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WELCOME to the Valley News





As we write this, we are fully embracing the bonus new addition to summer... September! The flip flops and rosé haven't quite made

it back into the cupboards so we are avoiding autumnal hazards such as falling apples, prickly blackberries and of course conker cases....ouch! However, as the days get shorter and the socks get longer, you only need to delve into the pages beyond, to enjoy lightness and warmth. And if the words don't work, you could always use the pages as a fire lighter! As Editors, we are feeling the love with the themes of community and care that dominated this month's inbox. It's amazing what can be achieved when we all get together. From the Easton Sixes to the Avington Car Boot sale and more recently, Flanders and Swann Revisited. And this sense of collaboration is set to see us bounding into Autumn with a happy heart. Mind, body and spirit will be well taken care of with a wide choice of events including quiz nights, lectures and the much anticipated return of the opera stars who performed in Itchen Abbas two years ago. Elsewhere there is plenty of opportunity to participate. Why not join the Itchen Valley Choir or buy a ticket for the Evening of Folk in Easton? However, for some the darker nights of autumn and winter can bring a sense of loneliness. Lavinia Owen addresses this on page 23. Yet another example of the caring valley we live in is the weekly 'Brew with a View" organised by Ina Williams on a Wednesday. The perfect place for a

chat and a cuppa and a HUGE piece of

This month's Valley Volunteer, Geoffrey Burnand, talks about the enrichment that comes from helping others, while local clothes designer Tabitha Webb gives us a very candid insight into the world of fashion. So this edition, a kaleidoscope of colour and content, welcomes you to devour its pages. Whether enlightening or enraging, we invite all comments and suggestions. This magazine is probably one of the valley's best examples of volunteering and communal effort, as without your help it could not be written. Huge thanks to you all. Next month's Editor is Charlotte Appleby. Lucy and Fi (off to buy some slippers)

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What's On

Friday 5 October at 7.30pm Champagne Quiz Night.

Itchen Abbas Village Hall in aid of Homestart Winchester. Bring a table of 8 or join a team on the night. Champagne prize for the winning team. Tickets are £12.50 and

include a delicious two course supper. There is also a wine, beer and soft drinks bar. For tickets call 01962 851177 or email info@homestartwinchester.org.uk Sue Gentry

Wednesday 10 October at 6pm. Art Fund Lecture "A Taste of Transylvania".

East Stratton Village Hall. Come and join Art Historian, traveller and author Lucy Abel-Smith. Tickets cost £20 to include canapés and a glass of Romanian wine. Further information from Alex@stronemacpherson.com. Alex MacPherson

Saturday 13 October at 7.30pm.

An evening of folk

Easton Village Hall. Come and join the Itchen Folk Band, a group of amateur folk musicians playing traditional and contemporary folk songs. 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 the Village Hall.

Sunday 14 October, Harvest Lunch

Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch. Tickets are available from Church Wardens (see page 20 for details) at £10 for adults. Children under 10 free. Further information available from Tony Gaster 01962 779110.

Friday 19 and Saturday 20 October at 7.30pm Mozart's Marriage of Figaro.
Sunday 21 October Favourite

Sunday 21 October Favourite Arias and Show songs

The group of international singers who starred in Don Giovanni in Itchen Abbas Church two years ago return to sing Figaro in aid of the MS Society and the Itchen Valley Churches. They will also sing a lighter concert of favourite arias and songs on the Sunday. For details go to southwoodplayers.org.uk or ring Nick Owen on 01962 779162.

Tuesday 6 November at 7pm, Upper Itchen Valley Society AGM

Martyr Worthy Village Hall. All members are welcome to come to the Society's AGM. The Speaker will be Tim Slaney who, after reading Geography at University, gained an MSc in Historic Conservation and qualified as a Town Planner.

Tim is now the Director of Planning for the South Downs National Park and responsible for the first single Local Plan across the Park, the work of the Park Planning Committee and other linked agendas including economic growth, affordable homes and promoting locally produced food and drink. This will be followed by the normal AGM business, election of officers etc.

We look forward to seeing you. UIVS Committee







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Easton Fireworks at the David Roth
Memorial Cricket Ground. More
details in the November issue.

Sunday II November 10.45am Annual Remembrance Sunday Parade



At Martyr Worthy Memorial. The Annual Remembrance Sunday parade of The Royal British Legion,

Itchen Valley Branch, will be held in front of the War Memorial at Church Lane, Martyr Worthy. 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 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. Swithun's Church Martyr Worthy, shortly after the two-minute silence. The service will be ecumenical: it is designed for everybody.

Monday 12 November at 7pm Royal British Legion Itchen Valley Branch AGM at Martyr Worthy Village Hall. The Annual General meeting of the Royal British Legion Itchen Valley branch. All members are encouraged to attend.

Richard Seymour - Hon. Sec. 779401
Friday 16 November at 7pm
Martyr Worthy Lecture Series
2018/19 "Eastern Encounters Passages to India"

Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall. John Lang combines a brief look at the history of India and the years of the East India Company and British Raj with England's relentless quest to find more efficient and faster ways of linking the two countries to improve trade, travel and the carriage of news. See advert on page 39 for more information.

Verity Coleman

Singing is good for you – so join us!

