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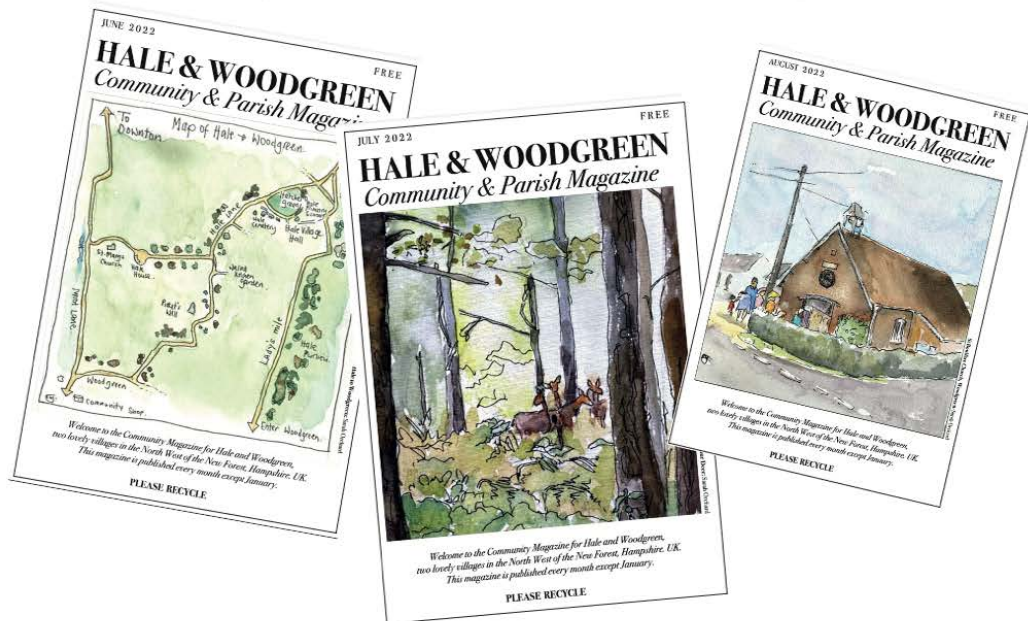


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**Banksian medal** (presented by the RHS) Barbara Cunningham

**Massy Beresford cup** (the runner-up of the Skeldon trophy) Vanessa Smallwood

**Dodgson cup** (most points in the vegetable classes) Vanessa Smallwood

**Bill Barnaby cup** (best exhibit in vegetable classes) David Mussell

**Marie Clarke trophy** (best exhibit in flower classes) Barbara Cunningham

**Lucas-tooth cup** (most points in the fruit classes) Anne Wanstall

**President's pot** (most fragrant rose) Florence Briden

**Perpetual calendar** (best rose exhibit) Florence Briden

**Norris cup** (most points in the flower classes) Barbara Cunningham

**Burford trophy** (most points in the flower arranging classes) Heather Borrelli

**Sarson cup** (best exhibit in the flower arranging classes) Corinne Savill

**Bourke trophy** (most points in homecraft classes) Marie Clarke

**Rawlence cup** (most points in home produce classes) Sue Allpress

**Tricia Minns trophy** (flowering stem class) Vanessa Smallwood

**Newman cup** (best exhibit in hanging basket and tubs classes) David Downing

**O'Mullane cup** (most points in children's classes) Seren Josey

**Hale WI cup** (sweet pea class) Vanessa Smallwood

**Nisbet cup** (Dahlia class) Barbara Cunningham

**Andy Pauline cup** (limerick) Alan Allpress

**Photography award** ( best overall photo) Corinne Savill

**HWHS centenary jug** (best centenary class exhibit) Sue Allpress and Marie Clarke

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 2024 annual show,  
committee, helpers, competitors and visitors



# Climbers

Pip Bensley

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September

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## Redlynch & Hale Cricket Club

It's been a difficult few weeks for the Cricket club with victories seemingly hard to come by.

In Hampshire Division 2, the Clubs 1st XI are struggling and desperately needing to find a strong run in to the end of the season to avoid the dreaded drop to Division 3. The 2nd XI are currently lying 8th out of 18 in Regional Div 5 (NW) and recently impressed with a 9 wicket win over South Wilts IV. Katie Sell picked up 3 wickets, whilst brother Dom (48 not out) and Nathan Pollard (64 not out) shared a 2nd wicket stand of over 150 to clinch the victory. The poor old 3rd XI continue to search for a victory from somewhere, but being a 3rd team means helping the teams above in availability, meaning Andrew Kennedy's side are frequently scrabbling around for players willing to make up the side. However, a maiden 50 for James Brewin showed positive signs for the last few games - subject to availability of course!

