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“Hatchet Green Bliss” by Sarah Orchard (advert top of page 28)

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Potted histories...

Henry I, born in Selby Yorkshire, 2 years after the Battle of Hastings, eventually ruled England for 35 years (1100-1135 AD). 4th son of William the Bastard and the first Matilda in our tale, he inherited next to nothing on his Father's death, ceding Normandy and England to older brothers Robert and William II respectively. Present when William was killed hunting in the Forest, possibly on his own orders, he rushed to Winchester to grab the Treasury and was crowned King of England 3 days later.

After 5 years of brotherly strife Henry took control of Normandy too, imprisoning his brother for the rest of Robert's life, the alternatives being execution or blinding. Brotherly love indeed. The Anglo-Norman kingdom was reunited again, condemning England to centuries of strife with their French neighbours. But that's for later.

At home, he married Matilda (No.2), a direct descendant of Anglo-Saxon Kings, including Alfred, which helped cement his position with his new subjects. She had taken orders and was a nun, which then had to be rescinded for them to marry and have their children, William and Matilda (No.3). Henry, in spite of his own church education and the earlier expectation of a religious career, decided to take numerous mistresses as well and had at least 22 illegitimate children.

Henry is generally considered a good egg, as Kings go. Fluent in English as well as courtly French, he established peace in England and had reasonable relations with Scotland too. He reversed many of the bad laws introduced by his brother including, for example, the right of nobles to pillage their local settlements. Spoil-sport. He also established a national system of justice, and reformed the coinage.

Relationships with Popes and archbishops weren't quite so good as the latter attempted to establish greater powers over Church matters thus reducing Henry to a rubber stamp, had there been such a thing.

Henry's reasonable expectation was that, although he only had 2 legitimate children, the succession question was settled. However, his wife Matilda (No.2) then died, followed by his only legitimate son, William. On the 25th November 1120, Henry sailed for England from Barfleur. He was followed by his son and the son's friends in the recently refitted *White Ship*. Everyone on board the latter, crew and passengers, was blind drunk. Some disembarked before sailing, horrified at the drunken behaviour. Those who remained ordered the Captain to race the recently departed King's ship. Struggling to leave the harbour in the November gales the *White Ship* hit a rock and all but one of 300 passengers drowned, including the heir to the English throne. He drowned trying to save his half-sister Matilda (No.4). The Captain, it is said, committed suicide, drowning by his own hand.

Henry was thus forced to favour his nephew Stephen as his heir. Stephen was married to Matilda (No.5), his Queen. Henry's daughter (No.3), was married to the Holy Roman Emperor and was thus Empress Matilda, which helps a bit with the confusion. By now numbers 1, 2 and 4 were dead, which also helps the reader. And me!

When the Holy Roman Emperor died, Matilda (No.3), the Empress, returned home. Henry changed his mind on the succession and now named his daughter his heir. On Henry's death, Stephen legged it to England to claim the throne, with Matilda (No.5), his Queen. No.3 wasn't happy at this and claimed it for herself.

The two Matildas (3 and/or 5), whatever, went head to head over the English Crown for the next 15 years, a period known as *the Anarchy*. For the winner, watch this space. (David Mussell).

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Woodgreen Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

Fri 9th August 2024 at 7:00pm

Please come along to vote for the village hall trustees, find out what we did last year and our plans for this year. This is your village hall and we encourage everyone to take an interest in the management of it.

We are looking for new trustees/committee members, especially a new treasurer – if you would like to know more, please call Mhairi Benest on 07367 158208 or email info@woodgreenvillagehall.org.uk

The AGM agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard from 7th July 2024.

Woodgreen Village Hall Committee

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Redlynch and Hale Cricket Club

With the second half of the season well underway, it is fair to say this has not been the best of times for the Clubs three Saturday sides all playing in the Hampshire Leagues. The curse of inconsistent availability is haunting the teams so that a settled side rarely takes the field. The upside of this is that some players do get the opportunity to play at a higher level than normal and a good number of juniors are getting the chance to play in Adult cricket - with parental consent of course.

Speaking of the juniors, whilst the U15's are languishing in the lower half of their league, the U11's and U13's lie 2nd and 3rd respectively in theirs, so all to play for for the last few games. And what of the tiny's in the Under 9's I hear you ask? Well, although there is no table as such - the intention is more for the children to have fun in a friendly based group of teams, our youngest side have won 5 out of the 6 games they have played!

And last but not least, arguably the Club's most successful side this year are our Ladies Softball cricket side who play in the West Division of the Hampshire W10 League. The super competitive ladies are TOP of their league with one game to play and cannot be overtaken. It looks as though a quarter final game is looming into sight as the 5 winners of the regional leagues and best 3 runners up, will contest the next stage for the right to go to "Finals Day" in early September.

So some brighter news to finish this months round up. Tune in next month for another gripping episode in the times of Redlynch & Hale Cricket Club.

