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# WELCOME to the Valley News



As I write this I am very conscious of the fact that the wonderful hot weather has only just ended - by the time you read it we may be wading through mud, but I hope that the weather is kind to the Easton Fete. We have some wonderful events to look forward to, fewer than usual in September itself but Winchester Heritage Open Days have some splendid offerings and you may be in time to get tickets for Flanders and Swann. Ride and Stride is open to all - no tickets needed and a great day out. We have interesting contributions about the rain (or lack of it) and its effect on the river levels, about the love of netball and, less fortunately, obituaries of some longstanding residents. We thank all our contributors, regulars as well as the specials in this edition. You may regret the lack of a tiddler joke; please ask any tiddlers you may know to send in their contributions. It was tempting to offer one of my own favourites but the Valley News is nothing if not honest and I cannot claim to be a tiddler. I was however delighted to be 'esteemed'!

In some ways September is as much the start of a new year as January, a new school and college year, and many of us will be fortunate enough to have had a holiday away or at home to recharge the batteries before we embark on it. We would be happy to hear from some of our younger readers (do any of them read the News?) about what they have been doing or what they are planning. Could any of them be inspired by

Anya's excellent article to write their own 'For the love of...' piece? Do you have an interest or special skill that readers would like to hear about? We would also welcome suggestions for candidates for the Itchen Insight slot, profiling people who live in the Valley; everyone is an interesting individual whether famous in the wider world or not.

The News is still seeking a treasurer; if you might be able to help in this role please talk to the chief editor who can tell you more about what is involved. Also, if you have any comments about the News do please get in touch, contact details by email or post below. Next month's editors are Fi and Lucy.  
*Charlotte Appleby*

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## What's on

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### **Wednesday 5 Sept 7.45** **Itchen Valley Choir**

Meets in IA&AVH. See page 35 For more details.

### **Saturday 8 September Winchester Churches Night Shelter 30th birthday party**

See Page 11 for details.

### **Saturday 8 September Ride and Stride**

See August magazine for details.  
Contact Vanessa Rosewell 841182

### **Tuesday 11 September** **AGM of Alresford & District Neighbourhood Watch Association**

This will be held at 7.30 at Alresford Golf Club.

Speakers will be PCSO Rhys Griffiths and Julie Gallagher from Trading Standards. All are welcome.

### **Wednesday 12 September 2018** **7.30pm at Winchester Discovery Centre**

A Winchester Heritage Open Days special fundraising event. The Legacy of Alfred: the Anglo-Saxons and the birth of England with Michael Wood and guests Price: £12.50.

Tickets available from Winchester Discovery Centre in branch, by calling 01962 873603 or online [www.hants.gov.uk/shop](http://www.hants.gov.uk/shop). This event is kindly being sponsored by Shentons.

### **13-16 September Winchester Heritage Open Days**

See article pages 26 and 28 for more information.



### **Saturday 15 September at 6.45** **Flanders and Swann Revisited**

See August magazine for details.  
Tickets [pk@pkworldwide.com](mailto:pk@pkworldwide.com)

### **Midday Friday 21 September.** **Deadline for online consultation on WCC Local Plan.**

See Page 15 for further information.

### **Friday 5 October, 7.30pm** **Champagne Quiz Night**

Itchen Abbas Village Hall. Sponsored by Rothmans Chartered Accountants in aid of Home-Start Winchester. Bring a table of eight or join a team on the night. Champagne prize for the winning team.

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### **Saturday 13 October** **An evening of folk**

Come and join the Itchen Folk band, a group of amateur folk musicians playing traditional and contemporary folk songs from the British Isles and the US at 7:30pm at Easton Village Hall.

The band performs an array of solos and group harmonies accompanied by guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandola and mandolin and plenty of choruses to join in. We are offering antipasti / charcuterie type snacks and a pay bar. Tickets are £10 per person to include food and are available from Sally Stone 779283 or Ina Williams 779465. Proceeds will be divided between a charity chosen by the Band and Easton Village Hall.

*Ina Williams*

### **Sunday 14 October Harvest Lunch**

See page 20. More information from Tony Gaster 779110.





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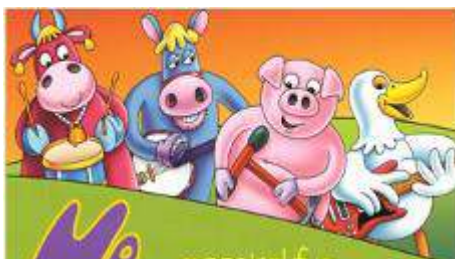
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## **Tuesday, 6 November Upper Itchen Valley Society. AGM**

Advance notice that the AGM will be at 7.00pm (wine) for 7.30pm (speaker) on Tuesday, 6 November in Martyr Worthy Village Hall. The speaker will be Tim Slaney, Director of Planning for the South Downs National Park and he will be happy to answer your questions.

*Alison Matthews*

## **Boomtown: Hard to describe, easy to fall in love with.**

In the early years, like many people, I was concerned about background noise, potential traffic disruption and stories of drug misuse. More recently, however, I began to hear a more balanced view, from friends and friends' children who had been. Last year our eldest daughter volunteered to steward, through Oxfam. In exchange

for three demanding eight hour shifts, over the four days, she and a friend had full access to the festival. She came back tired, but having seen it all,



was hugely enthusiastic about the event, the site, the organisation and the people who attend, so this year I





was determined to get a ticket and go and see for myself.

