

**JULY 2025**

**BENTWORTH, LASHAM, AND SHALDEN PARISH MAGAZINE**

**St. Mary's Bentworth; St. Mary's Lasham;**

**St. Peter and St. Paul Shalden**

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you read the novels 'The Dogs of War' or the 'Day of the Jackel' and any other books by Frederick Forsyth who died last month? I found them a gripping read as they wove together fact and fiction as the writer developed his plots, always more than one story line in a Forsyth novel!

In planning for the summer holidays I wonder what reading we plan to do this summer? Perhaps going back to well loved favourites or beginning books by a new author?

I read a fascinating book titled "Word on the Wind" recently by Dr Alison Morgan in which she mentions a familiar Western outlook on life that says that science answers all the questions to which we need answers. It has been said that we are the only society in history that has tried to live thinking that a mechanistic and individualistic understanding of life offers the way to become unique and fulfilled persons.

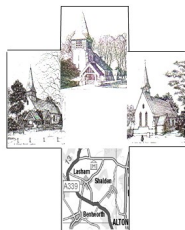
Alison points out that, "Faith doesn't answer all our questions about the physical universe and so we reject faith whilst scientific materialism offers inadequate answers to questions to do with our souls"

One theologian's endorsement of her book states "Alison Morgan weaves together powerful stories of people's experience of faith with deep reflection about culture, the Bible and faith in the 21st century. It is encouraging, uplifting and inspiring and offers a vision of how each one of us can regain and maintain our confidence in the Gospel"

There are many voices that tell us that faith is nonsense and yet for those who have met the love of God we know that it is not at all. Christian faith is a wonderful thing, to discover the love of God is absolutely gripping!

She wrote this little poem : *The Goldfish Bowl*

Thought wanders	That the goldfish bowl	The love was pouring
Unconfined	Was the way things were.	Through the window
Peaceful	Then one day	Onto the tombs
Over the white page	I stood in a church	But the glass was
But once	And watched rays of	In between
It was not so	sunlight	Later I found
When I was little	Melting through	What Plato never knew
I saw the world from behind	The soft rich colours	That the love is God
glass	Of stained glass	That love is life
And thought I had lived	And falling	And that the life
Detached	In pools of glowing red and	Is mine
In the goldfish bowl	orange	And I swam out
Of my mind.	On tombs	Of the goldfish bowl.
When I grew bigger	In the stone flagged floor	
I discovered about Plato	And I knew there was	By Alison Morgan.
And learnt that	something	Alison's books and articles
Shadows and forms	Behind the glass	may be seen on her
And things not being real	Trying to get through	website
And so I settled for the idea	And that it was love	<a href="http://www.alisonmorgan.co.uk">www.alisonmorgan.co.uk</a>
	Every blessing	David



# THE VILLAGER

the editor

Please send copy for the **August** Magazine to the Editor or your Village Correspondent **by noon on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, to villager@candj.me.uk.**

A big apology to Shalden for putting their fete on the wrong day on the Dates Page last month! By the time you read this it will all have happened, so I look forward to hearing about it next month, with all the usual photos. I think my age is showing – perhaps there is someone out there who could do better – all volunteers warmly welcomed!

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### AUGUST

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## BENTWORTH

### BENTWORTH CARE GROUP

**Jackie Crawford**

The members on duty for medical appointments in July are;

**Jackie Crawford 561281; Poo Madge 617003;**

**Norah Pepper 07539 356 265**

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

## THE MUCK IN COFFEE MORNING

The Muck in has supported St Michael's Hospice by sponsoring Jenny and Julian Lewis for their 25 mile and 50 mile cycle rides, organised as a fundraiser by the Hospice. Congratulation to them both. Come and join us for coffee/tea and biscuits (and sometimes cake!) on a Monday morning, so we can support more local charities. It's only £1 but we still make a profit! 10.30 – 11.30am every Monday morning in Parsonage Farm Barn – a lovely venue thanks to Emma and David Wiggan.



## BENTWORTH GARDEN CLUB

**Maryanne McEvoy**

On 20th May we had our first garden visit of the year. We had a beautiful evening visiting Roe Downs House in Medstead.

