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## WELCOME to the Valley News



As Summer draws to a close, what a season it has been! Check out the Junior cricket awards, tremendous tennis, garden parties and Easton village fete success, complete with minion visit (front cover).

As Vernon's own minions, this month's Sub Editors are now getting back to business. Kids at school, husbands safely on the 6.48 and exercise classes renewed with vigour to shift the summer excess. As we write, Lucy is making herself yet another kale nutribullet with way too much spirulina, which is making our office environment somewhat difficult to concentrate in.

Focus is essential for this issue with a What's On section packed with quizzes for various causes and a line up from the Martyr Worthy lecture series that surely raises the intellectual bar in the Valley - certainly from where we minions are sitting. Meanwhile, Steve Brine gives readers the chance to attend another hotbed of debate with his PMQ ballot (page 30).

Forgive us, even as lovers of dressing-up and chocolate, we are not touching on Halloween. Nowadays, Easton is a mecca for trick or treaters and we believe it needs no additional publicity! In the spirit of forgiveness, Alex Pease asks us to reconcile with friends and family on the thorny Brexit issue. If only this was as easy as uniting our opinions on Donald Trump. One thing the Valley has agreed upon is the excitement caused by a visiting Osprey (page 32). How lovely to welcome another feathered visitor as

we say Bon Voyage to the playful swifts.

As you know, we rely heavily on contributions from our readers and if anyone would like to get involved with a regular strand, we would love to hear from you. We have some exciting ideas up our sleeves, but will keep schtum until we are flooded with volunteers (we're positive thinkers!).

Do visit the IVN Facebook page (assuming you have broadband) where you can see lots of fab photos that haven't made it into the magazine. But, for now, sit back and enjoy October! Verity Coleman is your editor next month.

*Lucy & Fi.....Bannannnaaaaa!*

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## What's On

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Short Mat Bowls



The weekly winter season of short mat bowling starts again in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Why not join us? You will be made most welcome whether or not you have played green bowling or short mat bowling before. Woods are available for those without; all you will need to bring with you is a pair of flat soled shoes.

For further information please contact Peter Bell on 779285

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Riverbank Kindergarten Open Day



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We are having an open morning for parents to bring their 2 to 5 year olds along to sample our stunning setting. We are holding an open session from 9:30am till 12:30pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Come visit us and have a fun morning meeting some of the team. Riverbank feeds into all the local Primary Schools and has received a

Good OFSTED report.

To find out more about Riverbank contact Babs on 07867 530075 or 01962 621757

*Riverbank Kindergarten*

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Itchen Valley Churches Harvest Lunch

Please come and celebrate this year's harvest at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall. £6.00 including a two-course lunch and a glass of wine or soft drink.

Children under 10 are free and there will be entertainment for all the family. Tickets or more details from

*Vanessa Rosewell 01962 841182*

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Don Giovanni

The Southwood Players have missed our biannual play this year, but hope to do one next year. To maintain our support for the local MS Society and the Valley Churches, we are instead promoting opera in Itchen Abbas Church from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October. Much as the Southwood Players – or some of them – would like to sing “Climb every mountain”, this is real professional opera, slightly abridged to omit the chorus (which will not fit into the church) and to run for only two hours for those who find they cannot last longer, even with our padded chairs. It fits neatly between the last performances of Grange Park Opera and the new Grange Festival, but is not a black tie event and is just a bit cheaper than those. This is a group of singers who perform in opera houses all over the world – including The Grange – and the pianist is head of music at Garsington – quite a standard. They come together occasionally just for the chance of renewing friendships and singing in small venues, where the



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Nick Owen 779162

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, The Naked Quiz Night in aid of Home-Start Winchester**



The evening starts at 7.30pm in Itchen Abbas Village Hall, sponsored by The Naked Grape. Bring a table of eight or join a team on

the night (clothing compulsory). Tickets £12.50 to include a delicious two course supper. Prize Draw includes seven nights accommodation in the South of France. For tickets call Sue Barham on 01962 851177 or email [info@home-startwinchester.org.uk](mailto:info@home-startwinchester.org.uk)  
Sue Gentry

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Celebration and Drinks at St Mary's Church, Easton**

All are invited for drinks and canapés at our annual celebration following a service of candlelit festive Evensong at 6pm.

Please RSVP to [theo@judes.co.uk](mailto:theo@judes.co.uk) or [olddairy2@gmail.com](mailto:olddairy2@gmail.com)

Julie Taylor

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Multimedia Quiz Night at Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall**



Join us at 7pm for an evening of entertainment and light hearted team rivalry, quiz starts at 7.30 pm Bring a picnic supper to enjoy at the interval and help raise funds for the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Tickets are £15 each or book a team table of eight for £120. To book email me on [rhjamieson@btinternet.com](mailto:rhjamieson@btinternet.com) or call 01256 381388

Robert Jamieson

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Upper Itchen Valley Society AGM in Martyr Worthy Village Hall**



The evening starts at 7pm with a glass of wine before the meeting at 7.30. As usual the formal part of

the meeting will follow the Speaker who this year will be Christopher Napier O.B.E.

He will talk about planning and devolution in Hampshire and will be happy to answer questions. Christopher started as a submariner, became a partner in a City firm of solicitors and in recent years has been responsible for reacting to planning legislation and local planning problems for CPRE. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible.