Due to the progression of my MS I am now a full-time wheelchair user so the logistics of going to an event like this aren't straightforward; I can't camp (a

blessing with the weather we had this year!) and I need a significant amount of help. From the moment I emailed Boomtown, last November, and said I wanted a ticket and that I was disabled, they have been brilliant. They have



one person, the wonderful Jos, who is responsible for making sure the 200+ disabled people attending Boomtown, have the best time possible. Each day I went I needed convenient parking for my car and trailer and an experienced carer/ family member to help off load and load my cross-country mobility scooter and look after me on-site. I was issued the required carer tickets and entry was through the much less busy and more convenient south entrance. Once on site I was reasonably independent but Boomtown offer help if you need it, they have disabled viewing platforms at the main venues with charging points to top up exhausted wheelchair batteries, and run a wheelchair friendly bus service throughout the site.

So how was the event itself? It was fantastic! I went for up to six hours every day and each day was different and there was still lots I didn't see. The size, uniqueness, diversity, scope and scale of the site was breathtaking. There were a dozen or so different districts and each one, from the Medieval Old Town, to the dystopian Sector 6, had its own character. The attention to detail and quirkiness of it all was outstanding. If you weren't into the music, just to go round the site soaking up the atmosphere and the costumes of the Boomtown actors and the other festival goers would have been an event on its own.

But of course there was also the music.



I am definitely not the person to write about the music, my tastes are erratic and noisy, but with nearly 30 separate music venues there is a huge range and I found plenty that I really enjoyed. One of my favourites was a small band, "The Tribe" playing at The Bandstand, one of the smallest stages. They nevertheless managed to attract a crowd of enthusiastic supporters.

And the negatives; the weather, but it didn't stop the constant party vibe; inevitably there are drugs taken at festivals but Boomtown is making huge efforts to try and counter it with extensive entry searches, drug testing and 24 hour medical centres; it is expensive, as you can only buy tickets for all four days. But for an entertaining and stimulating weekend of pure theatre, coupled with the fact that it is so close and accommodating to disabled people, it is definitely worth it. Boomtown gave me an unbelievable opportunity to do something different and amazing and I will be first in the queue for tickets next year.

*James Woosnam*

## Report from Winchester City Council Councillor Kim Gottlieb about Boomtown

The Saturday night curry (from Shapla of course) is usually followed by a slump on the sofa and a struggle to stay awake for Match of the Day. Last Saturday I taped MoD and set off on

my annual visit to Boomtown.

Although the Council has noise meters set up the whole weekend all around at strategic locations, and an



on-site monitoring office, I like to do my own survey driving around the villages (Itchen Abbas, Avington, Easton, Martyr Worthy, Chilcomb, Cheriton, and elsewhere in Alresford and around) sitting for a few minutes with the engine switched off, trying to gauge whether the noise would keep me awake at night. It's all very inexpert but, happily, for the most part the answer is "no". I do, however, accept that others will have a different perception and that, particularly when the wind direction and/or strength changes, for some the noise can be unduly irritating.

Going onto the site, it's difficult not to be impressed by the whole operation. It's not just the multitude of music and entertainment venues, not that I lingered at any, but all the infrastructure. Everything that 50,000 concert goers need has to be thought through and planned for. From water supplies to an immense recycling plant, it all functioned as a temporary city served by another 25,000+ support staff. Drug misuse is one of the main issues and it is of concern to all councillors. Much effort is made to prevent them being taken into the venue, but there is always a quantity that is smuggled in. This year a testing station was set up whereby folk could, on a voluntary basis, get their drugs tested so that they could find out what the drugs they had kept back actually contained. They were then given

advice about what was pure and what was potentially lethal. I don't know the details of all the testing, but I understand that this modern approach was considered a great success.

My overall take on things is that this event is enjoyed by many thousands of people, and that for all the traffic and other issues and misfortunes that do occur from time to time, the net result is a very positive one. I am of course still happy to discuss the matter with anyone who might have a different view.

*Kim Gottlieb 07795 494919*

## From the Parish Council

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The full Parish Council does not meet in August unless there is an urgent need. That does not mean that all work is put on hold. Routine work such as answering emails goes on. Planning applications come in and whether we decide to comment or not, plans have to be looked at and neighbours visited. If you have made a planning application, as soon as you receive the orange notice, please see that you put it up immediately in a place where it can be clearly seen. There can be problems if you fail to do so.



Boomtown has just finished so it will be useful to receive comments before the next meeting with the organisers which takes place on 10 September. The hot weather (which may of course be a distant memory by the time you read this) has caused a problem with the surface in front of the basketball ring at Couch Green, hence for safety it has had to be cordoned off. The

easiest solution is for it to be repaired, however the question has been raised as to whether this piece of play equipment is regularly used, or would it be better to replace it with something more popular. There was the idea of a zip-wire, but apart from the cost, having to have the area fenced makes this a non-starter. Please let us know what you would like to have there, especially if you have young children who use this playground. We are also looking at how we can improve the King George V playing field at Couch Green, both in the long term as well as what we need to do in the more immediate future now the old and dilapidated changing rooms have gone. Storage space for equipment is needed and possibly some other facilities. Naturally this would require a significant amount of funding but in our view a worthwhile project for the long term benefit of all. If you have ideas and views on this please talk to your councillors.

While thinking of councillors and looking at the list on our new website,

you will see that we still have a vacancy. It can also be seen that, in terms of distribution, one village is well represented, another has two councillors while two villages have only one each. Despite asking several people from each of those villages, no one else, so far, has been willing to represent them. So, if anyone from anywhere in the Valley wishes to join the Parish council, please let me know. That may, of course, result in further imbalance but if those from the under-represented villages do not volunteer, the result is inevitable.

