

Quarterly Edition – December 2021

Charlton Village News



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Welcome to the Winter Edition of 2021

Your Editor is delighted to announce that our Newsletter has won an award! Charlton News was awarded runner up in Hampshire's Best Local Council Newsletter competition and was highly praised by the external judging panel.

I hope you enjoy this edition and, looking ahead to our next issue, please send in your recipes, quizzes, and puzzles via email to the editor at editor@charltonvillage.org.uk

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year 2022



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Thank you to Brian Cartwright for this beautiful photograph

Christmas Services at St Thomas' Church

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| Sunday 19 th December | 10am Christingle |
| Monday 20 th December | 7.30pm Carols around the tree |
| Friday 24 th December | 5pm Carol Service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass |
| Saturday 25 th December | 10am Christmas morning service |
| Sunday 2 nd January | 11am Pastrow Family Gathering |

DIARY DATES

- Saturday 4th December:** Oaktrack Farm Christmas Market 3-7pm
- Saturday 4th December:** Andover Choral Society Concert 7.30pm St Mary's Church – Messiah!
- Saturday 18th December:** Harmonium Singers Christmas concert 7pm St Mary's Church, Andover
- Sunday 19th December:** Andover Artisan Market in the High Street 10am-2pm
- Tuesdays 18th Jan, 15th Feb & 15th Mar 2022:** Charlton Parish Council meetings 7.45pm

Parish Council Updates

Charlton Village Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every month, except August and December, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm. Press and Public are welcome to attend. Check the parish website www.charltonvillage.org.uk for details or contact the PC Chair, Cllr Jacqueline Smith on cjlsmith@charltonvillage.org.uk

Facebook - Charlton Chat

Our Facebook page is for all residents in Charlton, to enhance communication and the community spirit.

<https://www.facebook.com/charlton.community.chat>

Charlton Community Support Group

The Charlton Support Group, comprising 15 local volunteers, remains in place and is ready and willing to collect prescriptions, shop, run errands or just be a listening ear. If you need anything, please contact Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk / 07538 596344 or Ian Smale cllrismale@charltonvillage.org.uk / 07421 354874

Community/Village Hall – We Need Your Input!

The Parish Council is preparing a second PreApp for the Charlton Village/Community Hall which it hopes to submit to the Local Planning Authority in January 22. It is expected that the PreApp will identify 2 options close to Salto and both options need the agreement of the Landlord (TVBC) and the Leaseholder (Salto).

The principle of Charlton having a dedicated Village Hall to complement the St Thomas Church facilities was strongly supported in earlier surveys and the Neighbourhood Plan evidenced 80% of residents in favour. The recent survey circulated online and in Charlton News tried to get views about the size, shape and facilities you wanted in your Village Hall – and importantly what you didn't want – and to see if any residents wanted to 'get involved'. There weren't as many responses as we would have liked and so we will be trying to get more views, if we can, before submitting the application.

So far it would seem that you want a hall big enough (100-150) for the normal range of activities (gatherings both social and village business, birthday parties, events, perhaps even weddings and wakes) and a second smaller hall for meetings. Adequate parking, a modern kitchen and good toilets are seen as essential. If you think this is not the way we should be thinking please make the time to email cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk, ring or text 07538 596344 or drop a note into the boxes on the village noticeboards.

Charlton Phone box Library

Thank you to all who use the library and exchange books. Fiction and biographies preferred. And thank you to all who are keeping it tidy. If you have one of those high-powered, hand-held vacuum cleaners feel free to give the box a clean from time to time.



Bra Recycling

Bra Recycling is now possible in Charlton thanks to Manoj the owner of the Convenience Store who has kindly agreed to host a bra bank. Some bras have already been deposited but more would be welcome. Every little (or large) donation helps!

Traffic Calming

The Parish Council has purchased another speed indicator to fit along Goch Way as this road too seems to have turned into a racetrack at certain times of the day. Hampshire County Council is being lobbied by parishes and towns to introduce more 20mph zones and the Parish Council will keep you informed about this initiative.

Meanwhile speeding through the village is still prevalent.

The HARD facts: If a pedestrian is hit by a car, they have a much greater chance of surviving if the speed is lower.

at 40 mph there is a 90% chance that the pedestrian will be killed.

at 35 mph there is a 50% chance that the pedestrian will be killed.

at 30 mph there is a 20% chance that the pedestrian will be killed.

at 20 mph there is a 2.5% chance that the pedestrian will be killed.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events 2022

Thursday 2 June 2022: Queen's Jubilee - Beacon Lighting and Music evening in the Park, 19:00 to 23:00. We are aiming to have live music, refreshments including alcohol and food.

