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WELCOME to the Valley News



Time to get out the summer mindset - outdoors because we want to be, not because covid rules require it (maybe!). We have all learnt not to take anything for granted, but I have put my summer picture here. I hope that the weather will be kinder for the Queen's Jubilee than it was for her Coronation. Most of those whose recollections of the Coronation are printed here remember the rain on the day itself, but it did not spoil the sense of excitement and joy. I hope the various local events will have the same spirit, especially the one open to all Valley people on Saturday 4 June.

A surprising number of valley residents and former residents were in London for the festivities, and for many of the others it was a first glimpse of television. One of our contributors was offered the choice between a seat on a stand outside Buckingham Palace or going home for the day to see it on television - which would you have chosen? Remember, in those days there was no 'catch up' television, programmes were both shown and watched live. Two of our contributors were living in the Valley 70 years ago and are still here. How many of us expect our children to be living in the Valley in 70 years time? Perhaps it is all the more important to give them happy memories of the celebrations in this community.

This edition of the Valley News has the usual mix of topics, reports from previous activities, news of forthcoming events, wild-life to look out for and a quiz to intrigue you. It is good to see the What's On section filling up again. Indeed there were several happenings outside the Valley that I would have liked to give a shout-out to, but I knew

I was going to be short of space.

Indeed there is material ready for the next edition already written and I am sure that the various celebrations will be reported on - do send us your photographs and impressions of the Jubilee - perhaps you will make the Jubilee Pudding? It is orange, not platinum coloured. I think it a pity it is not green, I would have liked the Queen's Green Canopy to be part of a Green Jubilee, platinum seems a little dull and green is important in all its forms.

Next month's editors are Nathalie and James Paterson.

Best wishes, *Charlotte Appleby*

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What's On

Jubilee Service 2 June 11.30 am
St Mary's Church, Easton. All very welcome.

Jubilee at Avington Park

There is unlimited space for the Jubilee picnic party at Avington Park. It will be on **Saturday 4 June** and will not therefore clash with any of parties in individual villages, so please come to both.

Avington Park have specifically asked that this can be an occasion for all the Valley and are providing a riverside venue as well as barbeque pits and much support. Entry is free and champagne for the loyal toast has generously been donated. See details on the poster on page 7 which differs a little from the one in the May issue as this special party has evolved with the help of Nic Roach, the owner. Please advise if you are coming to ivjubilee@gmail.com by **1 June**

A Celebration to mark H.M. the Queen's Platinum Anniversary

The Theatre Royal on 5 June at 7.30pm

A re-creation of some of the most significant moments in the history of the Crown, through the words of the Queen's predecessors, and commentators ranging from Shakespeare and Jane Austen to the original take on royal events in the satirical *1066 and All That*.

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Easton Flower Festival Sparkling Preview 16 June 6.30pm

Tickets £25 to include bubbles, nibbles and music as well as entry to the Festival for the whole weekend. See www.itchenvalleychurches.org/ fundraising for tickets

Easton Flower Festival and Open Gardens 2022

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 June see page 30 for details

Festival of Toy Trains

Saturday 18 June 10.30am - 4.30pm
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Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall AGM

The 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting for Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall will take place on Monday 20 June at 7.30pm at the Hall. The meeting is open to all residents of the two villages, so if you are interested in the Hall and its activities, do come along. Business will include a review of the past year and plans for the future. Up to three elected committee members will be chosen to represent the local community. An Agenda and Annual Report will be posted in advance on our website. To read them, go to the 'AGM' tab at: www.iaavillagehall.co.uk
Ken Gordon Honorary Secretary.

Avington Park Farm Open Day

2 July 2022 2pm - 5 pm Park Farm, Avington, SO21 1BZ. Hosted by Winchester Downs Cluster.

Come and meet the experts and ask your questions: Tractor and Trailer tours at 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm Tea and coffee available.

This is your chance to learn about your local area, how the crops are grown and how we are working with wildlife. Come and meet the Winchester Downs Cluster, a group of farmers who work collectively to enhance wildlife whilst producing food.

Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare

Sun 3 July 3pm and 7pm, The Quarry at Avington. Pack a picnic, bring the whole family and enjoy one of Shakespeare's funniest masterpieces in the open air where it belongs. Tickets: thepantaloons.co.uk/much-ado/

Ukraine Fundraiser Sat 2 July:

A concert by the excellent choir, Index Cantorum in St Nicholas Church, Bishop's Sutton to raise emergency funds for local refugee families from Ukraine. Drinks from 5.30pm, the short concert will begin at 6.30pm. tickets £12.50 payable on the door. Tickets limited - reserve in advance stnbconcerts@gmail.com.

Brew with a View

I would like to let you know that 'Brew with a View' at Easton Village Hall is making a comeback! Same day... same time as before... Wednesdays 3pm - 5pm!

For the first few months I am hoping to run a Brew on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month.

I will put out a board in the centre of the village on the weekend before.... (a bit like the reminder posts for the Farmer's Markets in town).

Here are our next dates: 8 June, 29 June, 13 July, 27 July. I missed baking for you all... and of course meeting and chatting with you!

See you soon if not before!

Ina Williams

Appeal for help

We are looking for volunteers to make cakes or help us on any of the days (Friday 17 to Sunday 19 June) for the Flower Festival Teas at the Mezger Barn in Easton.

If you would be happy to do either

please contact

Ina Williams on 01962 779465 or

Schmitz_williams@yahoo.com

Lyn Russell on 01962 779818 or

lynrussell85@yahoo.co.uk

Mayor's Community Award

The Easton Village Hall team were delighted to hear that Ina Williams recently received the Winchester Mayor's Award. Ina has been at the heart of village life ever since moving to Easton. Her efforts on behalf of the community and the Hall have been outstanding. Whether it be fundraising events, treading the boards or helping to produce the pantomime, the Fete and so

many other occasions, Ina has always been on hand with practical help and good advice. However, it is Brew With A

View which had even greater star billing. Wednesday afternoon, come rain or shine, Ina opened Easton Village Hall doors to the village, the Valley, and - as news spread - a large number of local tradesman and builders who probably smelt the baking! For many new arrivals, particularly those with young families, the Brew was a chance to get to know their neighbours, and make new friends. For the rest of us it was a chance to add some pounds and have a good gossip. So thank you Ina from all of us and many congratulations.

Easton Village Hall Committee



News from the News

Thank you to all those who have already responded to our request last month for a donation to the Itchen Valley News. We need your donations to help cover our printing costs which are more than £10,000 each year.

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Thank you.