Alison Matthews, Chairman  
Upper Itchen Valley Society

## **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Easton Fireworks**

Save the date for a breathtaking display at the David Roth Memorial Cricket ground.

*Village Hall Committee*



## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, The Royal British Legion – Itchen Valley Branch at Avington War Memorial**



The Annual Remembrance Sunday parade for 2016 will be held in front of the Avington War Memorial on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50 am. All Members of

the Royal British Legion, and anyone else who has served in the Armed services, in whatever way, are invited to attend. We plan to form up by the War Memorial at 10.45 am. Please wear medals if you have them. The RBL badge should be worn below the poppy. The wearing of hats and carrying of umbrellas is at the discretion of individuals. In the event of (very) wet weather there will be no parade, but Members will be invited to gather at the War Memorial for the two-minute silence and wreath-laying. The Remembrance Service will be held in St. Marys Church Avington, shortly after the two-minute silence. The service will be ecumenical: it is designed for everybody.

The Annual General meeting of the Royal British Legion Itchen Valley branch will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - 1900 hours at

Martyr Worthy village hall and all members are encouraged to attend.  
*Richard Seymour - Hon. Sec. 779401*

## **Starting Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the “Bereavement Journey” course**

Elaine Labram will lead a “Bereavement Journey” course at St John’s Church, Itchen Abbas in November. This is a six week course devised by Jane Oundjian. It has been run very successfully for a number of years at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton. It aims to help the bereaved explore their feelings in a supportive environment (but is not led by trained bereavement counsellors). The six sessions will run from 7.30 - 9.30 pm starting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November and on the following four Thursdays with the final session on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. It is important that participants come to all sessions. The format of each session will be a short film, followed by discussion, coffee (and cake!!) and finishing with another short film. We will limit the number of participants to eight. On Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the 10am service in St Swithun’s, Martyr Worthy, we will be showing a short film to give you an idea of what the course entails. If you think the course would be of interest, please do contact me for more details.

[emlabram@gmail.com](mailto:emlabram@gmail.com) or 07702 173001

*Elaine Labram*

## **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Fun quiz in Itchen Abbas church.**

Teams 6 - 8 people, or come on your own and join with others. Sold out last year so book early to avoid disappointment. See page 10 for more information.

*Charlotte Appleby*



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*Ina Williams*



### Quiz and Supper

A fun quiz to raise funds for the Parish will be held on

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**

in St John's Church, Itchen Abbas.

Tickets £15 to include an Itchen Valley Special supper and a glass of wine or soft drink. Teams of 6-8 – bring your friends from near and far



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or Tony ([tonygaster@btinternet.com](mailto:tonygaster@btinternet.com))

## High Jinks, Joviality and Giant Jenga at the Parker's Summer Party

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“David and Sally are so good at getting everyone together” said one of the ladies of Itchen Abbas who enjoyed, with us, a Sunday afternoon at Abbey Cottage.

In the beautiful surroundings of Abbey Cottage's prize winning organic garden, we drank Pimms (or in my case some delicious rhubarb cordial) and a range of beers, ate a delicious barbecue and endless cup cakes and brownies, whilst



we listened to David's excellent band and some fantastic vocals.

And of course we chatted, a bit...great to exchange news on what has been happening during the Summer.

Really good fun. And the weather held - there was one moment when it looked as if we might actually get hot - but then we were back to what the BBC calls 'light cloud'. Living in England is like 'living inside tupperware' according to Bill Bryson - he may be right - it was one of those English days - but it did not stop the enjoyment of a fantastic day in a wonderful garden.

For the grown ups an opportunity to show of some knowledge (or ignorance) of plants and for the kids a



'scavenger hunt' which involved searching high and low for various items which one was unlikely to want to put in a bag - the delicious raspberries for example - the best of the season which, were it not for the slightly intimidating sign immediately opposite the vegetable garden, might make a night time raid to finish them off very tempting ...



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And also a massive game of Jenga – I just managed to snap this (previous page) before one demolition expert stepped in...

A lot of work, rehearsal and general preparation went into this day and it raised money for various charities including the Itchen Valley Parish for which we are very grateful.

Thank you David and Sally!

Alex Pease

*This article was first published on the Itchen Valley Churches website.*

### **And from the hosts...**

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the open garden and of course those who came and made it a fun afternoon. We raised £500 for the charities. See you next year.

David and Sally Parker

## **Worthy Park Tennis Club Report: Summer 2016**



The courts were immaculate, the sun shone, and a full afternoon tea awaited all those participating in

the recent parent and child competition; congratulations to our winners Philip and Ned Wolfe. It couldn't have been a more perfect day for a bit of a run around.

This year the club participated in the Great British Tennis Weekend with a variety of tennis on offer to tempt old and new players, cardio tennis or as I like to call it "cardiac tennis" was particularly fun! It's really rewarding to see children starting to taking up tennis, the club makes it really easy with racquets and balls on tap in the club house.

The Club Championships were fiercely contended across a number of classes.



*Philip and Ned Wolfe, Parent and Child Competition winners*

Mark Wheeler won the men's singles, Yvette Riley the ladies and Sasha Khakoo and Sue Harris the ladies doubles. Mark also won through in the men's doubles partnered with Rob Harris, whilst Simon Hanley and Beccy Ford won the mix doubles and finally Henry Lucas won the junior competition. Congratulations to them all.

