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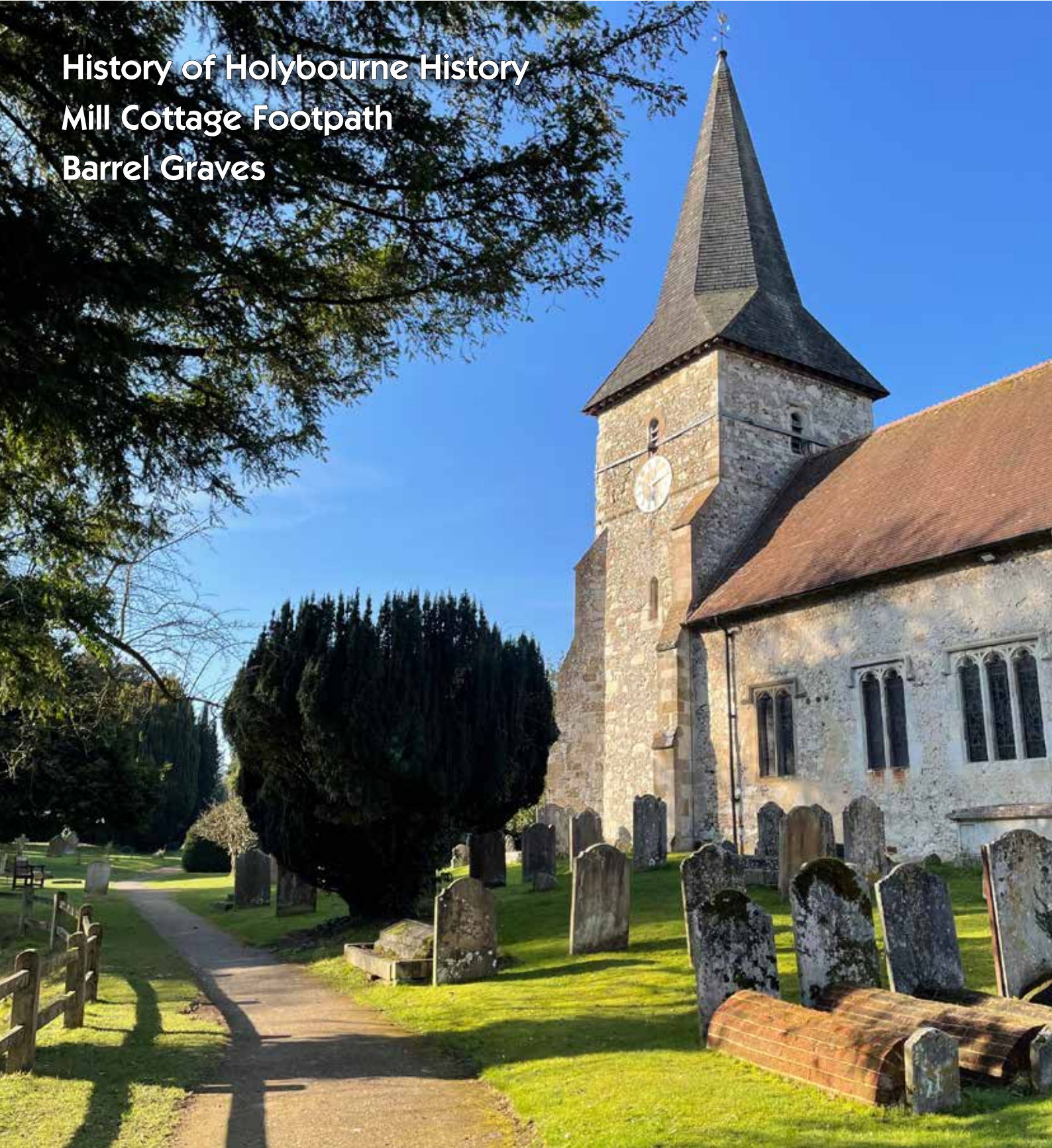
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From the Editor

Hello fellow villagers,

I have to start my first Editor's column with an enormous thank you to Jerry Janes who has patiently guided me through my time as Assistant Editor and helped me make the jump to Editor. I don't know how Jerry finds the time to do all the things he does. So here goes on my first edition. I certainly have a challenge on my hands continuing the good work of all the previous Editors.



When I came to the village in 2018 I was amazed at the quality of the village magazine. Having lived in villages practically all my life, I was used to a few sheets of folded and sometimes stapled, A4 in black and white. The full colour, magazine is truly magnificent for a village like Holybourne. I hope to be able to entice our regular advertisers and article contributors, to continue their association with the magazine.

Running this magazine is very much a joint effort, from writing articles to delivering them through your letterbox. If anyone would like to help please let me know to which area you feel you can contribute; writing, getting advertisers, accounts, distribution etc. I would very much like to have an Assistant Editor, if you are still at school and interested in journalism or are newly retired; please do get in touch.

A plea for help too; quite a few of our advertisers have had to drop out due to cost pressures. Our magazine offers great coverage locally and tends to stay around in people's homes. If you run a business PLEASE consider advertising with us; the rates and contact details of our advertising manager are shown right.

This year we have the coronation to look forward to in May. For so many of us this will be a first and I am hopeful that it will bring together the village again, as did the Platinum Jubilee. Our village provided an amazing array of activities over the whole of the Jubilee holiday period and, as you'll see in the poster opposite, a lot of similar things are planned for the coronation weekend.

Best wishes to you all for 2023

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Is re-wilding practical?

Dear Villagers,

My secretary, Mary Blackwell, recently passed on a request from Rosemary, a new resident to our lovely village. Rosemary, having read about my extensive estate requested a tour of the grounds. Rosemary my dear, I would normally be delighted to answer such a polite request, however, there has been a slight hiccup. Some months ago I saw a television programme about re-wilding lawns etc. Having such an extensive estate I felt I could make an excellent contribution to this initiative and encourage many more insects and therefore birds. I spoke to my ground staff and urged them to get on with this project. Unfortunately Mellors was a little too enthusiastic and approached a zoo wanting to re-house its pack of European wolves.

