overcome death.

St Paul explains that the cross looked like failure to many but to those who are being saved' and receive God's grace it is his power and success.

Every blessing

David

**Mothering Sunday service .  
19 March – Northington/Swarraton Village Hall**

Children - Come and make posies, for Mums;  
Mums/Dads/Grandparents come and share a coffee/tea/cake and have a chat.

Come for coffee and posy making at 10.30 to be followed by a short service family mothering day service at 11.00 .  
The posies will be handed out after the service.

**Looking ahead to Easter.**

We will be doing a church, brass and graveyard clean up on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April and we welcome as many helpers as possible.

We will start at 10 and coffee etc when we have finished.

**Please make a note in the diary and join us!**


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## Sidesmen and Readers

<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sidesmen</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>St John's Northington</b>	5 March 11.00am	James & Rhona Hatchley	James & Rhona Hatchley
	2 April 11.00	Mark & Sophie Ashburton	Mark & Sophie Ashburton
<b>St Peter's Brown Candover</b>	26 March 11.00	Celia Foote	Rhys Smith & Pqaul Curtis Hayward
<b>St Mary The Virgin Preston Candover</b>	5 March 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Anne Luneburg
	12 March 10.00	Jane Laws	Anne Luneburg & Jane Laws
	19 March 10.00	Marina Avis	To be advised
	2 April 10.00	Anne Luneburg	Marina Avis
<b>All Saints Bradley</b>			
<b>St James' Wield</b>	5 March 9.30am	Brian Collins	Jonna Nelson Amanda Bromfield
	12 March 6.00pm	Alwin Hutchinson	Alwin Hutchinson Philip Geddes
	19 March 9.30am	Barbara Wells	Max Konig & A N Other
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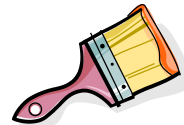
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## Memorial Woodland Landscape.

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February, the family of the Late Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover and residents of Preston Candover gathered at Common Bottom Clump to plant an oak tree in celebration of Lord Sainsbury's life. Lord Sainsbury died at his home on 14 January at the age of 95.

Invitations had been sent to all Preston Candover residents and many met to celebrate Lord Sainsbury's life and hear about the plans his family have for the land surrounding the tree.

Lord Sainsbury was passionate about woodland, the British countryside and Preston Candover where he lived for over 40 years. It seemed fitting, therefore, to create a place of natural beauty for the wider community to enjoy and appreciate. Fifty acres of land, just above the village shop and beside the vineyard, has been set aside to create a new woodland landscape.

A wonderful tree had been selected and Sarah, Lady Sainsbury's daughter, gave a much appreciated speech. Lady Sainsbury said that it made her very happy to see so many children, and hoped that they and their children would see the tree grow.

Rev David Chattell spoke movingly, addressing everyone, irrespective of faith, and blessed the tree and the use and enjoyment of the land. Many Preston Candover villagers were there, and there was a deep appreciation of all the generous gifts Lord Sainsbury has given to the village. It was a very special day, and before the planting, the village hall was packed, with refreshments including sausages being served.

It was a very moving event and something for the village to remember for a long time to come.

**Plans for the future** include the planting of a wild meadow which will surround the oak tree and onwards towards the woods. Further tree planting will take place in 2023 and 2024. There are also plans to formally designate a new public right of way which, when established, will link with two other footpaths to create a circular walk for the village. It will be a perfect place for people to walk and remember all that Lord Sainsbury has done for Preston Candover.



Children with a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough who are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

### Patient newsletter (cont.)

#### 2 - Hand hygiene

Handwashing is one of the most effective ways to stop germs from spreading. Regularly washing hands in soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when out and about can help you and your child to stay well and not pass on germs.

#### 3 - Catching coughs and sneezes

Using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes and then binning it before washing your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser can help to stop infection from spreading.

Teaching children this habit and providing them with tissues will help them to not pass on germs when they are unwell. Our e-bug resources for Early

Years can help you to explain to your child what good hygiene habits are, how they can practise them and why they are important.

#### 4 – Get vaccinated

Flu vaccination is still available for all eligible age groups and is the best protection against the virus.

We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness.

Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with. Children are offered the quick and painless nasal spray vaccine.

