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Dear Friends

As we get older, we all tend to store up so many memories. However, some of these memories may never actually surface until an object, a song or even a smell, suddenly triggers something and we are off down memory lane.

As some of you may know we invite the “The Memory Box Foundation” to come along once a month on a Sunday afternoon (The Open Teapot) to join us for tea and cake at All Saints Church, North Baddesley. During those few hours themed items are passed around which evoke memories of the past. It could be that a family occasion is recalled, a holiday, a film or everyday life, in fact anything. It is wonderful to see how these memories can at times generate laughter and a positive interaction between people. Research has shown that when engaging in nostalgic reflection, people report a stronger sense of belongingness, affiliation, or sociality; they convey higher continuity between their past and their present. They even describe their lives as more meaningful; and they often indicate higher levels of self-esteem and positive mood.

Memories are one of the greatest gifts that God has ever given us. They allow us to live one moment one thousand times over. In Philippians 1:3, Paul said: “I thank my God every time I remember you.” The memories of times we have spent with people are hugely important to us. Christian writer and public speaker Corrie ten Boom, whose family helped hide Jewish people during the war, shared her hope in God while she was imprisoned at the concentration camp. Corrie said at that time “Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future.”

Let’s praise God for wonderful memories in our lives and the opportunity to share them with others, especially when they become moments of healing.

(if you are interested in coming along to ‘The Open Teapot’ in All Saints on the second Sunday of the month then details are elsewhere in this magazine – you are most welcome to join us) .



Sally Kerson



Weekly service pattern

Sunday Services

	All Saints	St Mark	St Denys	St John
1st Sunday	11:00 Messy Church	09:30 Café Church	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	11:00 Communion or Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion	09:30 informal Morning Prayer	
3rd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion or Morning prayer	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	
4th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
5th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		

Midweek Services

When	Where	What
Tuesday, 10:30	St Mark, Ampfield	Small group Communion in St Mark's room, followed by coffee
Wednesday, 19:00	All Saints, North Baddesley	Communion in a peaceful candle lit space in the midst of your busy week

Need a break from the hurly burly of life? St. Mark's is open daily from 10am - 4pm



Ann's Journey with Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley



Ann joined us in June 2023 as an ordinand, was ordained deacon on the 30 June 2024 and priested a year later on the 29 June 2025. We said our farewells, as Ann moves on to her new post, almost exactly three years after she joined us. She goes with our gratitude for her service and our prayers for the future. During her time with us she threw herself into the regular pattern of services and activities run at all our churches providing both practical and spiritual support.

Her RE teaching background came in very handy when she led Pilgrim Group discussions and helped establish and run Forest Church services at St. Mark's. This also helped her nurture and grow a successful relationship with the North Baddesley schools, leading regular assemblies and welcoming the children into All Saints. At St. Denys, she introduced an informal morning prayer service and was a regular at their programme of lunchtime recitals. She could often be found wielding a teapot or a coffee jug at community events such as Open Teapot and Welcome Café.

Ann has run wedding preparation courses, administered Last Rites, and organised and presided over countless weddings, funerals and internments, particularly since Vanessa left last October. She has also been an active member of the ecumenical team ministering to the BUPA Care Home in North Baddesley. It is hopefully clear that Ann would have continued to be a blessing to us all as an assistant priest - and we'd have loved that, had it been possible. We are delighted for Ann that she has found the ideal local opportunity in the Parish of Somborne with Ashley. We wish her well as she takes up her post as Curate there.

All are very warmly invited to her licensing service at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, King's Somborne, on Tuesday 7th July at 7.30pm, by Bishop Rhiannon, the Bishop of Southampton. The postcode is SO20 6PN. Light refreshments will be served in the village school next door, following the service.

Mark West

Memories of Ann's time with us



St. Mark's Fête 2026

We were so lucky this year with the weather; after such a miserable start to June, it came good the day before the fete and was dry and warm. Happily, we escaped the subsequent heatwave. A friendly crowd came and there was a wonderful atmosphere, with entertainment once more provided by 'A Bit of a Jam', a wonderful local ukulele band. The dog show was again popular, with people entering their cherished pets of all breeds and none. Many thanks to Chris for organising this and Caroline Hanchard-Goodwin for being the judge, with the help of her husband. If you have any ideas for future categories, please let us know.