Elsewhere, with the Juniors finished for 2024, we look forward to our Juniors Presentations and "Race Night" at Redlynch Social Club on Friday 6th September from 6pm. We want as many children with their parents as possible to support this, see the players receive their awards and enjoy the racing!

Finally, the Ladies Softball side are eagerly looking forward to a quarter final clash at home with Easton & Martyr Worthy at Redlynch Playing Fields on Wed 28th August, so check the magazine next time to see how they got on!

Andy Church



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Thursday September 5th 2024

10:00 for 10:30 am

## **The Search for Great Grandmother's Farm**

Speaker: Brian Margetson

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## **Redlynch Players Backstage News**

### **Autumn Production 2024**

The summer break has always been an important one for us, as our batteries need a big recharge after the excitement of our Spring production! We have spent the summer doing just that – recharging our batteries and gathering ideas and inspiration for producing our next play in the Autumn. We're now raring to go and really excited about the future. We can't wait to reveal the play we will be performing in November! It has also been really great to welcome interest from a few people who'd like to join us. We're looking forward to an informal chat and drinks evening with them at the beginning of September. From then, rehearsals will begin in full earnest for our Autumn Production, which will be performed during the week of 25<sup>th</sup> November. All will be revealed soon so please keep an eye on our active social media, as well as in the local magazine!

## **Act Now – join us!**

Be part of a fun team! We are looking for new members to join our lovely group and now is the perfect time to do it! Being part of a production from the first moment that we open a script, to the last bow on the final night is very special indeed, and we would love to share that experience with more of you! There is a wide range of interesting and varied tasks, both on and off stage, that need doing for any production. So, if you fancy treading the boards, helping with set, props or doing something technical such as lighting or sound effects, we would love to hear from you! Full training and support will be given, so please don't be put off if you lack experience! We meet on Monday and Thursday evenings at Redlynch Village Hall from 7:30pm and will begin rehearsals for our Autumn production in September. Please do get in touch if you'd like some more information. I am happy to answer any questions!

Email: [info@redlynchplayers.co.uk](mailto:info@redlynchplayers.co.uk) or direct message us on our Facebook, Instagram or X (formerly Twitter) pages. I look forward to hearing from you!

### **Find out more about us!**

If you would like to be included on our emailing list to hear our latest news, please email: [info@redlynchplayers.co.uk](mailto:info@redlynchplayers.co.uk)

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*Ali Silver, Chair of Redlynch Players*



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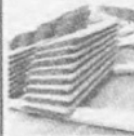
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## **Potted histories: The Anarchy, winner takes all...**

There is no doubt that the Normans were never happier than when they were involved in a scrap, usually with family and about land and power.

On the death of Henry I ( 1135 AD ) there was plenty of uncertainty as to what was to happen next. Henry had only recently re-unified Normandy and England, after dealing violently with his brothers; the succession on his own death was rife with confusion and opportunism.

His son, William, had drowned in the *White Ship* disaster, and his only legitimate heir was his sole daughter, the Empress Matilda. Henry had nominated her as his heir, but this was not universally popular among the nobles of the time. Her cousin Stephen ( m. Matilda ), Henry's nephew, was also in the running. Acting swiftly, Stephen was handily placed in Boulogne to rush across the Channel to claim the English throne and the treasury in Winchester. Matilda, and her new husband Geoffrey of Anjou were very slow off the mark, being in southern Normandy grabbing territory there.

Stephen thus acceded to the English throne, and was instantly embroiled in disputes with the Scots, Northern Barons, and the Welsh all flexing their muscles with the incomer, seeking lands, titles and influence. Much fighting, negotiating and trading ensued, mostly with a measure of success on the part of Stephen although he abandoned Wales as in the too difficult category. He was also running out of money.

Initially Empress Matilda did not actively assert her claim to the throne. However this all changed in 1138 when, with the help of her powerful half-brother, Robert of Gloucester, war was declared on Stephen, triggering revolts in Kent and south-West England. King David of Scotland joined her and invaded the North, as far as Yorkshire.