Children eligible include:

- Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August in 2022
- All primary school-aged children
- Some secondary school-aged children
- Children aged 2 to 17 years with long-term health conditions.

You can find more information on getting your child vaccinated against flu, [here](#).

For adults, both flu and COVID-19 vaccinations remain available. You can read about who is eligible on the NHS UK website.

#### 5 – Use NHS resources for more information about winter illnesses

Most winter illnesses can be managed at home and NHS UK has lots of information available to parents:

- Information about flu symptoms and treating them at home
- Information about COVID-19 in children
- Information about scarlet fever symptoms and managing the illness
- Information about fevers in children and how to manage them

## Patient newsletter (cont.)

- We will aim to make our newsletters free from jargon and as timely and informative as we can. We will also look at how we use other methods of getting information out to our patients.
- Our receptionists have been trained to ask some basic questions about your condition in order to direct you to the most appropriate appointment and with the most appropriate clinician. This may be with your usual GP to discuss

an ongoing problem, or it may be another service at the surgery such as a musculoskeletal assessment with a physiotherapist or a service such as the Minor Eye Conditions Service at one of the local participating opticians. We are very grateful to all who participated in our survey.

### Adult Flu

We still have a small supply of flu vaccines available for any at risk 18–64-year-old.

If you would like to book in for your flu job, please contact Reception.

### Back to school - 5 things to do to help manage winter illness

As students start to return to school, it's important to be aware of the winter illnesses currently circulating and the best ways to protect your child and others. In this blog, we set out some of the simple actions that parents of school age children can take to help protect their families and those around them.

What's the current situation?

We are seeing high levels of flu and COVID-19, which is likely to continue in coming weeks. We are also still seeing high numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by the bacteria Group A streptococcus. You can read more information about strep A here. Read more about the symptoms of scarlet fever here.

There are things we can all do to help stop the spread of infections; teaching young people to do these things will help them to stay well and protect others.

1 - Staying home when unwell

Knowing when your child should stay at home from school or nursery if they are poorly can help slow the spread of many winter illnesses.

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomits, they should stay off school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their symptoms clear up. Adults should try to stay home when unwell too.



## Visit the new Winery at The Grange – Burges Field vineyard?

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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July      Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August      Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
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**Memorial Woodland Landscape.**  
The picture on page 12 was taken by Tara Paul



## Walking with Wildlife, Robert Bryant

As I step outside one fine Sunday morning, four long-tailed tits dart onto the suet-ball feeder hanging from the apple tree just in front of me. With tails a-quiver these fluffy bobbles of pink, white and black, tap away at the tallow with their tiny beaks. Following a long cold night they feed frantically, seemingly oblivious to me.

Glancing towards the bottom of the garden, I'm distracted by a large flock of finches flying up from the back field to perch in the canopy of a silver birch. Well-spaced out, each bird seems to bask in the glow of the rising sun, lighting up goldfinches, linnets, chaffinches and their Nordic cousins, some bramblings.

As the sunlight filters through the winter beeches framing the easterly skyline of Northington Down, so the full moon with a pinkish tinge slowly sinks behind the backdrop of Micheldever Woods stretching far to the west.

In early February, the full moon around Candlemas links with the mass blooming of snowdrops along the Candover Valley. Within the space of a few days, drifts of snowdrops, bright white, suddenly appear in favoured spots. Some line the grassy banks above the flowing brook; others spread beneath wayside hedges and copses. Possibly not a native wildflower, I suspect most were planted and left to naturalise, extending year on year. Many though are found by chance, to delight winter walks, planted in discrete clumps and patches.

Heading off to follow the trail running from Itchen Wood to Itchen Stoke Down (part of the Watercress Way), I pass through a landscape still deep in winter slumber. The wayside hedges, twiggy thickets, are neatly topped and trimmed. The frosted verges erupt here and there with earthen heaps of mole hills. Badgers have clearly been rummaging around, snouting for grubs and earthworms, leaving snuffle holes. The first green flutes of arum leaves unfurl on the bare ground beneath the hedges. Here along the sunny side of a verge I find clumps of snowdrops, the white bells a sign that winter is drawing to a close.

