

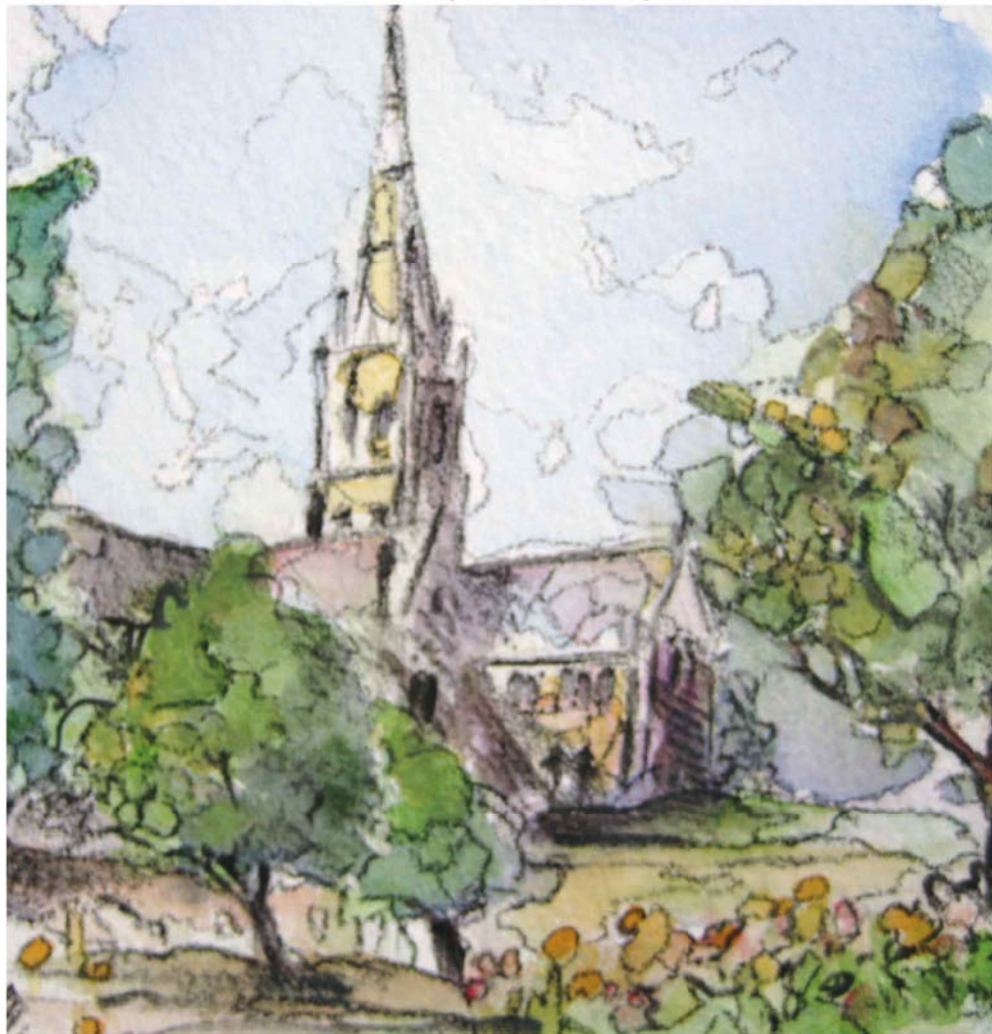
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what's going on
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2025/26

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Feb. 6th 2026 @ 6.45pm [film starts 7.30pm] - Science Fiction

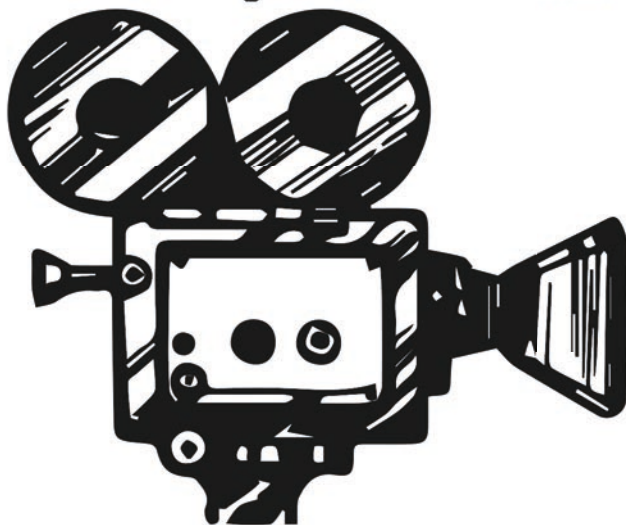
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April 10th 2026 @ 6.45pm [film starts 7.30pm] - Comedy



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*The Repair Cafe is working with Wilts Council to advise people on what to do when Windows 10 is no longer supported on your computers & a further free presentation is available at Downton Memorial Hall on Thursday 2nd Oct. This would be well worth attending & is very informal.

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Following our hospital treatment, he has now re-gained his sight, has a new nose & his injuries have been repaired, but I still don't see a smile!!

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALLS.

If you're planning a private event such as a party or a family get together, please think about hiring your local Village Hall. We need your support.

Potted histories...another king given a second chance.

If Henry VI was generally a sorry sight, feeble and weak minded, cousin Edward IV was by contrast charismatic, ruthless, and politically astute. His two reigns (1461-1470 and 1471-1483) were marked by military brilliance and modern management. At over 6'3" and very handsome he had a commanding presence, but his true strength came from his ability to inspire loyalty and form alliances. He had the charm and magnetism of a natural leader. No contest.

