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Dear Friends,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Area Dean for Whitchurch Deanery. I am currently Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of All Hallows, Whitchurch and Tufton and Litchfield and have been in post in our Diocese over two years. Before this, my wife Amy and I were Mission Partners with Church Mission Society based in Beirut, Lebanon where we led the International Congregation of All Saints Anglican Church in the Diocese of Jerusalem. Life there was very different (as you might imagine), for starters we had a lorry load of soldiers outside Church on a Sunday morning because ISIS had threatened to bomb our building. Anyway, I can tell more of these stories another time!

As Area Dean, my role is to assist the Bishop with Episcopal care and leadership across the Deanery with our wonderful, dedicated team of Clergy and lay leaders; we have a vision to see our local network of churches thrive in ministry and mission in these strange and challenging times of COVID-19. We are working very hard to open our church buildings for private prayer, although CofE and Government guidelines seem to change daily. Please be assured, we want to do this safely, and need volunteers to help facilitate this. We have just been notified funeral services can now take place in church buildings, but not public worship or weddings or baptisms... as this goes to print, no doubt this will have changed again!

Another sobering issue of note, is how lock-down has adversely affected the finances of the Church of England nationally, and certainly our own Diocese. In the last year Diocesan Synod asked Bishop Tim to review the deployment of Clergy across the Diocese, and so I ask you to pray with me for our Bishops and the difficult decisions they must make. Potential consultations will be taking place across the whole Diocese to consider how Benefices may merge, and so we must be open to how we can embrace change to positively serve our rural community in the future. This is a good time for our churches to be honest about finances and welcome generosity from those wishing to bless our mission.

Whether in Beirut or Winchester, when writing a Vicar's letter, I always sense the need to ensure we maintain a '*Kingdom of God*' perspective that focuses us on the reality of our Christian faith. In May the world wide Church celebrated the day of Pentecost. 2000 Years ago the early church was born and through many trials and persecutions it has never capitulated. And it will not do so in 2020. The *Thy Kingdom Come* initiative led by Archbishop Justin Welby, reminds us that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. This Hope of Glory, lives in our hearts and enables us to bring new life and transformation to our homes and communities with the peace of Christ. This is the Good News, the living water of life that can never be watered down.

Keep the faith and keep believing!

Grace and peace

David

The Reverend David Roche
Area Dean, Whitchurch Deanery

Corona Virus Suspension of Worship in Church

We are waiting to know when our services can resume in our benefice churches. But we are now hopeful we won't have to wait too long.



The Benefice Live Stream Service

We have now been 'zooming' for three months. **The live Sunday service is at 11 am.** The details can be obtained by emailing one of the church wardens or me. It is approximately 35 minutes with two hymns, a reading, reflection, prayers and blessing. Each week there is something different and everyone in the family can join. With a cup of coffee, and in a comfy chair it's all very easy. At the end we all go into breakout rooms to say hello to a few others for 5 minutes.

We have no idea what July will hold with regard to open churches, services and social distancing. But when we do, we will let you know. *Dodie*



Every alternate Thursday we have a **Home Communion at 6pm.** The **July** dates for these are **2nd** and **16th.** It's only about 1/2 hour and it is a more traditional service. No sermon, the bread and wine are not blessed but we receive them symbolically.



Saturday 4th July &
Saturday 18th July @ 11 am



The link for any of these services is available from Dodie or any of the church wardens.

Benefice Contacts during the interregnum period:

For the duration of the interregnum Karen Morrison (Longparish) has kindly agreed to be the Benefice Team Co-ordinator.

Phone calls to the St Mary Bourne vicarage will be diverted to Karen's home phone and she will be fielding all calls that currently go to the vicarage.

For all enquires about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact Karen in the Benefice Office
☎ **01264 738308** or
e: office.brightwaters@btinternet.com

In an emergency, or if you wish to contact the Rev Canon Dodie Marsden, please
☎ **01264 738 211** or
email: **dodie.marsden@gmail.com**

If you are unable to contact Dodie in an emergency, please call ☎ **01264 720 215** or ☎ **01264 738 489.**

• For details of **Roman Catholic Services** in Whitchurch or Andover ☎ **01264 352829**

• **Methodist Minister** for our parishes: The Revd Rachel Borgars, 11 Lapwing Rise, Whitchurch, RG28 7SU ☎ **01256 895878** or email: **rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk**

From the Church Registers

Funerals

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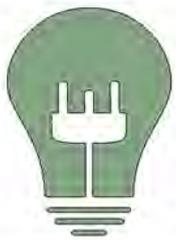
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Sunday 28th June is St. Peter's Day

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We are making our St Peter's Day appeal this year to raise funds for the maintenance of **the fabric of the church building** and to equip the church with **a new audio-visual system**.

The condition of the church fabric is inspected on a regular basis and we are awaiting the findings of this architectural inspection. We are anticipating some issues that will need to be resolved, of particular concern is the deterioration of **the condition of the church's tiled roof**.

Following the success of the on-line services during the present period of Lockdown we are intending to also invest in enhancing the church with **an audio-visual system**. This will enable us to continue and to develop the online initiative with the Church as centre of the Village for generations to come.

In the past your generosity has been amazing, and it is always very much appreciated.

*If you pay the appropriate amount of tax, please **Gift Aid** your contribution as this gives an extra 25p for every £1.00.*

Please would you put your donation into an envelope marked **'St. Peter's Gift'** and please add *Gift Aid, your name and address* in order that we may claim the Gift Aid. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to collect in person this year therefore please drop your envelope into either:

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the top right hand of the page. We appear about three-page scrolls down... first in the Charities list.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ian Ellis Church Warden

Eve Lind-Smith

Rev Canon Dodie Marsden



St Peter's Church

We will be open for private prayer on

Tuesdays from 4 – 6 pm & Thursdays: 9.30 - 11.30 am

We will let you know as soon as we hear our churches are open for services. Dodie

Parish Council News

Parish Clerk

Jo Exelby has been Clerk to the Parish Council for the last three years but gave up the role at the end of June having moved away from the parish. Jo has been an outstanding clerk and has made many changes and updated our systems to increase the efficiency of the council. I would like to thank her on behalf of everyone in the parish for her hard work and diligence and wish her well for the future. Taking over as Clerk is Ben Sawyer who lives in St Mary Bourne with his family. I wish Ben good luck in his new role and look forward to working with him. The contact details for the Parish Clerk remain the same - ☎ 01264 738 039 - email: clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk

David Peart *Chair, St Mary Bourne Parish Council*

Parish council meetings

The parish council will currently meet only when required to discuss urgent business and these meetings will be held remotely. As usual, notice of any meeting will be published four days in advance on the parish council website, the noticeboards and on Bourne Valley Signpost. You will be able to access the meeting remotely, but to allow for smooth running, if you are planning to raise a matter with the parish council you are asked to submit it in writing in advance to clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk. If the matter is not urgent then please wait to bring your issue to a meeting later in the year.

All planning applications for the parish of St Mary Bourne can be looked up by visiting the parish council website **www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk** - go to 'Planning' and 'Planning Tracker' and use the options available - or by contacting the Parish Council Clerk ☎ 01264 738 039.

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A helping hand – well mask, actually...

As lockdown continues to ease and more public spaces open up, to help minimise the spread of any virus, people are being asked to wear a mask when visiting, shopping, travelling outside the home, etc.

With the help of several local helpers, who have fantastic sewing machine skills, (or donated from the Community Hub) around 180 masks have been distributed through-out the parish to those who may start to be venturing out, following their enforced 'hibernation' period.

