

OCTOBER 2026

BENTWORTH, LASHAM, AND SHALDEN PARISH MAGAZINE

**St. Mary's Bentworth; St. Mary's Lasham;
St. Peter and St. Paul Shalden**

Dear Friends,

How the seasons change. I am writing this on what is described officially as the first day of Meteorological Autumn. No doubt many of us are relieved to see the back of the exceptionally hot and dry summer, whilst others will mourn its passing. But with mention of the term Meteorological Autumn, as an Engineer it is in my nature to ask searching questions and so I thought, "What other Autumns are there?" The answer surprised me as there are four types of Autumn. They all have technical names but are defined by different criteria such as the calendar and climate; the position of the sun; the seasonal changes in nature and finally social and cultural customs.

There is much to be enjoyed in Autumn, for example the glorious rich colours as the season turns, and the changing light which is an amateur photographer's dream. But there will also be those who struggle with the shortening days and lengthening nights that Autumn heralds.

We don't know what this year's Autumn will be like, given the threat of a wet and stormy period from the developing El Niño weather event in the Pacific. But one regular event that will happen will be millions of leaves changing colour and falling off trees. This will happen at different rates depending on tree species, local climate and geography. There will be those trees which seemingly give up their leaves early and easily and yet others which seem to want to cling onto their leaves until the bitter end despite potential storms and heavy rainfall.

This scenario illustrates that Autumn is essentially a season of letting go, as summer gives way to winter. The trees let go of their leaves and the earth rests, all part of the cycle of creation that makes way for something new. It seems to me also that 'letting go' is a fundamental part of what it means to be a Christian. We often find ourselves having to let go of things that have been important to us to give God space to do something new.

In the opening verses of John 15, in which we find Jesus described as the True Vine, we are reminded that sometimes a branch that bears fruit needs to be pruned so that it can bear more fruit – this is a letting go.

In Church life, it may be necessary for us to experience something that feels like Autumn. We sometimes need to let go of things that have been important in the life of a church for many years. The classic example here is the removal of church pews and their replacement by chairs and other facilities. This can be a highly emotive and contentious subject, because church pews contain so many memories and stories attached to them, and there is a profound sense of sadness and loss. But amidst the sorrow, there are glimpses of hope and anticipation as churches look forward to the new things that might have space to grow.

I have seen this play out in several churches in my time. Once the conflict is over, the new furniture, facilities and layouts have brought innumerable blessings in the opening out of the spaces and the influx of new activities and many new people to enjoy the new possibilities.

Letting go is never easy..... but it is never the end.

I leave the last word to the Prophet Isaiah:

Do not remember the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

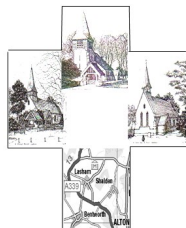
(Isaiah 43:18-19)

Yours in Christ, Rev'd Peter Owen-Jones.



THE VILLAGER

the editor



Please send copy for the **November** Magazine to the Editor or your Village Correspondent **by noon on Tuesday 13th October.**

There are 2 more new advertisers this month – do look for them!

I have been asked to move the Bentworth Care Group Drivers for the month to page 4. I do hope those of you who are used to seeing them on page 3 will still find them!

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BENTWORTH

BENTWORTH CARE GROUP

Jackie Crawford

The members on duty for medical appointments in in October are;

Boyd McCleary 07473 473 731; Janet Martin-Kerr 07808 933 916;

Sigi Hill 07710 460 596.

We are also happy to do shopping or pick up prescriptions for those unable to do so themselves.

The Care Group have recently welcomed 4 new members, Janet Martin-Kerr, Sue Brooking, Sigi Hill and Jo Fawcett. Thank you to them. Please do call them and make them feel wanted!

Bentworth Care Group Summer Tea Party and Quiz

Our annual tea party took place on 15th August with a delicious and extremely high calorie tea provided by the Care Group members at Wivelrod Barns.

Thank you
again to Mark
and Susie.



The 'little grey cells' were dusted off for a brain teasing quiz which was hotly contested but finally won by the pink team.





THE MUCK IN COFFEE MORNING

Now the Bank Holidays are over for a while we will be meeting every Monday from 10.30-11.30am in Parsonage Farm Barn, for tea / coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake (especially when someone has a birthday!)

Do come and join us, just for £1, most of which goes to charity. We would love to have new faces to join the regulars!



RINGING TO WELCOME THE NEW RECTOR

We rang Plain Bob Doubles to celebrate the induction of the new Rector, Revd Tim Gomm, to St Mary Bentworth.

The Bentworth regular bellringers received additional help from friends within the Winchester Diocese.

The band consisted of

1. Katryn Eagland (Bentworth)
2. Julia Day (Bentworth)
3. Kathryn Carter (Alton St Lawrence)
4. Sue Smith (New Alresford)
5. Jason Clements (Ropley - conductor)
6. Jessica Hay (New Alresford)

(Jason has mentored the band since the death of Chris Hurley.)

You will hear us ring prior to Sunday services and on every other Monday at 7.30pm when we hold our practices which alternate with Chawton.

We also ring for weddings, funerals and christenings.

Julia Day



BENTWORTH CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

Charlie Phillips

The annual Churchyard tidy up will be carried out on Saturday 31st October starting at 9.30am finishing around lunchtime, or whenever anyone has had enough! If the weather is against us then the fall back date is Saturday 7th November at 9.30am.

The churchyard is for everyone to enjoy and it would be great to see as many people as possible to help get it ready for winter. If you are able to come Travis Perkins, Alton along even for a short time we would be delighted to see you.

Please come along with gardening gloves, rakes, strimmers, cutters or anything else you think would be helpful.

Tea, coffee and cakes/biscuits will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you.



BENTWORTH GARDEN CLUB FINAL GARDEN VISIT OF THE YEAR!

Sarah Whitley

On a balmy evening in August, Bentworth Garden Club made an eagerly anticipated visit to the new garden of a former committee member, near Well.

Hidden behind a large barn, which has been transformed into an amazing abode, lay a wonderful surprise. The garden was a place of great interest and delight, with something to catch the eye at every turn.

Kathryn, Charles and the indispensable Kenny had worked incredibly hard to create this very special garden, and their dedication was evident throughout. Mixed planting included some much-loved favourites, lovingly transported from Bentworth, giving the garden a wonderful sense of continuity and connection.

The vegetable garden was quite simply to die for! Beautifully productive, especially the squashes! it was a joy to see. Around the house, sweet peas, roses and grasses mingled with a selection of drought-tolerant plants, creating a relaxed and natural planting scheme that seemed perfectly suited to its surroundings.

Beyond the immediate garden, the planting gave way to the surrounding fields, with magnificent views stretching towards Petersfield.

It was clear that this garden had been created with enormous enthusiasm, hard work and imagination. With its vegetable garden, thoughtful planting, beautiful views and peaceful setting, it provided plenty of inspiration — and made for a thoroughly memorable evening for Bentworth Garden Club.

