

JUNE 2025

BENTWORTH, LASHAM, AND SHALDEN PARISH MAGAZINE

**St. Mary's Bentworth; St. Mary's Lasham;
St. Peter and St. Paul Shalden**

Dear Friends

Happy Birthday!

I wonder how you like to celebrate your birthday? Quality time with loved ones, delicious food and drink, beautiful flowers, presents - these are just a few of the ways people like to celebrate. I wonder which of these might play a part in your next birthday celebration on June 8th?

June 8th this year is Pentecost Sunday, the birth-day of the Church. It's OUR birthday! The very first Pentecost Sunday is described for us in the Bible, in the book of Acts chapter 2. Luke describes how Jesus' disciples had gathered together in Jerusalem during the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Jerusalem was crowded with Jews from all over the Roman Empire who had gathered to celebrate the bringing of the wheat harvest to the Temple. In contrast, Jesus' disciples were gathered together to wait.

After Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, He had appeared to them many times over a period of several weeks. Then, just as He was about to go back to His Father in heaven, He instructed them, 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised'.

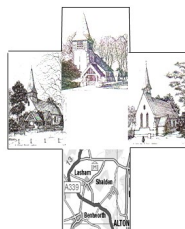
On Pentecost Sunday their patient waiting was rewarded as tongues of fire appeared to touch them and they began to speak in other tongues. The gift had arrived, the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. The noise they made drew a crowd who were amazed to find the disciples praising God in many languages from across the Roman world. Peter went out and preached to the crowd and three thousand people were converted. The Church had been born!

So this Pentecost, let's remember who we really are - not the combination of fine buildings, fine music and fine liturgy - the combination of ordinary people filled with God's Holy Spirit, sent out by Him to continue His ministry to a needy world.

What will we do to celebrate?

Yours, Revd Wendy Burnhams

(Focal Minister for All Saints, Alton)



THE VILLAGER

the editor

Please send copy for the **July** Magazine to the Editor, or your via your Village Correspondent **by noon on Wednesday 11th June.**

Again, lots going on, do look at the Events pages, and the posters. The Library continues to provide several opportunities to learn interesting things. Do look.

Apologies to Medstead WI that their May VE Day celebration pictures are on page 24, and not with the meeting report, and editorial mishap.

Donations: Many thanks to Mary Hart, Shalden, for her annual gift to the Villager. As always, much appreciated.

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JUNE

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BENTWORTH

BENTWORTH CARE GROUP

Jackie Crawford

The members on duty for medical appointments in June are;

Judy Fellingham 07900 168 446; Katy Davis 07879 402 116;
David Eyre-Brook 07702 492 509 (not available 13th - 20th)
Jan Beaumont 07786 102 191 (covering 13th - 20th)

We are also happy to pick up prescriptions or do shopping for those unable to do so themselves.

THE MUCK IN COFFEE MORNING

We are back every week, now the May Bank Holidays have come and gone (unless you're reading this before May 26th!) So come and join us on a Monday morning – great way to start the week – between 10.30 and 11.30am, in Parsonage Farm Barn. Transport can be arranged for you.



BENTWORTH VILLAGE FETE

Charlie Phillips

5th July 2pm – 5pm

Come and enjoy the fun!

The Bentworth Village Fete is being held on Saturday 5th July and starts at 2pm. It is being held on St Mary's School field and in the adjacent Jubilee Hall.

There will plenty on offer to entertain all, including traditional stalls such as a coconut shy, tombola's, bottle and produce stalls, raffles, glitter tattoos as well as silent auctions, local crafts, fun dog show, ice creams and more.

We are delighted that Knickerbocker Glory Appalachian Dancers will be joining us this year. They are a local group performing fun and lively dances to a live band.

Visitors won't go hungry as there will be a BBQ, traditional teas and a Pimm's bar and beer tent.

PLEASE BRING CASH!

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

BENTWORTH FETE BOTTLE STALL

Victoria Eyre-Brook

Thanks to all the generous donations last year, the bottle stall raised over £800. I'm hoping to beat that this year!

I will be coming round to collect bottles on Saturday 7th June and I'll come around again on the 21st for anyone I missed.

If you'd like to drop your donations to 1 Well Cottage, Well Lane please feel free to do so, if you could label them with your address that would be helpful so I know that I don't need to call on you

Thank you all, Victoria

Richard Hill



Bentworth Cricket Club is looking for new members to join the team. We play in the lower reaches on the Hampshire Leagues with fixtures played on Saturday afternoon, always enjoying a friendly and yet competitive standard. Outdoor nets during the Summer months will be arranged for Thursday evenings at the ground on Holt End Lane, typically followed by a visit to our second home, The Sun Inn.

All enquiries welcomed, pls contact any of the following to register interest

Richard Hill - 07887 821326

David Mitten - 07866 900992

Jack Boorman - 07925 545766

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LASHAM

LASHAM SUMMER EVENT

Jane Tobias & Sally Edward

– we're having a Hoedown!

Saturday 21st June 5.30pm onward

LASHAM VE DAY COMMEMORATION

Simon Handcock

On VE Day St. Mary's joined in with other churches throughout the land in ringing its bell at 6.30pm as was done 80 years ago.



On Saturday 10th May, Frances and Richard kindly invited Lasham residents to join them on the green by St Mary's church at 5pm to commemorate 80 years since the end of the war in Europe.

Rob and Caroline made a postbox topper to remember the various armed forces, which was much appreciated particularly by the several ex-military men amongst the group including Mark who wore many badges representing his military career and a medal ribbon from the Falklands.



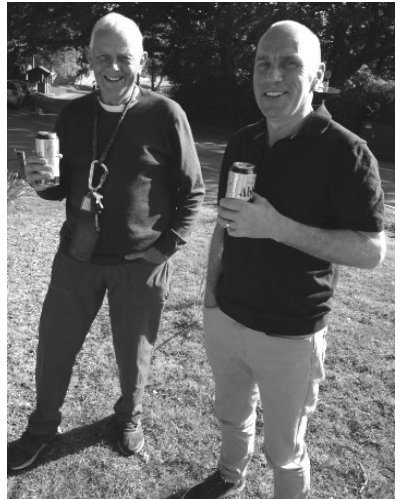
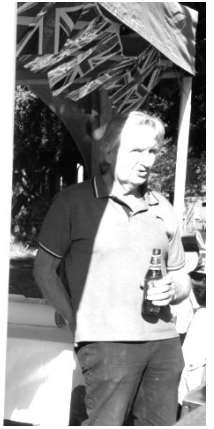
Bubbly and beer was provided by Frances and Richard as well as contemporary music from the 1940's to set the mood. Sandra

provided some delicious savoury snacks and Sarah some lovely biscuits that were gratefully received. We could not have asked for more beautiful weather and there was a very large turnout. It was a great atmosphere with lots of chatter and renewing acquaintances.



Thank you Frances and Richard for organising this and going to so much trouble it was a special evening.





SHALDEN



A Call to Arms!