Henry Labram, Treasurer

Easton W.I.'s Centenary

In May members and guests celebrated Easton W.I.'s Centenary, with a glass or two of Fizz and nibbles before welcoming Eliza Bruml, who recounted her time on the Western Pacific Island of Kosrae, north of Papua New Guinea. She took an internship with the Green Banana Paper Company and learnt the process of making paper using harvested banana stems. The banana plant only fruits once in its lifetime, the stems are cut down and transported to the eco-factory where all the work is done manually. They are turned to pulp, processed and made into vegan wallets and notebooks. The company is creating valuable jobs and hopes to replicate their manufacturing model to other Pacific islands. Life was not easy: a tropical climate with many species of

insects and mammals to contend with and, with no mains, water is collected from roofs and stored in large tanks. Work and driving are not allowed on Sundays and internet connections are unreliable.

The W.I. was founded in Ontario, Canada in 1897 by Adelaide Hoodless whose son died at 14 months old after drinking contaminated milk. She decided to help educate isolated women and mothers in rural areas about food safety, homecare and domestic science.

The first WI meeting in Britain was held in Anglesey in 1915, mainly led by women involved in the suffrage movement. The first Resolution in 1918 called for the sufficient supply of convenient and sanitary housing.

It was good to see members meeting at the Hall again after monthly Zoom meetings during the pandemic, and coffee and cakes were enjoyed by members while looking through archives of Easton's history. Meetings are held in Easton Village Hall at 7.15pm on the second Thursday of the month.

Sally Peake

Comings and Goings

George and Camilla Trefgarne, and their two children Alice (13) and William (12) moved into West Haye, Itchen Abbas, before Christmas and will be organizing the children's games at the Jubilee picnic in Avington Park on 4 June.

Welcome to Carolyn and Vito Bovino who have moved into Chilland Rise, Chillandham Lane from Winchester. Originally from Colemore, Petersfield, they have 4 grown up children and 3 grandsons and are much looking forward to living in the Valley.

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Tiddler Joke

Q:- What do sea monsters eat?....

.A:- Fish and ships!

Om-Tom Aker
aged 7



Fundraising for Ukraine

Emelia Briggs (8), Esme Nockles (10) and Jessica Gloyn (9) are neighbours and great friends who live in Easton. Over the Easter school term break the girls decided they wanted to show their support for those impacted by the war in the Ukraine. As Easton gets a lot of foot traffic they decided to set up a stall and offer a variety of items to those passing by. Signs were made, toys and books were selected, delicious treats were baked and prepared and, on Good Friday, the girls erected a stall by the road displaying the various items. The girls manned the stall for several hours, enticing many passing by to stop for a sweet, drink, acceptance of a home-made flower posy and general browse of items available. There were no set prices but donations for Ukraine were gladly received.

The girls were so enthused by the results of their efforts on Good Friday that they asked to run the stall again on Easter Sunday. After a morning of Easter egg hunting and chocolate, the stall was set up again. Unfortunately, Jessica was unwell and not able to join them in person on Sunday but enthusiastically supported behind the



scenes. The weather was on their side as was the generosity of many. Often those who stopped to say hello had no cash on hand but accepted a flower posy and promised to make a donation to a charity of their choice once they got home.

In total, an impressive £320 in cash was raised by the girls over the two days.

The girls are optimistic that the actual total from their efforts might be higher if donation promises were followed

through. The funds were donated to the Itchen Valley Churches Support For Ukraine fund.

We are so proud of the girls for coming up with the idea and seeing it through to fruition.

They put a lot of thought and effort into their activity. We thought you might like to know where this

specific donation came from.

Heather Bisbee / Nick Briggs

Sarah Freethy / Phil Nockles

Charlie Gloyn / Barney Gloyn

Notes from the Field:- June

James Greig, who last year started a cut flower farm in the heart of Easton is going to share his thoughts and progress through the season. This month he discusses June.

I think it was American commentator Al Bernstein who said, 'Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June' and it's certainly been true: June is a very special time in the gardening calendar. Our growing season began in early March with a parade of heady scented narcissi, a rainbow of tulips in all shapes, sizes and colours and the most tenderly beautiful anemones and



ranunculus. By late April most had faded away, possibly due to a remarkably dry and warm April. By May, the field began to transition to summer. The grass began to grow, hedgerows frothed with cow parsley and early flowering camassias, geums and aquilegia bloomed. But June is what I look forward to. It's the gateway to the summer. The air is fresh with new growth, everything is lush and green. June is also going to be an exciting month. Over the winter we have doubled the growing area in our Easton flower field. Hundreds of perennials have been planted and thousands of annuals went out in late May, with the promise of something exciting. So, June is very much the first time when months of hard work comes into fruition. And it won't disappoint. Spring saw bright bold colours and fat flowerheads; but June brings a welcome



daintiness, delicate shapes and faded pastel colours. I love a June vase of sweet peas, ammi, cornflowers, sweet william, an early rose, zingy alchemilla mollis and spires of veronica.

June also brings the weddings, and it's such a joy to see buckets and buckets of our Easton grown blooms head off to help make a couple's special day.

June is also going to be the special month when we welcome visitors to the farm for the very first time. Our field will be open to visitors as part of Easton's Flower Festival from Friday 17 – 19 June. You'll also be able to see our floral display in the belltower of St Mary's Church as well a host of scenic open gardens. It also coincides with British Flowers Week, a week of celebrations organised by New Covent Garden Market.

Whilst we can slightly sit back and enjoy the delights of June and the abundance of blooms around us,



we are also busy planting out our third sowings of annuals and begin to sow for next year. June is the perfect time to sow biennials such as Foxgloves, Sweet William, Sweet Rocket, Teasle, Honesty. I look for nature's cues, for when the Foxgloves in the garden drop their seed, often nature knows best - it knows when the soil is the right temperature.

Enjoy June's abundance while it lasts. It won't be long till the hot fiery colours of the dahlias, rudbeckias, heleniums and sunflowers replace the fresh pastels of June and early July.

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James Greig

Our Wild Valley: Weird and wonderful.

“All this he saw, for one moment breathless and intense, vivid on the morning sky; and still, as he looked, he lived; and still, as he lived, he wondered.” This is Mole’s thoughts from *Wind in the Willows*, in the presence of Pan, while he and Ratty were looking for Portly, the young otter cub.

Weird plastic looking trees reflected sunlight back at me while driving down our lovely verdant lanes in the valley. Remembering to stop and take a photo I used Seek an App to try and work out what it was not - I had seen the pine processionary moth at work in Spain, and I knew the oak processionary moth was now found in and around London.

After a few goes the app guessed right and I should have also used the clue that the cobwebby material was found



in the spindle trees - this was the larvae state of the spindle ermine moth. This photo was taken along the Avington road in mid May.

The cobwebby material stops the birds and other predators eating the eggs.

