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WELCOME to the **Valley News**

As we write our glorious hot spell has finished and much-needed rain is falling at last. What a relief! Normally annoying, it is comforting to see it caressing our parched and distressed gardens and fields. Now we wait to see how long they take to green up again. Scarcity of water and issues with pollution are addressed in a number of timely articles.

Aside from the weather, there is plenty to read in this edition of the IVN. What's On is looking quite busy, with the popular Heritage Open days starting on 9 September plus detail on Halloween activities in Winchester. We have a new thread, Clubbing in the Valley - this time featuring table tennis. If you are a member of a club in the valley, please do think of sending in an article.

For Itchen Insight Sue interviews Ian Clark, an industrial, maritime and architectural restorer, who has worked on a fascinating variety of projects. There are also reports of boules, cricket, including an exciting boys' match, and The Valley Gardeners' report on their holiday to Norfolk visiting nine breathtaking gardens. Church services are detailed on page 37, and see page 6 for more information on the upcoming Under The Cross (UTX) meetings. Food Spy visited the Flowerpots in Cheriton.

We are very grateful to Helen Ellis-Brown who has kindly agreed to take over from Penny Russell in helping the editors create the perfect monthly front covers.

This will be Sue's second and sadly last edition of the IVN as she will be stepping down due to new work commitments. It has been fun working

together. Her ideas and her computer skills will be sorely missed. I wonder if anyone else would like to take her place? Thank you for all of your contributions; please keep them coming.

Catherine Hahn and Jen Gaster will be editing next month.

Sue McIntosh and Brigid McManus



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What's On

Easton and Martyr Worthy Cricket Club

Sunday 4 September

The Annual Badger Memorial Match

The Grange Vineyard: tour and canapé evenings

Thursday 8 September 5-6.30pm,

Friday 16 September 5-6.30pm

Book at www.thegrangewine.co.uk

Heritage Open Days

9-18 September

2022 events mark the seventh year that the Trust has supported this thriving celebration of local heritage. This year's programme includes over 100 events, right across Hampshire – from Alresford, Alton and Aldershot to Ringwood, Whitchurch and, of course, Winchester itself.

Astounding Inventions is the theme for 2022. Highlights include live demonstrations of 'astounding foodstuffs' at the Honesty Cookery School, behind the scenes insights at the much loved Watercress Line railway, plus trailblazing talks, like Winchester City Museum's 'Become an Inventor' for budding young brainboxes. The full programme can be found at

www.winchesterheritageopendays.org - most events don't require booking,

Nicky Gottlieb

Ina's Brew with a View is back

Wednesdays 14 and 28 September

Same location, Easton Village Hall, same day, Wednesdays, same time 3-5pm, same delicious cakes (so I have been told), same format, informal meet and chat for all. Every other Wednesday, 2nd and 4th of the month. See you then if not before.

Ina Williams

Itchen Valley Choir

Wednesday 14 September

Rehearsals resume in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall starting at 7.45 pm

Jacqui Squires

Alresford Art Society

Thursday 22 September

7.30pm

Demonstration at Bishops Sutton Village Hall, Alresford. Further information 01962 733031 or www.arts.society.alresford.org

Jen Boardman

Worthy Earth Festival

23-25 September 2022

Dummer Down Farm

Tickets: www.tickettailor.com/events/worthyearth/726445

St Mary's Church, Easton

Thursday 29 September

7.30pm

Easton village meeting to discuss building plans for St Mary's Church. Everyone welcome

Talk in aid of St. James' Church, Woodmancote

Thursday 29 September



Talk in aid of St. James' Church, Woodmancote

Kiftgate Gardens
Three Generations of Women Gardeners
by Anise Chambers



Thursday, 29th September 2022



East Stratton Village Hall SO21 3QU



Drinks 6.30pm. Talk starts at 7pm



<http://www.westwiltshirechurches.org.uk/kiftgate-gardens>

Annual Bridge Tea:

Thursday 6 October 2-5pm

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Elisabeth Colquhoun

Family fun at Hampshire Cultural Trust's museums and galleries

22-30 October

Get set for a ghoulishly good half term this October in Hampshire with eerie activities and frightful fun taking over the museums, galleries and arts centres operated by Hampshire Cultural Trust. From Fareham to Basingstoke and Bursledon to Winchester, there will be spooktacular late night openings, terrifying trails and creepy crafts for the whole family to enjoy throughout October.

Hannah Coombes

www.hampshireculture.org.uk

Clarification - Doing Time

The IVN would like to clarify that last issue's article on Doing Time - a new book and exhibition on Winchester Prison by Winchester Magazine editor Liz Kavanagh - was not written by Liz but mistakenly by-lined to her. The book, *Doing Time*, is available from PG Wells and there are still opportunities to see the exhibition.

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/event/doing-time.

NGS The Down House

Opening one's garden to the public is liable to be stressful, especially after a prolonged period of hot and very dry weather. However Mark and Jackie Porter held a most successful Open



Garden at The Down House, Itchen Abbas on 3 August, luckily shortly before the hosepipe ban. The garden, which has been created by the Porters, is still full of colour, beautifully nurtured and cherished. It is divided into various areas - terrace, lawns, rope garden, orchard/ potager, vineyard, amongst others, with varying colour schemes - so there is always something of interest around each corner. Tea and cakes were enjoyed on seats placed throughout the garden.

Brigid McManus





The itchen Valley Parish's Youth Group

open to those in school years 7-10

Some of you may have joined us for the UTX's pool party at the end of last term, when almost 20 young people got together to have fun with old and new friends and enjoy the pool, games, and a BBQ. Some of you may have already been part of UTX. Some of you may have only just reached year 7, so it will be the first you have heard of it.

But if you are year 7-10 - this is for you!

We have now put together our exciting plans for the next term. We will meet between 6.30pm and 8pm. The activity and location for the month will be announced the month before - these are the dates for your diary:

Sunday 11 September - details below

Sunday 16 October

Sunday 13 November

Sunday 11 December

Sunday 11 September - Woodland Evening

Martyr Worthy Manor

with team-building games and activities for getting to know each other. If you are in years 7-10, you are welcome to join us and to bring along friends.