Your support for our last fete in June 2024 enabled Shalden to donate a £4000 to local worthy causes.

You can help our volunteer stallholders run a successful fete once again this year by delivering items or contacting them ideally well before Saturday 14th June so that they can be ready for the fete on Sunday 15th.

Books: 'Good as New' books for all ages can be delivered to Tim Gordon-Jones at Horsley, Southwood Road, Shalden. Contact: 07771 862 890 or e-mail timgj@hotmail.com

Bottle stall: Bottles (full!) for the bottle tombola would be very much be appreciated. Please leave them with Bernard Dunk at Springfield in Southwood Road, or with Loraine Champness at The Old Cottage (next to the church). To arrange collection please call Bernard Dunk on 01420 88049, or Loraine Champness on 01420 541414

Cakes & Preserves: Shalden fete is renowned for the range of these delicious home-made items provided by the villagers for the fete. For further information please call Wai-man O'Connell on 07990 971515 or waiman_oconnell@yahoo.co.uk

Dog Show: After the last entertainment (especially for the dogs), Ian Wigg and Jenny Hales have kindly offered their services this year and we look forward to a good turn-out from our 4 footed friends and their handlers, with a chance to win the **Dawkins Cup** this year at a fete venue for all to enjoy.

The schedule will be available shortly for this entertaining event for all the family, 4 legs or 2! To ensure that we can manage this event appropriately, entries will be limited to a total of 25 dogs and their handlers. **Please confirm your interest now** with Ian on 07767 T244950 or e-mail ian.wigg@32barncroft.co.uk to avoid disappointment.

Plants: Potted up and labelled plants and shrubs are needed – even just one plant would be warmly welcomed! Please deliver your plants **before** Saturday 15th June to Frances Anderson at Stonewall, Old Odiham Rd for those on the Old Odiham Road side of the village and to Helen Hilditch at The Cottage on Southwood Road, opposite the Village Hall.

Delayed contributions may be made on Saturday 14th by bringing them round to the lawn outside the gardener's cottage at Shalden Park Steading (offices entrance where James can take care of them overnight. For any further information please contact Frances on 07720 412101 or email fhanderson@gmail.com or Helen on 07947 8814464 or e-mail helen_hilditch@hotmail.com

Raffle : This is always a popular stall, and we would much appreciate any donations for:

- a) luxury food and drink hamper, (in date items please!!!!)
- b) gardening tools, seeds, gloves etc hamper
- c) beauty products, toiletries etc hamper

Contacts: Jane Shirvell 07879 494180 or Kirsty Ennever and Michele Rankin

Toys: Any donations of childrens toys, board games & maybe DVDs (remember those) to Cressida Mizen at Aylesfield Farm House (across from the Golden Pot crossroads, up the Froyle Road a little and on the left). To arrange collection please call Cressida on 07939 505727 / cressmizen@gmail.com

The Children's Competition: This year the Shalden Beehive will be organising a decorated bookmark competition for the Campbell Cup. There are 3 classes for entry for any children in the villages aged 3 and under, 4-6 and 7-11 years old. Ages 12 to Adult can enter just for fun!

All bookmarks and paint will be provided. Entry fees for all are £3, with only one entry permitted per competitor.

Trophies will be awarded for each class with the **Campbell Cup** presented to the best in show, taking into account the ages of the talented artists.

For further information please contact: beehiveatshalden@gmail.com

Unwanted Gifts: This popular stall will be back again this year. To donate UG's, if possible, in their original condition and packaging, please drop them round to Mark Ommanney at Court in Southwood Road. You can contact Mark on 07774-164669 or at mark@ommanney.com

For further information about this year's fete or ideas for donation to local worthy causes please contact any of the committee members:

Chairman: Peter Rankin. Secretary: Alex Gordon Jones, Treasurer: Nathalie Fordham,

Committee Members: Ian Champness, Sue Cripps, Ian Todd.

St PETER & St PAUL GUILD OF MARTHA

Kirsty Ennever

June

7 Jane Shirvell / Lin Baxter
14 Karen Saponaro / Lynne Hignett
21 Michele Rankin / Kirsty Ennever
28 Rozanne Wilson / Rosalind Ommanney

July

5 Jane Shirvell / Lin Baxter
12 Karen Saponaro / Lynne Hignett
19 Michele Rankin / Kirsty Ennever
26 Rozanne Wilson / Rosalind Ommanney

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GENERAL INTEREST

WILD LIFE

Diana Tennyson

Sycamore Gap tree: I make no apologies for mentioning this tree again. The trial of the two men accused of felling it continues at the time of writing, and I receive messages from residents about its progress. The tree was truly magnificent and took well over a century to grow, but just a few minutes to cut down. It was also globally renowned, standing at the end of the Roman frontier in northern England, and had been featured in countless films, photographs and paintings.

Sadly, overnight on 27 September, 2023, someone chopped it down under cover of darkness, and this caused 'international outrage and condemnation'. Over the last week we have heard details of the trial of two men accused of felling it. Both deny being involved despite a video lasting over two minutes being found on one of the accused's phones. Both men deny criminal damage to the tree and to Hadrian's Wall, but the real damage is also inflicted on all the people who loved the tree, and came to the spot to take pictures of memorable family events.

Tree felling for development: Trees, especially mature trees, absorb a great deal of water. A large, mature tree can consume 8 hundreds of gallons of water every day

depending on the tree species, size and other conditions. They absorb water through their roots and use it for photosynthesis and transpiration. A 100 foot tall mature tree can consume more than 11,000 gallons of water in a single growing season, according to a report from the Department of Forestry. This varies of course, depending on rainfall, the temperature and wind which will influence the amount of water a tree needs and absorbs.

Photosynthesis: A small percentage (approx. 5 per cent) of the water a tree absorbs is used to manufacture sugars for the tree's food.

The majority of the water (approx. 95 per cent) is released back into the atmosphere through the leaves in the form of water vapour, a process called transpiration. This is a crucial part of the water cycle.

Take a look at *the root system of a mature Copper Beech at Chawton's Recreation Ground!* Anyone felling a mature tree for the purpose of gaining planning permission for a development should remember that this could backfire. There has for example been so much flooding in Alton Lane, Four Marks, that planning officers are actively discouraging



developers from accessing developments via Alton Lane. Flooding was a major issue at Four Marks Primary School in February, and I highlighted the problem in my April article. We had little rain by comparison during April and the ground began to dry out. However, when this happens it is more difficult for the ground to absorb water. It runs straight over the land, and straight downhill as it frequently does in Alton Lane causing a major problem at Five Cross Roads and the Primary School.