England descended into Civil War, known as *the Anarchy*. Stephen is generally recognised as an effective soldier, often leading from the front. The war ebbed and flowed across England until Stephen was captured at the battle of Lincoln, and imprisoned at Bristol. Now Matilda made her move to claim the throne, with the initial support of the Clergy. Moving to London however she met implacable opposition from the citizens and had to retreat. In the meantime the other Matilda, Stephen's Queen, had been keeping the King's cause alive during his absence.

So, for a short time, the two Matildas faced each other across the civil war divide. Queen Matilda was successful in gaining the support of London; the clergy changing sides too. Empress Matilda retreated to Winchester, and queen Matilda followed her, surrounding her forces. The Empress escaped, Stephen was eventually freed and the civil war continued.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle records that "*there was nothing but disturbance, wickedness and robbery*" Eventually exhaustion took over and the two sides came to terms. It was accepted that Stephen should continue as King and, on his death, Empress Matilda's son Henry should succeed him. The Norman regime ended and Plantagenet rule began. The Empress had her way, after all.... David Mussell

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of  
WOODGREEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Woodgreen Reading Room  
on Tuesday 13th August 2024 at 7.30pm.**

**24/25.53 Members present:** Lance Benest (LB)(Chair), John Clarke (JC), Helena Datta (HD), Mark flannigan (MF), Stewart Hall (SH) and Pete Skinner (PS)

**Also present:** Amanda Johnson (Clerk), Janet Richards, NFDC District Councillor and two members of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** None

**24/25.54 Declarations of interest:** None

**24/25.55 Parish Council Vacancy.** One application was received and approved and it unanimously **RESOLVED** to co-opt Guy Rafferty as a member of Woodgreen Parish Council. Guy signed a Declaration of Acceptance and joined the meeting as a parish councillor.

**24/25.56 Minutes of previous meeting held on 9/07/2024.**

**24/25.56.1** 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 Chair.

**24/25.56.1 Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items.**

**Speed Indicator Device** - AJ has contacted NFDC and they are looking into a temporary deployment at Castle Hill where sleeves for a post to hold the SID are located. LB has requested SIDs as an agenda item at the next NW Quadrant meeting to gauge lother local villages' experiences of them and their effectiveness.

**Reading Room Allotment** - A local resident has agreed to take on the allotment at the Reading Room.

**24/25.57 Public Participation:** Two members of the public were present but spoke during item 24/24.45 - Frithway.

**24/25.58 Report by New Forest District Councillor.**

Due to the election and holiday season few meetings have taken place.

Community Infrastructure Levy - More funds will be made available to bid for later on in the year.

**24/25.59 Planning:** To discuss the following application and agree recommendations.

Case Number	24/00777FULL
Proposal	Single storey extension
Site	Langtree House, Castle Hill, Woodgreen SP6 2AX

This application comprises amendments to a previous approved application, Councillors agreed there were no issues with the application and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend Option 1 PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Case Number	24/00812FULL
Proposal	Extension; car port; outbuilding.
Site	Frithway, Upper Densome Wood, Woodgreen SP6 2QU

The residents from Frithway presented the plans to the parish council. The current residence is in need of updating and the proposed plans aim to make it more energy efficient with an air source heat pump and cladding, along with features to improve it aesthetically such as a zinc roof. The application was discussed and councillors supported the proposed changes. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend Option 1 PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers subject to DP36 (30% limitation) being met and verified by planners. WPC will also recommend that a habitable use restriction is placed on the outbuildings in perpetuity.



Case Number	24/00846CONS
Proposal	Prune 1 x European beech
Site	The old Post House, High Street Woodgreen, SP6 2AR

Case Number	24/00872TPO
Proposal	Fell 2 x Silver Birch trees, Fell 1 x Himalayan Birch tree, Prune 1 x Magnolia tree. (All trees above are part of W1 of TPO/0069/05)
Site	Ty Gwyn, Lower Densome Wood, Woodgreen, SP6 2BE

HD and PS carried out site visits for both 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

The following application was received after the agenda was finalised.

Case Number	24/00777FULL
Proposal	Single storey extension
Site	The Old Post House, High Street, Woodgreen, SP6 2AR

This application comprises amendments to a previous approved application and councillors agreed there were no issues with the application and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend Option 5 - We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

**24/25.60 Meetings Attended:** No meetings have been attended.

**The NW Quadrant** meeting 15th July - HD and JC attended.

The Fawley Waterside housing development programme has been withdrawn and hence improvements to the A326 will be affected and scaled down.