For more information or to book a place please email
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Howzat!

This really was a very exciting cricket match.....International? No! County? No! It was the final match of the boys' Hampshire East League Under 11 and 8 -a-side, E&MWCC Juniors' team vs Andover played at Easton on Monday 18 July. Both teams were energetic, focused on their game and appeared professional. Andover opened the batting. The field was dry, and the ground hard. The ball ran easily towards the boundary. With only eight players fielding it was challenging for Easton to stop Andover scoring quickly. Easton was taking very few wickets and after their 16 overs, Andover had knocked up 119 runs. To the group of Easton supporters it seemed at this point that their team had a big run chase ahead of them. I was texting friends who could not be there.....



"After 8 overs Easton are halfway there....."

"We need 17 off 3 overs....." "7 runs off 12 balls to win" "2 off 6 now"

"Easton lost a wicket. 2 off 4"

"Another wicket gone. 2 off 3"

A no-ball which in the rules counts for 2 runs. "We've won".

Applause, shouts of celebration and relief, everybody smiling. Well done!

Henry Labram

Boules 2022 – league competition



The final round of the boules league competition was held on Tuesday 2 August. Easton, the previous year's winners, were at home against Avington. Both were level on games from previous rounds. Each village had an equal chance. It started well for Avington. Games are played to 13 points and one of their teams built up a commanding lead at 10 points to 1. Their second team was also keeping ahead, even if less dramatically. But how things can change. The first Easton team gradually closed the gap to 10-7 and then cleverly achieved a maximum of 6 in one go to reach the target of 13 and win the game. On the other piste also, with the score at 8-7 to Avington, Easton similarly forged ahead with 4 boules in one go and followed with 2 points in the next to claim the second game. So at half-time it was Easton 2, Avington nil.

The refreshments were generous and the hosts were welcoming. Avington may have lost the first two games but there were two more to play, leading to a chance of a play-off. Play resumed. With the supporters encouraging their respective villages, the teams launched their challenges. On one piste Avington did pull ahead and eventually closed off the game at 13-8. On the other



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however Easton solidly held their ground and they were the ones who reached the required 13 points. It was Easton therefore that triumphed winning 3 games to 1, and they were duly presented with the Dick Hewitt trophy.

Ralph Matthews

The Valley Gardeners' holiday to Norfolk

A party of 30 Valley Gardeners explored nine Norfolk gardens and one rose retailer in their four day holiday in mid July. It was quite a dynamic excursion but the breathtaking beauty of the gardens was worth every ounce of energy expended. Despite there being no rain in the county since April (and we think we are badly off for rain down here!) the gardens looked wonderful if a little thirsty in places. Three members of our group very kindly wrote a short description of some of the gardens and I have supplied the rest of the text and the photographs are by Steve Gapper.

The gardens of **Helmingham Hall** were the first to be visited by the



Valley Gardeners, breaking the almost 200-mile journey to Norwich. Situated in mid Suffolk, they are laid out geometrically on either side of a moat which surrounds the Tudor Hall, in an extensive deer park. Although the

present gardens were designed by the owner, Lady Tollemache, as recently as 1982, the main walled and separately moated area has Saxon origins. The formal layout of the walled kitchen garden evokes the Tudor origins of the Hall itself, but with many modern architectural features which allowed the close proximity of vegetable and herb beds with herbaceous borders and two spectacular rose gardens, all meticulously maintained. The Coach House terrace provided us with a convenient venue for a picnic lunch and we departed refreshed and ready for Norfolk, and a further eight garden visits. *Rodney Dartnall*

On entering the **Bishop's garden at Norwich Cathedral**, we were under a large, welcomingly shady, American Tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) and had a panoramic view of this oasis of a four acre garden surrounded by 600 year old flint walls in the shadow of the cathedral. Dating back to around 1100, the garden fed the monks of the chapter. There is still a productive kitchen garden feeding the bishop and guests. Key features included a large traditional herbaceous border, a stunning hosta and rose walk, a relatively new and quirky jungle walk of ferns and bamboos, and a renovated fruit orchard within a wild meadow. For this writer the star was an early 1900s parterre recently redesigned and replanted as a medicinal herb garden by the head gardener, Sam Garland, who came to work in this garden in 2019. The unanimous opinion of all in the group was that Sam's enthusiasm and practical examples of turning this garden into an ecologically sound site were overwhelming and infectious.

Techer Jones

Tuesday was a three-garden day. Our first stop was **Walcott House**, a gem

sitting in a farmland setting with the most perfect lawn I have ever seen: emerald green and just like an immaculate carpet. We enjoyed coffee and homemade cakes sitting and admiring the elegant courtyard garden before moving onto **The Old**

Vicarage at East Ruston which is a very well known garden and comprises 34 acres. It is a little like entering Alice's Wonderland going through the gate into this magical place. It is easy to get lost amongst the staggering plants of all descriptions which populate (amongst many other features) a mediterranean garden, a woodland garden and even a desert garden inspired by the landscape of Arizona. Alan Gray and Graham Robeson took on this barren garden 30 years ago and transformed it into the overload for the senses that it is now. Our final garden that day was **Mannington Hall**, a grand moated house, owned and run by Lady Walpole who was there to greet us. This was a calm and elegant garden compared to the extravagance of East Ruston and perfect for a stroll around the moat and a cup of tea overlooking the parkland.

Wednesday 13 July took us to three more gardens. In the morning we arrived at the peaceful and bucolic **Holme Hale Hall**. *Sue Humphrey* writes: I couldn't believe on day 3 I could find a garden to better the marvellous ones we had already visited but this one did. The owner was a delight and spoke enthusiastically of its inception. The beautiful walled garden was very compact but full of interest with vegetables and lovely borders filled with shrubs and flowers still in colour. Arches loaded with huge apples made a frame over the paths. The lawn in front of the house offered a

wonderful view over the parkland. Either side were long beds of grasses including blue chicory swaying in the breeze, enclosed in balls of box (luckily, box caterpillars haven't reached Norfolk yet).