Regards to all,
Andy Church



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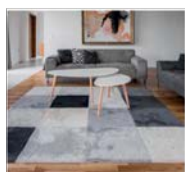
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11th October 2024

10th January 2025

14th March 2025

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Our AGM was held in July, and we shared a special time looking back over another year of fantastic productions. Our 67th year! Last Autumn we performed the classic 'Abigail's Party' by Mike Leigh. It was great fun to be part of and very well received by our audiences. The reviewers said:

"The original cringe comedy Abigail's Party was superbly brought to Lover village hall stage last week by the Redlynch Players....under Lloyd Perry's superb direction, this is a funny and cringingly brilliant production" – Salisbury Journal

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Our most recent production, 'The Village School' adapted from the Miss Read book, by Ron Perry was equally well received:

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– Salisbury Journal

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– Scene One+

Now wouldn't you like to be a part of something like that?

During August, we take a small break before beginning rehearsals in September for our Autumn Production, which will be during the week of 25th November.

Find out more about us!

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Woodgreen Cricket Club.

Unfortunately the season hasn't been very successful for the league and friendly sides. As I write both sides have had one win! The good thing is team spirit is good and the game is still being enjoyed by all. This when the weather permits as quite a few fixtures have been lost. The club is still struggling for players but we have had some youngsters join for Thursday night practices which is encouraging.

Thanks to all those that are in the club's 100 club draw. 100 club results along with match fixtures and results can be found on the website:- woodgreen.play-cricket.com.

Date for your diary:-

Fete on Monday 26th August.

For info results so far are,

League:-

Sat 18th May - Langford (A) lost by 40 runs. Langford 112 ao Pick of Woodgreen's bowlers were Ed Nash with 4 for 11, Mark Penny with 2 for 13 and Pete Pearce with 3 for 38. Woodgreen 72 ao.

Sat 25th May- Pylewell Park (H) lost by 127 runs. Pylewell 214 for 7 off 45 overs. Danny Russell scored a fine 127 no, Pick of Woodgreen's bowlers were Mark Penny with 2 for 13 and Ed Foster with 2 for 15. Woodgreen 87 ao. Andy Parker top scored with 31.

Sat 1st June - Amesbury (H) lost by 152 runs. Amesbury 236 for 4 off 45 overs. Andy Renshaw scored a fine 127 no. Woodgreen 84 all out. Ed Nash top scored with 34.

Sat 8th June - Lyndhurst and Ashurst (A) lost by 4 wickets. Woodgreen 171 for 6 off 45 overs. Skipper Ed Nash with an excellent 87 and Andy Parker (52no) were the main scorers. Lyndhurst 176 for 6 off 43 overs. Pick of Woodgreen's bowlers were Jason Naish with 1-17 and Mark Penny with 1-23.

Sat 22nd June- Mottisfont (A) lost by 2 wkts. Woodgreen 145 for 9. Andy Parker (32), Mark Penny (27), Max Stokes (19) but top scorer was extras with 42! Mottisfont 146 for 8. Pete Pearce with 3-30 and Ed Nash with 2-31 the pick of Woodgreen's bowlers.

Sat 29th June- Burley (H) WON by 7 wkts. Burley 199 for 9 off 45 overs. Top scorers Kieron Hudson (91) Alec Moorman (26) and Edd Foster 3-35 pick of the bowling. Woodgreen 201 for 3. Good unbeaten stand of 111 between Ed Nash (80no) and Pete Pearce (55no).

No games played on June 15th, July 6th and 13th.

Friendly side:-

Sun 26th May- Trinity (Croydon) (H) lost by 4 runs. Trinity 103 ao. Pick of Woodgreen's bowlers were Jason Holderness 3 for 5 and Mark Penny 2 for 10. Woodgreen 99 for 7 off 35 overs. Pick of the batsmen were Laurence Harding (42) and Gabriel Williams (18).

Sun 2nd June- Hyde (H) lost by 71 runs. Hyde 206 for 7 off 35 overs. Pick of the WCC bowlers were Dan Thacker with 2 for 19 and Dave Naish with 3 for 41. Woodgreen 135 for 8. Pick of the batsmen were Ed Nash (31), brother George (36) and Dan Thacker (21no).

Sunday 23rd June- Lost by 9 runs at home to Hursley.

Sunday 14th July= WON by 3 runs at home to Dinton. Woodgreen 149 for 7. Ed Nash and Ankit Madaan both retired on 50. Dinton 146 for 5. Peter Blincowe the pick of bowlers with 3 for 23.

Dave Naish

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Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)

Councillors Present: Councillors Donnell, Gemmell (Chair), Gillmon, Kyle and Vickery.

In attendance: The clerk, Cllr Janet Richards (NFDC) and 2 members of the public.

24.71 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Cllr Lavis

23.72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - To receive declarations of interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda (in accordance with the Localism Act 2011).

Cllr Vickery declared an interest in Item 24.75 Application No. 24/00526LDCE

24.73 MINUTES

24.73.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2024.