**Dark Skies** - The principle of promoting Dark Skies is widely accepted however there is little legislation to enforce it.

**Equestrians and footbridges** - It was reported that some equestrians are using foot bridges which are unsuitable for horses, many of these bridges are being replaced throughout the New Forest.

**Forestry England** - 10,000 native trees have been planted this season including 6,000 oaks.

**Village Hall AGM** - SH attended. The Village Hall is in a very good financial position with good reserves and much work has been carried out in recent years - a new kitchen, painting and heating.

**24/25.61 Bus Shelter Refurbishment** Work has begun and the re-tiling of the roof has been completed. The windows will be installed over the next couple of weeks, the wood will be stained and the telephone kiosk re-painted. A plaque will be placed on the bus shelter stating and an opening ceremony will take place in autumn, details to be confirmed at the next meeting,

**24/25.62 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** - AJ has spoken to Forestry England who may be able to supply some low rails, if this has not occurred by the end of August WPC will look into purchasing the rails from another source.

**Benches** - Repairs to 2 benches have been carried out.

**Lengthsman** - The lengthsman strimmed the permissive path behind the shop, mended/installed dragons teeth and cleared bramble on the common and at the cemetery.

**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 spoke to Forestry England and their policy is that brambles are a natural habitat progression and they are not removed unless they restrict sight lines. WPC feels that some of the bramble areas are restricting sight lines and will assess which areas need to be cut back.

**Hedges** - Hedges and brambles have grown excessively this year, the hedge on the road to Breamore will be cut as usual by WPC in autumn, other areas will be assessed and cut if applicable. A message will be added to the parish magazine to remind homeowners of their duty to cut hedges on the roadside.

**24/25.63 Cemetery** - An application has been received to install a headstone, further details of the memorial will be brought to the council when received.

**Maintenance** - The kissing gate requires attention and two wooden benches are in need of repair. It was agreed to finance any repairs/replacements with funds which were left in legacy to the cemetery fund. SH will ascertain what works need to be undertaken.

**24/25.64 Printer purchase** - It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a new printer for use by the clerk (shared equally with Hale PC). GR will look into which printer may be most suitable.

**24/25.65 Financial report, Review of Ongoing Budget and approval of payments:**

a. **Current Balances** -

- Lloyds Treasurers Account £17,357.90 as at 06.08.2024;
- Lloyds 32 Notice Account £78,865.70 as at 06.08.2024;

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):

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A.Johnson	Salary - August	415.00		Bank Transfer
Cutting Edge	Cemetery maintenance - July cut	175.00		Bank Transfer
Hugh Price	Bench repairs	515.82		Bank Transfer

**24/25.66 Consultations and Correspondence up to 06/08/2024 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised and not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.**

*The following correspondence was noted. -*

09/07/24 HALC Newsletter

15/07/24 Friends of the New Forest - Update from the Chair

17/07/24 NFALC - AGM 1st August

18/07/24 New Forest NPA - Full Authority meeting on 25th July.

25/07/24 NFDC - Notification of the Making of Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan

29/07/24 New Forest NPA - Heath Week 24

30/07/24 HCC - Hampshire Minerals and Waste Submission

31/07/24 Friends of the New Forest - News update

01/08/24 NPA - New Forest Champions

01/08/24 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - July 2024

06/08/24 New Forest NPA - Independent Persons Vacancies

**Parishioner emails**

15/07/24 Parishioner correspondence regarding hedges and brambles. *Addressed under village maintenance.*

21/07/24 Parishioner email regarding various subjects including PSPOs.

*AJ will add a link for reporting PSPO breaches on the website and Nextdoor.*

09/08/24 Parishioner emails regarding hedges and brambles. *Addressed under village maintenance.*

**24/25.67** Any other business and matters to be raised on the next agenda.

Current national planning consultation on the National Planning policy Framework.

Speed indicator Devices

Bus shelter opening.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September

## **A Play Area for the Children of Woodgreen**

Following the recommendations of the Jubilee and Coronation committees that its legacy should include a play area for children, the Play Area for Woodgreen Group has been established to investigate, consult and propose on such an addition.

