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WELCOME to the Valley News



Welcome to the June issue of the Itchen Valley News. In this edition we focus on the various celebrations throughout the Valley over the bank holidays.

We welcomed our new King to the throne and celebrated in style. Pages 6 and 7 showcase the creativity of the various festivities that took place locally. Further afield, we feature those who were fortunate enough to enjoy some of the national events including the concert and the Flypast. What's On details the variety of cultural offerings in the area and those with children should consider The Arc's programme over half-term that we simply didn't have room to feature.

Our local Ladies cricket team continues its run of success (see page 12) and our intrepid Food Spy visits The Forte Kitchen in Winchester to sample their brunch.

One of our editorial team takes to the roads on her new e-bike and the legendary challenge of the monthly quiz can be found on page 16.

Catherine explores the problems of river pollution caused by domestic off-mains drainage, something that is a significant feature in the Valley.

Staying with the ecological theme, the Parish Council is hosting a Green Homes Fair on Sunday 18 June at the Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall - a must not miss event held between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Beccy Clarke interviews the new Headmaster at Itchen Abbas Primary School, exploring his journey into the teaching profession and what he hopes to achieve whilst in post.

Our regular features include the Valley Gardeners recent outing to Windsor and the Practical Gardener gives us tips on where to purchase the best plants and materials for your garden. Other events to add to your diaries include the Toy Train Fair held at Perins School and the Byrdsong Concert performed by the Kingsgate Singers at St. Pauls Church, Winchester.

As the warmer months approach, there is sage advice from the Alresford surgery - look out for ticks as we spend time in our beautiful Itchen Valley. Next month's editor is Verity Coleman.

Catherine Hahn and Jen Gaster

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What's On

From 26 May until August **Constable: The dark side.**

The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester. A selection of iconic masterpieces by the profound Romantic painter, John Constable.

National Garden Scheme

Thursday 8 and **Sunday 11 June**

Stockbridge Gardens
SO20 6EX.

2pm to 5pm: Visit four gardens.

Saturday and **Sunday 10 and 11** **June**

Headley Village Gardens GU35 8PW.
10.30am to 5pm: Visit 12 gardens.

Thursday 29 June and Sunday 2 **July**

Mill House, Vyne Road, Sherborne St John, RG24 9HU

Admission: £5.00, children free.

Saturday 17 June **Festival of Toy Trains**

Perins School Alresford. 10.30am – 4.30pm. £10 adults, children free. See page 33 for details.

Sunday 18 June **Green Homes Fair**

10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall. The Parish Council will be promoting green energy: solar, heat pumps, insulation, retro-fitting etc. See page 37 for more details.

Tuesday 20 June **CAMEO**

See page 11 for details



Thursday 22 June **Alresford Art Society**

7.30pm at Bishop's Sutton Village Hall, Alresford Road, SO24 0AH.

Tim Wilmot will be painting a *Seascope in Watercolour*. Non-members welcome – admission £3. For further information: 01962 732043 or visit www.artsociety.alresford.org.

Saturday 24 June **Byrdsong: A concert by the** **Kingsgate Singers**

St. Paul's Church, Winchester. 7pm
See page 32 for details.

Saturday 24 June

Worthy Tennis Club, Princes Mead School. Fast 4 tennis and social event
2pm Tennis and 5pm BBQ. £5 entry per person (free for Worthy Park Tennis Club members).

Tennis contact Rachel Magory
coachrachelmagory@gmail.com and
BBQ Jenny Sloan
jenny@sloan-home.co.uk

Saturday 1 July **Barn Dance & Hog Roast**

In aid of Home-Start Winchester with the Craigievar Ceilidh Band.

7 pm Pinglestone Barn, Old Alresford SO24 9TB Tickets £30 Cash only bar. Book online (plus booking fee) at

<https://homestartbarndance.eventbrite.co.uk>

Save the Date

Alresford Art Society Annual Exhibition, Alresford Community Centre.

Friday 30 June to Sunday 2 July
Free Admission

West Meon Music Festival 14 - 17 September

Coronation celebrations throughout the Itchen Valley

There were Big Lunches all over the Valley during the Coronation weekend and of course, the Itchen Valley News had “spies” at all of them to capture the fun and celebrations.

Our photographs cover all the parties. At Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall, one of our sub-editors Brigid McManus and her husband Peter won the Best Crown competition and although they look very regal, I think you will agree that the children assembled here also have some very grand crowns! There was a guessing game called Tottle’s Bottles at the IA & A Hall and the answers to the game are printed on page 22 in case you didn’t get them right on the day. The residents of Chilland Lane had their own coronation party and great fun it looked too. An elegantly dressed table under an awning was the setting for their toasts to the new King and Queen. At Easton, a large gathering was held at the village hall, where artist Kirstin White captured the scene for posterity. Avington residents held their own party on Monday 8 May.



We were particularly taken with the splendid jacket of our recently retired Treasurer Henry Labram.



Scarecrows also made an appearance around Easton for the coronation and below are the winners - well done to all!



The bell ringing at St. Mary’s Easton was a very special celebration as well as the floral arrangements in the church.

At Martyr Worthy, residents gathered at the village hall to raise a glass to our new monarch and his Queen.

Catherine Hahn







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Plant of the Month

When we saw this resident of Easton Lane we thought he had escaped from Farmer Gray's field. But on closer inspection he's not an oil seed plant. We think he's a natural member of the Cress family also known as Wintercress. A new one on us. Should be flowering in June.
Simon and Dorothy Broadley



May Day: A very British Tradition

Continuing with our theme of celebrations, May Day, celebrated on 1 May, holds a rich history and vibrant traditions in the United Kingdom. It has been observed for centuries and is associated with various customs and festivities.

Origins and historical significance: May Day has roots in pagan celebrations of spring and fertility, as well as in Roman and Celtic festivals. It was later assimilated into Christian traditions, particularly as a day to honour the Virgin Mary. Over time, it evolved into a secular holiday celebrating the arrival of spring and the end of winter.

Maypole Dancing: One of the most recognizable May Day traditions is Maypole dancing. A tall pole, often decorated with ribbons and flowers, is erected in a central location. Dancers, usually young children or villagers, hold ribbons attached to the top of the pole and weave intricate patterns as they

dance around it. This joyful and lively activity symbolizes the awakening of nature and the changing seasons.