We'd also like to thank our outgoing Chairman Rob Harris. Rob has seen the club thrive under his leadership with the event list growing longer each year. Nick Sellick will also be standing down after a number of years; Nick has lead the men's tennis to new heights and proved a great advocate for getting more people involved including organising trips to Eastbourne. So we desperately need new faces on the committee, so a plea: if you are a member please think about volunteering. It's not an onerous task

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and it's really rewarding.

The sunshine may be diminishing but tennis players these days hardly ever seem to hang up their racquets, global warming has its benefits! Tennis Coaching sessions for adults are available at the weekend, sessions can be block booked or pay and play timing below Saturday: Intermediates @ 9.30-10.30am Saturday: Advanced @ 10.30-11.30am Sunday: Ladies intermediates @10.00-11.00am

If you've not yet joined Worthy Park Tennis club and love tennis or would like to learn, then why not come and see what we have to offer?

Membership details can be found at [www.worthyparktennis.com](http://www.worthyparktennis.com). Hope to see you on the courts soon.

*Yvette Riley*

## Easton WI

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After the summer break, we heard about visits to the Hearing Dogs training centre, Chawton House and the Alresford Show Tea Tent where a band of helpers served home-made cakes and teas.

Simon Ffennell was our Speaker talking about A Year's Work on the Martyr Worthy Fishery.

In the past, the river was harnessed for milling, navigation, rafting wood down to the coast and irrigation with a network of water meadows.

The gravel riverbed makes ideal conditions for the brown trout, which start to spawn in January, a good flow of well oxygenated water for the eggs is essential.

During the winter months, the land is strimmed to remove old vegetation and help plants grow, willow and poplars give shelter from the wind, and the Norfolk Reed hosts several varieties of birds. The season begins



on 1<sup>st</sup> May and aquatic weeds have to be cut at certain times only to help the flow and give protection to the fish. Predators have to be deterred (remember the orange men?) and the Cormorants living on Alresford Pond are a particular problem.

Preventing the river from over-widening is an important job, this helps the flow and pushes silt down river.

Simon illustrated his talk with wonderful slides of the river during the seasons. We are very lucky to be living in such a beautiful part of Hampshire, with lots of viewpoints to look at the river.

*Sallie Peake*

## You just can't dislike the Itchen Valley News

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The magazine receives many more photographs of major local events than we could ever print in the pages we have available. In an

effort to remedy this situation, the Itchen Valley News has launched itself into the realms of social media. Our little local publication now has a

Facebook page. As well as being able to display photos that weren't ever printed, the page also includes the latest edition online. If you want to refer to older issues, the parish council website kindly hosts those for us. Do find us on Facebook if you wish – and thank you to all those who have so far “liked” us. But there's no button as yet to “dislike” the magazine.

*Vernon Tottle*

*Editor IVN*

## Howzat! Junior cricket stars recognized at E&MWCC Awards

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End of season cricket celebrations took on a lively air once more when parents and children packed Easton village hall in September for the annual junior presentation evening.

Marking the success of over 120 young cricketers - across five age groups and seven teams - there were medals for every player and a series of individual trophies presented.

There were also two main awards of which one, The Dave Purse Memorial Cup for Best Junior Cricketer, went to Avington's Monty Randle. Monty was captain of the U11 County Cup winning side. This team also featured fellow Avingtonian and team-mate Isaac Low, who was named U11 Best Bowler. All awards were presented by club coach, Ian Stuart, and the 1<sup>st</sup> XIs overseas player, Matt Chamberlain – see list below for all Itchen Valley winners.

Season highlights in addition to the U11 County win were the U15s winning their league and the U9As receiving the main team award in the Winchester Warriors league where this younger age group plays non-

competitively. 2016 also marked the establishment of the club's first girls' team.

Juniors' organiser Adrian Lee reflected on the year: “None of this success would have been possible without the volunteer support of an army of parents assisting the club in coaching or admin roles and the generous support of our sponsor, Creative Catering and Marquees since the start of 2013.”

Adrian went on to present Easton's Kaye Thompson, Creative's founder, with flowers to thank her for her funding of youth cricket over four seasons. Club Chairman Adam Murch also thanked Adrian, from Itchen Abbas, for his four seasons at the helm and after all his cricket duties, presented him with a tennis racket! Adrian, in turn, presented bouquets to two other departing committee members including publicity officer, Tracy Wickham, also from Itchen Abbas.

And there were Long Service Awards for several local boys who have been playing junior cricket at the club since they were U9s.

Awards went to players from:

Avington: Monty Randle (Dave Purse Award), Isaac Low (U11 Best Bowler), Olly Boulton (U9A Best Player)

Easton: Sky Mitchell (U15 Best Bowler and Long Service), Charlie Freemantle (U15 Best Fielder and Long Service), Joey Mitchell (U15 Emerging Player)

Itchen Abbas: Will Wickham (U15 Best Player, Best Batsman and Long Service), Spencer Lee and Jamie Kennard (U15 Long Service), Toby Jeffes (U13 Best Bowler), Ruby Lee (U11 Girls Best Player), Matilda Ashbee (U11 Girls Best Bowler), Jasper Hanson (U11B Emerging Player).

