

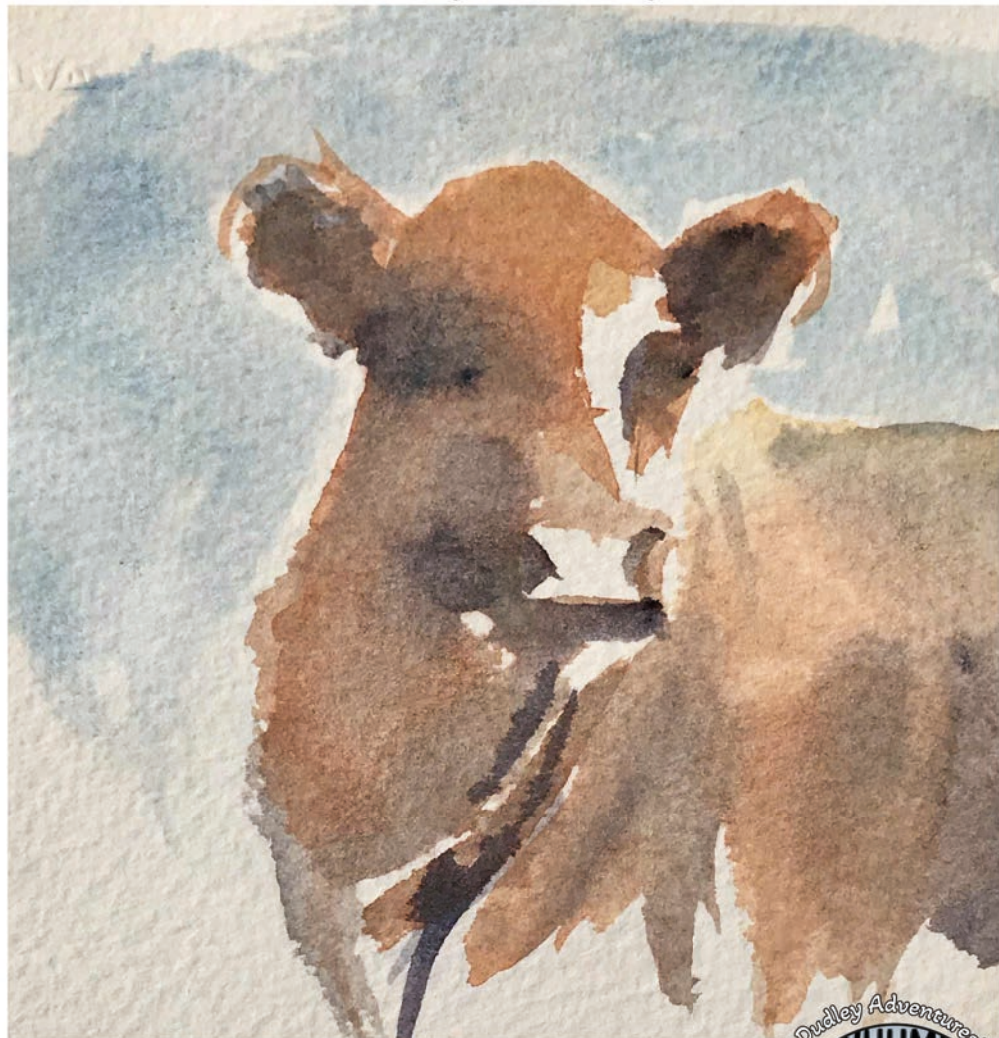
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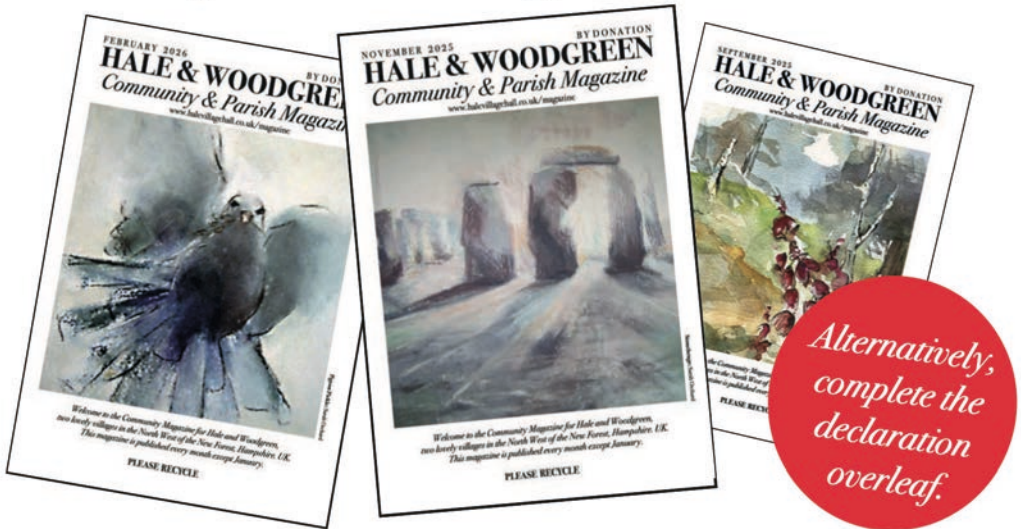
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Potted Histories...Henry VIII (part 3)

Le Morte d'Arthur (no, not that mythical one) is up there with Hastings and the discovery of Guy Fawkes as one of the most screechingly loud handbrake-turns in our history. Arthur was Henry's older brother and Catherine of Aragon's first husband, sealing an historic alliance with Spain. He died aged 15. Had he lived, who knows what might have followed?