Morris Dancing: another popular May Day tradition in the UK is Morris dancing. Morris dancers, dressed in traditional attire, perform intricate and energetic dances accompanied by lively music. The origins of Morris dancing are ancient and predate Christianity. The dance forms and styles vary across different regions of the UK.

May Queen and May King: in some communities, a May Queen or May King is chosen to preside over the May Day celebrations. The May Queen, often a young girl, is adorned in white and crowned with flowers. She leads processions, participates in ceremonies, and represents fertility and growth. The selection of the May Queen or King can involve contests or community nominations.

Floral Decorations and Crowning: May Day is associated with the abundance of flowers and the blooming of nature. It is customary to decorate homes, streets, and Maypoles with colorful flowers, especially spring blossoms like daffodils and bluebells. In some regions, there are traditions of crowning statues or effigies with floral wreaths.

May Day in the UK celebrates the arrival of spring, the beauty of nature, and the renewal of life. The customs and traditions associated with this holiday reflect the country's rich history and diverse cultural heritage. Participating in May Day festivities allows people to connect with their communities and embrace the spirit of joy and optimism that accompanies the changing seasons.

G.T. Patch



William (Bill) Loader 1946-2023

Bill and his family moved to Martyr Worthy, off Church Lane when he was 12 years old, later moving to Easton where his parents lived and remained. Aged 19 Bill pursued his career in IT, firstly working for the Ministry of Agriculture; this role saw him move and work from various areas of the country, London, Guildford and Cambridge. Later Bill worked at Kew Gardens heading up their IT department, his assignment to advance their computer systems to a more modern and efficient technology. Kew also satisfied his great love of horticulture.

We visited his parents often in Easton and when the grandchildren came along they also enjoyed all that the Valley has to offer. Bill was always a countryman at heart and on retirement we moved back permanently.

Bill lived his life to the full; achieving his pilot's licence, overseeing the build of a new house on the Lone Barn site, fishing, shooting, beating, bee-keeping, gardening, wood turning and playing boules. He was on the Parish Council for many years. He is very missed by his family and friends.

All are welcome to attend a Service of Thanksgiving for his life at St Mary's Church, Easton on the 8 June at 2pm and afterwards at Easton Village Hall.

Elaine Loader

Tiddler's Corner

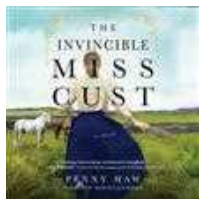
Q: What kind of dog does a magician have?

A: A Labracadabrador!

Editors

The invincible Miss Cust

This eminently readable book charts the highly inspirational life story of Aleen Cust, Britain and Ireland's first female veterinary surgeon. Her link with the



Itchen Valley was through her close friendship with Sir Edward Grey's first wife Dorothy and her many, occasionally protracted, visits to their fishing cottage in Itchen Abbas, which features strongly in the text.

The daughter of an unpopular Irish land agent, Aleen formed a love of animals, particularly horses, and her ambition to become a vet at an early age. After the untimely death of her father, she and her family moved to England, and she became the ward of a family friend, 'Fitz' Widdrington who with his wife Cecilia, lived in Northumberland.

A close friendship with their daughter Dorothy was soon established and the history of this enjoys frequent and detailed reference in the book.

Aleen's plans to qualify met with hurdles at every turn. Her mother, a woman of the bedchamber to the illiberal Queen Victoria, remained implacably opposed to her daughter's wishes throughout – it was then not thought proper for females to enter the professions and to do so as a vet was considered to be additionally inappropriate due to their

requirements to castrate male animals and insert their arms into their patients' rear orifices for example. The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons was adamantly hostile to the concept

of registering a woman into its ranks. Her older brother sided with her mother. All seemed bleak. But enter the comparatively liberal Fitz, Cecilia, Dorothy and Aleen's younger brother Orlando, who each encouraged Aleen to overcome the apparently insuperable obstacles. Fitz arranged for her to be given a place at the New Veterinary College in Edinburgh. Orlando died young but left her a significant bequest, thus enabling her to pay her course fees. Cecilia opened up her home to her and Dorothy's unquestioning and devoted friendship provided much of the spiritual strength and courage which she so sorely needed.

Aleen's dogged determination, in the face of many material privations and overt hostility from many of her fellow students, paid off and she passed her qualifying exams with flying colours. Enlightened and more experienced colleagues gave her the opportunity to gain practical experience and in due course she moved to Ireland, where a very charismatic and popular Willie Byrne took her on as his assistant. Her early visits to his clients involved many cold shoulders but as time progressed confidence in her abilities grew, prejudices faded and she became much sought after. Romance, perhaps inevitably, blossomed.

Ultimately, this was not to last and, after signal efforts caring for horses on the battlefields of the First World War Aleen moved back to England where she settled in Hampshire, dying aged 68. She had never reconciled with her mother or older brother but many years after her qualification she was eventually registered to practice by the RCVS, to which, ironically, she left £5,000 for veterinary research in

her will.

This fascinating account perfectly demonstrates how, with resolve, single-mindedness and fearlessness, a commitment to a cause can be heroically overcome. It will be attractive to local residents, animal lovers, romantics and, above all, those who aspire to achieve worthwhile goals in the teeth of irresolute unkindness, opposition and bigotry. *The Invincible Miss Cust* by Penny Haw. Sourcebooks Landmark. Paperback. 304pp. Anthony Heaton-Armstrong

CAMEO: Come and meet each other

In May CAMEO celebrated its birthday – the first one took place under the inspiring leadership of Lavinia Owen in May 2011 (to some of us it seems just the other day!). For this reason, and to toast the King as we tucked into Coronation Chicken, we treated ourselves to some wine at our May gathering – a treat hitherto reserved for Christmas and Easter!

We still have some of the original guests coming to enjoy lunch and company but many have joined in along the way. If you are over 65 (we can be flexible!) and would like to come and join us in St John's Itchen Abbas for a short service and lunch on the third Tuesday of every month you would be very welcome. Many of the original helpers are still in the team but again new people have stepped up so that no one needs to be available for every month.

If you would like to join in, in either capacity, or know of anyone who might enjoy coming do please get in touch with me on 779 778.