A huge thanks to all those who found the time to make the masks and also those who (responsibly) helped distribute last weekend. It's what makes the whole parish so wonderful.

As we are all becoming aware, the purpose of a mask is to help minimise any nasty germs becoming airborne – and so try to prevent them being inhaled or absorbed through eyes, by others. However the best way to help prevent the spread and contract any bugs remains to frequently wash your hands (or use appropriate gels), wear the mask in public, try not to touch surfaces, unless you really need to, and minimise hand to face contact.

If anyone missed out and feel they need a helping hand, please do let the hub know – we can't promise to deliver on every request as we have limited funds, but we will do all we can. Importantly, we do have the ear of Basingstoke Council Health and Wellbeing and so can escalate certain matters. If anyone would like to be added to our communication list, please either email hub@stmarybourne.org (don't worry your details will not be shared) or leave your name and number with SMB shop and they will be passed on.

As lockdown continues to ease, remember to continue to take care and socialise responsibly – but importantly enjoy the great outdoors in which we live and revitalise mental and physical health. We look forward to seeing you out and about.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

As lockdown starts to ease and we are all getting used to a new normal, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful shop team for serving the community so well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lara and her team have continued to provide a fantastic service under difficult and ever-changing circumstances, and always served us with a smile ☺. It has certainly been challenging trying to keep the shop stocked to meet ever increasing demand for toilet roll, eggs and flour (to name but a few!), and the home delivery service has been invaluable to many that have been self-isolating.

Once again, the shop has proved that it truly is at the heart of our community, looking after us all in good times and bad. Whilst we will continue to adapt to new "normals", and we are certainly not "out of the woods" as far as this pandemic goes, now felt like the right time to say a big thank you and to recognise the whole team for everything they do. So, to Lara, Gordon, Nadeen, Gwen, Emma, Ruby, Sam, Harry, Thomas and all our delivery drivers and volunteers we say Thank you!

Jo Boxer (SMB Village Shop Chair)

As the lockdown starts to ease, we see life slowly shaping into something sort of resembling our old lives but not quite. The shop has increased its hours to 9 – 5 Monday to Friday; 9 – 4 on Saturdays and 9 – 3 on Sundays, which is almost back to where it was. We've started to see some volunteers return to the shop and hope that this will continue to increase as we get used to our new ways of working. However, you may have noticed that someone has been missing during lockdown as our lovely Gwen has been staying at home to keep her and Ray safe, and we have missed her. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her back into the shop as soon as she is able and happy to do so.

Earlier this year Gwen decided that she would like to start to reduce her hours and step down from her Assistant Manager's position with a view to retiring at the end of the year. So, we have been on the hunt for a new Assistant Manager and our search is over!

Charlotte Reid, who lives in the village and has two children, will be joining us from the 1st July. Charlotte will be a great asset to the team who I know will fit in really well. Having lived in the village for the last six years and having previously volunteered in the shop, she may well be a face you know already. We very much look forward to welcoming her to the team and cannot wait to see how she helps develop the shop. In the meantime, it's my job to ensure we continue to give you the best shop we possibly can, balancing affordability and choice across an ever-increasing range of products. The rest of June will see a price review done on all of our fresh produce as well as some of the grocery lines and an increase to our range of 'Food to Go' which we reduced during lockdown. I'm on the hunt for better sandwiches and snacks and we will be increasing our range of sausage rolls and hot snacks too. Our beloved coffee machine is back up and running and we will increase our range and consistency of cold drinks and ice creams to keep you all refreshed!

Happy July everyone.

Lara and the team

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Not unusually, I spent my 20s living, working, eating and drinking my way around London. It was an excellent decade, but one where certain dreams and hopes for the future were put on the backburner to make the most of city living. As a trained chef, I spent time working in the food industry, indulging in London's incredible food scene and cooking up feasts for friends. Supper Clubs were becoming a 'thing' and I spent time dreaming of hosting my own.

Flash forward to married life, 2 young daughters and a move to the country – old passions and dreams have had more time and space to develop and my desire to get back into the food industry has resurfaced. Despite not working with food for some time, it has remained a dominating passion in my life and recently the idea of becoming a Supper Club host started to creep back into my mind. We are lucky enough to have a range of fantastic pubs and restaurants in and around the Bourne Valley, but I thought maybe something a little different could be a welcome alternative. The wheels started clicking into motion and the Bourne Valley Supper Club was born.

The plan – once a month my (maybe slightly begrudging) husband and I would host an informal, social Supper Club in our home and use it to showcase both seasonal ingredients and our incredible local food businesses and producers. Both of these elements are really important to my personal approach to food. The season's produce reflects what our bodies crave and different crops have a chance to shine throughout the year. I love that asparagus season feels like a real treat when it comes along in May and don't get me started on the joy of collecting my first punnet of juicy strawberries from the PYO – supermarket berries in December shipped in from Egypt just can't compare. By eating seasonally, we are all able to eat and shop closer to home; saving food miles, the environment and supporting local farmers.

It is also a great opportunity to share some of the very special food businesses and producers we have discovered since moving down here. We are lucky in the Bourne Valley and Hampshire area to be surrounded by some incredible produce. Watercress, lamb, trout, cheese, wine... The list really does go on and we can't wait to share them with you.

As some of you may know, after a successful trial run our first sold-out supper was planned for March 19, 2020. As Covid-19 started to take its grip on the nation there was no other option than to postpone... Like thousands of other events and businesses, the Bourne Valley Supper Club was put on firm hold.

Despite this, we have been working on something potentially even more exciting - our '**At Home**' supper club. 3 course meals delivered to your door, and with a final bit of heating and finishing you can have a taste of our supper club in your own home. Every other Thursday we will be delivering new seasonal feasts. Our 3 course meal costs £25 per person. Menus will be up on our website and social media platforms on the Sunday before and orders need to be in by Monday 5pm.

All the information you should need is on our website at www.bournevalleysupperclub.com or you can search for Bourne Valley Supper Club on Facebook and Instagram. This is a funny old time in the hospitality world and we would love the chance to bring an alternative dining experience straight to your home. We look forward to hopefully feeding you all soon.

Livvy Seys



Lower your food miles

Small local farms and outlets including our own village shop have been working very hard to supply everyone over the last few months when they were needed. Now that their sudden popularity is less, and some people are drifting back to the supermarkets they need our continued support and maybe some new customers. Shopping locally is good for the environment and good for our health, especially if we can walk or cycle to the shop. In these days of uncertainty about the safety of food production, the increasing animal welfare issues and the new threat of poor-quality American food imports, we can be reassured by seeing where our food comes from. Here is a list of some local farmers and smallholders who produce and supply seasonal home-grown food.

Bourne Valley PYO has to be mentioned first as we enter the main season for fruit and vegetables. They are now fully open 9 to 5pm and there are takeaway hot drinks and ice creams at the cafe with stock at the shop as well.

Oaktrack Smallholding is a little haven of peace just before the Hare and Hounds pub selling their own ethically raised meat, flowers and vegetables plus various produce from local suppliers. It has a wonderful plant area and may have a wandering animal with a story to tell as well. Customers can now go in freely with social distancing to explore plants and the yard while waiting to enter the small shop. Open Wednesday to Saturday 9.30am to 2pm and till 5pm on Fridays. You can browse or orders can be taken by phone 735322 or 07933764305 Mondays and Tuesdays or email littlehatherdenplants@hotmail.co.uk. It also supplies our shop.

Greenfield Pork based at Broughton breeds free range high welfare pigs on a family run farm. It has opened a new farm shop in Anna Valley selling every conceivable type of pork and supplies our shop. Enquiries 359422.