*Tracy Wickham, E&MWCC*





*Monty Randle U11, Dave Purse  
Memorial Award presented by  
Matt Chamberlain*



*Isaac Low, U11 Best  
Bowler*



*Joey Mitchell, U15  
Emerging player*

## E&MWCC Award Winners



*Charlie Freemantle, U15 Best  
Fielder and Long Service*



*Sky Mitchell, U15 Best Bowler  
and Long Service*



*Olly Boulton, U9A Best Player,  
Award presented by Ian Stuart*



*Ruby Lee, U11 Girls,  
Best Player*



*Will Wickham, U15  
Best Player, Best  
Batsman, Long Service*



*Matilda Ashbee, U11  
Girls Best Bowler*



*Toby Jeffes, U13 Best Bow-  
ler*

## Letter from the Rectory

September 1939 to May 1940 was a strange period in our history, when war had been declared by Britain against Germany, but no substantial military action had begun on the Western Front. The decision had been taken, we were at war, but the consequences, the 'blood, toil, tears and sweat' predicted by Churchill, had yet to transpire. A number of journalists have pointed to the Summer of 2016 as being rather similar – an unreal period when the decision for Brexit has been taken, but the consequences have yet to be experienced.

Many of our parents' and grandparents' generation will be able to point to exactly where they were when PM Neville Chamberlain announced, on that fateful day in September 1939, that 'this country is at war with Germany'. Equally, all of us will, for the rest of our lives, be able to point to where we were on Brexit Morning, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. I was in the St Andrews University chapel for the graduation service of my daughter Marina – preaching (as much to my surprise as to the surprise of those attending) on the subject 'Don't be taken over by the fear' Matthew 6:25-37 – a subject chosen several weeks beforehand, but which turned out to be particularly apposite for that morning.

Of course, the decision to leave the EU is **not at all the same** as the decision to declare war in 1939. The consequences cannot remotely be as severe. But there is one aspect of the whole business, where we might actually be worse off than in 1939. I



am in no position to express a view on whether the Brexit decision was a good thing or a bad thing. Whichever way we had voted, there could have been significant negative consequences in the short or medium term. There were good arguments on both sides and many people swung one way and then another before making their choice. However, I would point out that in the days of the Phoney War in 1939 and afterwards, we were, on the whole, united as a nation. But in this case of Brexit, I fear that we are not. Strong opinions have been expressed on both sides and political allies, friends and family members have found themselves on opposite ends of this dispute – even husbands and wives, parents and children.

I have been reading over the last few months Robert Toombs' excellent book '*The English and their History*'. It seems there is no other period of our island story where the usual close relationships within society, those that make up the fabric of our nation, the friendships and families, have been so divided, unless, that is, you look back to the Civil War in the Seventeenth Century, where fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, brothers, sisters and cousins found themselves either for Parliament or for the King and put their lives on the line accordingly. Civil Wars are bitter unpleasant affairs and difficult to stop – you only have to look at Syria.

However strongly the opinions for and against the cause of conflict are held, it can take a very long time to recover and to rebuild the relationships and alliances which have been shattered. While the Phoney War continues and 'Brexit means Brexit', but no one knows quite what this means, and no practical decisions have been taken, it is easy to think that there will be no

# Itchen Valley Church Services



## Sunday 2nd October

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

## Sunday 9th October

8am	Holy Communion	Easton
10am	Harvest Parish Communion and lunch	Itchen Abbas
6pm	Harvest Evensong	Martyr Worthy

## Sunday 16th October

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

## Sunday 23rd October

8am	Holy Communion	Itchen Abbas
10am	Parish Communion	Martyr Worthy
6pm	Friends Service	Easton

## Sunday 30th October

8am	Holy Communion	Martyr Worthy
10am	Parish Communion	Avington

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personal consequences for the stand that each of us took in the referendum and which we were so happy to share with friends and family and discuss at such length around the dinner table, in the pub or even in the street. But when the real consequences of this decision begin to bite, if they do, and if we see unemployment, plummeting house prices, damage to the value of pension funds or bankruptcies, there is a danger that friends or family members will be tempted to blame each other, particularly as the vote was so close.

If our friendships and families are to survive, we need to commit to forgiving one another. We need to resolve, whatever the consequences for us personally, that we are absolutely going to refuse to let them interfere with our friendships and the love that we have in our families. Any forgiveness involves a giving away; it involves a sacrifice of what we believe passionately to be true, it involves not insisting upon justice for ourselves, but giving undeserved grace to others. It involves following the example of Jesus Christ who took the penalty for everything that we have done wrong, even though he was blameless himself. It is the only solution if we are to keep our friends on the other side of the fence and to keep peace within our families.

Use the quiet of the Phoney War, before the out-workings of Brexit have become clear, to make peace with those friends and family members with whom you disagreed, if any, to restore those relationships and commit to each other not to hold the decisions that you or they took, against each other. This could be the last opportunity we get.

Rev. Alex Pease

## Easton Fête 2016

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Anyone reading the Hampshire Chronicle after the August Bank Holiday could not fail to have noticed that this year, despite some initial confusion, the Easton Fête did go ahead as usual. The double page spread showed just what a wonderful day we all had. The sun shone and people and their dogs turned out in their droves to enjoy themselves.

