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WELCOME to the Valley News

As Rebecca reminds us in her Letter from the Rectory, November is for remembering (Eirlys' article on page 11 for example), including the recent memories stored of all that summer fun. It is also a glorious month in its own right - the Valley is looking wonderful in autumn colours. We left for 10 days abroad in the last days of summer, and by the time we returned it was well and truly autumn. Our four churches were beautifully decorated for Harvest, including a harvest loaf made by our local teenagers for each church, and the photograph on page 35 illustrates what fun everyone had at the parish harvest lunch.



Amongst what I hope is an edition full of information and interest, I would particularly like to draw attention to the articles about Riverbank Kindergarten and Itchen Abbas School. Riverbank's open day was a great success, and has clearly attracted interest from more local families, without which of course it wouldn't be able to survive. Itchen Abbas School's open days are to come (dates on page 40), and the school is also looking forward to its Christmas Fair. The School needs to recruit a new school governor (page 36) - I do hope someone will be inspired to take up that challenge.

Incidentally, Vernon warns me that the Fly Agaric on the front cover isn't the

best mushroom to eat with your bacon and eggs for breakfast as it can result in hallucinogenic episodes and severe illness. Death is



uncommon unless you eat lots of them. Although generally rare it can be quite common in favoured locations during the autumn. Assuming he can resist the temptations of autumn mushrooms, Tony Gaster returns to edit next month.

Verity Coleman

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What's On

Easton Annual Firework Extravaganza Saturday 5th November

Make your own Guy - Prize for the winner - judging at 6.30pm.

Hot dogs, mulled wine, glow sticks.

Bring your friends and family for an evening of fun. Fireworks will start at 7pm
Suggested donation £10 per family



Contact Iris Lacey 779707

EMW Cricket Club Wednesday 9th November

Annual Awards Presentation at 7.30pm
AGM at 8pm

Adam Murch, EMW CC Chairman

Martyr Worthy lecture Tuesday 15th November

See advert on page 39

The Valley's Own Quiz Saturday 19th November

An opportunity to invite your friends to the Itchen Valley's own quiz, to be held, as last year, in St John's Church. It is a fun quiz, winning is not the point. The point is an evening of shared endeavour, punctuated with food and drink. Tickets are £15 to include a two course supper and glass of wine and the evening is in aid of our lovely churches and the work of the parish. Even those who are not regular churchgoers can appreciate the visual impact of rural churches on the British landscape and they can come in handy for weddings! Please organise a team of 6 to 8 people or come on your own and we will fit you in. Tickets from tonygaster@btinternet.com or shrubshill@gmail.com Last year it was a sell out so please don't delay -we need to know numbers soon for catering and to ensure it goes ahead!

Charlotte Appleby 779778

Hampshire County Ploughing Match Sunday 20th November

Long Walk Easton from 10am.

EMW Cricket Club Bingo Thursday 1st December 2016

7.30pm in the Easton Village Hall, doors open at 7pm.

Annual pre-Christmas cricket club bonanza.

It's time to dust off that jumbo marker pen and make a date for 'eyes down' fun, frolics and a raffle. Please come and join us for wonderful evening for all the family, whether you are a veteran or a complete novice.

Needless to say the bar will be open at all times for all kinds of refreshments,

Itchen Abbas School Christmas Fair



Come along and enjoy
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including mulled wine and mince pies. Please bring along a raffle prize or contributions to Christmas hampers.

Adam Murch, EM W CC Chairman

Tutored wine tasting with Jancis Robinson

Friday 2nd December

7pm at Itchen Abbas Village Hall.

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Penelope Kellie

'tis the season to be jolly...

Saturday 3rd December

Easton Village Hall invites you to its 2016 Christmas Fayre during the afternoon. Get into the Christmas spirit with festive produce, decorations, crafts and presents and relax with a hot drink and mince pies. More details next month.

Ina Williams

Rural Routes Tour

Saturday 10th December

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Andy Comley

Easton Pantomime - Alice in Wonderland

14th -17th December

It's that time of year again....

Come and join Alice on her exciting adventures in Wonderland.

Performances on 14th, 15th & 16th

December at 7.30pm. On Saturday 17th December there will be two

performances at 2pm and 6pm: hopefully this will allow more children to come to the 6pm performance and thus avoid missing out when the matinee is full.



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Box Office opens 14th November from me on 01962 779283 or sally15@btinternet.com

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Ride and Stride 2016

The Famous Five - Sara and Frits Janssen from Easton, Bill and Rosie Salmond from Itchen Abbas and Jacqui Squire from Avington - set off in the rain one Saturday in September to walk to as many churches as possible in a day. Sara Janssen, who had done the same walk two years previously, had achieved 20 – so this was our challenge.



We set off just after 10 am from St Mary's Easton and headed across the water meadows, under the M3 and into Kings Worthy and St Mary's. Ticked two already, so on to St Swithun's at Headbourne Worthy, a delightful small and very old church surrounded by water, then to Hyde and St Bartholomew's, where King Alfred is possibly buried. We walked up Hyde Street, ticking off two non-conformist churches and a chapel, then uphill to St Paul's, a very Victorian construction overlooking the main railway line. It was still raining but we pressed on across Oram's Arbour, stopping at the Catholic St James burial ground on the Romsey Road (did anyone know that was there?) and over to the University where, amongst all the modern buildings lies the core of the old King

Alfred's College and its stone chapel. With nobody there to greet us we hurried on across the cemetery to Christchurch, where we stopped for cake, coffee and comfort.

It was still raining as we went down Canon Street and past Winchester College, stopping at Wolvesey Palace, the residence of the Bishop of Winchester, open exceptionally for the Heritage weekend. Following the same theme and catching up with the Itchen again, we stopped for a quick snack at the Bishop on the Bridge.