Wildlife Corridor: *The wildlife or ecology corridor at Holland Drive, Medstead, Azalea estate, has done exceptionally well. It runs from the entrance at Boyneswood Road along Holland Drive, to Wakes Close (a small development of nine dwellings constructed by Imperial Homes). I donated primroses and cowslips last year, but was delighted to hear that the developer had supplied seeds to enhance the area. When they dug out the drain, resident Lorraine Potter, worked with the site manager to add some top soil, and they watered it all summer to help establish the seedlings. Trinity, the maintenance company, also paid for spring bulbs. Then a hedgehog house was delivered, and three more trees have also been planted, so the area is becoming very wildlife friendly.*



Nesting birds: Again this year Lorraine has been very successful with her nesting birds. Her garden pergola also provides a sheltered home for three Blackbird fledglings. I have received some lovely pictures of the fledglings being fed by the parent birds which I am again sharing with readers. *See end of article for pictures*

Attention, Brown-Tail Moth: This is the time of year for the Brown-tail Moth caterpillars to appear. We are advised to avoid contact with these caterpillars. They have been

over-wintering in the silken 'tents' you often see on bushes and other plants. The caterpillar is brown with red and white markings, and is very hairy. The hairs provide the moth with protection during its life cycle. The hairs also break off as barbs and contact with your skin can cause rashes, skin irritation, and headaches and breathing difficulties.

After accidental contact you should wash your hands in soapy water and clear your eyes with an eyewash. It is important to seek medical advice if symptoms are severe or persist.

Wildflower Verge (Pooks Hill): Again wild flowers have been spectacular on this verge this spring. It has been full of primroses and anemones. The verge is also important for our rare orchid, the violet helleborine. Information and photographs have been forwarded to Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) so the verge can officially become a road verge of ecological importance (RVEI) and so that white posts can be installed when they become available. I have written to Nicky Court (HBIC Manager) and Tony Mundell (BSBI) Recorder. I have now heard back from Sarah Callegari, Acting HBIC Manager, who will conduct a survey.

Pooks Hill is also important historically as the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce, Mildred Mary Petre, once lived here. She was a famous motorist, speedboat racer, aviator and businesswoman. She was the first woman to fly around the world (not over oceans) solo. There is a memorial to Mrs. Victor Bruce at Golders Green Crematorium in London. Her friend Amy Johnson, also a famous aviator who was the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia, used to visit her at Pooks Hill. Amy would take off and land in the field adjacent to the bungalow.



Blackbird fledglings



EVENT REPORTS

ALTON CHORAL SOCIETY GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT Raises nearly £500 for Médecins Sans Frontières

Patrick Busby



Alton Choral society gave it's annual 'Reflective Music for Good Friday' concert at the Alton Methodist Church on 18th April. The concert raised nearly £500 for the vital humanitarian work carried out by Médecins Sans Frontières in more than 70 countries around the globe.

The choir directed by Wendy Busby and accompanied by Jane Palmer, gave a moving performance of excerpts from 'The Path of the Soul', a cantata by choir member and local composer Jenny Bateman to a large appreciative audience.

There were also accomplished solo performances by Soprano Alison Crow singing 'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth' by G.F. Handel and Wendy Busby accompanied by her husband Patrick performed 'Merciful God', also by Handel and Bach's Aria 'If Thou Art Near'.

Alton Choral Society's next concert will be at 7pm on Saturday 28th June in Alton Methodist Church. As the concert falls at the end of Alton's Regency Week, and there is much excitement over Jane Austen's 250th anniversary we will also perform music Jane could have listened to at that time.

We are always looking for new members to join our friendly choir. No auditions are necessary, but a basic knowledge of reading music is recommended and a love of making music absolutely essential!

We rehearse at the Salvation Army Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7.45pm.

For more details, please check out our website: <https://www.altonchoral.org.uk/>

If you are interested in joining us, please come along to one of our rehearsals and contact our secretary at welcome@altonchoral.org.uk, or call Wendy Busby: 07715 771489.

MEDSTEAD MUSIC RECITAL

Patrick Busby

Raises over £900 for Worthy Causes

On Saturday 26th April, eleven talented musicians delighted a large appreciative audience with a wide variety of music ranging from Handel to a recently composed duet by our local composer Jenny Bateman.

The first half of the concert opened with a rousing rendition of Irving Berlin's 'There's no Business Like Show Business' sung by all the performers.

Alison Crow gave an evocative performance of Grieg's beautiful Solveig's Song by Edward Grieg.

We also enjoyed a most beautiful performance of Handel's Ombra Mai Fu sung by Annabel Lofthouse.

We were very fortunate to have three flautists from Alton Concert Band amongst our performers. The first flute number was Widor's Romance Op 34, beautifully played by Kathy Starkey.

The audience were also treated to 2 contrasting piano duets. Firstly, a very atmospheric performance of 2 movements from Ravel's Mother Goose Suite (performed to commemorate the 150-year anniversary of his birth) was expertly performed by Pande Shahov and Patrick Busby. The first half concluded with an ingenious piano duet arrangement of the romantic and very popular Adagio from Rachmaninoff's 2nd piano concerto, beautifully performed by Jenny Griffiths and Patrick Busby.

After a short interval the second half commenced with Schubert's masterpiece: 'The Shepherd on The Rock' – a song arranged for soprano, flute and piano. This was expertly performed by Lorna Silvester on the flute and Wendy Busby soprano.

John lofthouse followed this with an amazing virtuoso rendition of The Lord Chancellor's Song from Iolanthe by Gilbert and Sullivan hugely appreciated by the audience.

In complete contrast we then had 'Dawn of Peace', a beautiful duet for 2 flutes expertly performed by Lorna Silvester and Maureen Veigh.

Next came local composer Jenny Batemen's duet Roses sung most sensitively and skilfully by Jeremy Griggs and Wendy Busby.

Chopin's virtuoso 1st Ballade followed played with great feeling and accuracy by Patrick Busby. This piece was made famous in the epic film 'The Pianist' about a musician surviving against all the odds in Poland in the 2nd World War.

The concert ended with all the musicians singing a stirring rendition of The Eton Boating Song.

The concert raised over £900 split between The Kathryn's Mercy Home 'KMH' Charity and funds for a much-needed lifesaving new defibrillator for Medstead.

KMH provides support and education to children and their families from some of the most disadvantaged communities in South India.

For more information and how to support this charity please visit: <https://www.kmhuk.org/>



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EVENTS TO COME

THE CURTIS MUSEUM AND ALLEN GALLERY

Jill Line

OPENING TIMES Tuesday to Sunday Curtis 10am – 4.30pm. Allen 10.30 – 4pm

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

JUNE EVENTS at the ALLEN GALLERY

JANE AUSTEN 250.

Throughout Alton's Regency Week (20-29 June) we are thrilled to be displaying an original silk "pelisse" coat, one of few surviving items that belonged to Jane Austen.

Donated by a descendant of Jane Austen and now in the collections cared for by Hampshire Cultural Trust, the author's silk pelisse coat is one of a handful of items surviving today that belonged to Jane and can be traced directly back to her.

Talk: Jane's Silk Pelisse 25 June, 3.00pm (1 hour)

by **Dr Alex Walker** of Hampshire Wardrobe on the process of making a replica costume item.