Charlotte Appleby

Easton and Martyr Worthy Cricket Club Update

EMWCC Women's Team Captain Charlie Gloyn reports that on Wednesday 3 May 'The Hampshire Trophy Roadshow' swung by EMWCC to catch up with our winning team, as the holders of the 2022 W10 Hampshire League. This was a photo opportunity with the Vitality Blast T20 Mens Trophy and the Charlotte Edwards Cup. It was a wonderful opportunity for the team to see these coveted and famous cricket trophies up close. A huge thanks to Simon Jones and Abi Randell from the Hampshire Cricket Board for organising the Roadshow and visiting our Club; what an honour it was to hold these



professionals' trophies aloft!

At the time of the King's Coronation, the start to the EMWCC summer season had been a sorry tale of cancelled matches due to the wet weather, giving our Groundsman Lee Padwick no chance to prepare a pitch for any games. All the planned April warm-up friendly matches fell victim to the weather. On Sunday 7 May our Men's team did manage to play their first game. A fixture in the National Village Cup, Away to Hook and Newnham Basics CC. On a low

scoring pitch with a soggy outfield Team Captain, Seb Stannard, top scored with 31 runs. Jordon Banks built on a batting performance of 28 runs off 19 balls with 3 for 32 from 6 overs. Oscar Hunwick also took 3 wickets. Eventually EMWCC lost by 3 wickets in the 40 over match and progress to the next round.

Some of the Juniors' teams have fared slightly better with their fixtures. On Sunday 30 April the U11s Boys A and B teams and the Girls U11s all recorded wins. On Sunday 7 May the Boys U9s A and B teams both won their games, played at the David Roth pitch or Princes Mead. The Friday evening Juniors training and social evenings have been well attended, despite the inclement weather. The bar is open and the burgers, hot dogs and Judes ice cream all remain very popular with the players; all parents and locals are welcome to attend to watch or participate. The evening runs in conjunction with U5s to U11s training, which takes place between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

EMWCC is very grateful to Adi Mandrekar, who has spent many hours this winter updating and improving our website www.emwcc.com. Adi has played for the Club for several years and is a skilled and experienced all-rounder, as well as an able website administrator! Adi enjoyed a stellar start to his 2023 League 2nd Team campaign. This was a Home fixture against Knowle Village CC 1st XI on Saturday 13 May and Adi took a 5 wicket haul from 3.2 overs, only going for 7 runs. He also batted out the EMWCC innings scoring 8 off 13 balls. Fred Trinder's 3 wickets and Jon Scowen's 53 not out, all contributed to a 6 wicket win for our mens XXII side.

Adrian Lee



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Easton WI

May was our AGM Meeting when we welcomed Claire Fuller the novelist and short story writer. She never intended to become a writer and her first career began in the 1980s with a degree in sculpting. She then ran a small marketing agency for 23 years before starting to write. Her first earnings from writing came after winning a short story competition at the Discovery Centre in Jewry Street which encouraged her to enrol and get an MA in Creative Writing at Winchester University. She didn't understand how books were written and explained that stories can almost be created in the edit; it is important to have a good literary agent and it can take over a year before a book is published. Claire has won many prizes, and her books have been translated into 20 languages.

Following on, Jill read Kyrene's Annual Report and thanked the Committee for their continuing support we then enjoyed delicious refreshments. Our meetings are held at 7.15pm on the second Thursday of each month in Easton Village Hall and we welcome visitors.

Sallie Peake



A Forte-fying brunch

Before a spot of shopping recently in Winchester, Food Spy visited Forte Kitchen for a quick brunch. Situated upstairs, above some shops on the High Street end of Parchment Street, it's not the most obvious place for a restaurant and feels rather tucked away, but that's no bad thing. There are two separate dining areas. Food Spy found the one on the left superior in terms of layout and natural light. Overall, the seating arrangements were comfortable, providing ample space to relax and enjoy one's meal. The decor was a tasteful blend of modern and traditional elements, creating an atmosphere that was both sophisticated and inviting. Foodwise, it was pricey, even for Winchester, but very tasty. Stand-outs on the menu were Sweetcorn Fritters, Eggs Benedict on a Watercress Muffin, Crispy Black Pudding with Spinach, Poached Eggs, Potato Rosti, Hollandaise and Alresford Watercress. The Watercress Muffin deserves a special mention - often they can lack taste but in Forte's case they were delicious. One could clearly taste the watercress and they had a pleasing greenish tint. There was also a good array of coffee options, juices, and freshly blended milkshakes and smoothies, if that's your thing. The staff were at all times attentive and efficient, offering menu suggestions and accommodating special requests - Food Spy is on a gluten-free diet. Overall, Forte Kitchen proved to be a great place to start Food Spy's day, the taste and quality of the food largely justifying the expense. Recommended for those who like a nice breakfast and don't mind paying for it.



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For the love of Cycling

The quickest way to get some exercise that I know is to go for a bicycle ride. When I lived in central Winchester I rode my large bike, with its big basket, nearly every day. It was so quick to pop into town for a rehearsal or a few items of shopping. I seldom walked. When we moved out here to the valley, however, it was a different matter. I found the hills dreadfully hard work and the only easy ride was along the river and back, but this soon palled. The answer of course was to get an electric bike! It's so delightful to ride up long hills without having to get off and push. Don't get me wrong – it is not a motorbike - you have to pedal all the time but the battery gives you various degrees of help according to the need.



Now I can go where I like, and within a reasonably short time can do eight or ten miles and feel that I've had a good work-out. There is a

good camaraderie amongst cyclists: I generally get a friendly wave as other enthusiasts zip past me, lycra-clad, legs pumping like pistons. No lycra for me, but I do tog up in helmet and sunglasses (to stop my eyes watering when whizzing down hills), bright jacket or hi-viz, balaclava on cold days. No wonder acquaintances look puzzled when I greet them out on the road! I tried off-road once, but it was so bumpy that I feared I might fall off or get a puncture, so I keep to roads. I did

fall off several times at the beginning, but the road is hard and the bruises were spectacular so I am very careful now.

I would recommend an electric bike to anyone who is getting on in years. It can open up new vistas when you thought your days of cycling were over.