The webs are harmless and hang around ‘til the end of June, while the moths fly from then on throughout summer - white with small black spots. However they are tiny, a micro-moth about 2.5cm in length, delicate white wings. And the moth itself: tiny and perfect and common in chalky areas.

Sophie Rogers



Itchen Abbas Primary School Report

As the Summer half term holiday draws to a close, we are very happy to reflect on what a different year it has been for the school now we have been able to return to some of our usual activities that we enjoy so much.

The whole school took part in World Book Day, the children dressing up in a costume from one of their favourite books. It was great fun and here is a photo to show you how much they all enjoyed it.



Squirrels (our reception and Y1 class) held an impressive exhibition displaying and sharing their learning on the Great Fire of London.

Well done to our amazing Y6 children who have completed their SATs this term. We are so proud of them all and they were rewarded with the now traditional water fight.

We are absolutely delighted to share with you that this term we have had our annual Local Authority Review and again, we have been identified as having good capacity. This means that leaders in the school are recognised as having the knowledge and skills required to maintain and continue to develop our school.

Here are some of the highlights from the report:

“Leaders have a strong and detailed knowledge of the children in the school, the staff and their development needs, and the school’s curriculum.”

“There is a clear intent for the school’s curriculum. The headteacher and senior teacher have strong overviews of teaching and learning across the school. “

“The curriculum has been designed to promote inclusion and diversity.”

“Children’s engagement across the school is good and they are keen to talk about what they are learning, often making good use of subject specific vocabulary.”

At the time of writing, we are also looking forward to our first residential trip in three years and celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee - more information and photographs will follow in our next update.

As usual we would like to thank children, parents, and all the staff for a great half term.

Beccy Clark Vice-Chair Governors

From the Ministry Team

Writing this, as I am, in the middle of May, it is difficult to predict what life will be like when you are reading this in early June. Such a



strange year so far, the joy of coming out of the pandemic turning into a cost-of-living crisis, and Europe back into war again. Meanwhile in Ukraine, despite some early success and although being clear what the objective is, they must be worrying about where they are going to get the help they need to succeed. So many people feel in a kind of numb stasis, hoping for the best, fearing for the worst and not quite sure what to do or what will happen next.

It must have been a bit like this for the disciples. Easter had passed from the triumphal joy of entering Jerusalem to the lows of the trial and the desolation of crucifixion. Closeted in the upper room they were comforting each other when Jesus appeared amongst them. During the following days he came to them on various occasions and explained how he had fulfilled the prophets of the Old Testament through his crucifixion and resurrection. He also said that he would shortly be leaving them to carry on his work. He left them with his final commandment to go and be his witness to all people throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. Just imagine how they must have felt, in despair from losing Jesus, no sooner has he come back, to their joy, than he tells them he is going to leave them again. Not only that, leave them with the task of carrying on his work throughout the world. He does leave them some hope though when he tells



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them that they will soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit and through him they will receive the power they need. This is where we find them at the beginning of June, waiting for the Holy Spirit, which we now know came to them on the day of Pentecost, as we call it, which is celebrated this year on 5 June.

Many of us today, whether fighting in Ukraine or just fighting to feed our families, will know the despair that can arise from seeing our objective, of knowing where you want to get, but not having the power to feel able to achieve it. Just as the disciples felt powerless to achieve the witness Jesus had required of them until they were filled with the Holy Spirit, we too often feel powerless but have the knowledge that we, like them, have only to ask and the spirit will fill us too.

Gerry Stacey, Licensed Lay Minister

[In case you are wondering, the name Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (Pentēkostē) meaning "fiftieth" because it comes 50 days – actually 7 weeks – after Easter. Ed]

Volunteering at Hinton Ampner

Hi, my name is Gill Cooper and I have had the pleasure to have lived in our glorious valley for nearly 19 years. Having retired in September 2020, I was looking for a way to pay back for all the fortunate years my family and I have had living and working here. I have been a member of the National Trust for 40 years (my mum and dad bought me my first



membership for my 21st birthday!) and love the ethos of protecting our heritage and making it accessible for all to enjoy. So, when volunteering was back up and running last year, I applied to Hinton Ampner to become a garden guide and much to my delight they took me on!

Volunteering is so rewarding for all involved. For myself, I have the joy of meeting lots of people, imparting the wonderful story that is Hinton Ampner, learning and teaching about all the plants that are in the beautiful garden there, and having the flexibility to work when I want to. You are not committed to certain hours or days and you can do as much or as little as you like. Perfect!

From the National Trust's point of view, volunteers are vital. During the pandemic when the house and gardens were closed, our Head Gardener, John, and his team of only two others kept the gardens going on their own.

Without the tens of volunteers he normally has helping him it was, as you can imagine, a daunting task. When we finally reopened to the public last Spring it was obvious that some parts of the garden had had to take a back seat which was very sad for John and

the volunteers. I am delighted to say however, that a year on everything is looking splendid. We are back to normal and the events (please look at the website) are all back in the diary.

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the last owner of Hinton Ampner, who gifted it to the National Trust on his death in 1985. His passion has rubbed off on all of us, workers and visitors alike. His commitment to make Hinton Ampner what it is today was astonishing in the light of all the setbacks he had. Many of us would have just thrown in the towel at some point. It started with a completely disinterested father, then a world war and then a fire which devastated the property just as 15 years of a total rebuild were being completed. But he wasn't deterred, he rebuilt again in just three years and we have what we have today.

The layout and decoration of the house is reflected in the garden which has also been created into rooms. This, together with the surrounding parkland and vista beyond, all combine together to make a really wonderful visit for all who come.

We as volunteers are just that extra 'cog in the wheel' to enhance your experience, whether it be by telling you the name of 'that' plant, giving you the history of the place, showing you where the café is or directing you to the closest loo!! Hopefully we make your trip that little bit more enjoyable and memorable. For my part and my fellow volunteers, it gives us a sense of pride and satisfaction to know we have hopefully made your visit to Hinton Ampner that little bit more special - Win-Win!!!

So, if you haven't already (and I'm sure many of you have) come and visit us! Your doggie companions are most welcome too. We have so much more to show and tell you.

Or even better apply to be a volunteer. You'll be most welcome!!

See you there!

Gill Cooper

From Our MP

First up this month, out on patrol in Winchester City Centre with the Street Pastors.

Many of you will know of this fantastic organisation which organises volunteers, always backed by prayer, to patrol our city centre on a Friday and Saturday night. They are now 10 years old and, having supported them from the start, I went out with the team recently to observe the quietly effective work they do.