Edward's father, Richard Duke of York, was instrumental in causing the Wars of the Roses (1455-1487). Tired of the disastrous reign of Henry of Lancaster he sought the throne; being a direct descendant of Edward III himself. However, after initial military success Richard was killed at the battle of Wakefield (1460). Son Edward was only 18. He didn't hesitate to take up the Yorkist cause; he was everything that Henry was not. His military acumen was immediately clear, winning at Mortimer's Cross (1461) and crushing the Lancastrians at Towton to secure the throne at the age of 19.

Towton, near modern-day Leeds, is generally seen to be the bloodiest battle ever to take place on English soil. Fought in a blinding snowstorm, the Yorkist archers achieved a decisive victory; they had the wind behind them to help outdistance the Lancastrian arrows. The number of casualties is disputed but may be as high as 25,000 and with hundreds of the nobility being slaughtered.

In victory, Edward deposed Henry who fled to Scotland. Henry was eventually captured and moved to London's alternative royal residence, the Tower of London. It was at this point Edward lost the plot and fell in love with the beautiful but low-born Elizabeth Woodville. After raising her lowly, but now cock-of-the-walk, family in the pecking order at Court, Edward's support started to leach away; back to Henry's wife, the redoubtable Margaret of Anjou who was able to bring on her second half substitute king-makers, Warwick and Neville (no, not the one in the waistcoat). Edward was now deposed and fled to France. Henry returned to London, to be led by the hand, like a small child back to Westminster, and to kingly bed. Seriously!

Now it was Edward's turn again. Backed by a French army, he returned. Henry's son and successor was killed in battle and Henry was soon back in the Tower where he died of "a broken heart" LOL. Subsequent analysis showed that his skull was stove in and his once blond hair covered in blood. Henry's second stint at being a miserably incompetent King had lasted all of 6 months.

Edward now focused on taking full control of his kingdom, once and for all, starting with executing his little brother Clarence on a charge of treason. Well, he did fight for the other side. Fair's fair.

Second, Edward prioritised economic competence over warfare, building trade links, exploiting the value of his crown lands and raising revenue through earnings, not taxation. Parliament sidelined as not really necessary. He patronised scholars, reformed the state administration machinery and promoted legal reforms.

His downfall came as a result of over-indulgence. 10 children with Elizabeth and at least 6 more with his many mistresses. He loved luxury, fine clothes and good food. Increasingly corpulent he died suddenly, age just 40. His young sons Edward V and Richard were looked after by kindly Uncle Richard, soon to be RIII.

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Lynn and George Purcell would like to sincerely thank all those people who visited The Corn Mill during Hampshire Open Studios which made it such a hugely successful event. Over 300 people came over the eight days and an amazing £1090 was raised for The Breast Care Unit at Salisbury Hospital from the refreshments that were provided.

An enormous THANK YOU to all those people who donated so generously including those friends who donated cakes and bailed us out in the kitchen!

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10:00 for 10:30 am

Finished by 12 noon

The Trafalgar Ladies

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Cheers! Autumn Production 2025



We are delighted to be fully immersed in rehearsing our Autumn production which will be an insightful look at an ordinary evening at the pub! **Two by Jim Cartwright** (author of *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*) centres around the landlord and landlady of a down-to-earth local pub and the various characters who frequent it. The play explores the complexities of human lives through humour, pathos, and underlying tragedy, ultimately revealing a secret about the central couple. It promises to make you laugh, cry and everything in between! And you, the audience, are invited to join in with this funny, quirky play that captures a slice of typical British life.

Directed by Ron Perry who has some exciting ideas for our latest production, we do hope you will draw up a stool at the bar, grab a drink and gather for a great evening. The play will be performed **Wednesday 24th November – Saturday, 28th November** in Redlynch Village Hall. Our tickets which will be on sale soon!

Spotlight on...?



Be part of a fun team! We are very much on the lookout for a lighting and sound technician for our latest production. This involves changing the lights for scenes, playing background sound effects and music on cue. It's a great role and not as complicated as it might sound! Full training and support will be given, so please do

not be put off if you lack experience. We meet on Monday and Thursday evenings at Redlynch Village Hall from 7:30pm and you would be required from mid October and during our performance week. Please do get in touch if you'd like some more information. I am happy to answer any questions.

Email: info@redlynchplayers.co.uk or direct message us on our Facebook or Instagram pages. I look forward to hearing from you!

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For any further information relating to hedges please contact Amanda Johnson (Parish Clerk to Woodgreen and Hale)

at hpcclerk@gmail.com or parish.clerk@woodgreen-pc.gov.uk

Redlynch & Local District History Society

Our start to this year's season of talks was "The man in the picture" by Robert Inns. The title referred to a particular picture displayed in his house, as they were in virtually every house after the War, as he was growing up. The fondly remembered man was his mother's brother in RAF uniform; Robert described his efforts and what he discovered over the past 70 years and noted he still found new information in the course of preparing this talk.

Particularly useful were his mother's address book which gave all the stations and units he was posted to. Photos were worth scrutinising for information, the smallest photos were most useful as they were often the originals posted home with annotations on the back. An enquiry to the Air Historical Branch of the RAF gave a summary of his uncle's loss including the serial number of the aircraft.

In the years up to the 1990s, books were and still are the most useful for in depth RAF operations, units and aircraft details. However the internet does now have increasing amounts of information including "RAF Command". This gives aircraft records which tell you the unit to which a particular aircraft was on charge and when, and squadron operations books which are particularly useful for details such as particular operations and their crews, aircraft serials and notes.