Vanessa and John McMahon welcomed us and explained that they have lived there over 30 years. The garden has great maturity, with sweeping lawns surrounded by magnificent huge trees. The garden meets Chawton woods so installing a deer fence has definitely stop munching on the herbaceous borders and unwanted pruning of the roses!

The vegetable garden is John's domain. We were so impressed with his labels naming the variety of potatoes and lots of other crops.

The charming rose garden was just coming into bloom, beautiful. And it was a delight to see the twittering swallows near the barns.

The perfect way to spend a late spring evening, wandering with friends, wine in hand in such a bucolic setting. Thank you again Vanessa and John.

On 3rd JULY we have our **annual coach outing** to OSTERLEY HOUSE AND GARDENS. near ISLEWORTH. This is a Georgian estate with beautiful gardens and park land surrounding a historical mansion.

For members of the Bentworth garden Club the cost is £15.

NON MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME TO COME, the cost is £25.

The coach will leave Bentworth at 9am, do join us, it's always a great day out.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE OUTING PLEASE EITHER:

Email Sarah Whitley01@gmail.com

Or phone Maxine Wood 01420 564113

Happy spring gardening everyone



**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

# LASHAM

## LASHAM COFFEE MORNING

A sunny if slightly chillier morning heralded the Lasham CCC (Coffee, Cake & Chat) morning.

Familiar faces gathered at Wall Garden Cottage, in addition to Mikey & Hamish our four-legged friends who were always on hand to scoop up any stray crumbs.



Sarah Miskella



We were also introduced to a wide range of handmade greetings cards and scripture pebbles which are being sold to help raise funds for St Mary's

Re-ordering. A project to install an accessible toilet and kitchenette to the building. If you'd like to help and find you need a birthday, thank you or 'write your own message' card, feel free to pop into St Mary's and these can be found at the back of the church.



It was a lovely way to spend a Monday morning, and a big thank you goes out for the wonderful conversation and company!

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## SHALDEN

### St PETER & St PAUL GUILD OF MARTHA

#### July

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

#### August

2 Jane Shirvell / Lin Baxter  
9 Karen Saponaro / Lynne Hignett  
16 Michele Rankin / Kirsty Ennever  
23 Rozanne Wilson / Rosalind Ommanney  
30 Debbie Todd / Silvia Blake

Kirsty Ennever

### NEW ARRIVAL!

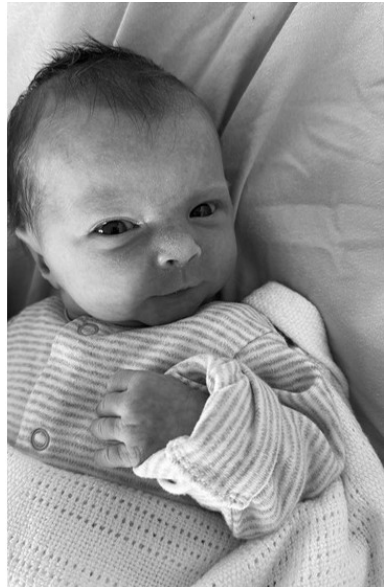
I am delighted to be writing about the safe arrival of **Lara Heather Kelly**. She was delivered at Kingston Hospital on Monday 19th May at 22.10p.m., weighing in at a very healthy 7lb.

Lara is Charlie and Jemma Kellys (nee Gordon-Jones) first baby – and Tim and Alex's First grandchild!



Many congratulations all round.

Loraine Champness



### JANE TRAPAUD

Loraine Champness

Jane Trapaud was visiting recently and whilst enjoying lunch in the pub with her village friends, she collapsed and was taken to Winchester Hospital.

She was in for several days whilst various tests were conducted, but is now back in her own home, and being looked after by her son, Paul.

I am sure everyone who knows her will wish her well.