Whether it be handing out a cup of hot chocolate or a cuppa-soup to rough sleepers or a lollipop to young (and old) people high on life – and possibly a few drinks – they just come alongside people. I have to say it's hard to overstate the calming presence they can have and the quiet acts of kindness they dispense. Everyone out in town - or who has kids out in town with their mates - should be very pleased they're around. You can find out more and join the team at streetpastors.org/locations/winchester

While we were patrolling the streets here, an ancient ceremony, dating back to the 17th century, was taking place in Westminster: the cellars of the House of Lords were searched for gunpowder ahead of the State Opening of Parliament which was presided over by Prince Charles.

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Elizabeth II in person open the new session of Parliament but this one - we had to mobilise the little used Regency Act of 1953 to enable the heir to the throne to present the Government's legislative agenda for the year ahead - was obviously different and tinged with sadness in this Platinum Jubilee year.

As we stood at the Bar of the House in the Lords Chamber we knew we were witnessing history before our eyes, in a ceremonial sense, and a whole lot of work for MPs in practical terms.

I spent time recently inside the theatres at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital speaking with surgeons and nursing staff who are clearing the backlog. The conditions – urology, orthopaedic, gynaecology – are often ones which seriously inhibit quality of life for those waiting, and the team there are doing really well to get through the work.

And I wouldn't be true to myself talking about health without mentioning prevention. I am working with Diabetes UK after the launch of a new report as part of the charity's Diabetes Is Serious campaign. There are 4.9 million people living with diabetes in the UK and we're pushing a number of recommendations for improving care including a routine care recovery plan. A recent survey of over 10,000 people with diabetes found that one in three respondents had no contact with their diabetes healthcare team in the last year. Without these vital checks and routine care, people living with diabetes face increased risk of developing serious complications. You can find out more at stevebrine.com/diabetes

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Memories of the Coronation

We asked our readers to send in their memories of the Coronation and were rewarded with some splendid contributions - thank you. Ed

A Silver spoon

I was four when the king died. My six-year-old sister (who clearly had confused events) told me that some wicked men had come in the night and killed him by putting a red hot poker in an unmentionable place; I believed it for years. My mother and my nurse went out and bought a black cardigan each and the country went into mourning.

The following year was the Coronation. Our house in Hampstead, like the others in the street, was festooned with red, white and blue. I remember a rather natty cardboard shield with a union flag on it hanging out of a bathroom window. It was all very festive in those rather grim times after the war.

On the day itself, 2 June 1953, we all trooped round to our neighbours to see the proceedings on their television set. This was a large wooden cabinet with a small screen and a rather fuzzy black and white picture. We didn't mind, it was a thrill to be able to watch it. Not many people had televisions in those days, certainly not us.

It was a pity it was such a wet day.

Most of the carriages in the procession



to Westminster Abbey were closed, except for the one containing the Queen of Tonga. She was quite used to rain and smiled happily at the crowds. Her companion, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, was less pleased.

Eventually the service began and did seem to go on and on. My sister grew restless and was ejected to another room, but I watched it all. What a long time the Archbishop of Canterbury spent holding the crown above the Queen's head. I wished he would just put it down.

Finally back at Buckingham Palace, the Royal Family came out on to the balcony and there was an RAF flypast. A few minutes later they all roared over the house and we rushed to the windows to see. I was extremely impressed that something I'd just seen on the television was actually happening over our heads!

The schoolchildren in Hampstead were all given a Coronation spoon and here is mine.



Brigid McManus

Coronation day in Easton

I was married in 1951 and we didn't have a TV but our next door neighbour had one and she invited us in, just the two of them and the two of us. We had put up bunting outside The Terrace in Easton. We were all excited about the coronation. I still have my Coronation mug, as well as mugs

commemorating the Queen's wedding anniversaries. I saw the Queen and Prince Philip in person when they went to Romsey for their honeymoon. We stood by the road in Abbotsworthy and waved as they went past.

Beryl Guest, who now lives in Itchen Abbas

Coronation Day in Itchen Abbas

Mr Burge senior bought my grandfather George Howard a television set for the Coronation. Our sitting room at Spreadoak was absolutely chock-a-block with people standing and sitting on the floor crammed in to watch it. My grandmother missed most of it because she was in the kitchen getting cups of tea and cake for everyone. I watched it all, it was very ceremonial and we thought the Queen was marvellous, she had to sit still for so long.

We all had to smarten up at school to



have our photographs taken in front of a special Coronation backdrop.

We were all given a Coronation mug.

Judy Convery (nee Howard)

From elsewhere

We all had a day off school. My family got a television for the occasion and we watched the events on TV and had strawberries and cream.

Judy Bishop



From Somerset

We all crowded round the few TVs and we had a village event with races and things. I won a running race but I feel bad about it to this day because my friend, who was younger and faster than me, somehow got stuck behind so I won. All the children were given a New Testament and I took mine back to the village in Somerset – the two people who had signed it on behalf of the village were still alive.

Joan Dartnall

I was there: outside Buckingham Palace

I was a Girl Guide at the time and two of us were chosen to represent the area at the Coronation – we had places in a stand outside Buckingham Palace. We spent the night before sleeping on the floor at the Girl Guide Headquarters in Buckingham Palace Road.

We saw the procession leave, and then during the service we had a picnic in St James' Park, chatting to the Chelsea Pensioners and then back to our stand to see the procession return. The coach went past too quickly! It was a damp and dismal day weather wise but I don't think we really noticed that

much, it was exciting. In my local (Kent) paper there was a photograph of me, as one of the people who had actually been there!

Jan Davies

I was there: outside the Abbey

My husband entered into a local ballot and we were lucky enough to get two tickets to watch the procession. I was 22 at the time. We were right at the top of a high stand near the entrance to the Abbey and we had to get there very early in the morning. The excited chatter of the crowds during the long wait, some waving union jacks, eventually turned to a roar as the gold coach approached the Abbey. The gold coach, with the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh inside, was drawn by six grey horses and postilions in full red and gold ceremonial uniform. I remember the noise from the crowd was so loud – much chattering and cheering and waving of union jacks. There was a lot of revelry on the Mall. There was a wonderful atmosphere of much rejoicing and jubilation.

Jenny Faber talking to Gilly Greenwood

I was there: in uniform

0040 hrs. Woken by staff with 1/2cup of tea. Bladder! Train to Vauxhall station from Camberley. Across the Vauxhall Bridge the 120 Sandhurst Cadets chosen to parade outside Westminster Abbey arrived for breakfast at Chelsea Barracks and at 0730 hrs marched to take up position. We were the first to indicate to a very supportive public that the show was on. Chests out.

It rained, and rained, and rained. Three short breaks totalling c.40 mins and otherwise paying a miscellany of compliments to Royals and notables - dependent on their status inside Westminster Abbey. They announced

the ascent of Everest. Hurrah.
Marched off after nine hours soaked to the skin.