Sunday 5 June 2022: Queen's Jubilee - Charlton Village Picnic in the Park, 13:00 to 16:00. We will be encouraging all Charlton residents to join us on the field, bringing your own picnic. The Parish Council also aims to provide a refreshments/food tent, alas no alcohol.

Charlton Village Community Day – Saturday 9 July 2022

Put the date in your diary! More details to come in the New Year

Mystery Object

Thank you for your emails explaining what it is. It's a slate ripper!

What's an Idiom?

An idiom is a word or phrase that is used in everyday English whose meaning we all understand but which seems to have no connection to the topic. Here are some examples, can you think of any others?

Pot Luck – We understand this means to take something randomly given. The phrase comes from the Middle Ages when a pot containing random ingredients was always kept on the fire and anyone given something to eat from it never knew exactly what to expect?

Square Meal – This term for a satisfying meal originates from the Navy. Old battleships had very poor living conditions and the sailors survived mainly on bread and water. Once a day however, they would be given a meal containing meat which would be served on a square wooden tray which could be stored easily. Hence the saying!

Blighty – an affectionate old fashioned term for Britain. It came about during the British Empire campaign in India and is thought to originate from the Hind word 'bilayati' which means foreigner. During the first World War our soldiers adopted the term to refer to their homeland.



The Alpha Course

in Mercia Avenue

An introduction to the Christian faith.

I invite you to 33, Mercia Avenue for the introductory session of the Alpha Course on **Friday 7th January** of a 7-week course starting the following Friday evening.

No commitment. Just come to this first taster session and see if it is for you.

'Is there more to life than this?'
Friday 7 January 2022
7 - 9 pm

33, Mercia Avenue, Charlton SP104EJ

You can sign up for the 7 weeks of the course on the night. If you have to miss one or two weeks don't let that stop you. Can't make Friday 7th January? You can still sign up for the course.

To come on Friday 7 January just:

- email Ian on iansue.smale@btinternet with your name and contact details (number or email address) or
 - text 07421354874 or
 - put a note through the door of 33 Mercia Avenue.
- It all takes place at 33 Mercia Avenue. Numbers will be limited so book early.

What happens on the night?

- * A meal, when we get to know each other,
- * A talk and or video, max 20 minutes,
- * A discussion when you can say whatever you like, ask questions, express opinions (or just sit back and listen).

Why do the course?

1. You will enjoy it. It's fun, friendly, relaxed and stimulating.
2. It could alter your preconceptions of the Christian faith.
3. It could change your life.

Who is it for?

- Any and everyone. Whatever your background.
- Anyone who is curious about the faith that has changed lives for 2000 years and continues to do so.

For more about the Alpha Course: <https://alpha.org/try-alpha/>
No pressure, no follow-up, no charge.

Ian Smale

Charlton Village Climate Change Challenge

<https://www.facebook.com/Charlton.village.climate.challenge>

If you'd like to be a contact point for your area or road or to be actively involved in making a contribution to reducing CO2 emissions, please contact Mike Cripps (07801 064126 / michael.cripps@btinternet.com) or Clive Ward (07538 596344/ clrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk)

It is evident that Charlton, as a village community, will not be able to make a massive contribution to halt the effects of climate change. However, continuing with the theme of what we can do, as individuals, to go about reducing our carbon footprints, i.e. the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere through lifestyles?

Residents can work to reduce personal carbon footprints: Reduce – reuse – recycle, the less you consume, the smaller your carbon footprint. You could switch to renewable energy, maybe one day a week eat less or no meat and dairy and driving less. It could also mean choosing more eco-friendly products, avoid single use plastics, or simply, as previously discussed, by setting an example. Most of these actions will only be effective when many take the same action. It's worth noting that making such sweeping lifestyle changes can be difficult, expensive, or simply unsustainable for many.

What's the best way to tackle the Climate Change Challenge as an individual?

Think about what changes you can make. Start with what motivates or interests you – for any change to be sustainable, you must be keen to make it. Some people will be able to stop eating meat and some will be able to give up their car and take to their bike. Some will be able to insulate their home, and some will be able to buy solar panels. Many people will be unable to do all these things, and that's ok.