One of the most precious items in Hampshire Cultural Trust's collection is a beautiful brown silk Pelisse, which once belonged to Jane Austen. The team at Hampshire Wardrobe have been hard at work creating a replica of the pelisse, doing as much as possible by hand, and discovering the good, the bad, and the ugly of Regency outerwear.

Join Dr Alex Walker as she introduces you to the replica, explains exactly what a pelisse is, and tells the story of how Jane's came to be in the care of HCT.

Regency Pastimes and tea in the garden.

Wednesday 25th June. 12.30 till 4pm.

Gallery tours at 3pm and 4pm FREE.

Snowdrop Pottery (see below) will run a slip-casting workshop.

Dancing Girls in the Gallery Garden.



Exhibition/Classes

Lisa Stevenson Ceramics (Snowdrop Studio, Medstead)

Lisa's exhibition will include a "work in progress" residency. Sculpted pots will be made and displayed at the Gallery.

There will be workshops and demos on Saturdays, including special activities for Alton's Regency Week. Subjects included will be - Pinch pots, Coil pots, surface design and Lucie Rie influences.

Lisa will run a morning demonstration on Saturdays 7, 14, 21 and 28 June, 11.30 -12.30.

Followed by pottery classes the same afternoons from 1.30 - 3pm. Book through our website

CURTIS MUSEUM

TRAILS. There will be Jane Austen/Regency themed trails in both venues, including one based round Jane Austen's landscape and the animals she referred to in her writings.

NEW BOOK. Jane Austen: Family Connections with Alton & Chawton, by Jane Hurst.

This is a timely publication in the year of general JA celebrations. It consists of articles Jane Hurst wrote for the *Jane Austen Society Annual Reports*.

You can read about different local families who were involved with aspects of Austen life; descriptions of the background events in the area such as Christmas "Goodying" in Chawton; about the last years and death of Cassandra, Jane's beloved sister.

Price £3 at the Curtis Museum.

DOLLS HOUSE DAY AT THE ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Jill Line

SATURDAY 19 JULY 2025



This year's Dolls House Day will be supporting Dementia-friendly Alton in the Alton Assembly Rooms. There will be dolls houses large and small for children to play with, along with various activities for them to enjoy. Dementia-friendly Alton will be offering handmade and pre-loved items for sale.

We are pleased to announce North East Hants Miniatures Group and Kennet Miniaturists will be joining us. In addition, there will be local exhibitors to support the day's activities. The café will be open for refreshments.

This event will be attractive to all those interested in dolls houses and accessories. For more information please contact Assembly Rooms 01420 551455 or email:

dementia_friends@btinternet.com.

All money raised at this event will be used to continue delivering a range of support sessions and services for people living with dementia and their carers.

Dementia-friendly Alton acknowledges the support of The Vintage Cupboard, Four Marks, Alton. www.thevintagecupboard.co.uk, Alton Town Council and the Historical Society.

Event Details: Date/Time: Saturday 19 July 2025, from 10.00am until 4pm

Location: Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1BA

Admission: Free entry. Donations welcomed.



**LUMINOSA
VOICES**

LUMINOSA

Mary Desmond

Luminosa Chamber Voices is delighted to announce an enchanting evening of choral music. It takes place on **June 21st at 6pm**, in the lovely Church of the Holy Rood in Holybourne.

This performance will feature a selection of beloved English and French choral works, promising a rich and diverse musical experience, presented as **"Music for a Midsummer Evening"**.

The programme includes Anton Bruckner's serene and spiritually uplifting *Locus Iste*, Edward Elgar's *As Torrents in Summer*. Additionally, the evening will have in its programme, works by Vilette and Messiaen, pieces from Howard Goodall's *Eternal Light*, and Stainer's *God so loved the World*.

So come and enjoy some beautiful music on the very evening of the Summer Solstice 2025.

THE SCREEN BY THE GREEN, BEECH

Joanna Curtis

Friday 6th June **National Theatre Live: *A Streetcar Named Desire* (15)**

7pm (Doors 6:30pm) Beech Village Hall

Bookings: beechvillage.org.uk/events

Friday 13th June ***A Complete Unknown* (15)**

7:30pm (Doors 6:45pm) Beech Village Hall

Bookings: beechvillage.org.uk/events

From Southern Heat to Dylan's Cool

The British summer can be unpredictable, but the Screen by the Green has it covered with two unmissable June screenings: National Theatre Live's ***A Streetcar Named Desire*** and the Bob Dylan biopic, ***A Complete Unknown***.

At 7pm on Friday 6th June, raw passion erupts in steamy New Orleans as Gillian Anderson delivers the performance of her career in Tennessee Williams' haunting masterpiece. A theatrical landmark that simmers with brutal intensity.

Then at 7:30pm of Friday 13th June, cool counterculture comes alive as Timothée Chalamet transforms into Bob Dylan, charting his electrifying journey from Minnesota to Greenwich Village in this complex and convincing portrait.

From Southern heat to Dylan's cool – experience them both in the warmth of a June evening in Beech!

Cabaret-style seating, licensed bar and free parking. Fully accessible venue. Tickets: Streetcar £12/£14, A Complete Unknown £6.50/£7

Booking recommended: beechvillage.org.uk/events

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CLUBS

ALTON

EVERYONE CAN “LEARN, LAUGH & LIVE”

Denise Backhouse

A BIT MORE WITH ALTONu3a THIS YEAR!

With over 700 members we are probably Alton's largest “club” – and yet most locals still don't know who we are!? The “University of the Third Age” movement was started by Prof Pierre Vellas in Toulouse in 1973, with most groups associated with a local university ... but in 1981 the concept reached the UK where its nature was radically changed to become more of a self-help organisation: and in 2020 the UK re-branded to “u3a” to encompass many more non-academic activities. The UK network now has over 1,000 “clubs”, and total membership is around 400,000. Each u3a is an independent, self-financing and self-managing charity, run by volunteers.

Here in Altonu3a we now have over 75 different groups & activities available including art & crafts; movement from Line-dancing to Latin; literary, history & other study groups; music-making & appreciation; backgammon & other table-top games; out-door activities such as bird-watching & rambling; purely social events; and monthly talks, concerts and outings. Or with our help you can start the group you would like to be in?!

And an annual membership for all this only costs £10 - £65 (depending on the frequency and location of the activities you choose). Meetings are nearly all in central Alton and are accessible to all. So if you would like to meet new people and enjoy new activities; if you would like to share your hobby or subject with others; and/or you would like to set up a new group with friends, Altonu3a is where you need to be!

Altonu3a's new 2025/26 Annual Programme (aka the Blue Book for historical reasons) is published in early July, and will be available online at alton.u3asite.org Alternatively pick up a printed copy from Alton Community Centre (ACC), or the Allen Gallery, the Curtis Museum, the Library or the Assembly Rooms. You can join immediately online or by post; or come to our Registration Day on Saturday 9th August at the ACC where you can meet most of the group coordinators too. There are no age restrictions - but please don't delay as some groups do have limits on their numbers. Honestly, you need never feel lonely or bored again – because we really look forward to you joining us.