Wednesday evenings in Itchen Abbas village hall are the happiest evenings in the Itchen Valley all week! It has

been proven that singing increases the production of endorphins, the chemicals that make us feel happy. To benefit in full from this research you need to sing with lots of other people and therefore the Itchen Valley Choir recommends that you join its members every Wednesday in the village hall. Our friendly group of singers is open to anyone and everyone who fancies singing, whether you are Covent

Garden trained or are only ever heard singing in the shower. You don't have to read music (many of our members don't) though to be fair it does help. We sing a wide range of music, from popular classics through to full blown traditional concerts in Winchester Cathedral and Romsey Abbey. The Itchen Valley Choir started

Cathedral and Romsey Abbey.
The Itchen Valley Choir started rehearsing again in September for the autumn term. We are tackling On This Shining Night by Lee Dengler (look it up on YouTube) together with other smaller pieces for our local village concert in December. We rehearse at 7.45 pm on Wednesday evenings in Itchen Abbas village hall. If you're at all interested, please contact our chairman, Gary Carter, on 01962 732350 or email ivcshub@gmail.com. Vernon Tottle

Flanders and Swann Revisited



An effervescent evening of musical comedy was held at St. Mary's Church, Easton on Saturday, 15

September. More than 140 people enjoyed canapés and a light supper at The Old Rectory by kind permission of Andy and Clare Davies before walking down the lane to the church. The Davies' generosity and hardwork contributed to the most wonderful evening and everyone enjoyed spending time in their stunning home.

The performance consisted of a combination of the songs of Flanders and Swann and the poetic wit of John



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A full Job Description & Person Specification can be found at www.itchenvalleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Please contact Patrick Appleby, IVPC Chairman, for an informal discussion on Tel. 01962 779778.

All CV applications with a covering letter should be sent by 12 October 2018 to Mr Alan Weaver at Clerk@ltchenvalleyparishcouncil.org.uk
Interviews will take place the week commencing 29 October 2018



Betjeman, skilfully brought together by a very versatile and charismatic actor, singer and pianist, Michael Lunts. The churchwarden gave a vote of thanks to the principal organiser, Penelope Kellie, whose formidable organising skills enabled everything to run smoothly. Penelope in turn gave a vote of thanks to all those who had assisted her tirelessly in making the evening a resounding success. Funds raised are in aid of St. Mary's Easton Development Fund. Adrian Vincent, Kathleen Snape and Gillian Stewart

Ride and Stride

It is always nice to be welcomed at the different churches when taking part in the ride and stride in aid of the Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust. Out of the twelve churches that Leon and myself visited, only four had someone there to greet us, which we appreciated.

I would like to thank everyone who gave their time on Saturday here in the Itchen Valley to welcome around 45 cyclists and walkers.

Vanessa Rosewell

Easton Fete - Wet weather but a warm welcome!

The rain was torrential all afternoon and yet so many people from the Itchen Valley came to support our Fete. We have raised approximately £3,000, a fantastic effort. Alex Pease opened proceedings and Adam Murch was the compère for the afternoon. Inevitably, we couldn't go ahead with some of our outdoor attractions; however there was still plenty to see and do. For the first time, we had trade stands and some of them braved the weather to attend.



The magic man was a big hit and perfectly complemented Moo Music. Inside the hall, people enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea run by Ina Williams and Vanessa Rosewell and were able to browse the books (Simon Broadley) and jewellery (Iris Lacey) stalls, as well as some of the trade stands.

Outside, braving the weather were Barny Gloyn and the boys on the bar whilst Jill Croft and Judith Mezger and helpers sold WI goodies and cakes.



Barny Gloyn and Sarah Claridge organised the programme which this year Knight Frank very kindly sponsored. The Fete is a

community event; it brings people across the Valley together and cannot happen without the time and effort that so many of you put in. We thank you all for your help and support. Helen, Fiona, and Iris would like to thank in particular everyone who gave jewellery, handbags and scarves; they were overwhelmed by the generosity The Fete will return next year on Sunday, 25 August. Please put the date in your diary!

Easton Village Hall Trustees

Boules Single Melee

On Monday 20 August, six ladies and five men from the Itchen Abbas Boules Club took part in a Singles Knockout Melee, round at the village hall, competing for the Porter Platter and Compo Rose Bowl. It was a cloudy but dry day so not too hot for playing. Half way through we consumed a delicious ploughman's lunch provided by those taking part. After a welcome



tea towards the end of the afternoon, the respective players who had won the most games out of the round robin matches had a play off for the trophies. Mo Gordon played Jenny Sloan and Bob Banham played Eric Hughes. Jenny won the Porter Platter and a nail-biting finish to the men's final saw Eric beat Bob for the Compo Rose Bowl. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all those taking part.

Arminel Tottle

The Pantaloons at Avington Park



On a wonderful sunny evening a small number of players (why did the father and son look so alike? – apart from the fact they both looked female!) entertained a large crowd with a brilliant performance of As You Like It. It was brought up to date in some ways we were given a warning that we might be offended by the use of a particular word (which of course I dare not mention in these refined pages) but not in others. I suspect that Shakespeare's comedies always contained a fair amount of knockabout! If you were there you will be returning to the Pantaloons whenever possible; if you were not, try to catch them next year – but will the sunshine be there too?



Charlotte Appleby

Easton WI

We enjoyed the September meeting after the summer break and heard that our cakes were sold out at the Alresford Show W.I. Tea Tent, the skittles team competed in the Group competition and eight members have been rehearsing through the summer for the Hampshire Choral Speaking competition, as a way of celebrating the WI's Centenary.



Our speaker for the evening was Sushil Thethy who gave a very enlightening talk about her Indian heritage, having arrived in Britain with her

family in 1972. She explained the symbolism of the Sikh religion and brought the salwar kameez her daughter wore for her wedding, beautifully embellished with intricate embroidered thread and beads. We learnt that brides always wear red to symbolize prosperity and the groom wears white for peace and must cover his face with a beaded headdress. Red and white bangles are given to the bride before her wedding day and she

continues to wear them for 40 days to denote her status as a new bride. All guests remove shoes and cover their heads during the ceremony. Sushil also brought with her some delicious Indian snacks which members thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next meeting on Thursday I I October 7.15pm is an Open Meeting, so we welcome guests to join us at Easton Village Hall to hear Mr Steve Percy researching his Family History. Sallie Peake

Easton & Martyr Worthy Juniors end of season report



As a Junior coach it is often debated as to what is more important: winning or developing players and having fun.

I suspect the ideal

is both, but this is not always straight forward, especially in cricket, when a few outstanding cricketers can do all the fun elements at the expense of improving others.

