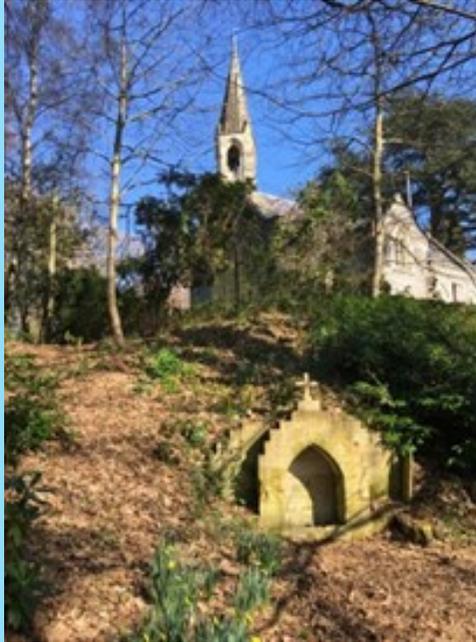


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Letter from Vicar Victoria



Well, I am certainly enjoying the weather this week, it makes up very slightly for not being able to go away on holiday this year. We have said all along how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area, and now we can get out and

meet friends and family things are beginning to feel a little freer, though of course we still have to be careful to protect the vulnerable, the apprehensive and the ill among us by continuing to be conscientious when out and about, or in church. Talking of Church, it was announced this past weekend that I will be leaving the Benefice for pastures new.

It has not been an easy decision as I have so much enjoyed my time here among you all, but I do feel it is time to move on, both personally and for the Benefice. Time for someone else to build on all that has been achieved and take on the new challenges that affect the whole Church of England at the moment.

Choosing a new Vicar will be a job for the Churchwardens, the PCCs and a select few who will prayerfully decide on the qualities they are looking for in their new leader. There has been a lot in the news recently about the future of the Church of England, what it will look like in years to come and who will be running churches, especially the rural ones, lots of debate and discussion. So I thought I would share this; written by a colleague Rev'd Kat Mepham, sent to the **Church Times** in response to article from the Church labelling clergy as 'limiting factors' to Church growth. It was signed by a further 164 clergy including me. It might give an insight into the expectation and role of a clergy person;

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[Letters to the Editor \(churchtimes.co.uk\)](http://churchtimes.co.uk)

Sir, — In response to the reference to “limiting factors”(News, 2 July) that prevent mission and ministry in the Church of England:

We are the limiting factor.

We are the listeners to stories, to heartache, to pain — that arrive in our hearts via email, Facebook, and a knock on the door.

We are the holders of hands, the ones who bless the dying and comfort the bereaved.

We are the writers of risk assessments and the readers of regulations and Covid guidelines (often late at night)

We are the facilitators: the “Let’s change our plans” people, the “We can adapt”, the “Rain/Covid won’t stop us” people.

We are the up-at-6-a.m. people, the learners of Open Broadcaster Software, the reluctant YouTube stars; we moved our ministry online in moments. We are the learned-new-skills people, wept many tears of frustration people, worried about those not online people.

We are the shoulder to cry on, the place to bring frustrations, and “Why did you move the candle?” questions. We are the listeners to roof problems, the unblockers of toilets. and the listeners to joyful moments.

We are the lovers of our community, the spreaders of the gospel of love, even if this doesn’t translate to bums on seats.

We are the baptisers of babies and the reassurers of young parents. We smile at wonderful noisy toddlers and sing nursery rhymes at toddlers’ groups.

We are the ones who bring up our babies and juggle their needs alongside our communities. We are the ones who sacrifice our loved ones to others too often (but we are getting better at that).

We are the ones who have missed many family occasions because we don’t get a weekend; we have smiled too many wry smiles at our spouses because of emergencies’ changing plans. We are the ones who give so much time to others and then return to an empty house with no one to hear about our day.

With every blessing

Victoria

Online and Onsite Worship

Lifting of Covid Restrictions – what does that mean for worship?