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Church Fete and Dog Show

Saturday 13th June
11.30 am - 2.30 pm
St. Marks Church
Ampfield SO51 9BU

In Church Grounds and Chapel Wood

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Fun Dog Show
- Cream teas
- Cake stall
- BBQ
- Games for all
- Plant Stall
- Craft Stalls
- and much more

Southampton Ukulele Jam

dog show
chris@acnb-church.org

enquiries
philb@acnb-church.org

Thank you to all those who helped set up the day before and packed everything away afterwards and thanks to all the stallholders who worked so tirelessly to provide cream teas, cake, bbq and the bar, and ran the bottles, chocolate and jewellery stalls. We also want to thank everyone who so generously donated raffle prizes, the cask of beer, Pimm's, bottles, plants, and the £50 note.

Of course the fete wouldn't have been the success it was, or such fun for everyone, without all the people who came and supported us. It was lovely to see the youngsters with painted faces, winning coconuts, playing the corn hole, and splatting (or missing) the rat. The entrants for the 'Best Junior Handler' in the dog show excelled themselves. There were many other games, and also many adults playing them and seeming to enjoy themselves just as much as the youngsters!

A grand total of £3780 was made, details on next page. As previously, the raffle proceeds go to The Friends of St Mark's to be used purely on our building and churchyard, and the remainder go into general St Mark's funds to literally "keep the lights on."

Phil Budden

St. Mark's Fête 2026



Name of stall	Takings
Cakes and cream teas	£273.50
BBQ	£316.44
Cake & Jam	£106.00
Beer Tent	£198.53
Pimms	£114.94
Entrance	£213.26
Dog Show	£54.70
Raffle	£1,379.00
£50 note	£150.00
Bottle stall	£191.00
Gardening	£385.57
Jewellery	£65.16
Books	£70.10
Craft Stalls	£36.00
Face painting	£22.73
Coconut shy	£59.00
Corn hole	£40.00
Games	£57.00
Clothes & toys	£27.79
Chocolate stall	£87.00
Fete Total	£3,847.72



The Dog Show



St. Mark's Fête 2026



Friends for Lunch

Let's do Lunch!



Maintains its 5 star rating

On Wednesday 17th June we were treated to our biennial inspection by Environmental Health. After some vigorous cleaning, tidying, de-cluttering and checking of paperwork we were ready for our review. We are happy to announce that we passed with flying colours! Thank you to all our wonderful helpers. We now have a full list of members so early booking is essential. To book a place please contact Pam on :

02380 411146 or Email - pammorf@virginmedia.com

Our next meal is tea in July (fully booked) and we will be back in October after our summer break.



Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. What was the name of the diver who famously saved Winchester Cathedral from collapsing?
2. What year did Titanic sail from Southampton?
3. Which Hampshire city was Charles Dickens born in?
4. Which supermarket brand does The Leckford Estate in the Test Valley belong to?
5. When was the Emirates Spinnaker Tower built?
[1] 2000 [2] 2001 [3] 2003
6. What world famous gin is distilled in Hampshire?
7. Which Hampshire Village is home to the world's first naturalist, Gilbert White?
8. How many New Forest ponies are roaming in the New Forest National Park? [1] 1000 [2] 5000 [3] 9000
9. The halfway inn is located in which Hampshire Village?
10. Which is the older church Ampfield or Lockerley?



Ron Cobb

Answers on p. 36

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riends of
Chapel
Wood
by
Graham Roads

In line with tradition, the second Saturday in June is always St. Mark's Church fete day, so, again in line with tradition, the happy group of volunteers that make up the Friends of Chapel Wood rock up and do what they can to help. This can be anything from serving beer to exhausted fete-goers (the Friends are quite good at this, provided they can test it first!) to putting up gazebos or looking after one of the stalls. In recent years, this has tended to be the plant stall.