I hope that on the whole we manage to find a balance and I hope the UII's is an example of this. The club won the UIIA league; we used 26 children to achieve this and while there was a main cohort of 12, all of whom performed well across the season, the league win could not have happened without the other 14, often standing in when half the 12 were away! The highlights were an unlikely win against the Best of Region UI3 girls team and the final against Fair Oak where in both cases we clawed back victory from the jaws of defeat.

If the UII boys had a good season, the



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UII girls had a brilliant season winning firstly The Lady Taverner's Competition. They played six matches against teams across the county and won all six with a very close final against South Wilts A team winning by just one run!

And then the Brian King County cup, a one off festival for all U11 clubs across the county. The girls played eleven other clubs and won all of their games, beating New Milton in the final. We have some really talented girls at this and U9 level who are doing great things.

The UI3 girls also had a good season and were runners up in their County Cup competition. To think that the girls cricket has only been going for four years; it has been an amazing achievement from both teams. The UI3 boys had a positive season, albeit with exams, school trips and boarding making selecting a regular team more difficult. The team (benefiting from the strength in depth) won the UI3 League for the second

year, concluding a fantastic run for this group of boys. Since they joined the club six years ago, in addition to their two UI3 league wins they have won Zooters (U9) and the U11 County Cup. The boys also reached the final of the UI3 Cup and with a depleted team did not quite get over the line. At U9 level, the

boys and girls had a great fun time, with three sides playing each Sunday throughout the season. At this level though, the games are not competitive. Keeping the club in good health is the fantastic All Stars program that takes children from 5yo – 8yo. This year 45 children attended the course.

The Juniors are in good health and I would like to thank all the coaches and all the other volunteers for all their hard work. We rely on this to keep the club going and it is hugely appreciated. George Burnand

An Exciting Future at Riverbank Kindergarten!

Riverbank Kindergarten, which serves the Itchen Valley with term-time preschool care from Martyr Worthy Village Hall, has had a busy year. Babs Smith, our much-loved Group Leader who had been at the helm for over a dozen years, handed the leadership over to me, Maria Odgers, in January 2018. Babs has been a familiar, smiling

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Babs Smith (seated) with Maria Odgers

face to many in the community and with her team has had a hugely positive impact on so many as she has helped laid a solid foundation for little ones who were learning through their play and being prepared for the next step of school. We were sad to wave her off at the summer teddy bears picnic this July.

I am an experienced primary teacher, and have been connected to Riverbank since my own little ones attended. I then led the Friends of Riverbank, and most recently joined the staff team in June 2017. I live by the church in Kings Worthy with my husband and children. I am so happy to continue the established work of the preschool and its service to the community, building positive links with the villages and parish. We continue with the same ethos of 'learning through play' and the heart to provide the special and safe care for which this hidden gem of a setting has become known. We have just returned for the new term and are looking forward as we continue to develop and thrive; it is just over a year till we celebrate our silver jubilee! I am

sure you will join me in wishing Babs the best for her next chapter and with great thanks for her investment into the Martyr Worthy community and beyond. Do continue to support Riverbank and wish us good day if you are passing the hall while we are playing in the gardens; it's always so lovely to see friendly faces from the local community cheering us on! Riverbank Kindergarten is an independent Pre-school at Martyr Worthy Hall established in 1995, accepting children aged 2-5 years during term-time. For more information, call me on 07900 437685 or find us on Facebook. Maria Odgers

Defibrillator in Easton



The medical meaning of "defibrillation" is the stopping of fibrillation of the heart by administering a controlled electric shock, to allow restoration of the

normal rhythm. Readers will probably be aware that the installation of cardiac defibrillators in key locations, quickly accessible, and operated by the public in cases of real emergency, can be life savers. Some other villages in our area already have access to one. Following the AGM of the Easton Village Hall, we set up a small group to install a unit at the Hall. We are now taking advice from charities specialising in this field, as well as other local villages which already have access to one. The installation will be paid for with money from various sources within the Village and the Itchen Valley, and we will be advising the IVN of more details in due course.

First Aid training, including use of a defibrillator, is part of our plan. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact one of the Easton Defibrillator Action Group (EDAG!).

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Andrew Kennedy 1950 - 2018

My father Andrew Neilson Kennedy passed away from pancreatic cancer on 27 July 2018. Andrew was at home in his own bed, with his family around him and as those who knew him would expect, he remained dignified until the end.

A funeral service was held for Andrew at Basingstoke Crematorium on 14 August for close family and the following day a service of thanksgiving at St Mary's Easton, which was attended by over 200 friends and family from near and far.

Andrew was born in Sheffield in 1950 and stayed there for his early years. He was the first-born son to Tom and Dorothy, and eldest brother to Richard and Gillian. Andrew qualified as a Chartered Accountant and was working locally in Sheffield before joining the P&O Steam Navigation Company in the new role of Ship's Accountant on board SS Canberra and then SS Oriana. After a number of years establishing the position on board, he accepted a job in the P&O Cruises Head Office, where he remained for 30 years in various management roles and with most of this time spent as Finance Director. Before his retirement Andrew was the

project manager for the building of the new Carnival UK office in Southampton and after retiring eight years ago set up his own events company to manage the naming ceremonies of P&O's new ship Azura and Cunard's Queen Elizabeth. Whilst at sea he met Susan, our mother. They married and settled in Easton and soon after had two children; Chris and Cat.



In his 33 years in Easton, Andrew played a big part in village and valley life. He has been (in no particular order), a member of the Parish Council, the final Editor of the Easton and Martyr Worthy News, the first Treasurer of the Itchen Valley News, the Auditor of church accounts, a boules player, a Fete organiser, a firework lighter, a Safari Supper host, a regular at both village pubs and he even made a one-time only appearance in the Easton Pantomime! Andrew was a proud and proficient pragmatist. It is a true mark of the man that despite a year in constant pain, and a terminal cancer diagnosis, he never once complained. There was never a 'why me?', there were no 'if onlys', just a resolute, rational acceptance of what was happening.