Brigid McManus

Valley Quiz 14

1. What part did a Royal Peculiar play in the Coronation?
 2. 400 years ago, 750 copies of it appeared. It contained 36 of the 37 works. The first entry was tempestuous, but WS missed the occasion by seven years. What was it?
 3. What are the two principal differences between Marmite and Bovril?
 4. Who or what is/was the Vitruvian man?
 5. What was Pooh trying to do whilst aloft hanging onto a blue, or possibly a white, balloon?
 6. What is the lowest number of runs ever scored in a single innings in Test cricket?
Name the team that holds this dubious distinction.
 7. What spot on the earth's surface sees the largest concentration of migratory birds in spring and autumn?
 8. What is a Gansey?
 9. What links Kelso, Plumpton, Fontwell Park and Market Rasen?
 10. Born Jorge Bergoglio in Argentina, he now lives at Domas Sanctae Marthae in the world's smallest state. Who is he and what is the name of the State?
- Answers on page 40.



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The Practical Gardener

I get plants from many different places and thought sharing this experience might be useful. We might first turn to what we know as Garden Centres. I have good experience of Hilliers, a wide range and choice and easy to find things. Sadly, my salvias, bought from them with a label that says “hardy perennial” have not survived the winter. I have often visited George Beckett Nurseries which has a good range of shrubs and trees and staff on hand to help and advise. It's more difficult to find things, sometimes even for the staff, but most of their plants are in good shape. Becketts also have a useful website.



Homebase is also a useful source but here there is no certainty of what might be in stock. Prices are generally lower than most Garden Centres but there is only sporadic care of the plants, so care is needed when selecting.

My experiences buying online are rather different because of course you can't actually see what you are getting until it arrives. Even famous names have proved disappointing, a few downright dreadful. It astonishes me that some of these well-known names advertise widely when I would never buy from them again.

I have found Suttons reliable and if there is an issue, they respond and will replace plants which are unsatisfactory. Their “perfect perennial collection” is good value though I did find the plant designations were sometimes wrong. Woolmans have been equally good. It is astonishing to me that plants came with all sorts of labels like “treat with care”, “rush” and “do not fold”. So, I have plants which were dispatched on the Thursday before Easter and took a week to arrive. Dobies were such a one but they did replace plants. I have never had 100% success with mail order so in costing we must expect some plants will not survive. Half of the plants I bought last year from Gardening Express did not survive. Only one was replaced after a long fight with email. In one instance a small tree had no roots. It



pays to be careful.

I have bought “woodland mulch” from Gardoo and mulch from Apsley Farms and been very pleased with the product.

One general warning: quite a few plants did not survive our cold winter so think carefully for the future and check the details. We must expect big changes in our climate from now on. Happy Gardening.

Tony Gaster.

The Valley Gardeners visit royal Windsor

They say the sun shines on the righteous so The Valley Gardeners must have been behaving themselves in early May! As others were beset by thunder, lightning and heavy rain showers, we enjoyed calm and sun at The Savill Garden in Windsor on 9 May. This garden is a 35-acre haven of gardens, woodland and seasonal displays. Commissioned by George V and created by Eric Savill in 1932, today it is truly a garden for all seasons. In Spring, the woodlands were alive with trilliums, erythroniums and primulas and there was a good display of rhododendrons. The visitor centre is one of the finest I have ever seen and it features a stunning roof of interlocking larch laths. The shape, viewed from outside, reminded me of a manta ray with huge “wings” which are captured in motion.



We enjoyed a leisurely morning there and some of us even had lunch on the terrace. Our afternoon was spent cruising along the Thames. We set off from Runnymede and progressed towards Windsor Castle which had of course been the setting for the coronation concert only a few days before. We saw the extraordinary

stage which had been built for the occasion and had a good view of the castle as well as the properties along the river. A kingfisher sat preening on a branch and a turtle also sunbathed on a rock. Approaching a low bridge, our Captain said he would be lowering the roof of the boat to get under the bridge and indeed, the wooden roof began to sink down - perhaps by 60cm - powered by hydraulic pistons positioned on the boat's structure. It



was quite an experience.

As we tucked into a cream tea below decks on our way back from Datchet to Runnymede, we spotted another unusual sight. The Royal Horse Artillery horses, mounted soldiers and gun carriages were proceeding along the towpath next to our boat. It was such a wonderful sight and they were clearly practising for a performance at the Royal Windsor Horse show which was being set up that day. One way and another, we had a right royal day.

Catherine Hahn

Coronation Day Flypast.

Coronation day 6 May 2023 will be a day which many of us will remember all our lives, but none more so than those participating in the event. Soldiers, sailors and aviators from across the UK participated in ceremonial processions and a flypast to mark the historic event. One was Commander Amy Gaunt RN, Commanding Officer of 814 Royal Navy Squadron (also known as the Flying Tigers), one of the Royal Navy's frontline Anti-Submarine Warfare Merlin Mk2 Squadrons, whose parents live in Itchen Abbas. Flying in one of the two Merlin Mk2 Helicopters in the flypast, she said it was a proud moment that she will never forget and she felt honoured to be part of the day. The Fleet Air Arm Aircraft of the Royal Navy taking part in the flypast included two Merlin Mk2 helicopters from RNAS Culdrose as well as two Wildcat helicopters and 2 Merlin Mk4 Commando helicopters from RNAS Yeovilton.



Following extensive planning and rehearsals, the helicopters of the Fleet Air Arm formed up with other helicopters taking part in the formation at RAF Benson on the morning, before departing in formation to fly

over London.

The meteorological forecast for the Coronation Day was for poor visibility, low cloud and rain ... not ideal conditions for a flypast. Even on the day itself, it was touch and go as to whether any aircraft could appear in the sky above Buckingham palace for the culmination of the day's events. Practically with the low cloud, the flypast had to be scaled down, however, the Fleet Air Arm, Army Air



Corps and Royal Air Force military helicopter elements of the flypast and the Red Arrows prevailed.

The moment they flew over Buckingham palace, the pilots were focused hard on maintaining their position on other aircraft in the formation, whilst the rest of the crew were focussed on maintaining timings, talking on the radios and hoping to catch a glimpse of the newly crowned King and Queen. The pilots holding the aircraft in position can certainly empathise with the King's coronation day neck ache!

Commander Gaunt said she was

incredibly humbled to be part of it and actually in the sky above London during the flypast and acknowledges what a huge team effort it was that made the flypast a success. Met forecasters, engineers and air ops teams are just a few of the personnel involved in successful military aviation alongside aircrew!