We have always been lucky with the plant stall. People have donated some wonderful plants, and this year was no exception. In particular, we must thank Hilliers again for the wonderful collection of potted plants they contributed. Without doubt this adds great colour and interest to the stall, which, for some reason, tends to look a bit green without it.

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We are always pleased to join in with the fete. It is always good fun, we can chat quite happily with friends and neighbours, both old and new, and go home afterwards, quite content that we have enjoyed



ourselves and raised a couple of pounds for St. Mark's and its causes. A village church can be a secure hub for local villagers but should never be taken for

granted. For every runner bean or marigold we sell, we can put another new tile on the roof!



If you fancy the idea of joining some like-minded neighbours for a few hours once a month, just turn up in the St. Mark's car park at 09:45 on the second Saturday of every month. The Friends are a good bunch. Tools are provided. It is a good way to have a bit of fun and help our community at the same time. Next month we are hoping to finish knocking in the new footpath signs and start cutting back overgrown footpaths.

Graham



Benefice News Ampfield

St. Mark's stall at the Ampfield Market

Next Market Saturday 4th July 10am - noon

Come along to the popular Market in the Village Hall and grab a bargain from our eclectic stall. If you have any items to donate please contact Pam or Chris.

Friends of St. Mark's

The Friends of St Mark's held our latest event, the ever popular quiz on Friday 19th June.

On a warm evening - but thankfully before the heatwave - we managed to fit 56 people into St Mark's Room. It's was 'cosy' but a thoroughly enjoyable night. The questions, set by Ron & Stella, challenged us on subjects from local knowledge through to astronomy as well as popular culture. As always the scores were extremely close with the winning team triumphing by a single point.



These events only happen with the support of those who sell tickets, produce advertising, run the bar, provide nibbles, the raffle and set up and clear at the end. And of course set the questions! So a big thanks to all who helped before and after. We are looking ahead to the autumn and planning future activities- one of which is our 'beetle drive' on 20th November, a fun event for all the family.

Stephen

Pilgrims

Following a summer break Pilgrims will meet on the 3rd. Saturday of each month, commencing in September.

Benefice News

St Denys

The Bishop's Bells, Wednesday 17th June

Members of the audience had a chance to have a go at the lunchtime recital of Bishop's Bells.

Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards with the group of handbell ringers from Bishops Waltham.



15th July Violin Recital by Tom Downes

Tom Downes will be playing his violin accompanied by Clive Gregory our organist. Please tell others about these events and also look at the [Festival programme](#) for other happenings around Romsey and the villages.



A thank you from Ann

Hello everyone, Thank you so much for all your cards, flowers and gifts, and for your encouragement, friendship and support. I am excited about your future and know that your love, faith and commitment will continue to flourish. As I move on, please know that you remain in my prayers, and may God bless you, keep you, and guide you in the months and years ahead. With every blessing

Ann

Benefice News

All Saints

Temporary Church Closure 3 weeks from the 29th June

The work that was due to start on the interior of the church will commence on 6th July. Unfortunately this does mean that we have to close the main church building for 3 weeks and cancel all services and activities. The office, vestry and meeting room will still be accessible as will Arthur's Play Space. There will be a sign up list for people needing and able to provide lifts to alternative Sunday services. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated during this period.

Pilgrim Group

Pilgrims will be taking a break until Wednesday 12th August starting at **2pm**. The pilgrim groups are a relaxed way of looking at the bible and there is always a good discussion, plus cake!

The Open Teapot

The next one takes place on Sunday. Come and join us for a cuppa and cake. The Memory Box Foundation will be bringing along lots of items from the past so we can all reminisce. Please do tell others about this afternoon, especially those who may be lonely on a Sunday afternoon.

Readers for All Saints

We are short of people to read the lessons on a Sunday morning at the 11am service. If you feel you can help with this then please reply to this email. There is a rota so it doesn't mean that you are committed to every week. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

Benefice News

All Saints

Sunshine Saints - Toddler Group and Lunch Club Fridays 10am - 11.30 in term time

Sunshine Saints will need to move to St Mark's Church, Ampfield for 3 weeks in July as work is being completed on All Saints Church. The dates below are when we will be open at St Mark's. The day and times remain the same,

Friday, 10 - 11:30am.