WELCOME TO BENTWORTH

“Fred” Moir

Marius Slave and Carmen Enciu and now the proud owners of No 12 Glebe Fields. They are both from Romania and have found their “Forever Home” in our lovely village, after searching in the local area for some time. They are now working hard to bring the house up-to-date.

We hope that they will be very happy in this quiet and peaceful rural community.

WELCOME TO BENTWORTH

“Fred” Moir

The Kesterton family have just arrived from Basingstoke to live at Broomhill which is at the end of New Copse. The family comprises Naomi and Toby together with their 4 daughters. The oldest is Ella and her 3 sisters are triplets Mia, Cat, and Sophia. Soon they will all be returning to universities, which are scattered around the country.

There is much work ahead of them in their new home, but they are looking forward to “getting stuck in” to arranging the house and garden to suit them all. The attraction of village life with land, was the great draw.

We are sure that they all will be very happy in our lovely village and the surrounding countryside.

WAITING FOR THE ECLIPSE

Jenny Lewis



**Bentworth
Cricket Club**

Richard Hill
Bentworth Cricket Club welcomes new playing members to join the team for 2026 season. The club plays in Hampshire Cricket League at a competitive but friendly level. Matches are played every Saturday afternoon from the first weekend in May through to end of August. Indoor nets are held at Alton College on Tuesday evenings in the winter and spring months and outdoor nets at our beautiful ground during the summer.

The club also runs a number of fun and fund raising events to ensure we are a full part of village life.

If you are interested please contact Richard Hill (07887821326) or Ken Thomas (07769 947033) in the first instance.

We look forward to meeting you.

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Scott Neville

Join us to discuss Speeding, Traffic, and New Parish Benches

Last month I wrote about a presentation evening to discuss speeding. This is scheduled for 13th October 17:30 at the Jubilee Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss speeding and traffic in the village and what can be done. We have generated mock-ups of three potential options which the councillors think are sensible. We have tried to strike a balance between cost and effectiveness while trying to avoid urbanising the village. None of these mock-ups are a proposed design or something we have agreed to go ahead with, they are just ideas based on the work Hampshire Highways has done elsewhere. These mock-ups only look credible in colour, so unfortunately, I am unable to include them here. But they can be accessed via our website, and we will have physical copies at the next parish council meeting on the 6th October.

We would like to hear as many views as possible on the 13th and any feedback does not have to be constrained to the mock-ups.

As this is not a formal Parish Council meeting, we will not be making any decisions at this point, and any decisions will be made at a future meeting where those decisions will be listed on the agenda. Please note, if we pursue the Community Funded Infrastructure programme this requires formal consultation, so this is only the very first step in what could be a long journey.

In addition to this, we have some money allocated to purchase some benches for the parish. At the meeting, we will have a large map where you will be able to mark where you think they should go.

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LASHAM

LASHAM COFFEE MORNING

Anthea Del Mar



A memorable morning to open the Autumn season! And again the re-ordered Church provided the ideal venue.

It was Mark and Angela Dewdney's 41st wedding anniversary - many congratulations! What better way to celebrate your wedding anniversary? Incidentally, Google says a gift should be land related, so a mansion might be an idea, Mark? Or maybe a garden fork?

We had all sorts of very welcome guests. We were delighted to have Karen Gomm, wife of our new rector, with us. It was hugely appreciated that she managed to fit us in during what must be a very busy time as they settle into their

new life in Alton. Thank you, Karen.

And it was lovely to have Joanne, looking very pretty in pink, escorting her Mum, Lynn Clifford. And VERY special to have Maggie Shaylor up from Alton - such a joy to have her with us.





Sarah produced all sorts of delicious cake, and Katrina contributed an amazing plate of brownies straight from the oven, so no one needed any lunch.



The next coffee morning is to be hosted by Sandra and Tony Knight on **Monday 5th October**, in the Church.

Everyone warmly welcomed.

SHALDEN

St PETER & St PAUL GUILD OF MARTHA

Kirsty Ennever

October

3 Jane Shirvell / Lin Baxter
10 Karen Saponaro / Lynne Hignett
17 Michele Rankin / Kirsty Ennever
24 Rozanne Wilson / Rosalind Ommanney
31 Debbie Todd / Silvia Blake

November

7 Jane Shirvell / Lin Baxter
14 Karen Saponaro / Lynne Hignett
21 Michele Rankin / Kirsty Ennever
28 Rozanne Wilson / Rosalind Ommanney

MOVING ON...

Loraine Champness

Ian and Joy Wigg, who have been living in the Thatched Cottage for approximately 10 years, moved at the end of August to Upper Wield. It was a slow process for them to find somewhere, and a wrench for them to leave such a characterful home, but hopefully by the time this is printed they will have settled in well.

2026 SHALDEN BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Shalden Bonfire and Fireworks will take place at 6:00pm on Saturday 7th November, at Shalden Recreation Ground. We look forward to welcoming everyone for a wonderful evening of fireworks, hot food and a splendid bonfire.

All are welcome and bring along some friends! Entry will be on the gate at £8 per person (this includes a hot sausage on a stick and a cup of homemade soup), children under 5 have free entry. We are able to take both cash and card payments, and a range of drinks will be available for purchase, including warm mulled wine, beer and soft drinks.

Afandi Darlington



SHALDEN GARDENING CLUB

Mark Ommanney

On Saturday 5th September Shalden Gardening Club gathered for the judging of the largest courgette (or was it a marrow?!) competition. There was an excellent attendance and a good range courgette sizes on display, the tiny plants having been given out in the spring. This was to win the prestigious and much sought after Mike Trapaud Cup, Mike having previously run the Club for very many years.

Fish weighing scales were kindly provided by Christine Nichols and one by one the courgettes were hoisted into the bag hooked under them by Mark Ommanney whilst David Lancaster wrote down the weights of the courgettes. It was a hotly contested competition and in the end in 3rd place, weighing in at 8 lbs 2 oz was Christine Nichols' courgette; in 2nd place was Wally Hunt with his courgette weighing 11 lbs 6 oz and in 1st place was Rosalind Ommanney's courgette weighing 13 lbs 6 oz. What to do now with such a huge



vegetable is another matter!



A big thank you to everyone who took part and who brought along their courgettes.

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The CHURCH

Wendy Burnhams



Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss? The Bereavement Journey is a seven week programme of short videos and focussed conversations, providing a safe space for you to process your bereavement and discern your next steps. Topics include attachment; separation and loss; difficult feelings; rites of passage; the impact and pain of bereavement; coping with others; coping with change; moving forward; and an optional session on questions of faith.

Friday mornings: 10am – 12 noon,

2nd October – 13th November 2026, at The Alton Maltings Centre.

Suggested voluntary contribution £30 (for the whole course).