As any of you who ever been involved in a fête will know, the weather plays such an important part but without the involvement of many people, before and on the day, it can still fall flat on its face. Thankfully I was lucky enough to have the assistance of a great team of community minded people. Particular mention must go to Rachael Ashbee, Jill Croft, Barny Gloyn and Lyn Russell who were the backbone of this year's event.

The proceeds of the Easton Fête are split evenly between us the cricket club, the village hall and the Church so with takings close to £10,000 there should be smiles all round. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Adam Murch, E&MWCC Chairman

*(Eds: A pictorial flavour of the day can be found overleaf courtesy of Alex Pease)*

## Tiddler Joke of the Month

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Q. Why did the Monkey fall out of the tree?

A. Because it was dead.

Darcy Randle, 9 yrs



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## Obituary - Lorna Fewtrell 1921 - 2016: Tribute from her daughter

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I'm not quite sure where to start. Mummy's granddaughter, Louisa, gave lovely tribute to her at her 80<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> birthday parties, which many of you may remember, and which I could never emulate. Instead, I thought I should tell you something about my mother's long and eventful life.

She was born in 1921 and had two older brothers. They lived in a big house in Liverpool where children were expected to be seen and not heard. They were looked after by a much-loved nanny and only saw their parents at supper time. In spite of this, Mummy developed a very close relationship with her mother who was also a wonderful "Gaggy" to us.

Mummy wanted to go to Oxford to study law, but family finances didn't allow this, so she worked in a library for a bit and joined the Women's Auxillary Air Force (or WAAF) on a part-time basis as she thought it might be quite fun. However, when war broke out she was told that from now on she would be coming in every day. Since she couldn't type or drive, she was initially assigned to the officers' mess where she waited on tables and cleaned the loos. When she went home, her parents asked her what she was doing so she said it was Top Secret. Life in the ranks was pretty

tough, but the women she served with, many of whom came from the slums of Birmingham, were enormously kind to her.

Fortunately, Mummy's leadership qualities were soon recognized and she received her commission and was a WAAF officer on various RAF stations during the war. These were dire times, and many of her air force friends were killed, including her favourite brother

and the young pilot she was hoping to marry. Although it was a challenging time, they were all young, so there was also much partying and evening trips to London.

Immediately after the war, Mummy was posted to Germany where she visited Belsen Concentration Camp soon after it was liberated and met some of its inmates. One was a young woman to whom she promised

that she would attend the trial of the doctors who had committed such atrocities in the camp, which she subsequently did.

Mummy was the Staff Officer looking after WAAF units in Saxony and Berlin and it was there that she met another staff officer Felicity Hill, who subsequently went on to become Air Commandant (or head) of the Women's Royal Air Force. They have been close friends ever since and continued their friendship as residents of the Dower House. I'm delighted that Dame Felicity (who is now 100) is with us today, together with Fiona Norman, the Deputy Matron at the Dower House. Fiona was a favourite



of my mother's and looked after her so well in her final years, as did all of the very kind staff there.

My parents met when they were both stationed at RAF White Waltham and were married on All Saints Day in 1947. My mother had always been the youngest officer in any of the ranks that she held. However, her career in the WAAF ended when she was a Squadron

Officer, because she could no longer fit into her uniform due to my imminent arrival. My brother Nicholas was born two and a half years later and we had a wonderful childhood living in many different places, both in England and abroad.

We spent a short time in Iraq, living in Ramadi, which was then a sleepy little town on the Euphrates. After that we moved to Cyprus during the height of the EOKA troubles. Although our school bus was stoned

once, my memories of our time there were of idyllic family trips to the fine beaches and beautiful mountain ranges. My father was Air Attaché in Bucharest during the Cuban missile crisis at the height of the cold war, but Romania is a beautiful country and it was an interesting time to be there. One of my father's last postings was as Defence Attaché in Stockholm, which was another wonderful place to live. For my mother, life as a diplomat's wife often meant arranging and attending large formal dinner and cocktail parties but fortunately, given her dislike of cooking, someone else was employed to do that!



When we came back to England, my mother joined the WRVS and soon rose to the rank of Assistant District Administrator. However, when my father retired from the air force and became administrator of Winchester Cathedral, she decided that one administrator in the family was probably enough.

Although they had a lovely house in the cathedral close, my parents had always liked the look of Easton, and particularly East View, so when the house came on the market they bought it and moved to the village in 1976. Easton was a wonderful home for them, and when their lovely garden became too much for them they were delighted to be able to move across the road to 2 Church Lane, rather than leaving the village they loved so much. Indeed,

Mummy has remained very much a part of the village even after she moved to Headbourne Worthy a year or two ago.

My mother's time in Easton was not without its sorrows. My brother Nicholas's death in a fire at his house in London was a dreadful blow to our family and one that was particularly hard for my mother. Fortunately his wife Amanda escaped unharmed and has been a tower of strength, both to her own family and to ours and particularly to me in these last few weeks. Also, as you know, the last few years of my father's life were not



easy. Nevertheless my mother continued to look after him at home, where he wanted to be, for a lot longer than she probably should have done. This would have been impossible without the amazing support that she received from so many people in the village.

Mummy loved all aspects of life and the people in it. She delighted in her grandchildren, Louisa and James, and was always interested in, and supportive of them, including attending plays and chilly rugby matches when they were at Wellington College. She eagerly anticipated visits from her four great grandchildren and it is lovely that all but the smallest are here today. Although her own side of the family is sparse, she embraced my father's large family, many of whom are also here today.