Currently, despite having a great village pub, village garden, church, village hall and village shop, there is no provision in Woodgreen for children of any age. A play area serves as a meeting point for children and their parents/grand-parents/friends/carers to come together, play and make new friends and acquaintances. The importance of mental health in children (and their parents) is well documented, as is the role play areas have in supporting our kids' mental health. Moreover, the dependence on technology to entertain children has become pervasive.

Our neighbouring villages (such as Redlynch and Martin) have recognised this need and provided play areas supported by their Parish Councils. Of course, these are accessible to Woodgreen children but does involve travel (and therefore adult availability), loses the community spirit and opportunity for chance encounters. Likewise, the lovely New Forest on our doorstep is an extension but not a replacement for what a designated play area offers.

From the Jubilee celebrations (where 33 mugs were distributed to Woodgreen children), it is estimated that we have between 30 to 40 children. Onto this we should also consider grandchildren, friends and the many visitors we get on a daily basis. Nevertheless, the case for a play area should not be reliant on an arbitrary threshold of the number of "resident users", but be seen as an asset that every proud village offers as a comprehensive and inclusive service to its residents and visitors.

Not only will the play area provide a central point for children to meet and play, but will contribute to the community's spirit, inclusiveness and financially by stimulating visitors to use the many other facilities offered by the village.

We recognise that location will be a key topic and will be thoroughly consulted upon. Space is limited and we need to work with what is available. It is also key that the nature of the play area respects what we already have, and importantly, reflects the type of New Forest village we are. It needs to embrace nature and the great outdoors. We will be investigating designs, costs (initial and on-going), funding and governance. We will be working closely with the Parish Council to seek their support: politically, locally, and financially.

We aim to conclude our consultations within 2024 and if successful, secure funding and permissions in early 2025, then with any works starting in late 2025.

A community survey (for our Woodgreen residents) will soon be available.

Simon Kampa on behalf of The Play Area for Woodgreen Group.

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**THURSDAY - Main Hall 17:45**  
**Brownies**



## Save the Date...

**Tuesday 3rd September** - Downstairs - 19:00 - Hale Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday 21st September** --Main Hall - 09:00 - Hale Local Produce Market

**Saturday 21st September** - Downstairs - 18:00 - Hale Pop Up Beer Garden (see advert)

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**THURSDAY - 09:15**

**Pilates**



**THURSDAY - 11:00, 12:15**

**Dog Training**



**THURSDAY - 18:30**

**Aerobics**



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## Ghost Signs

If you walk down Lord Mayor's Walk in York, you cannot fail to see a large advertisement painted on the end of a building. It reads, "Nightly Bile Beans Keep You Healthy, Bright Eyed and Slim." This is a brilliant example of a ghost sign. These are hand painted signs usually advertising shops, products or services. They were painted directly on the brickwork of buildings and date from the late nineteenth century to the mid twentieth century. Some, like the Bile Beans example mentioned above, are still very vivid whilst some are now very faded and more difficult to see.

Once your attention has been drawn to them, if you are like me, you will start looking up above the modern-day shopfronts and under the roof tops to find more examples. They are a tangible reminder of the people and businesses that came before us and give an important commentary on our cultural and social history.

Many are perfect examples of early advertising unconstrained by any regulation. Who would not want to be healthy, bright eyed and slim? Others merely proclaim services offered. Driving into Wimborne notice on the house that was once lived in by Gulliver, the notorious smuggler, a faded sign reading, "J. Page. Agricultural Implement Maker and Agent." In the centre of Ringwood under the gable end of a coffee shop a sign advertises, "Frampton and Sons, Corn, Seed, Cake, Hay and Straw Stores. In Rollestone Street in Salisbury there is a sign over a house advertising, "Hovis." Presumably, the house was a bread shop. This is a good example of why the signs are called ghost signs as it is so faded that it is very difficult to read.

The painters of the signs were itinerant artisans called, in a derogative way, "wall dogs". This was because they worked like dogs in all weather and were tethered to the wall they were working on. The occupation was a dangerous one, working at height exposed to the elements and using oil-based house paints that contained lead.