To book your place, or to find out more about it, please email

bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk

or phone Wendy Burnhams 07514 280 362

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CRIME PREVENTION

YOUR

UPDATE



Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Edition 91, August 2026

Protect your motorbike or moped

Motorbike theft remains a significant issue, but a few simple precautions can greatly reduce the risk.

- Always lock your motorcycle with a quality disc lock, chain, or ground anchor, and use more than one security device where possible.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas or secure garages, and consider fitting a tracker.
- Covering your motorcycle can also make it less attractive to thieves by concealing its make and model.
- Remove keys from the ignition, even when leaving the bike for a short time.
- Layering security measures gives thieves more obstacles and helps keep your motorcycle safe.

#LOVEYOURBIKE

Motorbikes, scooters and mopeds are great, but they're light and easy to steal. **Show your bike some love, before a thief does.**



For further information and advice take a look at this leaflet from Secured by Design:
[sbd-security-leaflet-motorcycles-scooters.pdf](#)

Secured by Design



Fake messages from water companies

Nationally there has been an increase in fake communications purporting to be from a local water supplier. The messages appear genuine, using authentic logos and professional language.

Messages could be in any form e.g. text, email, social media etc:

- *"There is now a hosepipe ban. Click here to see if your area is affected."*
- *"You are eligible for a free water-saving kit. Click here to claim it."*
- *"Your water bill is changing due to restrictions. Update your payment details here."*

Clicking on the links will take you to genuine-looking fake websites designed to steal your personal and financial information including bank details, payment card details, passwords/PINs.

Remember:

Your genuine water supplier will not ask you to update your payment details or provide sensitive information sent in unsolicited messages.



Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS)

Also known as Clare's Law, the scheme allows information about a person's history of domestic abuse or violent behaviour to be shared with a current or potential partner. It operates through two routes; **Right to Ask** where a member of public requests information, and **Right to Know**, where police proactively disclose information to someone they believe may be at risk.

Members of the public can apply for DVDS through Police Contact Enquiry Officers on 101; or Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary website [Request information under Clare's Law: Make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme \(DVDS\) application | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary](#)



Rural Times – Summer 2026



Read the full summer edition of the Rural Times in this link here: [rural-times---summer-2026.pdf](#)

Would you know the signs of fraud?

This short video from the NCA's Fraud Explained campaign breaks down the techniques criminals use to manipulate, pressure and deceive their victims. Take a minute to watch and share.

 <https://youtu.be/IMdhx16hYZE>

#FraudExplained #StopThinkFraud #ReportFraud



New Crimestoppers campaign

County lines is not just about drugs. It's about the exploitation of children.

Crimestoppers have created a new campaign showing the impact on families, the signs to look out for, why early action is important and the support available for both victims and their families.

[Missing, controlled and exploited: the hidden reality of County Lines in the UK | Crimestoppers](#)



Crimestoppers.

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EVENTS

DISCOVER ART, CREATIVITY & COMMUNITY AT ALTON ART SOCIETY'S 94TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION!

The Alton Art Society (AAS) is excited to invite you to our Annual October Exhibition — a vibrant showcase of local talent, open to everyone! Whether you're an art lover, a curious visitor, or just looking for something fun to do, this exhibition has something for you.



Explore Local Art for free.

From **Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th October** the Alton Assembly Rooms will be filled with paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, ceramics, and more — all created by talented artists from around the local area. Prices start at just £2.50 for cards, making it easy to take home a piece you'll love.

Meet the artists: Chat with the creators during live artist demonstrations throughout the exhibition week.



Celebrating young talent:

Come explore the wonderful exhibition, on the stage area, created by the children from around the local area, from preschool right up to year 11.

Mark Your Calendar: Preview Evening Friday, 9th October (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

Stroll around, mingling with the artists and fellow art enthusiasts, drink in hand and be the first to experience this year's exhibition.

It's the perfect way to spend a Friday night!

Exhibition Dates: 10th-18th October (10:00am–5:00pm daily, final day closes at 3:00 pm).

Wednesday, 14th October: Extended opening until 7:00 pm - ideal for an after-work visit!

Location: Alton Assembly Rooms, High St, Alton, GU34 1BA

Alton Art Society has been promoting the practice of creative arts in Alton and the surrounding areas since 1925.

We are a very active and friendly society and we welcome new members from a wide surrounding area from absolute beginners to professional artists.

Membership costs £20 per year and entitles you to join in all of the Society's activities, including the right to display work at the Annual Exhibition.

By joining the Alton Art Society, you'll also enjoy:

Free artist demonstrations during the winter months.

Friendly outdoor painting days during the summer months.

The Thursday Paint Group - an informal and regular space for society members to drop in and work in the company of other artists.

Professional artist workshops to hone your skills.

A quarterly newsletter packed with news, events, and inspiration.

For more details see our website. Website: altonartsociety.org

We look forward to welcoming you!

CRAFT MARKET AT BRIGHTWELLS CREATIVE SPACE

Lucy Dean



I'm excited to be taking part in the Craft Market at Brightwells Creative Space — **organised by Farnham Creative Network** — on **Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October 2026**, from **10:00–17:00**. Entry is free, and the event brings together **16 local artists and makers**, each sharing their work with the community.



You'll find us at **Brightwells Creative Space, Brightwells Yard, Farnham, GU9 7UA**, where I'll be showcasing a selection of my artwork across the weekend. It's a warm, welcoming event and a lovely chance to explore handmade creativity, meet local makers, and support Farnham's vibrant arts scene.

I'd love to see you there — pop by and say hello



THE HAMPSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE CRAFTS GUILD

Sigi Hill

The Hampshire and Berkshire Crafts Guild is a group of currently 22 skilled makers dedicated to the vision, design and expertise that underpins the best contemporary craft

Ceramics, glass, furniture, textiles, jewellery, sculpture, engraving, wood carving

Many of us exhibit at a national level and the group includes established writers on and teachers of contemporary craft.

The members of the Guild maintain the highest standard of materials and workmanship to create work that will be a pleasure to own. They represent the best in British craftsmanship.

Exhibitions are regularly held throughout the year. They are an opportunity to be inspired, to buy and to commission one off pieces.

This autumn the Guild, along with 4 guest exhibitors, will be opening: Fine Crafts in the historic surroundings of the Grade II Listed Cross Barn, Odiham on Friday, 30th October 2026 with a preview evening from 5pm.

Members participating will be:

Sigi Hill – glass – www.sigihillglass.co.uk @sigihill

Harriet Walford – jewellery - @harrietatroundobjects

Mark Ripley – furniture – www.mark-ripley.com @markripleyfurniture

Clare Lewis – weaving – www.weavehouse.co.uk

Diana Barraclough – ceramics - @dibarracloughceramics

Sue Tinkler – glass – www.suetinklerartglass.co.uk @suetinklerartglass

Ursula Waechter – ceramics – www.ursulawaechter.com @uwaechterceramics

Jonathan Chant – printer & poet – www.jonathanchant.com @chant.jonathan

Nick Barberton – wood – www.nickbarberton.com @nick.barberton

“Craft and early human history go hand-in-hand. Every find unearthed by archaeologists was made or marked by human interaction with the materials they bent, cut, carved, hammered or built. The innate curiosity of the human mind, allied to our opposable thumbs, has embedded the act of making deep in time and the human psyche.