Robert Bryant  
7<sup>th</sup> February '23



## The Alresford Surgery

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### Patient Survey 2022 Results

We carried out a short survey in November 2022 and we are pleased to present the results. Firstly, there were five questions and the findings from those are as follows:

- 68% of respondents reported that they were satisfied or very satisfied with being able to book an appointment of their choice.
- 89.4% of respondents felt we communicate well or extremely well.
- 68% of respondents found being redirected to other services such as minor eye conditions service or musculoskeletal assessment helpful or very helpful.
- 79% of respondents felt we responded well or extremely well to the Covid pandemic.
- Overall, 74.5% of respondents are satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the service they receive from Alresford Surgery.

As well as the five questions the survey included the facility to add comments. Summarising the comments, you said:

*I'd like a face-to-face appointment with the doctor of my choice, at a convenient time and easily bookable either online or on the telephone without a long wait.*

We have looked carefully at the comments and, considering the results of the questions too we have undertaken the following actions:

- More clinicians – two additional GPs starting work at Alresford Surgery in early 2023.
- Working with the other local practices we are now offering evening and weekend appointments.
- Our telephone system, and in particular the queueing system, came in for much criticism. We are working closely with our telecoms supplier to try and make improvements.
- We are making many more GP appointments available to book online.
- Patients can choose whether they would prefer a face-to-face or telephone appointment, at the point of booking.

## WEATHERWISE By Simon Bourne

Summary of weather observations taken at Northington Down  
in January 2023

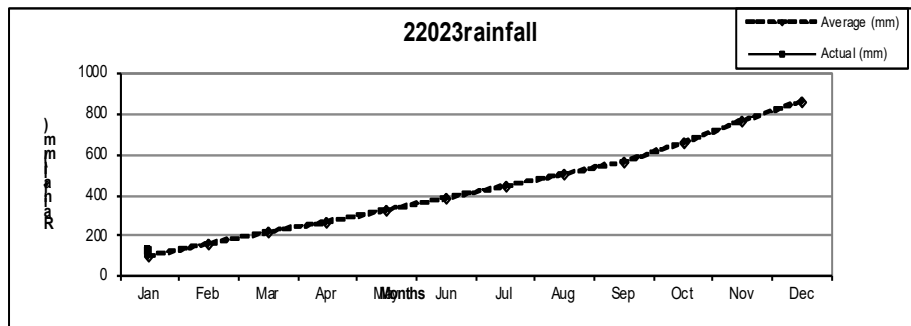
### Temperatures (degrees centigrade/Fahrenheit)

Highest	12.5/55	(4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> )
Lowest	-8.7/16	(23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Warmest Night	8.4/47	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Coollest Day	-0.3/31	(17 <sup>th</sup> )
Average maximum temperature	8.2/47	
Average minimum temperature	-0.2/32	
Number of air frosts	13	

### Rainfall (millimetres/inches)

Monthly total & annual total	125.7/4.95	(average 95.3/3.75)
Maximum 24hr. fall	20.3/0.80	(13 <sup>th</sup> )
Number of days with rain	18	

**Summary** The unsettled and mild conditions from the previous month continued into January. It was wet and windy at times, with heavy showers including hail on the 8<sup>th</sup>. There was measurable rain on each of the first fifteen days by which time the average total for the month had been exceeded. High pressure was the dominant feature in the second half of the month and there was sunny weather with clear skies at the end of the third week. Temperatures were significantly colder with hard overnight frosts, and the daytime temperature did not rise above freezing on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There was morning fog on the 25<sup>th</sup> which failed to lift completely and returned by late afternoon. Temperatures gradually edged towards near normal in the final week but overall, this mid-winter month was colder than average whilst rainfall was a third above the norm.



## Swarraton and Northington WI

There was a very good turn out for our February meeting when Lt..Col. Jeremy Prescott gave an excellent illustrated talk entitled '90 Minutes at Entebbe.' Jeremy took us back to 1976 and Operation Thunderbolt. Many of us remembered the raid but little of the detail and were fascinated by the careful, bold planning carried out by the Israeli military elite force, The Tip of the Spear, as they rescued the hostages from the Air France plane trapped by the terrorists in Entebbe airport.