This has been a great success, in that they have settled in very well and certainly added a frisson of excitement to my wanderings round the grounds; although it is handy that daddy taught me to use a shotgun very efficiently and I have taken to carrying that around with me on my ramblings. Obviously I fire in the air above the pack, when I have encountered them, which has been surprisingly frequently. I am quite in awe of their ability to control the local rabbit population, which was getting a little out of hand. Anyway, back to my point Rosemary, this re-wilding adventure has meant that tours of the grounds have had to be stopped, I know you will be disappointed but once my armoured cross country vehicle arrives I will be in touch.

Baroness de Montague Finlay

Dear Mr Huyton-Jones,

I am taking to this more traditional route to discuss your complaint regarding the howling of my wolf pack. Personally, I don't think coming up to me straight after the church service is the way to deal with such a minor issue. I would recommend sound-proofing; I found a wonderful local company to insulate my very large bedroom.

As you may be aware, these animals were once native to the UK and this European pack of wolves is re-wilding in its truest form. Frankly is it really very much worse than the many other country noises we experience, tractors, the hounds of the hunt baying, my 120 cockerels etc?

I'm sure if you saw these magnificent creatures you would join me in enjoying their presence. If you would like to take a stroll with me to get a closer look, do bring a shotgun or rifle. I find they can be rather over enthusiastic in welcoming those they have not met before but their intentions are mostly friendly. I do have to admit that the one that got through the fencing and had a slight nibble of Smithers, my groom, was perhaps over friendly.

Baroness de Montague Finlay



New chalk walk

The land of Oz had the yellow brick road, well in Holybourne we now have a long, white chalk walk! This runs alongside Howards Farm and goes on for some way. Chris and I walked quite a way up this rather amazing road but were none the wiser as to its purpose or destinations. It forks at one point, heading towards Brockham Hill Lane but as far as I know, does not exit onto it.

It should certainly get rid of the floods at the bottom of the lane seen most winters. I did once have an over the walking boot incident with them. The puddles were indeed deeper than they looked.

If anyone can provide enlightenment as to the purpose of this rather magnificent white track; I'd be delighted to publish the answers.

Mary Blackwell Mary_blackwell2004@yahoo.co.uk

Editor's musings on the mysteries of life...

- Why is it that when you are a child, you can buy shoes in different widths but as an adult, most shoes are only available in one width?
- When is the house at 83 Anstey Rd, which has had scaffolding on it for around 2-3 years, going to be finished?
- How do birds target clean cars so effectively when flying overhead?
- How is it that when you are in the toilets in the services, on the motorway, you automatically choose the un-flushed one?
- How is it that the spread of mud from dogs and children is directly proportional to the cleanliness of your house?
- Why is it that when you choose to change lanes in a traffic jam, the lane you have left starts moving faster than the one you have just moved to?
- Why is there a rule that means you always say hello to strangers you meet in the countryside or village but not in town and when walking into town from Holybourne, where does the village stop so you should not say hello to people you meet?

Please feel free to write to the Editor with other mysteries that you have uncovered or any answers.

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Holybourne Village Association

When I ascended to the dizzy heights of Chair of the HVA, my wife remarked that most people in the village probably had no idea what we do or what our function is. Simply, the HVA acts as a point of contact for local government or anyone who wants a snapshot of how the village feels about particular issues. Easy isn't it? Well, it would be if the committee knew how people felt about things. A recent example where the committee's views were at odds with villagers concerned encouraging safety features on the Howards Lane junction. We were criticised by those affected by the proposals for not doing a door to door survey. Conversely, by their own admission, none had ever attended a HVA meeting (to which all villagers are entitled), or had ever read the minutes of any meetings which are widely published on social media and on our website.

The committee is made up of a cross-section of the village, but all are volunteers. I have tried hard to lower the average age of the committee but it tends to be that younger villagers have children who take priority in the evenings. If you feel you might like to join the committee, why not come along to a meeting, held on the second Tuesday of every month except August and see what goes on. I promise you a warm welcome.

An issue that the committee is currently seeking views on is the prospect of a planning application being made for four affordable homes being built on a vacant field at the bottom of Lower Neatham Mill Lane. My own view is that communities that remain static, tend to vegetate and die. Holybourne had always welcomed proportional development and in my time in the area has seen and welcomed, Rakemakers, Smithy Close and just about everything north of those developments. None spoiled the village and the incomers have enriched our community.

The new application is different however in that it is outside the settlement policy boundary. Does this matter? Well, yes it might because if development takes place outside the boundary then it becomes a precedent for more development. It's no secret that Belport, the new owners of Froyle Estate, are eyeing the agricultural land above the children's playground covetously. A figure of 1,200 houses was mentioned at a public meeting. The important thing is that the village lets the committee know their feelings on such things. Can I thank those that have already submitted their views to me on this proposal which I have passed on to Cllr. Graham Hill, our representative on EHDC.

Finally can I thank all the committee members and everyone else who assists with village activities. The new Natty Knitters are a very welcome addition to the village and many thanks to the organiser. Thanks too to Cllrs Graham Hill, Paul Crossley and Andrew Joy for their continued support to the village. It is much appreciated.

Jerry Janes chairman@holybourne.com

White Hart's defibrillator now accessible 24/7

There is a recognized need for defibrillators to be accessible by the general public 24 hours a day.

The existing defibrillator at The White Hart was installed internally some time ago when I managed to procure a grant. This is currently the only publicly accessible unit in Holybourne. There is another defibrillator at Holybourne Theatre but this is only available when the theatre is open.

At present the lack of an environmental enclosure means that the defibrillator is held inside the White Hart public house and as such is only accessible during pub opening hours.

To allow this unit to be available 24 hours a day all year around it is required to be centrally located and mounted externally in a heated environmental enclosure.

Although the vast majority of Holybourne residents will never require a defibrillator those few that do need it can potentially receive rapid life-saving treatment at any time of the day or night.

I am delighted to provide £620 from my EHDC Councillor grant fund for this project. These really are life-saving devices and just having one accessible 24 hours a day gives us all peace of mind. The minutes after a heart attack can be crucial in determining whether someone makes a full recovery.