Our daily routines do not depend on craft as they once did, but a handmade object, transformed from raw materials, still speaks to us in a deeply resonant way. We respond with immediate recognition and perhaps even awe, to the workings of a truly skilled maker.

Rooted in the physical world of touchable materials, each contributor is moved by the human impulse to make something, to make it well, and through rigorous experiment and endless practice, to bring an abstract idea to fruition.

Like a seed bank, the Guild represents an optimistic store of living knowledge and expertise. It exists to celebrate the highest quality of the handmade, and to invite audiences to look closer and to appreciate the realisation of exceptional craft, its place

in the wide cultural landscape and how it enriches our daily lives.”

Extract of Introduction by Julie Ayton to the CRAFTED Exhibition at The Willis Museum 2022.

CURTIS MUSEUM 2026

Jill Line

OPENING TIMES: Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4.30pm 01420 82802
www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

The Ghostly Funfair

Family Fun, Games, Prizes - from the team who brought you the Museum by Torchlight..

On Halloween night, the Curtis Museum transforms into a marvellously macabre funfair, filled with ghostly games, frightful fun and mysterious surprises around every corner. Collect your tokens and try your luck at our spooktacular fairground stalls. Test your skill, win gruesome goodies and remember... it's a prize every time! Meet peculiar characters, discover curious treats and enjoy a delightfully eerie evening as you wander through the museum by torchlight. Whether you're a daring ghost, a wicked witch, a mischievous monster or a brave explorer, there's fun for all the family at this hauntingly entertaining Halloween event.

Get your tokens, try your luck and see what lurks around the next corner... if you dare! Suitable for families and children of all ages. Fancy dress warmly encouraged!

31st October, 4.30 -7pm. Free entrance

Mediaeval Monster Hunt

Autumn Half Term - 24th - 31st October.

Track down dragons, unicorns, manticores and other medieval monsters in this family-friendly hunt through the Curtis Museum! £2.75 per Monster Hunter Pack, with a reward on completion.



Do you have what it
takes to become a
Medieval monster
Hunter?



Object of the Month

We continue our display of objects from the Allen Gallery Collection. October's piece is a brown 18th Century Bellarmine 4-gallon salt-glazed stoneware bottle which belonged to WH Allen himself. There will be a **Collections Study Day** looking at similar works, with **Nigel Jeffries**, leader of the Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) ceramics team.

Wednesday 14th October. £23 per person, to include a light lunch. More details and booking form on our website.

Dotty the Dodo has a new Autumn Facts Trail to follow. Until 28th November. FREE.

TALK - Fire Safety in the Home

The Friends of the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery present a talk by Josh Grant, Alton Fire Station Watch Manager

Thursday 8th October. 7 for 7.30pm in Room 7, Alton Community Centre.

Free to Friends, £2 for guests. Tea/coffee provided.



TV star Shaun Wallace to give the 2026 Cardiac Health Annual Lecture

**Wednesday 7th October 7pm Alton
Maltings**

Cardiac Health is proud to welcome Shaun Wallace, star of ITV's *The Chase*, as guest speaker at this year's Annual Lecture in Alton.

Known as "The Dark Destroyer", Shaun is not only a popular television personality but also a distinguished barrister, bestselling author, and inspiring motivational speaker. His story of determination, achievement, and resilience has inspired audiences across the UK.

Shaun will be sharing his personal journey while supporting Cardiac Health's important work to improve cardiac health and patient care. Guests will also have the chance to meet him afterwards, with book signing, sales of *Chasing the Dream*, and photo opportunities available on the evening.



The event will begin with a wine and canapé reception. Tickets £30



Eloise Trowbridge

Dummer Fair – Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October 2026

Celebrating 30 years in 2026, The Dummer Fair has become one of Hampshire's most loved and beautifully curated shopping events, welcoming over 1,000 visitors annually.

Taking place at the Dummer Cricket Centre, the Fair features more than 90 carefully selected independent stalls, offering a unique mix of homeware, gifts, gourmet foods and high quality fashion. Early bird tickets are available now and can be purchased by visiting <https://www.treloar.org.uk/events/dummer-fair-2026>

Treloar's Christmas Fair 2026 – Friday 11 December 2026

Join us at Treloar's on Friday 11 December 2026 for the Treloar's Christmas Fair! Feel festive and enjoy the holiday atmosphere at Treloar's as you explore our student stalls with handcrafted goodies and an array of holiday gifts. Try your luck and participate in our annual hamper raffle, offering a chance to win from an assortment of hampers. Enjoy delicious festive refreshments and sweet treats, the perfect way to treat yourself.

All money raised at the Christmas Fair will go towards supporting our students, making it a joyful event with a meaningful cause.

You can find more information on our website:

<https://www.treloar.org.uk/events/treloars-christmas-fair-2026>

THE SCREEN BY THE GREEN, BEECH

Joanna Curtis

The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but fakery

October at Screen by the Green puts honesty on trial twice.

Saturday 10 October brings NT Live's *The Misanthrope*. Sandra Oh (*Killing Eve*) makes her National Theatre debut as Alice, a novelist who refuses to flatter. Martin Crimp updates Molière for 2026. Matinee 2pm, evening 7pm.

Friday 16 October, *The Christophers*. Steven Soderbergh's dark comedy stars Ian McKellen as a long-forgotten painter whose children hire a forger to finish his eight abandoned canvases.

Beech Village Hall, Alton. Fifty seats, cabaret seating, well-stocked bar, free parking. NT Live £14 advance, films £7 advance. beechvillage.org.uk/events

Community cinema with heart and soul

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ALTON



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE U3A

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Your local Alton u3a has 85 different interest groups to choose from such as, Art and Craft, Dance and Fitness, Games, History, Literature, Music, Poetry and Wellbeing. We also have social, cultural and weekend activities too. Full details are on our website at <https://alton.u3asite.uk>.

Most of our activities take place at the Alton Community Centre, and we do have some outdoor activities such as cycling, walking and birdwatching. Our monthly talks and coffee mornings are open to all.

Our new annual programme of events for 2026-27 starts in September. New and returning members are welcome to join throughout the year. Depending on what you would like to do*, our membership fees range from £10 to £65 for the year ahead. You may join online via our website or by completing a membership application form that is available from the Alton Community Centre.

Copies of our Annual Programme are available from the Alton Community Centre, Alton Library, the Curtis Museum and Alton Assembly Rooms. If you would like to find out more about a particular group, then you can contact the Group Leader via our website. For general membership enquiries, please contact the Membership Secretary at alton.u3a.members@gmail.com.