From there, we headed towards the north Norfolk coast to visit **Pensthorpe**, which is a mixture of gardens and nature reserve. We were here to see the Millennium garden designed by Piet Oudolph. Featuring 150 species of shrubs, grasses and climbers, this was the first public space designed and planted by Oudolph in his now familiar perennial planting style. Our final garden that day was (for me anyway) a heart stopper. **Elsing Hall** is a Grade I listed medieval moated manor house dating from 1470 and it and its stunning gardens are just picture perfect. The gardens were only established 30 years ago but were neglected when the present owners took over in 2004. Their project of restoration has resulted in an idyllic oasis of beauty and tranquility. We took tea on the terrace overlooking the working moat and it was simply heavenly.

On our way back home we stopped for lunch and a visit to the charity Perennial's flagship garden **Fuller's Mill**, near Bury St. Edmunds. The planting is essentially mediterranean as the first owner recognised how to cope with the dry conditions which exist in this part of the country. But parts of the garden lie next to a river and others by a lake so there is a contrasting lushness here and indeed, there was a gunnera plant which was the largest I had ever seen. A peaceful lunch under a canopy drew to a close a wonderful four day exploration of Norfolk gardens.

Catherine Hahn



EMWCC Tug of War and Sixes Report 2022

The days of relentless sunshine changed to more overcast conditions for Easton and Martyr Worthy Cricket Club's annual fund raising events on 21 and 22 July. Thursday evening saw the ninth successive Tug of War. Four teams of adults: EMWCC, The Cricketers Inn, Richard Steel & Partners 'Made of Steel', and Will Barrett's local building company, Francis Construction, entered as 'The Undesirables'. The teams battled to be presented with the Easton Tug of War Cup. Once again the Cricketers Inn team, managed by Trevor Compton, was triumphant. At the same time as the Tug of War, an interclub U11s /



13s cricket match was played, along with adults' cricket training, making it a busy evening at the Club. The bar, BBQ, music and further fun 'tugs' for adults and children present, ensured plenty of entertainment.

The annual Sixes cricket competition, sponsored by Knight Frank Estate Agents, took place the following day (Friday). Each match is played over five overs and won by the team scoring the most runs. There were two leagues of four teams each: New Stream

Renewables, Fenwick Elliot Eagles, Avington House, Carter Jonas, Happy Hot Tubs, Charters Estate Agents, Anglesea Capital and the Itchen Ringers. The brightly coloured playing shirts ensure each team is easily identified and Hampshire League umpires prevent any misinterpretations of rules and regulations! The bar was provided by The Plough from Itchen Abbas and Paul Moffatt supplied the popular hog roast. The final was played between the bright pink playing shirts of Avington House, in their debut year, and the seasoned Happy Hot Tubs, wearing red shirts. Batting first the Hot Tubs set a target of 69, with Wilf La Fontaine Jackson retiring after 5 balls in the first over scoring 24 runs, and EMWCC 1st Team Captain Ben Stanbrook retiring on 20 runs.

Avington House scored 72 to win by three runs. Two runs were required off the last ball and Jude Organ found the boundary with an expansive drive; brothers Gregor and Monty McKenzie had both retired on 21 and 22 respectively. The winning Captain, Joe Lewis, stated he has played in each of the previous tournaments and his team has won three of the last four. He said it is always an enjoyable and fun day with cricket played in good spirits. Ed Hallett of Happy Hot Tubs agreed and vowed he will be back for revenge next year! Adrian Lee (Club Chairman) presented Avington House with the Easton Sixes Cup. He thanked all the individuals and organizations who continue to support this important Club fund raising event, both financially and with their valuable time. Adrian was pleased to report that many Senior and Junior teams at the Club are heading towards a very successful conclusion to the 2022 season.

Adrian Lee EMWCC Chairman
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Boules match - Itchen Abbas v Martyr Worthy



Come early August, Martyr Worthy requested a friendly game to replace the match that would have been played against Itchen Abbas! Released from the rules of the league competition, the teams played members old and new from Itchen Abbas, Martyr Worthy, Alresford and Winchester ... 9 players representing Itchen Abbas against 12 from Martyr Worthy in a series of 3v3 games, first to 9 points! Everybody played at least one game, the spectators had plenty to watch and with an ample supply of drinks and food, it was a fabulous way to spend a balmy summer's evening.

Itchen Abbas plays on the pistes at the Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall every Tuesday evening April to the end of September starting at 6pm but if this is an inconvenient time please contact Bob on bob.banham@btinternet.com or myself, Jenny on 07815 770810 to let one or other of us know what time you would be able to come and join us! We look forward to meeting you.

Jenny Sloan

The Valley Quiz No.6

1. Of all the national flags in the world only two are square. Can you name them?
 2. Where is the Serpent Sea or, more properly, Mare Anguis?
 3. What is the world's longest running play called?
 4. In golf, what does "par" mean and what is an "Albatross"?
 5. Four of the original (5) cinq ports were Sandwich, Dover, Hythe, New Romney and one other. What is it called?
 6. One of the traditional Test matches grounds is at Headingly. Where is it?
 7. Which is the heavier? A Kg of lead, or a Kg of Eider duck feathers?
 8. In which country is the source of the River Danube and into which sea does it flow?
 9. A number of horses have won the Ascot Gold Cup more than once, but only one has won it four times in succession. What was it called?
 10. Who was Pooh's gloomy, depressed, and anhedonic friend?
- Answers on P.40.*

The dog lady of Mykolaiv

Have you wondered what Ukrainians who are fleeing for their lives do about their pets? In Mykolaiv, close to Kherson, currently under intense Russian attack, most people who left the town took their pets with them but some people could not. As a result, many dogs and cats became homeless. Mariya Slavova recently had to leave her native city Mykolaiv. She arrived in the Itchen Valley and told the story of one woman, Lyudmila Tkach, who runs a small kennels "The city of the dogs". She finds the homeless pets, brings

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them to the kennels, and does her best to take care of them. Mariya is trying to find ways to support Lyudmila and the 200 dogs and cats she has in her care. Mariya agreed to be interviewed for the IVN in the hope it might raise awareness and some donations from the animal lovers in our valley.

