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Flowers of the forest: Sarah Orchard

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As part of our 2024 Hale and Woodgreen organising a free **Children's Workshop July** from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm.



Horticultural Society programme, we are at **Woodgreen Village Hall** on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

It is an opportunity for children to enjoy nature and the environment. The

our annual horticultural show children's classes, for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. We would like to encourage more young people to enter these classes, but it is not a prerequisite to booking a place at the workshop sessions.

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

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

| Session1        | Session 2     | Session 3   | Session 4   |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 11 am – 12 noon | 12 noon- 1 pm | 2 pm – 3 pm | 3 pm – 4 pm |

Lunchtime break 1 pm - 2 pm

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

#### Activity 1 – to create a felt vessel.

Sarah Waters is a local felt maker, using traditional and innovative techniques, to showcase the beauty and diversity of our British wool.



She currently runs her own textiles business teaching, exhibiting in the UK and internationally. Create a unique felt vessel with Sarah.

#### Activity 2- to decorate a tile.

Andrea Finn, our HWHS president, is an experienced and true creative educator, specialising in painting, ceramics, and mixed media.



Andrea will provide all the materials to paint a decorative floral motif on a tile, which can be baked at home!

#### Activity 3 – to design and make a birthday card.

Sue Harris, our HWHS secretary, makes and sells greetings cards using a variety of paper cutting, stamping and recycling techniques.



With Sue's assistance, design and make a special greetings card.



#### Activity 4- to collage a tree, using natural materials.

Tricia Goodfellow is a teacher, enthusiastic gardener, and home crafter. Use natural materials- twigs, leaves, petals and seeds to glue a tree collage.



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

To book a place for the HWHS Children's Workshop please email [tricia@cgclassics.co.uk](mailto:tricia@cgclassics.co.uk) by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June providing-

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## FEFAS Report

We all enjoyed the last club meeting (held on 13<sup>th</sup> May) - a floral demonstration by Jennifer Thompson with a title "A Good Read". Each of her floral design was inspired by one of her favourite books, using unique colour scheme and eye-catching style. Jennifer's spontaneous talk made the demonstration much entertaining.

We look forward to our next club meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June for a demonstration by Sue Wall, entitled 'Re-use and Recycle'. Refreshments from 7 pm, followed by the demonstration at 7.30 pm. 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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## Upcoming meetings:

|             |  |         |
|-------------|--|---------|
| 3 June      | Demonstration by Sue Wall "Re-use and Recycle"         | 7.30 pm |
| 1 July      | Cream Tea and Talk by Alison Hulme "My Life in Stitch" | 7.30 pm |
| 2 September | Carol Norman "Hearts and Flowers"                      | 7.30 pm |



**Woodgreen steam rally and model railways:** Charlie and Lynda would like to thank everyone who supported us this year in any way. From advertising and printing, baking and moving items, working in the kitchen and on the door, and the inevitable packing away after. We could not have done it with out you. It was so nice to see friends from last year and welcome our visitors, and see so many happy people, young and old. We raised an amazing £1,780.00 for Spres Smiles, Alzheimers Society and St Mary's,Hale roof fund. **Thank you all.**

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Redlynch & Hale Cricket Club began it's season with two wins from three on a glorious Saturday. The Flagship 1st XI, despite missing one or two regulars, enjoyed an excellent 90 odd run victory over Lymington 2nd team, who are normally a much stronger side. Charlie Everett (65\*) and Ian Tanner (46) batted nicely with the team just shy of 200 runs on the board at the break. Lymington got off to a good start, but Father and Son combo Stan & Harvey Boardman turned the tables with Harvey returning 5-8 runs! George Hayes bamboozled the lower order taking 3 wickets including one where he bowled the batsman behind his legs!

The 2nd team were also victorious at Great Durnford who scored 176-8. A splendid career best score of 75 not out for Ewan Tanner was the highlight of the innings with Archie Boardman supporting well with 56 to close out the run chase.

Sadly a different story at Hatchett Green Hale. Whilst it was lovely to see cricket on the Green again, visitors East Tytherley are a reformed team with several stars of pedigree cricket status in their ranks. Hampshire League rules say new teams must start at the bottom, which made the whole thing a complete mis-match. However the game was played in the right spirit despite the predicted easy win for the visitors.