We had blanched slings, belts, bayonet frogs and gourgettes which indelibly stained our blue No 1 Dress with the result that 120 had to be destroyed. Back to London for a return to Camberley but that is another story. It was a long, but certainly an unforgettable day.

*Philip Windsor-Aubrey. Intake 11.
Blenheim Company. Old College RMAS Sandhurst.*

PS The Academy Sergeant Major who drilled us was none other than the truly memorable J.C. Lord and he never let on that in fact he was not J C. Get it?

I could not resist asking what the other story was, Ed:

Fellow Cadet Ian Pybus and I motor-cycled back to London to join the party and we had a whale of a time. Trouble was the M/c broke down. Hitched back to Sandhurst. Picked up by a nice couple who dropped us by the back

gate to Sandhurst. He asked how we would get back into college - told him we would climb a drain pipe by a window. On Church parade next Sunday the Inspecting Officer asked Ian how he had got on. He was none other than the Academy Commanding General!

I was in the Mall

My sister and I were sitting in the Mall, our parents and younger sister were watching from the In and Out Club in Picadilly. It was pouring with rain. The Queen of Tonga came past in her open carriage and everyone cheered her like anything, for sitting in the rain so we could see her. I remember seeing Prince Charles in the coach, his little face by the window, he looked very vulnerable. We were there for hours – I think we had sandwiches. We watched the Gold Coach go past and come back, we waved, we cheered, it was very exciting. We left when the Mall was opened to everyone and joined our parents at the Club.

Sue Glasspool spoke to Charlotte Appleby

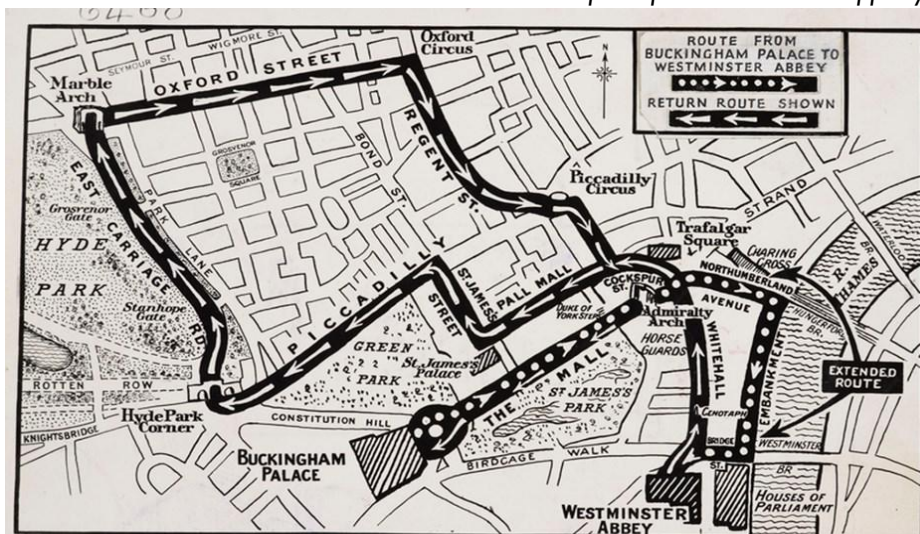


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I might have been there

I was at a military boarding school which was allocated seats in a stand opposite Buckingham Palace. We were given the choice of going to London or going home for the day and I chose to go home to keep my widowed mother company. My grandmother had bought a television especially for the Coronation so I watched with them.

Stan Howell

Our River Itchen

The River Itchen running through our valley is famous throughout the world for freshwater fishing. It is one of only a few similar streams and is characterised by clear water running across a stony, chalk bed.

Significantly the Itchen is home to the rare wild brown trout. Simon Ffennell has looked after a stretch of the Itchen in our area for 40 years. This runs from Easton road bridge going upstream nearly as far as Chilland and it is classified as an SSSI, or a Site of Special Scientific Interest. On the weekend of 23 and 24 April, he very kindly guided two tours, enabling some 50 local people to visit this stretch of the river and to benefit from his vast experience and knowledge of the Itchen and its ecology. He was assisted by George Mann who has written a book, *The River Itchen at Martyr Worthy*, about the river, its history and much more too.



Our river here in the Upper Itchen Valley is for me one of the most special and beautiful places I know. I felt privileged to be part of one of these tours, and the experience motivated me to try to record just a little of what Simon and George told us:

The flow of water is important because it continuously replenishes the nutrients required by the river plants and wildlife. A good flow prevents silting, and this factor is essential for the successful spawning of the brown trout.

Water quality is of course also essential, and currently it varies along the full run of the river. Simon said that in recent years his stretch had deteriorated, as evidenced by the decline of the freshwater shrimp.

Quality is, perhaps

surprisingly, better downstream and declines going upstream towards Alresford. Agricultural run-off containing high levels of nitrogen from fertilisers, and possibly also pesticides, is a concern.

Weed in the river is important for the trout as a refuge, particularly when young. On the other hand too much weed constrains flow. Weed-cutting,

reducing but not removing it altogether, is permitted within certain dates each year, and this takes place along the whole length of the river. Curiously, due to the blocking effect of weed in the water, the river level in the late summer can often be



higher than it in the winter after winter rains. In summertime this is good for nourishing plants and wildflowers growing in the soft ground close to the main stream.



Natural England and other environmental bodies have argued that trees along the floor of the valley should be removed, except for those right at the edge of the river channel. There are parts of our valley where this has been achieved. Without trees the low areas close to the river are more suitable for grazing cattle as was the case over previous centuries, probably right back to Roman times. Simon has tried to resist removing all the trees on his stretch believing that to do so would restrict the variety of wildlife, plants as well as animals and birds. He acknowledged that it was a difficult balance to strike. Another option is to do nothing and let nature take its course, but this means that the number of species will decline as only the fittest will survive.

George explained how in previous times with the use of gates to divert the river water large areas of the valley had been temporarily flooded. The river water brought moisture and nutrition, but was also relatively warm when the air was cold. This combination greatly improved the growth of grass for grazing animals, early in the year, and the production of hay. He reminded us that at the start of the 19th century, before the advent of the motor car, an industry had grown up to meet the high demand for hay in

London to feed all the horses.

Next time you are walking by or across our extraordinary river Itchen, may I recommend that you stop, reflect for a moment on what you see, and drink in the

beauty of it all.

Henry Labram

An extract from *The Brook*, by Alfred Lord Tennyson

I wind about, and in and out,
With here a blossom sailing,
And here and there a lusty trout,
And here and there a grayling.