Friday 10th July

Friday 17th July

Friday 24th July

Sunshine Saints will be open for a number of sessions during the Summer holidays. We look forward to seeing those of you who would like to pop in.

Friday 24th July - St Mark's Church, Ampfield - OPEN

Friday 31st July - All Saints Church, North Baddesley - OPEN

Friday 7th August - All Saints Church, North Baddesley - OPEN

Friday 14th August - All Saints Church, North Baddesley - OPEN

Friday Lunch club

For children and their adults happens once a month after a Sunshine Saints session. Lunch is open to everyone who joins us at Sunshine Saints and these sessions are popular with our regular families. We provide a main dish, which often consists of jacket potatoes, cheese and beans, along with a pudding and fresh fruit.

Benfice News

St. Mark's Minnows



Well, we are fast approaching the end of the school term with only a few weeks to go. We will be finishing on Thursday 16th July for the Summer.

Luckily, we have still been open throughout the hot weather, with great thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers.

At St. Mark's Church we have been having our track and path re-surfaced which has meant that unfortunately we have not been able to get outside. Although, many Minnows have loved watching the diggers and dumpers from inside. This has not stopped us from enjoying our play indoors as usual. We have had our rotation of wonderful play toys out each week and fun has been had by all. Hopefully, when the work has finished, weather permitting, we will be able to use our wonderful outside space again.

In the next few weeks we have some exciting news - as All Saints Church is out of action for a few weeks, we are happy that Sunshine Saints will be using St. Mark's room on 3 Fridays in July starting 10th July from 10am - 11.30am. All are welcome to join Sunshine Saints in St Mark's room. Also, Sunshine Saints continues throughout the school holidays at All Saints Church (not August 28th). Minnow families are welcome there too, see P. 19 above for details. Anyone interested in attending lunch, please let Beth know by emailing her on bethr@acnb-church.org so she has an idea of numbers.

Minnows will reopen after the School Holidays on Thursday 3rd September 9.30-11am and the coffee/tea pot will be on from 9.15am as usual. We will be looking forward to welcoming our returning Minnows as well as any new friends wishing to come and play too.

Heather Claxton

ST MARK'S MINNOWS

FUN AND FRIENDLY
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP!



TERM TIME THURSDAYS

9.30 - 11AM

COFFEE ON FROM 9.15!





4th – 19th July

For almost 20 yrs our churches have taken part in Romsey Festival by organising events such as Flower Festivals, Art and History Exhibitions, concerts to name but a few. This year St. Mark, Ampfield and St. John the Baptist, North Baddesley will be putting on exhibitions celebrating the magnificent church windows and how they connect to history and tell stories of people from the past. These exhibitions were displayed for the Heritage Open Days in 2024 and now there is another chance to view them if you missed seeing them before.

It is a privilege to be able to welcome visitors to explore the rich history and culture that our sacred places offer. The exhibitions are entitled “Windows into the Past” and will be on most days during the fortnight.

St. Mark:

<https://www.romseyfestival.org/events/churchyard-trail-quiz-st-marks-ampfield/>

St. John the Baptist:

<https://www.romseyfestival.org/events/churchyard-trail-st-johns/>

At **St. Denys** there is going to be a lunchtime recital by Tom Downes playing his violin accompanied by our organist Clive Gregory on Wednesday 15th July in St. Denys church at 1pm, followed by refreshments. Cont. ...

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All these events are free but donations are always welcome which will go towards the upkeep of the churches. There are many other events throughout the festival in Romsey and the surrounding areas, so pick up a leaflet to find out more or go to <https://www.romseyfestival.org/>



Vacancy Update

The first advert placed for a new Vicar at acnb closed without any applications. We have had reassuring emails from both Bishop Rhiannon and our Area Dean James Pitkin that this is currently not uncommon but it is obviously very disappointing. The new closing date for applications is 31st July and those involved are currently looking at diaries to organise short listing and interview dates. Please continue to pray that there will be applicants for this post.