When and how did you arrive in the UK ?

I arrived in Martyr Worthy 3 months ago with my 12 year old daughter.

What was the experience like for you?

It was difficult to fill in all the many forms but when we arrived in the UK we were lucky to get Yvette and Mark Frankland as our sponsors. They are extremely caring and supportive. Thanks to them we have everything we need and feel safe and comfortable at last. I'm also very grateful to all the people I've met here for their help.

What is the situation like in your home city of Mykolaiv?

It's terrible. It has been getting much worse in the last weeks. The Russian army shells the city every day and night. People have to stay in the bomb shelters for several hours in a row. Many houses are completely destroyed and many more are damaged. Many universities are destroyed as well as many schools, malls, and restaurants. The Mayor recommends everyone who can should leave the city. Two thirds of the city population has left already, that's about 280,000 people.

What will happen to the dogs at the kennels there?

Now there are 165 dogs, 23 cats and 2 sheep in the kennel which is called "The city of the dog". The dogs react to the shells very badly. Most of them are extremely frightened. Almost every day one or two of them have heart attacks. Lyudmila and some volunteers

do everything in their power to make it easier for them. Unfortunately they can't stop the shelling, but they are



going to stay with the animals.

What help do they need the most?

After the war started the number of abandoned animals increased significantly. The situation with dog food is critical. The daily consumption rate is about 50kg, that's about 1500kg per month. It's a lot! And it costs about £200 per day to run the kennels. Many dogs are in need of veterinarian help. That's why they heavily rely on donations now and appeal to people to help these animals get through this terrible time.

If anyone would like to help out what can they do?

They can send a donation direct to the kennels in Ukraine via paypal using the address slavovamaria78@gmail.com (The city of the dog). Or for full BACS details email: lucyvarcoe@gmail.com. It is a registered charity. *Lucy Varcoe*



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Alan Melia 1936-2022

Alan and Sally Melia moved to Itchen Abbas in 1997 from Kings Worthy and soon became involved in village life. It is fair to say that Sally is and was always the more gregarious of the two but Alan was her rock and stay throughout their 52-year marriage. Always a quiet and unassuming man, Alan was kind and thoughtful, always measured but insightful. He had a dry sense of humour and a twinkle in his eye.



Born in India in 1936, Alan came home to boarding school in Surrey and then joined the Merchant Navy as a cadet. During his long seafaring career, he worked on many ships and eventually became a chief officer on the Union Castle Line. After their marriage, Sally took great pleasure in accompanying Alan on some of his voyages, it being a wonderful opportunity to see the world. Despite his natural reserve, Alan could be mischievous, as his former ship mates can testify. Having docked in Durban on one occasion, three colleagues of Alan's went ashore for a good night out. Having imbibed lavishly, they stayed the night in a hotel, arriving at the docks the next morning

to find the ship had gone. Alan had moved it a mile away to another mooring and he had a good laugh at their expense! After working for Solent containers and then at Winchester prison, Alan ended his career at the MoD at Thatcham.

Alan's contributions to Itchen Abbas village life included being the Secretary of the local investment club for 20 years and rumour has it that their portfolio was a pretty successful one. He was always prepared at the monthly meetings with good research on investment possibilities. He also played a part in the production of the Itchen Abbas Design Statement, which looked at the village as it was then and how life for the residents and the village itself could be shaped successfully in the years ahead.

Other great loves of Alan's included their dogs and photography. Both Sally and Alan adored travelling to Africa and Australia, and Alan's photographs of the wildlife on both continents were brilliant. He loved cars and enjoyed driving himself and Sally to the polo at Cowdray Park and to see friends all over the south, particularly to the New Forest where they lived for many years. Alan had a great relationship with his and Sally's goddaughters and his cousins, all of whom were very important to him. He will be much missed by them and all who knew him here in the valley.

Catherine Hahn

Comings and Goings

We welcome Tim Chapman and Claire Fuller plus Allen the cat to the Old Chapel, Easton. They have moved from Winchester.

Claire has two grown-up children.

Judith Mezger

From the (sub) Rectory.



Why go away for a holiday when our valley is so beautiful, someone said to me recently. Why indeed! Of course, we usually choose somewhere

beautiful for our holidays: I'm taking my family to Cornwall but not only because it is the most beautiful county in England. There are many other reasons why we might want to take holidays, indeed need to take holidays. I grew up in Cornwall and part of my wish to return is to remember and rekindle the delights and enthusiasm of youth. There was probably as much pain in my childhood as in anyone else's, but we forget. So often we remember only the good but that may not be a bad thing. I remember recently commenting in a sermon about Plymouth, in my youth, being a similar port city to the Corinth of St Paul's time (and a similar den of iniquity in many ways) and was reminded of a verse Paul wrote to the Corinthians about holidays. [All right, maybe he didn't exactly write about holidays, but bear with me!]

Paul said "Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." So if we are going to celebrate, to holiday, it's not enough just to refresh our surroundings because that disappears as soon as we turn for home. We need to take the opportunity to refresh ourselves, we need to bring a new us back from the holidays. Just as Paul was telling the Corinthians to reject the malice and wickedness that had grown through their community like the yeast or

leaven grows through bread and eventually affects it all, the holiday is an opportunity for the family to put aside all their differences, to start afresh as unleavened bread, to let the beauty of their chosen holiday spot shine on them. After all it's not what we see on holiday that we bring back with us it's the change it makes inside, and that's the change we allow. Take your holidays as the opportunity to throw out all the ills that have grown up over the year and fill that void with hope and faith and love. So I trust you will all have had a wonderful holiday this summer and will have been able to use the time to 'refresh' yourselves and your families in the deepest and most meaningful ways; in the words of Paul, with sincerity and truth.