### JIM NASH

Pete and Tracey Nash

I am very sorry to pass on the news that Jim Nash died on Thursday 15th May. Jim was a lovely man, and not surprisingly a very popular villager, he will be missed by many people. Numerous houses in Shalden – and beyond - benefitted from his skill as a builder and so his legacy will endure. We send much love and condolences to all his family.

## Walter James Nash

Known as Jim by all who knew him, Walter James Nash was born on the 5th March 1933 in West Meon, the third child of 4, having an older sister, Louise, always shortened to 'Lou', an elder brother Frank, and a younger sister Peggy.

His family moved to Binstead when he was still an infant.

While growing up there he ran the Binstead Football and Cricket teams. He was an accomplished medium pace and spin bowler with hundreds of wickets to his name, and a tough left back defender in the football team.

He also met his future wife, Norah, in the Cedars Pub in Binstead, which Norah's uncle owned. He was 21 years old when they met. They were to have a long and happy marriage.

He served his apprenticeship in the building trade and it was while building a new house in Shalden – to be named 'Gascons' and later renamed Beechcroft – that he was offered the opportunity to rent 'Oliver's Cottage'. He accepted this and moved in, in 1961.

In 1963 their son Peter was born and they became part of village life. Jim and a few others took on the challenge of clearing the overgrown recreation ground. Rob Preece's father at Shalden Green, took them and his tractor to Basingstoke and collected some unused chicken houses. These were transformed into the former pavilion and changing rooms, and the recreation ground was brought back to life from under the weeds. Shalden men's football team was born, this he and Vic Vaughn ran for many years, even starting and running a Shalden boys' team a few years later.



As the years passed, he found great joy in his garden and was an accomplished vegetable grower. He was often to be seen walking his beloved dog Rounders for miles across the fields and around the village.

At the time of his passing at 92 years old, he had spent a happy 64 years in Shalden, driving and gardening to the end.

He leaves Norah, his beloved wife of nearly 64 years, Peter his son, 3 grandsons, Jason, Adam and Travis, a step-granddaughter Chelsea, great grandchildren Skyla and Arlo and step-granddaughters Effie and Robyn.

He was a truly lovely man who has left a huge hole in the family's life – he will be very missed.

## SHALDEN QUIZ NIGHT!

Helen Hilditch

The last of the Spring quizzes was held on Friday the 23rd of May, with 32 people split over 5 teams.



With tables laid and a selection of fine drinks poured, the quizzing began.

Following rounds 1 – General Knowledge, and 2 – Music, the top four teams were separated by only 2 points. With the Bee Team in 4th, the Cat's Whiskers and Pizza & Cheese tied in 3rd place, Jim's team in 2nd and Agatha Quiztie in 1st.

After rounds 3 – History, and 4 – Science & Nature, the teams were all jostling for winning positions, changing the results, the picture round was a testing 32 pointer of UK bridges requiring name and location. With 25 points the Bee Team emerged the clear winners, taking them up to 2nd place, while last month's winners struggled to replicate their success, coming in last. Pizza & Cheese were 3rd and congratulations to Agatha Quiztie of the other side, in first by 1.5 points!

A game of Heads or Tails was played for by the losing teams' members. Winning a bottle of decent fizz was Claudine Darragh of Jim's Team, who had finished 4th. Many



thanks to Jane and Debbie who shared the compere role and Nathalie for holding the fort.

The Tap Room will continue through the summer, on the third Friday of each month unless otherwise advertised. Quiz Nights will return in the Autumn with dates to be announced.

Have a lovely summer!



## Sign up for news and information from Shalden Parish Council

delivering services to meet local needs, and improving community well being

Your Parish Councillors represent you, the local community:

- Consulting on planning applications
- Managing local assets, including the Recreation Ground
  - Improving access to local footpaths and bridleways
- Addressing residents' concerns such as speeding and littering
  - Engaging with District and County Councils
  - Distributing grants to charitable groups