24.73.2 Note matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

Alderholt Planning Application APP/D1265/W/23/3336518 – Cllr Lavis was not able to attend the inquiry due to a date change, however he prepared a statement which was read out in support of the refusal of the application to build 1700 in Alderholt.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Hale PC has been successful in a grant bid and can now receive up to £2,400 from NFDC towards the Speed Indicator Devices which have been purchased.

24.74 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two parishioners spoke regarding issues along Hale Purlieu/Ladies Mile in relation to traffic issues including:

- 1) Parking opposite properties which inhibits access
- 2) Parking on the verges at all – is this allowed?
- 3) The need for traffic to pass each other causing cars to go onto the verge, increasing erosion.

Recently some residents have placed logs/sticks opposite their properties to prevent parking which can severely hinder access to their properties. Some of these have been removed and been thrown onto residents driveways or onto the open forest damaging some important plants. Parked cars also often turn in residents driveways which causes erosion to drives and has nearly caused accidents.

This matter was discussed further under 24.77

24.75 PLANNING APPLICATION - To consider the response to the following applications.

Application number: 24/00383CAC

Proposal: Single storey extension; alterations to doors and windows; cladding; parapet walls (demolition of existing outbuilding)

Location: Mole End, HATCHET GREEN, HALE, SP6 2NB

Hale Parish Council recommended permission for an application for works on this site in 2021 and would also recommend permission for this application which is an amended from the previous application. Hale PC believes the proposals are an improvement to the current building; the materials being used are in keeping with the natural environment, the site is not visible at all to others and the proposed new building has a lower pitch than the building which is currently there.

To note the response for the following application (response has been submitted) -

Application number: 24/00526LDCE

Proposal: Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for continued use of land and garage for the parking of vehicles.

Location: The Nook, TETHERING DROVE, HALE, SP6 2NH

This application was agreed via email to meet the decision date of 20th June. This application was not assessed against the policies within the Local Plan but asked if the Parish were aware of any supporting or contradictory evidence with regard the application. Hale PC agreed to recommend

Option 1 - We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Hale Parish Council is not aware of any contradictory evidence regarding this application and is happy to accept the testimonies which have been submitted in support of this application

24.76 HARRY'S MEADOW - Cllr Vickery attended the New Forest National Park Planning committee meeting on 21st May to speak on behalf of Hale PC against the application 24/00102(FULL) – Use of land as a seasonal campsite for 50 pitches for no more than 60 days in a calendar year. Cllr Richards (NFDC) also attended and spoke against the application. The application was approved with conditions for 3 years. This decision has not yet been published by the NPA as the applicant is required to meet certain mitigating and bio-diversity conditions (or go a substantial way towards meeting them) before approval is finalised. Hale PC has no information as to whether the campsite will be operating in 2024.

24.77 HALE PURLIEU VERGES –

HPC has had discussions with the National Trust, Natural England, Highways and The Verderers for many years regarding parking on the verges along Hale Purlieu/Ladies Mile and the erosion of the verge due to traffic passing each other; however a solution has not been reached. Parking on verges in the New Forest is unauthorised, however this information is not always known (particularly to tourists) and parking on these verges is not policed. Damaging an SSSI is a criminal offence. Some residents whose driveways are not perpendicular to the road can have difficulty accessing their property if parking occurs opposite and therefore have used logs/sticks to prevent this. This has led to much discussion on the local social media site Nextdoor and some residents have had the sticks/logs thrown onto their properties. Hale Parish Council would note that Hale resident Jonathon Hilton-King was not responsible for this action as was stated in social media.

Hale PC are meeting with Ryan Scott from the National Trust in July to discuss the situation and possible solutions.

Speed Indicator Device – Approval has now been agreed from National Trust and The Verderer's to allow sleeves to be installed along Hale Purlieu which will hold posts for the Speed Indicator Devices. Cllr Gemmell will now ask Highways to go ahead with installation.

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

Hale Village Hall Management Meeting 9th May – Hale Village Hall will hold an Open Day on Friday 30th August which will be a drop-in starting with tea at 4pm followed by the AGM and then drinks in the evening. It will be a celebration of funding received for hall improvements and the local MP and the press will be invited

Planning Training – Fordingbridge Town Council hosted a training event - "Introduction to Planning for Local Councils" presented by Steve Tilbury, Planning Consultant. Cllr Gemmell attended.

Planning Committee - Cllr Vickery attended to represent Hale PC and present their report as noted in 24.76. Cllr Kyle questioned the lack of regard of the recommendations of the parish councils at planning committees and whether this is common throughout the New Forest. It was suggested this might be an agenda item for the NW Quadrant meeting in September.

24.79 USE OF HATCHET GREEN BY HALE SCHOOL It was agreed to accept a request by Hale school to use Hatchet Green for their Family Fun Day on 13th July. Any use of vehicles on the Green must be limited to unloading and no barbeques are permitted.