Cllr Graham Hill

Goosey goosey...

Many of you will know about Jan, the lady who feeds the birds at our village pond. Her dedication is amazing and in a recent chat with her, whilst out on a walk, I learned that Dora was one of 6 geese originally put on the pond by Bonham's Farm, some 30 years ago. Dora is the only survivor of that original cohort. To give her some company, Lizzie arrived some 20 years ago. So both geese are of a good age and continue to thrive thanks to Jan's ministrations. Apparently geese can live until their 40's, so we hope to have them both for many years to come.



Council Corner



EAST HAMPSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Here is some news and updates on a range of grants already awarded and still available across the two Councils.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a fund into which developers contribute as building work progresses. This fund is sub-divided into District CIL (operated by EHDC) and Neighbourhood CIL (operated by Alton Town Council).

Alton Town Council: Neighbourhood CIL

Grants recently awarded:

£3,000 Alton Community Centre Replacement Boiler
£25,000 Alton Town Council Neighbourhood Plan
£10,000 Dementia Friendly Alton Flourishing Gardens

New applications to access this fund for projects can be made to Alton Town Council during April 2023.

EHDC: District CIL

Grants have recently been awarded by EHDC in Alton :

£427,371 Alton Station Forecourt
£50,000 Chawton Park Surgery Extension
£190,000 Treloars Swimming Pool & facilities
£57,450 Anstey Lane Pump Track
£467,278 Community Hub on Cala homes site
£29,830 Wilson Practice (Anstey Health Centre)

If you are interested for next year's round of CIL spending, the submission period is early February until mid March 2024, exact dates will be announced nearer the time.

Alton Town Council: Climate change grants

I am the Chairman of the Climate Change Sub Committee, this has just set up a budget of £10,000 to support climate change projects in Alton.

Alton Town Council: Community Grants

The following grants have been awarded :

£8,000 Alton Community Association
£4,000 Homestart Hampshire (Alton)
£9,000 Bushy Leaze
£1,000 All Saints Hard of Hearing
£8,000 Dementia Friendly Alton

EHDC: Climate Change grants

The EHDC Green Team is offering grants of up to £25,000 for local projects dedicated to tackling climate change. The new grant, the Community Climate Action Fund, will give local carbon reducing projects the financial support they need to get started. Although this fund is now closed for 2023, grants totalling £126,857 were awarded to 13 organisations from across the district in the first round out of a total of £250,000 allocated over the next two years. It is a demonstration of EHDC's fight to reduce climate change. The fund will give vital funding to new projects that benefit the wider community and encourage education on the response to climate change. Eggars School was awarded £25,000 from this fund for their solar panel project.



EHDC: Councillor Grant

This year in Holybourne I have funded £550 on a new defibrillator at the theatre, £293 on a noticeboard for the church, £264 on verge clearance, £756 for four new bikes to be loaned out to Treloar staff, £457 to improve the defibrillator at the White Hart and £200 for trees at the church. I have also funded several other projects in Alton.

Village Pond

New fencing around the village pond (see picture above) was installed in December by Town Council. Town Council have also provided a grant of £500 to enable the HVA to buy landscaping materials.

Pump track

The new pump track (for bikes) at the top of Anstey Park was opened by Alton Town Council at the end of December. Floodlighting will now be installed subject to planning permission.

Roll of Honour

I have asked the Alton Men's Shed if they can help the HVA to improve the appearance of the Roll of Honour plaque and surrounding frame plus the nearby bench and bus shelter on London Road.

Local elections

Elections for Alton Town Council and EHDC will be held on Thursday 4th May. You can vote in person at a polling station or by post if you have a postal vote. Please remember that if you vote in person you will need to take a photo I.D. with you.

Finally

Please contact me if you have any questions/issues etc relating to Town Council or EHDC. If you would like to apply for any of funds/grants that I have referred to above, please contact me in the first instance so that I can help your application.

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EHDC Councillor and one of the two Alton Town Councillors for the Holybourne ward, which includes the village, Barley Fields plus the area up to the health centre.



Treloar's opens refurbished swimming pool

The official opening of Treloar's refurbished swimming pool took place on 21st February. Suzanna Hext (pictured), Treloar's Patron, Paralympic swimmer and accomplished equestrian, joined the guests, including funders, supporters, staff and students to officially open the pool.

The highlight was seeing students use the fully refurbished pool and listening to the Swim Team's talk about the positive impact the new pool and changing rooms are having on Treloar's students. As part of the opening ceremony, Suzanna, who is also an Ambassador for the School's Team Water, joined students for a swimming session.

Through the appeal, and thanks to generous donations from Treloar's supporters, the charity raised an incredible £500,000 which has increased the capacity of the pool by 60% and brought the joy of swimming to many more students on a regular basis. Treloar's is grateful to everyone who has supported this appeal, in particular to East Hampshire District Council who awarded the project £190,000 through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), and to The Gosling Foundation for a £100,000 grant. Treloar's is one of the first CIL projects to be completed.

These funds enabled the charity to make the following essential changes to the pool:

- Adding five new changing rooms with direct tracked hoists to the pool
- Reducing the depth of the pool at the deep end to allow more students to be supported in the water by their carer
- Improving ventilation to reduce fatigue
- Re-tiling the pool to help the visual needs of students

These changes provide significant health and wellbeing

benefits to students, local families who use the swimming pool for lessons and disability charities who use the facilities during the holidays.

"I like the new pool; it's warm in the water and feels good to be out of my chair. I go in the pool every week, and it's definitely better now," said Luna, Treloar School student.

Freya Chart, Treloar's PE and Swim Teacher, commented: "Our student Ella has developed so well in swimming over the last six weeks; she has grown in confidence and is moving around the whole pool now that she realises the depth and that the whole pool is more accessible to her. Ella started her half term of swimming very apprehensive and reliant on Student Support Assistant support; through working with us to find her comfortable floatation, she can now move independently through the water and last week managed an amazing four lengths of the pool on her own. All while shouting: "I'm going to do it again and again!"