Combining these sources over a lengthy period of time, nuggets of information provided a chronology of his uncle's journey through the lengthy RAF training from Blackpool via Babbacombe, Cambridge, Rutland, Shawbury to Harwell. From there a Wellington ferry flight in late 1941 to Gibraltar, Malta to Egypt for operations with 162 squadron gathering wireless transmissions intelligence before being lost on a bombing raid during the first battle of El Alamein in July 1942.

Our next meeting is 7 October at 7:30pm at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall. The talk is "History of Communication" by Phil Whitmore; additionally, there will be our brief AGM when you can vote for the committee, new members most welcome.

Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)

Councillors Present: Councillors Donnell, Gemmel I (Chair), Gillmon, Kyle, Lavis and Vickery.

In attendance: The clerk and 4 members of the public.

25.76 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -NFDC Cllr Janet Richards.

25.77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - To receive declarations of interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda (in accordance with the Localism Act 2011). None declared.

25.78 MINUTES

25.78.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2025.

25.78.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

25.79 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three parishioners were included in discussions relating to item 25.80

One parishioner was included in the discussion relating to item 25.81

25.80 HARRY'S MEADOW - The campsite called Harry's Meadow which is set within the grounds of Hale Park operated from 4th July until 31st August in 2025. Local parishioners and the parish council were very concerned that fire pits were allowed in such dry conditions particularly as there were many very large forest fires in the New Forest area. Hale PC objected strongly to the NPA regarding the use of fire pits however the NPA permitted their use through a Discharge of Planning Conditions. Parishioners were also concerned that equipment was still currently present on site therefore exceeding the 60 days allowed for operation. Concerns were also raised that camping was seen under the avenue of lime trees, many of which are in poor health and in such dry conditions susceptible to falling boughs. Parishioners can report any infringements to the NPA Planning Enforcement team.

HPC will invite David Illsley (NPA) to the next meeting in November to discuss parishioner concerns.

25.81 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: To consider the responses to the following applications.

Case Number	25/00818FULL
Proposal	One & two storey extensions; front porch; new windows and doors; cladding to the existing garage; a detached single storey timber frame garage and carport to the front garden
Site	TURBARY EDGE, FOREST ROAD, HALE, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 2NP

The applicant attended the meeting and was able to answer many questions relating to the proposals. Councillors discussed the application and agreed that the design was good and recommended permission for the proposals if the NPA conclude that the proposal is within the 30% increase rule.

It was unanimously agreed that Hale PC recommend PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

25.82 EXTERNAL MEETINGS - To receive reports from external meetings attended.

Village Hall Committee Meeting 19th August - Cllr Kyle attended. Work was carried out over the summer to install new lighting and solar panels. A CIL bid has been submitted for the funds to carry out the works for a new accessible toilet.

NW Quadrant meeting July 25th - Cllr Lavis attended.

Matt Wisdom (NFDC) presented the Local Government Reorganisation (slides were circulated to all). John Stride (NPA - Net zero with Nature Programme Manager) presented an Overview of the Special Area of Conservation Plan (slides were circulated to all).

Nigel Stone will represent the NPA at NW Quadrant meetings; Cllr Lavis questioned him regarding Harry's Meadow concerns.

NPA Ranger Hayden Bridgeman presented what his work entails and would like to visit Parish Councils to explain the role of a Park Ranger.

Charlotte Belcher (Forestry England) reported on improvements to car parks and the increase seen in the amount of nesting birds due to habitat restoration..

Neighbourhood Tasking Group 20th May - Cllr Vickery attended. There has been a significant decrease in crime in the Downton and surrounding area largely due to the arrest of 2 individuals. The Community Policing Team now has another full time officer.

25.83 TREES AT HATCHET GREEN Remedial works (to ensure the safety of the trees) planned to be carried out on in August by ADS Treecare will now take place on 17th September. Further works are required on two oak trees in the area to the right of the village hall. It was agreed to approve the cost of £1500 for ADS Treecare to carry out all these works. Permission for the tree works has been received by New Forest Planning Authority.

25.84 CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The address for Hale Parish Council going forward will be C/O Woodgreen Community Shop, Hale Road, Woodgreen, Fordingbridge SP6 2AJ.

25.85 DEFIBRILLATOR AT VILLAGE HALL: Hale PC has been notified that the defibrillator at the village hall is currently inactive as the battery has failed and the device is now quite old and in need of replacement. A contact in the ambulance service has offered to find a replacement battery and recommend a new device for purchase. The original device was purchased by the Transition Group. Hale Parish Council unanimously agreed to approach these organisations to propose the purchase of defib equally between the three organisations. – Hale PC, Hale Village Hall and Hale and Redlynch Transition Group.

25.86 FINANCE

25.86.1

It was RESOLVED to accept the accounts for 25/26 and note the following balances - Community account £1,114.33, the Commercial Instant Access account £3,514.89 and the 32 Day Notice Account 20,326.72.

25.86.2 MONTHLY PAYMENTS - It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD
Amanda Johnson	Salary – August and September	N/A		Standing Order
Amanda Johnson	Home working costs - April to September	117.00		Bank Transfer
Cutting Edge	Cemetery Maintenance – July and August	£190.00 and £130.00.		Bank Transfer
Lloyds Bank	Monthly bank fees	£4.25 each month		

25.87 CORRESPONDENCE - The following correspondence was noted. Any actions in *italics*.

10/07/2025 New Forest National Park launches official WhatsApp channel

14/07/2025 NFDC – Consultation on proposal to extend Public Spaces Protections Orders

17/07/2025 NFDC – Phase 2 to start new waste and recycling service

17/07/2025 New Forest Association – July Newsletter

18/07/2025 NPA - Newsletter Warm days, wild ways.