The Junior section have also got "off the mark" with some good results seen already, particularly the tiny's of the Under 9's who have won both their games.

The Ladies Softball side have to wait until later in May for their first match, but meanwhile they are training hard.

So all in all, a good start with everyone fired up for what is hoped to be a great season.

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## Woodgreen Cricket Club.

As I write the season has started with lovely weather, Saturday May 11th, a beautiful day on the Common. The outfield and wicket looking great and probably the most picturesque ground in Hampshire! Chaz Potts and his team have done a great job of getting the ground prepared for the first home game after all the wet weather..

Unfortunately the club is suffering from a lack of players so if anyone would like to join please get in touch. Players needed for the Saturday league team and the Sunday friendly side.

Due to such a wet April only 2 games have been played. A pre season friendly was played at Dinton on Saturday 4th May and the first league match at home to Bramshaw on the 11th.

For the record results were:-

Dinton (away) lost by 91 runs. Dinton 208 for 5 off their 35 overs. Best bowlers were Mark Penny with 2 for 22 and Ed Nash with 3 for 25. Woodgreen all out for 117. Top scorers were Andy Parker with 25 and Ed Nash with 21.

Bramshaw (home) Hants League Div 4. Lost by 4 wickets. Woodgreen 117 for 8 Top scorers were Ed Nash with 41 and Pete Pearce with 35. Bramshaw 118 for 6. Best bowler was Mark Penny with 2 for 28.

Upcoming home fixtures:

Saturday 25th May Pylewell Park (league)

Sun 26th May Trinity (friendly)

Sat 1st June Amesbury (league)

Sun 2nd June Hyde (friendly)

Sat 15th June Totton & Eling (league)

Sat 29th June Burley (league).

Dates for your diary:-

Friday 5th July Jim Hart memorial concert on the Common. Bar and bbq. Concert starts at 7.30 but ground open from 6.45. (if wet then rearranged for July 12th).

Monday 26th August. Fete day.

Dave Naish

## **Astonishing History ...**

- **Could you have taken the Tube to see Britain's last public execution in May 1868, outside Newgate Prison? In fact you could have travelled there by the Metropolitan Line, opened just 5 years before and with Farringdon Station only 10 minutes walk away. Nice day out!**
- **Jack the Ripper was thought to have committed his fifth murder in 1889, the same year that NINTENDO was founded Kyoto, Japan, manufacturing playing cards. There is no evidence that he enjoyed a hand of Whist.**
- **With her birth in 69BC, Cleopatra lived closer to the year that Neil Armstrong walked on the moon (1969), than the completion of the 3 main pyramids at Giza, 2,400 years before.**
- **Woolly Mammoths didn't die out 10,000 years ago. Some survived in Siberia to walk the earth as Stonehenge was built, less than 5,000 years ago.**
- **The first telephone calls were made before the completion of the Great Wall of China. The construction of the Wall may have been started in the 3rd Century BC, but it wasn't completed until 2 years after Alexander Graham Bell made the first call in 1876. After all the Wall is 13,000 miles long!**
- **As an early scholar of Oxford University, could you have studied the Aztec Empire? The Aztec Empire its usually thought of as really ancient. In fact is dated to 1300 to 1500 AD. Several Oxford Colleges are in fact older. Teaching started as early as 1096 and University, Balliol and Merton all date from 1249 to 1264.**
- **Machu Pichu was completed around 1450. The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was completed in 1512. Close!**
- **Could a Samurai warrior have sent a fax to Abe Lincoln, President of the USA , to advise on his handling of the Civil War? In theory, yes. The Samurai Class existed to 1868. The forerunner of the facsimile machine was patented in 1843 and Lincoln lived to 1865.**
- **Could you have climbed the Eiffel Tower carrying a can of Coca-Cola for refreshment, on the day it opened? Which came first? You must be desperate to know. The Tower was finished in 1889 and the first Cola was sold in Atlanta in 1886.**
- **The final execution in France, by Guillotine, was in 1977... the same year that Star Wars was released.**

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**(David Mussell)**



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**THURSDAY - Main Hall 18:00 - 19:15**  
**Brownies**