** Subject to a space being available in the group. Please check with the Group Leader first before joining.*

Alton u3a is a Registered Charity no. 1035164





ASA

Vanessa MacMahon

Forthcoming Lectures:

Tuesday 13th October Steve King: *She Loves You, Music of the 60s*

By 1960 interest in rock 'n' roll had started to fade, its biggest star was moving on and a new generation of teenagers were seeking something different.

Tuesday 10th November: Giles Ramsey: *Osborne, Pinter and Co; Post War British Theatre*

In 1956 British theatre audiences heard a harsh new voice in John Osborne's play "Look Back in Anger". Within two years Pinter's extraordinary play "The Birthday Party"....

These lectures will both be held at Martin Read Hall at Alton College commencing at 7:30pm (doors open 6:45pm).

MEDSTEAD

HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF WI – ROEDOWNS

Diana Constantine

In August we enjoyed a summer evening social in the garden of one of our members.

It was a lovely way to end the season and enjoy one of the last warm nights. It was made more fun at the start with us all viewing the eclipse via various homemade contraptions.



The September meeting was a talk by Fiona from The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Along with 46 Wildlife Trusts, they are the nations most active and influential nature conservation partnership. Fiona gave an excellent talk about local sites and the work carried out by volunteers to maintain the nature in them. Her passion for this work truly shone through in her talk, and the photographs made us all feel as though we'd had an evening within nature.

Forthcoming meetings

7th October

Hampshire Wick – candle maker

4th November

CPR & defibrillator demonstration

2nd December

'Strictly sequins at sixty'

Roedowns WI meet in the Wiltshire Room, Medstead Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 19.30hrs. Guest speakers, outings and good company.

Tea/coffee, biscuits, raffle and gift voucher prize at each meeting. Visitors and new members are very welcome. Contact Secretary on roedownssec@hampshirewi.org.uk Or President Jill Kerr 01420 564116.

MEDSTEAD GARDENERS CLUB

Caroline Daniels

‘There is a harmony in Autumn and a lustre in it’s sky’ Percy Shelley

Well, we had an amazing summer in so many ways with heat, drought, blue skies, some amazing displays from plants and it seemed to go on for a long time. Autumn is now well and truly here with the delight of beautiful displays of colour all around us.



Last month on 1st September we had Antony Powell speak to the club about ‘Planting for Autumn Colour’ Antony has worked for the National Trust and Hilliers. One of the highlights was his photo of a 70kg pumpkin he had grown!



He showed some lovely slides of trees and shrubs to plant to get your garden vibrant after summer. Some of the shrubs and trees recommended were acers, mountain ash, witch hazel, viburnum, cornus, pyracantha, sedum, autumn crocus, cyclamen and beech. So many plants come into colour in autumn so start to look at your garden and what could be planted for a later display to brighten up darker days.

On 6th October we have Chris Bird talking about Ferns and Grasses.

A very special event for the club is Adam Frost (BBC Gardeners World) speaking in November about ‘Getting the most from your Garden’

There is limited spaces for this event and members are priority with guests paying £10

Medstead Gardener's Club Programme 2026

www.medsteadgardenersclub.org

Meetings at Medstead Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm with meetings starting at 7.30pm

Month	Date	Event
October	Tuesday 6th	Chris Bird Ferns and Grasses
November	Tuesday 3rd	Adam Frost Getting the most from Your Garden
December	Tuesday 1st	AGM and Christmas Social (Members Only)

Membership £12 per person Guests £3 per visit (Max 2 visits)

Some of the gardening jobs for October- October is a good month to plant spring bulbs and they can be planted informally in a lawn with crocus, daffodils and fritillaries. Lift cannas to avoid frost damage and store in a cool dark place until spring. Plant up pots with pansies, heathers and skimmias to brighten up the garden. Start to plant evergreen shrubs and lift pots if water collects under to avoid roots from rotting.

Look at your garden and move any plants or shrubs that aren't in the right place. Reduce height of shrub roses to avoid wind damage. Empty summer pots and baskets that have gone over and compost them. Finish harvesting any fruit or vegetables and again compost plants that are finished.

Any house plants you have had outside bring in before frosts. Large houseplants can be taken into the garden and washed to get off the dust accumulated over summer. Clean out greenhouses and give them a good wash to prevent diseases for next year. Citrus trees will need to be protected or put somewhere away from cold and frosts.

Enjoy autumn!



Hugh Bethell

Report of recent Cream Tea and Lecture on Thursday 13th August 26

There was a full house of nearly 90 people at our recent annual Cream Tea and Lecture – but you had to listen to the talk before being let loose on the scones.

The lecturer was our long-standing Honorary Secretary, Jonathan Hughes, who has been in post for the past 18 years – he has seen a lot and he had a lot to tell us. Being a retired schoolmaster, he posed lists of questions for us to answer scattered through his presentation – just to check that we were listening.

The NHNTC was founded in 1985 with a membership of 975 and has had six Chairs in the past 31 years. Jonathan told us something of the important figures who included Paddy Mendham and his wife Annis - from 2007 to 2019 - who saved the Centre when it was struggling. And he told us of some of the memorable Secretaries who have supported the Chairs over the lifespan of the Centre.

Over its three decades the Centre has been remarkably active with a scores of Holidays, 367 Trips and countless lectures. Holiday destinations have included Essex, Yorkshire, Scotland, Northern Ireland and even New Zealand. Visits have taken us to The Brighton Royal Pavilion, Arundel Castle, a Thames River Cruise, Ham House, Kew Gardens, both Oxford and Cambridge Universities and numerous other destinations. Among the more memorable Lectures were the history of Winchester, The Battle of Jutland, who wrote Shakespeare's works, sex scandals of the Royal Court, cycling across Jordan and Cuba - and the terrible story of the disgraceful treatment of our post masters and postmistresses, a still unresolved scandal.

The NHNTC lives for not only for the entertainment of its members – it also earns money and donates its surplus to the National Trust, with the request that this goes mainly to our mother ship, The Vyne. Over the years we have donated over £100,000 and funded such projects at the Vyne as the renovation of the summerhouse, the refurbishment of the upper room in the Brewhouse and provision of buggies to help less mobile visitors to make the journey from the carpark to the main house.

If you are interested in joining us either as committee or ordinary members please visit www.nhntc.com and sign up – we look forward to welcoming you.

The Vyne, “home” of the NHNTC.



CLUB CONTACTS

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Medstead Tennis: www.medsteadtennisclub.org.uk

Alton Rotary: Roy Roberts 07768 070 572 Mike 07808 093 953

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REGULAR FEATURES

BUS TIMETABLE run by Cresta Coaches of Alresford (01962 773236) only on Tuesdays and Fridays (NOT Saturdays) - **SERVICE 208**

Alton High Street	9.35	11.35	13.35
Beech Well House Road	9.43	11.43	13.43
Medstead War Memorial	9.49	11.49	13.49
Bentworth The Star	9.55	11.55	13.55
Alton High Street	10.09	12.09	



Tim Gordon-Jones

I inspected the three colonies last Saturday morning. I find it easier and cooler to do it then.