Think about what you can't do and consider why. There are probably many others in the same position. Is there enough government support? Or are the products you would prefer to buy not readily available, or too expensive? Is the information not very well known, so people don't seem to care? Could you do something in our community, in local politics or in your company?

Use energy wisely, become more energy-efficient, reducing pollution and save money too. Industry is constantly developing new techniques for storing electricity and managing demand at peak times, meaning that even if the sun is not shining or it is not blowing a gale, it is still possible to rely on renewable energy sources. Through a variety of actions in the home to make them more climate friendly, less energy is used. Two areas that are simple and relatively cost effective to check are the insulation of your hot water tank and your loft. If you are wondering whether it makes sense to retrofit a Heat Pump and want to know more this link takes you to a great blog by someone who has just done it.

<https://transitionsouthampton.org/2021/01/31/from-gas-boiler-to-air-source-heat-pump/>

A garden, irrespective of its size, can help to fight climate change; Maybe start by going peat free in your garden (Peat extraction releases those greenhouse gases). Try making compost – cut your garden waste into small pieces, turning it occasionally while it decomposes. Additionally, try mowing your lawn without collecting the grass. Earthworms drag the grass debris into the ground, storing carbon.

Charlton Village Parish Council's Climate Change Action Plan concentrates on what the Parish can do to make a difference. It requires the joint efforts of all our residents and businesses to take steps to make Charlton Village a greener parish for all of us and to help sustain and improve our quality of life, now and into the future. The best way to help stop climate change is to do what you can. Any action you take, no matter its size, will make a difference, especially if enough people act alongside you.

Greener Villages: Community Engagement for a Sustainable World

Greener Villages was set up in 2019 across Wherwell, Chilbolton & Longstock. When their residents were asked how Greener Villages had affected them personally, they found that:

- 100% felt the initiative had a positive impact on the villages and the community
- Nearly 80% of respondents said they were recycling more as a result
- 26% indicated that they had actively participated in wilding and wildlife support
- Another important activity that had been embraced was growing vegetables, composting and reducing food waste (36%)
- Other effects that were mentioned included increased interest in the green movement, actively using less plastic and ownership of electric car and car charging facilities at home.

When they asked people what their main concerns were, around 30% of respondents felt that waste management and biodiversity were at the top of the list. The link to a presentation about [Greener Villages](#) can be found on our village website. Or look at www.greenvillages.weebly.com for more information.

Charlton Village Church, St Thomas'

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Letter from our Priest in Charge, Alex Randle-Bissell

Dear friends

At the time of writing this, the nation has been remembering the bravery of those who gave their lives in the service of others. As we begin to find a new reality after so many months of being isolated and sometimes very alone, I felt that those gathered had come to perhaps 're-member' – to join together to realize that not only are we encouraged to never forget but also to reflect on the notion that some of the monumental events in human history point us to the reality that some things are far bigger than ourselves, no matter how individualistic society seems to have become.

We are now in the season of advent, a time expectation and preparation, and the countdown to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The Latin word *adventus* literally means 'coming' and traditionally advent was a time of solemn fasting and with violet or even black liturgical colours. How times have changed! The countdown to Christmas certainly doesn't chime with fasting nowadays, apart from perhaps those who want to lose a few pounds in a vain attempt to balance out the pounds gained during the festive madness (which is exactly what I am embarking on over the next few weeks!)

Thankfully nowadays, the colours of advent have been replaced mainly by blue, which represents one of my favourite words...hope. In all of the funerals I am privileged to have led over the past two years, I always try and add a section of the service called 'words of hope' as I believe hope is one the most powerful words in our vocabulary, often neglected by those who would say that it is nothing more than a rather fanciful notion that things might just get better in the future. Of course, there is the human desire to *hope for*, but as we are in the season of advent, I believe it demonstrates the far more significant focus of what we can put our *hope in*.

As we remembered last month and uttered the words 'Lest we Forget', I would also encourage us during this month to not forget of the incredible hope that is to be found in the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Such humble and difficult beginnings, but this moment in time continues to resonate with the past, present and future of our shared humanity. His message of love, compassion, equality and mercy have inspired billions of us to cherish hope as one of the binding forces that helps us to 're-member' by demonstrating those qualities in our human capacity to do good and love others.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our services this month to 're-member' this astonishing truth, and I hope in the love of Jesus Christ you have a very blessed and safe Christmas.