Arthur and Henry rarely met, perhaps for only a few months. Arthur was shipped off to Ludlow and away from the distractions of Court to be prepared for Kingship. Henry was raised at Court in the bosom of his family, by his loving mother, his sisters and their ladies. Consequently Henry always loved women. Pregnant wives were lodged in special quarters with the very best of care; the King all solicitude. Contrast Francis I of France who dragged his heavily pregnant wife around the hunting fields. Anne Boleyn calls Henry her "gentle prince" unto her very execution. Divorced Anne of Cleves becomes his "loving sister". He lives out his days quietly alongside Catherine Parr.

Arthur died within a year of marrying Catherine. Henry was then betrothed to her. However that marriage was delayed for 8 years over arguments about Catherine's dowry; the matter eventually settled when Henry was crowned; marriage and money to follow.

The two were very happy together for nearly 20 years, sharing many intellectual interests and with Henry being confident enough in Catherine's competence to ask her to be Regent during his absence bashing the French; that traditional English sport. Children arrived. Between 1510-1518 they had six, including two boys. Only Mary survived. The first son was born on 1 January 1511 and christened Henry 4 days later. To celebrate, the most lavish tournament in all of Henry's reign was held over 12th/13th February. The baby died later that same month, aged 52 days.

Henry would only accept a son as his heir. In 1527 he appealed to Rome to have the marriage annulled; it violated the Biblical prohibition on a man marrying his brother's widow. Pious Henry's dead children were proof of God's wrath. Katherine appealed, swearing to her dying day that the earlier marriage had not actually been consummated and her marriage to Henry was sound in law. Teenage Arthur claimed to have "been in the midst of Spain" on his wedding night. Well, he would, wouldn't he?

The Pope, preferring politics to religion, put the "King's Great Matter" on the back burner, so as not to upset Catherine's nephew who just happened to be the Holy Roman Emperor, and quite important.

In desperation, Henry decided to go it alone. The formal annulment was arranged by Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, as England broke from Rome. Marriage to Anne Boleyn, and baby Elizabeth, followed quickly. The Act of Supremacy and the English Reformation transformed England from Catholic to Protestant nation overnight; the details yet to be sorted...Henry at the helm, the monasteries dissoluble and their wealth destined for the Crown. That's the sea-change alluded to at the start... the dynastic Wars of the Roses well and truly over, to be replaced by religious strife.

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Bunny, that was taking thing a bit far, don't you think? He was rather 'Hopless' at the tasks we gave him.

Mind you, our industrial ladies were able to keep him under good control (I think)

This is Knitting and Knatterng at its best



LATEST NEWS: -

1. We sent Martin, our Chair, up to Parliament last month to represent our Repair Cafe at a big gathering to encourage our MP's to sign up to a Repair And Reuse Declaration.
2. Please be aware that as the Cuckoo Fair is on the first Saturday in May, the Repair Cafe will be in the Downton Baptist Church the following Saturday 9th May, Hoping to see you there.

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Everything seemed to happen in Downton last month, on the left we see our Team and a happy customer offering a cross-cut saw for repair at Seedy Sunday. On the right, that Blessed Bunny would not burrow away, however we are very grateful that he was happy to advertise our activities. News Flash: - We are only four jobs short of 9000 jobs since starting!!!



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As part of our 2026 Hale and Woodgreen organising our third **free Children's Sunday, 5th July** from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm.



Horticultural Society programme, we are **Workshop at Woodgreen Village Hall** on

It is an opportunity for children to enjoy arts recycling, upcycling and using natural planned to match our annual horticultural July. We would like to encourage more young people to enter these classes, but it is not a prerequisite to booking a place at the workshop sessions.

and crafts activities, focused on gardening, materials. The activities are carefully show children's classes, for Saturday 18th





Primary school aged children (Key Stage F, 1 & 2) and younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult throughout the day. Older students (Key Stage 3) may participate independently, if their family/ emergency contact details have been given in advance. Pre-booked places only.

There will be 4 workshop activities run by 4 local artists/ crafters across four 1-hour carousel sessions.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
11 am – 12 noon	12 noon- 1 pm	2 pm – 3 pm	3 pm – 4 pm

Lunchtime break 1 pm - 2 pm

If you would like to stay over the lunchtime break- please bring a packed lunch to be eaten outside, on the terrace. Refreshments will be available throughout the workshop sessions for a small donation.