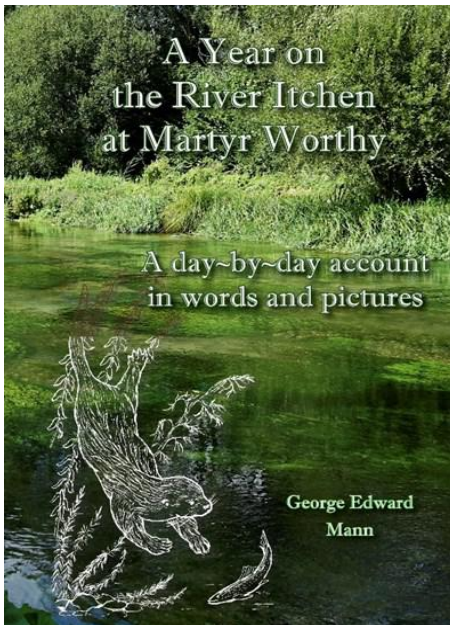
And out again I curve and flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

A Year on the River Itchen

A limited edition book entitled, *A Year on the River Itchen at Martyr Worthy ~ A day-by-day account in words and pictures* ISBN 9781907640247 (£30), has just been published. It is a companion volume to *The River Itchen at Martyr Worthy ~ Wildlife and Riverkeeping Observed*. ISBN 9781097640162 (£35), published in 2019.

This new account is the diary, recorded every day during 2008 while studying Simon Fennell's one kilometre stretch of the river. It is a record of the flora and fauna observed during the year, sometimes at 5 o'clock in the morning or into the fading light, no matter what the conditions, covering birds, plants, insects, fish, snails, animals

and landscapes, plus the last remaining artefacts relating to the history and working of the old water meadows. An additional 450+ photographs (supplementing the 1500+ in the first edition) are set alongside daily, hour-by-hour notes, expressed in the present tense with the freshness of being 'in the moment'. It also provided an opportunity to display a gallery of Marilyn Bechely's wonderful line drawings. Photography hints and tips are included, plus some reflections regarding the study and the lessons learned. Cross-references show the occurrence, frequency and activity of species throughout the year. Further information can be found at www.riveritchen.co.uk and www.gmp.co.uk. Signed copies of both editions are available direct from me. gorgemann@gmp.co.uk.



George Mann
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Sheep may safely graze



These lovely sheep with their lambs are a new addition to Easton. They are the Hampshire Down breed and they have been brought from Devon back to their original county by Mike Hayward, who has had a serious interest in the breed for over 20 years.

The breed originated and was established in the 1830s and are a mixture/combination of three other breeds: The Old Wiltshire Horn, The Old Berkshire Nott and The South Down.

Mike is very pleased to have brought them back to their home county and is thrilled with the interest and enthusiasm of the people in the village (both young and the not so young!)

The lambs can be very entertaining and time consuming - there always seems to be a ring leader with the young lambs who starts a race from one side of the field to the other and when the others catch up, he/she will run in the opposite direction followed by the rest yet again. They can keep this race up to five or six times, much to the amusement of all who watch!

We hope and trust that they will stay and will still be enjoyed for a long time to come.

Sally Stone and Mike Hayward

The Practical Gardener

I am writing after what must have been the wettest night of the year but so welcome for our gardens after a very long dry period. It's therefore an excellent time to consider rainwater collection which is surely good for both our environment and our plants. It seems to me that manufacturers of water-butt stands and watering cans are sometimes far apart and that filling cans is often not easy (why design the handle of your can to cover the top?). Hanging baskets can be very vulnerable, especially if in a sunny position. Dunking the whole thing into a container seems a good and practical method, even if strong arms are required.

I have at last completed my front border. It's had stone removed and weeds, a good level of compost and finally, after planting, some mulch. My whole attempt is to reduce the need for weeding and provide a variety of colour in the different seasons.

I wonder how many people buy plants online. I've had both good and bad experiences and actually for most plants, I prefer to visit my local nursery. I am fortunate to be close to Becketts where I always get good advice and they will deliver larger items. For smaller plants, I have found Homebase both good in value and variety. On-line, I have had less success with Gardening Express and when a problem occurred, I found the only



way to have dialogue was through a chat line. Woolmans is an on-line nursery that I have used many times with success, and also this year Suttons for the first time, when I needed a lot of perennials. Of the 72 small plants delivered, I have lost only one.

Now is the time to enjoy colour in the garden and in my planning I look at any gaps and try to work out what colours would match a particular space.

I'm also keen to have colour at different times of the year.

The vegetable garden is progressing well with just one setback – pigeons decimate my brassicas. The only solution was to cover them with secure netting. It's not very pretty but it is effective. I expect to harvest my

first peas and potatoes in the first week of June.

The tomatoes are in flower so watch this space (I am in competition). There's still time to sow different crops both for long and short term needs. I think home grown lettuce

deserves particular mention.

We have a very active squirrel population and I noted they like to dig up bulbs. So I have had to move lilies in pots to a safer place. None of us wants to use chemicals unnecessarily but I don't have an answer to an army of blackfly on one of my fruit trees.

I'm hoping recent rain will allow grass seed to germinate. I'm trying to level my lawn and it's hopeless sowing when it's too dry. There is always a challenge in the garden!

Tony Gaster.

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Bird of the Month - Sedge Warbler



If you go down to the river, you will almost certainly hear the rapid, scratchy, rambling song of the sedge warbler which

has returned from wintering in the Sahara to breed here. Sadly, however they are one of the birds the cuckoo likes to parasitise so they are not always

successful. At this time of the year you may see one perched up on a bush singing loudly, but later they will be lurking in the reeds by the river.



Elaine Labram

Not so easy to see in the reeds, congratulations to our photographers Henry Labram and James Paterson

Where's Winnie?

On Sunday 8 May our bearded collie lost contact with her dog walker at the back of Alresford Golf Course while we were 170 mile north in Derbyshire. She bolted in the direction of Scrubbs Lane.

From the car driving back from Derbyshire we were informing as many people as possible and asking for everyone to share on social media. Our sons Eliot and Julian were heading back from London, and created a

'missing dog' poster We had great advice from an experienced bearded collie trainer, who immediately managed our expectations by warning us that this might take days. We were advised that they go to ground and can become quite feral. They will be mistrusting of being approached, even by their owners. It is hard to accept that if we see her she may not come to us.

Even though Winnie was wearing an AirTag unfortunately it became detached from her collar (and led us on a wild goose chase to East Meon). For three long and worrying days we searched, using a WhatsApp group, group 'Mission Find Winnie', social media and GoogleMaps, and informed the local dog warden, DogLost.co.uk and every vet in the area as well as Winchester Radio and the local farmers. We spread the word via community groups around Alresford, Ropley, Cheriton and Bramdean.