24.80 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT It was **RESOLVED** to continue a Service Level Agreement between Hale Parish Council and NFDC Corporate Trees to inspect the trees adjacent to the village hall every three years (or more frequently if deemed necessary) to ensure their safety. The cost of each survey will be approximately £250.00.

24.81 INSURANCE POLICY It was **RESOLVED** to renew the insurance policy with Hiscox Insurance through A.J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers at a cost of £488.66. This includes cover for the Speed Indicator Devices and has increased minimally from last year.

24.82 FINANCE

24.82.1

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the accounts for the month of June and not the following balances - The Treasurers account balance is currently £6,524.91 and the Business account balance is £20,691.49 which is in line with the Reserves Policy.

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	PAYMENT METHOD
Woodgreen Community Shop	APA Costs	£49.18		Bank Transfer
Jeff Butt & Co	Internal audit and payroll	£360.00		Bank Transfer
Pennon Water Services	Cemetery water	£33.21		Direct Debit
Amanda Johnson	Salary – June and July	N/A		Standing Order
Cutting Edge	Cemetery Maintenance – May and June	£185.00 each month		Bank Transfer
Amanda Johnson	Office supplies	£27.30		Bank transfer

24.83 CORRESPONDENCE - To consider correspondence received before 30/04/2024 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

The following correspondence was noted.

10/05/24 Cllr Richards – Information on wheelie bins

10/05/24 NFDC – Cultural strategy workshop invite

13/05/24 NFALC – Notification of cycling event on 13/10/2024

16/05/24 Friends of the New Forest – Uncommoners – Portraits of Life in the New Forest

16/05/24 HALC – Newsletter

23/05/24 HALC – Community Forum Launch

24/05/24 HCC Future services – changes to planned decision making dates.

24/05/24 HCC – Your Hampshire Latest from Hampshire County Council

29/05/24 Hale Village Hall Management Committee – Invitation to Open Day/ AGM 30th Aug.

30/05/24 HCC - Update on Seasonal Vegetation Management on Public Rights of Way

HCC are reducing their use of contractors to cut footpaths to reduce costs and are asking Parish Councils to carry out some works using the Lengthsman or volunteers.

31/05/24 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – May Newsletter

04/06/24 NPA - Notice of NW Quadrant meeting on 15th July.

14/06/24 Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – Survey

24/06/24 HALC – Upcoming training courses

24.84 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

20 mph hour restrictions – Parish and Town Councils are now able to apply for 20mph speed limits and zones in residential areas, towns and villages throughout Hampshire, however there are many criteria that must be met to achieve this. Cllr Gemmell will investigate further.

Lengthsman – The Lengthsman will be working in the village on the 15th July and jobs will include clearing the footpath behind Strickland's Plantation.

24.85 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 3rd September 2024 in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)

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MONDAY - Downstairs 18:00
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TUESDAY - Downstairs 14:00
Cafe & Library



TUESDAY - Main Hall 18:00 - 20:00
Dog Training



WEDNESDAY - Downstairs 10:00 & 14:00
Tai Chi



WEDNESDAY - Main Hall 18:30
Table Tennis



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Thursday 8th August - Downstairs - 19:30 Vegetable Club

Saturday 10th and 24th August - Downstairs - 12 noon Cricket Club

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Wednesday 14th August - 14:30-16:00 - Afternoon Tea, Book & Jigsaw swap

Wednesday 21st August - 19:00 - WI meeting

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Friday 30th August - 12:00-14:00 - CAMEO fellowship group

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"The Scotch Whisky Book" by Mark Skipworth

It was not a braw bricht moonlit nicht the nicht, when we finally reached The Glencoe Inn, beside Loch Leven in Ballachulish. A noggin at The Drovers Inn; Rob Roy's favoured watering hole in Arduulvi, had detained us and I myself was a little churlish after a fraught journey. An altercation with my sister-in-law had not helped. Exasperated at her constant nit picking, I had finally blown my top, giving her a sharp earful. In the Bar after a late supper, our group were tentatively reconnecting in discussion about our route to the Isle of Skye next day, and I nipped out to get a map from the car. A fog had rolled in from the Loch and was so dense that I had to use the key fob to locate the car. I reached in, chose a Road Atlas rather than the map, and locked the doors. The interior light faded & I was engulfed by the clinging fog, visibility no more than a couple of feet. As I stepped away from the vehicle, an unearthly guttural, grunting noise made the hairs on my neck rise. I experienced an irrational, fleeting terror as something touched my leg and I sensed a scuffling movement around my feet. A creature had emerged from the Loch and was searching for human flesh to feast on. I pressed the key fob, and in the dim glow of the interior light, I saw that I was surrounded by seven or so piglets, with their mother, an enormous Sow, foraging in the earth close by. Idiot! Returning to the Bar chastened and foolish, I was heartened to find that my brother had ordered me a pint of dark, malty Scottish bitter and arranged for the landlord to take us on a whisky odyssey that very evening.