On 19th July the government made most restrictions that have been in place during the pandemic optional and a matter of personal choice. We know that many of the restrictions we undertake are not for our own benefit but for the benefit of others. Therefore, after considering all the guidance, and taking into account the current trends in case numbers, the church team will be implementing the following, in all our churches, from 19th July. We thank you for your co-operation.

We strongly advise that people wear a face mask during the service.

Hand sanitizer will continue to be available at the beginning of the services.

Those who use the track & trace app will be encouraged to continue to check in but we will no longer require everyone to sign in, though sign in sheets will be available for those without the App who would like to.

We will retain socially distanced seating, however, if you wish to sit with someone else and you have all agreed it, that is fine.

We will resume the singing of hymns whilst asking people to remain seated, masked and facing the front.

We will request that people remain in their seats during the peace but make sure there is enough time for people to greet everyone without physical contact.

We will continue to move to the steps/altar rail to receive communion, following social distancing rules.

We will retain reception in one kind only until there is clear guidance on how we can return to the common cup safely.

We will be serving refreshments outside after the service, weather permitting. Please bring your own mug/cup.

These decisions will be reviewed in mid-September.

Regular service pattern

The regular service pattern remains unchanged although, due to the lifting of COVID restrictions, you no longer need to book. The pattern of services is:

Sunday at 09:30

1st Sunday - Worship for All, online only

2nd Sunday - Communion at St Mark, Ampfield

3rd Sunday - Communion at All Saints, North Baddesley and streamed live online

4th Sunday - Communion at St Denys, Chilworth

5th Sunday (when there is one) - Communion at St John, North Baddesley

Sunday at 11:30: Morning Prayer using the Book of Common Prayer (on Zoom)

Sunday at 16:00: This Week With God discussion group (on Zoom), 2nd and 4th Sundays

Tuesday at 10:30: Communion in the glade at St Mark's, bring a picnic chair



Please go to p. 31 to read about the Old Testament in 50 words.

What's on

Sunday 1st. August

Little Court Crawley SO21 2PU 2-5.30pm
5 Oakfields Boyatt Wood SO50 4RP 2-5pm
West View Stockbridge SO20 6EL 10.30 - 4pm

Wednesday 4th. August

West View Stockbridge SO20 6EL 1 - 4pm

Friday 6th, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th August

Twin Oaks 13 Oakwood Rd., Chandlers Ford 1 - 5pm

Sunday 29th August

The Deane House Sparsholt SO21 2LR 2 - 5pm

For more information and bookings visit ngs.org.uk



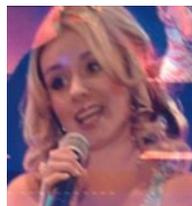
HAMPSHIRE
open studios
21-30 August 2021

Hampshire Open Studios is an annual art trail where the visiting public can meet artists in their homes, studios and galleries free of charge.

Visit <https://www.hampshireopenstudios.org.uk> for more details.

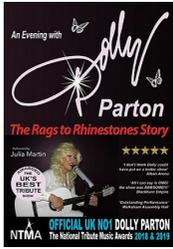
Sunday 22nd August. Doors open: 17:00

Katherine Jenkins OBE and John Owen-Jones (Valjean in Les Mis) will perform a Summer Concert of classical music, musical theatre and a Proms finale, with orchestra, at Embley Park. The concert is part of the fund raising weekend, A Celebration of Speed, raising funds for two important causes, Sir Jackie Stewart's charity Race Against Dementia and local children's hospice Naomi House and Jack's Place.



Tickets from www.celebrationofspeed.co.uk.

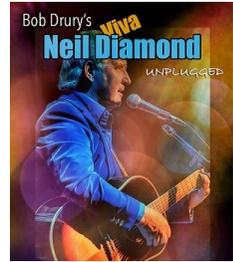
The Plaza Romsey—Tribute Shows



Friday 20th August
19.30
Dolly Parton :
The Rags to
Rhinestones Story
By Julia Martin



Saturday 28th
August
19.30
Elvis the Legend
By J D King



Friday 27th August
19.30
Viva Neil Diamond
Unplugged
By Bob Drury



Thursday 2nd Sept.
19.30
Sounds of the Sixties
By The Zoots

Visit www.plazatheatre.com for more details and booking.