Among those who have served in the past was Andrew Kennedy, who will be much missed in the Valley. He made a huge contribution as the Chairman of Finance and General Purposes committee, he designed the accounting reports we still use today, worked hard to improve the governance arrangements of the council, and he played a major role in creating the licence under which the Old School Field is operated.

*Patrick Appleby*

### **Event invitation: Join us for our 30th anniversary party!**

Please put **Saturday, September 8th, 2pm - 4pm** in your diaries for our special 30th anniversary garden party, when Winchester Nightshelter supporters past and present are invited to celebrate 30 years of our vital work with those experiencing homelessness. The Nightshelter was founded in 1988 as a winter shelter and occupied vacant buildings and churches around Winchester. Thirty years later, and we have evolved into an almost 24/7 service, offering an incredibly wide range of homelessness support services, all from our dedicated 17-bed premises in the heart of Winchester. It's been an incredible journey - and we'd love for you to celebrate with us!

**What: Winchester Churches Nightshelter  
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**When: Saturday 8th September 2018 Time: 2pm to 4pm**

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## Report from Winchester City Council Councillor Margot Power

### Wild Flowers on Public Land.

Itchen Valley residents have complained that native flowers planted to decorate our roadsides, have been mown before setting seed. Where these have been planted on highways land, that is mostly verges, a licence is necessary from Hampshire County Council. If the land is inside a 40 MPH limit the cutting is contracted to Winchester City Council and you need to inform them of the licence, as Hampshire rarely do. Then mowers will avoid cutting until seed has been set. If the land is owned by Winchester City Council permission is also required.

I have maps of what Winchester will cut and when, and how to apply for wild flower areas; email me on [mpower@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:mpower@winchester.gov.uk) if you would like a copy.

**Less Welcome Wild Flowers.** I have received many complaints about weeds, not only unsightly in town centres but also damaging to paved surfaces. In order to save money, Hampshire decided to spray weeds only once a year, this year of course, due to the exceptional weather, most weeds have set seed and died, so the spraying will have limited benefits. Some of us have decided to attack the weeds ourselves and immediately improved our surroundings. As Local Authority funding is reduced year on



year cuts have had to be made, I think we will all need to do more to make our close environment a better place for all.

**Councillor Surgery.** I am in the Alresford Community Centre again on 31 August, 0930 – 1030, then next on 5 October. Problems, questions or just a chat are always welcome. This is made possible by the kind permission of the Alresford & District Community Association, Registered Charity 301723, who not only provide a social event for some residents who don't get out much but also keep this historic building open and in good repair.

*Margot Power 01962 734167*

## Report from Winchester City Council Councillor Lisa Griffiths

The summer holidays are almost over, but there is a lot going on at Winchester City Council.

### Boomtown Festival 2018

As I'm sure none of you missed, the Boomtown 2018 has been and is now being removed.

However, if you have any comments, the team would be happy to have your feedback via : Boomtown's Community Liaison Officer at [local\\_community@boomtownfair.co.uk](mailto:local_community@boomtownfair.co.uk)

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benefits. There is a small number of people who will not have their housing costs paid as part of their Universal Credit and will continue to receive help towards their rent by claiming Housing Benefit from WCC. If you have any queries or concerns related to your own situation, please contact me for assistance.

### **Winchester City Council's Local Plan 2036**

**The Local Plan** – everyone's favourite topic! WCC are asking residents for their thoughts for the Local Plan 2036. The consultation runs until midday Friday 21 September 2018. The Council has to plan for and deliver the housing, employment space, facilities and infrastructure needed to ensure that the District grows and prospers whilst protecting the built and natural environments. Further information and supporting evidence for the Local Plan can be viewed at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy>.

**Major Projects** WCC is involved with a large number of significant projects across the District and you can keep up to date by reading the information on this link : <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/major-projects> If you have any questions that cannot be answered on the link, please contact me.

### **Winchester's hack event**

Saturday 8 September 9am to 6pm, free to attend, at The University of Winchester's West Downs Centre, for people with all sorts of skills and experience to get together to solve shared problems. It's all around the theme of 'How can Winchester be a premier business destination?' using technology and data to help explore supporting local businesses, attracting and retaining young people and creating

co-working spaces.

If you have any comments or questions on the content of this report, please do not hesitate to get in touch. And of course, on any matter relating to WCC responsibilities where I may be able to help.

*Cllr Lisa Griffiths*

*Ward Member for Alresford & Itchen Valley*

*Portfolio for Health & Wellbeing*

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### **Editor's Note**

Many of you may be aware that the Alresford & Itchen Valley ward has three City Councillors, currently from different political parties or none. If you have any views about how much space the Itchen Valley News should devote to reports from the City Council do please let us know, by emailing or speaking to one of the editorial team.

### **For the love of – Netball**

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Hello

Readers, my

name is

Anya and I

live in

Itchen

Abbas.

One of my

favourite

hobbies is

netball, I

started playing in year six (I am now approaching year nine) and have loved it ever since. I used to play for Swan netball club but recently I have switched teams to Weston Park Blades. One of my recent achievements in netball was not only



getting into Weston but also being accepted for Hampshire County. I am so lucky to have such supportive friends and family and I wouldn't have made it to where I am now without them! My

ultimate goal in netball would be to play for England; it wouldn't just be an honour but also an amazing opportunity and experience. I like to think that I have influenced my family to discover the benefits of netball because both my parents and my sister play netball too! I am so glad that I plucked up the courage two and a half years ago to go to my first netball session, if you'd have told me then that I would come this far with my netball then I probably would have laughed my head off! Looking back the only thing I would change is that I would have started earlier. I would just like to say to everybody with a goal or a dream to keep persevering and never give up! I know it sounds cheesy but people don't get to where they want to be through talent alone, they get there through hard work and determination too!