<p>Activity 1 – to create a 3D felt flower.</p> <p>Sarah Waters is a local felt maker, using traditional and innovative techniques, to showcase the beauty and diversity of British wool. She currently runs her own textiles business teaching, exhibiting in the UK and internationally.</p> <p>Create a 3D felted flower with Sarah.</p> 	<p>Activity 2- to decorate a garden lantern.</p> <p>Andrea Finn, our HWHS president, is an experienced and true creative educator, specialising in painting, ceramics, and mixed media.</p>  <p>Decorate a glass jar, using patterns, shapes and your imagination.</p>
<p>Activity 3 – to design and make a greetings card using buttons.</p>  <p>Sue Harris, our HWHS secretary, makes and sells greetings cards using a variety of paper cutting, stamping and recycling techniques.</p> <p>With Sue's assistance, design and make a special greetings card.</p>	<p>Activity 4- to decorate an old pair of sunglasses for a festival.</p> <p>Tricia Goodfellow is a primary school teacher, enthusiastic gardener, and home crafter.</p> <p>Upcycle a pair of sunglasses into something amazing to wear at a festival.</p> 

All the materials for the activities will be provided and there is no cost to participate.

To book a place for the HWHS Children's Workshop 2026 please email tricia@cgclassics.co.uk by Monday 29th June providing-

- Parental contact details
- Child's/ children's names and ages
- Preferred session timings (AM, PM or all day) and which activity workshop/s your child/ children would like to do.



Hale and Woodgreen Horticultural Society Annual Show - Saturday 18th July 2026

Children's Classes

- Decorate an old pair of sunglasses for a festival
- A 3D flower made from any medium
- A decorated garden lantern
- A greetings card using buttons

Home Craft Classes

- Limerick - to include the word 'soil'
- An animal made from any medium, no larger than 40cm in any direction
- A collage, drawing, painting, textiles or felting, titled 'Woodland walk', no larger than A3
- An illustrated hand written quote from Winnie the Pooh (AA Milne) to celebrate his centenary (Centenary jug trophy)



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On Sunday, 21st June HWHS have arranged a coach outing to Cerne Abbas- 50th Open Gardens event in Dorset. They are planning to show around 25 private gardens from 2-6 pm. The village car park, refreshments/ teas, church flower display and plant stall all open from 1 pm onwards, and proceeds go to two charities (Squibb Garden Renovation and Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance).

Herrington Coaches will do pick-ups in Hale and Woodgreen, leaving from 11.30 am, returning around 7.30 pm.

We would like to invite HWHS members and village friends to prebook a seat asap. The total cost is £25.00 per person- including ticket admission with village map at a reduced price. We would kindly like to ask for a £5.00 deposit in advance.

Please contact David Mussell (chair) davidgmussell@icloud.com or Tricia Goodfellow (programme planner) tricia@cgclassics.co.uk to reserve your place!

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They are also collecting larger items, so visit their website for more information www.newforestforukraine.org

Many thanks, Sue Harris

STEP BACK INTO THE SEVENTIES THIS SPRING!

Our spring production this year consists of two one act plays and a short revue sketch monologue, all set in the 1970s and performed by all female casts.

The first, *Bus Stop* by Rae Shirley, is a comic take on a seemingly endless wait for the bus to arrive, when conversations revolve around village gossip, varicose veins and a portion of chips!

You won't look at a bus queue in quite the same way again!

The second, *The Nannie* by George Melly, is a short monologue which satirises the often-rigid, authoritarian nature of traditional British nannies within the context of family, shopping, food and holidays.

The third play, the wryly humorous, *People Like Us* by Cherry Vooght, looks at three women who take a seaside holiday in a caravan. Whilst there, they face the increasingly looming topics of loneliness and independence as their years advance.

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Redlynch & District Local History Society Report

Our April talk was by local resident Helen Roberts of the Australia Badge Trust who has been involved with the restoration of the downland chalk outline of Australia at Hurdcott near Fovant. There were a number of WW1 army camps along the A30 from Swallowcliffe to Fovant (Camps 1 to 4) and on to the camps 5 and 6 at Hurdcott. The Army units carved unit badges into the chalk hillsides above their camps and they are now listed, however the maintenance (weeding and remarking) is done by local volunteers overseen by Historical England.

The camp at Hurdcott was swiftly erected at the start of WW1 and hosted a number of British units in turn. In April 1917 the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Regiment moved out and the Australians moved in. The camp operated as a hospital convalescence unit and as a depot. Papers at the time noted mental effects on many of the patients and no weapons of such training was allowed in the vicinity. The camp continued in use into 1919 as a depot for Australians awaiting ships home. A number of men died whilst there and about 100 are buried in parish churchyards in the vicinity.