Peter Caplan, a Trustee of The Gosling Foundation, said: "The Gosling Foundation are delighted to have been able to award Treloar's with a £100,000 grant towards their swimming pool redevelopment project. The fact that the refurbished pool now almost doubles the number of young disabled people who can use it each week, together with the many benefits and enjoyment that swimming and hydrotherapy bring were key factors in our decision."

Cllr Graham Hill said "Treloar's is the largest specialist disabled centre of its kind in the UK, supporting around 170 young people on its campus in Holybourne. I am so pleased that EHDC has awarded Treloar's a grant of £190,000 for such a worthwhile project. I look forward to Treloar's applying to EHDC for further funding on more projects."

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The history of Holybourne history

How it all started

Long term residents of Holybourne will know that Dr Christopher Everett, the then local GP, started the archive because people knew he was interested in local history and started giving him documents. Initially the documents were kept in his home and then migrated to Andrews Endowed School where space was kindly provided.

How it progressed

The number of items increased and needed sorting out. Four local ladies volunteered, folders were introduced and labelled, and their work set the tone and framework for today's archive. In 2013 a Holybourne Archive Group was set up, and the entire contents of the archive was catalogued into an accessible database listing nearly 2,000 items.

The number of items increased and needed cataloguing so that it became an accessible database rather than piles of documents. Four local ladies volunteered and a mini committee was set up to tackle the work. Folders were introduced and labelled. Their work set the tone and framework for today's archive.

Dr Everett moved away for family reasons so the mantle now falls on our current archivist to maintain it and add to it. Every important event in the village is included, our Jubilee celebrations last year being a good example. The various articles and where to find them are in the catalogue.

Our current archivist went through everything, so she was familiar with the contents and did much research using the internet to add to the stories and information.

How it came to be at The Lawn

Dr Everett, still on the scene at this point in 2015, wanted people to be able to access all the amazing information.

The school location was far from ideal and had limited accessibility. He approached The Lawn, itself playing an important part in Holybourne and hence the archive. The owners, Friends of the Elderly (FOTE) were able to give a room and there the archive sits today. It is in an ordinary room which has cupboards and shelves, where quite a few folders and spare stationery sit.

The greatest enhancement to the archive in its current location came with the donation of cabinets to hold folders, photos books etc courtesy of Absolute Aromas, when they moved premises. The owners living in the village and regularly taking an active part in village life.

Our current archivist

The current archivist, Linda Habberfield, became involved around 2012. Linda is fascinated with all the local information and has produced many amazing displays which used to be on a noticeboard in the White Hart. Unfortunately, there is nowhere to put these displays these days.

For example, Linda has produced illustrated stories of the Roman settlements and local water ways & the pond.

What it looks like now

As you can see above, it is a room with cupboards and cabinets. It's the content that provides the magic that makes Holybourne, its people and buildings so fascinating.

Any school students wanting a project could do worse than visiting this amazing source of information. Whether it be the history of The Lawn, Roman going on, the pond, The Complins Trust or pre WW2 WI meetings. I was amazed to see copies of a parish magazine from 1911! It is wonderful to know that my turn at the helm of the village magazine will be recorded and there for future generations to see.

Mary Blackwell



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Linda Mizen Obituary

When Linda sadly passed away on the 30th December last year, she had been a Holybourne Resident for 57 years. She and her husband Ray had moved into their newly built home in Complins in 1965 and she was one of the few remaining original owners in the development.

For much of that time she was not much involved in the life of the village, as she had a high-powered job with a pharmaceutical company in Dorking, rising to directorship before she retired and spending several years on secondment to a company in Philadelphia.

We moved to the house next door in 1977 and for many years we were good neighbours but nothing more, as we too lead busy lives, so communication was largely chats over the garden fence and locating missing cats.

However, since we all retired and then both she and I were widowed, we had become very good and close friends; after 45 years it has been more like losing a member of the family than a neighbour.

Linda joined me on the Holybourne Village Association Committee in 2012 and then became Editor of the Holybourne Magazine in 2013. She resigned from both in 2015 but had also found time during those three years to carry out some research on the changing parish and ward boundaries of Holybourne in the hope of making the



signage from the A31 roundabout more simple and less confusing for visitors and strangers.

We both served on the Alton Town Twinning Association (ATTA) committee and enjoyed each other's company on a visit to Montecchio Maggiore in 2016.

We also enjoyed attending the theatre and concerts together and were both members of an older age exercise group in Medstead. She was a member of the University of the Third Age (U3A) and developed a talent for painting at a Leisure Learning Art class and this gave her a taste for painting holidays both in the UK and on the continent.

Everywhere she went she was noted for her good humour and zest for life; both of which have been sorely tested during the last couple of years when she developed breathing problems. The increasing restrictions this put on her way of life were hard for her but she made the best of it and always had her lovely smile and a cup of coffee ready for visitors.

She celebrated her 82nd birthday on the 22nd December and her large family came to visit her on Christmas Day. She confessed to being very tired on the 28th December but nothing prepared us for her sudden death on the 30th.

Her cheerful company, her ready wit and good humour, her energy and willingness to volunteer, all made her a popular, highly respected and loved friend and colleague.

You are, and will be, greatly missed, Linda.

Pat Lerew MBE

Our River

Seasonal observations

After some cold frosty weather the wind has changed and it is milder, the days lengthening and there are a few early signs of spring, notably the well-opened catkins of Hazel along the riverside path and on the gravel track coming along the river to Neatham Mill Lane, a single Lesser Celandine in flower on 19th February (my first) and several pale blue flowers of Field Speedwell that have been blooming since January. By the time the magazine is issued some buds will be bursting into leaf on the bushes and more flowers will be in bloom to brighten the riverside walk.

February fill-the-dyke is the month when springs rise from the ground, often quoted in the writings of the Reverend Gilbert White of Selborne as "lavants or land springs rising" and this has been the case with the elusive Lavant Stream now flowing above ground by Chawton church. Walking along the riverside path from Upper Neatham Mill Lane on

19th February several springs left of the path were issuing running water that crossed the path on its way to the river.