She was sighted by one of a network of wonderful people from Ropley to the A32 near the West Meon hut, back to Bramdean Common and Cheriton Woods. Eventually the trail led back to Alresford golf course near where she originally ran off. We finally spotted her late on Wednesday evening. We came back at first light and set up a barbeque with sausages and bacon. She appears at a distance and is pacing up and down watching us. She discovers the car. She lets out the most amazing howl. We wonder if she has become wild. She keeps pacing up and down watching us. We have been advised not to have eye contact – but it's very difficult not to. Suddenly she stops at the head of the path and looks towards us. We keep our heads down and are still. Suddenly she creeps along the path and pops up behind us - she

appears at the side of where Helen sits and gives her a kiss, Helen makes no move to grab her. She then moves to Gordon and is leaping all over him. We calmly attach a lead, she is now secure and not going anywhere! Winnie is filthy and absolutely exhausted. The team of people who have



contributed to Winnie being found has been absolutely amazing. It is the support of this wonderful group of people which kept us going. A huge thank you to all those involved with the searching, posting, social media sharing, flying drones, cycling and walking routes, spotting, manning posts, pinning posters and even just offering best wishes. Such lovely people, one of them our own Mary Hogg, whom we had helped when her dog was lost and who was the person who spotted Winnie back on Alresford Golf Course. *Gordon and Helen Ellis Brown, Eliot and Julian – and Winnie*

From The Parish Council.

At the end of April we held our Annual Parish Meeting (APM). Thank you to all who came and an especially big thank you to Edmund Sutcliffe who stepped in at very short notice to replace the speaker from the “20 is Plenty”

campaign who had to drop out at the last minute. Edmund gave an extremely interesting and informative illustrated talk on Regenerative Farming. He showed what can be achieved in a realistic and practical way by this approach to maintaining our food supply and preserving the land for the long term. His answers to questions at the end were not always those that might have been expected but showed both great insight and lateral thinking on this important subject. He is the third generation of his family who grow cereals and produce cattle for beef at Burntwood Farm. If you want to find out more on the regenerative approach visit www.holisticland.co.uk and to buy cuts of beef direct from the farm visit www.burntwoodfarm.co.uk.

After Edmund's talk the general and financial reports were presented, discussed and questions answered. It was the first time after two years that we were able to hold a real APM with everyone present in person and consequently much better attended than last year's remote electronic meeting. A week later we held our Annual General Meeting, mainly covering a lot of statutory business. Many of us are continuing in our previous roles but some of these may change later in the year. Please look at our website to see the details. Some of our Environment Working Group (EWG) recently attended a Zoom Meeting held by Winchester Action on Climate Crisis (WinACC). It was interesting to find out what others were doing. Although when it comes to size of population Itchen Valley is quite small and therefore not all ideas presented are applicable to us, there are however a number of possibilities and opportunities that are worth pursuing. It was also pleasing to note

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from discussion that we are one of the more active councils when it comes to the environment. One practical piece of work instigated by the EWG, for which all those who participated need thanking, is the clearing of debris from fly tipping along the Oxdrove.

With summer everything is now growing fast and we will be using the lengthsman to help keep as many paths open as possible. Last year some were cleared by volunteer groups and again any offers of help will be gratefully received. Other items still on the agenda are: what can be done about speeding ("20 is Plenty" is not forgotten), break-ins to vehicles and rebuilding the Itchen Abbas bus shelter. An item in May's IVN was the intention to petition to change the Valley to a single ward for election of Parish Councillors. Draft wording has been sent to the City Council for approval and in the next few months we hope to get enough signatures in time to make the change for next year when elections for Parish Councillors take place.

June starts with the Platinum Jubilee. Hampshire Deputy Lieutenant Amelia Ashton will be planting a tree at the party for all those who signed up to "Plant a Tree for the Queens Green Canopy". There are a variety of events in the Valley during the four day holiday. Enjoy them and let's hope the weather is finer than that day seventy years ago, as remembered by this then very young small boy watching television for the first time.

*Patrick Appleby,
(IVPC Chairman).*



Green Alkanet - a misnomer?

This hedgerow plant has such vivid blue flowers that it appears to have been misnamed.



The name goes back to the Arabic al-henna (henna shrub) the roots being used to supply a red dye which Egyptian women used on their hair and nails and more recently has been used for tinting oils and cheap port wine. Unlike many plants and herbs it has no medicinal properties.

Dorothy Broadley

Jackie's County Corner for June

Ukrainian families: HCC has set up a direct query line specifically for councillors to help answer questions. So far, it is proving effective. If you are hosting a family, please contact me and I can seek a quick answer.

Itchen Valley Churches

Thursday 2 June

11.30am - Jubilee Service - St Mary's, Easton

Sunday 5 June - Pentecost

9am - BCP Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas

11am - Church Family Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

please note unusual times

Sunday 12 June

10.00am Parish Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas

The Ark is at Itchen Abbas Village Hall starting at 9.50am

6pm Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

Sunday 19 June

8am BCP Holy Communion - St Mary's, Avington

10am Valley Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

The Ark is at Itchen Abbas Village Hall starting at 9.50am

Sunday 26 June

10am Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

The Ark is at Martyr Worthy Village Hall starting at 9.50am

6pm Songs of Praise - St Mary's, Easton



Children On A Sunday

The Ark meets each Sunday during term time apart from the first one of the month when the children take part in the All Age Worship which is directed towards their age. We have some great materials and we will be finding out more and more about Jesus. It is always amazing and so much fun – so please do come!

The location changes depending where the service is so please take a look at the services page on our website for more information.

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You may also like to check if you are entitled to benefits. Go to the www.gov.uk website and search for 'benefits calculator' or search on my website for links.

Warm Homes scheme: If you live in private housing, and have an income of less than £30,000, you may be entitled to funds from the Warm Homes scheme to improve the insulation in your home. Please see my website for details - search 'Warm Homes scheme'.

Grants for projects: The County Councillor grant scheme is now open. I have a limited fund to distribute so you are strongly advised to talk to me first about your idea. Funding can be from £100 to £1,000.

Walk to school week: I hope your family took part in Walk to School week in May. If a small change to the route could have made your journey easier, please let me know.

Glass recycling: post lockdown, many of the public glass bins are reporting as full quicker than expected, even though most households have access to a Winchester Council doorstep collection. The County Council has withdrawn glass recycling at the HWRCs, adding to this problem. A local pub owner describes public delivering wine bottles to his onsite container as the 'walk of shame'! I have taken up the matter with city and county to ask them about capacity, but meanwhile, you may like to take this fun quiz from Heart Matters - it's a simple look at how many calories in each glass of alcohol: <https://tinyurl.com/calories-count>



Broadband: I continue to use HCC's select committee process to challenge the very slow roll out of the Gigabit broadband scheme. Openreach cancelled their appearance in March, and are now coming to HCC in June. Thank you to our

Community Fibre Partnership organisers who are continuing to press the case for faster broadband for your area - they truly are your local heroes!