It was announced last month that there would be an Easton village meeting in September, giving people an opportunity to hear about the proposed plans for an extension on the north side of St. Mary's Church. The date is Thursday 29 September. You are most welcome to join us from 7.30pm in the church.

Gerry Stacey

Clubbing in the Valley

When I mention to people that my favourite sport is table tennis I'm often met with surprise and comments like "I used to love playing at school/on holiday/at home in the garden". Indeed, it's a shame so many people forget how much fun it is! Did you know you have an opportunity to play table tennis right on your doorstep? I played as a teenager at youth club (what happened to them?!) and university. Then life got in the way and I didn't think of taking it up again until in my fifties, I needed a focus after a bereavement and heard about Kings Table Tennis Club. I

wandered along one Monday ten years ago and was immediately hooked. I was uplifted by the fun atmosphere, the range of ages and abilities enjoying themselves and the obvious benefits to all, both physical and mental. The club runs in the large sports hall at Princes Mead School every Monday and Wednesday 7.15 to 10pm. There are up to ten tables for singles and doubles play. There is also a robot for practice, looked after by our president and retired coach Mick, who is happy to give encouragement and advice.



There's always lots of laughter, with everyone mixing in according to the level of play with which they feel comfortable. From October to March our teams play matches against other clubs in the Winchester League - competition that can be fast, furious and exciting to watch - but there are still plenty of tables for other players who enjoy a less frenetic pace. As an indoor activity, the club was severely affected by the restrictions of Covid and when we re-opened after 18 months inevitably some of our regulars were unable to return for various reasons. So we have plenty of space to welcome new faces, and your first visit is free. Do look on our website for more information: www.kingsttc.wixsite.com/kingsttc.
Jill Wilson, Secretary

Winchester City Council Updates

Station Approach
 Winchester:
 although we don't live there, we all use the station area of Winchester at some point or



another, and the area for re-development includes the Cattle Market car park. You are asked to comment on the website <https://winchesterstationapproach.co.uk/>.

Two consultation events are also planned in the autumn. The first is on Thursday 15 September from 2-7pm, outside the main entrance to the station, and the second on Saturday 24 September from 10-2pm in a market stall on the high street. The consultation runs for twelve weeks, concluding on Friday 21 October 2022. Water Pollution: you will be aware that river levels are very low, and this intensifies the effects of pollution on aquatic life. A small group of professionals and enthusiasts has come together to identify what data on various pollutants exists and identify gaps. The intent is that we need the data to pinpoint the sources of pollutants, which can in turn encourage and inform changes. This will hopefully highlight the value of interventions in corporate or personal behaviour.

Cllr. Margot Power

Cllr. Russell Gordon-Smith

Itchen Insight

I spent a fascinating hour with Ian Clark of Itchen Abbas asking him about his life and his business here in the Valley. He gave me a wonderful insight into his enthusiasm for cultural heritage.



Where were you brought up and where do you live now?

I was born in Salisbury and moved to Itchen Abbas via Sussex in 1994

What are your hobbies?

I love walking, reading, and as a Southampton season ticket holder, supporting my team through the obvious highs and lows.

Champagne moments?

Receiving the UK's premier Conservation Award for the Holland I Submarine conservation project. Becoming a Fellow of the Institute of

Mechanical Engineers but nothing surpasses being awarded a Blue Peter badge for the Submarine project.

Surprising snippet?

I was an extra in the film, *Quadrophenia*!

Passion?

Passionate about cultural heritage and positively advocate for heritage craft skills to be retained. I love teaching and advocacy work for cultural heritage, showcasing industrial conservation.

Favourite place in Hampshire?

Itchen Abbas and the River Itchen

Best thing about the valley?

The countryside, wonderful friendships, great village pub. This is the first place I have lived that really feels like home.

Worst thing about the valley?

I can't think of anything bad about the valley.

Favourite book and film?

The book that has had the most influence on me is *The Wrench* by Primo Levi. My favourite film is *The Cruel Sea* as it reminds me of spending wet Sunday afternoons with my father – igniting my passion for maritime heritage

What is your business?

Ian Clark Restoration. We are an award-winning conservation engineering company providing practical collections care solutions and cultural heritage consultancy. I established the business in 1983 when I was based in Sussex. I come from a sea-faring family and my father was an engineering surveyor, carrying out many inspections of preserved steam engines. My first ride on a steam roller was in 1962 at Stourpaine Steam Rally in Dorset. Maybe this is where I got

the bug.

At 16 I had the opportunity to work for an independent Steam and Technology Museum whilst undertaking a five year Engineering Apprenticeship.

Where can we see some of your work?

I have worked extensively across the UK and completed projects in Singapore, Estonia, Istanbul, France and the Middle East. I am currently working in Scapa Flow. We work mainly with cast and wrought iron and non-ferrous materials, however we are multi-disciplined also including extensive timber engineering work. Some of our landmark projects include:

Kew Gardens Pagoda (we were contracted to restore all the historic metal work on the roof and spire); iconic ships in the National Museum of the Royal Navy Collection in Portsmouth, including the full conservation of the interior of the submarine HMS/m Alliance and X-24 midget submarine;

HMS Caroline in Belfast - National Museum of the Royal Navy. We were responsible for the conservation of the aft and forward engine rooms;

Monitor M33 (the last surviving warship from the Gallipoli Campaign) full conservation of the interior; and I also helped to build and construct a 30 tonne bronze Waterwheel Sculpture at Raffles Link in Singapore.

During lockdown we were fortunate enough to work on the restoration of the 18th Century Semaphore Tower in Chatley Heath, Surrey.

I have also worked on many local landmark projects including Winchester City Mill, where we have undertaken full repair and maintenance for 25 years, Chase Mill, Bishops Waltham, restoring 2 waterwheels and

milling machinery to working condition. At the Treasury Museum in Winchester College, we designed and manufactured a bespoke hanging system for the Parthenon Frieze including installation.