22/07/2025 New Forest Association – Devolution and Local Government Re-organisation.

25/07/2025 HALC AGM and Annual Conference Oct 22nd.

28/07/2025 NPA Newsletter - Summer spirit and celebrations in the New Forest

31/07/2025 Cllr Jill Cleary (NFDC) – Keep the Forest Whole. Have your say on Local Government Reorganisation.

31/07/2025 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – July 2025 Newsletter

04/08/2025 New Forest Association - More about Devolution and Local Government Re-organisation
12/08/2025 HCC County Councillor update
15/08/2025 NPA New Forest National Park Authority Chair sets out challenges ahead in its 20th year
15/08/2025 New forest Association – August Newsletter
22/08/2025 NPA Newsletter
26/08/2025 NFALC Minutes following AGM on 7th August
26/08/2025 NPA Slides from NW quadrant meeting
27/08/2025 NPA – Slides on the Update on Local Government Reorganisation.
28/08/2025 NFDC – Waste and recycling service Extraordinary Council meeting held – new measures announced for pannage.
29/08/2025 NFDC – Good causes invited to join launch of New Forest Community Lottery
29/08/2025 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – August 2025 Newsletter

Parishioner emails

02/09/25

Email regarding parking on the verges at Tethering Drove.

This is an ongoing issue, HPC will contact the National Trust.

25.88 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Lengthsman – The Lengthsman will be working in the village on 15th September and jobs will include repairing benches.

25.89 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday November 4th at 7pm in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society (FEFAS)

It was so lovely to get together with our members and newcomers after the summer and enjoyed a relaxed and informative floral demonstration by our very own demonstrator, Martina Coleman. We just love being creative for displaying flowers. 

We shall look forward to our October meeting (6th Oct) for a floral demonstration by Andrea Hillyard, entitled 'Time to Relax'. Refreshments from 7 pm, followed by a demonstration at 7.30 pm. Do join us and bring your friend(s)! Non-members are welcome (£8 door fee including refreshments).

All meetings/events are held at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, Woodfalls (SP5 2LD). A full programme for 2025/26 is available from the weblink <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2025> 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 2025/26: <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2025>

Upcoming meetings:

6 October	Demonstration 'Time to Relax' with Andrea Hillyard	7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments)
3 November	Workshop 'Ikebana' with Miyuki Griffin	7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments)
8 December	Graham King Christmas Theme	7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments)

Redlynch & Hale Cricket Club

Whilst the rest of the Club teams finished their various fixture campaigns at the end of August, it was an unusually late finish (Mid-Sept) for the Ladies W10 Softball side, again Captained by Becky Lammering, who were appearing in the Tier 1 Finals Day at South Winchester CC. Having to face some difficult circumstances this year because of the pushed back date, the Ladies drew Gosport Borough as their semi-final opposition. With the uncut outfield and damp conditions making Boundaries hard to come by, the R&H Ladies reached 311-3 in the pairs format of cricket. Sadly, it was not quite enough and despite every single team member giving their all, The Borough ran out winners by 15 runs in teaming rain at the Hursley ground. So losing semi-finalists again this time but the team already resolving to come back stronger and better for next Season.

A very enjoyable evening was had on the evening before as the youngsters held their presentation and race night event at Redlynch Social Club. Excited children - and Adults (you know who you are!) cheered on their favourites in the Races before the cricket trophy winners were presented with their Cups/Shields etc to celebrate another great season of Junior Cricket. As well as all the batting, bowling and improved player awards, James Austin took the "Ron Castle Cup" which recognises a player who has consistently demonstrated the Spirit of Cricket, whilst Harry Geary took the "Bidfood Cup" for an Outstanding Performance by a junior player. The evening was tinged with some sadness as both Graham Smith (U13's Coach) and myself (Junior Coordinator) are stepping down after many years service. If there are any budding Coaches out there or someone keen on Admin with some time on their hands, please do get in touch so that the Junior Cricketers can continue to march proudly forward and give children in the village and surrounding area the opportunity to learn and play our great game!

Lastly, congratulations to Ian Tanner's hard ball 1st XI who avoided Relegation on the virtually washed out last Saturday in August. With nearby rivals Whiteparish needing to play, and win, a tense situation unfolded. The R&H game was called off without a ball being bowled, whilst Whiteparish were in a good position - before the rain arrived to thwart their survival chances.