Hillier's Gardens

Visitor numbers are limited, please book in advance, arrive within your 30-minute timeslot and limit your stay to three hours. Tickets and membership cards checked at Visitor Reception.

House and Gallery (11am - 4pm), gardens, one way system in the kitchen garden, walled gardens, winter garden and river walk.

Stables café and Kitchen garden kiosk with limited take-away menu,

Toilets open apart from the toilets inside the lower floor of the house.

Currently closed: Art gallery and play areas.

Dogs welcome on short leads in outdoor areas except inside the rose walled garden and the front and back lawns of the house.

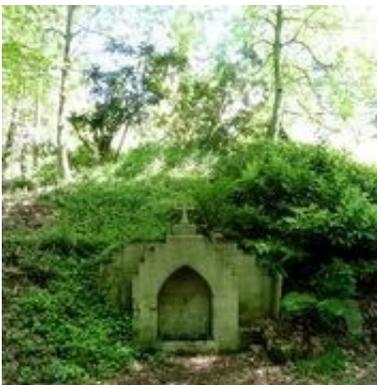
Go to p. for details of summer concerts at Hillier's

.The story of the fountain in the churchyard

As I described last month, the idea for a churchyard fountain came to Maria Trench, niece of Sir William Heathcote who was to marry Ampfield's first vicar, Robert Wilson, when she was travelling in the Tyrol with the Heathcotes. They came across a decorative fountain called Heiligis Wasser, high on the Patscher Kofel Mountain and she thought a copy of it would make a splendid addition to the churchyard of St Mark's. Subsequently Lady Selina Heathcote's diary for 1846 records: '*17th August - To Ampfield with dearest Maria to settle finally about Heiligis Wasser in the aft . . . August 25th - Ordered the Stone Cross for the Ampfield well (Heiligis Wasser)*'.

In 2000 we were lucky enough to go to Oberammergau, and since we stayed afterwards in Salzburg, I asked at the main tourist office there about 'our' fountain. The girl I spoke to knew it well and was very interested, sending me a postcard later, showing the original fountain. Originally, as can be seen in the earliest pictures, water ran from the spout of our Ampfield fountain, but I am told that this ceased when houses were built in lower Knapp Lane which presumably affected the water table.

The fountain stands at the foot of a steep slope rising to near the east end of the church, and it is clear from photos that this area soon



became overgrown. The Victorians, of course, loved ivy and other creepers and perhaps the effect was intentional. Already by 1866 the slope was a mass of scrub. By the 1980s a particularly large holly tree was well established just above the stonework of the fountain.

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Churchyard fountain and church 2001.

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St Marks and fountain
c1990

However, as part of the general sprucing up of the whole site for the 1991 anniversary, Geoff Wood, who maintained the churchyard during the 1980s, cleared the slope and planted lots of daffodils, thus providing us with a dramatic new view of St Mark's. This made a great feature of an area which had been rather neglected - as far as one can judge from old photos - for much of its life! Alas, later pictures show that the former state returned quite quickly. The Friends of Ampfield Wood cleared the undergrowth once more a few years ago.



Fountain from Kebleland
1900

Last month I showed you a sketch by Maria of the fountain when it was newly constructed. We have a number of photos taken over the years and I thought you might be interested to see a selection of them.



Liz Hallett



Man by fountain
St Marks.
1870

A child in Ampfield

Episode 6 - Endings

The title of episode 6 is meaningful in many ways. Firstly, episode 5 related events in the first months of a childhood year in Ampfield, whilst this will tell of what we did in the latter half of the year. Secondly, I will complete this episode with my leaving the village; and, lastly, it will be my final contribution. So, an appropriate title, I think.

Endings were far from our minds though when we began the LONG summer holiday from school! It was a time of great excitement, no more school for 6 weeks! It seemed an eternity and one that was to be enjoyed and relished. Strange, really, because we didn't do a lot, it was just the relaxing change of routine that was exhilarating. Mum would take us two or three times into Southampton or Winchester on the bus during the 6 weeks. We ate in British Home Stores, if it was Southampton. I remember that they had a large display of ladies' hats which were on tables, accessible to children. We tried them on and admired ourselves in the large mirror! These excursions were usually to buy clothes or shoes but sometimes it was for the cinema ... the Odeon or the Gaumont ... magical.