Save Britain's Rivers

This is a campaign led by the i newspaper with the New Scientist, a magazine that rarely gets involved with campaigns, so this must be important. Two articles in the issue of New Scientist for 18th February 2023 "It's time to save our rivers" as leader article and "Why our rivers matter" give further details. They point out that conurbations are built around them, all life is dependent on water, the value attached aesthetically and for amenity by urban populations on rivers and the potential benefit from mental health of time spent by water saving the NHS some £870 million a year. But rivers often have obstructions, are sometimes in concreted channels acting like drains, they are rubbish strewn and receive various diffuse pollutants

continued...

Our River, Continued

from agricultural land yet we extract drinking water from them or from the aquifers that feed them. That is without mention of sewage pollution. Only 40% of England's rivers are in good ecological condition and while the UK has legislation (with the European Water Framework Directive being regrettably watered down following Brexit) it is not making the difference it should.

The campaign aims to find out what is really happening to our rivers, inviting stories from readers, to build on existing scientific data and to bring the problem to public notice and understanding of the situation. Finally, it is working in an apolitical way (all parties need to take this on board) to a pragmatic solution.

The second article points out the millennium of exploitation of our rivers for drinking water, irrigation, waste disposal, power source, navigation, defence and inspiration (writers, artists and general human well-being). Also rivers contribute via their flood plains to soften the effect of flooding by storing water in marshes, with floods predicted to get more frequent with climate change. Environmental services given by rivers were costed out by the (now defunct) National Capital Committee which produced a useful report. Biodiversity was not included and relevant

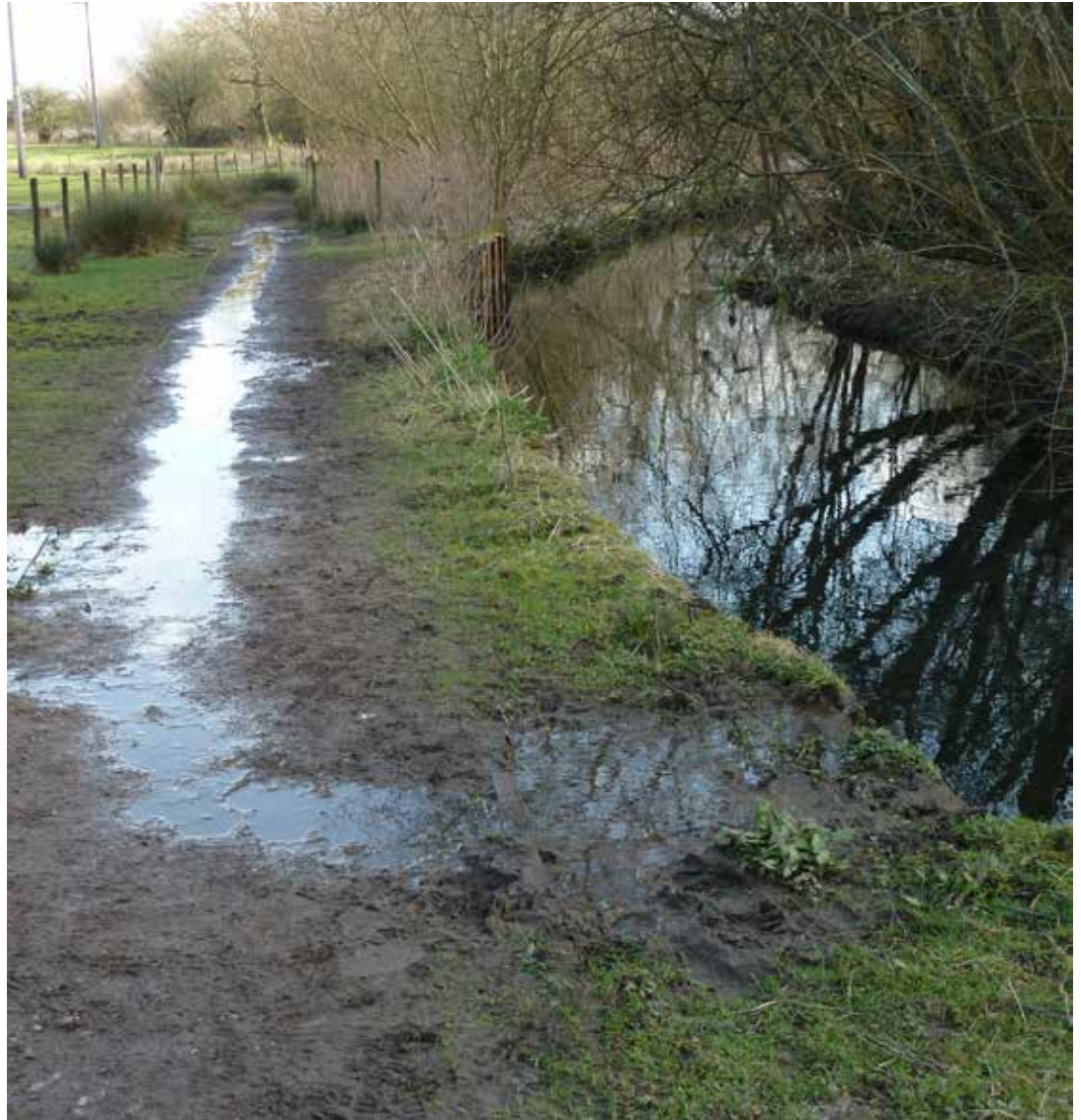
to us on the northern Wey as is the matter of chalk streams, a UK speciality, as 170 of the 270 chalk streams worldwide are in England, one of which is the northern Wey arising from Alton which is thus of international importance.