*Anya Datson*

## Young entrepreneurs

Isaac, Oscar, Hannah and Alice would like to thank those who donated to their fundraising efforts on behalf of Against Malaria Foundation. In the

course of one afternoon in August £15 was raised.

*Joan Dartnall*



## From the Riverbank

Perhaps like me, you may have looked at the river Itchen & marvelled at how it continues to flow so well despite the relentless heat and lack of rain throughout these last few months. Fortunately, all the rain that fell last Winter, particularly in March and April when we all got fed up with muddy footpaths and endless dark days, topped up the chalk aquifers that have provided a steady flow of water throughout this summer. The good flows and abundant sunshine have promoted the right conditions for a healthy growth of aquatic weed that offers refuge for fish, and hosts many of the invertebrate creatures that live in the river. By mid summer, thanks to the sheer volume of weed, the water level rises, & is quite often at a higher level than in mid winter. These elevated summer water levels maintain a high water table providing ideal conditions for all those beautiful chalk



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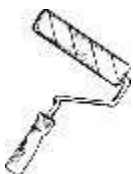
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stream plants to flourish beside the river. Unless the rains properly set in, flows will inevitably drop off as Autumn approaches and river keepers, mindful of this, will need to cut the weed carefully for fear of lowering the level too much and ending up with a mass of tangled weed on the surface of the water.

*Simon Ffennel*

## Rainfall and River Flows



Perhaps not considering the consequences, I mentioned to our esteemed editor that I had a rain gauge. Inevitably a few days later a request came to pen a few words on rainfall in the Itchen Valley and its effect on river flow in the Itchen. In the distant past the then National Rivers Authority provided a number of observers with Casella Rain Gauges which measure rainfall to an accuracy of 0.1 millimetre. Subsequently they abandoned the idea of having a network of private observers, but let them keep the gauges. For the past 21 years I have been one of the

beneficiaries of this state sponsored largesse.

Rainfall at Itchen Abbas

### Annual Rainfall:

10 year average	87.1 cm
20 year average	88.5 cm
Lowest year 2005	63.1 cm
Highest year 2014	123.6 cm
Rainfall Jan to July 2018	48.4 cm

There have only been 2 months with no rainfall in Itchen Abbas, April 2011 and June 2018.

Although the monthly rainfall throughout the year is important for farmers and gardeners, for the Itchen the key months are in the winter, usually considered as October to March, with vegetation, and trees in particular, not taking up most of the rain, as they do in the summer months. In consequence the rain goes straight

into the chalk. Chalk rivers, which stretch from Poole harbour round the coast up to Yorkshire, depend on this winter rain to maintain flows in summer.

### Winter Rainfall (October to March)

10 year average	50.5 cm
20 year average	51.0 cm
Lowest year 2011/12	30.9 cm
Highest year 2000/01	87.5 cm

### River Flows

Most rivers gain the major part of their flow from run off from fields and developed land. Chalk rivers are unusual in that they depend mainly on

springs fed from the chalk aquifer. Run off is relatively low for the Itchen, although in very wet conditions, or following heavy rainfall, it can benefit from rain falling on the valley which then flows through the peat and gravel in the valley floor. This effect normally only lasts for a week or so unless the wet conditions persist. The reliance on the flow from the chalk aquifer coupled with a 2017/18 winter rainfall of 42.8cm explains why, in spite of a very dry summer, the flows in the Itchen have held up relatively well. In addition, river keepers will adjust their weed cutting to maintain river levels in times of low flow. Some weed cutting however is essential for flood defence. The river also gains some flow from abstraction to feed watercress beds as well as the outflows from three major sewage treatment works. The Environment Agency used to abstract water from the chalk aquifer and put it into the river in the Candover catchment to increase river flow downstream at Chickenhall Eastleigh sewage treatment works as otherwise the river would have been unacceptably polluted. However following a multi-million pound revamp, this dilution is no longer necessary and the EA have abandoned the abstraction. Further information on river flows in England is published monthly by the EA on their website.

*Jim Glasspool*

## The Practical Gardener

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I suppose we are all in a learning phase this year, flood, cold, drought, heat, so I wonder what is next. Certainly many plants have coped well with our summer. We all have to think long and hard about water management as using vast amounts of potable water for

gardens cannot be the solution. So we are in the time of harvest but many of us have been doing this progressively since the spring. Glut is the term I apply to fruit and it seems sad to throw away apples which nobody wants, but the trees are laden. I had to construct a support for my



Victoria plum (reminiscent of my scouting days). The difficulty is harvesting at height but once again my 20 step tripod ladder is valuable. I'm trying to train the grandchildren to climb branches in the apples trees! Last month I said praises of a glut of tomatoes but in spite of watering even four times a day some of the fruit has had blossom end rot. The text books say it's down to lack of water; I have other ideas. Some of the fruit has split so more issues; the joys of growing your own food. Keeping the greenhouse cool in recent weather has been difficult in spite of vents, a fan and a water spray. Now is a great time to look at



## Itchen Valley Churches

### 2nd September

8am BCP Holy Communion  
10am All Age Worship

St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
St Mary's, Easton

### 9th September

10am Parish Communion  
6pm Evensong

St John's, Itchen Abbas  
St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

### 16th September

8am BCP Holy Communion  
10am Valley Worship

St John's, Itchen Abbas  
St Mary's, Easton

### 23rd September

10am Parish Communion  
6pm Evensong

St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
St Mary's, Avington

### 30th September

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10am Parish Communion

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### Church Notice of the Month

#### Harvest Lunch - Sunday 14th

**October** - come and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch at Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall. Adults £10, children under 10 free. Tickets will be available soon from Church Wardens. Further information available from Tony Gaster on 01962 779110

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flower borders and see what is growing well, what has produced good blooms and what might be divided in the winter. I do the same with annuals, what works well and is easy to grow. I'm still struggling with germination, convinced it's not technique. There is a certain satisfaction about growing your own plants rather than getting everything from a nursery. It's also a time to dead-head to create new blooms. That seems to be essential for most flowers.