We had many walks during our summer holidays. Ampfield woods, via Wingham Lane, were the main venue but we also walked down the Mile wood to Crampmoor and returned via Green Lane. When Dad was home we might go to Farley mount to play ball games and have a picnic. Often Mum and Dad "had a drive" after Sunday lunch and we would be ferried around the local area (and sometimes further afield) to see places of interest and have a walk there.



First day at Winchester High School

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I enjoyed getting to the places but the back of a Morris Minor or a bumpy sidecar ride was not my preferred method. Still, today at 70 years old, I wish that we humans had the ability to snap our fingers and be at our destination, travelling is not my “thing “!

When I was older I was allowed to cycle round the village on my own but, during Primary school, I had to play in and around my house. We did have a lovely large garden so I was very lucky. I made mud cakes and decorated them with daisies. These then were put to harden on the flat roof of the coal bunker and used as food in pretend houses. Being in the large chicken run was a treat, digging worms for them, watching them have dust baths and peck at old cabbage stalks and, occasionally, at each other (chickens can be quite argumentative!). So you can see that the long holidays were far from boring; interspersed with the odd treat - the seaside being the ultimate joy.

However, the return to school was not unwelcome. The prestige of being a year older and, possibly in a different class, was reward enough for the return to routine, and seeing friends again was a bonus. September was Harvest festival at school and at Church. Produce from the garden was gathered, taken in and finally given to folks who needed it. The Church always looked and smelt so wonderful at this time. When I was older I would help with the Decoration, also at Easter.

Bonfire Night was a November occasion. Fireworks were bought in Romsey, from Davidsons toy shop, and stored away. The making of the bonfire, and the Guy to go on it, was integral to the anticipation and excitement. Dad had to donate an old shirt, trousers and anything else he felt like adding and then the stuffing of the Guy's limbs with newspaper could begin. His head was a stuffed paper bag onto which a cardboard mask was attached. Sometimes a hat was found for him. The fire was built on the land at the back of the garden and as soon as it got dark (which seemed to take forever) we were outside.

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Me & a guy!

Mum and Dad were very careful with us and we always had to stand well back from the fireworks and the heat of the bonfire, but it was amazing fun! The year was, of course, brought to an end by Christmas and all that entails.

And so we come to the end of my childhood years in Ampfield. I left home, aged 18, to go to Teacher Training College in Roehampton, London and embarked on an adventure which would see me working in education with children with special needs, marrying, having 2 children of my own and now being a Granny to 4 lovely grandsons !

Life in Ampfield has changed, obviously, but when I return (which I do very often as I only live 2 miles away), all the memories are so fresh in my mind of being a child in Ampfield.”



With my boyfriend Denis Emery - Now husband for the last 48 years !



Off to college in London

Lynda Emery

[We are looking forward to your next series Lynda! ... Eds.]



Dear Resident

As a neighbour of Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, I want to inform you of our fundraising evening events this summer which may cause some noise and extra vehicle movement during and outside of our normal opening hours. Our fundraising events are vital income to the Gardens as a charity and the financial impact of the past year on the Gardens has been considerable, but we are aware of the inconvenience some of these events can cause you as our neighbours. These events will be carefully managed, and sound checked throughout the evening to ensure we are working with and complying to environmental health standards to minimise the impact on you.

Summer Soul Spectacular Concert

Friday 13 July & Saturday 14 August - Gates open 6pm.
Concert time 7.30pm - 10.30pm approx. there will also be a sound check during the day.

Family Summers End Picnic

Concert with Fireworks - Saturday 28 August
Gates open 6pm.
Concert time 7pm - 9.15pm approx.

Fireworks approx. 9.15/20pm approx. There will also be a sound check during the day.