My sister-in law and my own travelling companion; later to become my wife, chose whisky-macs; ginger wine with blended whisky – our genial landlord would not contemplate using malt. This was a poor choice, too strong, and in the words of "Ledbelly" Huddie Ledbetter, it was "Goodnight Irene" for those two. My brother and I stuck to the malts that the landlord placed before us, along with a jug of water. First the honeyed warmth of a "Jura" and as the evening progressed, the mildly peaty pleasure of "Old Pulteney", until late into the night when we were introduced to the medicinal "Lagavulin", and finally a peat-sodden, smoky "Laphroaig". Our taste palates were educated during that memorable journey, and the Islay malts, normally unpalatable to Whisky Virgins, had been conquered. Although actually not so memorable, because by midnight the three of us, landlord, brother and myself, were so befuddled that we would have sampled petrol. The morning's bar bill was a sobering reminder of our "education", and the landlord? Nowhere to be seen - his puckish wife stated with a wry smile, that he was suffering from an alcohol injury!

"The Scotch Whisky Book" is a more affordable introduction to the delights of a dram and, dare I say it, a more sagacious way to approach the most unique liquor in the world. Following a fascinating insight into all aspects of whisky distilling and its history, there is a brief summary for many of the commonly available brands, malts & blended, together with tasting notes. I keep a pocket version - handy if an unusual bottle comes my way. Savouring a wee dram is unlike other forms of imbibing, there is such variety that it really is an odyssey, and don't be afraid to start with a mixer, after all, many brands recommend a little water – but not chlorinated/fluorinated tap water. Plan your own odyssey, maybe with a little more restraint than myself, and always remember; please read sensibly.

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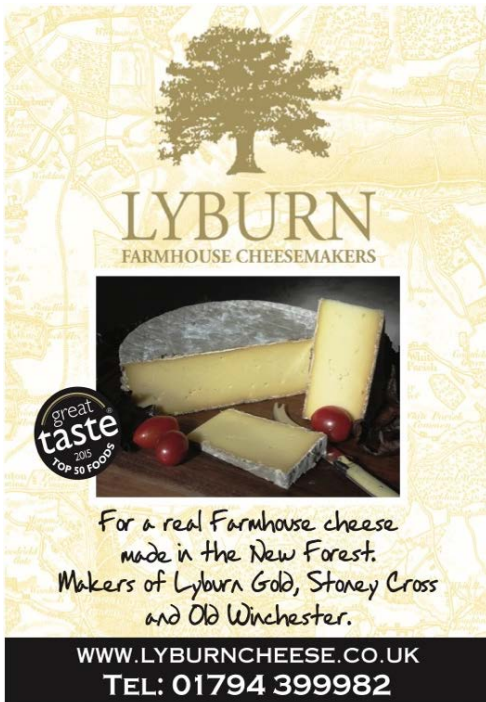
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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of
WOODGREEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Woodgreen Reading Room
on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.30pm.**

24/25.40 Members present: Lance Benest (LB)(Chair), Helena Datta (HD), Stewart Hall (SH) and Pete Skinner (PS)

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

Apologies for Absence: John Clarke (JC), Mark Flannigan (MF)

24/25.41 Declarations of interest: None

24/25.42 Minutes of previous meeting held on 14/06/2024.

24/25.42.1 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.

24/25.42.1 Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items.

Disease Resistant Elms - LB has completed an application form and the elms will be available to plant in January 2025 subject to the grant being approved. Six trees will be planted along the northern edge of Hall Field.

24/25.43 Public Participation: No members of the public were present

24/25.44 Report by New Forest District Councillor. New Forest District Council has not held meetings in the lead up to the general election.

24/25.45 Planning: To discuss the following application and agree recommendations.

Case Number	24/00692TPO
Proposal	Fell 2 x Cherry trees, Fell 1 x Beech tree, Fell 1 x Silver Birch tree (4 trees above are Dead or dying and will be reduced to wildlife/habitat poles - they are all part of W1 of TPO: 0069/05)
Site	Hollybush, Upper Densome Wood, SP6 2QU
Case Number	24/00713CONS
Proposal	Prune 1 x Mulberry tree (T1 on the plan), Prune 1 x Holly tree (T2 on the plan), Prune 1 x Acer tree (T3 on the plan)
Site	Mulberry Cottage, Brook Lane, SP6 2AZ
Case Number	24/00732CONS
Proposal	Fell 1 x Silver Birch tree
Site	Warren House, Woodgreen Common, SP6 2QX
Case Number	24/00733CONS
Proposal	Prune 1 x Yew tree.
Site	Byways, Brook Lane, Woodgreen, SP6 2AZ
Case Number	24/00737CONS
Proposal	Prune 9 x Willow trees (#1 to #9 on the plan)
Site	The Old Post House, High Street, Woodgreen, SP6 2AR

HD and PS carried out site visits for all the applications and had no issues with any of the proposed works and therefore recommended to accept the decision of the National Park Authority Tree Officer. This was unanimously agreed

Case Number	24/00770CONS
Proposal	Prune 3 x groups of Bog Willow trees - only 2 groups come within the conservation area Prune 1 x Oak tree - not protected, included for information only
Site	Field and Paddocks adjacent to rear of Romilly & Willows, High Street, Woodgreen, SP6 2AU

The details for this application have been updated on the planning portal, HD and PS will carry out a site visit prior to the decision deadline.