Sally

What's on in the Benefice every week

St. Mark's

St. Mark's Minnows

Thursdays in termtime St. Mark's Room 9.30 - 11am

All Welcome! Kettle's on from 9.15.

St. Mark's Fridge Magnets and cards

Jennie has made cards and fridge magnets with a picture of Ampfield Church - £1.50 for a card, or £5 for 4 cards, and £2 for a fridge magnet. Available to buy at Ampfield Market or in church.



All Saints

Digital Hub - All Saints: Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 noon

We have expanded Wednesday mornings to include some support for those who have laptops, tablets or phones and need a little extra help on how to use them.

Social Hub - Wednesdays at All Saints 10am - 12 noon

Have a go at some crafts, do jigsaws or just relax with a book that has been borrowed from the Community Library (also open on a Wednesday morning) or just sit and chat. Free drinks and biscuits and sometimes other treats!

Welcome Cafe at All Saints Thursdays at 10am

The café is for any and everyone in the community, we particularly welcome those who find themselves lonely or bereaved.

Sunshine Saints

Fri: 10:00am - 11.30am at All Saints (term-time only)

Sunshine Saints is the toddler and baby group. It is an opportunity for the children to have fun playing together. There are snacks for the children and tea and coffee for those who accompany them, suggested donation: £2.

What's on in the Benefice every month

St. Mark's

Friends for Lunch: 3rd. Wednesday of the month

please contact Pam on : Tel. 02380 411146 or
Email - pammorf@virginmedia.com to book your place.



St. Mark's Stall at the Ampfield Market 1st. Saturday of the month

If you have anything to donate, please contact Chris on 01794 367104. We are happy to collect. Thank you for your support!

Pam and Chris

Pilgrim Course: Taking a break until September 3rd Saturday of the month (note change)



This is an opportunity to ask questions about faith. Our ethos is that we are exploring together, and there are no wrong answers - all are welcome to this relaxed and friendly group. We continue to meet in St. Marks church room monthly. The Pilgrim groups are always accompanied by cake!

All Saints

Pilgrim Course: Taking a break until August

Every second and fourth Wednesday afternoon.

From the Archives

August 1996



Ampfield School Centenary Celebrations

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Ampfield School celebrated the centenary of its present building in style on Friday 5th July. The occasion had been anticipated for days beforehand and all the children arrived at school wearing Victorian costume. They could have been taken for the children in the official photograph of the school's opening on 14th August 1896 - the girls in dresses with white pinafores, the boys in waistcoats and caps.

In the morning the pupils all had the opportunity to experience a typical school day in Victorian times. Mr Lloyd Woodcock spent time with each class, pretending to be a school inspector of that period, asking the sort of questions the children would have been expected to answer and describing lessons and classwork of the last century. The girls had to sit apart from the boys and the school tables were placed in rows, much as the old school desks would have been.

For lunch the children went across the lane to Mrs Beryl Knight's garden, where they had a picnic, again something their Victorian ancestors might have done. Unfortunately the weather was poor, but they sheltered under the trees without getting too wet.

The whole community had been invited to the afternoon festivities and there were many past pupils and staff present as well as members of the village community. The school was particularly pleased to welcome three past head teachers, Mrs Nora Loader, Mrs Ruth Brown and Miss Jennifer Lines - perhaps the first time the school has had four head teachers in the building at one time! The old log books had been brought from the Hampshire Record Office and were eagerly examined by many former pupils to see if their misdemeanours had been recorded. The collection of school photographs, showing not just the formal annual groups but also the many activities of the children over the years, could also be seen and the present-day pupils had also provided a very interesting display of their work during the last term on life in Victorian times.