I try hard to educate the grandchildren as to where fruit and vegetables come from, to show them how things grow and how to harvest. We do need to show that food doesn't originate in a supermarket plastic bag.

Happy Gardening.

*Tony Gaster.*

## David Humphrey

David Humphrey, a resident of Itchen Abbas since April 1976, died on 20 June from Motor Neurone Disease. A family cremation was held, which was followed by a memorial service on 25 July at St John's Church.

David was born on Valentine's day in 1939 to John and Bertha, growing up on their poultry farm in Twyford. He joined his father straight from school, soon running an egg farm at

Kingsworthy. Throughout the 60s, 70s and 80s he and his brother expanded the business, purchasing rearing and laying farms across the south, taking the total laying bird capacity to 1.4 million laying birds.

David was not just involved in the business, but in the wider poultry sector, becoming a director of the British Egg Marketing Board (they who put the little lion on eggs and ran brilliant TV adverts with Tony Hancock promoting eggs), and was still a member when the board was closed in 1971. David held numerous commercial directorships and chairmanships in the poultry sector.

David was very involved with the National Farmers Union, sitting first on the local poultry committee, then joining the national NFU Poultry Committee ultimately taking on the role of chairman.

David left the family business towards the end of 2001, but continued to take an interest in the poultry sector in general, and the family business in particular. He remained proud of the development of the business, with the expansion of the specialist feed business, the growth of the pullets business, and the diversification in property rentals as well as the building of homes, and would regularly say, 'that is just modern farming, diversification with a different harvest'.

David met Susan Grace, when she came to a party in the house that was to be their first home together. Sue was the last of a line of ladies (five others) that he subjected to the 'South Pacific test'. She liked the film and agreed to see David again, and within 6 weeks, on a chaperoned visit to the Lake District, agreed to marry him! David and Sue had 3 sons, two of whom are in the family business. They



have 7 grandchildren and currently one great grandchild. Whilst the family were growing up there were many fondly remembered family holidays spent on boats in the Helford River, as well as holidays abroad.

Beyond work and family, there were other interests, including bridge, as well as golf at Hockley and at their other home in La Manga, Spain and again he took responsibility, becoming president of his community. One of David's lasting testaments is closer to home, Itchen Abbas Village Hall. David was pleased that it is no ordinary village hall, being one of just two 'Beacon' Village halls, as deemed by the national lottery, for the Millenium. David helped guide and run the funding and building project and was ably supported through the development by Vernon Tottle.

David had two facets to his personality, the professional straight man, and the fun man who enjoyed a full and rich and varied social life. Sue thanks the many people who wrote to give their condolences, many of whom stated how, and in what circumstances David helped them in their lives or careers.

The words that came up in the letters and cards time and time again, were 'charming', 'kind', and 'gentleman'. One writer used another word: cantankerous and it was right, as he indeed could be. Why? Because he was a man of principle and would argue for that principle, sometimes frustratingly beyond reason! But that is what made him true – a true rock of a man.

*Martin Humphrey*

## Andrew Kennedy

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The Itchen Valley News records with great sadness the death of its treasurer, Andrew Kennedy. Andrew had been in that position since the magazine came into existence in 2014 and had served in a similar capacity for the Easton and Martyr Worthy Village News for some time before that.

Always ready with information when asked, he regularly produced the year end accounts with impressive speed but otherwise kept out of the day to day editorial discussions – the perfect treasurer.

He will be greatly missed by the whole Itchen Valley News team.

*Vernon Tottle, Chief Editor*

## Joan Bickerdike

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Although Mother lived in Hampshire for almost 50 years, she was actually born in Lancashire and grew up in rural Herefordshire, where her father was a



poultry farmer, selling his eggs to Bournville in Birmingham. The middle child of three sisters, she was initially educated at home by a governess but later on attended Moreton Hall near Oswestry, followed by



Clays Farm, East Worldham painted by Joan

Evendine in the Malvern Hills. She very much enjoyed her school days, was good at games and became a keen cricketer, tennis and badminton player. In 1943, at the age of 19, she started working as a cook at St Thomas' Hospital, and had some rather hair-raising experiences along the way. When peace was declared she joined the St Thomas' physiotherapy training course and qualified as a physiotherapist in 1949. She was then appointed to the physio department at Gloucester City General Hospital and continued working there until she and Robert were married in 1952. Their wedding took place at Frensham Church as by that stage her parents had moved to Dockenfield in Surrey. My sister Alexandra and I were brought up by a mother whose industriousness was hard to believe! She was continually gardening, decorating, making jams and chutneys and baking, while at the same time taking an active part in village life. At East Worldham, she joined the WI and to her surprise soon became its president, a position which she held for 6 years. She was secretary of the local Parish Church Council and joint

exhibition secretary of the Alton Art Society. At Itchen Abbas, she was at various times secretary of the Itchen Valley Flower Show, a church sidesman, cathedral refectory assistant, charity fund raiser and

postwoman of the village magazine. She very much enjoyed the meetings of The Arts Society, the Valley Gardeners, her sewing group and CAMEO lunches. With her four grandchildren - Edward, Timothy, Rosanna and Charlotte growing up in London, she and Robert were often planning family get togethers, for which Itchen Abbas proved to be the ideal location. And she absolutely loved living in the village, not least because of all the kind friends and neighbours who popped into Old Post Cottage on a regular basis, visits which she greatly appreciated.