In Winchester Cathedral we undertook the repair and conservation of an 18th century chandelier and installed an Anglo-Saxon alter stone, and for a private client we designed, constructed and installed traditional sluice gates on the River Itchen.

As a company we employ many freelance specialist contractors. Many trainees who have worked with us have gone on to find permanent work in cultural heritage.

I have worked with some clients for over 30 years, ranging from The National Trust, English Heritage and Historic Royal Palaces, National Museums, local government and the private sector.

What are your plans for 2022?

To continue mentoring and advocacy work to inspire future generations of Conservation Engineers. This unfortunately remains a marginal discipline with many of the skills at risk of being consigned to history.

And finally:

I want to continue enjoying a pint of Guinness with my friends and dream of Saints winning the Premier League!

Ian Clark was talking to Sue McIntosh





From the Parish Council



Although we did not hold a Full Council Meeting in August there was still plenty to do. Six Planning Applications

were sent to us for comment so the Planning Committee did meet. Please remember their remit is to represent the valley as a whole and make comment as they think fit. They are not the decision making Planning Authority. The continuing dry weather has created problems. The first has been to keep all the trees planted over the past nine months watered. Since the hosepipe ban watering at Couch Green has had to be done by hand using watering cans. A mammoth task: Steve Percy and his team of helpers are to be congratulated on their efforts. Christopher Langford and his team of helpers have also been working hard taking containers of water to all the newly planted trees along the roadside from the Country Park round to the east side of Avington. Hopefully these efforts will mean the majority of the trees will survive.

Another problem that the dry weather has highlighted is the condition of our rivers. There is concern in many parts of the country regarding discharge of sewage into rivers. Please see the article on pages 27 and 28 abbreviated by Steve Percy from a longer one in a national newspaper. Within the valley, some will remember over seven years ago a pipeline was installed from Avington to link into the mains sewage system at Easton. As the pumping station in Avington has never been

built, sewage from a number of properties in Avington still runs into a ditch which feeds into the Itchen. This is not a good situation and coupled with the dry weather detrimental to the already fragile condition of the river. Rest assured your Parish Council is pressing Southern Water and others to get this project completed once and for all.

The heat wave this summer and the energy crisis are a reminder to everyone who has an unshaded south facing roof to consider having solar panels installed. Either photo voltaic (PV) or solar thermal, or both. Although there are not the generous subsidies of the past there are still worthwhile savings to be made. Also, or alternatively if you do not have a suitable roof, you can support the crowd funding to put solar panels on Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall roof. This is a great community project and will demonstrate our commitment to tackling climate change. Details of how to donate can be found on the IA&A Village Hall website.

As we move into September and as reported last month the Parish Council will be pushing ahead with a number of projects; the Environmental Working Group's survey – see the advert on page 39, the petition to change to a single ward, renovation of a bus shelter and repairs to a gate and picnic table at Couch Green. Speeding and break-ins to cars has not been forgotten. The Parish Council will be following up on these issues in the coming months.

After a break of two years Boomtown returned. Now it's over there will undoubtedly be a number of different opinions on the event and its impact on the locality. The Parish Council will be discussing this when we meet at the beginning of September.

Patrick Appleby

In praise of..... the robot mower!



As I write we are still suffering an unprecedented drought and the last thing anyone would be thinking of is mowing grass but in normal times mowing can take hours, needs remembering to do, uses expensive petrol, can be noisy and can sometimes scalp high areas or leave long grass where there are depressions. Well all these issues I accepted as par for the course having had various walk-behind and ride-on mowers over the years - until I met Tom Platt, the owner of a robot mower business, at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show in 2021. I was, as I guess would be the reaction from

most, initially dismissive as to whether these little machines could cope with a large amount of grass in a series of intricately connected garden 'rooms'. Tom sat me down, took out his iPad, found an aerial view of our garden and together we outlined the area to be mown and how the robot mower would move from room to room. He showed me before and after videos of previous installations, convinced me a robot mower would work here at The Down House and a few weeks later he arrived to install one.

I have to say I was amazed at what Herbie (robot mowers need a name, don't they?) could do and over the next few weeks that amazement grew into admiration and now into absolute evangelism! Herbie gets on with his job quietly, in all weathers and mows for as long as he's programmed to operate each day. He wanders around, seemingly at random but very cleverly remembering precisely where he's been thanks to the in-built GPS, and leaves not a trace of mown grass thanks to the micro-cut by the three tiny rotating blades – yay, no grass to collect. Being small, Herbie can mow into any depressions or smoothly ride over any high spots giving a lovely even

cut. When the sun casts long shadows from the trees over the grass, the garden now looks like those pictures of the golf greens at the Masters from Augusta, truly! Ok, I know you will have a whole series



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of questions about these mowers, so here a few 'frequently asked' ones:

How does a robot mower work? A robot mower runs off batteries and parks itself into a charging station when it senses the battery is running low.

How does a robot mower know where to mow? A thin cable is buried (an inch or so deep) all the way round the area to be mowed to complete a loop to and from the charging station. When the mower reaches the boundary wire edge it stops, turns and mows in a new direction and continues like this for the whole of its programmed mowing time.

How do you set the cutting height? A very easy-to-use mobile phone App allows you change the cutting height from high to low depending on the height of the grass area that needs to be mown.

How does a robot mower know when to mow? That same App allows you to program the mower when to operate. It can run all day (and night if needed, as the mower has headlights).

Ed: does it need to see where it's going?

How does a robot mower cope with trees or large ornaments in the mowing area? Well, it just bumps into them, reverses away, turns and carries on. You can install a section of boundary wire to go right round an object or area as well, to stop the mower from bumping into it all the time.

Can you protect an area from being mown? You can buy a set of small, linked metal 'goal post' frames and join these together to stop the mower from mowing a precious area (say winter bulbs like snowdrops that come up in a grass area).

How do pets cope with the mower? Herbie trundles around at a relatively slow pace so cats and dogs

have plenty of time to be initially noseey then scamper away as the mower approaches.