The children then entertained their visitors with a display of maypole dancing, which looked particularly effective when danced by children wearing their Victorian costumes. A beautifully-iced celebration sponge cake, made by a past parent, Sheila Martin, was then cut and shared

From the Archives

among the children. Following this the present of a special limited edition china mug was given by the four head teachers to every child, staff member and governor as a lasting memory of a very special day. The mug was decorated with the drawing of the school made by Miss Lines and used as the school's logo in this magazine and on all the school stationery. A cup of tea and a cake was served to everyone, and luckily the rain held off until the end of the party.

The celebration continued in the evening with a hugely successful barbecue in the playground arranged by the parents. Fortunately the torrential rain around teatime stopped just in time and the weather improved for the evening. The food and drinks were served in one playground and games and stalls were set up in the other. The event was very well-supported and was much enjoyed. The school was once again open to allow people to see the old log books and photographs. The evening raised over £600 for school funds.

On sale during both the afternoon and evening was *'Ampfield Village School'*, the book describing the school's 140 year history written by Elizabeth Hallett, and available for sale for the first time on that day.

It is hoped that the centenary will be a lasting memory for the present pupils. The importance of the school in the heart of the community was evident from the great interest the occasion aroused in both local people and past pupils some of whom had come from some distance.



'Ampfield Village School' by Elizabeth Hallett

Thank you all for your appreciation of this book, which has been selling well. If anyone would like any more copies please contact me direct, as I am not selling it in bookshops at the moment: telephone 01703 253457 or write to 38 Beechwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, SO53 5PD.



Ampfield School also has a three-page spread in the July edition of the Hampshire County Magazine to mark the centenary. If you would like a copy of this, please **contact me** once again - the editor has promised to give me 50p for every copy I sell and this will go into school funds.

Liz

Thought for the Month



The Beautiful Game

No one can fail to notice that there is a huge focus on the game of football now! In this country it is very much a "love it or hate it" cultural phenomenon, much like the famous yeast spread 'Marmite'. While roughly 46% to 47% of the public are fans, the rest (myself included) either feel complete indifference or actively detest the relentless saturation of the sport, especially on prime-time television.

It is often said that football is like a religion in Britain, inspiring passion, belief and devotion that most spiritual leaders could only dream of. But an interesting fact is that over recent years something of a movement appears to have developed in English Football. Players, previously classed as non-religious, have become not only practising Christians, but also individuals who are happy to broadcast their faith to a wide audience.

While the influence of faith on football may sometimes be seen as divisive, many of the country's clubs emerged from church groups, St. Mary's Southampton being one example. Peter Lupson wrote a book called 'Thank God for Football' which stemmed from his own efforts to set up a church team in Merseyside. "A lot of the boys were being ridiculed for playing for a church club and many left because they couldn't cope with those comments," but he told the boys in the club "look, you're not freaks, you're part of a rich tradition." Therefore, you could class football as a traditional British sport as this country is widely acknowledged to be its birthplace.

The major thing that mars the game though is hooliganism which causes severe physical harm, property destruction, and social disruption. It results in injuries, fatalities, and extensive policing costs, strains emergency services, and damages the sport's reputation.

Love it or hate it football is here to stay, boosted by the fact that women are now fully recognised as professional footballers. The sport most famously known as "The beautiful game" brings together all generations to watch and take part in, something indeed to thank God for.

Sally

The Ampfield Market
(Established in 2000, now in its 26th year !)

will take place
on

Saturday July 4th 2026

From 10am to 12noon
in Ampfield Village Hall
(SO51 9BJ)

Our Market has a great reputation, we regularly sell fresh fruit and veg supplied by Hansards in Awbridge and delicious bread and cakes supplied by Matts Bakery.

Honey, preserves, plants and fresh flowers. Cards, wrapping paper and books. Collectables, unusual crafts and jewellery. Clothes, toys and puzzles. Bric a brac, seasonal treats
and much, much more !

We serve fresh coffee and a wonderful selection of cakes throughout the morning.

Come along with friends and family to enjoy this special monthly community event.

Parking and admission are always FREE.

All proceeds support the Village Hall. Registered charity no. 1057353
Contact Julie on 023 80254587 or Julie@ampfield.org.uk for table bookings etc.