That's it for 2025, so until next Season,

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Andy Church



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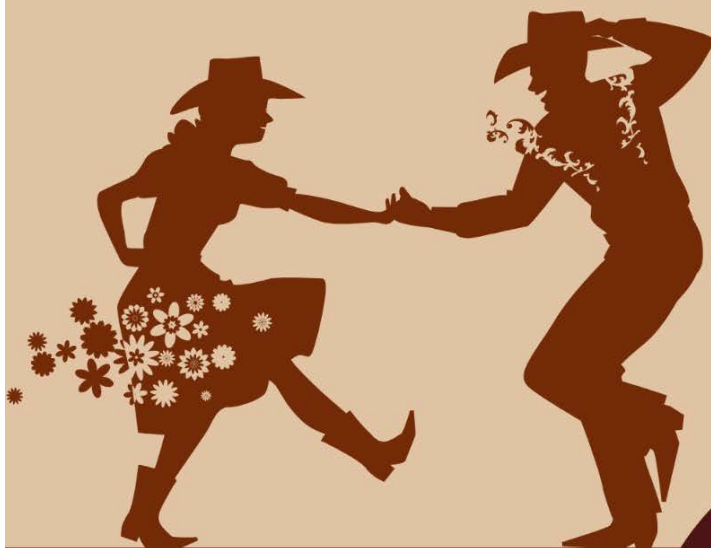
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Wednesday October 8 -	Afternoon Tea with homemade cakes Book & Jigsaw Swap. All welcome! 2.30pm - 4pm
Wednesday October 15 -	Women's Institute Meeting - 7pm
Friday October 17 -	Breamore Railway Line Consultation - Open Meeting. See page 21.
Friday October 31 -	CAMEO - Come and meet each other in the village Hall. All welcome! - 12 noon

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She worked harder and still won races before the Athletics body made it even more difficult for her to compete. That the rule change was personal became obvious when not only was she stopped from running her preferred event the 800m, but the two closest – the 400m and 1500m unless she took increased (legal) drugs. Many similar athletes retired at this point. She did not. She attempted to train for the 200m and 5,000m. She chose to fight for herself and others taking the case to the Courts.

Her description of the abuse she suffered by medically qualified staff in Berlin as an 18 year old the day before she was due to run her first World final isn't fit to recount here. She had already been subjected to gender tests in South Africa and attempts to persuade her to 'retire' by top officials. They did not understand the character of this country girl from Limpopo, a remote area near the Botswana border. Her upbringing, helping her family and then her grandmother in a neighbouring village had ensured she knew what it was to stay strong. Accepted for who she was at home and in her village this book recounts what it took for her to by herself and live the life she wanted.

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Woodgreen Cricket Club

First of all, many thanks to all the locals and supporters for attending the Fete on Bank Holiday Monday. There was a good turn out on a hot day which was just about the last day of summer as the weather turned the following day - we were very lucky. Also thanks for donations for the bottle stall and for cakes for the tea room. The club couldn't hold the fete without all the helpers on the day. The proceeds from the fete and band concert went towards the new roof which we are very pleased with - so once again many thanks to one and all from WCC.

On the field the form showed earlier in the season faded and promotion was missed. The club eventually finished in 5th place winning 10 and losing 5. The final league results were:-

Sat 19th July. Redlynch (A) Won by 8 wickets. Redlynch 202 for 7. WCC 206 for 2. (Andy Parker 76no and Laurence Harding 55no).

Sat 26th July Brockenhurst (H) Won by 4 wickets Brockenhurst 186 for 8. WCC 190 for 6 (Laurence Harding 82no and Pete Pearce 33no)

Sat 2nd Aug Wellow Knights (A) Lost by 7 wickets WCC 59 all out. Wellow 61 for 3 (less said the better!).

Sat 9th Aug Eastleigh 2's (H) Won by 116 runs WCC 200 for 8 (Andy Parker 45. Matt Yeldon 49). Eastleigh 84 all out.

Sat 16th Aug Cadnam 2's (H) Lost 79 runs Cadnam 218 for 7. WCC 139 all out.

Sat 23rd Aug Sway 3's (A) Lost by 8 wickets WCC 137 all out Sway 141 for 2.

Sat 30th Aug Hyde (H) Match abandoned.

The Sunday side have struggled for a team and since the beginning of July 3 were cancelled because WCC couldn't raise a side.

Latest results:-

Sun 20th July. Hyde(A). WCC just losing a high scoring 35 over game by 5 runs. Hyde 220 for 5. WCC 215 for 7 (Steve Vincent 35, Ed Nash and Laurence Harding both getting to 50 before retiring).

Sun 7th Sept. The Robins (H) lost by 33 runs. The Robins 200 for 6 off 34 overs. WCC 167 for 6 (Matt Cant 44 no, Dan Thacker 28, Ankit Madaan 30 and Alex Vincent 28).

Another season has come and gone quickly. Hope you all winter well and we will see you in the spring.

Dave Naish Woodgreen CC

Reading rooms

The Roman philosopher Cicero said that, "A room without books is like a body without a soul," whilst the English writer, Joseph Addison said, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Both these quotes capture the spirit of what many Victorians attitude toward reading was.

In the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century, reading rooms were established as places that could be used to encourage the middle and lower classes to improve their literacy skills, to learn and to enable them to play a more useful and engaged role in their community. These reading rooms were often established as a cooperation between the local landowner and clergy. They would have newspapers, reference works, periodicals and books but also might provide spaces for talks or recreational use.

The Rev. Samuel Best, Rector of Abbots Ann, near Andover said, "We want a reading room as a means to an end and that end is the enfranchisement of the intellect of the labouring classes." He saw the reading room as, "introducing an intellectual atmosphere into our village... as a counterpoint to the public house and beer shop." The cottages of the working classes were often dark and overcrowded and few could afford to buy reading matter. Reading rooms could provide a sanctuary for them that gave them opportunities for intellectual and personal growth.

There are two remarkable examples of reading rooms locally. Woodgreen Reading and Assembly Room dates from 1897. This small, corrugated iron building was built on land donated by two village families. In later life it was used as a store and in WW2 as a base for the home guard. It was later used as a youth club but was damaged by a vehicle accident in 2017. It was reopened in April 2020 with a new heating system. The parish council meets in the building every month and it is available for any organisation to book. The local cricket group use it as do, very appropriately, the local book club. I am told that recently the council was contacted by a woman who had reading a book in a reading room on her bucket list. Her wish was granted.