Doing it in the evening always seems to be a bit of a rush against the fading light.

I think all the drones have been evicted although I haven't seen inside the brood chamber. Regular readers will remember this time of year the female workers chase out the drones as there is no need for them and they are a drain on resources. The only reason for their existence is to mate with queens from other colonies, to expand the gene pool. If they resist, they will be killed. I am also pleased to see a few dead wasps on the landing board, but one colony has had to deal with a bad attack by wasps as I saw loads in the honey supers. Wasps will just rob the honey, although I did see one carrying off a bee.

This is a difficult time of year as the population is in decline as the foraging is more difficult, the last source is usually ivy which doesn't make good honey. It is also the best time to treat against the Veroa mite which carries a virus that causes wing deformities. I use 'ApiLifeVar', which is an all organic, natural product, containing essential oils (Thymol, Eucalyptus Oil, Menthol and Camphor). It needs to be applied without any honey present (that is to be extracted). I always leave one Super for the bees to consume over winter. The difficulty is in getting all colonies into the same state, ready for treatment. I have one colony that is still making honey, one (which suffered the wasp attack) is quite depleted and one colony in the middle. I have two supers almost full of honey but I don't feel it is worth extracting as I already have over 100 jars to keep my customers happy. I will return these to the two smallest colonies after the Veroa treatment has come off.

I think this will be the last article this year and will start up again next April, depending on the weather. To summarize – it has been another bumper year, partly due to the early good weather but also due to good swarm protection (giving more space when needed in the form of extra Supers) and very hot summer.

Bee happy.

Broadlands

Equine Therapy & RDA



Kim Ottridge

It's rained!

We are delighted to see that our hard brown fields are now showing fresh shoots of sweet green grass – what a transformation! We are being very conservative with how much we are opening up the fields to the ponies at present as this grass will be super sweet!



The ponies have done incredibly well during this very hot dry period but they are now enjoying the feel of Autumn!

Back to normality

September saw our regular participants return to their normal days and times whether they come to ride or they come to help out in the yard; grooming, preparing hay nets or cleaning tack, it has been good to see them back.

Nicky Hendersons National Hunt Yard

A group of us had a superb visit to Nicky Henderson's yard in Lambourn! 🐎

We had a fantastic time getting a behind-the-scenes look at the world of National Hunt racing and learning more about the incredible horses in their care.

It was fascinating to hear about everything that goes into keeping these equine athletes happy, healthy and performing at their best — from their daily training routines and fitness work to their care, husbandry and management.

A huge thank you to the team for welcoming us and sharing their time, knowledge and passion. A really interesting and enjoyable visit!

Alresford Show

We enjoyed a wonderful day at the Alresford Show with our miniature Shetlands, Kingsley and Watson. The weather was wonderful and we chatted to lots of visitors at the stand, we hope to see some new volunteers in the yard before long!



Upcoming Events

We have lots of events planned to entertain you over the autumn months. Hopefully there is something for everyone!

Please see our website www.broadlandsgrouprda.org.uk/events for more information and to book.

Date	Event
Wednesday 14th October	Life on the Windsor Estate – Paul Sedgwick
Friday 16th October	Sip and Paint with Julia Cassels
Sunday 8th November	Winchester Car Boot Sale
Friday 20 th November	Wine Tasting – Naked Grape
Sunday 22 nd November	Meet your Authors 3 pm
Sunday 29th November	Wreath Making
Friday 18th December	Carols at Broadlands

We look forward to seeing you soon!

COUNTRY MATTERS Are farmers like Labradors?

Julian Lewis

As I write this Villager contribution on the 8th September it has been raining since the middle of the night and has delivered the most rain we have received for a long time – 18mm (0.8ins). The rainfall for August was 32.5 mm (1.32ins) which came at the end of the month ending a period of 76 days with almost no rain. The rolling 12-month rainfall is 942mm (38.1 ins) which is low but still more than September to January last year which illustrates how we are in a multiyear period of low rainfall.

The crops, that I was involved with, have now been loaded out and gave a wheat yield of about 7 t ha (2.75t ac) - with a heap of about 10 t still to be collected – but less than I predicted in the September issue. Grain prices have started rising rapidly for the following reasons: -

- Low yields in many grain producing countries
- The Russian / Ukrainian conflict has recently focused upon destroying each other's Black Sea port facilities and shipping so although there is grain it cannot be exported to the countries that need it
- The low rainfall in Europe means that river levels are low and the grain is unable to be moved as river cargo – especially affects the Danube for Ukrainian exports
- It is thought that China is quietly buying huge quantities of wheat and corn (maize for animal and especially pork production)
- Input prices for the inputs to grow crops (such as fertiliser) are increasing rapidly so only the best ground is being planted and the total cropped area and yield will be less
- The weather forecasts predict that the approaching El Nino weather pattern will restrict food production in many areas especially South Africa and Australia with drought, limited monsoon rainfall already in India, reducing rice grain output and probably excess rainfall in South America. El Nino brings higher temperatures in the Pacific Ocean – currently 2C above normal and rising quickly towards a possible 4C which will be the highest in 70 years. The ocean heat rises into the atmosphere which means more moisture in the skies which results in more cyclones, extreme rain and the resulting floods. Land areas which are normally dry have even less rainfall. Effectively weather events are likely to be more extreme this winter and into 2027.
- Grain traders are now buying future grain production anticipating the El Nino and grain prices have increased by 20 - 30% in the last few weeks.

In the UK the El Nino weather effects are unlikely to be so dramatic but because so much of our food is now sourced from overseas we will be affected. The result will be higher food prices for just about all commodities. Annual food inflation could easily approach 10% before long according to some within the industry. The other issue is transport – as we have seen with oil the global transport infrastructure is very fragile and a political problem thousands of miles from home can impact what is actually available for us to buy and we will be competing against other consumer nations.

What have Governments done in the last 10 years to enhance food production in the UK to reduce these effects and make us more self-sufficient? Answer nothing – to the contrary they are reducing food production. Many farmers are now idling their land because to grow crops for us to eat will result in a financial loss after spending many hours toiling away. Why invest time and money in crop or livestock production when the market will not pay enough to cover the cost of production?

Why is this happening? Many food imports are produced to standards that are illegal in the UK. These lower standards decrease the cost of production for the overseas producer so UK producers, who must adhere to the higher standards, cannot easily compete.