Hill View Farm Grass Fed Beef at Weyhill is run by Francis Dixon and his parents and sells occasional boxes of their own high welfare beef. Ring Francis on 738904 to put an order in for the next one available or keep an eye on their Facebook page.

Harroway Organic Gardens on the Kingsclere road north of Whitchurch is open on Thursday to Saturday 9:00am until 6:00pm though sometimes if all the stock is sold on Saturday, they close a bit early. They grow a large variety of vegetables and sell local honey, cheese and eggs plus organic veg boxes for £15 to order. Phone 01256895346 or email hogveg@hotmail.com

Bere Mill in Whitchurch sells meat from their own cattle and sheep. You can walk through their fields on the Mills walk. These are small herds, so availability varies, but they do free delivery of pre-ordered boxes. Phone 07815904084

Laverstoke Park Farm in Overton supplies many outlets with organic buffalo cheeses, black pudding and ice cream plus sparkling wine, lager, and ale. Details of their farm and suppliers is on their website or phone 01256772800.

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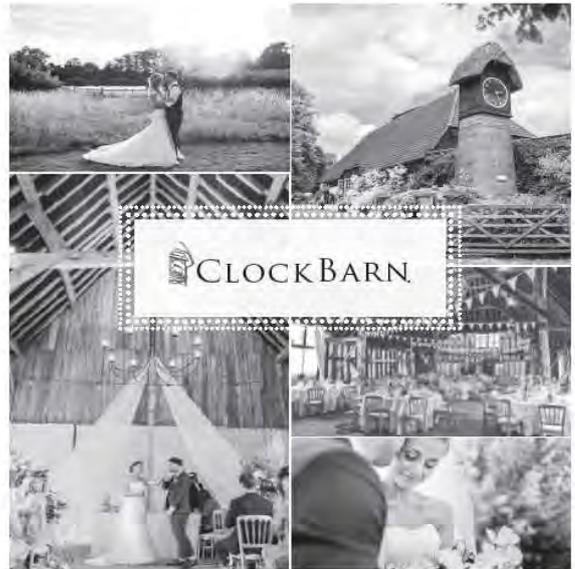
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Postcard from Binley - June 2020

The beautification of Binley continues as Peter Corbett renews all the livestock fencing on the downs. By the looks of it the old fence has been up since the Iron Age so even Peter would admit he's had his money's worth. The chaps that are doing it are cracking on at quite a speed, they must have done miles of it and there are even new gates with fancy stiles. It's all looking terribly posh!

Yesterday evening I was sat on the terrace enjoying a glass or six and we could hear a lamb bleating in the field behind us. My wife, who knows about such things suggested it was in trouble and that I should go and take a look. Sure enough a lamb had his head stuck in the fence and his little horns were caught in the wire. For smallish animals they are strong little rascals and we had a good five-minute tussle before he was out. By way of thanks he headbutted my right knee and I went down like Gazza in the 1991 Fa Cup Final. I took his number (32) and if he finds himself in trouble again, he can go whistle! Or bleat!

I hobbled back to my seat situated under an old vine that overlooks a part of the garden that I have deliberately left unattended. Shrubs, rambling roses, ornamental trees all jostle for attention and the area attracts a variety of nesting birds. At present a squadron of long tailed tits have fledged and are whizzing around like Messerschmitt's showing remarkable flying skills through what is pretty dense undergrowth. There is something delightfully cheeky about them and they have become my favourite tit.

I was away early from the house this morning and took a drive up the valley toward Hurstbourne Tarrant just as the sun rose over Juniper Down. It touched the water meadows to my left, the Bourne now choked with brook water crowfoot covered in blossom. The cattle, grazing with their young calves turned their flanks to the early warmth and drank deeply from the stream. As I climbed Hurstbourne Hill, the hedgerows either side were a tangle of white elderflower and dog roses, the valley beneath a cloudless sky was a patchwork quilt of green, golden and ochre, the result of the driest spring in living memory. I was high enough to be able to look down on a Kite as it rode the thermals in search of carrion and as I reached the crest a single roe buck emerged from Doll's wood and stood statue still.....

*"Out of the mid-wood's twilight, into the meadow's dawn,
Ivory limbed and brown-eyed, flashes my Faun!"*

I'm quoting Oscar again.

I'd received a telephone call at 5.00 am to tell me that someone close and very dear to me had passed on. I was on my way to say farewell and it occurred to me how very sad it was that they had been cheated out of seeing what was the beginning of such an extraordinarily beautiful day. How very selfish I was to take it all for granted, but you get like that living here. I must learn not to. Jeff Harrison, a respected resident of Binley once managed to convince me that grapes were still one of my "five a day" even when they have been trodden, fermented and bottled. I took that health tip like a fat trout takes a Mayfly and I recently tried this line out on a nurse at Derrydown clinic. She was having none of it and sent me packing with a flea in my ear and a leaflet explaining dietary do's and don'ts for overweight middle-aged men. You've probably seen it. It has a picture of various vegetables and grains plus two dead oily fish on the front with bloodshot eyes that stare straight into your soul! When I got home the wife started on me, bandying awful words around like "new regime", "discipline" and "exercise". I reminded her I'm not fond of "discipline" and prefer "old regime's" and "loafing about" but it fell on deaf ears. Sat out on the terrace and puffing on a nourishing cigar I took a look at this cunningly worded bit of propaganda and it depressed me so much I found myself reaching for the bottle. Good grief! Who eats this stuff? "Granola"? I thought that was a place in Spain? What with this, the crashing economy and the Corona virus it's no wonder I like the odd drink! One is positively driven to the stuff!

But one of the benefits of lockdown and taking more exercise is to rediscover the wonderful countryside that exists here and if you see a fat bloke wobbling along unsupervised on a red bike it's probably me. Woodcott, Dunley, that magnificent avenue of beech up Dunley Hill all bring back precious memories to me!

How could I have neglected them for so long? And my, hasn't Egbury gone upmarket? I shall have to mind my P's and Q's if I indulge in any banter with its natives! Keeping a respectful social distance of course! I went past Castle Farm which I haven't done for years. Last time I visited was with my father in law and we spent a pleasant few hours with Mr Collis who showed us his amazing collection of steam and belt driven vintage engines. What a lovely man he was. Old school and a real gent too! But travelling along at 5 mph allows you to absorb so much more and if it wasn't for the hills it would be almost pleasurable. So, here's a thing. For only the second time in my life I have seen a ball of stoats. Don't bother googling it, there's nothing there. The first time I saw one was about thirty years ago, walking down a dusty track to fish the river Dever at Newton Stacey. From the hedgerow to my right literally came a "ball" of six or seven young stoats (kits?) all furiously rough and tumbling and making a hell of a racket. As quick as they rolled out, they rolled back but I've never forgotten it. I told the river keeper, Terry Snellgrove and he said "Oh, you've seen a ball of stoats! Young stoats playfighting." And now it's happened again, passing by the entrance to Bradley Farm at Dunley. Made my day!

Go Star Gazing in July

13-14th July - JUPITER reaches opposition with the Sun.

Opposition literally means when a planet is directly opposite the Sun when seen from the earth. You will be able to see this with the naked eye, binoculars will help.

You will be able to see 4 largest moons (the **GALILEAN MOONS**) and **JUPITER** appears to be disc shaped.

Jupiter will be low down in the sky, so you will need a clear southern horizon.

20th July - SATURN reaches opposition with the Sun.

In **July SATURN** reaches opposition with the Sun.

JUPITER and **SATURN** are close together in the sky. You'll be able to see **SATURN** with the naked eye, but good binoculars will help to see the largest moon **TITAN**.