We were reminded of the roles played by Simon Perez, Yitzhak Rabin, the duplicitous Idi Amin and Sadat Arafat. In the assault on the building, 7 terrorists were killed, 4 Ugandan soldiers and 3 Israeli hostages. The commanding Israeli officer Yonatan Netanyahu was killed by a bullet from the control tower. His brother Benjamin later became Prime Minister of Israel.

Dora Bloch, one of the hostages taken to hospital in Uganda and Bruce McKenzie, a British civil servant working in Kenya were later murdered, ordered by Idi Amin, in revenge for the attack.

Jeremy, a retired army officer of 26 years, speaks to raise funds for Combat Stress and has given 448 presentations to over 16,000 people in his mission to honour the Sacrifice and Remembrance of military personnel who have fought for their country. He talked of his work to make sure memorials are maintained and assist relatives in finding the memorials of loved ones.

Jeremy has raised £26,000 for Combat Stress to support those suffering for mental health issues as a result of active service.

During the meeting members were invited to sign up for the planned visit to Stratfield Saye on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

There was also the opportunity to vote for one of the four the NFWI Resolutions on the short list.

**Date of the next meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2pm in Swarraton Hall**  
**Our Speaker will be Jackie Dimmock – (Retired Police Officer)**  
**'The Good, The Bad and the Downright Funny.'** Followed by tea.  
**Do come along. Visitors and guests are always welcome.**

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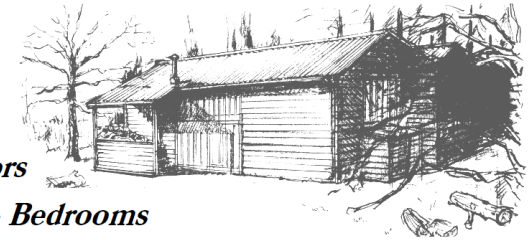
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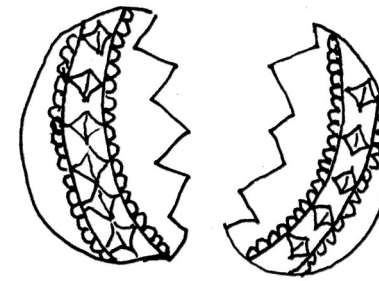
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## Candover Valley Gardening Club

We thoroughly enjoyed our first meeting of 2023 when Gillian Taylor gave her talk, "For the Love of Roses" which was very interesting as most of us have roses in our gardens. She showed beautiful colourful slides of the many different varieties she grows, including those with fragrant scent, repeat flowering and large hips. She prefers companion planting to having bare

soil around rose bushes and suggested blue plants like Nepeta and Scabious go well with the pinks and whites. She demonstrated her favourite tools and suggested some local rose gardens which had given her inspiration which we might like to visit.

On Thursday 16th March at 7:30pm in the Preston Candover Village Hall, we will firstly hold a brief AGM then our speaker will be Malcolm Moodie on Growing Orchids in the Home. Malcolm has been growing orchids for 35 years. This will be a practical talk with a repotting demonstration using members' plants. He will discuss the 'supermarket;' orchid which many of us will have but also other families of the plants. Our annual subscription of £12:00 will be due and our new exciting programme of talks and garden visits will be available for collection so if you have been tempted to join our Club, now is an excellent time to do so. Guests are welcome to join us for £3:00 for the evening.

To find out more 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>



## Wield Cricket Club AGM

### In the Yew Tree, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 8.00 pm

Please support your local cricket club and come along to the AGM; there will be a chance to have a few beers after the business part of the evening.

#### *Dates for your Calendar:*

**AGM – 9 March in the Yew Tree**

**Junior Coaching Starts – 19 April**

**Ladies Social – Thursday 20 April, Supper in the Yew Tree**

**Senior Season begins – 30 April/7 May**

**Coronation Charity Match: Upper v Lower Wield – 8 May**

For further information about any aspect of the club, please contact:

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## **On the Farm - Ben Robinson**

I write this article on the evening before the annual National Farmers' Union Conference in Birmingham. It's a pretty lively event, with 1500 farmers from across England and Wales heading to for two days to listen to our representatives, politicians and other speakers of note. It's a younger crowd than people outside the industry might expect, which surprises the nearby Walkabout Aussie bar when several hundred farmers file in to line up Jaegarbombs on a normally quiet February Tuesday night. You can tell an election is nearing as this year the Conference is being swamped by politicians, with addresses expected by PM Rishi Sunak, Kier Starmer, Theresa Coffey the DEFRA secretary and Mark Spencer the farming minister. Even if MPs have no particular interest in farming as such many are aware that government policy on; food security and affordability, biodiversity, the environment and Net Zero cannot be achieved without harnessing the 75% of the country that is farmland and the farmers that manage that land.