SCAN ME

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July @ 7:30pm

Report Potholes



Fly tipping



Planning



## GENERAL INTEREST

### WILD LIFE

Diana Tennyson

**'Oceans':** At the time of writing, Sunday, 8 June, is World Ocean Day, (WOD) and what better way to spend it than admiring our magnificent, beautiful and diverse oceans. This event takes place every year on 8 June, and the concept was originally proposed in 1992 by Canada's International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD) and the Ocean Institute of Canada at the Earth - UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Sadly, it has been marked by Sir David Attenborough's discussion with Prince William about the sad state of our oceans due to the 'unspeakable damage' being done by trawlers dredging and bottom trawling on the seabed. There will shortly be a conference in France and Sir David will stress the need to protect the ocean. We must not 'destroy this treasure' says Sir David. While speaking about our oceans, it is also a relief to hear that visitors are to be prevented from touching squid, octopuses, etc., and animals are to be given more space in zoos and at zoo parks.

**Garden wildlife:** I am often contacted by residents with pictures and information about raptors in their gardens or near their homes. Everything from Kestrels in Blackberry Lane (thanks to Finlegh) to Owls in Alton, and as you will have noted from last month's issue, I am not adverse to Blackbird fledglings. Anything unusual should be reported to the **Hampshire Wild Bird Recorder, Martin Pitt**, Em: [mjpitt35clere@hotmail.com](mailto:mjpitt35clere@hotmail.com). Keith Betton now deals with recording and protecting rare wild birds.

I am also contacted by residents about their Great Crested Newts, but happy to hear from anyone with a pond and newts in their gardens. It was also truly a delight to hear from Gillian who told me about the fox cubs in her garden. She did manage to take a picture, but they are ever so quick as she pointed out!

*(Fox cub centre right)*



**Badgers:** The badger clan residing in the SINC (woodland to the rear of 131 Winchester Road) continue to do well and I check mammal paths around the village where they generally forage. Their foraging range is generally not more than a three mile radius from their main sett. Distances do vary and can be further in the summer and closer to home in the autumn and winter. The presence of habitats rich in food sources, e.g. earthworms can affect their foraging distances.

I know several people in Blackberry Lane who feed them, and establishing a feeding station in your garden can offer moments of delight for all the family when they appear. What do they eat? Peanuts are a great favourite, the type you put out for wild birds will be fine, not the salty variety. They also enjoy most cereals and won't turn their noses up at bread or toast. Peanut butter sandwiches are a great favourite too!

It has been delightful watching badgers having a good scratch on 'Springwatch' this year. They use scent marking and communal latrines to mark their territories, and often travel to these points to reinforce their boundaries. Apart from the large sett in



the SINC woodland, we also have a remarkable badger sett in Badger Close, the Badger Protected Area (BPA). This is one of the few developments in the country where badgers and humans live side by side in relative harmony, and both share mammal paths - footpaths around the development. Humans use these footpaths during daylight hours, and badgers after dark.

*Mammal path used by Badgers (Blackberry Lane)*

Badgers in the UK are nocturnal omnivores and get most of their diet from earthworms, although they will eat any of the items I have mentioned above. They have all the hallmarks of being a good attack animal, but they are generally very shy and avoid contact with other animals. Incidents of badgers injuring cats or other pets are virtually unheard of. Under the Protection of Badgers Act, badger baiters can receive a prison sentence for harming or killing a badger, or interfering with a badger sett.

Badgers do not generally hibernate. They go into a state of torpor (similar to a Dormouse), an extended sleep where they will wake intermittently to forage for food, use the ablutions and move around. Sadly we see more dead badgers on the road because they move around more, and often become part of a housing development. We can contact Hart Wildlife Rescue if we see any wounded wild animal on our roads. Badgers are known for their monogamous mating habits. Boars, the male badgers, are likely to mate with one sow (female) for life. They can mate at any time of the year, but usually give birth in the Spring.



*Wildlife corridor and Oxeye daisies (Azalea estate, Medstead)*

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# EVENT REPORT

## A PUBLIC TALK IN MEDSTEAD ON CANCER

Gill Siddall

Mansfield Park Surgery Patient Participation Group were pleased to host a public talk recently on Cancer, Prevention and treatment at Medstead Village Hall .