## Save the Date...

**Saturday 15th and 29th June** – Downstairs 12 noon Cricket Club

**Saturday 15th June** - Main Hall 9:00 Hale Local Produce Market

**Thursday 20th June** - Main Hall 19:30 Vegetable Club

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**WEDNESDAY - 10:00**

**Art Club**



**THURSDAY - 09:15**

**Pilates**



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

**Dog Training**



**THURSDAY - 18:30**

**Aerobics**



### Save the Date...

**Wednesday 12th June - 14:30-16:00 - Afternoon Tea, Book & Jigsaw swap**

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**Friday 28th June - 12:00-14:00 - CAMEO fellowship group**

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## A celebrity snake catcher

I recently saw a beautiful slow worm that had come out of hibernation and was basking in the sun next to where I was gardening. Although often mistaken for a snake, slow worms are in fact legless lizards. They eat slugs and snails so are a welcome sight in my garden. Readers may not realise that all six of the UK's native reptiles are to be found in the New Forest. These are adders, sand lizards, grass snakes, common lizards, the rare smooth snake and the slow worms. All New Forest reptiles are protected by law. Snakes are cold blooded with dry skins and get their body heat from the environment so the open sandy soil of the forest, that heats up quickly, is an ideal habitat for them. They hibernate in the winter and come out in the spring to warm up in the sun.

Adders are our only venomous snakes. Their name comes from the old English *naedre* meaning creeping thing. They have an unjustified bad reputation. They will only bite when cornered or threatened and bites are rarely life threatening, although, if bitten, medical attention is important. Traditional folk cures for adder bites are to apply the fat from a fried adder or to dip a bag containing the heads of an adder, toad and newt into water and then to apply the water to the wound.

The Brockenhurst area was the home of the famous snake catcher, Harry Mills, who was usually referred to by his nickname "Brusher." This was because he would earn some money by sweeping the cricket pitch at Balmer Lawn between innings. Brusher was born in 1840 in Emery Down and after working as a labourer and gardener, went to live in a charcoal burners hut near Brockenhurst. From there he made his living as a snake catcher. Photographs and paintings of him show him as a country character. He had a long forked beard, smoked a pipe and wore a wide brimmed hat and gaiters. The latter were to protect him from snake bites. He is depicted with the tools of his trade. These were a forked stick, which he called his staff of office, which he used for driving the snakes out of the undergrowth and pinning them down. Round his neck hung a pair of metal tongs for picking them up.

Life in his bracken and turf hut would have been simple but he devised a variety of ways of making money. Some live snakes would be sent to London Zoo to feed birds of prey and other snakes. Some he sold locally to Lord Londesborough at Lyndhurst who used them to feed his falcons and who would pay a shilling for every live snake. He also sold ointment from the fat of fried adders to be used as a cure for snake bites. He claimed that this was also good for alleviating rheumatism. He was often bitten himself and he would cut the site of the bite with his pen knife and apply his ointment. He would also boil snakes and sell the skeletons to tourists.

He was a regular at local fairs where he would display snakes, demonstrate his skills and sell his ointment and skeletons. Despite having been born with a cleft palate, making his speech sometimes difficult to understand, he loved telling anecdotes and talking to people about his snake catching and lifestyle. He soon became a local celebrity. In 1897 there was an article about him in *Country Life Magazine* and others in publications such as the *Sporting Journal* and *Boys Own Paper*. This made him a national celebrity and he would regularly entertain people brought to see him by tourism guides. They could even buy postcards depicting him from the local shops.

Brusher was a sociable chap and loved to go for two pennies' worth of rum and some bread, cheese and pickle in the Railway Inn in Brockenhurst. He had been healthy for most of his life but he did have to go into the local workhouse to recuperate after catching flu. He would keep himself clean by visiting a relative in Lyndhurst for a bath and change of clothing. In 1903 he said, "I can't get about as I did. I took influenza thirteen years ago and it made me weak. Still, I can't complain. I am sixty-three and only bad weather takes me in my chest." In 1905 his hut was burnt down, some said by the park authorities to stop him claiming squatters' rights. He was very upset by this and died shortly afterward after living in the outbuildings of the Railway Hotel. His nephew describes at his inquest how he seemed his usual jolly self after drinking two pennyworths of rum. He found him shortly afterwards in one of the outbuildings, "dead but sitting in a natural position."

His grave in St Nicholas' Church is marked by a marble headstone carved with a depiction of him in his distinctive outfit. This was paid for by a public subscription. The Railway Hotel is now called the Snake Catcher and displays Brusher memorabilia. It is definitely worth a visit. You might even have a glass of rum in Brusher's memory but I doubt it will cost you a penny!