You'll need a telescope to see the famous rings.

JUPITER & SATURN will be visible for months.

28-29th July - DELTA AQUARIDS METEOR SHOWER

The moon will not interfere, so good view in rural areas.

Though only 5 meteors an hour will be visible.

The Summer Triangle, as detailed last month, is still visible throughout **July**.

There has never been a better time to star gaze.

Lockdown has reduced pollution levels and clearer skies make for excellent viewing.

Andover Scouts

Due to the Covid-19 virus we have not been able to have any face to face Meetings, although a number of Groups in the District, have where possible, been running virtual meetings. We really do hope that soon we will be back to scouting as soon as we can and as such would like to offer the opportunity for young people from the Valley to join us. At present we will have spaces for young people of Cub age (eight to ten and a half years) at the Long Parish Group. The Group is also in need of a support Committee and where possible new members to the leadership group. If anyone is interested in their son/daughter joining or feel they might help in some way to support the Group, then do please contact me by e-mail Dc.Andover@hampshirescouts.org.uk.

Julian Slade



**ST MARY BOURNE AND DISTRICT 73RD FLOWER SHOW & FÊTE
OR RATHER:
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SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2020**

The Flower Show & Fête has run continuously for the last 73 years and the Committee is determined that Covid-19 will not get in the way to break this run. Equally, we are determined to give the parish some entertainment and fun. SO! We are still going to hold the show but a show (and fête) with a difference.

THE FÊTE BIT:

With social distancing still in place and large gatherings forbidden, we have telescoped our fête side into a Scarecrow Competition for the whole parish – see posters around the village and stmarybourne.org/flowershow for more details. We hope Scarecrow Heroes will pop up outside peoples' homes throughout the district from Monday 13th July. A Treasure Hunt to help you discover these heroes will be revealed online and via the Village Shop nearer the time and the winners will be announced the same way by noon on Saturday 25th July.

THE FLOWER SHOW BIT:

We are going virtual! We still have classes for you to enter but these will need to be photographed and uploaded onto the Flower Show page of the new SMB Community website - see stmarybourne.org/flowershow for class details and how to enter. We have, of necessity, had to hone these down to a manageable number and hope that you appreciate the constraints we are under. We also hope that, with less overall classes, we might have more entries per class than ever before! *Let's make this a bumper year and another way to beat the virus!*

NOT ONLINE BUT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THE FUN? We are aware that some of our regular exhibitors do not have access to the internet. We include below an entry form to cut out and fill in. If you or someone in your household is unable to photograph and/or upload your entries, please ring the Flower Show helpline on 738551 or 738800 by 5pm on Weds 22nd July. We will collect your entry form and arrange for someone to photograph and upload the entries on your behalf - in an outdoor area and always complying with social distancing measures.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

ENTRY FEES:

There will be no entry fees this year - we just want you to have a bit of fun.

ENTRY DEADLINES:

Offline Entry Deadline	5pm Wednesday 22nd July
Online Entry Deadline	5pm Friday 24th July

WINNERS:

Judging will take place on Flower Show day and all winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be announced during the afternoon - both online and via a noticeboard by the Village Shop. Winners who do not have internet access will be telephoned.

PRIZES:

There will be no cups or prizes this year for the flower show classes - except the prize of having your photos displayed on the Flower Show website!

— 2020 CLASSES & ENTRY FORM —

SECTION A - FLOWERS

Please photograph from above

- A1 Roses Vase of three blooms
- A2 Dahlias Vase of five blooms
- A3 Annuals &/or Biennials Mixed vase, max six stems

SECTION B - VEGETABLES

Please ensure vegetables are of matching size in each category

Please place a tape measure/ruler alongside your entry to photograph

Please photograph from above

- B1 Runner Beans Seven pods
- B2 Courgettes Three, approx 15cm long
- B3 Tomatoes Three, approx 6cm in diameter
- B4 Wonky Shaped Veg One, any vegetable

SECTION C - CHILDREN

Please write child's age on entry or to the side so it is visible in the photo

UNDER 10 YEARS

- C1 A Painting or Drawing: "Flower Power"
- C2 A Painted Stone
- C3 A Person made of out Fruit and Veg
- C4 Cup Cakes - decorated, three

10-16 YEARS

- C5 A Painting or Drawing: "Still Life"
- C6 A Painted Stone
- C7 A Person made of out Fruit and Veg
- C8 Cup Cakes, decorated, three

SECTION D - DOMESTIC

Please photograph from above

- D1 A Celebration Cake - decorated as you wish
- D2 A Cup Cakes - six, decorated as you wish

SECTION E - CRAFTS

- E1 A Hand-knitted or Needlework item
- E2 A Painting or Drawing

SECTION F - PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos can be either black & white or colour and must have been taken in the last twelve months

I give consent for my submitted photo(s), which may depict children under 18, to be displayed on the Flower Show website: (please tick)

- F1 Print VE Day Celebrations 2020
- F2 Print Scene with the Parishes
- F3 Print Individual Portrait - not animal
- F4 Print Group Portrait - not animal
- F5 Print Animal / Bird / Insect
- F6 Print An Amusing / Comic Photo

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Your Scarecrow Hero will need a name, a small paragraph to explain why you chose them, and if you want people to know who made the EPIC scarecrow hero as they read all about your HERO then don't forget to put your name on there too!

Once all the entries are in, there will be a mystery treasure hunt for you and your family to find all the scarecrow heroes in and around the community.

And that is pretty much it. Not much else to do now except think about all the heroes in your life, choose one of them and start building.

There will be a prize for the best dressed SCARECROW HERO! Winning results and the location on where they all are, will be displayed outside the SMB Village Shop at noon on the Saturday 25th July

Please email your photos and text to - show@stmarybourne.org
For more details please go to: www.stmarybourne.org/flower-show-and-fair/events/
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Longparish Church & Village Fete 2020

After much deliberation, we have decided to cancel the fete for this year 2020. All things considered, we just didn't think it was feasible to organise it in time, even if lockdown has been further eased by September. It is also very doubtful that large gatherings of this sort will be allowed by then anyway. If things are a bit easier by September, we could think about having a 'village only' party of some sort to celebrate perhaps being back to 'a new normal', (whatever that might be!!)

The fete always raises a considerable sum, as you are all probably aware, and the church relies upon this annual income to be able to keep the church going and the building in good condition. In recent years, the fete income has been shared between the church and Village Hall, and last year other village organisations, the Cricket Club and the Playground, benefitted from the profits. Our ordinary income, like everyone else's of course, has been hit by the pandemic, in that, with churches closed, there have been no services and therefore no collections.

If anyone feels they can make a donation of perhaps an amount they would have spent at the fete, the PCC would of course be very grateful. It may just fill a hole in the church finances for 2020. If this is something you feel you can do, please contact either of the churchwardens, or use the link below to make a donation -

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Thank you. John Young, Churchwarden & Fete Chairman – 720233 Email: j.young233@btinternet.com
Georgi Leask, Churchwarden – 720829 Email: georgi_leask@icloud.com



Mildred, what do you mean "Go and bother the Cake Stall"?