*William Bickerdike*

## From the Rectory

Personally, I think the problem may be urban street lighting. And clouds of course....

It's what stops us seeing the stars. The vast constellations and galaxies. How can we gaze at that astonishing sight every night without wondering something



about the tiny ball of mud and rock which is hurtling through space and on which we live out our lives; asking why we are here? Street lighting (and clouds) can stop us from catching our breath and pondering infinity and eternity. How fortunate that we have so little street lighting in Itchen Valley! But if this was not enough to make us pause for thought then there is the seemingly unnecessary beauty of nature, particularly around Itchen Valley – so diverse, so beautiful, so complex.

We spend a lot of our lives looking at how and what questions. How does this work? How am I going to solve this problem? Or even, how on earth am I going to get to work when the train is delayed? What do I need to do to be successful, popular, loved? What am I going to do with my life? But I think that the ‘why’ question actually underpins everything. Once answered in a convincing way, it helps us to solve the ‘what’ and the ‘how’ questions – which are only subsidiary really. As the leading management guru Simon Sinek writes in his New York best seller book ‘*Start with why?*’ What is your ‘why’? What is my ‘why’?

On 18 September, Itchen Valley Parish will be putting on the first of a number of sessions that will enable us to explore these issues from a Christian perspective. The course is an opportunity to hear a presentation on one of the aspects of how Christianity addresses these questions and to discuss these views in a group. Any view can be expressed. All views are welcome.

If this sparks any kind of interest, please do let me know and I will send you a detailed invitation!

Alex Pease

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## Itchen Insight

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This month our Insight feature, which started with one of our longest valley residents, focuses on a welcome newer arrival.



**Name:** Joss Datson

**Age:** 49

**Occupation:** Part time Paramedic, Full time mum!

**How many years you've lived in the Valley:** 3 by the time this article is published!

**Your life in 180 characters:** Born in Bournemouth. Lived in Devon until my early 30s. Married with two children. Moved 9 times in the last 16 years (Germany for 1; one house for 5; and Africa for 3 of these).

**Champagne moment:** Getting married in a 17th century fort, in one of only 4 Royal Chapels in the UK. The groom and his entourage performed a fire eating & blowing display on the battlements.

**Surprising snippet:** When I was born, Bournemouth was in Hampshire.

**Passion:** My family

**Favourite place in**

**Hampshire:** Itchen Abbas

**Best thing about the Valley:** Peace, quiet, friendliness and countryside walks.

**Worst thing about the Valley:** Mobile phone reception

**Favourite Book or Film:** The Outsiders

**Best one-liner:** We are all different!

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## Boules 2018 – league round 3

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The climax of the 2018 boules season was on Tuesday 31 July. The knock-out challenge had already been held in June, and this was now the final round of the league competition. Itchen Abbas were the holders of the Dick Hewitt Trophy and were playing Easton at home. At the end of round 2 these two villages were well clear ahead of the other two, with Easton on 6 points and Itchen Abbas on 5, so this match was clearly going to decide the championship for the year.

Avington and Martyr Worthy were also one point apart, albeit at a lower level. They were playing at Avington. The home team started with a flourish, winning one game 13-0, but Martyr Worthy were steady and careful, and one by one claimed victory in all three other games. It was a lovely sunny evening and there was a big crowd of spectators from both villages. Some had brought children or grandchildren who showed more interest in tree-climbing than boules. With no question of either village becoming this year's overall winner, attention was more directed to enjoying the weather, the wine, the food, the company and the opportunity to socialize.

At the other venue, things were more dramatic. Itchen Abbas the home team needed to win 3-1 to retain the trophy, whereas Easton required only to draw 2-2. Itchen Abbas started well winning one game 13-5 and were leading in the second, but Easton piped them at the post by 13-11. Score at half-time - one game all. After the break Itchen Abbas won one game easily 13-3 and were leading most of the time in the other, but again Easton began to creep up, levelled at 11-11 and then reached the 13 target and grabbed the final game.

So the result for the day was a draw at two games all, which was what Easton needed to clinch victory. Accordingly Easton are duly awarded the Dick Hewitt Trophy for 2018, with overall results for the season being Easton 8 points, Itchen Abbas 7, Martyr Worthy 6, Avington 3.

*Ralph Matthews*



Photo: Easton boules winners

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## From our MP

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Sustainable local communities are important to Winchester and its surrounding villages. And right at the top of that list sits a



good mix of shops and, above all, independents, working alongside the national chains.

Recent months have seen a real push, in Winchester especially, to support these traders and the *Winchester Independents High Street Market* – held on a scorching Sunday in July - saw around 30 businesses make use of a free high street stall for the day.

It was great to see the daily market stalls – almost all of them imports to Winchester – replaced with local businesses and, because they are just that and know so many of their customers, there was a fabulous atmosphere in town.

The kids and I spent a number of hours chatting with traders and, from what I could gauge, there would be a huge appetite to do this more regularly. It's not the whole answer to our retail challenges, and no one is pretending it is, but we could support them a great deal more and I intend to get in the middle of discussions with Winchester BiD and the City Council about how we do that.