Little Prince Louis pointed out the “choppers” to his father, the Prince of Wales, who alongside his father, the King, looked up to the skies above Buckingham palace. The King lifted his eyes, but dare not tilt his head too far in case the crown toppled off! The display of military helicopters, including Commander Gaunt, flew over Palace to the roars of the crowds below. A magnificent sight to conclude the day.
Linda Gaunt

The Coronation Theatre

I was fortunate to accompany my friend, a Guide at Westminster Abbey, to see the ‘Coronation Theatre’ before it was dismantled. There were no balloons or trampled streamers, just a chance to get up close and see the Coronation chair in situ, with the Stone of Scone still in place before it



travels back to Scotland. The space where the Coronation chair is usually on display is currently filled by the



Anointing Screen; an opportunity for a close view of the wonderful embroidery, including the inscription ‘All shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well’ from Julian of Norwich (c.1343-1416). The stunning gallery space in the triforium allows an awesome view of the nave and the Theatre from 70 feet above, enclosed by the soaring roof of Henry III’s 13th century Abbey.
Verity Coleman

The Coronation Concert

I was privileged to receive tickets in the ballot for the Coronation Concert. My son Julian joined me for what was a wonderful evening, helped enormously by the weather.

The marshalls jollied the queues along - quite a feat to get 20,000 people into the gardens of Windsor for the first time. The atmosphere was jubilant and the music sublime with a large enough crowd to create a party but it also felt

very intimate. There were some beautiful performances, all accompanied by a full orchestra and the sound quality was superb. The staging and lighting was stunning with the exceptional backdrop of the castle



and the mood from the audience really upbeat and positive throughout the whole event.



For Julian, he was really moved by the Community Choir. For me, it was Zak Abel (last minute stand in) who performed 'Don't You Forget About Me' to that amazing drone light show. Lionel Richie was a favourite of mine in



my younger days, so it was a treat to see him perform and I never thought I'd be jumping up and down to Take That but we did and it was a fantastic finale to a fabulous evening.

Helen Ellis-Brown

Tottle's Bottles answers

For those of you at the Itchen Abbas Coronation Party who couldn't work out the smells in the bottles, they were:

1. Peppermint Essence; 2. Worcester Sauce; 3. Methyalted Spirits; 4. Almond



Essence; 5. Tap Water; 6. Quince Liqueur; 7. Angostura's Bitters; 8. Rose Water; 9. Mead (Honey); 10. Witch Hazel.

The overall winner, with a total of six points, was Richard Hunt.

Arminel Tottle

From our Reverend Peter

"May he defend the cause of the needy..." (Psalm 72:4)

There are many reports on other pages looking back on the various events as we marked the coronation of King Charles III. For our part, within the church family, we were so pleased that it was possible to screen the service in St Mary's Easton and then to celebrate over a glass of wine whilst

the church bells rang out over the Valley. We owe an enormous thanks to Judy Bishop and Roger Booth for all that they had been doing, alongside others, in promoting the national initiative to 'Ring for the King'. Locally this meant that church bells were being rung in all the churches in the area - including in Avington where the bells have not been heard for some time.

And in Easton it meant that there was a large number of people who, over an hour or two, could all be called on to play their part in ringing for the king. The fact that so many new people have joined the team of ringers means we'll probably be hearing a lot more from them in the months and years ahead! Many people find it a powerful and evocative thing to hear bells ringing or to sense, in the phrase of John Betjeman, that one is being 'summoned by bells'.

As for the coronation itself, numerous column inches have been written, commenting on the blend of the old and the new, so I won't make further comment, except to highlight the power of what happened at the very beginning of the service. In response to the teenager's welcome, the king quoted from the words of Jesus: "I have come not to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45). That set the tone for the service so well. And quoting those words was all the more important because they were originally spoken, so Christians affirm, by one who was himself the true King of Kings. This understanding of Christ as the ultimate King then underpinned the rest of the service, as King Charles made his own oaths and promises under Christ.

How much we all need to learn from Christ's example - both as individuals

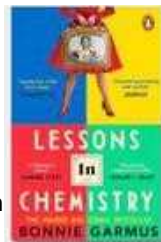
and as a nation - of what it means, in any leadership roles we may have, to exercise that leadership in a spirit, not of pride, but of service, and in seeking not our own prestige but rather the 'common good'.

With best wishes and prayers.

Revd Peter

LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY

This is a first, and original novel by Bonnie Garmus, acclaimed by the Press as a bestseller. From our own experience we all know how different people can be, some are very



different in personality and character. We encounter clever and intelligent people who do not relate well to others, perhaps because they are impatient with individuals of lesser intellect, or are themselves overly focussed on their own special interests. They may be respected, but may not be liked. Calvin Evans and Elizabeth Zott are two such unusual personalities, committed to the pursuit of research in Chemistry and unflinchingly direct in challenging factually incorrect statements and prejudice. American culture in the workplace in the twentieth century was largely male-dominated and biased against women, and Ms Zott is totally unaccepting of such prejudice Underlying the themes of chemistry and prejudice, this is a story about the unrelenting search for excellence in a subject about which you believe passionately, and about not accepting the irrational obstruction put up by others. These are laudable principles, but be prepared for resentment by

those who hold differing views!
The book is amusing, sad, imaginative, mostly credible and ends unexpectedly. Despite being so unusual, it held my full attention throughout, and left me reflecting on the extraordinary varied characters of people.

Henry Labram

Domestic pollution of our chalk streams

Do you have a cesspit, septic tank, or sewage treatment plant? You may not know that these off-mains systems can massively impact their local environment by causing chronic sewage pollution. This slow, subtle, long-term pollution can easily go unnoticed, but can be costly for system owners and dangerous for wildlife. So writes Sophie Evingar, the Watercress and Winterbournes Communications Officer.



Sewage is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, which are natural fertilisers. When they get into our chalk streams – either directly or from the land – they encourage the rapid growth of algae. These algal blooms starve the streams of sunlight and oxygen, with devastating consequences for mayflies, brown trout, and water voles.