With love and prayers, Blessings for the month ahead.

Alex

Old Nun's Prayer - Anonymous – 17th century. Found in an old English Church.

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older and one day will be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all; but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details, give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains, as they increase my love of rehearsing them becomes sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint, some of them are so hard to live with, but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talent in unexpected people, and give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. AMEN

Thank you to Ian for sending in this prayer thought to be from the 17th century and which is as pertinent today as it was then!

Get Christmas all wrapped up at Oaktrack's Christmas Market

Oaktrack are delighted to announce that they are holding a Christmas Market at the smallholding on **Saturday 4th December from 3-7pm**. Entry is free and this year, in addition to their own Christmas offerings, they will have several other local businesses joining in and showcasing their products. These include artisan cheese and charcuterie, handmade crafts and gifts, festive Christmas decorations and more. There will be a bar serving festive refreshments throughout the day including mince pies and mulled wine, a BBQ cooking up a feast and live entertainment!

They have had the wool from their own sheep woven into gorgeous blankets, cushions and scarves and they also have gorgeous fleeces which make delightful bedside rugs or cosy chair covers – perfect for outside entertaining on chilly days.

Tina Wells, Oaktrack owner and smallholder said:



“We are delighted to be holding the market again after a year off and now more than ever feel it is really important to support other small local businesses like ourselves. We are fortunate to have some fantastic local producers in our area and this event will provide an opportunity for them to showcase their products.”

The market is open to all, so bring the family, see the animals and join Oaktrack for lots of festive inspiration and cheer!

To find out more about the event and Oaktrack visit www.oaktrack.co.uk

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Our volume customers are catered for too, thus allowing our Post Office counter to be available for all of your Post Office needs”

Sending our best wishes to you all

Leslie & Tim



CHRISTMAS PUZZLE PAGE

I do hope you enjoy these Christmas puzzles. Answers further on in the newsletter!

First Lines or Titles of Christmas Songs and Carols

1. AIAMNCFAB
2. RATCT
3. SCICTT
4. OLTOB
5. THATI
6. ISMKSC
7. WC
8. RTRNR
9. GKWLLO
10. TFN
11. HTFAS
12. OIRDC
13. WTKOOA
14. WWYAMC
15. GRYMG
16. MBC
17. LD
18. ICUAMC

Can you find the following words in the grid below?

TREE	ANGEL	PRESENTS	STAR	KINGS
SANTA	STOCKING	BABY	LIGHTS	GIFT
	SLED	DONKEY	REINDEER	

P	F	S	D	M	F	B	A	B	Y
R	S	T	O	C	K	I	N	G	R
E	B	A	C	S	V	J	G	E	L
S	Y	R	M	V	S	M	E	Y	U
E	E	E	R	T	F	D	L	X	K
N	K	Z	V	S	N	W	G	G	W
T	N	Z	L	I	K	I	N	G	S
S	O	E	E	J	F	D	B	K	J
D	D	R	A	T	N	A	S	H	F
Y	B	S	T	H	G	I	L	I	W

IN, OUT, AROUND and ABOUT – Editor’s picks

If you have a recipe or activity, a place to visit, a walk to share – send them to the editor at editor@charltonvillage.org.uk

IN – Recipe

Not everybody enjoys a traditional Christmas Pudding. Here’s a delicious alternative!

Orange and golden syrup steamed pudding

Taken from The Pie Room by Calum Franklin, published by Bloomsbury Absolute

Adding orange zest to a steamed pudding gives a little acidity to cut through the richness, says Calum, and it also gives it the most incredible aroma when it’s served at the dining table

Ingredients

110g golden syrup, plus an extra 30g for serving	190g butter, softened, plus an extra 10g for greasing
130g soft brown sugar	180g self-raising flour, sifted
20ml whole milk	zest of 2 oranges
3 eggs, beaten	<i>Serve with custard, or cream or ice cream or all three!</i>