One of the standout speakers from last year was the President of the World Farmers Union, South African Theo de Jager. His fascinating speech definitely put into context the often parochial issues we face here compared with the challenges farmers from rural Africa have to combat. To my knowledge a herd of elephants has never destroyed a whole village in the Candovers, locusts have never eaten all the crops in Hampshire and it's been at least a couple of hundred years since Wield fought Medstead in a pitched battle-though 'Battle Corner' named after an earlier skirmish is just down the road from the farm.

The sheep continue to move around many cover crops in the area. A new trial this winter is my lambs grazing some early drilled wheat. The theory is that light grazing encourages the wheat to grow back strongly as the temperatures warm up. The crop doesn't go into the Spring so lush which means there is less of a disease burden and a fungicide spray or two can usually be dropped. This kind of management was common up until the Second World War when modern chemistry rendered a mixed farming approach to wheat growing less necessary.

The eagle eyed among you may have spied a new shed that has gone up in the yard. This will increase the number of sheep we can lamb indoors, as well as housing straw for the winter. Outside straw stacks make a bit of a mess and it would be good to get away from them. Investing is always a bit of a gamble, but I generally prefer investing in buildings and livestock than machinery. A shed doesn't depreciate as much as a new tractor, and it doesn't take me as long to find out how it all works!

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**If you would like to know more or would like to come and try us out (there are no auditions), do contact:**

**Julian Jones, Choir Chairman, on:**

**[juliang.jones@btinternet.com](mailto:juliang.jones@btinternet.com)**

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### **It was a delight to wish the Kauras well after over 20 years at Kings Worthy Post Office.**

Like everyone in our Post offices across the division, they have given sterling service, started early every morning, working seven days a week - so they deserve a break! Our thanks must go to Liz Kavanagh (and all of you) who raised funds through crowdfunder towards their post-retirement holiday! Thank you to all their newspaper deliverers too.

**I hear from residents who have concerns about paying for a service that aren't up to scratch.** This ranges from a Warmer Homes scheme to a Newspaper Delivery service.

**HCC's Trading Standards** have a contract with Citizens Advice to enable residents to register consumer queries and complaints. Below is the website link, but you can search 'Citizens Advice' and choose the 'consumer' tab. You can phone too: 0808 223 1133  
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/>

### **Lent came quickly after Dry January this year!**

**HCC's Public Health Director, Simon Bryant** recently briefed County Councillors on the County's renewed Drug and Alcohol strategy. Over 1/4 million people in Hampshire are drinking more than 14 units a week. Most of us don't know exactly what this means for our own drinking habits. If you'd like to know more about the units and calories in alcohol with information, advice and a 'help' button please use this link to the website, or I can post information through your door on request.  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/alcoholawareness>

**HCC's Revenue Budget was finalised in February** so that you receive your Council Tax demand in time for the new financial year 23/24.

HCC is budgeting turnover of around £2.6 billion. There is an expected £58m budget to fund, even after using some reserves to plug the spending gap. HCC proposed 4.99% increase (ie: £1460.25 for Band D, an increase of £1.34 a week or £69.68 a year). **Capital Funding** over the next three years is expected to be £645.3m- much of this is generated by funds from developers for schools etc.

**Waste sites take many forms, but the County's Minerals and Waste plan has to cover them all.** This includes mineral extraction, and incineration as well as the disposal of domestic and commercial waste.

I made a full response to the County's Minerals and Waste draft plan

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## **What's new on the shelves**

Look out for a new range of puddings from Cartmel, including sticky toffee, ginger and chocolate. Crumbles also feature and some desserts-for-one, are also available. Individually wrapped squares of scrumptious-ness from The Homemade Brownie Company make perfect partners to a relaxing hot drink. Find them right next to the coffee machine! Garry is now baking a variety of cob loaves in store. These are available most mornings at a range of prices, depending on type.