Luckily, expensive repairs and environmental harm can be avoided with a little know-how. Owners are legally responsible for ensuring that their system is suitable for their property, as well as the number of residents. They must schedule frequent emptying and maintenance, and perform regular checks for signs of trouble. It is also important to take care about what enters your system, as the wrong additions could make it inefficient or non-functional. Oil, fat, food waste, 'flushable' wipes, and sanitary products can cause blockages. Medicines, chemicals, bleach, and drain cleaner can kill the bacteria that help to break down the waste.

Learn more about how to keep your system safe and effective with the Septic Smart project – visit www.hiwwt.org.uk/septicsmart. Our work is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

As told to Catherine Hahn.

Jackie's County Corner

Social tariffs: Social tariffs for utilities are special discounted deals available to certain low-income customers. Many people are not aware that this applies to Broadband too. They're generally cheaper than standard broadband tariffs, starting at just £12 a month. They also usually aren't subject to price rises or exit fees. Whether you're eligible depends on your broadband provider. Some offer social tariffs to recipients of the following benefits: universal credit, pension credit (guarantee credit), income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance and income-based employment and support allowance. Some providers include

other benefits, too. The account holder must be the person receiving the benefit to be eligible. Think this might apply to you? Are you wondering how to apply for other utilities social tariffs? More details are on my website www.jackieporter.co.uk

How will your children get to school in September? Will your child need school transport organised by or subsidised by the local authority? If you are worried about the cost of travel for your children between yr R and yr 13, please get in touch with the School Transport team at HCC as early as you can, even if you are not yet sure where your child is going to school or college.

The cost of SEND transport for years 12 and 13 is rising in September by a massive 27% to reflect the increased costs of the service, so you may want consider appealing for your family.

The School Transport team are there all through the summer but receive up to 600 calls a day!! So, it's best to get in touch as soon as possible.

Details are on the www.hants.gov.uk website.

Please don't forget that both Hampshire and Winchester Councils have asked Citizens

Advice to help distribute Household Support packages money to those who need help too.

The County diverts some of this money to the Community Pantries in the County (there is one at Unit 12, Wnnall) to enable any resident to obtain £15 worth of food for just £5. You can self-refer to a food bank too. At this point, I'd also like to thank our pantry and food bank volunteers who make all this possible. Contact Citizens Advice by phone, in person or online.

Volunteer to help next time? As

memories of May fades, can I say again, 'thank you' to the organisers, helpers of the Coronation Street parties and big lunches? Whether a Royalist or not, if you enjoyed meeting up with your neighbours, please think how you can do the same again- maybe this year, maybe next. Could you help organise your local event? The next 'Big Lunch' will be in May 2024!

Councillor Jackie Porter, tel: 01962 791054 or 07973 696 085

Easton Bridge

Local bridge players of all abilities are very welcome at Easton Bridge. Play is on the first Monday morning of every month at 9.15am in the Easton Village Hall. Play is with duplicate boards with bidding boxes. These are easily learned about for those more used to rubber bridge. Simon Broadley would be happy to explain the procedure beforehand (tel 779435). To allow us to organise a relaxed event we need to know in advance whether or not you are attending. The next sessions will be on 5 June, and 3 July. If you plan to join us one morning, to support organisation in advance, it is helpful if beforehand you inform David Poole dap779721@hotmail.com

News from the News

A big 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. If you have been busy and not yet got around to it, but would still like to support us, please would you do one of the following: send a cheque to me at, 1 School Lane, Itchen Abbas, Hants,

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Michael Smith, Treasurer

From our MP

Good news: extra funding recently announced by the Government means schools in Winchester will get extra funding as part of an additional £2 billion investment announced in the Budget. Each primary school will receive approximately an extra £35,000, and £200,000 for a secondary school. The Institute for Fiscal Studies says this uplift will mean 2024–25 will be the highest spending year in history for our schools which means funding is set to rise faster than forecast inflation in each of the next two years. Schools received their first payment in May and will be able to choose how best to invest the extra funding, including to pay for teacher salary uplifts and teaching assistants. The remainder of the £2 billion will be used to increase Pupil Premium funding rates which supports disadvantaged pupils, local authorities' high needs budgets, and special schools, making sure every child with special educational needs and disabilities receives the support and high quality education they deserve. I am committed to delivering on one of my local priorities, including investing in a high quality schools to support young people to reach their full potential, particularly those who face challenges or who need extra support. No-one is pretending school budgets won't

remain under pressure – and I know the issue of falling school rolls is a real challenge for some – but this is welcome news.

Sticking with education, I recently visited Peter Symonds College to meet the Principal and understand planned future changes between BTEC and T-Levels. The impact this could have is stark given, from 2025, many BTEC courses will no longer funded. The sector claims this will greatly limit choice especially outside London



where, for instance, media and other arts courses will struggle to secure the appropriate work placement needed to satisfy T-Level requirements. I am now working with PSC and the Sixth Form Colleges Association and am seeking a debate in the Commons on the subject. I think there's a real issue with the Government pulling back from BTECs, in favour of T-Levels, especially where there is no equivalent in the new qualification. My Symonds time also included the official opening recently (pictured with former Principal, Steven Carville) of the new Carville Building which will house the business, economics and criminology classes. The building is a result of a successful bid for funding from the Department of Education which I supported.
Steve Brine MP

From the Parish Council

We held our Annual Parish Meeting (APM) at the end of April and our Annual General Meeting (AGM) after the elections in May.

Thank you to all who came to the APM.



We had an interesting talk by Terry Norton, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, who then answered a number of questions. On the topic of the Cart and Horses Junction he did not know why it was taking so long for the Police to produce their report on the fatal incident which happened last September. He questioned as to why it was necessary, given the history of incidents at the junction, to wait for the Police report before doing anything. It could not have made our point better. With this extra bit of ammunition we will continue to pursue those who appear to want to delay taking any action, immediate or long term, to improve safety at this notorious road junction.

Following the unopposed election of a majority of Parish Councillors three places have since been filled by co-option. As happens every year at our AGM membership of our Committees, Working Groups and specific roles have been shared out. Please look at our website for the details. In the case of working groups you do not have to be on the Parish Council to participate. Their meetings are informal and it is a good way to get an insight into some crucial

aspects of Parish Council work. So if you are interested in our footpaths and bridleways or environment matters please let us know, come along and join in.