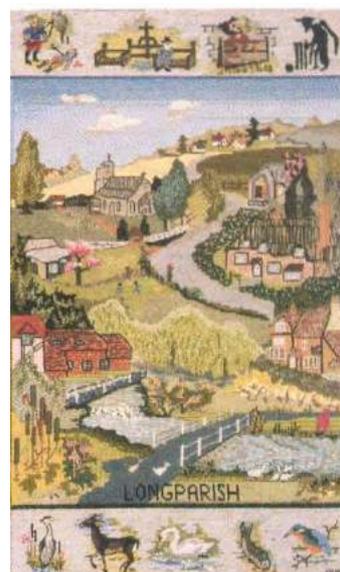
100 years old on 4th July

Mary Snow has lived in Longparish much of her life. She was born in Church Farm and spent her childhood at Southside Farm where her father farmed and ran a dairy. At about three

years old, she remembers being lifted on to the backs of the shire horses as they returned from the day's work and then sitting in the feed bin while they were untacked and fed! She served in the ATS during the 2nd World War. She worked mainly in Southampton and visited her family most weekends in Longparish, where she returned to live in retirement.

It is always a joy to visit her and listen to her tales of how life used to be both here in the village and when she was working. She is a talented artist

and some readers will remember the sketches she drew for the Longparish Handbook and Directories.



She also designed the Longparish panel of the Test Valley tapestry which now hangs in Beech Hurst.

For many years she was secretary of the PCC. Latterly she enjoyed outings with the Recycled Teenagers and attending Friday Coffee Shops.

Happy Birthday, Mary. We salute you!

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Acquisition of the Plough will benefit our whole community: Research studies have demonstrated that social cohesion is directly related to the village pub. The same study also noted that for more affluent communities having access to more than one pub helps even more! Experience elsewhere has also found that people will feel they are part of the project that saved their "local" - and take an active interest in the future prosperity of the pub and hub.

As a community owned enterprise the Plough will:

- Combat social isolation by providing a meeting place for the community, both as a traditional pub, and also as a place where new and existing groups can meet casually both during the day and evenings, perhaps offering a memory café in conjunction with a local Alzheimer's group.
- Support and complement other village facilities such as
 - Village Hall (e.g. providing catering facilities to support commercial hirers looking for a venue for seminars and training courses)
 - Church (A meeting place before, or after weddings, christenings and funerals)
 - School (Safe off-road parking, meeting place and café)
- Work closely alongside Longparish Community Association (LCA) offering
 - A convivial venue for older people's lunches and more frequently than the current once per

month. (Currently held once per month in the village hall)

- Regular charity fund raising events
- Internet support sessions for the less tech-savvy
- Have to reinvest profits back into the community.
- Provide an accessible meeting space for both existing and new community groups
 - Currently small group meetings often need to be held in member's homes – e.g. LCA committee.
 - Encourage the creation of new community groups – Sustainable Longparish, Crafts, Men's shed, Quiz team etc.
- Provide employment opportunities, especially for older teens looking for their first part time job.
- Provide a base for walking and cycling groups to meet and socialise afterwards, and for users of the playing field immediately behind the Plough.



St Nicholas Church Re-opening for personal prayer

The re-opening of church buildings across the country will be a gradual process. The Church of England has advised that churches can now be open for personal prayer. These are

difficult times and there is still a lot of anxiety about the future, so we are glad to be able to open St Nicholas Church again for prayer.

Initially, the church will open on Mondays from 4 – 6pm and Thursdays from 11 am until 1pm for personal prayer only. Hand sanitiser will be available and notices with information on social distancing displayed. These opening times will be reviewed regularly so please check the St Nicholas Church page on the Longparish website and the St Nicholas Facebook page for more information .

There are currently a variety of worship opportunities available to everyone:

- St Nicholas Church monthly service via their YouTube channel, to see May and June services search *YouTube StNicholas church Longparish*. The next service will be on July 5th and will go live at 10am.
- Weekly Benefice service at 11am via Zoom
- Biweekly Children's Zoom club at 11am on Saturday mornings – 20th June, 4th & 18th July
- Biweekly home Communion at 6pm on Thursday evenings – 2nd, 16th 30th July

The Zoom link is available from the church Wardens - John Young or Georgi Leask. For more information on all of the above, see the Church website and Facebook pages.

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LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT FROM MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON 8TH JUNE

37 members of the public attended this meeting to hear the discussion about The Plough.

Planning – The Council had no objection to the tree works for Forton Farm House, Forton House, and Little Newton, following the recommendations of the Tree Warden.

The Plough – The Chair explained the purpose of inviting them to the meeting, was to gauge the level of support within the community for the possible PWLB loan (£300k over 50 years), which the government makes available to Parish Councils, in this case towards the purchase of an asset of community value – The Plough.

The Chair of the Working party updated the Council and the members of the Public about the proposal and announced that the consultation period was extended to 21st June so that parishioners had more time to read the Longparish Community Pub Ltd Business Plan which had only recently been published.

Parishioners were invited to ask questions and make comments and these were taken in the order raised. Questions were answered by members of the PC, or by members of LCPL who were attending the meeting. There was a good range of views and a friendly spirit, and every person who wished to speak was given the chance to share their views. The meeting was recorded and is available to listen to by request. The updated FAQs taken from the meeting are available on the Longparish website.

New Parish Councillor

The meeting concluded with the co-option of Peter Hull as a full member of the Parish Council. The Chair welcomed Peter on to the Council. Peter was brought up in Longparish and has more recently returned to live in the village. He has experience of serving on what was then Andover Council and is a member of the Village Hall committee, he also leads the bell ringers in St Nicholas Church. The Parish Council now has a full complement of 10 councillors.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th July. Parish Council Meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman - Christian Dryden (Tel 720 398, or email christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk)

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish website www.longparish.org.uk

FOLS 100 CLUB – MAY WINNERS

£20 Christian Dryden (6)

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LONGPARISH COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

The Longparish Community Support Group would like to thank everyone who has volunteered over the last 3 months with plant deliveries, shopping for neighbours, collecting prescriptions, fixing IT, helping out at the shop, mowing lawns, walking dogs, meat deliveries, fruit and veg deliveries. A great team effort.

Lockdown has been a challenge for everyone in so many ways, but things are starting to become the new normal as most of us start to go out and about.

The Longparish Community Support group is still here to lend a hand.

If you would like help with shopping or any errands, IT, there are still plenty of volunteers to help out. You can be linked with one volunteer for regular shopping help especially until the Unity Community Transport bus service starts up again. Please call 07765 467 006.

Hot off the press - The Shop Mobility Service in Andover is starting again on 4th July for a limited service. Must be pre-booked 01264 352000. Tues, Thurs, Sat 9.30 - 1.30.

SOCIALLY DISTANCING LITTER PICK!

Thank you to all those who have been litter picking throughout lockdown especially up at the Cleaves.

FRIDAY LITTER PICK RESTARTS ON FRIDAY 10th JULY 9.15am

Meet at the Village Hall Tel Christian Dryden 720 398

LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB JULY MEETING

Sadly our July meeting to visit Deane House at Sparsholt has had to be cancelled but we do hope we will be able to re-arrange our trip for next year.

AUGUST MEETING

There is no meeting of the LGC in August.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

We do hope that we may be able to keep to the plan and visit PRESTON HOUSE, PRESTON CANDOVER, on Tuesday, 22nd September but obviously we will have to check the practicalities nearer the time.

We are missing seeing you all and do hope we can get back to normal before too long. Any queries please to Rosie Lowry 01264720325 rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com or Marion Bell 01264720205

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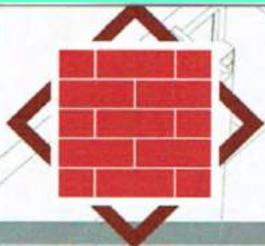
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Help to keep Hill and Valley going! - New Parish Editor Needed

Hill and Valley plays an important role in making our local community what it is. For many people it has been, and continues to be, the only source of information on local issues, news, and businesses. We have it on good authority that even the internet generation are regular and devoted readers, who reach out for the magazine first when looking for information about local events. The last few months have shown, once again, how important Hill and Valley is, as it has been the central source of information about local help, support and facilities.