Can a robot mower cope with sloping grass? Standard robot mowers can cope with slopes up to about 15 degrees but there are now models that can mow at an astonishing 45 degrees, akin to a dune buggy! So, there you go, from the new robot mower 'evangelist' – if you have any more questions or would like to have a chat or even come and see Herbie in motion please call me on 07814 958810. Mark Porter, *The Down House, Itchen Abbas*

Alresford Surgery News

The surgery is preparing now for the delivery of 2 vaccination programmes that will commence in September/October 2022 (seasonal influenza and the COVID autumn booster). For information on seasonal influenza eligibility please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

The Sewage Sleuths

This article is based on a longer piece written by Oliver Bullough, published in *The Guardian* on 4 August this year. Ten years ago, two neighbours in the Cotswolds with a shared interest in ecology became very concerned about the state of their local river, the Windrush. They were Peter Hammond, a retired professor in machine learning and Ashley Smith, a keen angler and retired policeman. They noticed over the years that fish were disappearing, gravel beds becoming mired in scum, the once clear water running khaki-grey and plant life disappearing.

An initial freedom of information request revealed that over the previous three years untreated sewage had been dumped into the Windrush on 240 occasions, which in such a small river would be devastating. And whilst this was almost certainly an under-estimate, this dumping had not been challenged by the Environment Agency (EA).

Hammond and Smith set up Windrush Against Sewage Pollution (WASP). Through their detective work and computer analysis of multiple datasets, they were able to show that the official data on sewage releases was seriously flawed.

So how is this happening? According to WASP, much of it was because there are major gaps in the recording of occasions of sewage dumping by the water companies, either accidental or deliberate, sometimes for months. They also cited instances of where equipment designed to prevent overflows was not properly maintained. And they pointed to the worrying demonstrable number of occasions when dumping took place even when heavy rainfall could not be used as a justification.

So given our tough environmental laws, what is the Environment Agency doing about this incompetence and potential criminality? Although the budget of the EA has increased by 20% over the last five years, the majority of this funding has been exclusively allocated to flood defences. This has led to the allocation for environmental protection being cut by 80% and the annual enforcement budget being reduced from £11.6m to £7m. Both of these factors have contributed to the number of prosecutions brought by the EA falling from nearly 800 in the year ending 2008 to just 17 in 2021.

Peter Lloyd, a retired EA scientist told

a recent parliamentary inquiry that the EA's pollution monitoring system was "so poor, so inadequate and so misleading". And the chief executive of the EA told a parliamentary committee last year that they only had sufficient resources "to visit every farm less than once every 200 years".

A further aspect of the EA's incompetence was discovered by a lawyer, Guy Linley-Adams who revealed that the EA database that records how officers responded to pollution alerts – a legal requirement – is kept on a 2003 Compaq PC running Windows XP, a version of software that has not been supported by Microsoft for almost a decade. The system crashed when he tried to open a large document and the PC was unable to communicate with the printer.

So, there you have it: the water companies are polluting our rivers on an unsustainable scale, an incompetent and under-funded Environment Agency has failed to spot it, prosecuting authorities have neither the will nor resources to bring offenders to book and politicians are seemingly reluctant to grip the problems effectively. It appears that regulatory compliance has effectively become optional, argues WASP.

I'm conscious that the above piece risks being seen as overtly political for the IVN but when 90% of English rivers deemed sites of special scientific interest are not being properly conserved, it might be time to become rather more robust. Hammond and Smith deserve our outspoken support.
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Jackie's County Corner

I hope you have enjoyed the summer months despite the very hot weather. The imposition of water restrictions by Southern Water brings worries about the security of our water supply to the fore. RAPID is the Regulators' Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development. As part of this programme, Southern Water is developing a scheme to supplement the aquifer water they already extract for our use. You can see more online at www.southernwater.co.uk search 'Water for life'. Southern Water is proposing to treat our wastewater as usual, but instead of pumping the treated sewage out to sea as it does now, it will be added to the reservoir at Havant Thicket, and that water will be returned to Otterbourne to be cleaned again and processed for drinking water.

Southern Water is seeking views on the principles of this from the public this summer- and I'd be interested to hear your views too.

Every year a National Highways Transport Survey is carried out to assess the public view of highways across the country. You often make your views known to me - this is your chance to take part! Go to www.hants.gov.uk/transport/nht-surveys.

Please give your views on 20mph limits too: go to www.hants.gov.uk, search 20mph (deadline 11 September).

This month's photo was taken at 'Mayors for Peace' event on the 9 August. Winchester was one of the first cities to sign up to this, and now over 8000 Mayors across the world

share a commemoration of the dreadful effects of atomic bombs dropped in Japan on the 6 and 9 of August. This year a small Ukrainian choir sang of their hope for peace too. It was a moving event. It is a point in the year which reminds us all that those nuclear bombs must be the last. Mayor Derek Green is here joined by the first Mayor for Peace, Eleanor Bell and representatives from Rotary, and



the University of Winchester. Read more on www.mayorsforpeace.org. The County Council is the planning authority for waste management where the waste is industrial, not rural and although recycling is vital, the inevitable transport issues make recycling sites a challenge. Experience of several applications in my division shows me that we all want to recycle, but not near our homes. These sites are often large, and although business rates make it cheaper to work from rural sites, we must find economic ways for these much needed businesses to be sited on business parks and industrial estates; not in our countryside. Let me know what you think too. Thank you.

*Cllr Jackie Porter, text/tel: 07973 696085.
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Dragonflies on display – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Darter, skimmer, chaser and hawkler. What may sound like a new quartet in Santa's gang of flying reindeer are in fact the names of some of the UK's resident dragonfly species.

This special group of invertebrates are part of the Odonata order of flying insects, which is made up of dragonfly and damselfly species. Here's a closer look at these winged wonders.

Amazingly, dragonflies were some of the first flying insects to evolve over 300 million years ago, soaring the skies with eagle-sized wingspans before even dinosaurs.