Last Night of the Picnic Proms

Concert with Fireworks - Saturday 4 Sept
Gates open 6pm. Concert time 7pm - 10.15pm approx.
Fireworks approx. 10.15/20pm approx. There will also be a sound check during the day.

Details may change, so please see our website for the latest information www.hants.gov.uk/hilliergardens I hope you find this information useful and hope to see you at the Gardens soon. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely Tracy
Tracy Randall Marketing and Events Manager Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
tracy.randall@hants.gov.uk



ROMSEY GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Providing Voluntary Transport Services to the Community

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Romsey Good Neighbours is a small, local charity that uses volunteer drivers to take elderly people to their medical appointments. Now that restrictions are lifting we have many appointments to find drivers for and really need more drivers to help us.

We pay a set rate for drives and are happy for people to be available on spec. or to specify when they would be willing to drive.

If you have some free time and like meeting people please get in touch: Registered Charity No. 1119751
email us at romseygoodneighbours@gmail.com





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*From the St. Mark's
Register*



Baptism

We recently welcomed into the church by Baptism:
Isabelle Griffin on 18th July in St. Mark

Marriage

We send our congratulations to
James Curtis and Rhiannon Burden who were mar-
ried at St. Mark on 17th July
We wish them a very happy married life together



4 wheels better than 8 legs !

Spotted at the Café Velo in Ringwood, a great pit stop for cyclists.

Mother's Help

We have received this request from a mother who has recently been diagnosed with cancer:

Starting mid to late July Mon to Fri 7.30am -4pm a friendly, reliable person is required in a paid position as a mothers help, nanny, housekeeper.

Would be required to drive, look after children (aged 10+), do school runs and a little cleaning, laundry and cooking. Queries & applications please to 07973 343 468.

RIDE+STRIDES

11th September 2021

Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust

Ride and Stride Day is a great opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family. Half the money that is raised goes to the church of your choice, therefore by sponsoring people you are not only helping other churches but also your own.

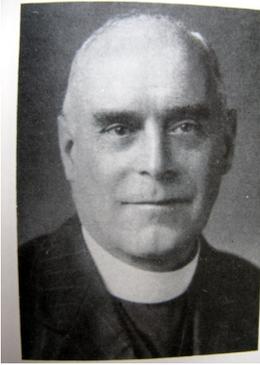
It also gives family and friends a chance to visit churches together, chat with church representatives and learn more about the history and heritage of the churches. You can be sure the sponsorship money you raise will be used for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Last years Ride and Stride was actually held when other events were cancelled, plans are well ahead for this year. The churches in our benefice have been registered and now we are looking for people who would like to ride on a bicycle or stride by walking to raise money for this charity. If you feel you can only walk or ride to and from one church or many it doesn't matter everyone has a chance to take part. Also it doesn't have to be churches that are local you can take your car and plan your own walk.

For sponsor forms and more information contact Sally in the parish office.



Sally Kerson



Memorials of Ampfield 9 by The Reverend Lake.

St Mark was chosen as the patron saint of the Church and the consecration took place on April 21st 1841 thus anticipating by a few days only, St Mark's day (April 25th) which was also Mr Keble's birthday. The significance of the day was increased by the presence at the service of many who figured largely in the Ecclesiastical world of that day, and in the so called "Oxford movement", intimate friends of Mr Keble - the Rev JH Newman (later raised to the dignity of Cardinal in the Roman church), his sister, Mrs Thomas Morley and her husband, then vicar of Cholderton, the Rev. Isaac Williams, the author of many theological works and a poet of no mean distinction, and Miss Charlotte Yonge the well known author-ess.

At the same time Ampfield was formed into a separate Ecclesiastical Parish under an act of Parliament of 58 George 111.

Miss Younge adds a note to the effect that she journeyed to Ampfield, sitting behind Mr Keble's chaise, he driving the old Flea - bitten white horse across the park, and that she enjoyed the bumping. The area of the park has been twice reduced. In 1855 the hamlet of Pucknell was assigned to the newly- formed ecclesiastical parish of Braishfield. Also in 1897, a part was cut off the eastern boundary of the parish to help in the formation of the new parish of Chandlers Ford.