Dr Julie Smallwood, a GP at the surgery, specializes in cancer diagnosis and treatment. She has been a Wessex Cancer Alliance GP Advisor for the last year and prior to that was the Clinical Cancer Lead in East Surrey for 10 Years

She began her presentation talking about the 4 most common cancers, Breast, Lung, Bowel and Prostrate. She discussed how these were diagnosed and the types of treatments available, emphasizing that the treatment type is very often specific to a person. Surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and palliative care were discussed in detail. She mentioned that palliative care can often have a very long duration. The importance of screening was mentioned as this can identify problems when they are more easily treatable. Although screening can be age specific, it is still possible to request screening at other times if there is a concern.

Dr Smallwood said that if anyone had concerns about a change in their body or bodily functions, she would recommend a discussion with a GP. Referrals can then be made to rule out cancer, or identify it at a very early stage. She said that a very high percentage of referrals of this type did not reveal a cancer, but relieved a lot of anxiety for the patient.

Dr Smallwood then discussed prevention, endorsing the well-established factors that a reduction in alcohol and smoking are key , as well as regular exercise. Sugary drinks and processed meat are all known to be harmful although neither are actually carcinogenic.

The evening continued with a second talk by Claire Gill, from Macmillan Cancer Support. She is a dietician, and drew the distinction between dieticians, who are regulated and nutritionists who are not. She went on to say there is a lot of misinformation on the internet, often prompted by commercial interest. If you search for healthy food on the internet you will get over 2 million responses. She stated that there is no such thing as a superfood.

For patients who have, or have had, cancer, diet is critical. Often the appetite is suppressed and skill is needed to prepare a diet which is suitable and healthy. She emphasized that it is important that a meal is enjoyable as well as healthy. She gave many tips, such as including a handful of lentils into a meal to increase fibre, rather than present a full plate which some may not enjoy.

The talk was well attended and both clinicians responded to a number of questions from the audience.

This is the second talk organized by the Mansfield Park Patient Participation Group, the first being a talk on Cardiology by Dr Peter Savill. One of the objectives of the group is to promote public health awareness, and to make this as public as possible. Other talks will follow.

Mansfield Park Surgery is based on the boundary of Four Marks and Medstead and currently has 7000 patients on role, but with a capacity for many more. For more information, contact Louise Webb on 01420 562922

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## A LOCAL AUTHOR

### GLORY BECKONS

A new Napoleonic Historical Novel by local Author **Jean Baveystock**

A rip-roaring tale of Battles, Boudoirs & Bedsports. Set against the tumultuous backdrop of the Napoleonic wars, this fast-moving epic follows three very different men, whose lives become entwined from the moment Napoleon crowns himself Emperor to the eve of his ill-fated Russian campaign.



Far from the traditional retelling of Napoleon's rise, "*Glory Beckons*" casts the Emperor in a supporting role. Instead, the spotlight falls on:

French Marshal Ney: Napoleon's "*bravest of the brave*". Unhappily married, with a passionate mistress who follows him through the chaos of war – while harbouring a secret that could bring down the Emperor himself.

Sir Robert Wilson: A sharp-elbowed British General & diplomat, prolific writer. Whose relentless hatred of Napoleon fuels a dangerous ambition to kill him.

Michael Bruce: A young immoral dissolute Etonian, plucked from the erotic pleasures of his Grand Tour, thrown unwittingly into the maelstrom of Europe's greatest conflict.

From Paris to St. Petersburg, Lisbon to Stockholm, these three men meet and clash in battlefields and boudoirs alike. Their destinies collide in a world where love, honour and survival hang in the balance – and where Glory is the ultimate prize.

And yes, it did all happen! Including the Bedsports... especially the Bedsports! I know, I did all the research!