The next big and very important event for everyone in the Valley is the Green Homes Fair organised by our Environment Working Group. This will take place on Sunday 18 June between 10.30am and 12.30pm in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall. Please see the advertisement on page 37.

It will start with a short talk by Scott Croucher, the contractor who installed the Hall's solar system with questions afterwards and followed by the opportunity to talk with those who have knowledge of or experience of some of the methods and equipment we can use to cut our carbon footprint, including; solar panels, heat pumps, insulation and recycling. Come and see the newly installed Solar PV system in operation at the Village Hall and remember this was funded in part by a number of residents who joined in the crowd funding. Perhaps it will encourage others in the Valley with suitable large roof areas to do the same.

As a community we have a large majority who have agreed that climate change is the most important long term issue we face today. If we care about what we leave for future generations then anyone and everyone should be looking to see what they can do. However small they feel their contribution might be, every little helps. So please come along on 18 June and find out more, whether for your own home or for one of the communal buildings in the Valley; preferably both. See you all there.
Patrick Appleby, IVPC Chairman.

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The Ark

Becky Clark writes: We had a fabulous time at the first of our new outdoor parish kids club on the 23 April at St. Mary's Church Easton. We explored Jesus appearing after the resurrection by imagining him visiting us for tea. Many different people saw Jesus after he died, on one occasion Jesus appeared to over five hundred people at one time. Twenty children from our villages enjoyed the outdoor fun on Sunday. We had a cupcake bakery where we decorated mud cupcakes with flowers, petals and leaves. We made clay models of ourselves listening to Jesus - some modelled themselves sitting listening intently, others modelled the food they would serve Jesus. We finished with a heated scavenger hunt, boys vs girls. Each team planted clues to the hidden chocolate prize to help the other team find their reward. The children absolutely loved it. The adults enjoyed the gentle sounds of laughter making its way into the service. Everyone felt God's presence. Hot chocolate and cupcakes homemade by Jill made the morning extra special. Join us on the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Mary's Church Easton 10-11am.

Abbotstone Barn

As an Itchen Valley resident, I wanted to let everyone know about Abbotstone Barn, a specifically designed converted barn that is big enough for 70 and intimate enough for 10.

Abbotstone Barn is nestled on The Grange Estate and provides a versatile space for local business and fellow Itchen Valley residents. The Barn has

been the backdrop for many corporate retreats and meetings as well as private functions including parties, private dining, and wakes. The Barn is completed by Becka, the onsite food wizard. She is the mistress of menus, knowing everything about Abbotstone Barn and, above all, her food is scrumptious. Becka loves to incorporate locally sourced ingredients, which will always be appropriate for the season. If anyone would like more information about Abbotstone Barn, the very friendly events team at The Grange can assist you.

Vertity Coleman

Meet the new Headmaster

Becky Clarke interviewed Rob Bogan, Headmaster at Itchen Abbas Primary School recently.

What drew you into the teaching profession?

I have wanted to be a teacher since I was very young. My grandad was a headteacher in Winchester for many years (many people still remember him!), so I wanted to follow in his footsteps. When I was in secondary school (Perins), I had an incredible drama teacher called Mrs Mackie; she was the most inspirational teacher and developed my confidence to allow me to believe in myself and always said that I could do anything I wanted – so a big part of my career I owe to her.

How long have you been a Head Master and why did you apply for this role?

I am extremely proud to have been selected by the Governing Body as the next Headteacher of Itchen Abbas Primary School from Easter this year. I have been in education for over 10 years and have taught in different schools across Hampshire. For the past

eight years I have been the senior leader and Inclusion Manager at Itchen Abbas and I wanted to become Headteacher to build on the successes that I have helped shape, and because I love this school and being part of the community. My aim in the first term is to deepen our roots by ensuring all we do is shaped and driven by our school vision and values so that we are doing the right things, in the right way, for the right reasons and with the right heart.

As someone who significantly influences the direction of the school, what is your vision and values for the next 5 years?
I passionately believe that all children are entitled to the highest quality teaching and learning. Ensuring this happens, is the most important part of the role of Head teacher. I want all children to be enthusiastic about learning, have the opportunities to develop their independence and strive to reach their potential. My vision is to further strengthen our school culture to ensure all children achieve academic excellence and leave the school as well-rounded, self-reflective members of our community. At Itchen Abbas all children will continue to be taught to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes and enjoy learning. This has been a big focus of our work on self-compassion over the past few years and is an area I am keen to work with parents to develop further. I am also looking forward to continue developing opportunities for outdoor learning and working with the community to strengthen our links and work together to enable all children to be successful, confident members of society.

What do you hope will be your legacy?
It might be a bit early to be thinking

about my legacy after only a few weeks, but at this stage, I hope that all children will talk about me in the way I hear people talking about my grandad – someone who truly cared about the lives of the children in the school and always wanted to strive to do better: that's what the children deserve.

How can the community get involved in the school?

If you live in the village or have never been to the school before, come and say hello - we would love to show you around! If you have time to hear children read, want to volunteer to help with gardening, or if you want to help shape the future of the school, you can apply to be a 'co-opted' Governor. We have lots of events throughout the year which are open to the whole community and I want to develop these even further in the future – so watch this space!



What are you reading at the moment?

Well, I have a three-and-a-half-year-old, so I spend most of my time reading *The Smartest Giant in Town* or *The Gruffalo!* If I do get five minutes... I do enjoy reading crime fiction, especially anything by Simon Kernick.

How would the children describe you?

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The Festival of Toy Trains

The Festival of Toy Trains started in the community centre in Alresford in 1993 to raise funds for the local playgrounds. When that project was complete I continued with the show raising money for the Save the Children, Scouts and other groups. It moved to Perins School in 2000 and is now the largest vintage toy train show in the UK.

This year will be the 29th show with over 20 layouts including Hornby O Gauge, electric and clockwork, Hornby-Dublo 2 and 3 Rail, Tri-ang TT, 00 gauge and Big Big, two Lego layouts and a Lego play area, Trix, Victorian Layout, Coronation Layout, Live Steam Trains and outdoor trains. Over 60 sales tables selling

old and new toy and model Trains and Accessories, the Scouts will organise a BBQ and Real Ale plus refreshments all day.

A vintage Bus will operate between Perins, Alresford Station and Old Alresford Fete.