My mother loved travelling and visiting interesting places all over the world. It was my privilege to go on many of these exciting and adventurous trips, which continued into her final year. In the back of the service sheet and at the party after this service, you will see photos of her enjoying herself on some of these trips.

Until the end of last year, Mummy swam most mornings, even in the depths of winter. She sang in the Choral Society and church choir for many years and enjoyed going to concerts. She played bridge several

times a week and always looked forward to summer and the boules season. Many of her bridge and boules friends are here today and I understand that she was an accomplished bridge player. Her boules performance was more erratic, but there were flashes of brilliance and cries of "Lorna Lies" were heard more often than her opponents would have liked. Indeed it

was suggested, some while ago, that "Lorna Lies" might be a suitable epitaph on her tombstone.

As Mummy's physical horizons became smaller, her mental ones seemed to get even larger. She was a news junkie and read *The Times* every day and insisted on watching the television news each night. She was informed and interested in current affairs and avidly followed the Brexit vote and its aftermath. She had so many kind friends and even in her final days, she

delighted in their visits and hearing all about their goings on and family happenings.

Many of you have written lovely messages saying how much my mother meant to you and it is tempting to quote from them. However, we would be here all day if I did. She was a fantastic friend to so many people and a dearly-loved aunt, great grandmother, grandmother and, of course, the most wonderful mother in the world. We will all miss her dreadfully but she has set an amazing example to us all that we will try hard, but find difficult to emulate.

*Clare Fewtrell*



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## From Our MP



September is back to school time for many of my constituents with young families and it's no different in our household. I'm always

convinced they're ready to go back at this time and know many of us parents certainly are. It's a new term for MPs also as the Autumn political season gets underway and Parliament returns.



There's a real sense of renewal in the air (with a new Prime Minister and a new Ministerial job for me) but nobody's under any illusions there's a lot to do. Britain's exit from the European Union understandably dominates and all smart MPs are focused on making a success of Brexit. I've written a fair bit since June setting out three of the areas I intend to focus on in discussions with Government colleagues. Given the large number of

my constituents who commute to the City every day, I am obviously interested in how we maintain London as the powerhouse of our economy and the place the world's big banks want to be. Alongside this, I am working with environmental organisations to see we take into UK law the best of, for example, the EU Habitats Directive, and blend it with other conventions and directives from outside the EU we will remain signed up to. That can all be drawn together as we honour a manifesto commitment to develop a 25-year plan for our environment.

Finally, farming already makes a major contribution to the UK and is the bedrock for a vibrant supply chain that is essential for our food and drink industry, worth some £100 billion to the economy. I believe this industry can embody the much talked of 'opportunity' of Brexit as we shape a new vision for an agricultural policy which ensures a dynamic, profitable and sustainable future. My columns all appear

online via [www.stevebrine.com/chroniclecolumn](http://www.stevebrine.com/chroniclecolumn)

Locally, August and September saw the return of my Summer Tour. It was the usual mix of street surgeries, events, a supermarket surgery and even a festival. The wide engagement it provides is so important to me and you can see full details at

[www.stevebrine.com/summertour16](http://www.stevebrine.com/summertour16)

September also saw the opening of significantly improved facilities for cyclists at Winchester Railway Station

following the completion of a new Cycle Hub. Alongside Winchester resident Conrad Haigh, who also heads up integrated transport at ATOC, I cut the ribbon on the £400,000 investment by South West Trains that provides 100 cycle spaces on two-tiered racks. The fully enclosed facility also boasts free to use cycle maintenance equipment, 24/7 CCTV and real time train information screens.

Finally for this time, Prime Minister's Questions is more lively than it's been in years so why not enter my ballot to see Theresa May take questions from the new (or renewed) Labour leader on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December? Enter via [www.stevebrine.com/PMQs](http://www.stevebrine.com/PMQs) You can find more about my other work, in Winchester and Westminster, via the website or on 01962 791110.

*Steve Brine MP for Winchester & Itchen Valley*

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## Church Finances

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This month we celebrate Harvest Festival and in addition to services in our churches there is a harvest lunch on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October. This is a time of year when we give thanks for the gifts that God gives us and in particular the fruits of the fields and also a time of year when we can think about what we ourselves give.

Our churches and all our parish activities can only continue if we support them financially. The cost of our churches is about £130,000 per year and we receive no support from the government or the diocese. It is up to us.

Harvest is a good time for individuals and families to review their level of giving.

We are also trying to move all giving

(except for those who give through Charities Aid Foundation) to the Parish Giving Scheme. Packs will be available at the Harvest Lunch, in the churches and from the parish office in St John's. If anyone has any questions please contact me on 07748 776433 or by e-mail [david.anderson@epladvisory.co.uk](mailto:david.anderson@epladvisory.co.uk) or Madeline Quest-Ritson in the parish office

[accounts@itchenvalleychurches.org](mailto:accounts@itchenvalleychurches.org) .

*David Anderson, Treasurer of Itchen Valley PCC*

## Comings and Goings

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We welcome to School House , Church Lane, Easton, Helena Martin and Phil Binney with cat called Biscuit. They are getting married on 1st October Also, the Reid Family have moved to Dymoke

Cottage, having just returned from Los Angeles. Jamie and Sophie and daughter Isla, 10 months.