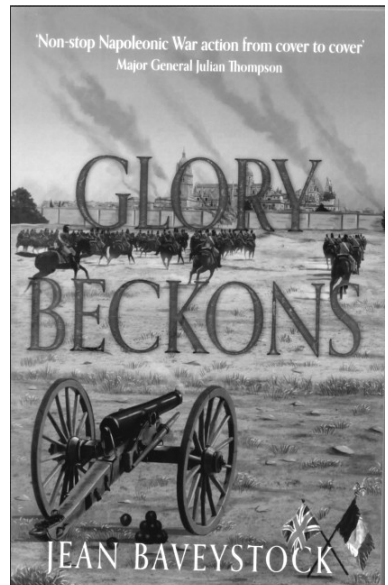
"*Glory Beckons*" Available on Amazon, Kindle & all good Bookshops.

First book in a series "*Three men in a War*".

Book 2. "*Fleeting Glory*" available Spring 2026

For more details: Please visit my Website.

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## EVENTS

# Cardiac Rehab

Basingstoke & Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity Ltd

Nicci Shepherd

### Charity Lecture reveals the highs and lows of Olympic cycling

Alton charity, Cardiac Rehab, have invited Peter King, CBE, former CEO of British Cycling, to give their annual Summer Lecture at the Cardiac Rehab Centre on **Thursday 17 July**.

Mr King was British Cycling's chief executive from 1997 to 2008 and played an instrumental role in positioning the organisation as one of the most successful sport's governing bodies in the UK.

His achievements were recognised with a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) awarded to him in the Queen's New Year's Honours list of 2009.

Speaking about his CBE, he said: *"I am proud to find myself following in the footsteps of so many great athletes, coaches, administrators, and volunteers who have been honoured similarly in previous years. Leading British Cycling for 12 years I was also able to call on the energy and enthusiasm of thousands of volunteer officials and club coaches all over the country, all of whom have contributed to the re-incarnation of the sport of cycling in the UK over recent times. To all of these wonderful people I dedicate this honour."*

We expect this event to be very popular, please pre-book your tickets at <https://cardiac-rehab.co.uk/product-category/event-tickets/>

### Fantastic fundraising Open Gardens events in aid of Cardiac Rehab

A series of open gardens events, in aid of Cardiac Rehab, has begun with a successful first event at Brick Kiln Cottage in Herriard in May. Owned by forensic accountant Barbara Jeremiah and Kay Linnell, whose work supporting sub postmasters inspired ITV's hit drama Mr Bates v. The Post Office in 2024; the open garden was officially opened by South Warnborough postmistress Jo Hamilton.

The third venue to open this summer in aid of Cardiac Rehab will be **Shalden Park House, GU34 4DS, on Sunday 13 July**.



Visitors will be able to explore the beautiful four-acre garden with herbaceous borders, rose beds, a kitchen garden, arboretum and a wildlife pond.

Rounding off the series is a double opportunity over the August Bank Holiday to visit gardens at **The Thatched Cottage, at Upper Farringdon, GU34 3EG** on Sunday 24th August and Monday 25 August.

In addition to the weekend open gardens, **Rotherfield Park in East Tisted** is hosting the charity's **Summer Soiree on Tuesday 24 June**. From 6pm until 8pm guests will be able to explore all 12 acres of the house's private gardens, including the large walled garden, orchard and maze. The panoramic views from the private terraces can be savoured whilst enjoying the complimentary sparkling wine and canapes. Local musician Graham Bland is providing mellow musical entertainment on the guitar throughout the evening.



All open garden events take place between 2pm and 5pm, with refreshments available. For details/tickets see: <https://cardiac-rehab.co.uk/product-category/event-tickets/>

## THE CURTIS MUSEUM AND ALLEN GALLERY

Jill Line

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

[Please note the Gallery and Museum will be closed on Sundays until further notice]

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum) [www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

### ALLEN GALLERY

#### **Ancient Woodland: A celebration of place (19th July - 20 September)**

Local artists Mary Waltham and Jackie Amies respond to the surrounding ancient woodlands of East Hampshire.

Ancient woodlands are the richest land habitat in the UK and home to many threatened species. These distinctive and often small tracts of woodland have been largely untouched by humans since before 1600 and cover just 2.5% of the UK.

Undisturbed soils and decaying wood create conditions that encourage species diversity of plants, invertebrates, fungi, birds and mammals. Ancient woods are also a living record of centuries of interaction and interdependence between man and woodland, they often contain remnants of archaeological features such as wood banks, pits and charcoal kilns. No surprise then that these woods are also home to rich and diverse myths and folklore.