It was still raining after lunch. We continued up St Giles Hill to the oldest church in Winchester, St John's. In former times this church had a gallery accessed by an outside stairway, so that the lepers who were incarcerated in the mediaeval Leper Hospital on Morn Hill could come down to the city and watch the service from there. We went back down into the Broadway, to visit St John's Chapel between the almshouses and the bus stops, then through Abbey Gardens to the Quaker Friends' Meeting House, also open for the Heritage weekend. It was now past 4 pm so we needed to hurry – and it was still raining. Quickly walking through the Cathedral grounds, we went up the steps to St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate, perhaps the most exotic church location in the city. Back to the Cathedral, where the Ride and Stride



marshals were well-organised, and on to the little St Lawrence church near the Buttercross, the site of William the Conqueror's first dwelling in Winchester. A quick yomp down Parchment Street to visit Holy Trinity, another large Victorian edifice, then up to St Peter's Catholic church by 5pm. With only another hour left before all the churches closed, we made a quick detour to knock on the (closed) door of the United Reform church in Jewry Street. It was still raining when we reached the car and were whisked up to All Saints in Highcliffe, then on to the last church, at St Andrew's, Chilcomb. Here the rain finally stopped



and the sun had come out, so we enjoyed the view from the church before jumping in the car again for the return to Easton and long hot baths. It was a great day visiting twenty churches in just under eight hours, many of them places I had never seen before. In all the churches that were open we received a warm welcome with offers of food and drinks. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who manned their churches – it was lovely to see so many enthusiastic people and to hear their stories.

We managed to equal Sara's record, and raised £385, which will be split equally between Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust, a charity giving grants for the preservation of the

region's historic churches and chapels of all denominations, and for the Itchen Valley Parish. Just last year, HIHCT gave a generous grant of £1,000 to St Mary's Avington to help towards the restoration of two parapets. Thanks to Sara for laying down the challenge, to Frits for the transport and to all my fellow walkers who provided laughter and encouragement throughout a very wet day.
..Jacqui Squire

Itchen Entrepreneurs: Hobbs Rehabilitation

Nicky Ellis and Helen Hobbs set up their business eleven years ago to offer therapies to neurological patients. Hobbs offers specialist in-patient and outpatient neurological rehabilitation for adults and children across the South of England. They assist with conditions including stroke, head injuries, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease and spinal injuries.

Nicky, what led you to setting up Hobbs Rehabilitation?

Helen and I are both specialist neurological physiotherapists, and we trained together at Guy's Hospital. By chance, we met up again at a drinks party in Winchester and I started to work alongside Helen with her private patients at the Pinder Centre. Our services then became increasingly busy, so we found our own premises in Bridget's Lane, Martyr Worthy. When we looked around the first time the property had been empty for three years and there was a pheasant running across what is now our rehab gym! We were lucky the landlord renovated it to our specification and we negotiated a very reasonable rent.

We aim to offer a “one stop shop” for neurological patients so they can access the care they need at one site, whether it be physiotherapy, occupational therapy or speech and language therapy. We also want to offer an environment where specialist neurological therapists can work once they have children: we allow them to be flexible so they can manage their work and life balance easily.

How long has the business been up and running, and can you tell us a little about the early months? Has everything gone according to plan?

We started Hobbs with three physiotherapists: Helen, myself and Rosie, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. We also ran a fortnightly orthotist clinic. We didn't advertise much as we were nervous we might have too many enquiries! A current patient helped us design a leaflet and we held a launch party. In the early days, we did 20 treatments a week: now we do over 150 treatments a week. We did all our own invoices at weekends and had no receptionist etc – we were always busy but it was fun. We were lucky enough to win Winchester Entrepreneur of the Year award 2006 which offered free advertising as a prize, including a radio jingle!

We do believe you make your own luck too. Helen is particularly good at innovative thinking, and the rate at which Hobbs has grown is due to her drive and motivation (with my help!)

What do you enjoy most about running your own business?

We are able to follow up on any service or idea we feel may work for our business and patients. We pride ourselves on Hobbs being able to place the patient at the centre of his or her

own care, which is often something the NHS doesn't have time to offer.

What has been the highlight so far of setting up Hobbs Rehabilitation?



There are plenty of highlights, but I think the visit by Prince Harry must be the greatest. We feel immensely proud that a member of the royal family visited Hobbs. Prince Harry made the clients and their families feel very special.

What has been your most unusual request?

Well we have just been asked to go to China to look at their rehab services... watch this space!

Where can people find you?

We are very happy to do sessions in people's home as well as one of our eight centres. We can offer intensive inpatient rehab at Abbotswood Court in Romsey. Sometimes people who have had a fractured hip, a fall, or hip replacement access these services too. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about you or the company?**

Hobbs is working very closely with all the developments in Neurotechnology. It is a very exciting time for us as rehab therapists as new high technology products are becoming available for our patients to access on their rehab pathway. We are working with

Winchester University on two research projects involving the bionic leg and Ekso exoskeleton.

Please look at our website
www.hobbsrehabilitation.co.uk.

Nicky Ellis spoke to Dionne Devere and Lucy de Laslo

Easton WI

Four members from Easton attended the Alresford Group Meeting, where the speaker, John Smith, gave a talk on the Air Transport Auxilliary. It was set up during World War II when a small group of women pilots, eight to begin with, ferried new, repaired and damaged military aircraft between factories, airfields and assembly plants, and service personnel on urgent duty from one place to another. They were most often flying solo and with no radio contact. These very brave ladies were initially only allowed to pilot Tiger Moths from their base, but over the course of the war they also flew Hurricanes, Spitfires and heavy bombers, quite often with only minutes beforehand to "learn" how to fly the plane with the aid of Ferry Pilots' Notes. 15 women lost their lives in the air, including the British pioneer aviator, Amy Johnson.