*Judith Mezger*

## Flying in and Flocking off - Swift Update (including Our Wild Valley)

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As the time spent in summer in looking up has passed at these birds, I thought I would just check as to where they went in late summer, and to why they left us! This year I think they arrived on the first of May where they were noticeable flying over the river with the swallows and house martins catching their insect suppers. Swifts rely on insects, and need them to be flying high, about 50m up. Insect food is why



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they travel to the south of the Sahara in winter, to follow the insect populations that revolve around rains. Swifts return to us in spring to make the most of our insects that by May have hopefully hatched out and are

cramming the air (not like they used to). Typical nesting sites in old trees, crags or caves have also been lost and now swifts can be rather partial to hanging tiles on a house (luckily our neighbour has these) and other secret holes in buildings.

Swifts will try and find swarms of insects and can even avoid stinging insects, which are recognised by means other than the insects warning colours. As the bird is hunting, insects are collected in the back of the throat in a special food pouch and bound together with saliva into a ball. These food balls can contain thousands of insects and can be eaten or taken back to the nest.

Swifts drink by catching raindrops in the air, or by flying low over water, skimming a mouthful from the surface. Once they fledge they don't stop flying for 3 years, and sleep, eat and mate on the wing. Like dolphins they can turn half their brain off at a time, so are able to steer a course as they sleep!

Swifts can amazingly survive through periods of bad weather and food shortages. Their eggs survive chilling at any stages of development if adults have to spend more time away from the nest foraging – something that would kill the embryos of any other bird. The development of the egg will simply slow down until a parent

returns. Chicks can also survive without food for several days by using up their fat reserves they are born with, and going into a semi-torpid state. These mechanisms must have evolved so the parent bird can forage miles

away if required, to find large numbers of insects.

For me, I love the way they tear around our house and over the gardens, missing trees, sheds or walls by millimetres as their wing tips flip round faster than a fairy, and lower than they know they

should. I sort of know they do it just for fun, just after 5pm tea time to share a joke, tease their neighbours and give us all time to galavant around the garden underneath their slender dashing bodies. Enjoy the dusky evenings for a bit longer!

*Sophie Rogers*

## Osprey Sighting

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Ospreys can turn up anywhere on migration, but it was a real privilege to watch one today for over an hour as it fed high up in a dead tree at Avington Lake.

Ospreys are fascinating, impressive and beautiful birds of prey. They occur all over the world and are perfectly adapted to catching and eating their prey - fish. These adaptations include closable nostrils so that they can dive into water, a reversible outer toe which enables them to grip a slippery fish with two toes facing forwards and two backwards, and backward facing scales on the soles of their feet which

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19 and still nesting there. This year she left on migration in mid August, followed by her mate ten days later. She had successfully reared two male chicks.

I wish the Avington osprey a safe journey! Watching it was definitely, for me, one of those life enhancing moments!

*Elaine Labram (Picture taken by Henry Labram)*

act as barbs to help hang onto their prey even more.

Ospreys were widespread in the UK, but were wiped out by Victorian egg collectors until they finally became extinct in Scotland in 1916. In 1954, a pair, thought to be from Scandinavia, nested in Scotland. Since 1959, a pair has nested every year at Loch Garten. In 1976 there were 14 pairs in the UK and now there are between 200-250 nesting pairs, mostly in Scotland. A pair regularly nests in Cumbria and birds were successfully introduced to Rutland Water in 2001.

Most UK birds migrate to West Africa (The Gambia, Senegal, Mauritania and Guinea Bissau). The female leaves first, followed by the male some time later and finally the young birds. Many juveniles, sadly, do not survive this long migration. The chicks return to their nesting sites after spending two years in Africa, but may not breed successfully until they are five which partly explains the very slow rate of recolonisation in this country.

I worked as a volunteer at the RSPB reserve at Loch Garten some years ago watching a female, EJ, who is now

## Jackie's County Corner

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Many of you will use the Cart and Horses junction on the A33. The plans to reduce the speed at this junction are on hold because there is no police support for this.

There is a [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition online giving you the opportunity for you to give your comments too: 'Make it Safer, make it 40.'

I hope you will support the petition if you use the junction. It's on my facebook page too.

Straw lined many rural roads in late August and threatened to block recently cleared drains. I have asked HCC to check the drains and investigate whether lorries could not be stacked so high or be covered in future?

The Boundary Commission is now



looking at constituencies, but they have recently undergone a review of the county council boundaries, and the Itchen Valley Division will stay as before. The number of councillors will stay the same in Hampshire despite the growing population.

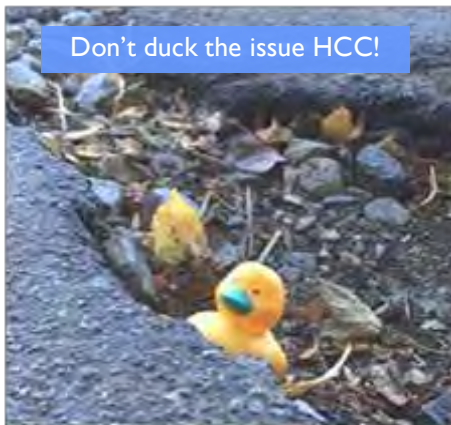
The Itchen Valley Division includes the new community at Barton Farm and the first residents are expected to be moving into Kings Barton by April 2017. I have been attending several meetings about the community facilities that we hope will benefit everyone. Peter Symonds are hoping to relocate Adult Education to the site, and there is provision for a pub/restaurant and new food store as well as the primary school.