Elections: Finally, thank you for voting in the local elections this year. I was elected as a city councillor again, but I will leave magazine reports on city matters to others and continue to concentrate on County matters in Jackie's County Corner.

Cllr Jackie Porter: email Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk

City Council News

Thank you to all who voted in the recent election, especially those voting for the first time. I'm delighted to have been elected to continue serving and representing you for the next four years.

Opportunistic thefts from parked cars: the almost weekly list of break-ins to parked vehicles is a growing concern. Together with the Parish Council we will continue to progress this with the local, very over stretched, police resource. The lack of a response to rural crime is a frequent subject of discussion with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Water quality: I had an informative meeting with the Environmental Director of Southern Water. There was much we could agree on: the unacceptability of untreated effluent in watercourses and the need for legislation and building regulations to

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address many problems such as rainwater directed to the foul water system, microplastics, and phosphates. For those who are interested I can



explain why desalination will not work here, what is necessary to improve monitoring of pollutants that have such long-term implications for our chalk streams, and the problems with sludge. We all took away a list of jobs - Avington Sewage, the possibility of micro generation at the Alresford water treatment plant, and how to make Designated Bathing Areas happen.

Ukrainian families are now arriving in the Valley. Not everyone has the accommodation to host a family but you can still make a difference by helping in a range of ways. All offers of help to enquiries@ursg.org please. More locally please contact Gerry Stacey, who is keeping a record of the local resources available to hosts and their families.

Hosting Refugees: if you are a host and your family needs specific support, please contact the Parish Council, who are coordinating access to the HCC Leader's community funds - email the parish clerk: parishclerk@itchenvalleyparishcouncil.org.uk

One area that has already been flagged as an issue is access to public transport, especially important in the countryside when all the support and public services are centred in Winchester. A campaign to resolve this issue is underway and we hope Stagecoach will support the refugees like a number of other businesses have.

Wild Verges: older residents may remember how car windscreens and motorcycle goggles became generously splattered with dead insects in the summer months. In the 'Bugs Matter' survey in Kent, a 'splattometer' was carried out, using vehicle number plates. Natural England research has shown a 60% decline in the invertebrate population in the last 20 years. Why does this matter? A few less wasps and flies, great! Actually no, humans rely on insects, including flies and wasps, to pollinate their crops, the martins and swifts overhead rely on insects to feed their chicks, mayflies in clouds above rivers feed our trout. May is a month of rapid plant growth and lots of flowers and pollen, all essential for insects. Unmown road verges are part of this essential pattern and provide corridors to new habitat and gene pools. Areas where road safety is a factor need to be kept short, of course.

Margot Power

Also City Council

I will be holding a street surgery in Easton on 25 June. 10am-11.30am.

We hope to hold it outside the Cricketers.

Fiona Isaacs [Facebook-@cllr fiona isaacs](#)



Easton and Martyr Worthy Cricket Club

Seniors Cricket:- A win against Tichborne CC in the National Village Cup first round rewarded us with another home tie versus Bramshaw CC; unfortunately we were unsuccessful this time, however Will Wickham's 50 runs was a highlight. Our 1st and 2nd teams play their

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Wickham, play their home games at North Walls in Winchester, again on a Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies' section trains on Tuesday evenings. League matches are played on Sunday afternoons, or occasionally Tuesday evenings. Home matches are played at Easton. The format is 20 overs per innings, teams are 10 players a side.

Juniors Cricket:- We have over 90 boys and girls playing in U9, U11 and U13 age groups. with two teams in each age group; they play competitive matches in the Winchester Warriors Junior Cricket Association leagues, mostly on Sunday mornings at Easton or Prince's Mead. One U9s team is mixed girls and boys. Our U15s have the opportunity to train and play with the adult players on a Thursday evening. We have five parents with cricket coaching qualifications, led by 'senior' parent coach Ben Gillings. They are supported by Ian Stuart, our professional coach and his assistant, Peter Symonds student, George Power. Nick Heath (U13 girls coach) reports he is keen to recruit some more players for his section, so do come along if you are interested.

Friday evenings are BBQ evenings, in conjunction with boys and girls U9s training. The Club's players and Committee run a BBQ and open bar and all sections of the Club are welcome from 5-7pm; it's a relaxing way to end the week in the beautiful

setting of our cricket ground.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please contact:

Adrian Lee Chairman
fulford.lee@btinternet.com

The Valley Quiz

1. Who is protected by the Swiss Guard?
2. What is the name of the novel that begins "The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there."? And who is the author?
3. If you sent a letter to someone with a UK Post Code of SIQQ IZZ, where would it go to?
4. After an absence of many years, the Spoonbill has recently returned to England to breed. By what name is the baby Spoonbill sometimes known?
5. On her 21st Birthday in 1947, HRH Princess Elizabeth made a speech dedicating her life to the service of the Commonwealth. From what city was the speech broadcast?
6. What are the racing colours of HM the Queen?
7. Where was the Queen born?
8. What country is sometimes known by its initials DRC. And where is it?
9. What might you find this year in position 86°.27N? 151°. 27E? (Northern Canada)
10. Apus apus arrives in late April and May. What is the Apus apus? When do they depart, where do they go to and how do they get there?

Answers overleaf

A useful gadget

I've had an air fryer for a short time, but it is long enough to see how it is such a good kitchen utensil. There are many different kinds of air fryer; you can get smaller, more compact fryers with a removable drawer, or you can

get much larger ones that look, and work, a lot like an oven. I went with a smaller fryer because there doesn't tend to be enough room for a larger piece of equipment in the standard kitchen. These fryers can do a range of different things; grilling/broiling, baking, roasting/roastisserie, and toasting – all this in just one small object seems like a bit of a bang for your buck. So far I've air fried chicken thighs and breasts, onion rings, sweet potato chips and normal potato chips. The best was the chicken thighs, skin on, which I had marinated in pickle juice (among other ingredients)

*Hugo Paterson
(aged 15)*



Local monthly information

Itchen Valley area waste collections in June

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Answers

1. The Pope.
2. "The Go-Between" by L P Hartley.
3. South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
4. A teaspoon.
5. Cape Town, South Africa,
6. A purple and scarlet jacket with gold braiding, and a black cap.
7. 17 Bruton Street, Mayfair, London.
8. Democratic Republic of the Congo. Central Africa.
9. The magnetic North Pole
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