Kate Runacres, Alresford Group Secretary

At our Easton Meeting in October we were lucky to have Steve Brine (accompanied by Popcorn) as our speaker. Steve spoke about his role as a Member of Parliament, and his work as a busy constituency MP. Steve began his career aged 18 as a radio journalist and, since becoming an MP in 2010, has worked in several different government departments, currently as an assistant government whip. We heard about the importance of the pairing system and many amusing anecdotes of his life in Parliament, including shaking hands with President Obama. Members then had an excellent Q & A session. Our next meeting will be at Easton Village Hall on Thursday 10th November 7.15 when Mark Porter will be telling us about Vine to Wine.

Sallie Peake

Royal British Legion



The excellent team of collectors will be out and about from the end of October; please give them your usual support. There will also be Poppy trays in our pubs, schools, local businesses and in the Holiday Inn and the Intech Science Centre.

Many thanks in advance!

John Harris



Memories of life in Coventry in the 1930s and 1940s

Eirlys was brought up speaking Welsh until her family moved to Coventry. She and Fred have lived in Martyr Worthy for many years, and both their daughters live locally.

I fondly remember my childhood days. My earliest recollection is as a very small girl riding in my father's car – a bright red Morgan three wheeler. He was wearing goggles and a leather helmet, with me sitting on a little wooden stool at my mother's feet. My mother and I revelled in the freedom of the countryside – my father in the capabilities of his motor. It was a day of great emotion when I grew too big for the little stool and the car had to go. It was replaced by an Austin Seven which saw us right through the war. We lived in the centre of Coventry in a large Victorian house. My mother was helped by two housekeepers over the early war years, first Violet and then Harriet. They were both formidable ladies! Deeply religious, they were both determined that I should be brought up in their particular and differing faiths. I listened and wondered and became more and more confused between Christadelphian and Jehovah's Witness, which to me were worlds apart at the age of nine. I still remember their teachings and the confusions are with me to this day.

It was on a day in September that WAR WAS DECLARED. I still recall the tears, the sadness and the fear that this announcement seemed to generate. My life changed from being a childhood filled with love and laughter to something quite different and menacing. Violet left to join the Women's Land Army, food and

SW EETS were rationed, gas masks were issued and had to be carried everywhere, and we were given identity bracelets. Barrage balloons surrounded the city and all the important buildings were almost buried in sandbags; we had to put sticky tape on all our windows. School took on a new dimension - we only had to go in twice a week to collect work to do at home.

At night the sky was filled with the sounds of gunfire and the drone of aircraft overhead. I sat at the top of the stairs, with Harriet wearing her kimono. She would read passages from the Bible predicting the end of the world as the bombs whistled down. I was more terrified by the predictions than by the bombs. One night as we sat under the stairs we were convinced that the expected invasion had started, as we heard fusillades of rifle fire around us. It was only in the light of day that my mother's parsnip wine all over the cellar led us to realise that it was just the popping of the overwhelmed corks.

One day my father, always a practical man, decided that we would be better protected if we sat UNDER the stairs instead of on top of them. What a momentous decision, and how fortunate we were to be. On the night of 14th November our house exploded and fell down on top of us. I can never forget the cold, the dust, the darkness and the sound of digging as the rescuers worked above. Afterwards, when we came out, there was the awful realisation that we suddenly had absolutely nothing left – no home, no possessions, nothing but a pile of smoking rubble. Then we realised that our AUSTIN SEVEN HAD MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED. That little car proved to be our

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saviour. For many nights as darkness fell we piled into the car and drove out to the country, together with scores of people pushing prams loaded with beds and possessions, seeking shelter in village halls and wherever away from the destruction of our lovely city.

After a while my parents decided that what remained of Coventry was no place for a child to live. I was therefore sent to North Wales to live with an aunt. For the first time for many weeks I was able to attend school each day, and life achieved some sort of normality. My uncle and aunt lived in a mill, and there I stayed for the duration of the war. I remember the stone flagged floor, the big range and the shining copper pans. There were pickles and homemade jam, and the kitchen was always filled with the smell of fresh baked bread and home cured ham. A world away from the devastation I had left behind.

My final memory must be of my return

to the city to join in the great street party that marked the end of the war and went on all night, to see the devastation and then the remains of the lovely Cathedral and its cross of charred timbers.

Eirlys Haslam

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Before you leap for your keyboard, please do consider if the answer might already lie within your grasp – and remember to mention the Itchen Valley News when you make contact.

Thank you

Vernon Tottle

Editor Itchen Valley News

From our MP

Local businesses seldom miss the chance to tell me we have a chronic shortage of commercial office space in Winchester. They're not wrong and it's one reason I desperately want our city council to bring forward robust plans for the redevelopment of the city centre as well as the area known as Station Approach.

We all want this area to be commercially successful and what's more, it's in all our interests that it is. Now that local councils retain 100% of business rates, we have a bigger stake than ever in these matters and

it's not hard to see that a thriving local economy directly impacts on the money our council has to invest in the vital services we all rely upon.

So I was pleased to see Winchester City Council invoke special powers last month to protect vital office space from automatic residential development where an application is lodged.

The rather dull sounding 'Article 4' direction follows representations from me, the Chamber of Commerce, Winchester Business Improvement District and local businesses. It's a smart decision which recognises there has to be a balance in the city centre. More: www.stevebrine.com/article4 Every autumn Winchester welcomes thousands of new students to the city and it's my great fortune that I get to join the Conservative Society at the University of Winchester for the freshers' fair. It's a chance to meet the freshers and, forgetting the fact most of them were born since I left university, is a hugely exhilarating experience for us all.