24/25.46 Councillor Vacancy A Notice of Vacancy was displayed in the village and on the website and NFDC did not receive any requests to hold an election therefore the co-option process has begun. A co-option notice is currently displayed on the village noticeboard (at the Woodgreen Community Shop) and on the website. Anybody who would like to put themselves forward for the role of parish councillor must do so by the 31st July. For any further information please contact the clerk at parish.clerk@woodgreen-pc.gov.uk.

24/25.47 Meetings Attended: No meetings have been attended.
The NW Quadrant meeting will be held on 15th July, HD and JC will attend.

24/25.48 Bus Shelter Refurbishment SH met with New Dimension Builders on site to discuss the project and a contract has been drawn up and signed. It is planned that the project will commence over the next few weeks subject to variable factors. A notice will be displayed stating that the bus shelter may be closed for periods between 15th July and the 30th September for refurbishment. Fencing will be erected around the bus shelter to ensure safety. Whilst the contractor is on site Woodgreen PC will take the opportunity to assess any other works which could be carried out to improve the area e.g. bench repositioning. Signage will be put up to try and stop parking on this area, if this is not effective the council will consider installing dragon's teeth.

24/25.49 Village Maintenance and Parish Council Property (including the cemetery, roads, hedges, footpaths, ditches) : To receive any updates & consider/approve any action and/or spending required.

Village Green -It was reported at the last meeting that dragons teeth will be installed around the village green. WPC will ask Forestry England if it is possible to supply low rails rather than dragons teeth.

Benches - Repairs to the benches will be carried out over the summer.

Reading room - Councillors will clear the garden area outside the Reading Room on Thurs 11th July.

The Common - WPC are concerned about the amount of brambles now growing on the common, particularly on the area up from Grace Lane to the main common. AJ will write to the Verderers to ask their opinion on this matter.

Cemetery - A work day will be arranged in September/October.

24/25.50 Financial report, Review of Ongoing Budget and approval of payments:

a. **Current Balances -**

- Lloyds Treasurers Account £17,493.67 as at 01.07.2024;
- Lloyds 32 Notice Account £78,671.48 as at 01.07.2024;

Ongoing annual expenditure was noted and approved.

b. **Expenditure:** Invoices received since the last meeting to be approved & payments authorised to include (& not limited to):

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	METHOD
A.Johnson	Salary - July	415.00		Bank Transfer
Cutting Edge	Cemetery maintenance - June cut	175.00		Bank Transfer
Woodgreen Community Shop	Annual Parish meeting costs	134.85		Bank Transfer

24/25.51 Consultations and Correspondence up to 01/07/2024 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised and not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

The following correspondence was noted. Actions in italics.

12/06/24 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - Survey

14/06/24 HALC - Newsletter

20/06/24 New Forest National Park News Release - Slate Farm refused.

25/06/24 HCC - Update on Seasonal Vegetation Management on Public Rights of Way

HCC will decrease the amount of annual clearance of footpaths carried out by their contractors.

Love Lane is usually cleared, if this is not done by HCC the lengthsman will be asked to clear it.

01/07/24 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - June Newsletter

24/25.52 Any other business and matters to be raised on the next agenda.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th August.



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Cricket

If you take a tour round the beautiful Breamore House near Fordingbridge, amongst the other treasures you will see, is a painting of, "The Boy with a Bat" by Thomas Hudson. This was painted about 1760 and is one of the earliest paintings of a cricketer known to exist. It shows Walter Hawkesworth Fawkes from Farnley in Yorkshire. Walter is shown holding a curved bat over his shoulder and two stumps in his left hand.

Cricket is believed to have started as a game for children in Saxon times in an area of dense woodland called The Weald in Southeast England. It gradually became a game played by adults with a reference to it being played by men as early as 1550s. In 1611 two men were prosecuted for playing cricket on a Sunday. By the eighteenth century the game was well established and in the 1750s a cricket club was founded in the small village of Hambledon in Hampshire. This has given rise to the village being called the "cradle of cricket".

In the early days of the game the ball would have been delivered underarm. Early bats would have been similar to the shape of today's hockey sticks because the curved end would have been better at hitting a ball that was rolling along the ground. An early curved bat is on display in the Oval cricket ground in London. At first there were only two stumps separated by quite a large gap with a wide bail placed on the top. A comparatively late depiction of this two-stump arrangement is shown in a 1793 painting by John Opie called the "The Red Boy."