*Jacqueline Amies,  
Etching on Somerset paper*

The artists will be hosting workshops during the summer and a poetry and art event in September, as part of the Allen Gallery Project supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Further details on the Gallery website [www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

**TALKS** sponsored by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery

These start again on 11 September, at 7.30,  
with Mike Grey telling us ***How the Victorians Died.***

Later talks will include Bees (October), Mediaeval Women (November) and to round off the year, our Social Evening (11th December).

Talks will continue to be held in the Allen Gallery until it closes for its refurbishment at the end of December.

### **CURTIS MUSEUM**

**Dotty the Dodo's Summer Fact Hunt -**  
a free Family Trail running till 31st August.  
Find some Cool Facts about our wildlife.



### **The Time Detective Agency**

We will also have a series of free Family Spotter Trails throughout the summer, based round the Time Detective Agency. Travel to a different time period each week.



### **ALTON ORGAN SOCIETY**

**Elsbeth Mackeggie Gurney**

Each year St Lawrence Church, Alton hosts a series of summer lunchtime organ recitals.

The July recital in this mini series is to be given by Rob Goldfinch & Geoff Willis – an exhilarating concert is promised as The Organists Entertain! Those who have attended a recital by Rob will know what a brilliant communicator as well as fabulous musician he is.

We look forward to welcoming you on **31st July**, the recital starts at **1.10pm**; refreshments are available from 12.30pm and entry is free. Donations to cover costs and for the restoration of the organ may be given.

More details available from Tony Willman 07928 516052 or [tony.willman@mac.com](mailto:tony.willman@mac.com)

### **THE SCREEN BY THE GREEN, BEECH**

**Joanna Curtis**

#### **BEECHFEST Comes to Beech**

Friday 25th July **Beech Village BBQ**

6pm to 9pm on Beech Village Green

Tickets: £6 (£4 under 8s)

Bookings: [beechvillage.org.uk/events](http://beechvillage.org.uk/events)

Saturday 26th July **Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)**

7:30pm (Doors 6:45pm) at the Screen by the Green, Beech Village Hall

Tickets: £6.50 (Advance) £7 (Door, subject to availability)

Bookings: [beechvillage.org.uk/events](http://beechvillage.org.uk/events)



Sunday 27th July **The Beertles**  
1pm to 5:30pm on Beech Village Green  
Tickets: £16 (£8 under 16s, Free under 5s)  
Bookings: [beechvillage.org.uk/events](http://beechvillage.org.uk/events)

## **BEECHFEST 2025:**

### **Come Together This Summer for Village BBQ, Bridget & The Beertles**

From 25–27 July, BEECHFEST brings a weekend of classic summer fun to your doorstep. Kick things off Friday with the ever-popular Village BBQ, with Triple fff craft beer and refreshments flowing all weekend. On Saturday evening, enjoy *Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy* (15) indoors, with cabaret-style seating and bar. Then on Sunday, pack a picnic and settle in for the afternoon as Beatles tribute band The Beertles play live on the Village Green - a fantastic family afternoon of music and memories. A weekend of pick n mix – choose to attend whichever events take your fancy. But capacity is limited; don't leave it too late to book!

Free parking, wheelchair access and a warm village welcome.

Beech Village Hall, 1 Wellhouse Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AQ

Tickets for each day: [beechvillage.org.uk/events](http://beechvillage.org.uk/events)

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## **CLUBS**



### **ALTON THE ROTARY CLUB OF ALTON**

**Roy Roberts**

#### **A school that's different**

Alton Rotary members were told recently of a local school that aims to be very different in what it offers its pupils. It's the Green Room School, based at a 150-acre farm at Kingsley in the North Hampshire countryside just outside Alton.

The school began with six children, but now has 40 pupils, housed in special premises on the working farm. It caters for children who have previously been home-schooled, often because they have been excluded from conventional schools.