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### ***"Hag-Seed" by Margaret Atwood***

**Shakespeare's writing is a mystery to me.** There I've said it now, or to put it another way; "spaketh he in riddling tongue of noisome purblind waffle-headed Dullard". At school his tales were enjoyable, but I had an English teacher to unravel the mystery. When left to my own devices I struggled, whilst the words flowed the meaning did not, such a shame because I like the stories and characters. Anyway just recently I discovered the following:

In 1917 the great Virginia Woolf and her husband founded The Hogarth Press with an ideal to publish the avant-garde and promote the best new writing of the time. Keeping with that tradition, in 2015 Hogarth launched its Shakespeare project, where popular writers were tasked with re-imagining Shakespeare's work in a current setting, and a series of eight books were published. I've read a couple (from our Library) & I have enjoyed them. I'm sure many people will say this has been done countless times before and that Shakespeare's influence is at the heart of many a modern classic, well fine, but without being told that I would not necessarily know it. Perhaps because I'm a rascally wide-chapp'd freckled whelp hag-born\* . . . . . To strangle a phrase, and to illustrate why I find the Bard's text so bewildering!

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Fifty-something Felix Phillips has been ousted from the cosy position of Artistic Director for the Makeshiweg festival – a required venue for serious Shakespearian theatre-goers, and where he has been simultaneously feted and hated for some original interpretations of the great man's work. To add misery to this dismissal, he has recently lost his beloved wife and child, both tragically dead. Felix retreats into self-imposed obscurity, licking his wounds, the longing for retribution festering as former, janus-faced associates rise to lofty prominence, basking in acclaim that should be his. Over ten long years a gnawing resentment is nurtured, until a minor position arises that gives him the opportunity to resume teaching and directing his beloved Shakespeare, albeit in a men's prison. As Felix gets to know his new pupils, a cunning plan develops within his vengeful mind, and with the help of these freshly acquired acolytes this devious scheme is set in motion; to take down those who have ruined his life.

Margaret Atwood is well known for "The Handmaids Tale", amongst other things, and this book is similarly terrific. There is also a great summary of the original play at the end.

**\*An outspoken mischievous young fellow with freckles and of dubious parentage.**

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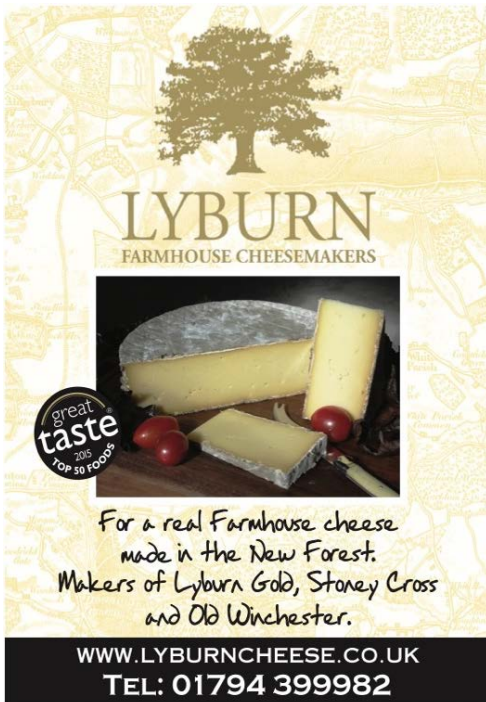
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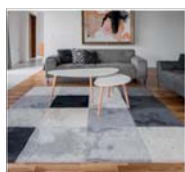
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# **Minutes of the Hale Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)**

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

**In attendance:** The clerk, Cllr Janet Richards (NFDC) and 9 members of the public.

**24.46 TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR 2024/25** Cllr Kyle proposed, Cllr Donnell seconded and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Gemmell as Chair for 2024/25. Cllr Gemmell signed a declaration to formally accept the role of Chair.

**24.47 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR 2024/25** Cllr Gillmon proposed, Cllr Vickery seconded and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Lavis as Vice-Chair for 2024/25.

**23.48 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** - Cllr Lavis

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

Cllr Donnell and Gillmon declared an interest in item 24.52 24/00236FULL. Cllr Donnell will not partake in the discussion or decision on this item but will stay in the room. It was agreed that Cllr Gillmon was not required to recuse herself from the item.