For some years now the northern Wey has been part of the Wey Valley Landscape Partnership in an effort to bring the northern Wey to good ecological status. In this area it is only moderate so does not count as good. The first report analysing the situation pointed clearly to the poor quality of our river being due to sewage pollution. This is not a new subject for this area. Sewage from Holybourne as foul drains flow down by gravity to the valley floor from which it is pumped uphill to the Sewage Treatment Works off Mill Lane, Alton. In the past there have been overflows from the system across the footpath through Neatham Mill Cottage Farm and some years ago were major problems with the pumping system in the field beyond the Bourne Stream which led to sewage spill entering the river and also surcharging from drains in the village. Lorries were brought in to transport raw sewage by road to the treatment works, with a "certain aroma" evident from the roundabout. But it is not only Holybourne's accidents that impact on our river. In recent years there has been an increase in "legal



discharge consent” from the Environment Agency when the treatment works has more that it can deal with and raw sewage is discharged and a “certain aroma” evident in the eastern part of Alton. Returning treated waste water to the river, in the current situation to the Caker Stream before its confluence with the northern Wey in Mill Lane, depends on dilution from the river and unfortunately both the Caker and Wey have winterbourne characteristics and very low flow in late summer to achieve this. With the massive building development currently going on in Alton and also Medstead and Four Marks (that also feeds to the STW off Mill Lane) the situation is unsustainable and logically a limiting factor to future development. Healthy rivers are an essential part of a healthy community.

Dr June Chatfield OBE



Above & left: Springs flowing across footpath in the Northern Wey near Upper Neatham Mill.

Barrel-style brick graves

Have you ever wondered why some of the graves are covered in bricks? Theories abound from stopping grave robbers to lack of grass growing because of a nearby yew tree.

Very similar graves can be seen at St Andrews Church in Tangmere near Chichester. Their brick barrel graves date back to the early 18th and 19th century and naturally, cost more than ordinary graves. Their records show that these graves were made because of the nearby, famous, yew tree. Normal graves were grass covered but the grass would not grow in the area where these graves were dug.

Mary Blackwell, with supporting research by Chris Lion



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Mill Cottage News

Public footpaths

We are blessed to have so many opportunities around our village for walking along footpaths with various views to be enjoyed. A little look at a local OS map will give you ample ideas for routes and places of interest. It has prompted me to dedicate this article to footpaths – the right and wrong way to use them, as it is not unusual for us to be asked about the ‘farm footpath’.

A few weeks back, we had a message to say that someone had ‘locked the gates’ on the farm footpath resulting in two walkers making an inelegant (and it turns out unnecessary) clamber over the top of the kissing gates. Clearly time to clarify the footpath situation!

Five important points taken from the government website:

- A public footpath is for walking only (technically not horse riding, cycling etc).
- It is a criminal offence to prevent the public exercising these rights.
- Mobility vehicles, wheelchairs and pushchairs can be used on all rights of way. Some paths may not be suitable for this use if there are stiles or uneven surfaces.
- If you stray from a right of way onto land with no other rights of public access, you are committing a trespass against the landowner.
- Visitors to the countryside should follow the Countryside Code.

So, even if we wanted to shut the footpath and lock the gates (which we don’t), we legally cannot do so. In fact, we weren’t even allowed to when we had the raw sewage leak across the path a few years back.



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Byway Open to All Traffic – BOAT (Red arrow): Walking, pushing a wheelbarrow, pushing a pram, pushing a baby carriage, pushing a shopping trolley, pushing a lawnmower, pushing a lawnmower, pushing a lawnmower.

National Trail
National Trails are all open for walking and some trails are also suitable for other users
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Areas of moorland, heathland, downland and registered common land are available to people to walk, run, explore, climb and watch wildlife, without having to stay on paths

The style of kissing gate we have has a red padlock operated by a radar key. It opens as a normal kissing gate for everyone, at all times, but, with the use of the radar key, also allows the whole gate to swing open so that the path can be used by wheelchair users, pushchairs ...and wheelbarrows!

Needless to say, the kissing gates should be left as they were found (padlock closed) so that livestock cannot go through them. The public should stick to the signposted footpaths – you wouldn’t expect the general public to walk anywhere on your land, except your front path to access your front door and certainly not wandering all over your garden!

No-one needs to contact us for permission to walk along the footpath – it’s a public right of way – and as an aside, we cannot guarantee any particular animal will be within sight or reach.

To the couple who climbed the gates – I hope after a cuppa you were able to see the funny side, and have recovered from your exertions.count it as a full work out! I have to thank them though – they made me research the footpath rules, including who is in charge of maintaining it. The puddles that are present on the farm footpath for much of the year (and the springs that run across the path) have been logged onto the Hampshire County Council Right of Way problems page, and we hope a solution will become clear soon.

Tom and Sarah Main, Mill Cottage Farm



The Binsted Inn

March Newsletter



Mother's Day

Sunday 19th March 2023

Take advantage of our stunning 2 or 3 course Mothering Sunday Menu featuring New Season Lamb! We have some availability left for lunch - there are a few spaces available later in the day, 4pm onwards, where we have good availability for larger tables. FREE bottle of house wine for bookings of 4 or more adults having the 3 course meal for bookings at 4.15pm - 6pm (last booking)



Our Binsted inn MEGA QUIZ is on: 15th March & 29th March from 7:30pm Please arrive early to grab a table and a bite to eat from our pub classics menu beforehand. It has been a jackpot roll over and the pot is now over £100!



EASTER WEEKEND

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April

Hopefully the weather will be on our side. Come and make the most of our bouncy castle on Easter weekend! Easter Egg hunt for the kids on Easter Sunday. The bouncy castle is for the kids to enjoy while you can relax and have a bite to eat and drink. Any Adults found on the bouncy castle will be given a time out!



The Final ENGLAND RUGBY Six Nations match is this Saturday 18th March at 5pm against Ireland. We will be showing the game in the bar.

Consider us for any celebrations you may have, we have a large dining room, or the more intimate Snug

Holybourne Honeys WI



Winter Meetings in 2023

The first meeting of 2023 proved to be a brilliant evening on what was a very cold frosty night. The hall was filled with the sound of country and western music as everyone able danced along. The theme was 'America' and Louise Taylor from Hampshire Dance Fitness gave us very easy instructions on what to do. Cowboy hats were worn, even those who couldn't join in thoroughly enjoyed watching, smiles all round. Everyone warmed up quickly, several breaks helped, as did delicious cake! A highly successful evening just what we all needed in January.