In a game of cricket between Hambledon and Kent in 1775 a player, nicknamed Lumpy Stevens was bowling to the greatest batsman of the time, John Small. After several balls had gone through the gap between the stumps it was decided that things had to change and a third stump was added. In the early days there was no restriction on the size or shape of the bat. In another game at Hambledon a batter used a bat that was as wide as the stumps. This was considered unsportsmanlike, so a maximum width of bat was specified from then on.

By the mid-eighteenth century, underarm bowling gave way to overarm delivery. Lumpy Stevens may have been one of the first to, "give the ball air." He certainly made a careful study of how the ball was affected by pace and length. Pitches were often on land that was used for agriculture and Stevens may have got his nickname from aiming at the lumps in the ground to deliver a ball that was difficult to deal with.

Gradually more and more rules were devised to specify how cricket was to be played. In the eighteenth-century gambling on cricket matches was widespread and the rules of cricket were codified to ensure there was a fair outcome for the punters. The earliest code was produced in 1774 and since 1788 an agreed set of rules has been overseen by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). This club was set up on fields owned by Thomas Lord in Marylebone. The MCC at Lords is still the arbiter of the laws relating to cricket.

There are many pubs that have cricket related names such as The Cricketers pub overlooking the cricket pitch at Hartley Wintney in Hampshire. This pitch is the oldest continuously played ground in England the club having been formed in 1770. Closer to Fordingbridge there is The Bat and Ball pub in Breamore. Its name relates to the picture of The Boy with a Bat at Breamore House. If you call in for a pint raise a glass to Lumpy Stevens, John Small and the other pioneers of the game.



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On the last weekend of June (Petertide) two people were ordained as deacons in the Church of England to serve in the Parish of Fordingbridge and Breamore & Hyde and Hale with Woodgreen. They will both serve as deacons, effectively “servants” for a year before, we hope both will be ordained again but this time as priests. But once ordained always ordained so even after being priested they will always also be deacons, leaders who serve. Their names are Ruth and Vicky. Ruth has been part of the parish for a few years as a Licenced Lay Minister and Vicky is joining us as a new team member.

We are so lucky in this parish to have four priests (three retired), two deacons and two Licenced Lay Ministers and we have several other people moving towards ordination. On the evening before their ordination another of our past trainees, Jo, was amongst 19 people ordained priest to serve in the Diocese of Winchester and currently serving at the Cathedral.

We all have different gifts and things we are no doubt better at but we all seek to serve the people of the whole parish and indeed, Luke, our Rector is given the “cure” of the parish which he shares with the Bishop Of Winchester, which effectively makes the Church of England available to anyone and everyone at times of their lives when they need the church.

Because we have 6 churches and often have up to 8 services on a Sunday across the parish we are all quite active given that most of us are retired or volunteers.

I am a Licenced Lay Reader and I take several services each month preaching at some of them. I really look forward to researching the bible passages set for the day and then trying to make them relevant to the people in the pews or chairs, because most of the situations that occur in the bible occur in our lives too – wars, family fall-outs, famines, floods, extreme wealth and poverty, and joy – it’s all there. Whilst some things have changed very much the central truths of love and care remain.

Of course we don’t spend all of our time in church dressed in a cassock tidying the prayer books as some TV programmes would have us, we visit schools and rest homes, hospitals and are invited into many other gatherings and some of us hold other offices like being a school governor at a church school. I’m a trustee for 12 nurseries and pre-schools run by the Diocese of Winchester.

You might be wondering how to tell the difference between us when in church and it’s the stole or scarf that gives it away. The Lay Ministers always wear a blue scarf which is the same size as a priest’s stole but the stoles are worn to match the church

seasons of the year and might be red, gold, white, purple or green and on some occasions black – usually black when wearing what is called “choir dress” which is a black or coloured cassock on top of which is a white surplice, which is usually quite long with very wide arms and is worn mainly for the very ancient services of Mattins and Evensong. As an LLM I still get to wear a blue scarf on these occasions! (Good job I like blue!)

So I hope this is useful if you aren't familiar with the ordained and licenced offices of the Church of England.

Mark Ward, Licenced Lay Minister

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society

Our last meeting on 1st July was a popular ‘Cream Tea and Talk’ – we were lucky to have our own Alison Hulme who gave us a talk entitled, “My Life in Stitch”. What an extraordinary life and highly creative textile art inspired by the nature and the life experience of herself! We all want to join her workshops, after seeing her demonstration and fabulous products. Do check out Alison's website at www.alisonhulmetextiles.com

We wish everyone a wonderful summer break and look forward to our meeting on 2nd September for a floral demonstration by Carol Norman, entitled “Hearts and Flowers”. Refreshments from 7 pm, followed by a demonstration at 7.30 pm. Do join us and bring your friend(s)! Non-members are welcome (£6 door fee including refreshments).

All meetings/events are held at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, Redlynch (SP5 2LD). A full programme for 2024/25 is displayed on the notice board in the hall, on our facebook group (link below), and via the following weblink: <http://tiny.cc/FEFAS2024>

We look forward to welcoming you!