Alderholt reading room was built at the turn of the century through the generosity of Lord and Lady Salisbury who donated the land, financed the building, and provided books and magazines. Books were also provided by Squire Churchill of Alderholt Park. Locals could enjoy games such as Ludo and Cards or use boxing gloves and a punch ball. There was also a billiards table that could be used on payment of 3d. The committee in charge had to include the vicar or the schoolmaster to ensure good behaviour. Heating was provided by a coke stove and lighting by oil lamps. It was open each evening and

for two hours on Sunday and the weekly charge was 2d. This went up to 4d after the first world war. The timber framed and corrugated iron clad building is still available for hire for such things as birthday parties and by small groups such as cubs. It also is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings as a delightful café.

It is remarkable that these buildings are still intact and serving the local community. Long may they continue.

Julian Hewitt. Fordingbridge Museum

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of
WOODGREEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Woodgreen Reading Room
on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7.30pm.**

25/26.64 Members present: Lance Benest (LB)(Chair), John Clarke (JC), Helena Datta (HD), Mark Flannigan (MF), Stewart Hall (SH), Guy Raffety (GR) and Pete Skinner (PS)

Also present: Amanda Johnson (Parish Clerk), Janet Richards, NFDC District Councillor.

Apologies for Absence: None

25/26.65 Declarations of interest: None

25/26.66 Minutes of previous meeting held on 12/08/2025.

25/26.66.1 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.

25/26.66.2 Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items.

Path along the road to the A338 - Many people from Woodgreen walk along the road to the A338 to get on the X3, this is currently quite a dangerous route. AJ has contacted HCC to find out how this may be instigated.

Parking at the village hall - The village hall committee is happy for other village users to park in front of the hall when it is not being used for a hall event, MF has discussed this with Kevin Flack (Chair of the Village Hall), temporary signage is currently in use but more permanent signage will be installed.

25/26.67 Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

25/26.68 Report by New Forest District Councillor:

Local Government Reorganisation - The District Councils will put their proposals to the Government in September, they have identified savings which can be made which they hope will be in their favour. HCC will put forward a different proposal. The government will carry out a further consultation and make a decision by March 2026.

Waste and Recycling Collections - Collections for Phase 2 households will begin October. This will be the remainder of the village which has not yet begun the new collections. Wheelie bins will be delivered to all properties over the next few weeks. All properties can see what bins they will receive at newforest.gov.uk/findmyphase.

25/26.69 Planning:

Case Number 25/00946CONS

Proposal Prune 1 x Indian Bean Tree

Site Musitoni, Brook Lane, Woodgreen, SP6 2AZ

Case Number 25/00903CONS

Proposal Fell 1 x Whitebeam, Fell 1 x Pin Oak

Site Robin Cottage, Brook Lane, Woodgreen, SP6 2AZ

Case Number 25/00985CONS

Proposal Prune 1 Yew tree and 1 Acer tree

Site Merry Tree Cottage, Brook Lane, Woodgreen, SP6 2AZ

PS and HD visited all the sites and 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.

25/26.70 Meetings Attended:

Woodgreen Village Hall AGM 3rd September - SH, LB and JC attended. The hall is doing well with many regular events and weddings. The hall currently has a CIL bid for £10,000 for solar panel installation.

Woodgreen Community Shop AGM 27th August - LB, GR, SH and PS attended. The shop had a better year this year with a profit despite subsidising the Post Office, however part of this was due to a legacy of £5000. Staffing continues to be the highest cost. Sunday hours were increased in the summer which worked well and will continue until the end of September to then be reviewed. Further solar panels will be installed in November which will reduce the electricity costs.

Consultative Panel 4th September - LB attended. There is a possible initiative for New Forest Commoners to be classed as a National Minority which would give them a greater voice on issues. The process would take a minimum of 2 years. Forestry England reported on the results of the PSPOs over the summer season - 4 fines were issued for fire related incidents, there were 169 incidents in total involving 900 people. There has been an increase in dumped and burnt out cars and other fly tipping, possibly due to the very dry, hard ground which allows easier access. FE will go ahead with car park fees for all the car parks in the Forest beginning in April 2026. There are no plans for the National Trust to follow suit.

There will be a Local Plan Review and consultation at the end of the year.

Licensing Panel August 14th - LB attended. The proposed changes to the licence for the Horse and Groom were agreed.

25/26.71 Breamore Railway Line -Public Engagement Event - An event will be held on the morning of 17th Oct from 9.30 -12.30pm in Woodgreen Village Hall. This will be jointly run by HCC and the National Park Authority to highlight the plans intended to restore heritage railway features, survey for wildlife, create improved habits and improve the trail to make it more accessible.

25/26.72 Village Maintenance and Parish Council Property (including the cemetery, roads, hedges, footpaths, ditches) :

Hedges - A reminder for cutting hedges will be placed in the magazine.

Viewpoint at Castle hill - Around ten years ago WPC felled some trees with the permission of Forestry England which were restricting the view. AJ will contact FE to ask for permission to fell trees to open up the view again.

Reading Room Garden- WPC would like to thank John and Mandy Lambert for tending the Reading Room garden and keeping it looking so tidy.

25/26.73 Cemetery:

There are currently 2 applications for interments which meet the criteria.

A working party to clear some of the brambles and tidy some of the older graves which are no longer cared for by relatives will take place on Sunday 12th October (if the weather is fine). Volunteers are very welcome to help and a notice will be placed in the magazine.