The endowment of the living of Ampfield was provided by the resignation of the part of the Dean and Chapter of Winchester of the great Tithes, and a fund subscribed by the parishioners of which Mr J White, of Ampfield House contributed £500.

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The church is enriched with several stained glass windows, a fact which would greatly have pleased Mr Keble, who firmly believed in the possibilities of teaching through the eye, as witness the variety of the subjects and the richness of symbolism in the windows he placed in Hursley Church.

About the year 1855 a painted east window was presented to the church by the Rev. RF Wilson, the first vicar, formerly curate of Hursley. About the same time Sir William and Lady Heathcote, conjointly with Mrs R F Wilson presented the west window. In the year 1867 a small window, close to the pulpit, designed by Mr Butterfield, was erected by subscription, chiefly among the parishioners, in memory of the Rev John Keble in thankful remembrance of his life and work. The window cost the sum of £33, and £25 of this amount was returned by Mr Wales to the Keble college fund.

Two other small windows on the south side of the church were presented by the second incumbent, the Rev J F Moor in memory of his three sons. In 1903 a window designed by Mr E Frampton, was placed on the north side of the chancel by Mrs Webber Harris, whose remains lie in the churchyard. In the year 1915 two stained glass windows, entitled the "Gate Terrestrial" and the "Gate Celestial" were placed in the south and north walls of the sanctuary by the Rev Vere Awdry, in memory of his son, 2nd. Lieut. CEF Awdry Royal Munster Fusiliers, killed in action at Etreux on Aug. 27th 1914.

Contributed by Nick



Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. Which team used to play at Anfield before Liverpool FC?
2. Who had a 1970 No 1 with I Hear You Knocking?
3. When is the feast of Stephen?
4. What is the capital of Australia?
5. What is the world's fastest growing plant?
6. What name is given to the liquid part of the blood?
7. Who was the first woman to be elected as speaker of the commons?
8. When was the capital punishment abolished in Britain?
9. What colour is a piebald horse?
10. From which bird's nest is birds nest soup made?



In response to Covid-19
AMPFIELD NEIGHBOURS

working with **unity**

The Test Valley Borough Council Volunteer Support Group

A group of Ampfield residents have come together to help as volunteers working with Unity during the Covid-19 pandemic. Unity is the Test Valley Borough Council Volunteer Support Group. If you live in Ampfield and need help with collecting prescriptions or shopping

contact

Unity on the Test Valley Community Helpline -

0330 400 4116

or

UnityC-19@unityonline.org.uk

Someone from **Ampfield Neighbours** will be in touch.

Romsey Food Bank in the Pandemic

During the COVID-19 epidemic the food bank is now more important than ever. ACNB churches can also help you access the Food Bank service if you need it.

The epidemic puts Food Banks under great strain. Please donate as much food as you can to support their work at this time.

Donations can be taken to any of these collection points*

Romsey Foodbank

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

1030 - 1230.

Waitrose donation point for customers

(shop opening hours)

Community Life Centre,

Flemming Avenue, North Baddesley

10 - 12 Mon - Fri

*All church collection points are now closed, until restrictions are lifted.

St. Marks Church: Treasurer's Report

The last 6 months have been a very difficult time for St Marks. It started with the lead being removed from the Hall Roof. This was covered by the Insurance.

The Quota

All churches have to pay a Quota to Winchester to help towards the cost of vicar's salaries, housing, pensions and many other costs. St Marks has to pay £19,518.00 this year, together with electric, insurance and other overheads including any unexpected repairs. This year our projected income from our congregation will not cover these costs. However, next year there will be a large increase in Quota. At present we are appealing against this increase and hopefully we will be successful. In pre-covid years fund raising, in particular the fête, hire of the hall and income from the Messenger have helped to cover any deficit.

So, how do we manage to pay our bills? The church relies on donations from the congregation and friends of the Church. And they very generously respond to our requests but there is a limit to how much we can expect from so few.

The next large expense will be repairs to the stained glass

windows and we have secured a grant to start repairing them.

There is a team of people who work tirelessly to keep the Church and grounds in good order for people to enjoy; we would like to thank them very much.