This exciting start to the year was followed up by a more sedentary meeting on February 16th but it was no less entertaining. Paula Perkins, an ambassador for Tropic, came to tell us about their well-being and skincare products. The audience was a little alarmed when Paula began her demonstration by polishing makeup off a grapefruit! This clever demonstration showed us how much makeup can be left clogging the pores of the skin, either grapefruit or human. One of our members, Jacqui, was the willing volunteer for the facial; it did involve some less than flattering headwear but she still enjoyed the experience. After removal of the face mask Jacqui pronounced herself suitably re-hydrated and ready for bed!

Paula gave us a most entertaining and informative talk about the formulations of Tropic products, which are not only totally organic but are produced by carbon negative and cruelty-free methods. Furthermore the company donates 10% of it's profits to charity. As usual first class refreshments were served, this month courtesy of Norma and Jane.

Snippets from the Archive: Women's Institute 1936/7

WI meeting 2/12/36

" It was agreed by all present that 2 members from the Committee and 4 general members should act as tea hostesses, alphabetically, each month...each member to pay 2d each."

"18 was thought to be a suitable age to admit girls to WI meetings. It was also decided that no children should be admitted to the meetings"

From 7/1/37

" A very interesting lecture was given on "Women and young people of Germany" by Lady Napier"

"The social half hour was much enjoyed, Mrs Wadham sang 4 songs accompanied by Mrs Becher at the piano, after which Mrs Mylward and Mrs Stevens gave each member a piece of string for each to tie as many knots as she could in 3 minutes, the highest number was tied by Mrs Collins"

From 2/2 37

"Spoons are to take the place of prizes for the winners of Competitions, there were a good selection of knitted iron holders and Mrs Enticknap won first prize and the first spoon".



From 7/9/37

"A most enjoyable cookery lesson was given by Mrs Jupe on vegetarian dishes. The competition was skipping and was won by Mrs Williams"

I can't quite imagine any of our current members skipping or tying knots! However, it's interesting that we were having talks about vegetarian cooking in 1937. And which weird children would be interested in attending a WI meeting? Mind you, they would be better at skipping than us!

Information and Dates for your 2023 Diary

All meetings at the village hall, start time 7.30pm, guests welcome. Members free, £5 for guest attendance to cover refreshments. Free refreshments for members at all events.

April 20th An evening of live music with the Cee Bees. Tap your feet to songs you're sure to recognise. Mid session glass of wine. This meeting is open to all, friends, husbands partners etc.

May 18th My career behind bars, Sue Mc Allister worked in prisons in N Ireland, reaching Head of prisons in N Ireland and is recently retired from the Prisoner and Probation Ombudsman service

June 15th Flowers in a teacup. A demonstration to show how to create a wonderful floral decoration and an opportunity to produce your own masterpiece.

July 20th Our Summer Garden Party; always a popular event with a summer punch, wonderful food, wine and lots of friendly chat.

Membership

It is now £46 a year; this will give you free entry to all meetings, all with refreshments and the WI magazine which comes out 8 times a year, this always includes good special offers for members.

If you would like information on membership or any other questions, contact: holybournesec@hampshirewi.org.uk

Mary Blackwell, Communications Secretary
(with thanks to Anne and Sharon for the original records)



Teddies

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

If you have a baby or toddler, would love to meet some other families in the area and have some time where the little one/s in your care can learn a little bit about the Bible each week then Teddies is the place for you!

We have a different theme each week; sometimes we focus on a Bible story such as 'The Feeding of the Five Thousand' or 'Noah's Ark', and currently we are using contemporary books such as 'Elmer' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to explore themes from the Bible such as 'love' and 'generosity'. Recently we read 'The Lion Who Learned How To Love' and we heard about God's love for us and how He asks us to care for others. Each week we do some craft, play games, say a prayer and sing songs, and there are lots of toys for the children to play with!

The Teddies meet on Wednesday mornings at Holy Rood Church from 9.45am until 10.30am, when we always finish with a 'teddy bear hunt'. We are currently a small group, but we would love to have a few more people join us.

There is no charge and there are refreshments; you will find a warm welcome. Perhaps you would like to bring along your own teddy with you?

We look forward to greeting some new 'Teddies' very soon.

The Teddies Team (Sarah, Alan, Corinne, Michele & Ruth)

Ruth (ruthmaryrandall@gmail.com/ 01420 549567)

Sarah (sarahebbutt@gmail.com)



Coffee Mornings

Coffee, cake and conversation!

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Everyone is welcome to come and join us at the Church of the Holy Rood on Tuesday mornings when we meet for 'coffee, cake and conversation'. We meet from 10am to 11.45am, and end with a time of prayer for our community and the world from 11.45am to 12noon; pop in for a few minutes or the whole two hours! Dogs and children welcome...

There is no charge, although we gratefully accept donations towards the cost of tea and coffee. Along with cake, we always have fruit on offer, and try to cater for any special dietary needs such as gluten or dairy free.

It is great to see new friendships form and blossom.

Why not come along and join us? You would be most welcome!

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Church News

EASTER – what does it mean to you?

- What's the best way to make Easter easier? Put an "i" where the "t" is.
- How does Easter end? With an "R"!
- Where does Easter take place every year? Where eggs marks the spot!
- How can you make Easter preparations go faster? Use the eggs-press lane!
- What should you do to prepare for all the Easter treats? Eggs-ercise!

What does Easter mean to you? Some Easter jokes? A public holiday on Friday and Monday? Lots of chocolate and Easter egg hunts? Time with family?

This Easter I'm looking forward to having an Easter egg hunt in the Vicarage garden with our two Grandchildren, Ava and Caleb. Our children John and Lorna always enjoyed these occasions and we hope to continue this little tradition with our grandchildren.

Although the Easter egg hunt will be fun I look forward to Easter most of all because it is the most significant and important date in my year.

Christians celebrate Easter not because it is relevant only for one day a year, or even the 40 days of the Easter season, but because it has relevance for us each and every moment of our lives. Why is this? Because we recall once again the difference the resurrection of Jesus makes to our lives.