Method

- Grease a 1.2-litre (2-pint) pudding basin with butter and place a small circle of parchment paper in the bottom. Firmly press the paper down into the base, avoiding making any creases. Pour half the golden syrup into the basin.
- In a bowl, whisk the remaining syrup together with the butter, sugar and orange zest until creamy and forming soft peaks. Whisk in half the beaten eggs and then fold in half the flour. Repeat until all the eggs and flour are combined. Whisk in the milk and continue whisking for 1 minute until the batter is thick and creamy. Pour the batter into the basin, then level the surface.
- Cut two circles of parchment paper and a circle of aluminium foil twice the diameter of the top of the basin. Place the foil on top of both layers of parchment paper and make one 2cm wide pleat directly across the middle of the circle. Lay them across the top of the pudding basin. Using a length of string, secure the paper and foil firmly around the neck of the basin, then make one tie of string across the top to act as a handle. Make sure the string is tightly tied and secure as you don’t want it to break while lifting.
- Take a pan with a lid that is large enough to hold the pudding basin with a little space around the sides. Fill the pan with enough water to reach three-quarters of the way only up the side of the basin. Bring the water up to a boil and then carefully lower in the pudding basin, making sure that the water does not touch the paper and foil lid and put the lid on the pan. Lower the heat to a simmer and gently steam the pudding for 1.5 hours. Do not remove the lid from the pan during the first 30 minutes of cooking as the drop in temperature may cause the pudding to collapse.
- After at least 30 minutes, check the water level in the pan at regular intervals and, if necessary, top up with boiling water from the kettle, taking care not to pour water onto the foil and paper lid. To check if the pudding is cooked, insert a skewer into the centre through the lid. If the skewer comes out clean, the pudding is ready. If the skewer has some batter on it, return the pudding to the pan and steam further until ready.
- Allow the pudding to rest for 5 minutes and then remove the foil and paper lid.
- Using a thin knife, carefully work around the top edge of the basin to loosen the pudding so that it will come away from the basin easily. Invert a plate on top of the basin and, using a clean dish towel to protect your hands, quickly flip the whole thing over and lift the pudding basin. Pour the extra 30g of golden syrup over the top of the pudding. Serve with a jug of custard. Yummy!

OUT - In the Garden – overwintering



There’s little strength in the sun and, until late February, barely any warmth.

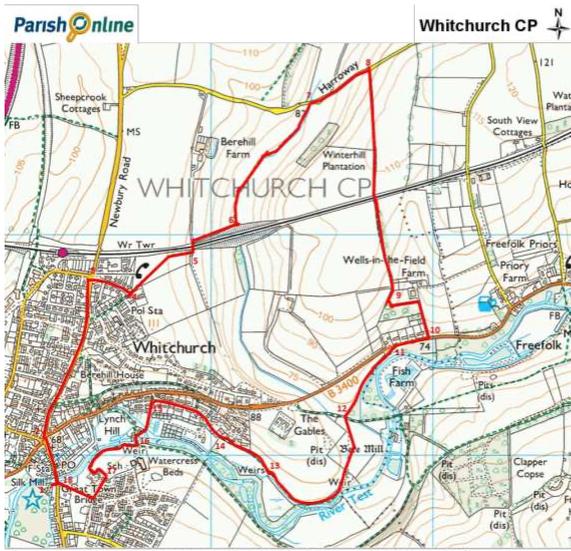
Depending on whether we have a cold & dry or a mild & damp spell different jobs can be done. At some point in the next couple of months cut back late-flowering plants and grasses. After that it’s time to tidy up and weed. If it’s mild, cutting back is the priority but in a cold year just bide your time and wait.



Meanwhile there’s an opportunity to get organised for the months ahead. Sowing seeds under glass or on a windowsill gets the plants off to a good start. It’s immensely satisfying to see their little heads poking through the compost. I’m sowing peas, all sorts of beans, onions, leeks and shallots plus sweet peas to give them a good headstart come the warmth of Spring.

AROUND and ABOUT – Whitchurch

An interesting walk around **THE HARROWAY, WELLS-IN-THE-FIELD & the RIVER TEST (4.2 miles – 90 minutes)**



Start at the Winchester Street car park next to the Silk Mill. (1)

Leave the car park and turn left along Winchester Street crossing over the River Test at Town Bridge. until you reach the town square.

Cross over to the corner of Newbury Street, to the right of the baker's shop (2). Take a minute to read the plaque on the front wall of the baker's shop commemorating the Salvation Army's victory at the High Court in London when the Right to Peaceful Protest was won for the country. Walking up Newbury Street you almost reach the crossroads at the brow of the hill and, crossing carefully using the traffic island, head to the right along Bere Hill (3).

At the end of Bere Hill, pass through the kissing gate off the corner to the left (4). Walk down the field in the direction of the bottom left-hand corner towards a second kissing gate (5). Go through a third kissing gate and continue under the railway bridge. Turn immediately right through a gate to follow the footpath down the right-hand edge of a very large field.