## **24.50 MINUTES**

24.50.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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

**Alderholt Planning Application** APP/D1265/W/23/3336518 – Alderholt Parish Council has been granted Rule 6 Status and will be playing a full part in the Planning Inquiry (begins 25<sup>th</sup> June) in support of Dorset Councils refusal of planning permission for a large development. Cllr Lavis will attend the appeal and represent Hale Parish Council to add its own views on this development.

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – Hale PC has received £600 from NFDC to fund the street furniture required for the speed indicator devices. Parish councils were able to bid for funds from the CIL that NFDC has accumulated from development.

**24.51 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - Members of the public are invited to address the council on agenda matters or raise any matters not otherwise on the agenda.

Parishioners present spoke of their concern regarding the amended planning application for Harry's Meadow campsite which has been submitted. Parishioners are concerned with some aspects of the processing of the application by the New Forest Planning Authority.

**23.52 PLANNING APPLICATION** - To consider the response to the following applications.

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Application number: | 24/00102FULL (Amendment)  |
| Proposal:           | Use of land as a seasonal campsite for 50 pitches for no more than 60 days in a calendar year |
| Location:           | Harry's Meadow, Hale Park, Hale, SP6 2RE  |

Hale Parish Council recommended refusal to the original application (to which some amendments have been made). A document has been produced and submitted by Holbury Consultancy Service in response to the parish council's recommendation; this was discussed alongside the amendments to the application. HPC agreed that many aspects of the application have still not been addressed

including the effect on the lime tree avenue which is in a poor state, a sufficient ecological assessment being carried out and the access to the site (single track road (Hale Lane) which is in a very dangerous state). It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal and a second response from HPC will be submitted.

Application number: 24/00370VAR  
Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 23/01103FULL for roof alterations to include hip-to-gable conversion of the main roof (both ends) and the forward projecting roof; see application.  
Location: Freefolk, Hale Purlieu, SP6 2NN

Hale Parish Council recommended permission for this application which was granted in November 2023. Proposed alterations have now been submitted, HPC agreed that the alterations enhance the design and have no concerns with the application. It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend Option 3 – Permission.

Application number: 24/00236FULL  
Proposal: Replacement dwelling; garage; outbuilding (gym & bat house); wildlife pond; landscaping; (demolition of existing two storey dwelling and outbuildings)  
Location: Woodriding, Hale Purlieu, SP6 2QZ

Hale Parish Council discussed the application and felt the Design and Access statement, Ecology Report and other documents submitted to be very comprehensive and detailed. Councillors agreed that a replacement building is a large consideration but the good design, build and sustainability features of the proposed building mitigate this. Much advice and surveying has taken place regarding the nature conservation of the site and mitigation measures are part of the design, including a wildlife pond, bat house and meadow. Although this site is adjacent to an SSSI there will be significant screening in the form of new planting. Councillors suggested planting a specific “New Forest mix” which includes a range of appropriate species. It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend Option 3 – Permission.

#### **24.53 LOCAL ROADS .**

Recent remedial works have taken place in the parish including surface dressing of Hale Purlieu and Tethering Drove and the current replacement of the cattle grid in Hale Road which has led to the closure of the road. Hale PC discussed frustration that despite much effort little communication is received from HCC regarding works to be carried out.

Hale Lane - Hale PC is still regularly informing HCC of the current condition of Hale Lane.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) – The posts which hold the SIDs have recently been moved by HCC Highways as they were originally installed in places contrary to those agreed. HPC plans to install sleeves to hold removable posts along Tethering Drove and Hale Purlieu but are awaiting confirmation from the National Trust surveyor.

**24.54 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY (APA) 2024** The APA was held on April 30<sup>th</sup> with a new format and was attended by approx 25 parishioners. HPC will continue to look at new ways to engage parishioners and widen the attendance at the APA.

**24.55 EXTERNAL MEETINGS** - To receive reports from external meetings attended.

*Hale Village Hall Management Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May* – Cllr Kyle attended. Grants have been received to fund works to insulate the ceiling and these works will be carried out in July.

*New Forest Wetlands talk* – Cllr Vickery attended a talk on freshwater wetland habitats within the New Forest ; an information video was shown at the APA.