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View full programme for 2024/25: <http://tiny.cc/FEFAS2024>

Upcoming meetings:

2 September	Carol Norman “Hearts and Flowers”	7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments)
7 October	Club Competition	7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments)
4 November	Practical Evening in Christmas Theme	7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments)

Church Services during August

Sunday 4th Holy Communion @10am at St Mary's Church, Hale



Sunday 11th Holy Communion @ 10am at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen

Sunday 18th Morning Service @ 10am at St Mary's Church, Hale.

Sunday 25th Morning Service@10am at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen.

Sunday 1st September Holy Communion with Care of Creation theme @10am at St Mary's Church, Hale

Other Events

Friday 30th August Fairtrade Community Coffee Morning @
St Boniface, Woodgreen from 10.30-12noon.



To coincide with Hampshire Open Studios our Pop Up Café will be open at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen on

Sat 17th August 11am-4pm and

Sunday 18th August 12noon-4pm



And

Sat 24th August 10am-4pm and Sunday 25th August 11am-4pm



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ALSO

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)-Friday August 30th from 12-2pm in Woodgreen Village Hall, by kind permission of the Village Hall Committee. Suggested donation of £3. Please note during July & August we will be serving Ploughman's lunches! Why not come along and join in the conversation, quizzing, jigsaws etc...

We will now be meeting monthly on the last Friday of the month after the Community Coffee morning-all welcome!

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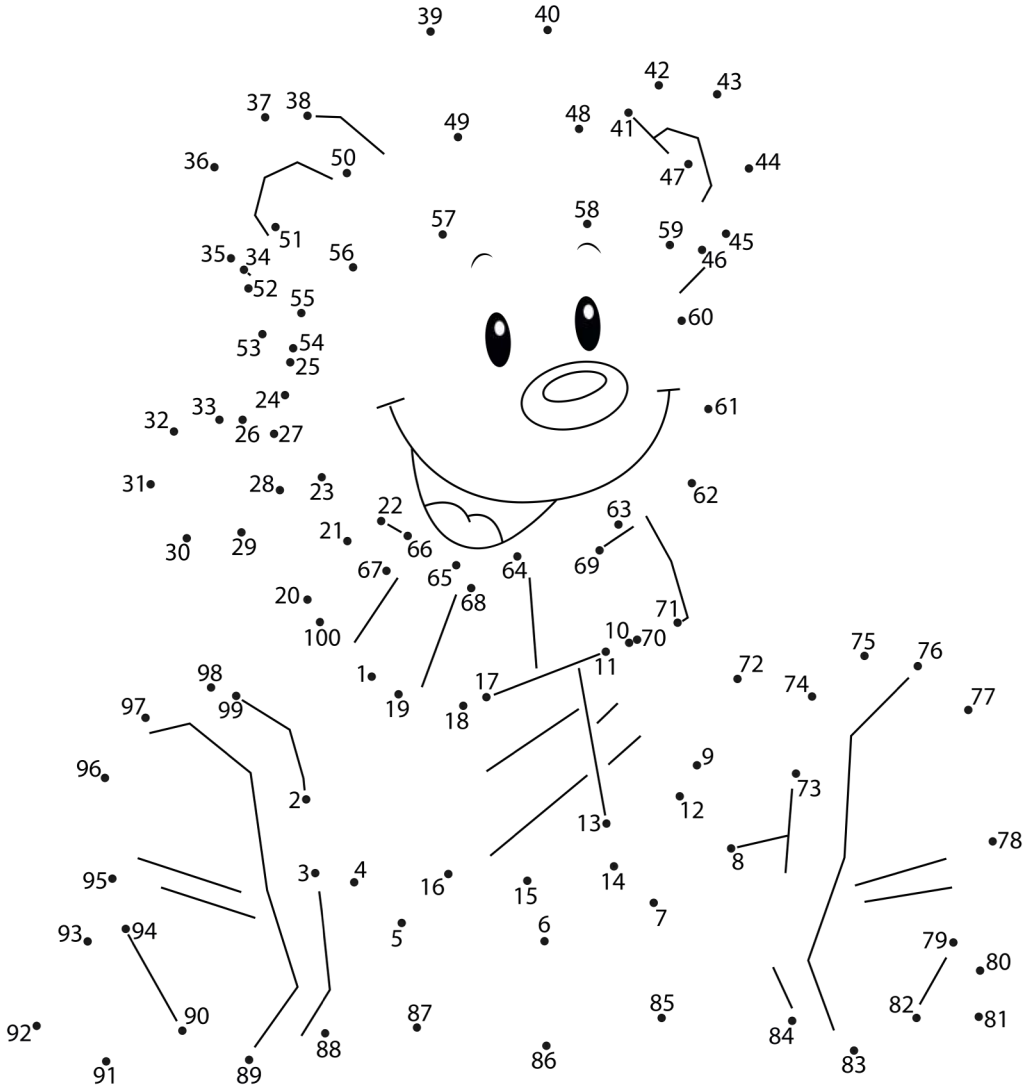
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