With a pair of large eyes providing fantastic vision and a top speed of around 30mph – which makes dragonflies one of the fastest flying insects in the UK – they are fearsome predators.

There are 17 species of damselfly and 23 species of dragonfly resident in the UK, plus the occasional visiting species from continental Europe. Found in almost every habitat,

including wetlands, moorland and woodland glades, these predatory insects bring a splash of colour to a landscape just as wildflowers and butterflies are winding down.

To tell

dragonflies and damselflies apart, there is a general rule of thumb that damselflies are slimmer and rest with their wings folded, while the stockier dragonfly keeps its wings spread outwards.

Damselflies can be spotted on the wing as early as the start of May, while the last common darter of the year might still be flying on a warm October day. The highest species diversity is found during July and August, and, like most insects, dragonflies are most active in warm, sunny weather. Five species to spot include the emperor dragonfly, the southern hawkler, the banded demoiselle, the golden ringed and the common darter.

In our region, Pamber Forest Nature Reserve is a brilliant place to find dragonflies near the woodland streams and ponds during the breeding season, and hunting for prey along the woodland rides. Over 20 species have been recorded here, including the club-tailed dragonfly, which was a first for Hampshire, and the white-legged damselfly. It's also a great site for seeing the beautiful demoiselle damselfly and the golden ringed

The banded demoiselle is a particularly striking damselfly © Chris Button



dragonfly. Swanwick Lakes and Testwood Lakes nature reserves near Southampton are also prime dragonfly hotspots.

To find out more about local wildlife that Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust are working to protect, visit hiwwt.org.uk.

Jake Kendall-Ashton

Bird of the Month - Barn Swallow

Aptly named, these young swallows hatched 10 days ago and are already flying round the barn.

Juveniles have paler throats than the adults, and shorter, blunt tail streamers - both features clearly seen on the photo.

Soon these birds will be migrating to Africa, joining the Swifts which arrived in the Valley later, and have already departed on their long journey south.

Elaine Labram



Winchester City Council update



UK shared prosperity fund:

The government has allocated £1m to WCC with discretion

as to what to spend it on. I have written to ask for commitment in supporting the market towns - under their brief of supporting local businesses, community and place. I have asked particularly for support for The Dean car park to ensure that the town had its own parking that is not subject to lease agreements.

Nutrients update:

I attended a members briefing on the updates for nutrients (nitrates and phosphates) and the impact it was having on planning. Since March, no new planning can take place in the Itchen Valley area, this will obviously have an impact on development. Phosphates are proving more challenging but in July a ministerial statement was issued and the Government has asked Natural England to also look at solutions, and have also helped with funding to councils effected to help address this. I think all the councillors in Winchester City Council are concerned about this and are keen to look for ways forward.

Proposed car park at The Dean:

The developers for the planned car park wish to hold a public consultation on the planning application in the autumn, with submission by the year end. Please look out for notices on this so that residents and visitors can have their views

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Food Spy visits The Flowerpots at Cheriton

This pub holds romantic connections for us as it was the place where we first met, under the apple trees in the garden. We have returned many times over the years and it has always been exactly the same, same ambience, same staff, same menu. We gave up going there during lockdown so I was intrigued to hear that 'The Pots' now has new owners and it has changed.

On arrival, it was clear that much has been invested in the buildings and grounds but there are still tables under the apple trees. The car park is bigger, the orchard is bigger, there are more tables outside with a stylish new building with bar and eating area looking onto the garden. So far so good - it is all tastefully done.

Inside the ambience is much the same, although it has been spruced up and made subtly more spacious. We chose to eat indoors as it was a bit breezy and were glad to have arrived early as, although a Tuesday lunchtime, the pub was soon packed.

The menu appears to change regularly and they aim to provide locally sourced items where possible. My husband had delicious duck breast slices with pomegranate salad; I rather wished I had chosen that too as my scampi and chips were rather dull, and I didn't actually fancy anything else on the menu. He filled up with my chips!

In the interests of research we both had a dessert; I had vanilla cheesecake (huge, slightly solid) with New Forest strawberries (one, cut in half), while he had chocolate tart (very solid) with seasonal berries (again one strawberry, also cut in half) and raspberry sorbet.

We couldn't fault the service -

charming young people who didn't address us as "you guys" (something I mind) or say "no worries" when thanked, but "you're welcome". I found this refreshing. The prices were reasonable too. The brewery is part of the enterprise so the beer was very good value.

Perhaps we were just unlucky with aspects of the food that day, because The Pots is clearly extremely popular and a really thriving concern, despite having lost some of its idiosyncratic charm.

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Saturday 10 September

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Sunday 11 September

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Sunday 18 September

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10am - Valley Worship - St Mary's, Easton

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**See page 6 for details of the relaunch of
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1. Switzerland and The Vatican City.
2. The surface of the Moon.
3. The murder mystery play “The Mouse Trap” by Agatha Christie. It opened in London in 1952 and is still running.
4. Par means “professional average result” and an Albatross is a score given for a hole that has been completed three strokes under par. (Also called a “double eagle”).
5. Hastings.
6. Leeds.
7. They are both the same.
8. The source of the Danube is in Germany’s Black Forest, and it discharges into the Black Sea through, mainly, Romania but also Ukraine.
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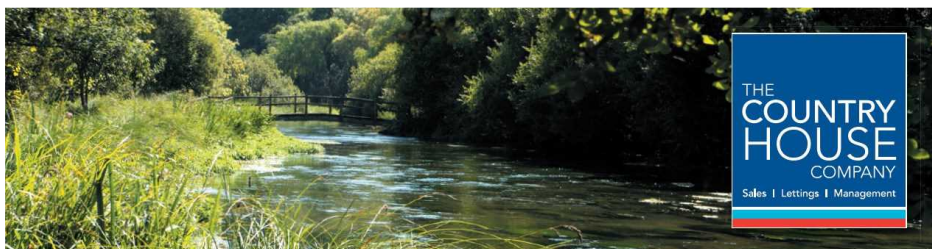


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