*NFDC Community Forum* - A forum was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March on Community Resilience; Cllr Donnell and the clerk attended. Cllr Donnell has lead the first Hale PC working group on this topic and has presented the idea to Woodgreen Parish Council with the aim of sharing ideas and resources. A draft of an Emergency and Resilience plan will be put forward in the next few months.

**24.56 STANDARDS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – It was **RESOLVED** that The Standards and Personnel Committee will be represented by Cllrs Gemmell, Lavis and Vickery for 2024/25.

#### **24.57 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following representatives for 2024/25 –

Hale Village Hall – Cllr Kyle

North West Quadrant – Cllr Gemmell and Cllr Lavis

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan – Cllr Vickery

Neighbourhood Tasking Group – Cllr Vickery

Western Escarpment Steering Group – All Councillors (not currently)

Downton Link - A councillor will aim to attend the AGM.

New Forest Association of Local Councils – A councillor will aim to attend the AGM.

#### **24.58 PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following responsibilities for 2024/25.

Footpaths – Cllr Gemmell

Trees – Cllr Gemmell

Finance – Cllr Kyle

Highways – Cllr Gemmell

Commoning – Cllr Vickery

Planning – Cllr Lavis

Cemetery – Clerk will cover the cemetery.

Community and Resilience Planning – Cllr Donnell

#### **24.59 TO RECONFIRM ELIGIBILITY TO CONTINUE THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

Hale Parish Council confirms that it still meets the criteria (At least 2/3 elected members and a qualified clerk) to hold the General Power of Competence.

#### **24.60 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY -**

**BOAT 102/15/1 (Track running from Village Hall to Hale Purlieu)** Permission has now been received to carry out remedial works to the BOAT. HPC are not in a position to go ahead with these work at present but will continue to look for sources of funding.

**BOAT 102/13/1 (Folly Drove)** Some fallen trees are currently blocking this route which will be reported to Hampshire Rights of Way team.

#### **24.61 TO APPROVE THE ASSET REGISTER FOR 2024/25**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the updated Asset Register.

#### **24.62 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS FOR 2023/24.**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts of 2023/24. The income for the year 2023/24 was £18,616.76 and expenditure was £18,322.72.

#### **24.63 TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2023/24.**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the internal audit report and accept the recommendations.

**24.64 TO CERTIFY HALE PARISH COUNCIL AS EXEMPT FROM A LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/24 (AS HALE PARISH COUNCILS GROSS INCOME FOR THE YEAR OR GROSS ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR DID NOT EXCEED £25,000.)**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to certify Hale PC as exempt from a limited assurance review for 2023/24 and the certificate of exemption was signed by the Clerk/ RFO and the Chair.

**24.65 TO APPROVE FORM 2 OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2023/24.**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve Form 2 of the AGAR 2023/24 which was signed by the Clerk/ RFO and the Chair.

**24.66 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE DATES FOR THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHT**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the period for the exercise of public rights which will run from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. The notice will be placed on the website and notice boards.

**24.67 FINANCE**

The Treasurers account balance is currently £7, 372.62 and the Business account balance is £21,389.96.

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

| PAYEE                      | DESCRIPTION                  | AMOUNT  | VAT   | PAYMENT METHOD |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-------|----------------|
| 2023/24                    |                              |         |       |                |
| Cutting Edge               | Cemetery Maintenance - March | £92.50  |       | Bank Transfer  |
| Fordingbridge Town Council | Planning Training            | £33.33  | £6.67 | Bank Transfer  |
| HALC                       | Training Course              | 117.60  |       | Bank Transfer  |
| 2024/25                    |                              |         |       |                |
| Amanda Johnson             | Salary – April and May       | N/A     |       | Standing Order |
| Cutting Edge (Easterbrook) | Cemetery Maintenance         | £185.00 |       | Bank Transfer  |
| HALC                       | Annual Subscription          | £305.00 |       | Bank transfer  |
| Amanda Johnson             | APA costs                    | £10.86  |       | Bank Transfer  |

**24.67.2** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following annual expenses :-

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| ICO Data Protection fee                              | Penon Water bills (Cemetery)           |
| Cutting Edge - Cemetery maintenance                  | Lengthsman expenses                    |
| HALC/NALC subscription                               | Friends of the New forest Subscription |
| WIX - Hosting and domain fees for website            | Laptop virus protection                |
| Hale Village Hall usage fees                         | Payroll fees                           |
| Home working and office expenses                     |  |
| SLCC subscription (shared equally with Woodgreen PC) |  |