**Pam Morfew
Treasurer**



“Never doubt the courage of the French. They were the ones who discovered that snails are edible.”

Doug Larson



Report from Ampfield Parish Council's Meeting of 12 July 2021

The Parish Council has kindly been granted funds by Hampshire County Councillor Alan Dowden and Borough Councillor Martin Hatley, for the purchase of an AED (defibrillator) for the Recreation Ground. This will be available at all times for the public to access, and is automated so that it can be used even if you have not received training.

The new dipping platform in Chapel Wood is now ready. This is available for everyone to use, and we also hope that it will be a facility that the primary school enjoy when they have their outdoor lessons.

Clearance of debris and improvement of the area around the pond will continue in the coming weeks.

The next Parish Council Meeting is at 7pm on Monday 13 September 2021 at Ampfield Village Hall.

Kate Orange
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www.ampfield.org.uk

A sign of our times

Two signs seen at London Bridge station: an art installation with the slogan

“Smiles are contagious”

next to a formal notice saying

“Wear a face covering.”

The Times diary.

Romsey Festival

A big thank you to all who supported, in any shape or form, the churchyard trails. I certainly enjoyed writing them and planning where the different stations would be going. Although it was quite a challenge at the beginning battling with the wind and rain, this is where I really appreciated those who checked that they were still in place from day to day!



The 'open weekend' was a success at St. Mark's church and people were delighted to meet up with friends that they had not seen for sometime, due to lockdown. Thanks to those who served refreshments and sold some very special doughnuts. We are grateful to

Richard from Krispy Kreme who so generously donated them to us and made sure they were branded for the occasion. All this helped to raise some much needed funds for the church.

I also would like to thank Romsey Festival committee for fully supporting our contribution to the festival, they helped us advertise the churchyard trails, mainly through social media. It has been quite a few years since the outlying villages were first invited to take part in Romsey



Festival and they are always delighted at the interesting and diverse range of events we have put on. The trails were not what we originally planned but because of lockdown it was sensible to think of an outdoor event which would enable people to visit our churches safely. Congratulations to the people who managed to find the hidden words in both of the trails. Look away now if you don't want to know the answers because you are still trying to work them out using the red letters!

St. Mark - NOTICEBOARDS

St. John the Baptist - WHITE DOVECOTE

Sally Kerson

Public Health Consultation 2021

Hampshire County Council is seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on proposals to make changes to some Public Health services

This Public Health services consultation is open from:

Monday 14 June 2021 to 11:59pm on Monday 9 August 2021.

“ Against a backdrop of reducing County Council budgets and increasing service demand, Public Health has worked with organisations which deliver services on its behalf to identify potential new ways of working within its ring-fenced budget. This includes making the most of the opportunities that are presented by new technologies and the internet and continuing adaptations that were successfully introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This work has identified that savings could be made by developing a blended model of delivery, which encompasses face-to-face and group work along with virtual services (internet, video conferencing and phone calls), and in some cases, stopping or reducing services in the following four areas:

- Substance misuse treatment;
- Stop smoking (known as Smokefree Hampshire);
- Sexual health;
- 0-19 Public Health nursing, which includes health visiting and school nursing.

We would like to hear your views on the options for change, to understand the potential impacts should these be adopted and to invite other suggestions on how savings could be made. Your feedback will help to inform a decision by the Executive Lead Member for Adult Services and Public Health in late 2021.

How to take part:

The consultation Information Pack provides further detail about Public Health services in Hampshire, the four areas under consideration and the options for change.

Please read this information carefully before sharing your views via the consultation Response Form.”

For further information: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/>

Castaway of the Month

Nick Jeffries



“I have a large collection of CDs which I enjoy listening to, however music has not played a large part of my life, I much prefer to be out in the open air listening to the birds and the wind whistling through the trees, but some tunes remind me of places I’ve been and people I have met.