Hill and Valley needs your help. Our Longparish editor is stepping down. We are therefore looking for a new editor, who can join a fun and dedicated team from the villages across the valley, and edit Longparish contribution to the magazine. If you are able to regularly dedicate a small amount of time once a month, and want to support Longparish community, please get in touch with Natasha Rouse on Natasha.rousepc@longparish.org.uk

Longparish Parish Council would like to thank Tom Bremridge, the retiring editor, for his work over the last few years. Tom will be continuing as the production coordinator of the magazine for the whole benefice.

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH - MID JUNE WALK

By Chris Bowman

Left home with the dog, Corinne and myself, down the back path. A couple of young **goldfinches** were on Chris's feeders and a **wood pigeon**, **blackbird** and a couple of **house sparrows** on the roses and the sparrows were very quiet by Arthur's. Turned left at the shop on to the bends. a couple of **jackdaws** in the field, no sheep anymore but two horses. A **house martin** is trying to build a nest but I think a lack of mud is causing it big problems.

Turned right into the Cleeves. Over the bridges a **chiffchaff** is calling in the distance but I only record what I actually see. A **blackcap** is singing in the tree beside me and we finally see it. A **great spotted woodpecker** flies from a dead ash tree. We stopped at the bench to see what's about : a **sedge warbler** with a beak full of insects for its young, a **buzzard** is circling on the thermals and a **jay** is across the river.

On we go, a lot of butterflies about today. As we turn right a **swallow** is flying around and three **herring gulls** fly over. Another **house martin** is trying to build a nest. At Vale Farm we have a talk with Nick who has seen hardly any swallows or house martins this year. Four pairs of **swifts** are nesting in his shed. On again and a **cormorant** is sitting at the top of a fir tree by his lakes. Then at the duck pond a **little grebe** is calling and we look through the hedge. A **marsh tit** is in a yew tree. We don't see many of them. Turning right over the bridge a **robin** is in the hedge beside us. At the Trout Farm we have **canada geese**, **greylag geese**, an **egyptian goose**, **tufted duck**, **pie wagtail**, **mistle thrush**, **carrion crow**, **moorhen** and **coots**.

We turned right onto the bridge. There is a lot of weed coming down the river - it's weed cutting time. On we go and a **blue tit** flies across the road and **swifts** are flying over. I think there are four nests at The Croft. Turning right there is not much in the pony paddock, a pair of **collared doves** are sat on the wires and we see a **wren** in the hedge.

We turned left into North Acre and see a **red kite** flying around right above our heads, such beautiful birds, and finally we are home. I hope you enjoyed our walk. In total we saw 31 different birds.



The stork seems to have moved on. The last I heard she was south of Overton. The storks at Knepp in Sussex in nest 1 are feeding young. They are about half grown. In nest 2 they are sitting on eggs and in nest 3 they are still building.

MasquerAid:

Daisy Cooper has spent the last few weeks of lockdown perfecting a comfortable and well-fitting facemask design. She is now making and selling these from home for £8 each. £1 from every mask sold will be donated to The Macular Society.



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necessary. The masks are available in lots of different fabrics and come in adult and junior sizes. Please call 720324 if you would like to know more, or email MasquerAid.enquiries@gmail.com and we can send you pictures of the different designs.

LOCK DOWN

What have the children been up to ?

Daniel Jarman aged 10 Year 6

I have been making the most of lockdown, but it has its limitations. For instance, I am not allowed to go to places like National Trust properties or visit friends and family. However, we must all take our opportunities in these troubled times, and I have TAKEN THEM. I've been doing many things, such as: baking bread, building Lego and playing sport. I hope that everyone is surviving lockdown and is well. Please stay safe and enjoy the 'new normal'!

The Jarmans



Aly Jarman aged 10 Year 6

During lockdown I have done many things. These include: playing more sport than usual which has been extremely fun, and doing arts and craft, which is also very enjoyable. As well as this, I have got more fresh air, as I get to spend more time out on a bicycle ride or on a walk. Even though I can't see anybody in person, it is great to see all of my friends on Zoom and suchlike.

The Beal Children



Lauren Beal aged 11 year 6 Isla Beal aged 8 year 3

During lock down we have been spending a lot more time with our family which has ensured we are safe by staying at home. We are missing our normal daily routine but on the bright side we have been getting outside and going on walks and bike rides. Facetime and Zoom have become a big part of our lives to keep in contact with relatives and friends. Home schooling has been a massive change, but we are getting used to it and are achieving many things. Overall, this experience has temporarily changed our lives and we will never forget it. We are extremely lucky to live in Longparish with all the wonderful wildlife surrounding us.

Rosanna Montague

Rosanna aged 9 year 4

During lockdown I have enjoyed things that I haven't done much of before - and even tried some new ones, like shop-keeping at the village shop! I've had more time to do art and craft projects, which has been lots of fun and have been doing a lot more exercise especially cycling and walks around the village with my parents.

Also, I have been doing lots of gardening - planting seeds and growing vegetable plants (some were for the May Fayre FoLS plant sale). I've missed all my friends but it's been great seeing everyone on FaceTime!



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Village Agents are volunteers who can help you find information and local services that will enable you to stay living safely and independently.



Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) Update

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the FoLS Virtual Pet Competition. As a couple of people pointed out to me, the pets were real and not virtual and we were lucky to be able to coo over their cuteness from their photos and videos. We had some great entries and the following pets won: -

Dogs

Loveliest Lady – Lucy owned by the Macmillan family
Handsome Boy – Trooper owned by Sam and Bonnie
Best Rescue – Frazer owned by Darren Jaundrill
Cleverest Pup – Bramble owned by the Sykes family
Waggiest Tail – Coco owned by Rose and Zara

Cats

Beautiful Queen – Tinka owned by Billy
Handsome Tom – Bertie owned by the Macmillan family
Best Rescue – Tiny owned by Hamish

Other

Cutest Furry – Sparkle owned by Lauren Most like his/her owner – Lucy owned by the Macmillan family

Thanks to Furlock Holmes for doing the difficult judging and to Tesco for some of the prizes. Thanks to Karen Livingstone for making the medals.



Beautiful Queen Tinka



Cutest Furry Sparkle



Best Rescue Frazer



Most like owner Lucy

FoLS have really appreciated the support from the village and the surrounding areas in buying plants, entering our competitions and donating to our May Fayre fund. Money raised will support the school and Little School in their work next year. Thanks everyone 😊



Fancy a game of tennis?
Whitchurch Tennis Club is re-open for play with social distancing and guidelines in place

to keep people safe. Recent changes in the Government guidelines mean that doubles as well as singles tennis is possible. There are two courts available for members to book online at www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk. In addition, one of the Committee, Sue, is co-ordinating arranged singles or doubles for members on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, making it possible for everyone to get a game. For more information about the club and membership, please visit www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk.