The new benches are ready to be installed. It was agreed to allocate a maximum of £500 for installation which will be carried out by Rod England Property Services.

25/26.61 Financial report, Review of Ongoing Budget and approval of payments.

a. **Current Balances -**

- Lloyds Treasurers Account £13,327.48 as at 03.09.2025.
- Lloyds 32 Notice Account £80,836.39 as at 03.09.2025.

Ongoing annual expenditure was noted and approved.

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	METHOD
A.Johnson	Salary - September	445.10		Standing Order
Cutting Edge	Cemetery maintenance - August	130.00		Bank Transfer
Lloyds Bank	Monthly bank service charges	4.25		

25/26.75 The following correspondence was noted.

15/08/25 NPA - New Forest NPA chair sets out challenges ahead in its 20th year.

15/08/25 New Forest Association - August Newsletter

22/08/25 NPA - latest news from the National Park

26/08/25 NFALC - Minutes from the AGM held on 7th August

26/08/25 NPA - Slides from the NW Quadrant meeting on the Special Area of Conservation Plan.

27/08/25 NPA - Slides from The NW Quadrant meeting on Local Government Reorganisation

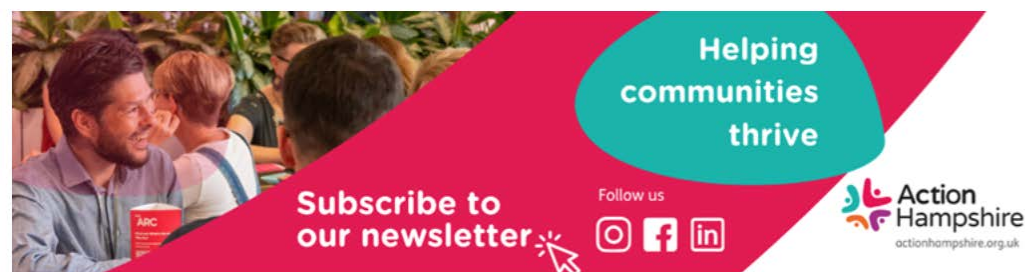
28/08/25 NFDC- Waste and Recycling Service- Extraordinary meeting announced for pannage.

29/08/25 NFDC - Good causes invited to join launch of New Forest Community Lottery
29/08/25 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner- New Chief Big Plans
03/09/2025 - NFDC - Cllr Jill Cleary - Update on the future of your council.
03/09/2025 - NFDC Waste and Recycling Service - Open letter from Cllr Geoffrey Blunden
03/09/2025 - HCC - Monthly report from Cllr Nick Adams-King.

25/26.63 Any other business and matters to be raised on the next agenda. None received.

Play Matters - A request for a contribution towards the planning application and associated reports will be discussed at the next meeting.

AJ will invite Pual Cleary, Regional Community Manager, Wessex Internet to the November meeting.



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The **Africa** Wordsearch

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Answers appear overleaf.

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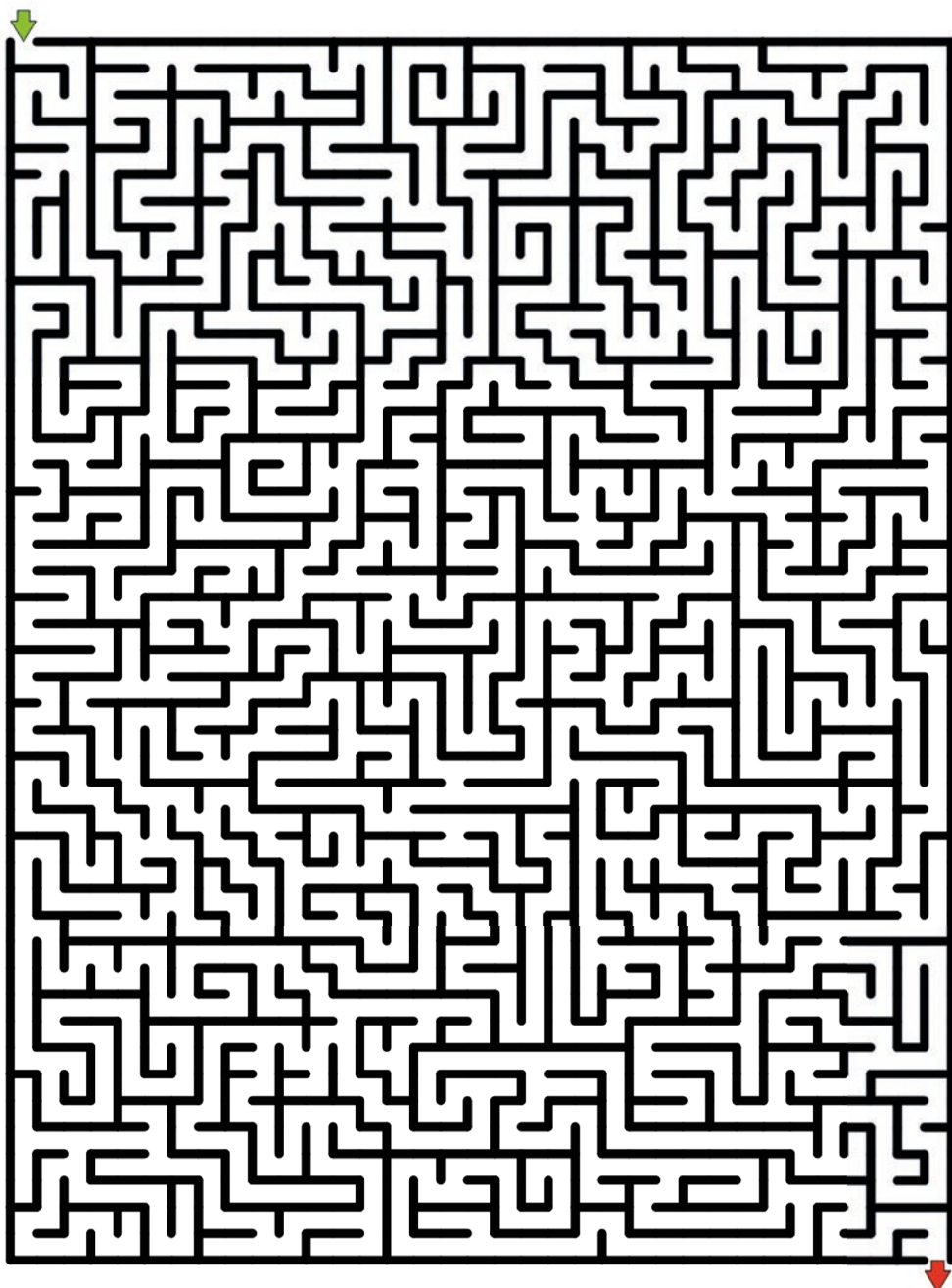
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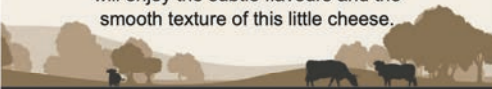