It is a great family day out with people coming from all over the Country and from abroad. See page 35 for details.



Alresford Surgery Update

Be tick aware!

It's the perfect conditions for these mini beasts. Here's a helpful reminder of some simple 'tick tips' if you're out walking. These tiny insects, which can transmit bacteria such as Lyme disease, are most active between spring and autumn. When out walking, remember to keep to footpaths, avoiding long grass. 'Tick tips' for walkers include:

- wear appropriate clothing (a long-sleeve shirt and trousers tucked into your socks);
- use an insect repellent;
- wear light coloured fabrics that may help you spot a tick on your clothes;
- inspect your skin for ticks, particularly at the end of the day, including your head, neck and skin folds (armpits, groin and waistband)
- check your children's head and neck areas, including their scalp (skin on top of their head)
- check that pets do not bring ticks into your home in their fur.

If you do get bitten by a tick, removing it quickly and correctly can help to reduce any potential risk. The only safe way to remove a tick is to use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, or an easy-to-use device which can be purchased from pharmacies or vets. Then: grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouthparts left in the skin can cause a local infection

Once removed, apply antiseptic to the bite area and keep an eye on it for several weeks for any changes. Contact your GP if you begin to feel unwell or develop a circular red skin rash, often described as a bull's-eye

rash, and remember to tell them that you were bitten by a tick.

See NHS Choices for more information <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

NHS England and NHS Improvement have developed a new service called The Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) to alleviate pressure on GP appointments and emergency departments. If you phone us with a minor condition, you may be referred to the local Pharmacy for a face to face consultation with the Pharmacist. Our reception team will listen to your symptoms, assess if you are suitable from a list of criteria and then refer you to a community pharmacy, where you can go along for a face to face consultation with the Pharmacist.

Some of the things that form part of the scheme are bites and stings, colds, congestion, ear and eye problems, gastric and bowel issues including indigestion and constipation, hayfever, pain or swelling, skin problems such as eczema, warts, verrucas and athlete's foot, mouth and throat problems. Once the Pharmacist has assessed you, they will recommend a suitable treatment. Should the Pharmacist not be able to help you or your ailment needs to be escalated or referred to an alternative service, the pharmacist can then arrange this.

Have you had your NHS Health Check? The NHS Health Check is a check-up for adults in England aged 40 to 74. It can help spot early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia. *Continued on P.38.*

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Retirement of Dr. Jane Stebbing

Dr. Jane Stebbing will be retiring at the end of June. Jane joined the Surgery as a trainee in 1987 and in 1990 became a Partner at the practice. Jane enjoyed a career break from the practice after the arrival of her second son but then re-joined us part time as a salaried GP after this. Jane has been a massive part of our clinical team here at the surgery over the last 30 plus years!

We are going to miss her dreadfully, as her patients will too but wish her all the best with what retirement holds for her.

From around the Valley

Kevin Ratcliffe captured these beautiful pictures in his Mother's garden in the Itchen Valley. Tulips and Rhododendrons on display. Please do send us your photos.





Sunday 4 June

10am - Parish Communion - St Mary's, Easton
4pm Café Church - Itchen Abbas Village Hall

Sunday 11 June

8.30am - Holy Communion (said) - St John's, Itchen Abbas
10am - All Age Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas
6pm - Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

Sunday 18 June

10am - Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
5pm - Evening Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 25 June

8.30am - Holy Communion (1662) - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
10am - Valley Worship - St Mary's, Easton

The Ark - Our Parish Kid's Club

We have relaunched in our new regular slot, on the 4th Sunday in the month, during the Valley Worship service at St Mary's Church, Easton. We will be based outside in the churchyard during the summer months. It is aimed for **children from 3 -11 years** and will be lots of fun - a chance to make new friends, take part in crafts, activities and adventures - **everyone is welcome**.

If you would like any further information, please email Beccy on admin@itchenvalleychurches.org - **we do hope to see you there!**

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Quiz Answers

1. Windsor Abbey is a Royal Peculiar and, is under the jurisdiction of a Dean and Chapter, subject to the Sovereign and not an Archbishop or Bishop.
2. William Shakespeare's First Folio was published in 1623 and about 7 years after he died. It contains 36 of his 37 plays with The Tempest featuring first.
3. Marmite is a vegetarian product whilst Bovril is beef stock. Marmite has five ingredients; Bovril has 19.
4. It was a drawing by Leonardo da Vinci of a nude man in two superimposed positions with arms and legs apart and positioned in both a square and a circle.
5. Collect some honey from a bees' nest at the top of a tree.
6. New Zealand in the 2nd Test against England in 1955. In 27 overs, they scored 26 runs.
7. The Strait of Gibraltar. It is the narrowest crossing point of the Mediterranean for the millions of birds migrating between Africa and Europe in the Spring and autumn.
8. It is traditional seamless, woollen, jumper knitted in 5 ply British oil wool with a distinctive pattern at the top. It is knitted in the North East of England for fishermen.
9. They are all racecourses.
10. Pope Francis. He lives in the Vatican City.

Local monthly information

Itchen Valley area waste collections:

Black and brown garden bins on 16 and 30 June
Green bins on Fridays 9 and 23 June
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Hampshire Farmers' Market in Winchester

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Full Parish Council Meetings:

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Saturday 08:23 11:23 14:23
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Monday to Friday
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Saturday: 09:19 12:19 15:19
18:09

No Sunday or bank holiday service.

Key: Sch School days only
NSch School holidays only

All times shown are at Itchen Abbas. Times are 5 minutes later (or earlier) at Easton.

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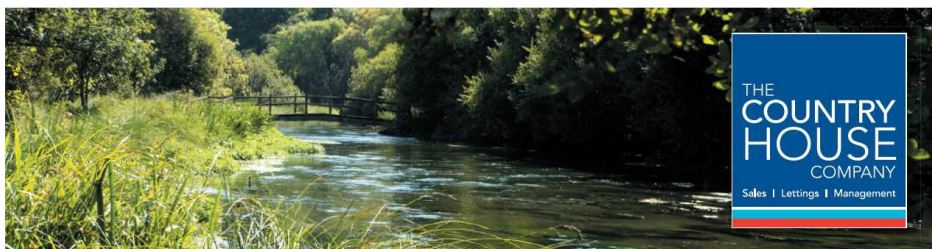
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