Barton Stacey WI

The published programme has been revised for obvious reasons but we will publish any news on Facebook as soon as we have anything new to say. For next year, we are aiming for another day visit to Denman - the WI's college near Abingdon. Denman has been providing lectures, cookery demonstrations and yoga via Zoom, so some of us have been enjoying filling gaps in our skills and knowledge. We hope to see you soon either via Zoom or at a future meeting. Meetings are normally held on the last Thursday of the month at 7.30 in Barton Stacey Village Hall, except August and December when we usually move the date. For further information, please email bartonstaceywi@gmail.com

Longparish Cricket Club - We were very disappointed to be told that our bid for a grant from Veolia for new nets was unsuccessful. The Club committee is now considering its next move on this. On a more positive note we have been able to open one of our cricket nets for practice and junior training sessions are scheduled to start at the end of June. If you or your children are interested in playing cricket for Longparish CC this summer please contact Justin Jackman at jackmanjustin@aol.com or via the contacts on the website - <https://longparishcc.secure-club.com>

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WEATHER – MAY 2020

Total rainfall for month	4mm	0.16in
It rained on	2 days	
Rainfall same month last year	41mm	1.61in
Total for 2020	460mm	18.11in
Total for 2019	306mm	12.04in
Max temp (on 31 st)	30C	86F
Min temp	0C	32F
Frosts (11 th and 13 th)	2	

What a month! Virtually no rain here and the sunniest spring since 1929.

We had the hottest May since 1896 and the driest May for 124 years. May 2020 was the sunniest ever. In the south we had 345 hours of sunshine – usually we have around 188 hours, so almost double.

John Smail

CHICKEN WITH CHUTNEY RECIPE

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
- 6 tbsp of your favourite Hurstbourne Priors chutney
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 6 tbsp mayonnaise
- 8 chicken thighs, skin on and bone in

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and cook the onion, garlic and chilli for a few minutes until softened. Stir in the chutney, Worcestershire sauce and mayonnaise. Taste and season.

Arrange the chicken on a foil-lined baking tray and spoon over the chutney mixture. Roast the chicken in the oven for 40-45 mins until cooked through and sticky. Serve with a green salad.

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Here are some more ideas for your Hurstbourne Priors chutney:

- Mix chutney into ground beef or pork and use for meatloaf or sausage roll filling
- Warm goat's cheese or brie, top with chutney and serve
- Mix chutney with Greek yogurt to make a dip
- Purée chutney and use as glazing for meat, roasted sweet potatoes, butternut squash
- Purée chutney and use as a dipping sauce for egg rolls, samosa or any fried food
- Purée chutney and add it to salad dressing
- Serve chutney as a side dish with your favourite curry

*Denise Bradley*

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**ST ANDREWS CHURCH RE-OPENING**

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Following advice from the Government and the Church of England, we are very glad to be able to open St Andrews Church again during these anxious and difficult times. From Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, the church will be open for personal prayer only on:

Wednesdays from 4pm to 6pm  
Saturdays from 11am to 1pm

Hand sanitiser will be available and there will be notices on display with information on social distancing measures.

The re-opening of churches will be a gradual process and we will keep the opening times under review. Dates and times will be published on the church noticeboard at the end of the drive and on the Hurstbourne Priors website: <http://www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk>

Although our churches are closed, we continue to meet for worship every Sunday at 11am for a Benefice service using Zoom. You can join this either on the internet or on the telephone. We also hold a Kids Zoom every fortnight on Saturdays at 11am. These are a fun 20-30 minutes for children up to 8 years old with stories, songs and a craft activity.

If you would like to know more about these services or have any questions about the church opening for personal prayer please contact Fenella Williams (01256 892081).

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## THE LAST NATIONAL EMERGENCY IN HURSTBOURNE PRIORS - *continued*

*The first part of this article appeared in the June issue of Hill and Valley.*

Throughout 1940, the Invasion Committee continued their frenzy of preparations for the much feared invasion.

Plans for possible casualties were formulated. First Aid points were to be at the Village Hall (which had a stretcher) and at Tufton Manor. The nearest ambulance was at the Bank of England camp. Otherwise, casualties would be ferried by horse and cart. There were designated areas for washing in the event of a gas attack. Rivers could also be used. Extra land was made available for burials at St Andrew's and Mr Blake the Sexton was to be released from the Home Guard to take charge of digging parties.

The indefatigable Miss Darling from Park Cottage was the Billeting Officer. Villagers made homeless after an attack could have temporary shelter in the barn north of the Long House. The two churches, St Andrew's and the Chapel could be used as reception centres and the School House would be a rest centre for 65 persons run by the WVS under Lady Portal.

By 1943 still none of these plans had been needed. However, the ever vigilant Committee faced a not dissimilar problem shared by today's government of how to continue to keep the villagers alert but to avoid causing panic. The continuing danger was reinforced by the District Commissioner Major-General Collins who attended the committee meeting in February of that year. He stressed the danger of complacency and stated that there could be no doubt whatsoever of the possibility of invasion before this war was ended. The danger would be greatest when Hitler was most desperate, as he would count a million lives a cheap price for the conquest of Britain.

The committee minutes then reveal just a hint of panic among the members. A heated discussion took place as to what they should do in the event of a German occupation. Should they stay, should they go or perhaps half go and half stay? The Major-General took over the meeting at this point, saying firmly that 'If the Invasion Committee cleared off .... responsibilities would not be met'. Someone had to stay 'to take the strain, to attend to German demands and to protect the civilian population'. It was decided that the younger and more active members of the Committee should disappear to a concealed headquarters with a definite plan to obstruct the Germans.

Fortunately, no such action was ever needed and the Committee was disbanded the next year in November 1944. The length and breadth of the Committee's responsibilities, however, had been enormous. The selfless devotion and attention to every minute detail and eventuality are immensely impressive. Thankfully, that same altruistic spirit, leadership and sense of community is still around today in our village as we deal with our current insidious invader, the Coronavirus.

*Amanda Briant-Evans*

## THE MAY FAIR ON-LINE

The Plant Stall has raised over £1000 and the Deli Stall has raised over £700 for the May Fair. We would like to thank our wonderful stall holders, Precelly Murray and Josephine Hutchinson and their helpers for all their work growing plants and making jams and chutneys in the run-up to the May Fair - and also a huge thank you to all our customers who supported the on-line May Fair.

*The May Fair Team*



Although we are still closed for re-homing due to the Covid-19 outbreak, we are hopeful that it won't be long until we are able to reopen.

We are currently trying to raise funds online while the branch is closed. If you can spare anything to help our cats and kittens, please visit the following link to donate. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Andover-and-District> Thank you.



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## WORD OF THE MONTH

I have received this suggestion from my neighbour which seems very appropriate for our times. There is little information on 'the net', but I like the word and its connotation so let's spread the word and its essence. The word is:

**LAETIFICATE:** to lift someone's spirits; to make or become happy. (from the Latin *laetifico* – to be energetic or outgoing)

and here is a word for August:

**GRITH:** peace, security, sanctuary imposed or guaranteed. (from the Old English and related to the Old Norse *grith* meaning home)

*Barbara Carrodus*



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OUR BUS SHELTER IS (ALMOST) BACK

I hope that most people have seen that our lovely thatched bus shelter is back in it's rightful spot on the crossroads in the heart of the village. For those who haven't here are some pictures. It was wonderful that it could be back in place for the VE day weekend. Almost



2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

a year after the lorry fire and following a long battle with the haulier's insurance company, the Parish Council were finally able to give the go-ahead for the refurbishment of the bus shelter. Until then the burnt out

shell saddened all who walked or drove past. Sparks from the lorry fire set light to the thatched roof of the shelter. Luckily, thanks to the quick thinking of the Whitchurch fire crew, the thatch was pulled off as it burned thus saving some of the structure. It turned out that it had been made of English elm which is very difficult, and prohibitively expensive to source. Mark of Andover Down Sawmill has spent a lot of time patiently restoring the damaged wood, treating and cleaning it so that it could be reused on the front and side. The new wood is English oak which was locally sourced in Hampshire. Master thatcher, Geoff Gates and his son Simon, will be replacing the thatch in the next few weeks so that it will be restored to its former glory.