I can't say the class of 2016 are political creatures to their core but they care deeply about certain issues and want to get involved, even if it is just to meet like-minded new fellow students. It is just the Conservatives and Labour on campus and I think it's every MP's responsibility to fully engage with the students. I will always do just



that. www.stevebrine.com/students
 For almost a decade now I have been regularly publishing my constituency newspaper, The Winchester Post, and the Winter 2016 edition will be with you during November. You can get it online and share it via www.stevebrine.com/publications
 Locally it was such a pleasure to speak last month to the Easton Women's Institute. I hope readers enjoy the full report on page 10.

Finally, PMQs is more lively than it's been in years, so why not enter my ballot to see Theresa May take questions from the renewed and strengthened Labour leader on Wednesday 7th December? Enter via www.stevebrine.com/PMQs
 Steve Brine

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Itchen Insight



This month the spotlight shines on Pete Simpson, Head chef at the Cricketers Inn in Easton.

Name: Pete Simpson

Age: 57

Occupation: Chef at The Cricketers

How many years you've lived in the Valley: 19 years

Your life in 180 characters: Lived in Hampshire all my life, catering college for 3 years in Portsmouth, joined Queen Elizabeth II in 1978, travelled the world for 10 years, working in Australia, India, Thailand, USA before working in Winchester from 1997, then Easton 4 yrs ago.

Champagne moment: Sailing back from the Falklands in 1982 on board the QE2

Surprising snippet: Playing cricket in the Easton "6's" this year

Passion: Cricket, Travelling, History
Favourite place in Hampshire: Old Portsmouth

Best thing about the Valley: Good for walking dogs

Worst thing about the Valley: Too many hills

Favourite Book or Film: Eagles Dare
Best one-liner or favourite quote: "Life is too short to be sad"

Our wild valley: Wild geese

Canada geese are native to North America and were introduced into St James's Park in London in 1665. They are now called a naturalised species, not a true native but one who now makes its home almost everywhere. They have steadily increased in number and are now considered pests by crop growers, in lakes where they eat all the weed and water health authorities! In North America, many Canada geese undertake a northerly moult migration after the breeding season. This instinct is retained by some of our own naturalised population, who undertake a similar movement to the Beaulieu Firth in north eastern Scotland, especially those that breed in the West Midlands. When moulting they become flightless,

so geese look for a safe area with lots of grazing potential.

Canada geese are usually very vocal, so can be identified by their calls - but for us the sound of their beating wings overhead at breakfast time is enough to make us feel in awe and stop for a minute to enjoy the spectacle. They skim over the roofs of houses at the top of the valley sides as they dip or rise out of the river, saving every scrap of energy, and rise in height in their V formation.

Each bird flies slightly above the bird in front, resulting in a reduction of wind resistance. The birds take turns being at the front and then dropping back for a break, conserving energy. In this way, the geese can fly for a long time before they must stop for rest. The second benefit to the V formation is that it is easy to keep track of every bird in the group. Sometimes you do see the odd one who has fallen back and presumable he/she has to work pretty hard to get back into the formation. Although they are pests on our crops and water plants when in big flocks, their wing beats close to many houses in the valley are evocative of 'wilder' nature on a huge scale in Canadian type landscapes, - but they are here, right now, and right above our heads in the Valley!

Sophie Rogers

Jackie's County Corner for November

The Green Paper on Education is open for consultation until 12th December seeking your views on four subjects. They are:- single-faith Faith schools, how the Independent Sector could justify its charity status, how Universities could raise tuition fees further if they sponsor schools, and whether to offer Grammar schools (and I presume Secondary Moderns?) across the country. Please go to

www.gov.uk and search 'Schools that work for everyone' to give your views.

I have a limited number of these 'Slow Down' stickers for your bin if you'd like one. Please contact me direct.

Huge thanks to those residents and businesses who organised coffee mornings both large and small that



raised lots of money for Macmillan Care, and to those who went along and spent money!

Local activities raising money for worthwhile causes ranges from eating cakes to running marathons this month!

At the Rotary Clarendon Marathon, over 1,000 runners were inspired to run either the whole 26 miles, as a full or half marathon or as a relay, with 250 volunteers on the day. I'd like to thank Hampshire County Council and SSE who supplied us with barriers, cones and road signs, and Sparsholt College students who helped HCC to clear paths of overhanging branches before the event.

Did you 'Go Sober in October'? It's too late now but perhaps worth putting in our diaries for next year!

Keep Me Posted campaign:

When my Mother died suddenly in the summer, I was so glad that she had kept her records on paper.

Although she had a 'computer tablet' which she adored, keeping financial records on paper has made sorting out her affairs much easier, and it reminded me of the campaign 'Keep Me Posted' which now has EU-wide support. You can find out more about the campaign by writing to 'Keep Me Posted', PO Box 72064, London, EC4P 4DZ or going to www.keepposteduk.com

The campaign's goals are to ensure that all consumers are given the choice in how they receive their bills and statements by major organisations, and that customers do not face a financial penalty as a result of choosing to receive paper bills or statements.

I was interested to attend the AGM of the West Hampshire Clinical

Commissioning Group.

We had a discussion about the challenge of the NHS's Strategic Transformation Plan. You will hear more about the STP which is set to make dramatic changes to health care and hospitals in the future. I was pleased to hear that West Hants CCG is putting a special emphasis on child mental health. Tragically, in the same week I was approached by three mothers seeking help for their children. We must do something about this NOW!

Finally- if you need a small grant for your organisation, please consider applying for a slice of my County Devolved Budget. This grant offer varies enormously from defibrillator support to starting a new Morris dancing group! If you have an idea, please discuss it with me before you apply.