The camp comprised timber huts each holding 30 men who slept on straw mattresses on the floor. Facilities included a boxing ring, theatre, as well as the messes and training huts. During their time there the punishment detail began and completed the chalk carving and marking. The site was remarked in the early 1950s but by 2015 the "Australia" badge had disappeared apart from a faint outline. Helen obtained the landowners permission to try to restore the badge which with a number of volunteers and Historical England starting with a survey in 2017 and completion on 9 October 2018. Maintenance of the site is ongoing, weeding and the then laying fresh chalk into the carving. Care is taken not to throw earth spoil onto the grass as from a distance it appears white and denies the sharp outline the volunteers aim for.

On ANZAC day every 25 April a service is held and the site is regularly visited by members of the Australian Army when they are in the UK. One of the huts is now used as the village hall. The talk was not only interesting but beautifully illustrated by contempered photographs of good quality. Much information is freely available on line on the wartime Australians and in my experience, the Canadians as well.

Our next talk is Milestones (and other Wiltshire stories!) by Jamie Hobson in Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall at 7:30pm on 5th May.

REDLYNCH & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Tuesday 05 May 2026 – 7.30pm

“Milestones, Rioters in Drag and the Grotesk”

Jamie Hobson, a retired Academic from the University of the Arts in London, will be presenting this informative talk with slides, focused mainly on milestones, directional signs and boundary stones in/around Salisbury with occasional excursions into the weirdness of Cornish milestones.



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The May home league fixtures are:-

Saturday 2nd Cadnam

Saturday 16th Whiteparish

Saturday 30th Hythe and Dibden

The friendly side have three home fixtures in May:-

Sunday 10th New Forest Gents

Sunday 24th Trinity Oxley

Sunday 31st Hyde

The club are still looking for new players for both the Saturday league team and Sunday friendly side. If anyone is interested, or knows of someone, please get in touch with myself or a club member.

Date for your diary is the band concert on the Common on Friday 3rd July.

Dave Naish Chairman Woodgreen CC (camelot1@btinternet.com)



We Are Award Winners!

We are delighted to announce that we are the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) District 12 Achievement winners for our productions 'Deckchairs' and 'Two'.

Not only this, but we have also been nominated for the Best Comedy Production for 'Deckchairs' as well as a Nomination for Best Drama Production for 'Two' in the South West region. This is no mean feat by our little group as the District 12 area covers includes Bournemouth, Poole, Ringwood and Salisbury, and the whole South West region reaches all the way down to Cornwall!

Jeni Colton, NODA SW Regional Representative District 12 wrote: *'These nominations are a terrific achievement in a region as big as the South West, and I congratulate you and all the company for your continued successes. The winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on 23rd May 2026 at Sandy Park, Exeter.'*

A group of us are very excited to be going to the awards ceremony later this month to receive our award and see how we fare with our other nominations! Watch this space!

Spring Production 2026 A touch of 70s nostalgia

Tickets for our entertaining spring production have been selling very quickly since going on sale and we are really looking forward to performing this variety of plays between Wednesday 13th – Saturday 16th May. At the time of writing, there are just a few remaining, priced at £12 and available from tickets@redlynchplayers.co.uk Please look out for up-to-date information on our social media (Facebook or Instagram) or on fliers and posters in the area.



Each play, set in the 1970s, bring us some wry humour and a very British take on daily life. *Bus Stop* by Rae Shirley takes the monotony out of waiting for a bus to arrive, whilst *The Nannie* by George Melly has us considering our next holiday destination. The evening will be completed by *People Like Us* by Cherry Vooght, where three women take a seaside holiday in a static caravan and examine their relationships both with each other and with their advancing years, reflected in the constantly changing British seaside weather.

All directed by Lloyd Perry, we hope you'll enjoy these great stories that still amuse and inspire today.



Want to know more?

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Though it is true that volunteering with us requires a degree of physical fitness as it involves a lot of walking alongside the horses, it is very satisfying to observe the improvements our riders make week by week.

We are really looking for more volunteers and, ideally, a few more horses. Being outdoors, we only operate through Spring and early summer, then again for a few weeks in the Autumn on Friday mornings from our current base in Rockbourne

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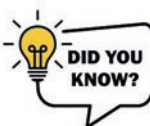
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Saturday
May 2 & 3



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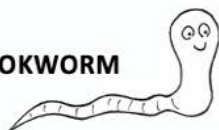
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Abilene (adj.) - Descriptive of the pleasing coolness on the reverse side of a pillow.

Burwash (n.) - The pleasurable icy slosh of puddle water over the toes of ones gumboots.

Clunes/Cluneys (pl.n.) People who just cannot say goodbye and go at the end of an evening

Duntish (adj.) – Mentally incapacitated by a severe hangover (see also “Lager Lag”).

Ewelme (n.vb.) – The janus smile bestowed upon you by an Air ~~Hostess~~ Steward.

Fulking (participial vb.) – Pretending not to be in when the carol singers come round.

Gweek (n.) – A coat hanger that has been remodelled for use as a car radio aerial.

Harbottle (n.) – A particular kind of Fly that lives within double glazing.

Iping (participial vb.) – Hopping from Foot to Foot whilst desperate to go to the lavatory.

Jurby (n.) – A loose woollen garment reaching the knees with three (or more) armholes.