## **Mothering Sunday – 19 March**

Choose from a tempting selection of gifts, flowers, chocolates and wines to suit every mother's taste. Please support your community store by shopping locally and have a chat while you're visiting!

## **Easter opening hours**

Please make a note of the changes to store and post office opening hours over the Easter period.

**Good Friday 7 April** – store open 8.00am to 4.00pm. Post office closed.

**Easter Saturday 8 April** – store open 8.30am to 5.00pm. Post office open 9.00am to 12.30pm

**Easter Sunday 9 April** – store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed.

**Easter Monday 10 April** – store open 8.30am to 12.30pm. Post office closed.

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# Candover Valley Store

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### *Store trading hours    Post Office hours*

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including:-

- objection to the principle of extraction of oil and gas.
- objection to the principle of waste sites remaining forever as waste sites: a policy which would render the county littered with waste sites.
- objection to the principle of waste sites in rural areas using smaller roads. I proposed that sites should only be serviced by main trunk roads.
- safeguarding for inland rail depots: sites must link direct to trunk roads: uses should not include waste treatment or processing.

I hope that these measures could protect residents' environment in the division (litter, noise, smell, light etc) whilst ensuring we have well run minerals and waste sites to accommodate the range of recyclable materials as opportunities increase.

**Cart and Horses junction:** our campaign hasn't stopped: but we are still awaiting the (very slow) Accident Investigation report. I will update you, hopefully very soon.

Meanwhile the **National Highways M3 junction 9** application is now with the Planning Inspectorate. For the timeline and more information, please see information on [www.nationalhighways.co.uk](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk)

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**Candover Valley Pre-School** (within Preston Candover Primary School)

**Tel:** 01256-389008

**Email:** cvpadmin@btconnect.com

**Website:** <https://www.candovervalleypreschool.co.uk/>

**Opening times:** Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 3.15pm Fri 8.30 - 11.45pm

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**Hello from CVP!**

We have been exploring the Lunar New Year with some research online, incorporating some traditional lion and dragon dancing, tasting new foods at snack, role playing the Zodiac story and exploring Chinese writing. Our noodle sensory experience were a great way for the little ones to practice using tweezers or chop sticks to pick up objects and numbers!

There is always such enthusiasm for our afternoon exercise sessions and the children are practicing a lot of different ways to move their bodies. We have been implementing extra playdough gym sessions to help gross and fine motor skill development. Playdough is very mindful, a great stress reliever, fantastic for developing scissor cutting skills and pre-writing strength in little hands.

The little ones have had so much fun re-enacting The Three Little Pigs, repeating the key phrases with great expression, pretending to build houses, running away from the wolf and lots of laughter as the wolf fell into the soup and ran off never to be seen again.

**Lisa Collisson**

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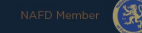
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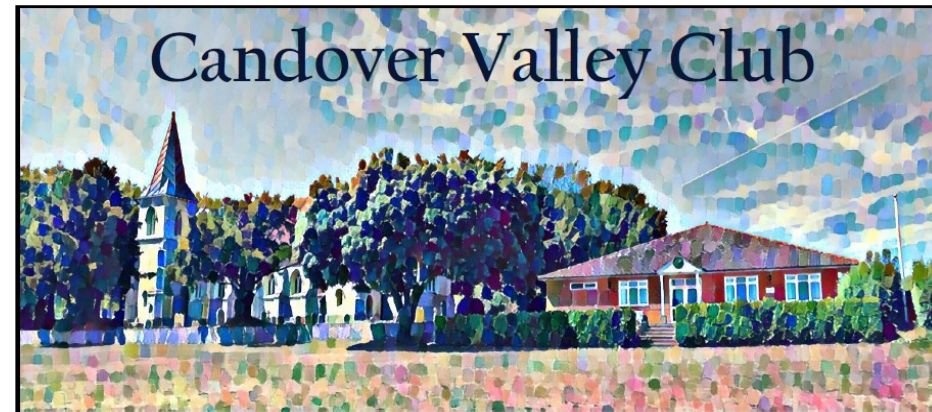
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