ASA

Vanessa MacMahon

Forthcoming Lectures:

Tuesday 10th June: Ian Swankie *The Medieval Guildhall*

In the centre of the City of London stands its ancient headquarters, the medieval Guildhall, one of the capital's hidden gems.

This lecture will be held at Martin Read Hall at Alton College commencing at 7:30pm (doors open 6:45pm) will be the last until September 2025.

Tuesday 9th September 2025: Douglas Skeggs *Prague - The City of the Winter Queen*

MEDSTEAD

HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF WI - MEDSTEAD

Gill Siddall

May is Annual Meeting time in Hampshire WI's and this year the meeting of Medstead WI fell on the same day as the 80th anniversary of VE day.

Members arrived dressed in red, white and blue to a hall looking resplendent in the same colour scheme ready for our very own street party!

The meeting was called to order by the sound of an air raid siren and as Medstead WI had sung 'God Save The King' at their May meeting in 1945 it was sung again.

Two new members were welcomed and the business of the afternoon swiftly dealt with. Members were reminded to submit their photos for the Small Garden Club to be judged in June. WI Advisor Cathy Winter took members through the resolution on 'Bystanders being Lifesavers' and the vote for this was carried in favour.

The finances are in good health and the next programme for 2025/2026 will be available at the June meeting. Some of the annual cups were awarded - Gill Siddall received both the 'Flower of the Month Cup' and the 'Monthly Competition Cup' and Sue Yearley received the 'President's Cup'. The committee for the coming year were elected into place and Pat Lyons will be President for the coming year.

Then it was time to sit and enjoy a wonderful afternoon tea with scones, jam & cream, jelly & ice cream and as much cake as you could possibly eat! Angela Nash had masterminded the afternoon and her organisational skills and attention to detail never fail to impress! A thank you and round of applause was given to Angela to show our appreciation!

At the end of the afternoon 'Pass the Parcel' was played and guess who won the prize? - President Pat receiving a tin of Spam - very 1945! A very happy afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all!

On June 12th members will be enjoying a flower arranging afternoon. New members and visitors are always very welcome, so do come along to Medstead Village Hall at 2pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Pictures on page 24 (with apologies)

HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF WI – ROEDOWNS

Diana Constantine

Our May meeting was the AGM and supper, which was 1940's themed as a celebration for VE Day. Bunting decorated the hall, our posh table cloths covered the tables and members brought along a selection of street party food. Everyone wore dresses along with fancy hats, and enjoyed time to socialise with a glass of Prosecco before the AGM. Jerusalem



was sung heartily then after the official business we ate, chatted and relaxed with a background sound of 1940's music playing during a thoroughly enjoyable evening.



At the end of April we had a lovely evening walk to admire the pretty Bluebells in a Medstead garden and Chawton Wood, followed by a welcome drink at the pub !

Forthcoming meetings

4th June Naomi House & Jacks Place.

2nd July BBQ & Social

6th August Garden visit

12th July Bric a brac stall at Medstead Fete.



Roedowns WI meet in the Wiltshire Room, Medstead Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 19.30hrs. Guest speakers, outings and good company. Tea/coffee, biscuits, raffle and gift voucher prize at each meeting. Visitors and new members are very welcome. Contact Secretary on roedownssec@hampshirewi.org.uk or President Jill Kerr 01420564116.

MEDSTEAD GARDENERS CLUB

Caroline Daniels

'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow' Audrey Hepburn

Our meeting in May welcomed Geoff Peach who came to talk about how 'Flower shows can be Fun! He spoke about his experience as a show judge and what the exhibits need to be to get best in show! He told us an awful lot about shows and went to his first at 23 years old. He looked and thought he could do better and started growing his own. He is accomplished at showing and how to present flowers sometimes using paper in the right vase to get them to stand up. Checking the flower or vegetable is in the right class is very important. Is the vegetable the right length, shape and colour? Geoff felt growing potatoes in a bag was best and cleaning them for a show could be done in a little water and washing up liquid! Make sure the exhibits were of similar size in each category. Always label vegetable varieties on the exhibit and courgettes should have flowers on a stem as well to show you grew them and not from a shop! Stewards at shows give advice and help you understand what needs to be done when showing for best results from judges. Judges will award the prizes. There were lots of great tips and advice and Geoff inspired the club to start showing



May was very dry with lots of sunshine in our gardens. Everything has been blooming but plants now need some rain to sustain them through the summer.

The next meeting is on 3rd June when Geoff Hodge will be talking about 'Fragrantplants and the fragrant garden'

We had a very successful plant sale in the village hall on 17th May. There was a plethora of plants to buy.

June - Gardening Jobs- Pick sweet peas to encourage more blooms. Prune clematis once they have finished flowering. Stake tall perennials. Cut back hardy geraniums after flowering to encourage new flowers. Pinch out side shoots from tomato plants and feed regularly. Start to prune plum and cherry trees. Feed plants in containers to maintain healthy plants and growth.

Everyone is welcome to the meetings. £3 to attend with a maximum of 2 per year or come and join the club!



THE MEDSTEAD PLAYERS

Tania Denise McCullough

Our monthly social evening is on 27th May at 7.30 in the hall. We will be reading a play and discussing the Spring 2026 production. All welcome.

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THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL TRUST CENTRE (NHNTC)

The NHNTC is the local branch of the National Trust. We provide monthly lectures through the Winter and monthly visits to places of interest through the Summer.

At our AGM in April, the programme of visits was presented and discussed.

In May we will be going to Hever Castle in Kent – the 14th century castle which was the childhood home of Ann Boleyn.

In June the outing will be to Kew Gardens. Founded in 1759 these sumptuous gardens remain at the forefront of plant and fungal science and are hugely important for their conservation programmes.

In July we have a double event. We start at Beale Wildlife Park, the home of a wide variety of uncommon and endearing species. In the afternoon we visit the nearby Basildon Park House, a fine 18th dwelling with a chequered past.

In August we have a cream tea and in September we will have a tour of The Wakes, Gilbert White's home in Selborne.

Membership of the NHNTC is just £8/annum for individuals and £13 for couples. Go to <https://nhntc.com> for more information and to join. If you would like a taste of what we offer, please send us a message from the "Contact us" page.

CLUB CONTACTS

Medstead Bowls: Secretary Gill Moore 01420 563139 gillianmoore@yahoo.co.uk

Medstead Players: Tania McCullough chairman@medsteadplayers.co.uk
or Secretary Julia Halls 07747 665 968 ; or publicity@medsteadplayers.co.uk

Medstead Tennis: www.medsteadtennisclub.org.uk

Alton Rotary: Roy Roberts 07768 070 572 Mike 07808 093 953

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REGULAR FEATURES



Tim Gordon-Jones

It was a little too cold to inspect the colonies at the weekend, so I've had to delay a few days.