A chap called Paul Hardingham puts it like this: the resurrection means:

- My past is forgiven
- My present is under control
- My future is secure

We all know what it is like to do something which doesn't go right and want to start all over again. Sometimes it's too late; sometimes we can restore what we've done and make something even better; sometimes we can just ditch what we've done and start again.

With God, there is always a new start possible. It's never too late to seek forgiveness and an opportunity to start again. And we discover that each time we start again, God helps to make us into a person better than we were before. We've probably all had times too when life feels out

of control for some reason. Perhaps others are making decisions for us, perhaps our health is poor or someone close to us is facing death, perhaps our life is just too busy and we can't juggle all the balls we seem to need to keep

up in the air, perhaps we have money worries or we are lonely.

Because the love of God which brought Christ back from death is available to us all, I believe God will give us strength to get through anything in life provided we trust. Sometimes that means just hanging on by our fingertips but God will give us courage to face anything.

In the Bible St Paul reminds us that "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" (Philippians 4.13). It reminds me of the prayer: "Lord, help me to remember that nothing will happen

today that you and I cannot handle together."

One place where we really are out of control is death – there's a 100% certainty that it is something we will all face. For a Christian, because of the resurrection, death is not the end. We have a place assured for us in heaven, which will last for ever. Our future really is secure. That's not something I can prove by science. Science and religion are not incompatible but they do address different questions.

In the same way that we cannot prove our love for another person through science, nor can we prove God's love that way either. To have faith means to trust in God, God's love and God's promises. Perhaps this year, you might like to ask what difference the resurrection can make to you. Or why not ask yourself today? It's not something only for Easter Day.

Please do come and join us as we celebrate Easter this year.

Friday 7th April, 10:00am

Outdoor Good Friday Service at St Lawrence Church, Alton

Sunday 9th April, 09:30am

Easter Holy Communion Service at the Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne.

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Holybourne Cricket Club



A new season calls!

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At our recent AGM, we celebrated the recovery from Covid with a greater number of engaged members, particularly at youth level. We aim to build on this success by maintaining good levels of membership for Youth Cricket and growing the club from the bottom up.

We're delighted that we will be fielding two u9 teams – one girls, one mixed – and also both u11 and u13 teams. These will be training as usual on a Friday night at the cricket ground – watched by proud parents, friends and locals enjoying their social membership as the sun sets.

We're excited and very grateful for our new sponsor - Dummer Down Farm - home to Chase Bats (discounted prices for our members), Serious Cricket (our new kit supplier), the Honesty Farm Shop, and their new craft ale Dummer Down Brewery.

Our club has such a welcoming atmosphere that some of the parents who joined last year have already signed up



to be on our Committee. With a host of new faces, we're working hard on lots of exciting plans for the short, medium & long-term future of the club.

We're still looking for a few key roles – could one of them be you?

- Secretary - to support with taking minutes and keeping our admin tip-top.
- Grounds person - someone who is happy to ride on our sit-on mower.
- Facilities Manager - to help maintain our building/ security.

If you are able to help with one of these positions, please do say hello or email: holybournecc@holybournecc.com

We're continuing to align our Adult and Youth Cricket culture and ethos with shared vision and values, always keeping our community at the heart of what we do. Huge thanks for all your support – we look forward to seeing you down at the ground soon.

Key dates for your diary

Sunday 2nd April – #GetSetSunday

Come and help us spruce up the grounds – as part of an England Cricket Board initiative to get local facilities ready for the season. If it's really popular, we might even win a prize!

Friday 21st April - Youth Training starts

Sign up or renew your membership by Friday 31st March

Late April (time and place tbc)

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Luminosa
Spring Concert is a Message of Light & Hope

Sergei Rachmaninov's All-Night Vigil is a haunting cornerstone of the choral repertoire, and an overwhelming listening experience. Alton-based choir, Luminosa, is delighted to be performing this work, along with Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, and Michael Higgins' O Salutaris Hostia at All Saints Church, Odiham on Saturday March 25th at 7pm.

The All-Night Vigil is an incredible work, and arguably Rachmaninov's finest achievement, written within two weeks during the First World War in early 1915. He was looking to write something more introspective than usual: not for liturgical use but as a war benefit concert.

The All-Night Vigil asks the congregation to contemplate the light of the coming dawn as emblematic of Christ's resurrection. Rachmaninov followed the church's tradition of basing ten of the fifteen sections on chants, with the remaining five being more free form. In particular, the 'Kiev' chant resonates most poignantly today. The whole work is full of exquisite harmonies, ranging from top soprano to bottom bass, full of light and shade: a radiant masterpiece.

The first performance took place in March 1915, when it was warmly received by critics and audiences alike. However, the Russian Revolution of 1917, and the rise of the Soviet Union, led to government condemnation of sacred music. Consequently, no other composition marks the end of an era so completely as this quiet, reflective and deeply moving work.

The concert will also feature Luminosa Chamber Voices who will perform Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna. Written in 1997 following the death of his mother, this beautiful work explores music's power to preserve and remember, and



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the depth of human capacity to love. Lauridsen presents sacred Latin texts in five movements with luminous shifting harmonies, perfectly expressing a timeless sense of serenity.

Michael Higgins will provide sensitive, atmospheric piano accompaniment. Luminosa is also honoured to be performing his exquisite O Salutaris Hostia (an arrangement of Elgar's Nimrod) which he composed during the Covid lockdown.



Conducted by their dynamic artistic director, Rebekah Abbott, Luminosa will perform this exceptional music with the textual variety and sustained luxuriance of sound for which Luminosa is now well known. There will be also a surprise addition to the concert experience which will enhance the evening's message of hope and light.

If you love choral music and appreciate compositions that lift you from the mundane, you should not miss Luminosa's spring concert at the beautiful All Saints Church, Odiham on Saturday March 25th at 7pm. Generous support from Luminosa's sponsor, Hattingley Valley Wines, allows tickets to be available at just £15 for adults (under 12s-£5), available on Ticketsource www.ticketsource.co.uk/luminosa-music or luminosamusic.com

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