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Andrew was a man of extraordinary knowledge and intelligence and read extensively on many different subjects. He was actually a runner up on the 'Brain of Britain' in his early 20's. Despite his intelligence, his humility and dignity made him always approachable; he was wise counsel and living with him gave you confidence.

Next to his family, and possibly Sheffield United, Andrew's greatest passion in life was travel. He would meticulously plan each adventure so that when we arrived at our destination his local knowledge was infallible. Upon retirement, Andrew had four big trips in mind and despite being in the early onset of the illness, he was able to complete the last of the four, a trip to Australia, at the start of the year, even visiting the spot where he proposed to Mum some 34 years ago.

Throughout this time Mum, Cat and I have been overwhelmed by the support and outpouring of love from our friends in the valley. Whatever you did - big or small - it was hugely appreciated and demonstrates, not that we were in any doubt, how wonderful it is to live in a community such as ours.

Thank you also to those who have donated to the Winchester Hospice in Andrew's name. Fortunately, we did not need direct hospice care for Andrew, but if we had have done this would have been in Southampton, which would have put additional strain on him and the family. We felt that supporting the building of a hospice in Winchester would be such a huge benefit to local people who find themselves in a similar situation to ours in the future. Even if you do not wish to donate please do visit Andrew's page on the 'Much Loved' website as it

has pictures and a place to leave thoughts and memories. This can be reached at the following link: https:// andrew-kennedy-1950-2018.muchloved.com

If happiness is measured as a function of the time we have to enjoy it, it would be easy to feel short changed by Andrew's passing. But if happiness is measured as a volume, as a total of the amount that you enjoyed together, we must have had more than our fair share. Under Andrew's leadership we have been the tightest of units and it's the knowledge of this, the memories we have shared together and with the overwhelming support we continue to receive from the valley, that let me know that in time, we will be okay. The eulogies and poems from the service can be found in full on the Itchen valley churches website. Chris Kennedy

Valley Entrepreneur - "A Passion for Fashion"

This month we talk to leading clothes designer, Tabitha Webb about work, the world of fashion and juggling business and family...

What prompted you to set up your own clothes label?

Before I launched Tabitha Webb I had a clothing brand with Dannii Minogue called Project D – after seven years we called time on it, and it seemed such a waste to not go on and use everything I had learnt through that. I am also a lover of all things 'brand', so for me it was less about the clothing, and more about creating my own brand identity. It could have been anything, it just happened to be clothing! I do also have the most awful shopping habit, so it seemed to make sense to work in

fashion – not that it has actually helped me save any money!



Tabitha wearing one of her designs

How cut throat is the fashion industry, there are a lot of clothes labels out there?

Honestly? It is horrible. It is such a hard, hard business, and brands go bankrupt all the time. Everybody has their heyday, but it's about whether you are able to weather the storm once you are not front page news anymore – there is very little loyalty in the industry. Most people don't survive – the cash flow is always negative, and there is always someone younger and keener right behind you!

Is it as glamourous as people imagine?

Not at all. Of course there are some glamourous aspects to it, but they are very few and far between – it's probably about 10% of what we do. I am lucky now that the brand is at a stage where I get to travel quite often and attend some wonderful events, but more often than not, time is spent wondering how you will pay for your next collection, and hoping you have got your sizing right!

How challenging is the family/work juggle?

It's exhausting. With one daughter I found it manageable, but with the new baby now everyday is a juggle! The guilt of wanting to be at home, combined with the need to be elsewhere, makes it tricky. People always say how lucky I am that I work for myself, and in many ways yes, but the downside is that there is no one else who can do what you do.

Best part of what you do?

That moment when it all comes together. When you see somebody looking amazing in something you have created, famous or not. I remember the first time I dressed the Duchess of Cambridge, my mother rang me and said, 'Well done, that's it, you've done it, you can retire now!'. And I am also just about to release a bedding and home range with a big retail partner, and I have to say it makes all the sweat and tears nearly feel worth while.



Most difficult part of what you do?

Working alone a lot of the time is really hard, and not having a business partner who works with me on a daily basis. I am sure I bore all my friends to tears with my business ups and downs, but it's a huge part of my life, and they are the only ones I have to talk to about it!

What are the key trends for the Autumn season we should be looking out for?

Itchen Valley Churches

7th October

8am BCP Holy Communion 10am All Age Worship St John's, Itchen Abbas St Mary's, Easton

14th October

10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong St John's, Itchen Abbas St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

21st October

8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Valley Worship St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy St Mary's, Easton

28th October

10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy St Mary's, Avington

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Church Notice of the Month

Little Rainbows- if you who have infant children please come and give Little Rainbows a try - it is a play group for pre-school children (including new-born babies) and their mums dads or carers. The children can play, do puzzles and crafts, we have a snack and then some dancing and a story. The parents/carers will be given coffee and cake! There is no charge! Its a great way to start the week. Do come and join us!

Churchwardens

Robin Greenwood 779540 Andrew Impey 779645 Theo Mezger 07775 908014 Vanessa Rosewell 841182 Tony Gaster 779110 Nick Owen 779162 Well animal print is everywhere this season – especially leopard print. Just buy yourself something in leopard, even some shoes, and you will be good to go. And weirdly, paisley is making an enormous comeback – I am not sure how I feel about this as we are certainly all starting to channel the 90's again, but worn correctly it can look great. And style wise? Mid length skirts and bomber jackets – as they say everything comes back around at some point!

Tabitha Webb was talking to Lucy Wolfe

The Practical Gardener

It's still very dry and yet gardens are also full of colour. Some of the jobs at this time are tedious. Weeding is one such, a task I always do by hand on my knees. I have a sieve close by to gather stones and I wear gloves. One of the reasons is that I use my hands to break up lumps in the soil. I've tried every tool in the book for weeding and my hook knife comes out tops. However weeds with deep roots like dandelion need a trowel. I also have scissors with me to deadhead as I go. Actually I think "deadstalk" is possibly a better word as often it's necessary to cut right back, not just the old flower head.