Contact me, your County Councillor, jackie@jackieporter.co.uk, by text on 07973 696 085, or by post The Down House, Itchen Abbas, Winchester SO21 1AX, by telephone 01962 791054 or twitter @JackieLibDem

Jackie Porter

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

With reference to last month's Jackie's County Corner, the straw lined rural roads are caused by overgrown hedges and overhanging tree branches - as shown in the photo last month. The hedges can easily be dealt with by an annual trim to bring the hedge back into the owner's property, as seen between Newbridge Cottage and the B3047 where there is not an issue. Overhanging branches should be cut to a height of 16 feet.

Michael Gray

Valley Volunteer

My name is Phoebe Culshaw. I returned to Easton from Hong Kong last year and live with my two children Scarlett and Theo and my Chinese dog called Maybe.



How long have you been volunteering and for which charities?

I started volunteering with Friends of the Family, a small W inchester based charity, at the beginning of this year.

What's your role and what does it involve?

I am a *befriender* supporting one child for a couple of hours a week. This involves spending time with the child either in or outside their home doing activities that they enjoy and offering support and friendship.

Why did you choose this charity/how did you get involved?

I wanted to contribute to my local community, in particular children. All children deserve a proper childhood and Friends of the Family is committed to helping families achieve that. I saw that they were looking for volunteers and gave them a call.

Brief description/history of the organisation

Friends of the Family is a W inchester based charity supporting families with children aged 0-13. The charity, which has been based at the Friends Meeting House, Colebrook Street, W inchester for 23 years, offers support and friendly guidance to parents and children who are struggling and are unable to cope with family life, through a variety of different services.

The services they offer are:

- Mums and under 5's: a group offering mums and their preschool children a twice weekly professional support service.
- 5's to 13's Befriending: trained volunteers offer confidential support in the home to children aged between 5 and 13.
- Support for Dads: One to one counselling service offering reassurance to men who are struggling with their role as a parent.
- Counselling: Weekly counselling sessions offering complementary support and guidance to parents who are engaging with the other Friends of the Family's services.

What would you say are the main challenges facing charities and in particular the charity you help with today?

One of the main challenges for Friends of the Family is recruiting enough volunteers to support the families and children that are referred to them. It is currently looking for volunteers for their 5's to 13's Befriending service and they are also recruiting Play Volunteers for its Mums and Under 5's group.

Caring and responsible volunteers are required to support the children and families who are referred to both these projects for approximately two hours a week for a minimum of one year. More information about these unique volunteering opportunities with Friends of the Family can be obtained by calling them on 01962 864466 or by email volunteering@fotfw Winchester.org The other issue that the charity has is sourcing/generating enough funds to support the different services that it offers. As a small charity it is continually exploring new sources of funding in order to maintain the invaluable support services for the

Itchen Valley Church Services



Sunday 6th November

8am	Holy Communion	Avington
10am	All Age Service	Martyr Worthy
11am	Matins	Easton
6pm	Healing and Wholeness	Itchen Abbas

Sunday 13th November

8am	Holy Communion	Easton
10.00am	Act of Remembrance	Easton
10.15am	Act of Remembrance	Martyr Worthy
10.30am	Act of Remembrance	Itchen Abbas
10.50am	Remembrance	Avington
6pm	Peace Communion	Martyr Worthy

Sunday 20th November

8am	Holy Communion	Martyr Worthy
10am	Parish Communion	Easton
6pm	Evensong	Avington

Sunday 27th November

8am	Holy Communion	Itchen Abbas
10am	Parish Communion	Martyr Worthy
6pm	Advent Carols	Easton

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children and families who are referred to them. In the current economic climate, resources are limited so the charity relies on its own fundraising events such as an annual quiz night, boot sales etc., as well as private donations, grants from charitable trusts and other funding streams.

What do you get out of volunteering/why do you do it?

It is such a privilege when a child offers you their trust. If we can make a difference in someone's life, even for a few hours then, as Mahatma Ghandi said, 'In a gentle way you can shake the world'.

Phoebe was talking to Ronnie Johns

From the Rectory

November always seems to me to be a month of remembering. Some of the remembering is of recent events like the long summer evenings, which



we fondly recall as the nights draw in. Some remembering is of events that are within living memory: when we pause for Acts of Remembrance on 11th and 13th November we will be recalling not only the dead of two World Wars, but also those who have died in the many conflicts since. Some of the remembering is of more distant events as we 'remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot'.

Remembering is important because the stories we tell about past events help make us the people we are today. Communal acts of remembering not

only help us pass on our shared story, but they build us as a community. Of course as we come to Remembrance Sunday we are recalling what we owe those who fought and died to preserve our way of life. However the intention of our remembering is not just gratitude but an encouragement to live differently. As we remember the high costs of war, we are reminded not to take the liberties and lifestyle we enjoy for granted and we are encouraged to work harder for peace.

Remembering is at the heart of Christian life. Every time we celebrate Holy Communion we remember the story at the centre of our faith.

Through the service we remember that Jesus restored our relationship with God and with each other through what he did on the Cross. As we eat the bread and drink the wine we remember that Jesus died for us: 'we do this in remembrance of him'. As we take Communion, we draw nearer to God and nearer to each other. We come together as a community of faith and are created and formed by re-telling the story of Jesus in words and actions. By remembering his story, it becomes our story.

As we remember, we put back together the parts, the members, of our story. We re-member: we reassemble our community around Jesus.