Kalami (n.) – The ancient eastern art of folding Road & Ordnance Survey maps properly.

Mellon Udrigle (n.) – The ghastly sound made by traditional folk singers.

Peora (n.) – The fear of peeling too few potatoes when expecting company.

Ranfurly (adj.) – A Tie knotted so that the narrow end hangs far below the wide end.

Scamblesby (n.) – A small dog that resembles a throw rug and appears to be dead.

Thrupp (vb.) – To hold a ruler on the end of a desk & make the other end go bbbbbb-brrdrr

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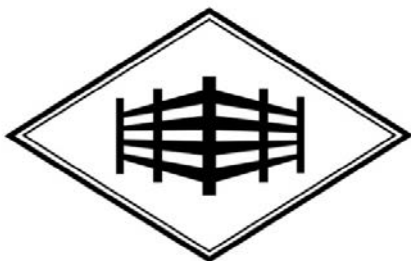


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A woman wronged

My last article looked at the fate of the rebel Duke of Monmouth after the defeat of his army in 1685. Another local victim of the Monmouth rebellion was an elderly lady who lived near Fordingbridge. Dame Alice Lisle lived at Moyles Court, a 17th century redbrick house and was married to John Lisle who was an MP in the Long Parliament of Oliver Cromwell. He was one of the commissioners who sat in judgement in the trial of King Charles II and whose guilty verdict led to his execution. After the restoration of the monarchy, he fled to Switzerland fearing for his life but was assassinated there by an agent of the Crown in 1664. Dame Alice did not share his views and was devastated when Charles II was executed. She was, however, sympathetic to the non-conformist movement so when John Hicks, a non-conformist minister turned up at her door looking for shelter she assumed that it was because he had been illegally preaching.

After the defeat of Monmouth's army at the battle of Sedgemoor a large number of soldiers from the Monmouth army fled the battlefield with the King's troops in hot pursuit. Hicks brought with him Richard Nelthorpe and both were fugitives from the battle. Unfortunately for Dame Alice they had been seen approaching the house and they were soon arrested by Colonel Penruddock who had been hunting down the escapees from the rebellion. Hicks was found hiding in the malthouse and Nelthorpe concealed in a chimney. They were both hung drawn and quartered. Dame Alice was arrested for harbouring traitors and was taken to Fisherton Goal in Salisbury. After five weeks she was sent to Winchester to be tried by the much-feared Judge Jeffreys. Her defence was that she did not support the Monmouth rebellion, did not realise that Hicks had done anything other than some illegal preaching and she knew nothing of Nelthorpe. However, Jeffreys was determined to find her guilty and reminded the jury of her husband's anti royalist beliefs. Despite them finding her not guilty he sent them back to reconsider and eventually they gave in to his bullying and found her guilty. Alice was 68 years old and had been prone to falling asleep during the trial. Despite her age Jeffreys condemned her to be burnt at the stake the same afternoon but was persuaded to allow her two days before the sentence was carried out. An appeal to King James II only resulted in her sentence being commuted to beheading.

Alice was imprisoned in the first-floor room of the Eclipse Inn in Winchester marketplace. She stepped through the window onto a hastily built scaffold to meet her grisly end. Her body was taken back to Ellingham Church where her grave can be seen to the right of the porch. Her ghost is reputed to haunt the Eclipse Inn and Moyles Court and a driverless coach, drawn by headless horses carrying her back to her home, is supposed to have been seen on Ellingham Drive. Later with William and Mary on the throne, her conviction was reversed at the request of two of her daughters because of the, "irregular prosecution" caused by the, "menaces" of Judge Jeffreys.

Moyles Court was later used as station HQ for the nearby Ibsley Airfield in WW2 and is now a private school. It was also the setting for the fictional Bramhurst Court in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy.



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Please do join us on 11th May for our practical workshop with Martina, theme to be confirmed. Please contact us (details below) for further information. Refreshments from 7 pm followed by a workshop at 7.30 pm. Do join us and bring your friend(s)! Non-members are welcome (£10 door fee including refreshments).

All meetings/events are held at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, Woodfalls (SP5 2LD). A full programme for 2026/27 is now available from the weblink <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2026a> and on the notice board in the hall, and on our facebook group.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact: Miyuki Griffin 07990 868351

Email: forestedgeflower@gmail.com

Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower

View full programme for 2026/27: <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2026a>

Upcoming meetings:

11 May	Practical with Martina 'Competition work'	7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments)
1 June	Club competition and exhibition	7.00 pm staging 7.30 pm refreshments / judging followed by viewing
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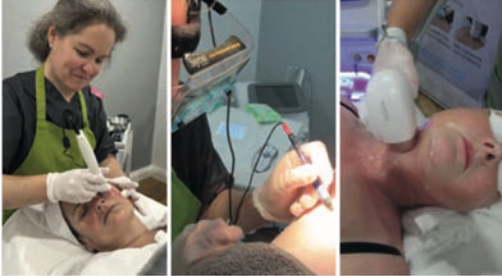
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Riddles:

1. What has to be broken before you can use it?
2. I'm tall when I'm young and short when I'm old—what am I?
3. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
4. What has a neck but no head, and two arms but no hands?
5. What has keys but can't open locks?