Not all ghost signs advertise shops, products or services. The attractive Georgian, Lord North Street in London, has ghost signs pointing to basement air raid shelters. These date from WW2 and remind us of the days when the Blitz was a real danger to what is now a peaceful elegant street. Nelson Street in York is a cul-de-sac with a large brick wall at the end of it. You have to have eagle eyes to spot, painted on the brickwork, "Victory". Was this, now very faded sign, painted on the wall by the residents to celebrate the end of WW1 or WW2? Did they perhaps, have a street party with this sign as the backdrop? More recently, in Northern Ireland, sectarian paramilitary groups employed artists to paint large murals on the brick ends of the terraced houses in the areas they controlled. These have now been added to by non-political paintings commemorating people like George Best and visitors can be taken on a tour round Belfast looking at them.

If you visit Fordingbridge Museum, as you enter Kings Yard, look up to see a good example of a ghost sign. It is now very faded but luckily the Museum has a photograph of it shortly after it was re painted over a previous sign of similar design. It advertises F.C. West and Sons Saddlers and has an unusual design made to look like a scroll hanging from a rope. Please keep your eyes open for local examples of ghost signs and send us a photograph and note of the location. The museum would like to record these reminders of our cultural and social history.



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### ***“Campbells Kingdom” by Hammond Innis (Omnibus Edition + DVD)***

I initially read this book as a boy and actually reviewed it as a piece of school work; a fairly pedestrian effort that only merited a B+, and a “could do better” comment from Johnny English. Hmm, don’t know about doing better, but first, fast forward forty years or so and I discover the DVD whilst clearing my dear mother’s bungalow – she liked Dirk Bogarde, and here, he is joined by a stellar cast including Stanley Baker, Barbara Murray, Sid James, John Laurie and James Robertson Justice! What a line up, and filmed at Pinewood Studios . . . . somehow you just know that you’re in for an absolute blast, although I should say that the storyline is fairly edited in comparison to the book. Don’t worry, the film is still fab. Cheesy and corny and just fabulous; Cucumber cool Dirk’s wardrobe remains pristinely immaculate throughout, whilst all around get pretty grubby - a feature I’ve noticed in a few of his films.\*

But the book! It’s breathless - London based Bruce Campbell Wetherall has only months to live, when his estranged Grandfather dies and bequeaths him a parcel of land high in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Grandpappy Campbell was a rogue and a swindler according those who lost money in his oil enterprise, and Bruce has endured a miserable existence, living in the long shadow cast by the belligerent old man, who insisted right up to his death, “there’s oil in them thar hills”, or words to that effect. Bruce travels to Canada and finds not only a hostile local community (obviously romantic interest excluded), but also a powerful businessman who is intent on finishing the Dam that will flood Campbells Kingdom. When Bruce discovers that geological readings have been tampered with; readings that may prove the presence of oil, the race is on as he decides to hire a wildcat drilling team to prove his Grandfathers belief, and clear his name along with his debts. Its touch and go as our ailing hero encounters dastardly deeds at every turn, but he’s also got a few tricks up his own sleeve, and his mission soon becomes a dangerous game of Cat and Mouse. Will Bruce live to see his Grandfather exonerated? This is all set against a magnificent backdrop in the unforgiving Canadian mountains – be prepared for a rocky ride (sic); it’s worth it.

I’d recommend the DVD and book, they are quite different, but both hugely enjoyable. Also being an omnibus, there is a second story; “The White South”, another fine read, albeit a little gory. I shall definitely be on the lookout for other Hammond Innis titles in our Library. Oh, and by the way, don’t forget the Bookworm Competition: Submit a review to win a **£30** voucher for **The Horse and Groom** – see July magazine for details, or contact the Editor.

**\*In “The Singer Not the Song”, (another classic movie with John Mills), Dirk wears the Blackest, Shiniest trousers ever seen on film – v smart, those trousers put his thuggish henchmen to shame!**



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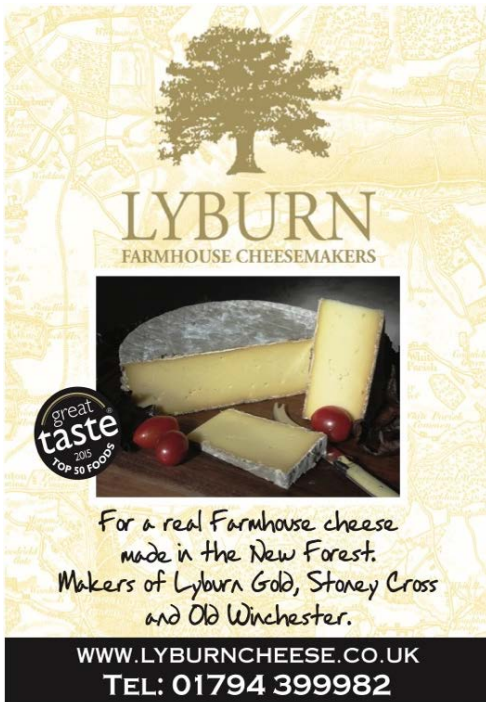
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## Hedges