And we must not forget our market towns, such as Alresford, in all of this and small independent traders in the villages who provide so much more than a newspaper or a loaf of bread. They're about sustainable, healthy, communities and they should be the future as much as the past.

Retail is certainly changing and that's not peculiar to Winchester; competition, especially from online, makes it a harder 'sell' than it was. I sometimes hear blame for this changing environment laid at the door of WCC around rent and rates but this doesn't stack up. Government sets the rate and private landlords – including charities we may support, private individuals we may be and pension funds we may even rely on – set the rent. And behind every retail closure there's an individual story that explains what happened.

For us in Government, it's the trend we must spot and – where possible – act upon. The recent rates revaluation has hit many but, of course, reflects the prosperity of Winchester and that's a double-edged sword. It was also long overdue and that must change which is why I supported plans to move to more regular revaluations because we cannot have cliff edge spikes like 2017 ever again.

Yes there has been a discretionary relief scheme, which I pushed Treasury to create, but I remain of the view the fundamentals of business rates need to change. The new Retail Sector Council is bringing the sector together with Government and local councils, making recommendations on the areas that come up time and again. Those include business rates, where the Government have made a clear commitment to make sure that the system is up to date for a world in which people increasingly shop online. A levelling of the playing field would be a good start. You can find more of my work, locally and in Westminster, at [www.stevebrine.com](http://www.stevebrine.com)

*Steve Brine MP*

*Winchester & Itchen Valley*

## Jackie's County Corner for September 2018

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Whew! What a summer!

It makes a change for the school holidays to be mainly dry, and now many children are returning or going to school for the first time. To save money, Hampshire County Council has decided not to support free school transport for 'new' children until they are of statutory school age (ie: for children travelling more than two miles to school in the term after they are 5) from September 2019. Although this seems a long way off, this may be an important consideration for parents choosing a school for September 2019, for example, if you work near a school other than your local one. The new policies on transport cover all ages- you can see it on [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) search 'transport to school'.

Walking to school is one option, but for children walking alongside a main road, even with parents, fast cars, big vehicles and nettles can be scary. I want to walk to school with a child at least once in every month of this academic year to get a sense of the child's experience. I would be pleased to share your school journey on request.

It was heartening to hear from Paula Stopinski (see picture page 32) from the Hospice Campaign that donations for the Winchester Hospice offering in-house and Hospice at Home care, are gaining pace. Paula rightly describes this project as 'Leaving a legacy for local people for generations to come.'

The team has a £2million target!

Would you like to raise funds or support the team? Go to [winchester.hospice@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:winchester.hospice@hhft.nhs.uk) for more details.

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Electric Car charging is a hot topic right now. The County is looking at the best way to provide electric points, initially for their own fleet cars, then spreading out to everyone. Modern technology could give new meaning to 'on street charging'. More of this in future articles.

You will have seen the publicity regarding the difficult state of Finances at County Councils across the country. One of the Council's Statutory duties is to dispose of waste, including the provision of at least one recycling centre within the county boundary. When Winchester City Council organises kerbside collection of your household rubbish and recycling, they pass it to Hampshire County Council to dispose of it. Most of the black bin waste (including yogurt pots etc) go to the Chineham incinerator to be burnt at high temperatures, the resulting energy generated is used to supply power to local households. The clinker from that process is used in road building.

The contents of your green bin: card, paper, tins, plastic bottles with a neck etc) are sent to plants across the UK

that recycle it. The cost of recycling (and the profit or loss from the markets for the resultant product) is part of what your council tax is spent on. The question is: should we recycle ALL plastic- or burn the smaller pieces (like yoghurt pots)? Let me know so that I can reflect your views at HCC.

The Council seems to have been 'behind the curve' on grass cutting all this summer, and it is frustrating to see the junction sightlines hidden by higher grass, old signage and ragwort. Please go to [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) to report the problem (all instructions to the contractors are started online now) so this is the most effective way to get it on the system. Please keep a record of your case number and let me know if nothing happens in a fortnight please!

*Cllr Jackie Porter*

*Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk, text 07973 696085, tel: 01962 791054*

*By post: The Down House, Itchen Abbas, Winchester SO21 1AX,*

## Mike and Helen Cox – Farewell

As we sweltered in the heat of July, we reflected back to July 2012 – a hopelessly wet month. We shan't forget that July because it rained constantly, almost as soon as the roof had been taken off Bramble Cottage for building work! It seems longer than six years ago, and it is with some sorrow that we are now moving on to pastures new. It's sad for us, but exciting at the same time. We really enjoyed living in Easton, having moved there at the end of 2010 with our three not so young children. They have all moved out now, Emma works in Winchester and has her own place in Four Marks, Thomas is working in



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Amsterdam for a start-up company, and Adam is starting his graphics design and marketing career for a company near Petersfield. To us, Easton is delightful and it has been a privilege to have been a part of the welcoming community. For the immediate term, we are taking a temporary house not too far away, while we work out what and where next. We were full-on with packing from mid-July, so it is with regret that we did not get the chance to bid farewell before our move. We wish you all the very best with everything that goes on in the village, and thank you for your kindness and friendship over the past eight years.

You may know that Mike has researched some of the history of Easton and is the present custodian of what may be the largest single collection of photographs of the village from the turn of the 20th century. These would be worth compiling into a book - maybe comparing old views with present views, along with some of



the history of the village. Mike is keen to know if anyone has other old photographs. Also, if anyone wishes to contribute some words to a potential book, perhaps a memory of their time living here or something that they heard from a former resident, historical facts or light-hearted incidents of the comings and goings of the village, then please get in touch.