Example 1 – there has been recent illnesses in the UK caused by salmonella in **IMPORTED** eggs. 1 person died and many were very unwell. The outbreak came from cheap imported eggs bought by catering companies that were probably produced in Thailand or China. **All UK egg laying hens are vaccinated when young to prevent eggs passing on salmonella illness to consumers.** Even in the USA hens are not vaccinated against salmonella and they have issues with resultant outbreaks in humans. However, there is a cost to these vaccinations which is why British eggs are more expensive – but safe to eat.

Example 2 – The EU has recently banned imports of Brazilian beef and chicken meat because it is produced using antibiotics as a routine treatment to speed the animal growth rates and consequently cheapen the costs of production. There are severe consequences if humans eat food treated with antibiotics – our recovery can be greatly reduced if we need medical treatment as the effectiveness of the drugs is diminished by repeated exposure to antibiotics. Additionally, there are welfare issues in that the cattle are reared in beef lots without access to natural grazing and fed grains that are often produced on land that was once prime rain forest. The Brazilian Government confirms that their beef and chicken does not meet UK standards but claim it is OK to eat. **UK farmers fear that this Brazilian meat originally intended for the EU which is produced using totally unacceptable production methods is about to be dumped on the UK market undercutting our producers.** Despite intense lobbying by farming organisations our **Government has not yet taken any action to follow the EU lead** thus risking the health of consumers and the livelihoods of UK farmers.

Example 3 – The UK has high standards for grain production with on farm inspections at least annually to every farm. The inspection covers everything from hygiene, seeds, pesticide usage and especially the use of only approved products, labour, training, rodent control, storage, the environmental impact of the cropping and rotations, fertilisers, record keeping etc – the inspections last about a day depending upon farm size. Cheap grains imported to the UK do not meet the same criteria but you will be eating them. About 20% of our milling wheat for bread production is imported.

UK food production should be encouraged because it aids our food security, health, provides employment, is better for the environment and UK plc. What we should **not** be doing is covering our most fertile arable land with solar panels or buildings.

Labrador dogs instinctively chase sticks. Farmers instinctively want to grow food for people but increasingly for business reasons this is a stupid idea – what a crazy world of dual standards and the wrong priorities from Government!

HAMPSHIRE FARMERS MARKETS

Alton Saturday October 10th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday, October 3	Hamble Harvest Festival	• 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday, October 4	Romsey Farmers' Market	• 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday, October 4	Petersfield Farmers' Market	• 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sundays, October 11 & 25	Winchester Farmers' Market	• 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday, October 11	Whiteley Farmers' Market	• 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday, October 17	Emsworth Farmers' Market	• 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday, October 18	Alresford Farmers' Market	• 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday, October 31	Ringwood Farmers' Market	• 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ALTON LIBRARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9.30am to 1.30pm	9.30am to 5pm	Closed	9.30am to 5pm	9.30am to 5pm	9.30am to 5pm

There are three new courses at the Library, 2 starting in October and a third in November. This last is called **Starting School.... Ready, Steady, Go!**

The aim of this course is to equip parents and carers with the knowledge, strategies and practical tools needed to confidently support their child's transition into school. Through a combination of discussion, modelling and hands-on activities, the course will help families understand key expectations of school life and enhance children's readiness for learning, independence and wellbeing. Poster on page 44.

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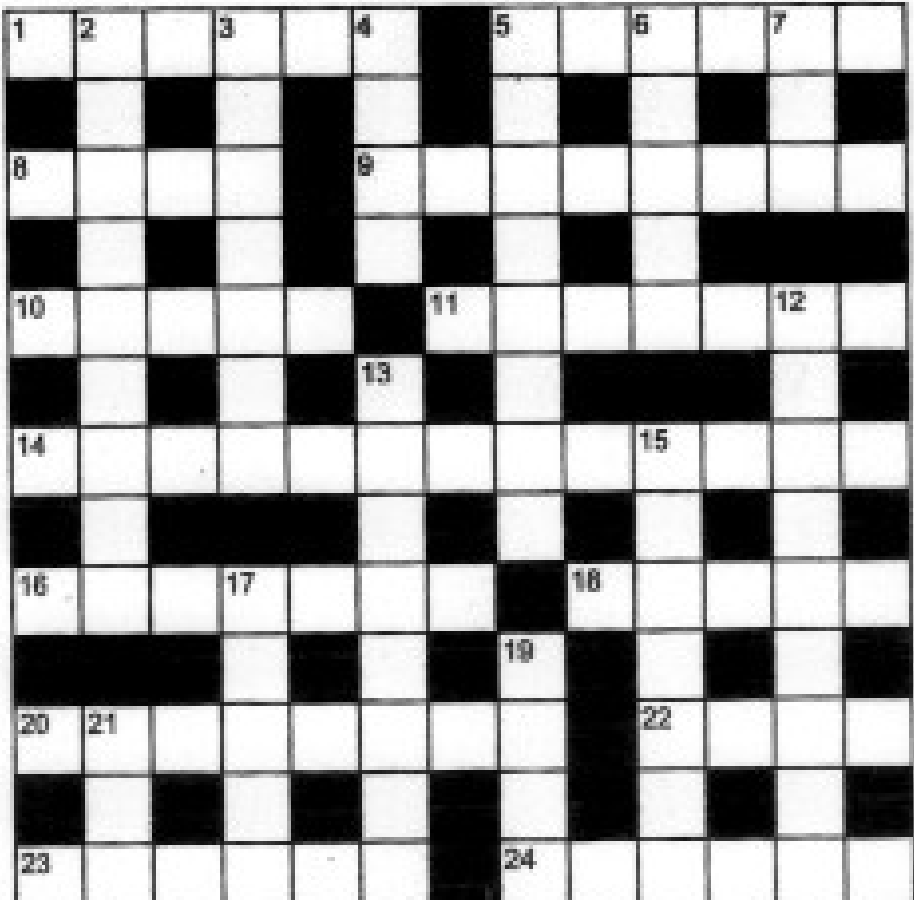
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Clues Across

1. Misused
5. Opposite
8. Man-eating giant
9. Produce
10. Slight
11. Enduring
14. Motion Picture machine
16. Large display
18. Urban
20. Genre
22. Mosque official
23. Payment for release
24. Legwear

Clues Down

2. Sth. American Nation
3. Shiver
4. Canines
5. Use
6. Breed of dog
7. e.g. Pecan
12. Job seeker
13. Dance hall
15. Lifting
17. Begins
19. Small isle
21. Cooking range



EVENTS

The 2026 Cardiac Health
Annual Lecture Guest Speaker

SHAUN WALLACE

The Dark Destroyer
from ITV's The Chase

Wed 7 October - 19:00
Alton Maltings - £30



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Featuring over 90 stalls,
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Wednesday 7 October

5:00pm - 9:00pm

inc. complimentary wine

Advanced ticket: £8

On the day ticket: £10

Thursday 8 October

9:30am - 3:30pm

Advanced ticket: £5

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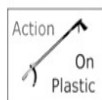
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Whatever your skills, interests or spare time, there's a role to suit you.