The footpath turns to the left at the bottom of the field (6) – follow this along until you reach the far-right hand bottom corner of the field (7) – passing through the gate you emerge onto *The Harroway*. Dating from Neolithic times, *The Harroway* long distance byway is one of the oldest long-distance trails in the country. Turn right and, keeping an eye and an ear out for traffic, walk along *The Harroway*, which then rises uphill. Before you reach the crest, you will see a footpath fingerpost and a path off to the right, running along the left side of a field (8). Follow this path on and up, eventually over the railway line and onwards between a hedgerow on the left and a field fence on the right.

You emerge next to a paddock on the left – the path runs around the paddock (9), turning to the left as you follow it down and emerging out onto an access road. Turn right and carry on until you reach the B3400 at Wells-in-the-Field (10). Cross the road carefully and follow the pavement to the right. The water table is particularly high here, hence the name and you can see typical meadow plants and insect life throughout the year. Where the pavement end you follow a footpath down to the left through trees (11).

Continue to follow this path (ignoring the new path on the right) keeping the river to your left until it emerges on Bere Mill Lane (12), cross straight over and go through a gate into a field. You can expect to encounter livestock (usually sheep) in this field; **DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD**. Follow the path ahead and slightly to the left to the hedgerow at the field boundary, and go through a kissing gate.

The path skirts round to the left and along the bottom of another field to the left of a fence. When the path reaches a gateway on the right (13), turn left past the gate, down a short slope and then immediately right onto the footpath, which continues with a fence and a field on the left and hedgerow on the right. At the end, pass through a gate and carry on between trees until you emerge by a wooden house at the end of The Green (14).

Walk along the Green, bearing left at the junction and in a few yards, turn left on a path between the houses (15), follow it through trees and across small footbridges until it emerges at Town Mill (16), where there is a footbridge over the main part of the River Test. Cross over the bridge and bear right to follow the path around the perimeter fence of the school playing field, turning right at the end (17) and then taking the right turn in front of some houses, opposite Alliston Way.

The path continues after a kissing gate, running between walls before emerging at Winchester Street, immediately opposite the Gill Nethercott Centre car park entrance (18).

There's lots to do in Whitchurch as well as walking. The Silk mill has a range of exhibitions and delicious coffee and cake, remember it's closed on Mondays. Details on their website www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk

Friday 3 December: Whitchurch Silk Mill monthly craft session 2-4pm for adults Pins & Needles, book via info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk – 01256 892065

until 9th January 2022 - Whitchurch Silk Mill Exhibition: Made in the Hood, Artists and craftspeople based around north Hampshire

Saturday 4th & 5th December: Whitchurch Silk Mill Christmas, Fair- 10.30 – 4pm with carols at 2pm

Sunday 5th December: Whitchurch Silk Mill Rag Rug Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 11th December: 10.30am to 4.00pm. Whitchurch Silk Mill Baby & Children's Preloved and Gift Sale email lisa.gale@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk for stallholder info

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LOCAL INFORMATION

Contact Group leader for current arrangements

CLUB	LEADER	CONTACT	DAY	TIME
Friends of St Thomas'	Mrs P Yates	01264 355766	3 rd Monday	2.30 – 4pm
Playgroup (Gov Funding from 3 years)	Mrs S Hartley	07979 841318	Mon, Wed, Fri Tues, Thurs	09.00 – 12.30 09.00 – 3pm
Brownie Guides (7 -11 years)	Mrs K Ryder	01264 316907	Tuesdays	4 – 5.30pm
Friendship Club	Mrs S Macnamara	01264 364726	3 rd Wednesday	7.30 – 9pm
Rainbow Guides (5-7 years)	Mrs E Taylor	01264 394322	Thursdays	
Keep Fit	Mrs E Taylor	01264 394322	Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30pm
Slimming World Andover Rugby Club	Kate Evans	07568 622189	Tuesdays	7 – 8.30pm
Young Church	Mrs S Brewer	01264 366394	3 rd Sunday	10.30 – 11.30am
Pilates Class	Jodie Bascombe	jodieawilliams@ googlemail.com	Friday	6-6.45pm