Next date. Saturday September 5th 2026

WHAT'S ON IN THE AMPFIELD VILLAGE HALL SPRING 2026 - JOIN IN ONE!

MONDAYS

PILATES WITH HANNAH – Two sessions in the morning.
9.15am to 10.20am & 10.30am to 11.35am. Mixed ability mat class.
Details at www.pilateswithaplomb.com

AMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL regularly meet on a Monday evening for their ordinary meetings, planning meetings and other meetings.

NB. NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS www.ampfieldparish.gov.uk

TUESDAYS

AMPFIELD BRIDGE CLUB is a very popular club playing friendly duplicate bridge. It meets every Tuesday evening (except at Xmas time) from 7pm to 10pm. If you require a partner or want more information contact Mel Cook on 07889 323037 (please note the new number) or email melcook@sky.com
New members always welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

NEW CLASS! YOGA MORNING with Yoga by Gaynor –**10.00 to 11am** for details see Friday below

1st AMPFIELD BROWNIES meet every Wed. evening during term time. 6pm to 7.30pm Tel. Sue Moore 01794 523947

ROMSEY MODELLERS Build model kits? Want to get more from your hobby? Join this club on the 1st and 3rd. Wed. of each month 8pm to 10pm.

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THURSDAYS

AMPFIELD ART GROUP meets Thurs. afternoons during term time 2pm to 4pm. Very friendly atmosphere. Beginners and those wishing to develop their skills welcome. Contact email: Julie@ampfield.org.uk

PILATES WITH HANNAH PLOMB - TWO SESSIONS.

6.15 to 7.20pm (improvers and Intermediate) &

EXTRA CLASS: 7.30 to 8.35pm (Beginners).

Mat classes. For details: see Monday above.

FRIDAYS

YOGA ON FRIDAY MORNINGS with YogaByGaynor 9.30 to 10.30am

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SATURDAYS

VILLAGE MARKET (IN ITS 26th YEAR!) First Saturday of every month 10-12noon (except Jan. and Aug.). Entry free. Regularly on sale are fresh bread, rolls, jams, chutneys and pickles, cakes, plants and fresh flowers, cards, books, antiques, unusual crafts, jewellery, toys, seasonal surprises, bric a brac etc. Fresh coffee and delicious cakes are served all morning in the Garden Room. Interested in renting a table? Ring Julie on 02380 254587 or email Julie@ampfield.org.uk. This is a great event to meet up with people.

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP WITH VANESSA. A range of crafts taught, meets monthly, normally on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 4pm. A very relaxed day and delicious coffee provided. Details from Vanessa 01794 515490 or email Ampfieldcards@gmail.com .

SUNDAYS

SEWING SUNDAYS WITH MICHELLE. Small group of crafters, who meet once a month on a Sunday. Open to all who want to bring along their dress-making, knitting or other textile projects. If interested email Michelle michelleewaters@gmail.com Friendly group, offers advice, help pinning and fitting toiles + natter & cuppa

WEEKENDS: THE ORTHODOX PARISH OF St. SILOUAN of Mt. ATHOS now normally hold their services here **every 1st weekend of the month.** For details see their **new** website www.silouan-soton.org or ring 07518 417052 (English & Russian). A friendly non-political church. All welcome!

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Ampfield Art Class Gallery

Julie Trotter's Art Class
takes place on Thursday afternoons,
from 2-4pm at the Village Hall



Portraits of Chris Packham and
Matthew Macfadyen -
Pete, pencil.



Goldfinch -
Edwina, watercolour.



Thumbergia and Rhodochiton -
Hilary, watercolour pencils.



Holiday treat -
Denise, watercolour.

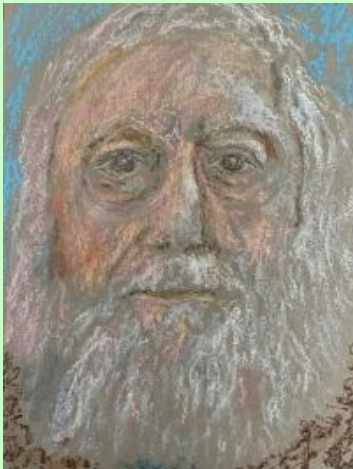
Ampfield Art Class Gallery



Curious Hare -
Christina , watercolour pencils .