I'm very sceptical of some of the advice given about gardens. I inherited ground elder and bindweed in copious quantity. The recommended techniques don't always work. I have dug up large areas of a perennial bed and been really careful but not successful. It's why weeding a little and often seems a better technique.

Another new word in the garden is "greening". My lawns still have many bare patches even after lots of watering. It's clear grass is coming back but sometimes slowly. Patience is

needed and I am sure this would be a bad time to treat grass, better to wait until it's properly re-established.



I'm a fan of Monty Don. For one reason he is always cheerful about our relationship with our gardens but secondly he has issues, failures, mistakes and he admits to them. So I'm not put off when some things don't work out. Like Monty, my fourth sowing of carrots has produced some good results. I persevered only because of flavour as the shapes of my carrots would win no prizes in any show. Ditto the beetroot, pick it whilst small and the flavour is just great.

I get a lot of questions about what I do and what works for me. But if something doesn't quite work out, here are the possible reasons: position, watering, soil or variety. Now is the time to buy onion sets for autumn planting, one of the easiest things to grow (easy is something I always look for). I've planted some late potatoes and they are up. We shall see whether they produce results. I must say my harvest of main crop (King Edward) has been excellent.

A question exercising my mind today is how to harvest fruit out of reach from my tallest ladder. Is the answer actually a drastic prune? Probably that's what will happen as the results on a Bramley apple have been spectacular. My late plum has previously produced a very small crop. This year I have picked 50 kgs and we are still going. I have no explanation.

I use a significant amount of fertiliser. "Growmore" pellets are really cheap (Mole stores) and liquid seaweed is wonderful and can be sourced online. I routinely add this to watering cans. There is still plenty of colour from both annuals and perennials, though I sense a change as the days cool down. It's a great time to buys seeds from garden centres that want to clear stock.



This year has been spoilt outside by noise. In industry we have regulation but in the planning process for building new houses there is none. So every week day the nearby construction has intolerable levels of noise from the bleeping of heavy machinery to the continual use of cutting machines. Living in Winchester was a much quieter experience! Happily I am not

affected by dust. Garden machinery can also be very noisy and we should all have a care for those around us when using such equipment....I'm just out to get the chainsaw!

Happy Gardening. Tony Gaster

Comings and Goings



with their children Ottilie 3 years old, Wilfred I & baby Merryn born in September. And a sad farewell to Jane & Shane Chichester of Cygnet House (more on page 39) who moved here over 30 years ago. Lucinda Ffennell

Time Capsule



£15 for a ticket to an opera at The Grange? Surely not! But this was the

bargain on offer on Friday 31 August, when a talented group of young singers, dancers and design/production specialists spent a week creating a 40 minute opera from scratch.

The group of about 50 youngsters came together on the Monday and were given the barest outline of a plot. A small group of professionals under Karen Gillingham, Director, guided their efforts, which bore fruit with an engrossing performance on the Friday evening in front of an audience of about 300 appreciative supporters. At the end, Grange Festival director Michael Chance confessed that he was lost for

words -something very rare in my experience! But he nevertheless expressed the great appreciation of the audience, who had been "warmed up" with movement and singing by the lively Musical Director Dominic Harlan. We saw a series of chorus numbers interspersed with dialogue, illustrated by an illuminated back cloth against which the alien Zanavoid people danced their appalled reaction to a proposed invasion from Earth by humans - having trashed their own planet they were now looking for another planet, where hopefully they would be better behaved.



Besides the music composed during the week, the show included a couple of adapted Mozart arias from Marriage of Figaro and the Magic Flute sung by a couple of

professionals supported by the chorus. I did not get the chance to talk to any of the cast after the show, but their infectious enthusiasm and the audience applause spoke for itself.

It was wonderful to see the Grange Theatre put to such splendid use, and I'm sure that this will not be the last time that a youth group is brought together to produce their own opera in an incredibly short time. When the next opportunity is announced, do make sure that any of your youngsters so inclined are encouraged to take part.

Peter McManus

From the Rectory -Loneliness

According to the Office for National Statistics, there are 2.4 million adults in the UK who suffer from loneliness. Hardly a day goes past without an article in the press on the subject. 90% concern loneliness for elderly people, those who find it difficult to go out much anymore, and feel trapped in their homes with no-one to talk to. Esther Rantzen's "Silver Line" has been inundated with, over 10,000 isolated pensioners calling the helpline every week. Many thousands more might benefit from the service – the chance to hear a friendly voice on the end of the line.

How many people are there in the Valley in a similar situation, and what can we all do to help them? We have just reformed the "Valley Visitors", who incorporate many of the wonderful original "Good Neighbours/ Pastoral Visitors" from before, as well as other lovely newcomers to the group. We are there to try and answer this need for befriending, not only the elderly, but also anyone who feels lonely, isolated or anxious. We are happy to visit people in their homes, as well as phoning them. Please contact us if you know someone who you think needs our help. They do not have to be Churchgoers, as we are here for the whole Community, and they will not necessarily be elderly. Whilst on holiday, I asked three members of my family what loneliness meant to them, and here is a selection of their answers.

Bereavement and the overwhelming grief that accompanies it was one example. This was the loss of a muchloved father, but the same would apply

to the loss of anyone close to us. She found it so isolating and painful that she could not respond when friends reached out to her, until 18 months later, when she began to emerge from the fog of pain and grief. She found herself stronger and more mindful of her friends. We all react differently to pain and grief, but it often helps to talk through these feelings — devastating as they are. The old adage "a problem"

shared is a problem halved" seems appropriate. Burying grief is never good – it always comes out in the end. I found a very moving poem in the paper, written by a widower – the first two lines are "I am alone, now I know it's true.

There was a time when we were two."