This November we have a particularly special service of Holy Communion. On 20th November, Bishop David will be leading our service and he will confirm some of our young people. We will gather in St Mary's, Easton to remember what Jesus has done for us and take Holy Communion in memory of him. We will welcome some new members of the Church and celebrate this stage in their journey of faith. At

that time, many in the congregation like me will remember their own confirmation, their own journey of faith and the difference that Christ has made to their lives. We will remember what Jesus has done for us and what he calls us to do and, strengthened by our recollections, we will seek to 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord'. Why don't you come and join us?

Revd Rebecca Fardell

Alresford & Itchen Valley City Councillors



Are you on the electoral roll? If you received a form to register, ensure it is completed and returned. It is a legal requirement to register!

NatWest Mobile Bank update: service in Broad Street, Alresford, from Wednesday 23rd November 2016.

Winchester's young people helped on their journey to employment: WCC in conjunction with Southampton City Council now produces a monthly jobs bulletin (www.winchester.gov.uk/business/employment/local-careers-advisors-group) for young people living in the Winchester District. It contains information on job vacancies for young people starting their working life at local employers such as local authorities, the Hospital and University as well as private sector jobs and information about volunteering

opportunities, apprenticeships and traineeships. WCC even supports the local Wheels to Work scheme to help people get to jobs. Anyone requiring further information should contact Laura Morrell (lmorrell@winchester.gov.uk)

Corporate Campaign 2016/17: Feet First: The aim of Feet First is to promote walking/access for all ages and physical abilities as the norm for short journeys, or as part of a longer journey, and create the context for change over a number of years so that people have direct, easy, safe, and pleasant routes encouraging them to want to walk to school, shops, work and public transport links as well as for leisure purposes. If you can think of a footpath that needs additional resources to make it more usable, let your City Councillors know.

Boundary Commission for England : From 13th September 2016, there is a twelve week public consultation on the Boundary Commission for England Initial Proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries for the South East Region. Relevant documents including maps are available for public inspection at City Council's Customer Service Centre. Proposals are set out on the Boundary Commission for England's website, together with details on how to comment <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

Joint Waste Consultation : WCC is reviewing its waste, recycling, grounds maintenance and street cleansing. Residents can give their views using this link https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/joint-waste-consultation/consult_view/ Consultation ends 28th October 2016

Winchester Taxi Consultation : WCC is working with taxi operators and

drivers to learn how best to improve the service you currently experience in the Winchester area. They want to know what is important to customers; use this link https://winchester.citizenspace.com/licensing-1/winchester-taxi-consultation-2016/consult_view to comment.

Consultation ends 31st October 2016

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The Valley Gardeners

Our club members love the variety of the events we put on for them and a good example of this is the four we ran in August, September and October this year.

We started with a visit to Hampton Court in August. Most people are probably quite familiar with the palace itself but the gardens are definitely worth

seeing, especially as a great deal of work has been done in recent years to restore them to the glories of former times. The Kitchen Garden is a case in point, originally built for William and Mary in 1689 on the site of Henry VIII's tiltyard. Here, they have lovingly reprised the design, planting and crop selection that 18th century courtiers would have enjoyed. We had two excellent guides to point out the important aspects of the Kitchen Garden and some of the other parts of the formal gardens around the palace. We even had a rare treat which was to be allowed into the glasshouse in which the Great Vine grows. Planted in 1768, this is the largest grape vine in the world!

In early September, we were nearer to home, visiting two gardens near Farnham. During the morning, one group of 20 toured Jill Ede's charming garden, Old Thatch, which nestles on the banks of the Basingstoke canal. Very vocal donkeys welcomed us and we had warm sunshine while we inspected every detail in this picture-





perfect garden, with the quintessential thatched cottage at its heart. Enid Blyton lived here from 1929 to 1938 and it is where one of her most loved characters, Brer Rabbit, was created in 1934.

The same morning, another party of 20 Valley Gardeners visited John Coke's stunning garden at Bury Court, which is as contrasting a garden to Old Thatch as you could find. Stately swathes of grasses and perennials reflect designer Piet Oudolph's style of naturalistic planting, while in the front garden, rusted steel-edged beds and gravel paths creates a modern meadow-like feel around a reflective pool and seating area.

The two groups of Valley Gardeners met for a splendid pub lunch and chatter about the gardens they had seen in the morning and then swapped gardens for the afternoon. It was a novel solution to the problem of overcrowding gardens with visitors, and it worked really well.

Food and drink are key elements at a Valley Gardeners event and our *Here's one I made earlier* supper party was held in late September at Easton Village Hall. 50 members and about 10 guests brought along the most delicious dishes, both savoury and sweet, which they had cooked from ingredients grown in their gardens. The Club contributed some cold meats,

cheese and a few bottles of wine, and with the tables decorated with autumn fruits and vegetables, a splendid evening was had by all.

Our October event was a talk given by Rosie Yeomans called *Gardening for all seasons on chalk*. As we all live and garden on a chalky soil – with differing amounts of topsoil – this was a very interesting and helpful topic. We learnt what not to use to improve our soil's fertility and what to do to maximise the potential we do have. Rosie's engaging manner and amusing asides, together with clarity both of speech and narrative, made this a fascinating lecture. We all came away with many ideas about how to improve our gardens and a way to learn to love chalk.

The Valley Gardeners have a full and varied programme for the 2017 season including a two day spring break to the RHS Malvern Flower show combined with Jekka McVicar's herbsetum. There are trips to gardens as far apart as Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Dorset, and as well as our normal monthly events, we also put on three evening events at intervals throughout the year covering diverse topics such as willow weaving and lawn care, so there really is something for everyone to enjoy at The Valley Gardeners meetings.