I am sure everyone has noticed that hedges, and brambles, have grown madly this year and are now a little out of control in some areas! Now that the bird nesting season is over hedges can be cut. The Parish Councils will be cutting hedges they are responsible for and would remind homeowners that they are responsible for keeping their hedges cut, particularly if they are next to a highway or footpath.

For any further information relating to hedges please contact Amanda Johnson (Parish Clerk to Woodgreen and Hale ) at [hpcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hpcclerk@gmail.com) or [parish.clerk@woodgreen-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@woodgreen-pc.gov.uk)

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## **Help protect New Forest verges**

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They're a separate designated feature of the New Forest's Sites of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSIs) so are legally protected against damage.

In addition, they are also a vital source of food for free-roaming livestock such as the New Forest pony and are a treasured part of the Forest landscape.

Parking on verges can obstruct access for the emergency services so people are instead being strongly encouraged to park in one of the 130 official car parks in the New Forest which are owned and managed by Forestry England.

Over the past decade, verges have been restored to their original state due to funding from the Verderers of the New Forest Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme.

The Forestry England-led scheme, which delivers a range of projects to help protect the New Forest National Park's internationally-important wildlife and landscapes, runs a programme of work which has seen 26 miles of verges nursed back to life in various ways including the installation of short chestnut posts called dragon's teeth, and the creation of ditches or banks.

Animals such as slow worms and newts can be found in the habitats on verges, as well as plant species like chamomile, wild orchid and coral necklace.

The verges also contain high quality grazing land which attracts ponies and other animals.

Holly Fitzgerald, Verge Restoration Officer at Forestry England, helps to educate and inform the public about the importance of verges and not parking on them.

She said: 'Drivers don't realise that they have caused the erosion, and that other people will park there if they see cars in the area.

'When you explain why this can cause damage most people get why they need to stick to the car parks.

'I also work with residents to encourage them to park within their property, rather than on a verge outside their home.

'Together we can help protect these extremely important parts of the New Forest and reinstate many more miles which have been lost.'



**Godshill Village Hall** will be repeating its very successful evening from last year by inviting back the local very popular band “**Blue Tides**” (picture attached): By popular request they are returning to Godshill Village Hall, at 7.30 pm, on Friday evening 30<sup>th</sup> August. **Blue Tides** is a locally based 8-piece band, playing an assortment of musical genres, from flute, saxophone, brass, guitar, bass & drums. Songs from the Great American and British songbooks, including exiting and eclectic original arrangements, will be played. Players from the Godshill Village Hall-based “**New Forest Jazz Workshop**” will also be guesting.

Tickets are £15 per person to include a light supper. There is no need to bring drinks since there will be a licensed bar, and a raffle with superb prizes. Do bring your dancing shoes....

All in all, it promises to be an exiting evening. For further details about the hall, **Blue Tides** or the **New Forest Jazz Workshop**, do contact Marlene Williams on 01425 650845, or Alison &/or Derek Ayling, on 01425 650770, or 07798 555500, or by email, on **Hippotain@BTInternet.com**, for further information about the “**New-Forest-Jazz-Workshop**”.



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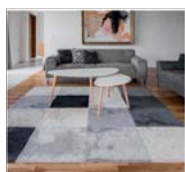
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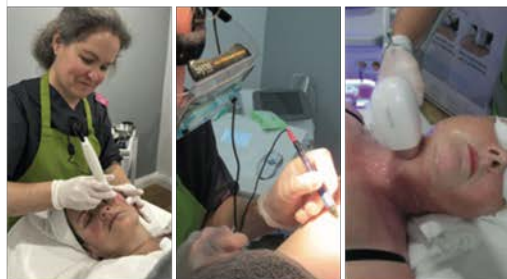
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### **Our Grade 1 Listed 'Gem in the Forest' is in peril!**

The roof of St. Mary's Church, Hale, has suffered severe batten failure to the lesser-seen rear of the building. Whilst a temporary repair in January 2024 to the southwest transept roof minimised internal damage, sadly, a second hole has since appeared; this time on the south nave roof, with water leaking in and staining a 17th Century painting of the words of the Creed. The current temporary repairs will be unlikely to last through the winter.