The same family member also suffered enormous feelings of loneliness and isolation as a new mother, particularly when her husband first returned to work. She felt exhausted, with a lack of motivation to get dressed or go out. I wonder how many new mothers have felt the same — a new baby in the house is such a blessing, but, equally, can be a very lonely time for new mothers.

My next example covers the loneliness of living in a big city with little to do. This member of our family was out of work for three or four months, having started a job which had not worked out. All his flatmates left the house early in the morning and did not return until late, and there was no-one with whom he

could share his feelings of despair. Finally, one family member went abroad to live, very early in marriage, and felt the loneliness of being far away from family and friends, in a strange community. Maybe we have people in the valley who feel the same.

This article cannot cover every type of lonely situation – it is a huge subject, but other possibilities are when children finally leave home, break-ups

in marriages and relationships, mental health, long-term illnesses and those who care for the sick. A headline I read this weekend stated "Some of the loneliest people I know are in relationships." I have not even touched on the loneliness that some children feel when they first go to school.

One of the most important of the Commandments is:- "Thou shalt love they neighbour as thyself". At times, I have had trouble with this one, until a kind priest explained that it does not mean "love" in the usual sense, just to "watch out for or care for the welfare of your neighbour". The Valley Visitors cannot know all that goes on in the Valley – we do our best, but if everyone watched out for their neighbours, and let us know if they thought a visit would be welcome from us, that would be wonderful. When the "Who Cares" survey went out last year, the results showed that at least 5% of our population of 1,600 were suffering from loneliness, but as the survey was anonymous, we do not know where help is needed. Please get in touch if you would like a visit from one of our team.

Lavinia Owen - Pastoral Care Coordinator – Itchen Valley Parish 01962 779162

Valley Volunteer - Breathing life back into rural communities



Geoffrey Burnand is Chairman of the Winchester Housing Trust. Explain the role of the Winchester Housing Trust? It started 30

years ago with the aim of helping people return to villages and communities that, due to financial reasons, they have lost touch with. As house prices in rural villages around Winchester rise, individuals can literally become priced out of the area where they grew up and are forced to move away. Very sad for the person having to move away but also a great loss to the community as well.

The Winchester Housing Trust builds affordable housing on small plots of council owned land or land donated by landowners. The houses built are for shared ownership or rental. The Trust now has 104 properties in the Winchester area.

The latest development was in Micheldever, where 15 one, two and three bedroom houses were built. All are occupied by a variety of people, including the local postman, a farm worker and a nurse, who have historic connections with the area.

How much do you enjoy your role? Very much so. When you complete a project and see people moving into a new home, it is incredibly satisfying. Also, the people I work with are a fun and interesting bunch and we work well together. We are all passionate



about improving the affordable housing programme within Hampshire.

What would you say are the Trust's greatest challenges?

Finding appropriate sites and bureaucracy, the latter is perhaps a necessary hurdle but it does delay projects. We get there in the end but it can be hugely frustrating not only for the Housing Trust but for potential tenants and owners. Perhaps surprisingly, opposition from communities to affordable housing projects (i.e. Nimbyism!) is seldom a problem. People around Winchester understand that people need to live



somewhere and they also understand the benefits. Affordable housing often brings with it, skills and resources that may be lacking in a community.

How important are volunteers to the Trust's work?

Hugely and we are always looking for people with a broad spread of skills i.e. Accountancy, law, project development etc. who are as passionate as we are.

What would you say to anyone considering taking on a voluntary role in either your organisation or any other?

Go ahead. You don't have to be retired to do it, just get involved in something. Volunteering doesn't have to be a

chore. If you choose something you're interested in, it can be great fun and overall a very rewarding activity. You meet a broad range of people and you can go home with your head held high. George Burnand was talking to Lucy Wolfe

Food Spy - Three Joes Pizza



I was sceptical about yet another pizza restaurant in Winchester to join the existing collective. It seems to me that the City centre is turning into a pizza and coffee collaborative and I was

not sure if there was room for another.

Three Joe's pizza is refreshingly different for three reasons 1. Sourdough pizza made from 24hr fermented dough, 2. Great value, 3 Interesting sides



The interior is bright and airy, making decorative use of the old beams and

exposed brickwork, my favourite seats are the teal green banquettes. The pizzas are freshly prepared, quick to arrive and delicious. I had the Serrano ham and rocket but there are plenty of original and unexpected toppings to choose from and the Asian salad side at a snip of £2.95 was zingy and refreshing and made me feel less bad about the pizza.

The Oreo milkshake was a firm favourite with our table and the kid's menu was genius at only £4.95 for three courses.

It's bang in the middle of Winchester

where the Froggies wine bar used to be and makes the most of the outside tables for some Autumn sunshine. When I last popped in they said they might be opening for



breakfast so watch this space for a Nutella pizza review – wouldn't that be delicious!!!

Fi McIntosh filling in for Food Spy

Itchen Insight

Name: Sally Jolleys Age: 53 Occupation: Independent Chairman, retired banker Lived in valley: 8

years

Your Life in 180

characters: Winchester girl, moved away to work, returned and lived in six houses around Winchester. Married, two children, two dogs and a lizard Champagne moment: Completing my

Masters whilst working full-time commuting three hours a day and with a new baby.

Surprising snippet: We were stuck in New Zealand for 6 weeks when the ash cloud went up

Passion: Travelling with my family **Favourite place in Hants:** The seaside **Best thing about the Valley:** The views, greenery and wildlife

Worst thing: Speeding traffic and the mobile reception

Favourite book: The Good Earth, Pearl Buck

One liner: Life is too short to stuff a mushroom



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Jackie's County Corner



School lunches are changing! The County Meals Service is adding Spanish and Greek options to the school menus. I'd be interested to hear what your

children think of them!

Apprenticeship grants are available from HCC. Go to grants page of www.hants.gov.uk for details.

What to put in your bin...the new contracts are in progress but there is a move to regularise what everyone puts in recycling. There are printed lists for advice to Hampshire residents and the list is online too. If you'd like a copy, please let me know.