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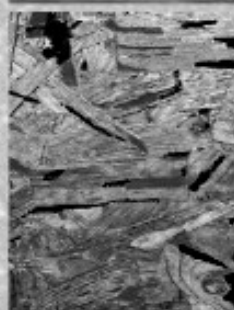


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GUMBI – Saving Lives in Malawi



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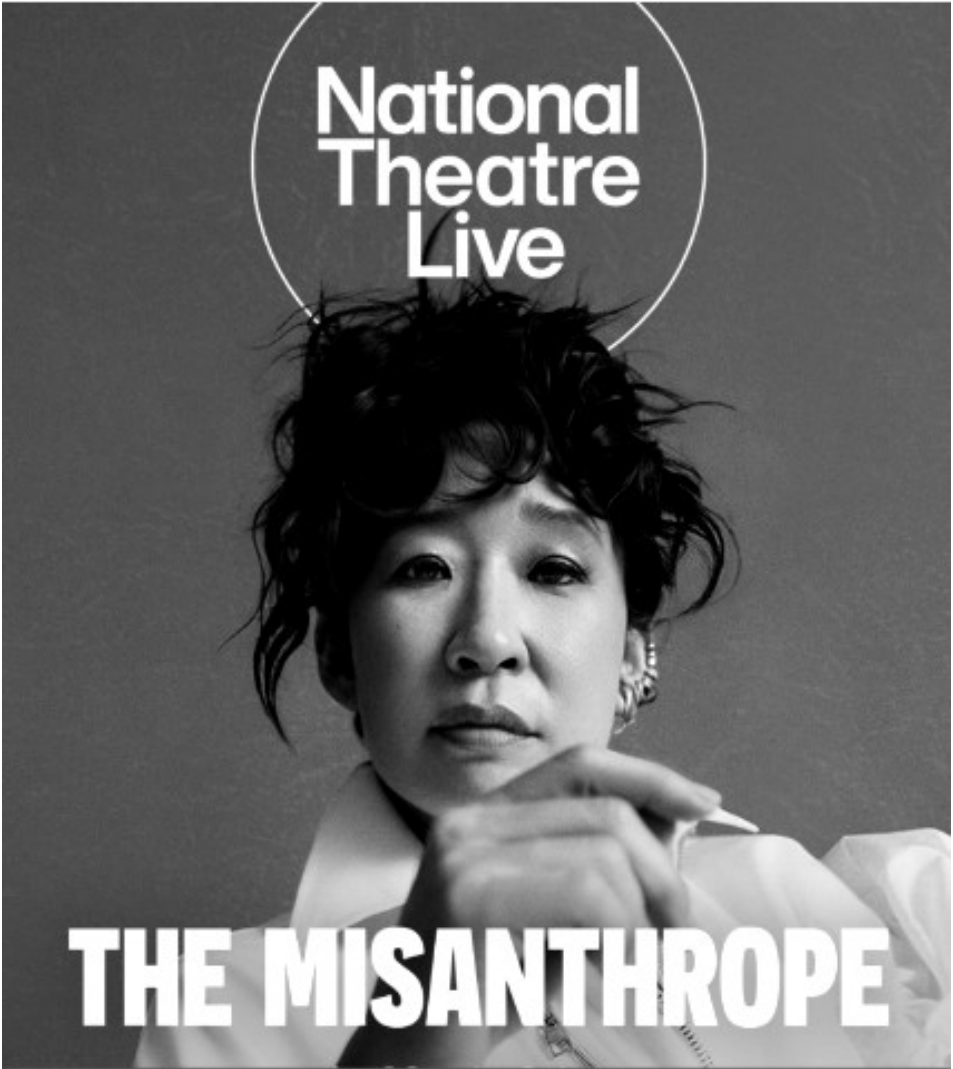
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AN EXCLUSIVE TALK

Presented by Paul Sedgwick, Deputy Ranger & Managing Director of The Crown Estate Rural Portfolio



Wed 14th October
6:30 PM FOR 7:00 PM



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Screen by the Green

Friday 16 October | 7:30pm



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Everyday Digital Skills - Using the NHS App Alton Library

Tuesday 20 October 9:45am - 12:45pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

Booking is essential, please visit

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booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957





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Safe Digital Transactions

Alton Library

Tuesday 20 October 1:30pm - 4:30pm

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ALTON CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

Music for an Autumn Afternoon

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER • 4 PM

St Mary's Church, Bentworth

In aid of St Mary's Music Fund and ACS

PROGRAMME

Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man"

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St Andrew's, Medstead

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Saturday 24th October 2026

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Sale: 1.30 – 3.30 pm

For further details contact

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email: Medsteadchurchbookings@gmail.com

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24 - 25 October 2026
10am - 5pm

Brightwells Creative Space,
Brightwells Yard,
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30 October - 1 November 2026

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Alton Library

Thursdays 5 November - 3 December

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BORROW**

FOR FREE!



Saturday 10th October



Harvest & Harmony

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

12.30PM

at OLD PARK FARM BEECH GU34 4AP

Traditional Harvest 2 course Lunch and Pudding. £5.00

Please sign up by email or call Sarah to confirm attendance
office@resurrectionbenefice.org 07453 590569

A Benefice & Gap Event

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2026

BENTWORTH LASHAM MEDSTEAD SHALDEN

4th OCTOBER – THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Proper 22 G

Holy Communion (CW)		10.00a.m.		
Parish Communion (CW)			11.00a.m.	10.00a.m.
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11th OCTOBER – THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY R or G

Holy Communion (CW)			8.00a.m.	
Harvest Festival	10.00a.m.			

18th OCTOBER – LUKE THE EVANGELIST G

Harvest Festival		11.00a.m.		
Parish Communion (CW)			11.00a.m.	
Harvest Festival Evensong followed by supper				6.00p.m.

25th OCTOBER – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY G

Holy Communion (CW)	10.00a.m.			
Harvest Communion followed by lunch			11.00 a.m.	

All services may be subject to change.

Parish of The Resurrection Services for October 2026

4th October

8am BPC Communion	St Lawrence
9.30am Family Service	St Lawrence
10.30am POTR Altogether Communion Service	St Lawrence

11th October

9.15am Harvest Communion Service	St Peter's
9.30am Morning Worship with Baptism	Holy Rood
10.30am Harvest Communion	St Lawrence
3pm Afternoon Worship Harvest	All Saints
6pm Evening Prayer	St Lawrence

18th October

9.30am Communion Service	Holy Rood
10.30am Communion Service	All Saints
10.30am Family Morning Worship	
	St Lawrence
3.30pm Choral Evensong	St Lawrence

25th October

9.15am Communion Service	St Peter's
10.30am Communion Service	St Lawrence
4pm Church@4 with Lego	Parish Centre
6pm Informal Evening Worship	St Lawrence

Every Wednesday

10am Holy Communion	All Saints
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