Catherine Hahn





Flames of Hell - Don Giovanni at St John's Church, Itchen Abbas

It was an enormous privilege to witness the Osborne Opera group's uniquely engaging performances of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* in the intimate setting of St John's Church, Itchen Abbas. At the heart of Osborne Opera is a group of internationally acclaimed intermezzo soloists who, with their equally talented friends, first performed this abridged version of *Don Giovanni* in a tiny church in Osborne, Dorset. Now, due to flourishing solo careers, they rarely have a chance to sing together so we were especially fortunate to have a chance to see and hear them. *Don Giovanni* is loosely based on the legend of Don Juan who allegedly had over a thousand lovers. Alastair Ollerenshaw made an engaging

Leporello with his gold-plated bass-baritone voice and exceptional comic timing. Maribeth Diggle commanded as a fiery Donna Anna in a dramatic vocal performance that would be equally at home on the biggest stages. Florian Bonneau's Don Giovanni had great charm. He perfectly captured both the humour and the evil of the character. Eleanor Ross was outstanding as Donna Elvira, her radiant soprano voice soaring to the rafters of the church while Don



Ottavio was played sensitively by Stephen Anthony Brown. Peter Brooke, who switched roles with ease, convinced as both Masetto and the Commendatore, and the final scene, where he dragged Don Giovanni into hell beneath the arch in St John's, complete with smoke and red lighting, was chilling. Zita Syme was engaging as Zerlina, particularly in her perfectly pitched indecision in the famous aria 'La ci darem la mano', and never has dusting been performed more flirtatiously than by Bella W oosnam playing the maid! Susanna Stranders was remarkable, not only in her skilful keyboard accompaniment, but also in singing-in the tenor role of Don Ottavio on the second night when Stephen lost his voice.

The excellent cast was ably supported by the local back stage crew, including Patrick Appleby for the staging, John Bouldin for lighting and Jill Croft for costumes.

Nick and Lavinia Owen have given us all the most memorable and joyful experience in organising and persuading this extraordinarily talented group to perform in Itchen Abbas. If these young singers are the future of Opera, then the future looks bright.

The performances were generously sponsored by Carter Jonas and Eric Robinson Solicitors, with a Gala Concert on the Sunday sponsored by Hobbs Rehabilitation (see page 8).

Maddy W oosnam



Serious works come to Itchen Abbas



After years of neglect, the council have decided we need renewed footpaths in Shelley Close. About eight years ago I asked if the moss could be scraped, and this is their answer. I have never understood why we can't have a footpath on the B3407 where it is dangerous - and we need two in our close: but that is the perceived wisdom. So we have a lovely group of chaps working away and, despite dire warnings from HCC, we have all been able to move our cars when needed. When it's done you can all come and have a walk round, as long as no muddy footprints are left! I must say I did wonder if the council was short of money but I do now know the answer.

Tony Gaster

Tiddler joke

Q. What did the frog feel like when the knight chopped off his leg?

A. He was unhoppy.

*Fred Matthews
aged 6*





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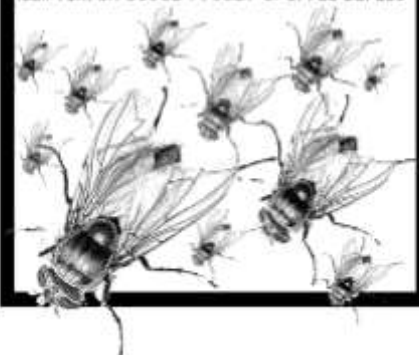
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All the world's bus stops



The train from Belgrade to Novi Sad broke down in Sremska Karlovci. Along came a bus and all was well. They didn't take the bus pass, but 22p for a 20 minute ride is hardly outrageous.

John Harris

Riverbank open day

Saturday 8th October was Riverbank Kindergarten's first ever 'Open Day'. Thankfully the sun shone despite it being a fairly chilly October morning. Martyr Worthy Village Hall was set out as it would be for a normal kindergarten session. Autumn is a theme we had been focusing on for the last couple of weeks, and the art table reflected this with activities ready for little creative people to explore. Hedgehog and squirrel shapes were ready to be decorated with all sorts of materials and paints. Fresh playdough had been made to encourage shape modelling with colourful leaves. As usual, the safe and secure beautiful area outside of the hall

was prepared with all manner of toys and other things to occupy an energetic child. From a ride on a roller coaster, climbing frames, tunnels, and trikes to a mud kitchen, there was something for every little person to enjoy.

A couple of existing Riverbank parents with their children kindly attended on the day. They were able to answer questions about the setting from their personal experiences.

We were ready!

Soon after 9.30 our first new visitor walked through the door, with others soon to follow. The faces of excitement were lovely to see. It was almost too much for one young man: not knowing where to go or what to play with first, he rushed around with a huge smile from ear to ear. Every one of the children present appeared to have a fun morning, which is exactly the way Riverbank is planned to function. Our key ethos is for our children to learn through play in a safe and caring environment. The only real tears that we saw all morning were when it was time to go home.

The morning was highly successful and as a result we will be welcoming some new faces to Riverbank next term. As always we will be offering parents a couple of free 'taster sessions' to



introduce the children gently to our happy team in advance of them formally joining us. This gives parents an opportunity to decide which days will work best for them (Riverbank is open Monday to Friday during Hampshire school term times), and what hours their child will attend (we open with flexible start times from 9am till 1pm each day, with extended hours till 3pm on some days).



We were very surprised that some of the potential new parents had heard of Riverbank from recommendations, but did not know where we were. They thought our open day was a great idea and suggested we do it again soon. As a result we intend to hold more open days in the future, so please watch your local parish notice boards. If you want to know more about us, please contact me on 07867 530075. There is also a new Riverbank website coming soon, and you can find us on Facebook.