The W strain of meningitis is deathly. The County Council holds the remit for Public Health too, and monitors vaccination rates in all age groups. Please make sure your teenage children are vaccinated, through your GP, especially if they are going to University. The vaccine takes two weeks to become effective.

The Harold Hillier Gardens have been open for 40 years this year. HCC has also re-opened Lepe and other sites they own with improved services. The income from County owned sites contributes to the income for the whole council, so investing in the 'loo, brew and view' makes a contribution to other services as well as offering a great day out.

Bus passes and charges for pensioners. Many commented that the questions in the recent consultation were leading ones, but talking to residents, there are so many different opinions about this. Many feel that 50p per journey could be just the start, as the price would inevitably rise. Others complain that if a visit to your hospital or doctor requires two buses, that would be a total cost of £2. Others say it is ridiculous that well off pensioners are getting free journeys by bus. What do you think?

Electric Cars - do you own one? I'd like to hear how it works for you. If you'd like to contribute to a Forum, please email me- I hope to hold a meeting for electric car drivers in November to hear of ways in which the Council could be encouraging us all to use electric vehicles.

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From Our MP



This month, after a quiet party conference season for both parties, we return to Westminster for what promises to be one of the most

fascinating sessions in the modern history of our Parliament. Christmas seems a long way off right now. The conventional wisdom is that Parliament – and Government – is consumed by Brexit and there's no denying it's the big issue of our time. But don't let the #fakenews old media tell you nothing else is going on. Your MP is a Minister at the sharp end, the Department of Health, and I know for sure this is not the case. More on that in a moment.

Now, it's no secret I campaigned and

voted for Remain in the referendum but, as a democrat, I accept the result and refuse to talk our country down for my own ends. As I said in 2016, I don't share the negative mind-set view that our country is doomed and small, no longer relevant, but I also don't believe I7 million people voted to harm our country so will in the end support a deal that respects the referendum result and puts practical reality for our economy and our country over theoretical dreamy ideology and cheap newspaper columns.

I am no doubt testing the patience of your excellent Editors so I will simply point constituents wanting more to a recent article I wrote - Burkha's and Brexit - which can be accessed via www.stevebrine.com/brexit and sums up where I am as a (still) centrist moderate Government MP. Any constituents who receive my monthly newsletter on email (you can sign up in two clicks via www.stevebrine.com) will know there is indeed much going on as well as Brexit. Although we took the usual bucket and spade vacation in Devon this August, my work as Public Health Minister doesn't stop during Summer recess, and I am pushing ahead with the implementation of our world-leading Childhood Obesity Plan among many other tasks.

Last month I announced our consultation to ban the sale of energy drinks to children. There are dual health and educational concerns around the marketing of these drinks to our children, and we need to act. There have also been announcements from me this Summer around the medical use of cannabis and the HPV vaccine for boys.

Locally, this summer also brought back

memories from decades past, as once more we look set to battle a property developer who seeks to build a new town outside Micheldever. I was very clear in my remarks to the local press that the Magnier family will face a tsunami of opposition if they do this. How many versions of NO do we have to give?

And finally, it has been one of the hottest Summers on record and Sundays especially have been delightful so it wasn't in the slightest bit annoying that the return of the Easton Fete was hit by fierce winds and a downpour that seemed timed to coincide with the event. Did we care? Were we deterred? Well, some were but we just got on with it and I want to say a huge vote of thanks to all the team for keeping our community strong. We were OK in the beer tent where it was, once again, my pleasure to help out Barney Gloyn alongside lain Macleod. (See this month's cover photo.) There's always next year! You can also follow my work by 'liking' my page at www.fb.com/SteveBrineMP Steve Brine

MP for Winchester & Itchen Valley

From the Parish Council



It is sad to report that Alan Weaver, our Parish clerk and Responsible Finance Officer is retiring at the end of December. He has been with us

for almost three years. At the time he came, our previous clerk had left at short notice three months earlier. Yvette Riley had valiantly stood in on a voluntary basis for that time and they worked together to get much of the

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paperwork and administrative procedures back on track. In his time with us, Alan has sat through three meetings each month, giving help and advice when needed while at the same time taking the minutes. He has taken us through all the rigours of General Data Protection, for which we now have excellent documentation. During his time he has had to cope with changes in both the internal and external auditors (yes, despite being a relatively small council serving a small population we are audited twice every year) and he has been working hard on getting all the paperwork generated over the years sorted out and where appropriate ready for archiving. We thank him for all his hard work and we wish him and his wife Christine a happy and long retirement.

Following on from that, we are therefore needing to recruit a replacement for Alan. Please see the separate advertisement on Page 8. In the past, we have had clerks who live in the valley and some who have come from outside. It would be good to have a valley resident. It is interesting work and is suitable for anyone looking for a part time job where, other than meetings, they can work from home. If you want to have a talk about it please get in touch (contact details on our website).

Since last month's report, we have decided to have the surface at the base of the basket-ball ring at Couch Green repaired. Consideration is still being given as to whether to add another piece of play equipment. If you have any ideas please let us know. Also under consideration are some extra multipurpose bins. Two potential sites have been identified so far, one in Easton and one in Martyr Worthy. Further discussion and

consultation is continuing so please let us know your views.

We are at the time of year when hedges need to be trimmed. Please remember that if there is a right of way across the verge or pavement in front of your property it is your responsibility to see that your hedges and trees are cut back to allow people to walk in safety. This is especially important to those who border the B3047.

Lastly a reminder; when contacting Parish Councillors or our Clerk please can you use the correct e-mail addresses as per our website.