All of the permissions are now in place to repair the roof permanently this October, however, the **£50,000** required is too huge a sum for such a small congregation, and time is quickly running out! So far, thanks to the incredible generosity of locals and the fundraising efforts by a small team of villagers, approximately half of the total repair cost has been met. However, no work can start until the contractors and architect are able to be paid in full. We urgently need your help to save our very special 'Gem in the Forest' to prevent the roof caving in this winter!

We are in the process of creating a Fundraising Page (details of which will be circulated). In the meantime, you can donate money to our bank account, with reference 'Hale Roof Fund':

**Hale & Woodgreen Parochial Church Council**

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Thank you for *anything* you can give!

Jamie Warne (AVC Publicity and Communications)

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## Reverend Canon Gary Philbrick - RIP

I am sure by now you will have heard of the sudden and tragic death of our former Rector Canon Gary Philbrick on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. He served as our Priest here in the Avon Valley Churches from 2013 – 2022, and will be remembered for the enthusiasm that he displayed in every facet of his life and ministry.

Gary was ordained in 1986 and served all his ministry in the Winchester Diocese. He was Priest at Maybush, Swaythling in Southampton, and Fawley on the other side of the New Forest. He was made Area Dean of Southampton in 2007 and an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral in 2009. He came to serve in the Avon Valley Churches in 2013 until 2022, when he was appointed Assistant Archdeacon in Winchester Diocese and Chaplain of Winchester Cathedral.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, over one thousand friends, colleagues, and former parishioners from all the parishes where he served and beyond, attended his funeral service at Winchester Cathedral. His son Craig in the eulogy that he gave for his foster-dad, described Gary as ‘*one in a million in life*’ and also as ‘*one in a million in death*’ as Gary died from a condition rarely seen in this country.

*Go. Silent friend, your life has found its ending;  
To dust returns your weary mortal frame.  
God, who before birth called you into being,  
now calls you hence, his accent still the same.  
Go, silent friend, your life in Christ is buried;  
For you he lived and died and rose again,  
Close by His side your promised place is waiting  
where, fully known, you shall with God remain.*

*Go, silent friend, forgive us if we grieve you;  
Safe now in heaven, kindly say our name.  
Your life has touched us, that is why we mourn you;  
Our lives without you cannot be the same.  
Go, silent friend, we do not grudge you glory;  
Sing, sing with joy deep praises to your Lord.  
You, who believed that Christ would come back for you,  
now celebrate that Jesus keeps his word.  
(John Bell 1996 WGRG Iona Community)*

Thank you, Gary, for your love, care, friendship and support.  
You are greatly missed.  
May you rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen



## Church Services during September

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion @10am** at St Mary's Church, Hale

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion @ 10am** at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen (Service to celebrate to work of Fairtrade)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Morning Service @ 10am** at St Mary's Church, Hale.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Festival Service@10am @ St Boniface Church, Woodgreen.**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> United Service@ 10am @ St Mary's Church, Fordingbridge**



## Other Events

### **Harvest, Pie & Pints**

**(Harvest Supper)**

In Woodgreen Village Hall

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 6.30pm-9pm

Tickets £15, **on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept** from Woodgreen Shop or Lynda Warne 07799542707 or Chris Calder 07979695497 or Rev Ruth Crosland 07855210769,

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**AND**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Fairtrade Community Coffee Morning @

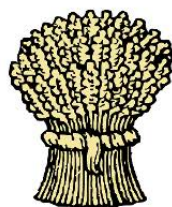
St Boniface, Woodgreen from 10.30-12noon.

**ALSO**

**CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)**-Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm in Woodgreen Village Hall, by kind permission of the Village Hall Committee. Suggested donation of £3. Why not come along and join in the conversation, quizzing, jigsaws etc

Big thank you to everyone who supported our Pimm's and Hymns event at the end of July in the garden of Woodgreen Village Hall. Thanks to your generosity we raised an amazing £1100 towards repairs to the Bellcote & roof for St Boniface Church, Woodgreen.

Many thanks from all the members of the Hale & Woodgreen Church Family!



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