Babs Smith

The Practical Gardener

Following our wet start, this year has given us a wonderful summer and gardens have prospered. This is the time for preparation for colder weather. So I start with my greenhouse. First it is emptied completely, then I clean all the glass and shelves. Late in the day, making sure all vents are closed, I employ a sulphur candle to destroy pests. The next morning I leave the doors open and ventilate for some hours. Then I use bubble wrap for insulation, which has worked well over the years. Finally I put back tender plants that will over-winter in a frost free environment.



Some tender plants in the garden can be saved for a future year, like geraniums and fuchsias, so these get dug up now and repotted into the greenhouse. It's also a time for dead-heading, a rather laborious job but I think worthwhile. Through the year I notice fuchsias drop their blooms and leave a seed pod. To get more blooms these definitely need removing. This is also a good time to go around the garden with a camera: to keep a record of what has done well, what might be removed or planted elsewhere. I have records going back

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ten years!

It's been a bad year for pests, well, maybe good for them. Where have the ladybirds gone and also the hedgehogs? Whitefly are in abundance in different parts of my garden. Slugs are everywhere, yet birds ignore them and are concentrating on digging up my lawn for chafer bugs. Who said gardening is not warfare? Thankfully my brassica protection kept the cabbage whites at bay but elsewhere caterpillars were in abundance. There are places in the garden which



sometimes don't work. So it is on my front lawn. I'm not afraid to dig-up, move or discard and start again.

This is also a time for planting, so wallflowers and Sweet Williams sown earlier now need planting out. It's also bulb planting time, but be warned: if like me you also plant bulbs in pots,

keep an eye out for squirrels.

I always have copious amounts of my own compost. It's a good time to spread this over bare soil and the worms will do the work over winter. Whilst being on chalk is great in many respects, to get good crops you must continually add organic material and what better than your own compost. I'm also clearing an area completely for a new fence. A huge amount of material has been cut down, shredded or burnt. Now it's time for stumps to be ground. I've had an unfortunate experience trying to do this myself - my advice is leave it to the professionals!

Happy gardening.

Tony Gaster.

From the Parish Council

Once again we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

Mick Philips has resigned as he is no longer able to give the time needed to carry out the



work he has ably and diligently done as a Councillor for several years. He has been our expert on footpaths, checking that they are clear, deciding priorities and preparing lists for the lengthsmen. His knowledge of the Valley and its byways is encyclopaedic. He has been a member of and, for the last year, Chairman of the Planning Committee, giving much needed local knowledge and a sensible balanced view. So we all give him a very big thank you and wish him well for the future.

If you are interested in joining us, please let either Alan Weaver, our

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Clerk, or myself know (our details are on the Parish Council website). If you would like to find out more about being a Parish Councillor first, please get in touch with me or any member of the Parish Council (again contact details on the website). Now to the subject of telephone boxes. Some of you will have seen the notices in our telephone boxes and the on-going discussion on the Itchen List. From the Parish Council point of view, first and foremost for some boxes at least, the telephones are needed for use in an emergency. This especially applies to the box close to the playing field and play area at Couch Green. Not everybody has a mobile phone and in many cases there is little or no mobile reception. Therefore, the Parish Council is supporting our County and City councillors in making representations on this point. If BT insist on removing the phone lines, the second issue is one of the telephone boxes as architectural features in the villages. I

have it on good authority that the box in Avington is Grade II listed. Applications to list other boxes could also be made, or as the notices suggest they can be adopted for £1. However, with the latter comes the responsibility and cost of maintaining them. The Parish Council does not feel that it is justified in committing long term funding for this cause. However, that does not stop other individuals or groups adopting one or more boxes, or trying to get them listed.

Patrick Appleby, Parish Council Chairman

Abandoned by fete....

We have some cake containers left at the hall, after the Easton fete. If you were one of the people who kindly donated cakes, and have lost your container, then please contact Iris Lacey 779707.



Itchen Abbas Village Hall was full for the annual Harvest Lunch



New Governor Required, Itchen Abbas Primary School

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Comings and Goings

Martyr Worthy was sorry to say goodbye to Viv Isemann after many years in Church Lane - fortunately she has not moved far - but delighted that Juliet and Geoffrey Burnand are now ensconced in their new house just down the hill. And a warm welcome to Fidelix and Jess Dutton and daughters Maia & Anya in Shelley Close, Itchen Abbas.

Chestnut Horse

The Chestnut Horse has appeared on the Hall & Woodhouse Brewery website, apparently in need of a new tenant. We understand this is a sensitive time for the pub, and the IVN hopes to bring news next month when the situation may have crystallised. Ed.

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Down the Junction

Down at the Cart and Horses junction, raking out the debris from the wildflower meadow prior to reseeded, gave three of us an hour or two observing some astonishing manoeuvres. Top prize goes to the articulated supermarket lorry that stopped outside the post office, presumably to consult satnav, then



backed out (very carefully!) onto the A33 and then did a u-turn back towards W innall! The photo is of a four

car crash later the same day.

The good news is that the perennial wildflowers have been sown, and we hope will create an even better display than last year. There is also wildflower turf in Easton churchyard, and a newly seeded bank in Itchen Abbas. Extra volunteers would be very welcome.

Verity Coleman 882800

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Black bins and green bags on Fridays 11th and 25th. Green bins on Fridays 4th and 18th.

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07:53 09:23 11:23 13:23 16:23 17:23

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09:19 11:19 13:19 15:19 17:11 18:09

Saturday service (same for the whole month)

Towards Winchester:

08:23 11:23 14:23 17:23

Towards Alresford:

09:19 12:19 15:19 18:09

No Sunday or bank holiday service

All times shown are at Itchen Abbas.

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Friday 2nd December at 9.30 am

Please contact the school office on 01982 779310 to book your tour. We look forward to meeting you!

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