**24.68 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.

**For information (circulated)**

11/03/24 NPA – Latest Newsletter

13/03/24 NPA - £1.3 million scheme to restore New Forest Habitats and increase wildlife  
 22/03/24 NPA – Latest newsletter  
 28/03/24 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
 03/04/24 NFDC – Information regarding Solent Freepoint  
 08/04/24 NFDC – NFDC turns 50  
 09/04/24 NFDC – NFDC unveils Corporate Plan 2024-2028.  
 09/04/24 NFDC – Funding available to improve the energy efficiency of New Forest Homes.  
 12/04/24 NFALC – Minutes from meeting on 18/03/24  
 15/04/24 NPA – Call for young community research volunteers.  
 15/04/24 NPA – Call for next New Forest National Park Artists in Residence.  
 18/04/24 Ann Sevier, National Park NW Quadrant Representative – Update from meeting.  
 19/04/24 NPA – Latest newsletter  
 23/04/24 Hants and IOW Policing Team - Cyber Crime

Parishioner emails

23/04/24 Issue regarding using concessionary bus pass on the 44 Salisbury Reds bus.  
 The parishioner has now received a reply from Salisbury Reds.

## 24.69 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

**Full fibre Broadband** – It is not certain if Hale parish has been included in a contract given to Wessex Internet to install full fibre broadband, more information is being sought. Cllr Edward Heron advised at the Annual Parish Assembly that a successor scheme is expected for villages which may have been missed out of contracts but it is not known what this will be or when it will be available. John Mangan has updated all those who previously signed up for the “voucher scheme”. It is possible to register an interest with Wessex Internet– this can be done at [www.wessexinternet.com](http://www.wessexinternet.com).

## 24.70 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 in Hale Village Hall (Downstairs)

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## Magazine article for June 2024

In Westminster Abbey in Poet's Corner is a memorial to Philip Larkin. Inscribed on the memorial are the words:

*"Our almost-instinct almost true:*

*What will survive of us is love"*

They are the last two lines of one of his most famous poems, 'An Arundel Tomb.' The poem was written after visiting Chichester cathedral and seeing the medieval stone effigies of the Earl of Arundel and his second wife Eleanor of Lancaster. The recumbent figures lie side by side with the earl dressed in full armour and Eleanor in long gown, wimple, and veil. The Earl's right hand however is ungloved and, resting lightly upon his hand, is the right hand of Eleanor. It is a poignant scene of sentiment memorialized in stone and it inspired Larkin to reflect on the nature of love. Instinctively we want something of our lives to continue after death but is our instinct true?

On May 8<sup>th</sup> each year the church celebrates the life of the 14<sup>th</sup> century mystic, Julian of Norwich. She lived at the same time as the Earl of Arundel and Eleanor of Lancaster. At the age of 30 she was suffering from what was believed to be a terminal illness. She then experienced a series of visions which persuaded her of the love of God. She recovered and spent the next twenty years writing the first ever book to be written by a woman in the English language. It was called 'Revelations of Divine Love.'

It was Julian who wrote the famous words:

*"All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well."* She expresses her sense of cosmic optimism fully aware of earthly trials and writes elsewhere:

*"If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in the same precious love."*

Julian's faith, hope and love rested in the love of God who she believed held her in being and would continue to do so even through death. Two centuries later the poet John Donne expressed the same faith with the words:

*"Whom God loves he loves to the end. And not only to their own end; to their death but to his end; and his end is, that he might love them still."*

Larkin writes of his own poem, "Love isn't stronger than death just because statues hold hands for six hundred years." Surely, he is right but this Ascensiontide is a time to remember that the last word lies with the living Christ whose dying and rising demonstrates that love is stronger than death and that the empty tomb speaks yet more powerfully than even an Arundel tomb of a love that is eternal.