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- 4 - a Shirt
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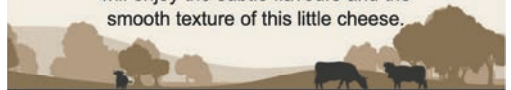


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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of
WOODGREEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Woodgreen Reading Room
on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7.30pm.**

25/26.168 Members present: Lance Benest (LB)(Chair), John Clarke (JC), Mark Flannigan (MF), Stewart Hall (SH), Guy Rafferty (GR) and Pete Skinner (PS).

Also present: Amanda Johnson (Parish Clerk), Janet Richards, NFDC District Councillor, Karen Hunt and Lindy Harper from Play Matters and one member of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Helena Datta

25/26.169 Declarations of interest: SH - Tree application 26/00392CONS.

25/26.170 Minutes of previous meeting held on 10/03/2026.

25/26.170.1 Following a review of the minutes, it was then unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

25/26.170.2 Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items. None

25/26.171 Public Participation: None.

25/26.172 Play Matters: Karen Hunt and Lindy Harper updated councillors on the progress of the proposed play area. A planning application has been submitted and a decision will be received from the National Park Planning Authority in May. When this has been achieved funding opportunities will be investigated and fundraising undertaken. Car parking was discussed and it was felt by both parties that with the new car parking charges from FE coming any possible designated parking for a play area would not be feasible at this time.

25/26.173 District Councillor: The government has announced the decision regarding the local government reorganisation. The current NFDC area has been split and residents of The Waterside (Totton and Eling, Marchwood, Hythe and Dibden and Fawley parishes) will receive their council services from a new authority that also serves Eastleigh Borough Council, and Southampton City Council areas. The remainder of the current NFDC area (i.e. residents of Woodgreen) will be served by a new Mid-Hampshire council which will also include East Hampshire District Council, Winchester City Council and Test Valley Borough Council areas. These new authorities will take full control in April 2029. In April 2028 there will be elections for the new councils and for a year all councils will operate as a transition period. At the full NFDC meeting on 14th April a group named "New Forest Together" submitted a petition of 15,000 names to NFDC asking them to challenge the government's decision, believing that the current NFDC area should not be split up. This would have to be done via a judicial review and NFDC are currently looking into the feasibility of this action.

24/25.174 Local Government Reorganisation: See 25/26.173.

25/26.175 Planning: The following applications were discussed:

Case Number	25/01459FULL
Proposal	Change of use from agricultural to childrens' play area with associated landscaping and boundary treatments
Site	Land at the rear of, Woodgreen Village Hall, Hale Road, Woodgreen, SP6 2AQ

Woodgreen Parish Council will not comment on this application.

Case Number	26/00269CONS
Proposal	Prune 1 x group of Holly trees
Site	Wild Close, Woodgreen Common Road, Woodgreen, SP6 2QX

Case Number 26/00392CONS
Proposal Fell 1 x Willow tree
Site Orchard End, High Street, Woodgreen, SP6 2AU

Case Number 26/00387TPO
Proposal Prune 1 x Pine tree, Fell 1 x Leylandii tree
Site Silverhayes 6, Lower Densome Wood, Woodgreen, SP6 2BE

PS had no issues with the proposed works and therefore recommended to accept the decision of the National Park Authority Tree Officer. This was unanimously agreed. (SH abstained).

25/26.176 Meetings Attended: JC and HD will attend the next NW Quadrant meeting on 27th April.

25/26.177 New FE car parking charges: WPC have received communication from Beaulieu Parish Council who are challenging the decision by Forestry England to introduce parking charges. They are questioning the procedure and process and believe that FE did not meet their consultation obligations. Further information can be seen at www.beaulieu-pc.org.uk/new-forest-parking. Woodgreen PC unanimously agreed to support Beaulieu PC by writing to Mike Seddon, Chief Executive of Forestry England reinforcing these concerns. LB will action.

25/26.178 Speed Indicator Devices: The sockets and posts have now been installed by HCC Highways in the four sites around the village and the SIDs have been purchased. MF and GR will now install the SIDs beginning with the Castle Hill and Breamore Road location.

25/26.179 Village Maintenance and Parish Council Property including Lengthsman visit on 27th April: Lengthsman 27th April - Jobs to include replacing dragons' teeth, clearing ditches and the path.

25/26.180 Improvement of walk/cycle path along roadside (to Breamore): SH received a response from Strategic Transport (HCC) which stated that a footpath along the road from Woodgreen to Breamore (to Breamore Great Bridge) would not be feasible. Councillors did not agree with the reasoning behind this decision and it was agreed to send a response outlining reasons to go ahead with this project and the benefits it would bring to parishioners and the local area.