If the hive is opened when cold, it may damage the brood as they need to be kept at 35°C. The smallest colony is building up slowly, but making honey, the middle colony is doing very well and has a super full of dry (capped) honey ready to take off and another super almost full, but largely wet, (uncapped). The last colony (i.e. furthest away) also has two supers full, but wet. Wet honey cannot be harvested as it will breed bacteria that can be harmful. The bees will dry it, using the warmth from the brood chamber, and cap it off with wax when dry. I hope to have enough honey to extract at the end of May, or early June, ready for sale at the village fete.

The last and biggest colony has multiple swarm cells. A swarm cell is constructed when there is an overabundance of bees in the hive, and they need to swarm to create more room. It looks a little like a peanut shell and appears on the edges of the brood frames. The old queen leaves with part of the colony to find a new home. The new queen from the swarm cell stays to look over the rest of the colony.

A supersedure cell is where the current queen is not doing her part in the hive and therefore the hive creates a new queen to take, or supersede, her place. Multiple queens will fight to the death to rule the colony. The current queen is quite old so I'm happy to have a new queen, even though it will mean the loss of many bees and some honey. Also, when a colony has decided it needs to swarm it is very difficult to persuade it otherwise.

With warmer weather on the way I'm hoping the smaller colony will pick up, and the larger one will swarm and recovery quickly. Now that I have pretty full colonies, I'm not that interested in collecting swarms. However, I will collect if they are in an awkward position – 07771-862-890.

COUNTRY MATTERS: Lambing Report

Julian Lewis

The weather has been wonderful with sunny days that are warm unless the wind is blowing which seems to come from the north east. The lack of rainfall is great unless you are a farmer or gardener but I think all of us enjoy blue skies and clear nights. The rainfall has been minimal - 99mm (4 ins) in February, 8.5 mm (0.34 ins) in March, 24.5 mm (0.99 ins) in April and nothing to measure yet in May. A total of 132 mm (5.34ins) in 3 months or 44 mm a month. The rolling 12 month rainfall has dropped from 52ins a year in January to 41.8 ins at the end of April – by the end of May it will probably be much lower. The winds I mentioned have quickly evaporated any rain that has fallen. The ground is dry and plants will be under stress and yields in the fields or gardens will be reducing unless irrigated. However, most plants will survive and watering will not make much difference but will deplete the water reserves. The south of England is drier than many Mediterranean and even African countries. This is especially true when the UK population density is considered – lots of people and not much rain. The Government plans to build hundreds of thousands of new houses seems to ignore the fact that each extra resident will have a water need and nothing is being done to increase the water supply – to my mind that is a policy for a crisis in the near future.

Lambing had just begun when I wrote the May edition of Country Matters. The end of term report is as follows – all went well with 22 out of 23 ewes producing lambs. There are 3 sets of triplets, 6 singles and the rest are twins so 41 lambs running around. Not one lamb has died which was a great result – but a long way to go before they are sold. I was only required to lamb 2 ewes – one who had a breech lamb (coming backwards) and another that had 2 large lambs and she seemed to be struggling so I helped.

The majority of lambs are born front feet first with the head tucked between the front legs. As soon as the mouth appears the lamb can start breathing assuming that mucus is not blocking the airways. When a breech birth with the back feet coming first the lamb will usually be ok so long as it is born quickly – if slow the lamb can suffocate because the head and mouth is the last to emerge into the air. If a breech birth and the back legs are under the body – effectively bum first delivery – it can become very tight and assistance is needed to get the lamb out quickly by pushing the lamb forwards in to the womb space and then finding the back feet and pulling them out first. Unsurprisingly the rest follows once the feet and legs reach the outside world. Usually, the lambs will be able to stand within a few minutes – sometimes almost immediately which is pretty amazing.

The ewes will be shorn in the next few weeks and all sheep will then be treated with a spray to protect them against fly strike. This is a particularly nasty problem if it occurs – flies lay eggs in the fleece and these quickly develop into maggots which burrow into the flesh. It is easy to prevent with the spray and even organically farmed sheep have a derogation to use this treatment. The traditional way to prevent this problem was to dip the sheep but that is rarely used these days and the most effective active ingredient (chemical) which was used is no longer approved.

I am writing this on 12th May – if we don't receive a good volume of rain soon I would expect the combines to be starting to cut the early crops by the end of June – just 6 weeks away. Grain prices are very low at present – for harvest between now and September around £165 tonne for wheat – and even November offers are below £200 tonne for feed wheat. Without a better return more land will be rested or built upon – there is no point in producing food which has a negative financial outcome – until the laws of supply and demand push prices up again. The EU and UK Government support which farmers used to receive effectively enabled food production to continue despite the market fluctuations – but that protection has gone and the incentive to invest for the future of businesses and the environment.

Back to sheep – the lambs are very playful and amusing to watch. I have taken some mobile phone videos of them playing and will send a couple to John Stockdale to circulate on the Bentworth village email system for anyone interested to download and watch.



Broadlands

Equine Therapy & RDA



Kim Ottridge

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, 26th April highlighted our achievements and future plans.

The new Constitution was approved. Tony Williams stepped down as Chair after two years and was thanked for his dedicated service. Anne Tomlinson was elected as the new Chair, while Tony remains a trustee to assist with site maintenance. Anne looks forward to leading our diverse and collaborative team of trustees, each contributing unique expertise.

The Charity remains in capable hands as we move forward and continue celebrating our 70th Anniversary Year. Our ponies are all in good health and continue to support our participants, who eagerly attend their weekly lessons. The ponies have also enjoyed some rest over the Easter and May Day holidays. Mondays are typically busy as we welcome children from several local schools.

We are now finalizing the details for our **Open Day on Saturday, 19th July**. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for our participants to showcase their progress to their families, friends, and the local community. It is also an occasion for visitors to meet our remarkable ponies and see the beautiful surroundings they inhabit. Everyone is welcome, and there will be ample tea, coffee, cake, and a BBQ running throughout the day. Additional attractions include side shows, a fun dog show, and a hobby horse obstacle course.

We look forward to welcoming you warmly between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Starting on 18th May, our volunteer team will be present at local fetes and fairs, beginning with the Watercress Festival in Alresford. This will be followed by the Ropley Pram Race, Medstead Fete, and the Alresford Show. If you attend any of these events, please come and meet Kingsley, our miniature Shetland pony, and learn more about Broadlands.



Tickets are still available for the Summer Party, it is all set to be a fun night!



See all the Future Events in the poster section pages 32,41, and 43 for fundraising.

HAMPSHIRE FARMERS MARKETS

Alton Saturday 14th June

Sunday 1st	Petersfield	Sunday 1st	Romsey
Sunday 8th	Winchester	Sunday 15th	Alresford
Sunday 15th	Southsea	Saturday 21st	Emsworth Summer Festival
Saturday 28th	Ringwood	Sunday 29th	Winchester

Markets open 10am until 2pm except Winchester which opens at 9am.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ALTON LIBRARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9.30am to 1.30pm	9.30am to 5pm	Closed	9.30am to 5pm	9.30am to 5pm	9.30am to 5pm

See all the Course information on pages 27, 30 and 36.