Re-building the roof, February 2020

The bus shelter on the opposite side of the B3400 will also be replaced, as will the bench which was burnt during the fire. The metal bench which survived the fire but was flattened by the green VW Beetle is being re-made and will be back in place by the end of the Summer.

The Parish Council would like to thank Paul Knipe, Mark Barnett and their teams for all their hard work.

Clare Read



The team at work, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

MORE SUNFLOWERS!

After the lovely pots, here are some pictures of the sunflowers that are starting to grow.



Rose and Hugo Briant-Evans



Martha and Thomas Stanes



Rufus Read's sunflowers (top left pot) are growing and being sunshined and watered but need to replant - however squash, leeks, chilli peppers and cucumbers planted at the same time currently doing better!

Thank you to everyone who has sent photos of plants and plants. Please keep sending in your pictures – perhaps there will be some flowers for the September Hill and Valley!

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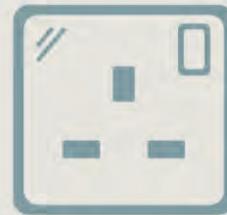
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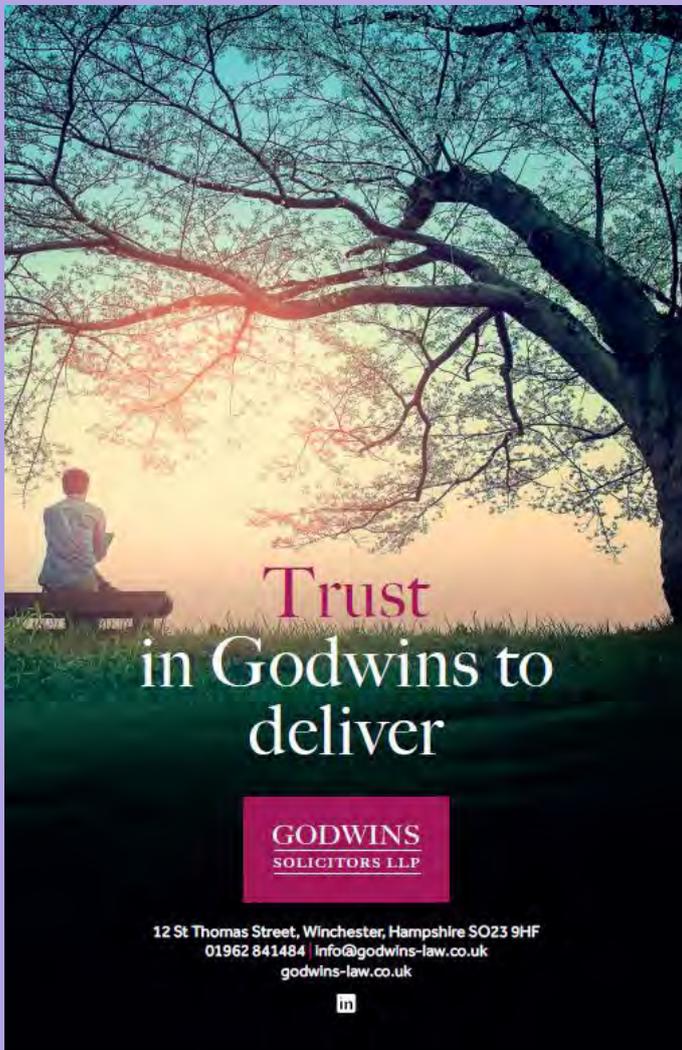
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**THE CHICKS HAVE HATCHED!**

Last month, you may have seen the article and photo of a bantam egg being candled at day four of incubation and the promise of photos of the chicks if they safely arrived. Well here they are!



Armitage (Cuckoo Pekin) – first to hatch



Speckle (Buff Pekin x Black Bantam)



Lavender (Chamois Poland)



Freckle (Silver Partridge Pekin)



Bambi – last to hatch with some help (Lavender Pekin)

On the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, the eggs began to pip (the chicks tap a little hole to let air into their air sack in the egg). Then at 11pm, only an hour before Rosie's birthday on 6th, the first little one hatched and we were so blessed to be able to witness its safe and rather forceful arrival into the world. We also captured the event on a video (just over a minute) which you can see on this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/eXpU2iAESUFbVGTn7>

The first chick to hatch was Armitage, a Cuckoo Pekin (in the video). Overnight another emerged and Rosie sneaked down on her birthday morning to witness another hatching at 5am. Her birthday was a wet day but she was more than entertained with the arrival of the six fluffy bantams.

Perhaps the most amazing part of the process is what happens in the final hours during hatching. The blood in the inner membrane of the egg can still be circulating after the chick has pipped and the egg yolk sack may not have fully entered the chick's abdomen. This happens during the very last hours to give the chick enough oxygen during hatching and food to survive up to three days post hatch before its first meal. This is where the art of assisted hatching can mean the difference between helping the chick if it is failing to hatch and killing it.

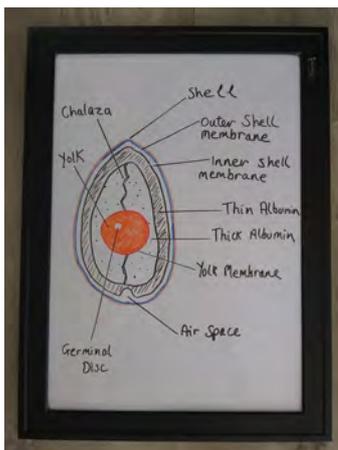
We faced this dilemma with the last egg which Rosie was especially keen to hatch being the only Lavender Pekin egg that had reached the final stage. At 10am this chick was still stuck at the unzipping phase (the part where having made a pipping hole, the chick continues to break around the circumference of the egg). After much indecision we decided I should try and help, however there was a tiny bleed when I pulled at the inner membrane. We put it back in the incubator, moistening the egg to prevent the membranes drying out, and realised this was a sign that the yolk had not been fully absorbed and we should wait. Eight hours later with no external progress, there was clearly a problem, so I tried again. This time to our relief, no blood came and I was able to unzip the best part of the shell to enable the poor little chick give the final push and release itself. It was very weak and its neck had been in an awkward position. We believe it would have failed without help. We were unsure whether it would survive, so left it to recover in the incubator overnight and thankfully by the morning it was cheeping loudly and able to join the others under the heat lamp.

Out of 13 original eggs in the incubator, we had six live chicks still thriving, one which failed around day four and another that failed at the pipping stage, the other five were infertile eggs. They certainly have kept us busy during lockdown, not to mention the hours spent building an ark for them in the garden.

At the end of July they will move to Silchester to live with my parents. They have imprinted on us and are just learning to fly up onto the side of their box. This evening one of the cheeky Chamois Polands leapt onto me and perched on my shoulder. Rosie was delighted; no doubt her memories of hatching chicks during lockdown will stay with her for many years to come... perhaps she may one day do the same with her children... although I'm not sure the same Ecostat incubator will survive another 26 years!!



Clover and Rosie



**Lockdown home schooling lesson about egg structure during incubation.**

As part of the lesson we compared a battery hen's egg (unfortunate substitute by Tesco that we failed to spot) with a free range egg. The differences were staggering. The battery egg being very watery, with a fragile shell, no distinct separate thick albumin and a very pale and thin yolk and membrane. We cooked them and did a blind tasting test. All four of us identified the difference and this led to a conversation about the effects of a poor diet and lifestyle, and how this affects us detrimentally shown clearly in the poor battery hen's egg.

Jo Macmillan



Photo: Graeme Bristow

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