Canon Nigel Coates

## **Church Services during June**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion @10am** at St Mary's Church, Hale



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion with Café Style Church @ 10am** at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen-a celebration of St Boniface with Mr David Mussell

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Morning Service** for Father's Day @ 10am at St Mary's Church, Hale

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Morning Service@10am @ St Boniface Church, Woodgreen.**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10am-Ordination of Deacons** at Winchester Cathedral-all welcome at this special service when Ruth Crosland will be ordained together with Vicky Semple, new Curate coming to the Parish, alongside other deacons. Transport is being arranged from the Avon Valley Churches, please contact Ruth by June 9th if you would like a seat on the coach. The cost will be approx.. £18

Dep. 8am Return 4.30 approx.

(ruth.crosland@avonvalleychurches.org.uk)

### **Other Events**



Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> Fairtrade Community Coffee Morning @  
St Boniface, Woodgreen from 10.30-12noon.

### **ALSO**

**CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)**-Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm in Woodgreen Village Hall, by kind permission of the Village Hall Committee. Suggested donation of £3 for hot drinks, soup and a roll. 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!

### **AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST..**

Our Fairtrade stock includes favourites like chocolate, socks, coffee etc together with new items such as dung Notebooks, recycled pens, jute bags, earrings and many, many more items, look out for them both at Hale Farmer's Markets and at our Fairtrade Coffee mornings

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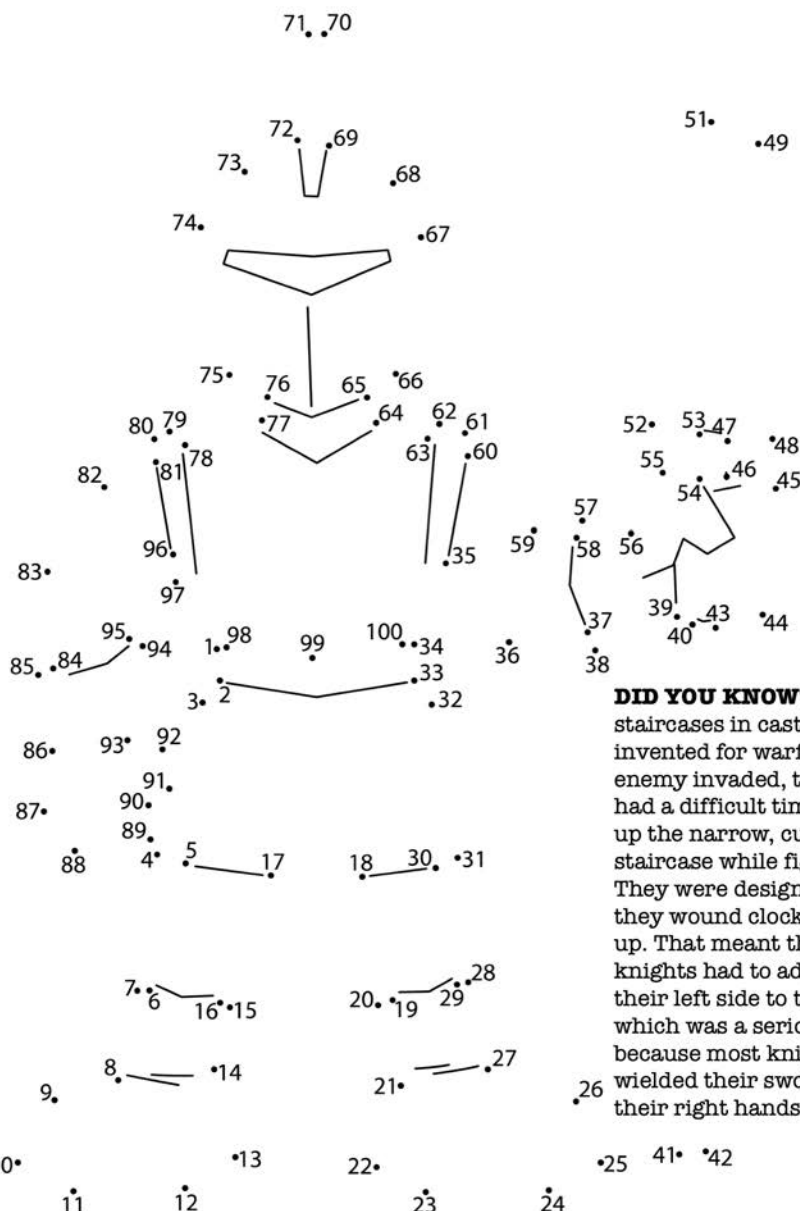
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