If you have any old Easton photographs or would like to give information, please email [mjc.mikecox@gmail.com](mailto:mjc.mikecox@gmail.com) or phone 07799 034631.

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## Anna McGowan adds:

Mike and Helen made important contributions to the Easton Pantomime over several years. Mike was stage manager and also helped in the construction of major props whilst Helen was a most considerate and helpful props manager. They could always be relied on to carry out their duties in a quiet and efficient manner.

## New residents in Avington

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Avington welcomes Dan and Loulou with Anoushka (8) and Rafael (7) to Ivy Cottage. The family has come here from Geneva via Winchester and they are already well into village life with boules and church.

## Planning Applications as at 14 August

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- Construction of an oak framed garage. **Robin Hill Main Road Itchen Abbas** SO21 IAT Ref. No: SDNP/18/04077/HOUS | Received: Tue 31 Jul 2018 | Validated: Thu 09 Aug 2018 | Status: Application in Progress
- Detached garage with accommodation at first floor **Trees Main Road Itchen Abbas** SO21 IAX Ref. No: SDNP/18/03877/HOUS | Received: Fri 20 Jul 2018 | Validated: Wed 01 Aug 2018 | Status: Application in Progress
- To approve a revised position for a treatment plant. **Land rear of Plough Steep Main Road Itchen Abbas** Ref. No: SDNP/18/03901/CND | Received: Fri 20 Jul 2018 | Validated: Fri 20 Jul 2018 | Status: Application in Progress
- Alteration to low level boundary wall and formation of new entrance gates and piers **Longfield House Main**

## Road Itchen Abbas SO21 IAX

Ref. No: SDNP/18/03264/HOUS | Received: Tue 19 Jun 2018 | Validated: Mon 02 Jul 2018 | Status: Application in Progress

- Conversion of existing garage building into annexe, erection of two storey side and rear extensions, erection of single storey rear extension and formation of new entrance gates and alterations to low level front boundary wall. **Longfield House Main Road Itchen Abbas**

SO21 IAX Ref. No: SDNP/18/03430/PRE | Received: Thu 14 Jun 2018 | Validated: Thu 14 Jun 2018 | Status: Application in Progress






- Installation of 1 electricity wood pole and stay supporting an 11kV overhead line and dismantlement of 3 poles 2018 | Status: Decision Pending
- Amendment of approved application SDNP/15/06445/HOUS. The previous building footprint to the west of grid E is proposed to be amended to simplify the roof form and footprint, while keeping within the width of the previously approved scheme. **8 Malthouse Close**

**Easton** SO21 IES Ref. No: SDNP/18/04202/HOUS | Received: Tue 07 Aug 2018 | Validated: Tue 07 Aug 2018 | Status: Application in Progress

- Demolition of conservatory on rear of building and construction of two storey rear extension and single storey day room **Arden Cottage Easton Lane Easton** SO21 IEJ Ref. No: SDNP/18/03403/HOUS | Received: Tue 26 Jun 2018 | Validated: Fri 29 Jun 2018 | Status: Application in Progress

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**Easton SO21 IEQ Ref. No:**  
SDNP/18/03108/LIS | Received: Thu  
07 Jun 2018 | Validated: Fri 15 Jun  
2018 | Status: Decision Pending

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The volunteer preparation course starts on Wednesday 26 September from 1pm to 5.15pm at Lanterns Nursery School, Bereweke Road, Winchester SO22 6AJ. It will run for seven weeks excluding half term (24 October) finishing Wednesday 14 November.



## Alresford Surgery News

### New GP Partner

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Little Rainbows runs from 10 to 11am on Monday mornings in St John's church, Itchen Abbas. It makes for a fun and happy start to the week; no more Monday blues!

For more information or if you'd like to help at the group contact Beccy on 01962 779845 email [admin@itchenvalleychurches.org](mailto:admin@itchenvalleychurches.org)



ITCHEN VALLEY CHURCHES

that Dr Ben Saunders will be joining the practice in September as a GP Partner. Dr Saunders qualified as a doctor at Imperial College, London and prior to and during his GP training he spent a number of years working in hospitals gaining experience of different specialist departments.

Dr Saunders will be working all day Monday, Thursday and Friday and on Tuesday mornings.

### **Flu Vaccination Campaign 2018/9**

It will soon be time for flu jabs. This year, there are changes to the vaccination programme.

We will be offering different vaccines from those given last year, and there are different vaccines for patients who are 65 and over (date of birth before or on 31st March 1954) and those who are under 65 and have a condition which puts them at risk should they contract flu (including pregnant women). In addition, we do not have a choice about our delivery schedule so we have to work within these constraints. Please bear with us.

There will be 2 walk-in clinics at the surgery this year on Wednesday 3 and Wednesday 10 October from 1.00-2.30. These will be for patients who are 65 and over only. There is no need to worry about getting here early, as we will continue to vaccinate all through the clinic and patients who find it difficult to stand may wish to come at 2.00pm when there is less likelihood of having to queue.

We will be organising bookable clinics in October, November and December for the patients who are under 65 and at risk, and those older patients unable to attend the walk-in clinics which may include late afternoons and Saturday mornings for patients who are at work. Child flu clinics will run very similarly to previous years with 2-3 year olds

and 2-17 year old at risk patients being vaccinated at the surgery while children in year R to 5 will be vaccinated in school by the School Nursing Team. Patients who are eligible for vaccination at the surgery will receive a letter from us. We are unable to vaccinate children who have missed their vaccination at school unless they are at risk, but School Health will run catch-up clinics and you can contact them if necessary.

## **Local monthly information**

### **Waste collections in September**

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