BUS TIMETABLE run by Cresta Coaches of Alresford (01962 773236) only on Tuesdays and Fridays (NOT Saturdays) - **SERVICE 208**

Alton High Street	9.35	11.35	13.35
Beech Well House Road	9.43	11.43	13.43
Medstead War Memorial	9.49	11.49	13.49
Bentworth The Star	9.55	11.55	13.55
Alton High Street	10.09	12.09	



You are invited to

ANNA CHAPLAINCY

Summer Event

Strawberry Cream Tea & Cakes

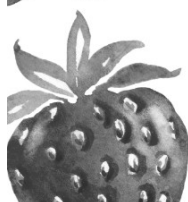
Wednesday 11th June

2-4pm

At Alton Methodist Church

With Craft, singing, hand massage,
tea and lots of time to talk.

We look forward to welcoming you.



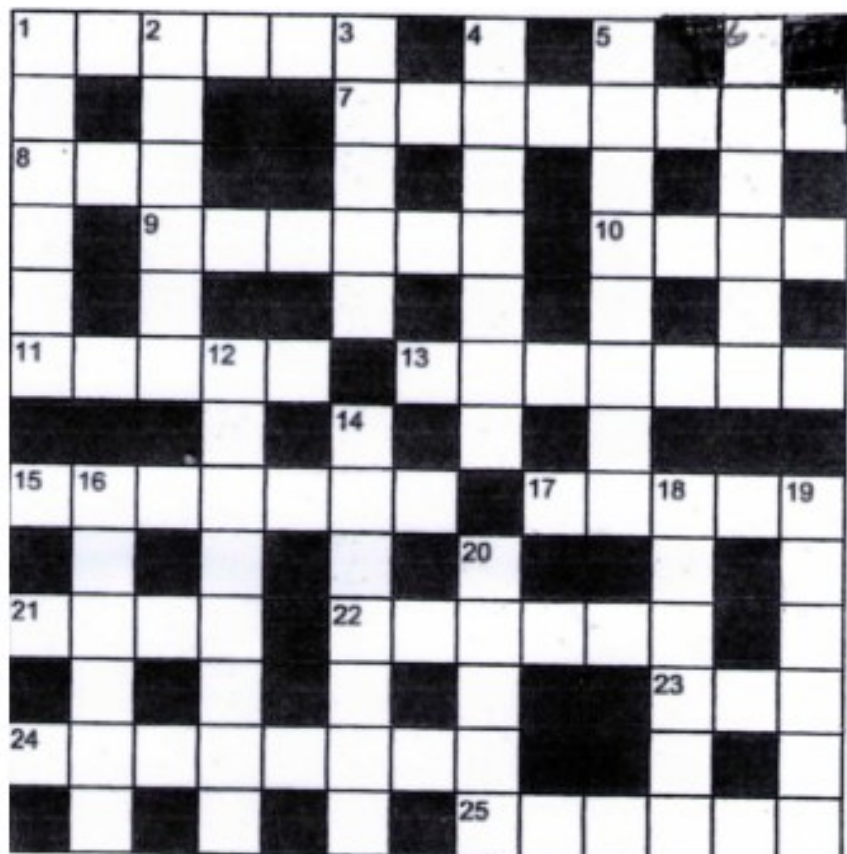
Pictures of Medstead WI May Meeting & VE Day Celebration



At the end of the afternoon 'Pass the Parcel' was played and guess who won the prize? - President Pat receiving a tin of Spam - very 1945! A very happy afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all!



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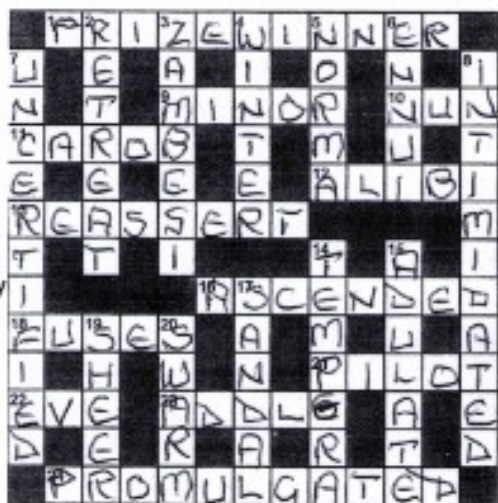


Clues Across

1. Sewing Tool
7. Rubbish!
8. Contend
9. Latest
10. Level
11. Cancel
13. Allows
15. Knead
17. Love
21. Vent
22. Battle
23. High Card
24. Imaginary Evil Place
25. Echo

Clues Down

1. US State
2. Nevertheless
3. Come in
4. Made with wool
5. Reclaimed
6. Facet
12. Esteems
14. Breakfast Crockery
16. Soothes
18. Scale (Music)
19. Result
20. Daub



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Mindful Sculpture for Improvers
Alton Library

Fridays 6 - 27 June 1pm - 3:30pm

£65 tuition and £20 materials fee

Booking is essential, please visit

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Colour Theory
Alton Library

Fridays 6 - 27 June 10am - 12pm

£52

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St Mary's Church
Upton Grey

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North Hampshire Downs Churches

Church Fete
2.00pm Saturday
7th June
Sherborne Cottage
Church Street
Upton Grey RG25 2BS

Tombola/Raffle

White Elephant/Garden plants/Books

Cakes/Cream teas/Ice creams

Pimms/Toys/Woodworking

Brass band/Punch & Judy

Classic Cars/Children's games

Admittance £2/ Under 14 free

Parking on Church Meadow Church Street

Screen by the Green

A COMPLETE UNKNOWN

TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET
as BOB DYLAN
EDWARD NORTON
ELLE FANNING
MONICA BARBARO
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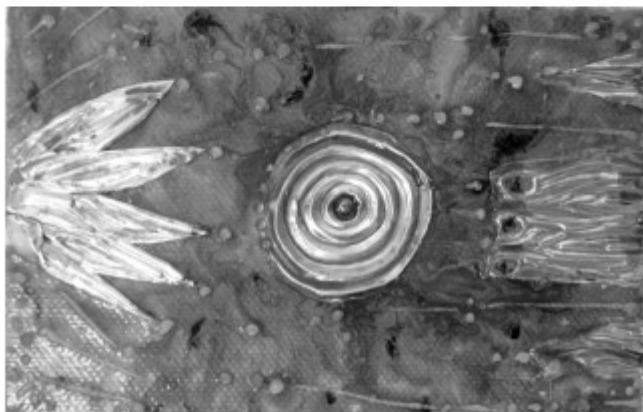


7:30pm Fri 13 June
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Metal Magic: Embossing Artistry Workshop Alton Library

Saturday 14 June 10am - 1pm

£21 tuition, plus £10 materials fee

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14 - 15th June 2025

Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

**ART EXHIBITION
CAKES & TEAS**

*Broadlands Equine Therapy & RDA
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SUMMER PARTY