25/26.181 Annual Parish Assembly: The Annual Parish Assembly will be held in Woodgreen Village Hall on Wed 22nd April at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

25/26.182 Financial: To accept and approve the following - Review of Ongoing Budget, monthly payments and End of year accounts (pre-audit) to be presented at the Annual Parish meeting.

a. **Current Balances -**

- Lloyds Treasurers Account £7,292.14 as at 09.04.2026.
- Lloyds 32 Notice Account £81,742.53 as at 09.04.2026.

Ongoing annual expenditure and current balances were noted and approved.

b. **Expenditure:** The following payments were approved:

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Lloyds Bank	Monthly bank service charges	4.25		Direct Debit

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	METHOD
HMRC	Payments Jan to March	17.50		BACS
Cutting Edge	Cemetery Cuts - March	180.00		BACS
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defib pads	61.14	10.19	BACS
Elan City	Extra battery for SID	95.95	15.99	BACS
TP Jones	Payroll - Jan to March	59.40	9.90	BACS
South West Water	Cemetery water	33.11		BACS
2026/27 Accounts				
HALC	Annual subscription	294.00		BACS

c. Approve End of year accounts: The pre-audited accounts were approved and will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly.

25/26.183 Consultations and Correspondence up to 09/04/2026 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised and not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

For information (previously circulated) -

16/03/26 Forestry England - Researchers studying pine marten crossing points in the New Forest.

16/03/26 South Central Ambulance Charity - Thank you for donation

17/03/26 NPA - Spring events in the Forest

19/03/26 NFALC - Update from cycling rep regarding New Forest LCWIP

23/03/26 NFDC invite feedback on Housing Register Draft Allocations Policy

25/03/26 NFDC - Results of Local Government Reorganisation

26/03/26 NPA - Newsletter - Spring takes root in the Forest

27/03/26 NPA - Outstanding buildings celebrated in Building Design Awards.

30/03/26 NFALC - Updates on LGR and CDA

31/03/26 Beaulieu Parish Council - Letter regarding FE parking charges.

31/03/26 Police and Crime Commissioner March Newsletter

01/04/26 NFDC - Extension of PSPOs for another 3 years.

01/04/26 NPA - News release - Iconic Sycamore gap tree to live on.

07/04/26 HCC - update from Cllr Nick Adams-King

07/04/26 NFALC - Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March

07/04/26 NPA News Release - Great New Forest Marque Breakfast

Parishioner emails

29/03/26 Parishioner email regarding brambles at entrance to Lower Densome. *AJ has responded.*

25/26.184 Any other business and matters to be raised on the next agenda. The next meeting will be the Annual meeting to be held on 12th May.

Oakview Garden Maintenance

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Neat little postage stamp lawn or something bigger?

I can help you 'Love your Lawn'

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Fordingbridge Twinning Association

Newsletter for Members and Friends

April 2026

Easter – Foire de Paques!

We hope you had a lovely Easter weekend and enjoyed the very welcome spring sunshine! Our friends in Vimoutiers enjoyed their annual Easter Fair when again all the town is dressed up to celebrate Easter.



Vimoutiers – New Council and Mayor

Following the recent local elections in France, Vimoutiers has a new Town Council and Mayor, Philippe Touchain. He leads the new political group in Vimoutiers, 'Ensemble pour l'Avenir de Vimoutiers'. (Together for Vimoutiers' future)

Murder Mystery Evening



Our recent Murder Mystery evening, the **Red Rose Murder**, was a great success. With

record attendance! A very lively evening with a stellar cast held



together by Inspector McClue, played by Will Peak. Thanks to all the actors for their excellent performances – and costumes!

Visit to Fordingbridge Junior School

We were invited to talk to the students in Year 3 about our Twining with Vimoutiers as part of a project they are running answering the question 'why are we twinned with Vimoutiers?'. After a talk with plenty of pictures illustrating life in Vimoutiers, questions such as "which is the older town: Fordingbridge or Vimoutiers?"; 'do

they prefer cheese or apples' (since both are produced there!), the students wrote letters to the Twining Association which will be displayed at the AGM.

AGM with Cheese and Wine – Thursday, 30 April

Our AGM will be held at Avonway on Thursday, 30 April at 7.30. Come along to hear the summary of our activities over the past 12 months, and our forthcoming events. Enjoy cheese and wine with fellow members after the short formal meeting!

The AGM is also our Membership year end, and we will be issuing new cards for 2026/2027 in exchange for a bargain £10 per household for membership! Your membership fee matters as it goes towards the cost of hosting guests from Vimoutiers. You can pay your membership on the night directly to Paul Hammond, or you can set up a bank transfer to us as follows:

Name: Fordingbridge & District International Friendship Association
Account No: 07845200
Sort Code: 54 30 45

Thank you for your support!

Forthcoming events

Boules Evening - Thursday, 11 June

Music Evening and buffet – Saturday, 10 October.

Foire de la Pomme – 17/18 October

Visit to Chatelet (Belgium) – 6-8 November

For further details, please get in touch with the Committee – we will be pleased to hear from you!