Faster broadband - are you connected yet? Although the delivery programme is continuing, some of the new green cabinets (which BT claim will solve the problem) are not reaching those further away! If this is your problem, please contact me. Officers at HCC are keen to find out more about this problem.

From October, Hampshire County Council is charging for some DIY waste such as tiles, plasterboard - but the sites are now open for small amounts of trade waste too. There is a full description of the charges on the [hants.gov.uk](http://hants.gov.uk) website and search for 'recycling' Many people have asked about a small charge for every visit to the sites as a way of saving the smaller sites. Currently this is not allowed by law, although Hampshire is discussing this at Government level. Personally, I think it is fraught with problems - and anyway, isn't this what our council tax should be used for?

I have seen the first plans for flood mitigation for Littleton and the Worthys in mid September. More on

Don't duck the issue HCC!



this next month.

Potholes are continuing to appear, but they are not being repaired fast enough. Please report to me if a hole you have reported is still there, weeks after the white line has been painted round it. The time taken to mend them is dragging on.

County Councillor Jackie Porter,  
[Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk](mailto:Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk) phone: 01962 791054, text 07973 696085  
Twitter: @JackieLibDem

## From the Parish Council



With August over, the Parish Council is back in action. Not that for most of us there was of a break in work load despite no formal meetings. Matters concerning

planning, car parking, street lighting and the continuing problems of the Cart and Horses junction kept us occupied with numerous e-mails.

Starting with the Cart and Horses junction, as you may have seen there are some changes to be made, but will they really work? To help our County and City Councillors we have agreed

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to set up an incident reporting system. If you witness an incident please write to our Parish Clerk by e-mail [clerk@itchenvalleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@itchenvalleyparishcouncil.org.uk) with the following information:- date and time of incident, type of vehicles involved (e.g. van, car, lorry) or cyclists or pedestrians, Emergency services attending (Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue). Please do not report near misses or information gained second hand. Also please do not use the Itchen List to report anything to the Parish Council. Useful as an informal method of local communication as it is, it cannot be used as an official method of informing the Parish Council. Sorry to have to repeat this information but there appear to be some who are still unaware of the fact.

Recent good news is that work to increase car parking space in Hazeldene Gardens is due to start soon. Let's hope it avoids the previous problems that caused a rethink and a delay and that the extra spaces will alleviate some of the parking congestion that causes difficulties for the disabled living there. Cleaning of the drains was reported in September and since then some further work has been done. It is therefore unfortunate to see that a quantity of straw has been spread along the road edges where it has the potential to block the drains. This was a matter discussed at our September meeting and hopefully action will be taken to

clear the straw up before we get heavy or prolonged rainfall this autumn.

There has been a small number of planning applications to consider, but we have also been looking at more long term strategic planning issues. Coupled with that we have also, at the instigation of the County Council, been looking into how devolution of local government may affect us at parish level and how we can make our voice heard. Both issues are still on going and under considerable discussion so more details as we progress.

Finally a request for some help. Following last spring's highly successful Clean for the Queen, we are looking for a volunteer to help organise its 2017 follow on The Great Britain Tidy Up. This is a good opportunity for someone to get involved in a local community activity without the extra commitment of attending parish council meetings. There would be help to get started with the initial tasks of publicity and arranging dates etc. If you are interested please let me or our Clerk know. Once again we need as many volunteers on the day as possible. Let's see if we can equal or even exceed last year's numbers.

*Patrick Appleby*  
Parish Council Chairman

## Alresford Surgery News

### Better Health and Travel Clinic availability on a Saturday morning

We will now be offering a limited number of better health and travel clinic appointments on a Saturday morning with one of our Practice Nurses. These appointments are bookable in the usual way by phoning the Surgery or in person.

### Flu Clinics

Our flu vaccination programme is now well underway .

Eligible patients are invited to attend

our walk-in clinics on Tuesday 4th October and Wednesday 12th October 1.00pm - 2.00pm.

Once our walk-in clinics are complete we will offer bookable appointments for flu jabs and these will be available to book from the beginning of October. Eligible children will receive an invitation to attend for a nasal flu vaccination in late September or early October.

### Dispensary closure for staff training

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 29<sup>th</sup> October the Dispensary will be closed for staff training 11.30 am - 1.30 pm. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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### Other hall bookings for October Easton

Mon 3rd	10 am	Bridge Club
Sun 9th	12 noon	Kids party
Thu 13th	7 pm	WI Meeting

### Martyr Worthy

Sat 8th	9.30 am	School Open Day
Sun 30th	10 am	Children's party

## Local monthly information

### Waste collections in October

Black bins and green bags on Fridays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Green bins on Fridays 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Cameo

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### Farmers' Markets in Winchester

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October.

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**School term timetable** operates until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October:

Weekdays to Winchester:

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

Weekdays to Alresford:

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

**School holiday timetable** operates from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October:

Weekdays to Winchester:

07:53 09:23 11:23 13:23 15:23 17:23

Weekdays to Alresford:

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

**Saturday service** (same for the whole month)

Towards Winchester:

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

Towards Alresford:

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