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hope for something beyond death?**

**Nov 26th -Is there any evidence to
support belief in God?**

**Dec 3rd - Is there any answer to sin
and evil in the world?**

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Tales from the River Bank

There is a wonderful scene in 'The Wind in the Willows' when Mole says to the Water Rat, *"You must think me very rude; but all this is so new to me -so -this -is a River!"* *"The River, corrected the Rat."* *"And you really live by the river? What a jolly life!"*

"By it and with it and on it and in it," said the Rat. *"It's brother and sister to me, and aunts and company and food and drink and (naturally) washing. It's my world and I don't want any other. What it hasn't got is not worth having and what it doesn't know is not worth knowing. Lord! The times we've had together."*

We are privileged to live near one of the finest rivers in the country. Famous for both its salmon and trout and for its coarse fishing we all enjoy the Avon valley and its views from Castle Hill and Breamore Mill.

One of my favourite childhood books was 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame (1908). It offers a whimsical and nostalgic view of comfortable Edwardian times but a recent article suggested it might offer the modern reader more. Beyond and beneath the picnic hampers and boating jollies is a vision of a life that can teach us to look differently at the world.

Of course we need to see it scientifically. We need to examine the data, not least to provide evidence of pollution, climate change, and the urgent need to attend to our environment. But the 'Wind in the Willows' might help us in a different way. The book offers a vision of the world as sacramental to be seen not only as '*data*' but as '*testimony*.' The natural world is not merely something made by God through the eons of time and evolution, it is something through which God is instinctively known.

We might recall when Ratty and Mole unable to sleep they offer to help Otter in his hunt for his missing child. As they drift down the river at dawn they are drawn by music *"beautiful and strange and new."* In a clearing they encounter a divine presence- Pan, or some primal God of nature. The Piper does not thunder or preach. He blesses and Mole and Rat fall silent. The sheer beauty of the scene leaves them in awe. The enchanting experience quickly passes but the lost otter cub is soon found. The imagery is drawn from classical mythology but the heart of its meaning is more Christian than Pagan. It's mysticism rests not on argument or definition but on trust in mystery. It is an Anglican sensibility found in the poetry of George Herbert and the meditations of Thomas Traherne. Its roots lie with Augustine for whom delight in the world deepened his search for the God who created it.

The 'Wind in the Willows' may offer nostalgia for comfortable Edwardian times but perhaps it can still speak to us. A vision of creation as sacramental gives us further reason to love and care for the natural world and may yet lead us to that which lies behind and beyond it.

Canon Nigel Coates

Church Services during October

Sunday 5th Pet Service with Holy Communion @10am
at St Mary's Church, Hale-all pets and carers welcome!
(Fluffy or live)



Sunday 12th Holy Communion @ 10am at St Boniface Church,
Woodgreen (With a focus on healing)

Sunday 19th Morning Service @ 10am at St Mary's Church, Hale.

Sunday 26th Morning Service @10am @ St Boniface Church, Woodgreen.

A date for your diary....

Sunday November 2nd 4pm All Souls Service @ St Boniface Church, Woodgreen

A special reflective Service to remember those we love but see no longer...

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Other Events

Friday 31st October, Fairtrade Community Coffee Morning @
St Boniface, Woodgreen from 10.30-12noon.

AND

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)-Friday October 31st from 12-2pm in Woodgreen Village Hall, by kind permission of the Village Hall Committee. Suggested donation of £3 for a lovely bowl of home-made soup and a roll.

Why not come along and join in the conversation, quizzing, jigsaws etc

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from 10am**

Our aim is simply to give the cemetery a little extra care – gently clearing some of the overgrown foliage around memorials, particularly in the northern half where many burials took place more than fifty years ago and are no longer regularly maintained.

We want to reassure everyone that the peaceful, natural feel of the cemetery will remain – this is just about keeping the space respectful and welcoming.

Could you spare an hour or two to help?

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Earlier this year, we began carefully cleaning the metalwork and concrete bases of the railings, and we hope to continue this so that we can plan any repainting work that may be needed in the future.

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