JUNE 20TH 2025

— 7:00 PM —

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Lasham Village



HOEDOWN

Dance & Socialise

Saturday, 21st JUNE

From 5:30 - 10:30PM

2 Course supper included

BYO - Drinks

Live Music & Caller

Raffle & Door Prize

£20 adults/£10 Under 12's

RSVP by 31 May to:

Jane: 07798802875

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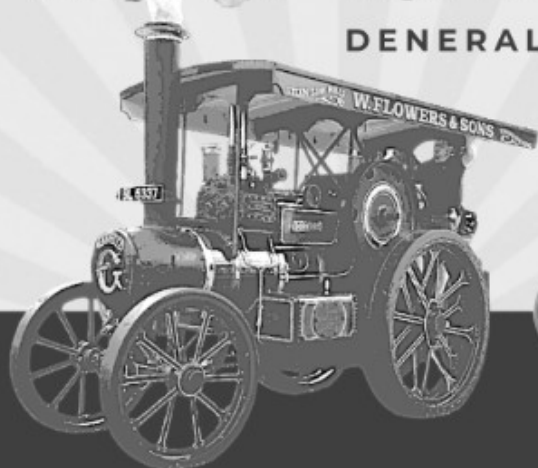
The Church of the Holy Rood,
Church Lane, Holybourne GU34 4HD
Saturday 21st June 2025, 6pm

Tickets: £10 www.ticketsource.co.uk/luminosa-music
Box Office: boxoffice@luminosamusic.com



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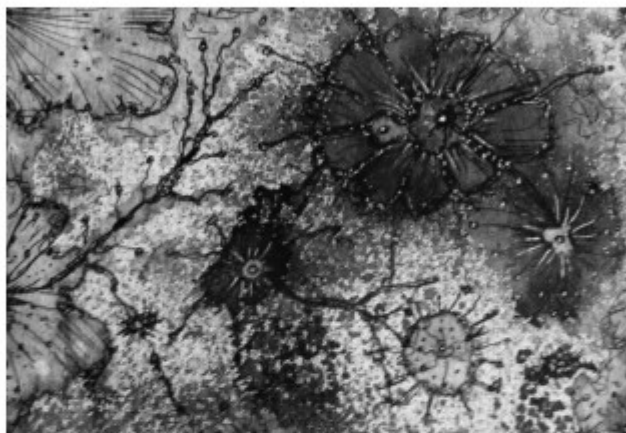


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Serene Summer Blooms: Drawing and Painting Workshop Alton Library

Saturday 28 June 10am - 12:30pm

£18 Tuition plus £6 materials fee

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Bentworth Fete

Saturday 5th July 2pm – 5pm

St Mary's School field and Jubilee Hall

Come and enjoy a traditional village fete and help support local groups, charities and good causes

Lots going on including:

Coconut shy, tomobolas, raffles, plants, produce, beer tent, Pimm's bar, BBQ, teas, cakes, fun dog show and races, local craft stalls and live music and dancing from Knickerbocker Glory Appalachian Dancers



A hand-drawn style poster for the Medstead Village Fete. At the top, a string of pennant flags with various patterns (checkered, polka dots) hangs across the frame. Below the flags, the title 'Medstead Village Fete' is written in a large, stylized, handwritten font, with 'Medstead' on the top line, 'Village' in the middle, and 'Fete' on the bottom line. The text is set against a light, cloud-like background. Below the title, the date and time are given: 'Saturday 12th July' and 'From 1.00pm'. This is followed by an invitation: 'Join us for an afternoon of traditional village fun!'. Below this, a list of activities is presented with star symbols as bullet points: '★ Beer and Tea Tents ★ Dog Show ★' and '★ Girand Draw ★ Cakes ★'. At the bottom, two website URLs are listed: 'www.medsteadfete.com' and 'www.facebook.com/medsteadfete'. The entire poster is framed by a dark background with a grassy field at the bottom and a cloudy sky at the top.

Medstead Village Fete

Saturday 12th July
From 1.00pm

Join us for an afternoon of
traditional village fun!

★ Beer and Tea Tents ★ Dog Show ★

★ Girand Draw ★ Cakes ★

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Shalden Village

* Stalls & Activities include: *

* Dog Show * Bottle Stall * Ice Cream *

* Brass Ensemble * Bouncy Castle * Bees & Honey *

*
Teas
*
BBQ
*
Books
*

Fete

*
Plants
*
Pimms
*
Raffle
*

* Classic Cars * Cakes & Preserves *

* Skittles * Plate Smashing *

* Coconut & Teddy Bear Shy * Splat the Rat *



Sunday June 16th 2pm
Shalden Park Farm

All proceeds to Local Charities

BEECH FEST

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The Beertles

Gate Opens 1pm
Tickets & Details:
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OPEN MORNING

Saturday 19th July

11am-2.00pm

- Horse Riding Displays
- Fun Dog Show
- Interactive Stalls
- BBQ & Bar
- Shetland Meet and Greet
- Short talks on pony care
- Hobby Horse Obstacle Course



**Cash preferred, Cards
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MEDSTEAD VILLAGE HALL – SATURDAY 19th July 2025

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A gentle 90 minute walk with
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familykemp@tiscali.co.uk

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Sunday 22nd June

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BENTWORTH LASHAM MEDSTEAD SHALDEN

29th May ASCENSION St Lawrence Ascension Day Service 7.30pm

1st June - THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

White

Holy Communion (CW)		10.00a.m.		
Holy Communion (CW)				10.00a.m.
Parish Communion (CW)			11.00a.m.	

8th June - DAY OF PENTECOST - Whit Sunday

Red

Holy Communion (BPC)			8.00a.m.	
Holy Communion (CW)	10.00a.m.			

15th June – TRINITY SUNDAY

White

Holy Communion (CW)		11.00a.m.		
Parish Communion (CW)			11.00a.m.	
Songs of Praise			6.00p.m.	

22nd June - THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper 7

Green

Cafe Church (in the church hall)			11.00am	
Pet Service	4.00p.m.			
Family Church			4.00p.m.	

29th June - THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

BLS Communion				10.00a.m.
Evensong			6.0p.m.	

POTR Services for June 2025

1st June

8am BCP Holy Communion	St Lawrence
10.30am POTR altogether	St Lawrence

8th June

9.15am Communion Service	St Peter's
9.30am Morning Worship	Holy Rood
10.30am Communion Service	St Lawrence
3pm Afternoon Worship	All Saints
6pm Evening Prayer for Vacancy	St Lawrence

15th June

9.30am Communion Service	Holy Rood
10.30am Communion Service	All Saints
10.30am Morning Worship	St Lawrence
6pm Choral Evensong	St Lawrence

22nd June

9.15am Communion Service	St Peter's
10.30am Communion Service	St Lawrence
12.30 Baptism	St Lawrence
4pm Lego Church	Holy Rood
6pm Informal Evening Worship	St Lawrence

6pm Music for a Summer evening

Holy Rood

29th June

8am BCP Holy Communion	St Lawrence
10am GAP Service	Alton Methodist

Every Wednesday : Holy Communion

10am All Saints Church