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Good News?

Well, I don't know about you, but for me, when I look at the news, it is not always a cheerful experience. Sadly, what we see as we look at the news is warfare, people struggling financially, political crises and so it goes on. In fact, I used to try to cheer myself up by watching football, but I'm a Spurs fan, so that is even worse! The reality is that we are surrounded by bad news, and it can be discouraging and disheartening, can't it?

So, I thought that today I would share with you some items of good news. Here's the first bit of good news: God loves you. We have just celebrated Easter, which is, of course, a wonderful, joyful time; but the central message of Easter is the truth that God loves you and, through His Son Jesus, has made it possible for you to be forgiven and to be with Him forever. God loves you.

Here is another bit of good news: you need not be alone. God offers to come and live in your heart and to be with you moment by moment and day by day by His Holy Spirit. For me, this is a wonderful truth, a truth that I thank God for and appreciate and value daily. The gift of God's Holy Spirit, which is God's Spirit living within us, is one of the truly wonderful gifts that we receive from God through Jesus Christ.

Here is another bit of good news: God's truth is available to us all. We see all sorts of nonsense on social media, and frankly, it's hard to know which of it is real, which is why I love to read the Bible every morning. It is God's truth, an eternal, reliable truth that will guide us in our lives and help us to know which way to walk and which way to go. In fact, it says in the Psalms about the Bible that: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." That's Psalm 119:105.

The last bit of good news is that there is a wonderful community of Christians just down the street from you who will welcome you and bless you and help you as you seek to walk in the ways of God. You may have gone to church all your life or maybe you've never been at all; it doesn't matter; you'll be warmly welcomed, and you will find in your local church a community of wonderful, loving, welcoming and warm people who will help you and bring goodness into your life. So why don't you come and join us this Sunday, at whatever church is local to you? I assure you, you'll receive a warm welcome.

So turn off the TV, ignore that social media app and enjoy the good news. God loves you. God is with you. His truth is available. And there is a wonderful community of good, kind, and loving people just waiting to welcome you.

Wishing you and your loved ones God's richest blessings.

Luke (Rector: The Avon Valley Churches).

PRAYERS MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY WORLDWIDE. Are **YOU** willing to **JOIN OTHERS** to pray for the **PERSECUTED CHURCH**? A fellow Christian wrote: "***It feels crazy to try and change the world; but it is evil not to try.***" Please get in touch with Pat Bloomfield swanbeck3@gmail.com or text 07985 938644, and we can decide together how to do so.

Church Services and events during May



Sunday 3rd @11am Woodgreen Steam Show Worship outside St Boniface Church-come and join in with the steam and whistles!

Please come along over the weekend and help the support the 20th Anniversary Show, lots to see and refreshments to enjoy all for good causes!

Sunday 10th @ 10am Holy Communion @ St Mary's Church, Hale



Sunday 17th @ 10am Morning Service @ St Mary's, Hale

Sunday 24th @ 10am Holy Communion @St Boniface Church, Woodgreen.

Other Church events



Friday May 29th Fairtrade Community Coffee Morning @ St Boniface, Woodgreen from 10.30-12noon.

Followed by

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)- from 12-2pm in St Boniface Church, with our new improved heating, thanks to Woodgreen Village Trust amongst others.

Suggested donation of £3 for hot drinks, soup and a roll. Why not come along and join in the conversation, quizzing, jigsaws etc...

AND

We have now been able to source some new Fairtrade stock.

The new Fairtrade stock includes favourites like chocolate, socks, coffee etc and new items such as jewellery and many more items, look out for them both at Hale Farmer's Markets and at our Fairtrade Coffee mornings

AND FINALLY SAVE THE DATE....

**Sunday July 26th-Our Pimm's in the garden event @ Woodgreen Village Hall
with Meraki Brass Band...**

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Dudley, Ralph, and the Very Rude Sky Giants

Ralph a black and white dog lay in his English country garden, happily chewing his favourite squeaky bone...



...when the sky suddenly went WHUMP-WHUMP-WHUMP. He froze, eyes wide. 'Dudley! The sky is growling!'

WHUMP-WHUMP-WHUMP



Dudley a brown-and-white King Charles Spaniel trotted over, ears flapping. 'Maybe it's a giant flying dog,' he said wisely.



Then two enormous Chinook helicopters thundered overhead, so low - they blasted leaves off the trees and turned fir into a backwards hairstyle. Flowerpots wobbled. A washing line surrendered.



'This is extremely unsociable,' barked Dudley.



The dogs sprang into action. They dragged out a big picnic blanket...



...and arranged sausages in the shape of a giant paw.



Then they lay beside it, waving their tails like signal flags.



The helicopters passed again, the pilot shouts 'Sorry' and is slower and higher.



'See?' said Ralph. 'Universal sign for: Please mind the garden.'



Dudley nodded. 'Also possibly: Free snacks.'



Google "Dudley and Ralph" for more adventures.

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SATURDAY JUNE 6th
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