Answers to Christmas Puzzles

1. AWAY IN A MANGER NO CRIB FOR A BED	1. AIAMNCFAB
2. ROCKIN AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE	2. RATCT
3. SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN	3. SCICTT
4. OH LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM	4. OLT0B
5. THE HOLLY AND THE IVY	5. THATI
6. I SAW MUMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS	6. ISMKSJC
7. WHITE CHRISTMAS	7. WC
8. RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER	8. RTRNR
9. GOOD KING WENCESLAS LAST LOOKED OUT	9. GKWLL0
10. THE FIRST NOEL	10. TFN
11. HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING	11. HTFAS
12. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY	12. OIRDC
13. WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE	13. WTK00A
14. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS	14. WWYAMC
15. GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN	15. GRVNG
16. MARY'S BOY CHILD	16. MBC
17. LITTLE DONKEY	17. LD
18. IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR	18. IQUAMC

The grid puzzle contains the following words:

- SANTA CLAUS
- MERRY CHRISTMAS
- WISHTHAT
- ROCKIN AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE
- HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
- ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY
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**Saturday 4 December 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Andover
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We look forward to sharing our evening of music and friendship with you. Sadly, due to Covid restrictions we are not allowed to offer refreshments to celebrate our anniversary. There will however be an interval for you to stretch your legs!

We welcome new members to join us rehearsing at Rookwood School on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. and aim to produce two concerts annually. You can either just turn up at Rookwood School, parking behind the main school via the 'IN' sign from Weyhill Road SP10 3AL or Email our Registrar, Alexandra King, at: alexi.king@hotmail.com.

Our onward programme is set to begin with rehearsing Mendelssohn's *Saint Paul* when we resume in January. Concert date 7 May 2022 at St Mary's Church, Andover.

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**Saturday 18th December at 7pm at St Mary's Church,
Andover**
The Harmonium Singers
50th Anniversary Carol Concert

The local chamber choir, The Harmonium Singers, are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year with a comeback of their annual Carol Concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday 18th December at 7pm

Members of the choir are pleased to be able to come together again after the pandemic to be rehearsing for the Christmas season.

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The Fitness page - Hockey!

One of the ways to ensure physical activity is embedded into yours or your child's life is to find something you/they love doing to keep active. The National Curriculum for PE states schools should have a 'broad range of physical activities' so children should have the opportunity to play a whole range of sports and activities throughout their time in primary and secondary school. This is how I was introduced to hockey.

I always enjoyed team sports at school, and I was lucky that my secondary school had hockey included in their curriculum, a sport which I love and which not only helped me keep physically fit over the years but has also been good for my mental health. It also helped me to develop socially and I have friends from playing hockey who have been close friends for over 20 years and who live across the world.

Andover Hockey Club is a great place to start and they hold training sessions for Under 8s and Under 10s at the Charlton pitch at 9am on a Saturday morning. The Under 12s and Under 14s train at John Hanson and this is where the adult training is held as well.

Whether you have a child who is interested in taking up a team sport or are an adult looking for a way to keep fit with friends I would really recommend giving it a go. You don't need to commit to games or a season, just come and give it a go.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, see the 'contacts' section of the junior contacts on the website at; <https://www.andoverhc.co.uk/contact>

As with any clubs for children, ensure as a parent/guardian you do the appropriate checks before leaving your child unattended. Andover Hockey Club has two welfare officers on their website who can be contacted if you have any questions.

Jodie

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Postal delivery "service"?

I don't know about yours, but our Royal Mail postal delivery service has been awful over the last few months. Sometimes I've received no post for over two weeks. The "because of Covid" reason is starting to wear a bit thin. A birthday card posted to me "first class" on 26th August was finally delivered to me on 20th September and a parcel posted to me on 21st September didn't arrive until 26th October, both arrived after I had complained to the Royal Mail support line.

I've found a call to complain to be very effective with a postie turning up the next day with armfuls of post. It can take a little while to have the phonecall answered, but when they do, they are very understanding and helpful. The number to call is 03457 740 740 and they are open Monday to Friday 7am-8pm, Saturday 8am-6pm and Sunday 9am-4pm.

I've started to keep a log of when post is delivered so that when I call them, I can provide evidence of lack of delivery. Unfortunately, the Royal Mail have lost a parcel that I was expecting to receive in early November. They are still looking for it...



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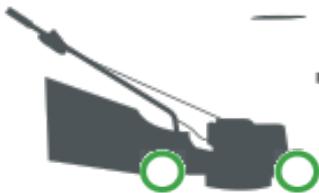
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