Living Doll by Cliff Richard

This song reminds me when I was 15 in 1959 and spent the summer on my Uncle’s farm on the Dorset coast. I would saddle up the Welsh mountain pony and before breakfast would ride over North Hill to check on the sheep, from where I could see the whole of Lyme bay from Portland Bill to St Just. Sometimes he would send me up the hill with a gun to scare the birds off the ripening corn. Large open spaces and freedom. Sometimes it seems nothing changes as in my 77th year the local farmer this year asked me to do the dusk patrol, to check on the 200 ewes lambing at Broadgate farm, which I did every evening for four weeks.

Lord I hope this Day is Good by Don Williams.

I am a get up and go morning person and love country music, to hear this would be a good start to the day.

Willie the Weeper by King Oliver and his Dixie Syncopators.

This would remind me of those dim, smoke filled, loud music and good beer Jazz clubs that I loved. One of my favourites was the Yellow Dog in a seedy basement somewhere in Southampton. I also loved the Concord then at Basset Green where there were always lots of pretty girls to dance with, and that was where I met my wife.



The Chorus of the Hebrew Slave by Verdi.

The sound of many powerful voices pulling together would give me the strength to do impossible tasks while on my own on the island

Dreaming my Dreams by The Fureys and Davey Arthur.

Holidaying in Ireland listening to local bands in out of the way pubs gave me a love of their music. This band is my favourite, and I would love to hear this song sitting on the sand with my back against a palm tree, watching tropical birds soaring over clear waters dreaming my life away. Bliss

The hymn Take my Life.

I love to sing (though not very good at it), and this would remind me of Ampfield Church and I am looking forward to when we can all sing hymns together again.

God's Colouring Book by Philomena Begley and Margo O'Donnell.

I have been lucky to have worked over 50 years outside often in beautiful surroundings, this has given me a huge appreciation of everything around me. Since retiring and thanks to Julie's art class painting has made me look even closer at the detail. This song epitomises everything that I love about the countryside.

Help me make it through the night by Joan Baez.

Being marooned on a desert island I am sure that I would soon long to hear the sound and be in the company of a woman, the voice of my favourite folk singer would be a comfort to me on those long nights.

The one book that I wish to take with me would have to be "THE AMATEUR POACHER" written by Richard Jefferies in 1879 whose bust stands in Salisbury Cathedral. My luxury would be a windsurfing board - this is me skimming the waves!"

[It would have to have a homing device so you can't escape!..Eds.]



Sunday 26th September 2021

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How to find out if you're old: fall down. If people laugh you're young, if people panic, you're old.

Maureen Telford - Letter to The Guardian

The Old Testament in 50 words

July's Worship For All ([catchup online here](#)) continued the theme of the Bible with a look at the Old Testament.

The story of Israel is a full-on roller-coaster with awful, wrenching lows and dizzying, wonderful highs. The shape of that story made every 1st Century Jew who they were and it formed the scripture that Jesus used. If we want to understand Jesus then we need to understand where His story fits into history. Jesus fulfils that crowning old testament need for a saviour - He continues the story. A new chapter. We talked last month about needing to wrestle with the Bible. Can we fully understand the new testament unless we understand the Old Testament and all the groundwork God has laid for what comes next? It might take a while but, in the meantime, here's the Old Testament in 50 words...

God created
Eve tempted
Noah sailed
Abram envisioned
Abraham tested
Jacob wrestled
Joseph sold
Pharaoh dreamt
Israelites enslaved
Egypt plagued
Sea parted
God commanded
Moses received
Ruth followed
Goliath slayed
David anointed
Solomon judged
Temple built
Israel divided
Kings ruled
Jerusalem destroyed
Daniel spared
Temple rebuilt
Whale sated
People waited



Abbie West

Answers to Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. Everton
2. Dave Edmunds Rockpile
3. December 26th
4. Canberra
5. Bamboo
6. Plasma
7. Betty Boothroyd
8. 1965
9. Black and White
10. The Swift



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A Prayer for times of change

Dear Lord

Your Word says that there is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born, a time to die,

a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build.

This Word shows me that there is a time for change,

it is natural for every activity to have its allotted time.

Lord help me to be comfortable with this time of change,

Amen.

Based on Ecclesiastes 3 1-3



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