Patrick Appleby

Report from Winchester City Councillor Margot Power



£6 million of
Community
Infrastructure Levy
has not been spent
yet. This is from
Developer

contributions on new housing. The theory was that all local government would received a share of this and be able to deliver improvements. That was found to be ineffective, little has been spent, some has been allocated, for example £250,000 towards the cost of the new Car Park in Alresford. Proposals are now coming forward to allow local parishes to propose projects to be bought forward. Given that these houses have now been built, and residents moved in, we are pressing that more of this money should be spent on local schemes. A good example would be improvements to West Street in Alresford, approved and costed by Hampshire County Council at £88,000 many years ago, but never progressed.



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Pedestrians first. Hampshire did trial 20 mph speed limits in some villages, but found that overall speeds did not reduce. It made me slow down, but what was your experience? There seem to be multiple factors deterring us from walking, whether it is intimidation from fast and/or large vehicles, insufficient dropped kerbs, or badly maintained footpaths. Given that the majority of us want to stay healthy - walking is the easiest, cheapest way to keep mobile, improve our environment, and save money for the National Health Service - where should our priorities lie?

What does this striped walking stick mean? Don is not only visually impaired but has trouble hearing as well.



Trade Waste Bins. We are getting a lot of complaints about trade waste bins being left on the highway all week, or occupying parking spaces on collection day. We want to support local traders, but we also need to ensure Alresford Town Centre is attractive for all. Officers have been trying persuasive tactics on both traders and trade waste collection companies, but results are slow. Could you try some very polite customer pressure?

Margot Power 01962 734167

Report from Winchester City Councillor Lisa Griffiths



Providing Affordable Homes

The new homes in Mitford Road, Alresford, are now completed. WCC will continue with plans to support residents on

the issues of renting, to social housing, and those looking for affordable homes to get on the housing ladder. We are one of the leading councils building social housing in the country and continue to work with local councils to find suitable sites for new homes.

Loan Sharks

In line with Government requirements, WCC has signed up to a Charter to support residents who are prey to such schemes. Fortunately, the majority in our Ward are unlikely to be affected, however there are areas of our community that may be affected. Further information on the WCC website but residents who need support, can contact me or WCC direct.

Dementia Friendly Exercise:

On Thursdays, 2-3pm, running weekly at River Park Leisure Centre.

Winchester Sport & Leisure Park, Bar End

The planning application is due to be heard in October 2018. Sport England removed their holding objection and South Downs National Park have raised no objections. The new football pitches at King George V playing fields have now opened – to great success and delight of the Winchester City Flyers! The Amateur

^{*} Free jigsaws! See page 14 *

Boxing Club has moved to its new venue! We continue to seek a venue for a rebound centre (or gymnastics and trampolining). Chesil Lodge, Winchester – Extra Care development

Love it or loathe it, this development has been shortlisted for 'Best Older People's Housing Development' (under 70 homes) in the prestigious Inside Housing Development Awards which celebrate the very best residential developments across the UK from the past year. This award recognises a completed or planned development that creates homes for older people that are desirable and well designed to meet current and future care and support needs. Residents who have moved in are full of praise.

Lisa Griffiths

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Report from Winchester City Councillor Kim Gottlieb



The theme for this year's Heritage Open Days Festival was 'Extraordinary Women'. The idea was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote -

at least some of them. The Festival was a great success and the theme was highlighted by many distinguished visitors to Winchester including Dame Jenni Murray and Michael Wood, and by many 'home grown' talents such as Professor Joanna Lewis.

The theme could have also been played out in the Valley which itself has a tremendous array of extraordinary women who have risen to the top of

sciences and arts, politics and medicine and every other walk of life, irrespective of the additional hurdles they have had to overcome. The ones who perhaps have impressed me the most, when their stories emerge, are the survivors (decreasing in number) who had active and extraordinary roles in WW2. That generation, it seems, never needed to bang drums about their achievements on TV or on social media, and just quietly got on with whatever they had to deal with in the extraordinary circumstances of the time. Over the weekend General Sir. Antony Walker reminded us of the extraordinary efforts of women during WWI too.



One of my favourite events was put on by the arts group 'non zero one', who wanted to address the lack of public statues featuring women.

Apparently, out of 925 pubic

statues in England, only 158 are of women, and that when you took out the royals and mythical figures there were only 25. They have gone about creating 25 more statues of extraordinary women, one of whom is Winchester's very own 'community sports campaigner' Emma Back who, for several years, has battled for a sports centre worthy of the 'Olympic legacy' ambition. It's a shame that the Council doesn't share that ambition. but we will continue pressing as hard as we can to build something that will serve the extraordinary women of the future.

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Martyr Worthy village, and in particularly the church community at St Swithun's, are sadly saying farewell to Jane and Shane

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also played a wider role in the Itchen Valley Parish, as a pastoral visitor and in the inspiration and organisation of the Martyr Worthy Plant Sale, which raised many thousands of pounds for church funds. They will be very much missed on a personal level in the community and we wish them every happiness as they look forward to a new future.

St Swithun's Church

Readers of the Itchen Valley News in Easton and Martyr Worthy may know that Jane was that area's main distributor. Month in, month out she took the bundles of magazines round to her helpers for onward delivery. Many thanks to Jane for her work and a warm welcome to Gilly Greenwood, who has taken over that role.

Vernon Tottle, Chief Editor Itchen Valley News

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Tiddler Joke of the Month



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A: Fish and ships...

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Planning applications

For some months it has been our custom to publish a list of



current planning applications towards the back of the Itchen Valley News. Whilst some readers have welcomed the information, it was time consuming to prepare and, more often than not, the date for comments had already expired by the time you received the magazine through your letterbox.

We could supply a list merely of those planning applications dated around midmonth that would still be current on the first of each month – but that would be a small and probably unrepresentative sample of the complete tally.

If you have online access you can find out about local planning applications yourself through the South Downs National Park public access website; note that Avington searches need to be for "Avington Hampshire" and not just "Avington". The parish council does its best to contact immediate neighbours who might be affected by proposed developments and of course there are the ubiquitous orange notices that

spring up from time to time as official notification of applications. If you have comments about our consequent decision to discontinue the listings, please contact me. Vernon Tottle, Chief Editor

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