Winter barns -
Nick , watercolour.



Self Portrait - John, pastels.



Camellia Donation -
Edwina , watercolour.

The Dragonfly



by Lyn Smith

My husband is a dragonfly
A gorgeous shade of green
The family always look for him
And he's very often seen
The girls call "Hello Grandpa"
But he never answers back
Just floats around the natural world
We never will lose track
He soars above us flashing green
Then comes right down to mingle
It's nineteen years we lost him here
We miss him more each day, each year
But memories are bright and clear
Of our husband dad and grandpa



Why can't Cinderella play football?
Because she keeps running away from the ball.

After my son's team won the Football tournament, the
goalkeeper invited the two of us for a party.
It was the father, the son, and the goalie host

[That's enough references to football ... Ed.]

Answers to Ron & Stella's Quiz Night

1. William Walker
2. 1912
3. Portsmouth
4. Waitrose
5. 2001
6. Bombay Sapphire
7. Selbourne 8. Approximately 5000
9. Chandlers Ford
10. Ampfield 1841, Lockerley was 9 years later

Ensanguining the skies
How heavily it dies
Into the west away;
Past touch and sight and sound,
Not further to be found,
How hopeless under ground
Falls the remorseful day.

A.E. Houseman.

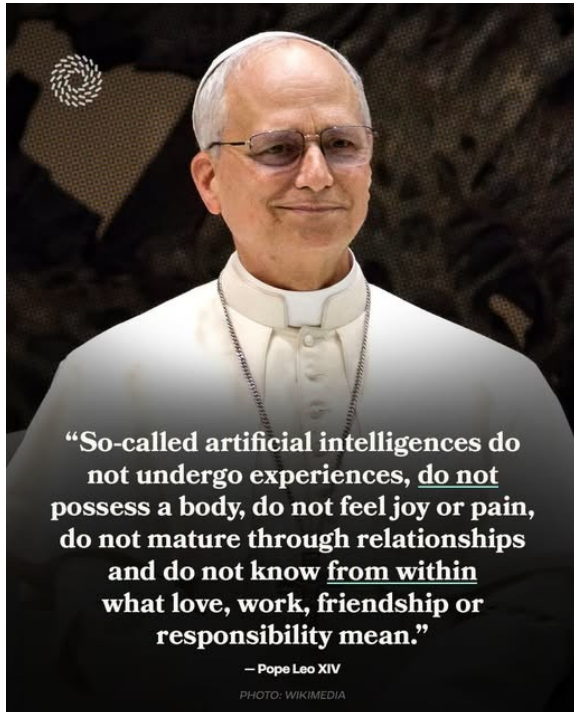
Your Point of View?

Upon reading 'Your Point of View' in the June Messenger regarding the prevalence of trainer wearing patients in the doctors' waiting room, I wonder if they were waiting for news about their foot problems. Did they think that wearing trainers was the cause of, or the cure for, their foot problems? Problems like Athlete's foot, Bunions, Callus, Dropped arches, Enchondroma, Fallen arches, Gout, Hallux varius, In-growing toenails, Joint pain, Knee problems, L..., M...,N..., O... etc. etc.

I think it is a case of narcissism. Folk seem to want to be seen as being youthful, athletic, 'with it', one of the crowd, or in other words 'fashionable'. Now seemingly free of Covid, are we just rejoicing?

ANON

Thank you Anon. This month's thought, let us have your point of view:



A Prayer for the Summer Holidays



Dear Lord,

As the school year comes to a close,
we lift our hearts in gratitude for the time of rest and
renewal that these holidays bring.

Thank You for the lessons learned, the friendships
formed, and the guidance of our teachers.

Bless our days with laughter, exploration, and
meaningful moments with family and friends.

Keep us safe in our travels, protect our hearts from
worry,

and help us use this time wisely to grow in spirit,
kindness, and joy.

Amen



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