#### *Members of Alton Rotary with Alastair Blaber*

One of those who helped found the school, Alastair Blaber, said that as well as more conventional subjects such as maths and English, the timetable includes sessions on bushcraft, land-based studies, and construction. There are also periods on the timetable devoted to caring for a wide range of farm animals. In the bushcraft sessions, pupils learn how to make fire using flint and steel, and then how to use the fire to cook for themselves, and how to survive outdoors using a weatherproof shelter on the site. The land studies module includes caring for animals and the management and upkeep of allotment and polytunnel areas. As well as the bushcraft sessions, Alastair gets involved in teaching tractor-driving skills to some of the pupils – a very popular element in the curriculum.



Find out more about Alton Rotary at [www.altonrotaryclub.uk](http://www.altonrotaryclub.uk) or call Mike Sanders on 0708 093953.

## MEDSTEAD

### HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF WI – ROEDOWNS

**Diana Constantine**

Our speaker in June was Rylan, who is a volunteer at Naomi House & Jacks Place, the hospice for children and young adults at Sutton Scotney.

Naomi House opened in 1997 and offers care from birth to 16 years old. Jacks Place opened in 2010 and offers care from 16 to 30 years old. Both are a registered charity. Currently 500 families and 240 bereaved families are being supported.

The services provided are respite, end of life care, bereavement and family support. The hospice provides expert care 24 hours a day all year to the most medically complex children and young adults. This care and support is for good days, difficult days and last days.

We were shown photos of the wonderful facilities provided for everyone, so much thought and consideration has gone into it all. To carry on providing the care 6 million pounds is needed each year. Donations from our group and individual members were generously made.



#### Forthcoming meetings

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|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 2nd July.   | Social/ BBQ                   |
| 6th August. | Summer garden visit and walk. |
| 2nd Sept.   | Think you know tea ?          |

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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 19.30 hrs. 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**

*'Above all I must have flowers and flowers' Claude Monet*

On Saturday 17th May the club had a very successful plant sale. There was a huge range of plants in the village hall to buy.



In June the speaker was Geoff Hodge. He has been a garden writer for 37 years and managed garden centres. He has also been on BBC Cambridge as a garden adviser. He talked about fragrant plants and the scented garden. We learned about some of the best plants for scent at different times of year. Some of the plants included Daphne, Philadelphus, Mimosa, Mahonia and Witch Hazel. Lavender is a plant that has the scent in its foliage which is full of essential oil that assists the plant not to dry out in dry conditions. It was a very interesting talk with great photos of plants.



In July there isn't a meeting but the club will be supporting the Village Fete on 12th July with a stall selling plants and running a game.

On 19th July the club will be running their Annual Summer Show in the Village Hall.

*Jobs for July in the garden* - Harvest vegetables and fruit as they ripen. Keep plants hydrated especially if hot. Deadhead as needed to encourage more flowering. Feed container plants. Sow seeds for autumn crops like lettuce and cabbage.

July	Saturday 12th	Medstead Fete- Medstead village Green
July	Saturday 19th	MGC Summer Show-Medstead Village Hall
September	Tuesday 2nd	Simon Akeroyd Grow Your own Groceries-His Work
October	7th	Ben Pope Making the Most of your Garden
November	4th	Helier Bowling Building a Show Garden
December	2nd	AGM and Christmas Social (members only)

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## NORTH HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL TRUST CENTRE (NHNTC)

### Report of a visit to Hever Castle on 22nd May 2025

Hever Castle in Kent was the destination of the NHNTC outing in May – and what an outing! Our driver, Nick of Farnham Coaches, had a hard journey, made the more difficult by the long queues of cars on the M25 (beware the interception with the A30) and the narrow, winding roads of rural Kent. Once at Hever we had the run of the place for 4½ hours – hardly long enough, though, to take in all the wonders of this treasure trove of memories of our past monarchs and English aristocracy.

With thunder forecast for later in the afternoon, most of us headed for the magnificent gardens with their waterways, lake and extensive lawns, bordered by spectacular displays of seasonal flowers and shrubs. The yew maze was not too challenging but the water maze, with its hidden water-spout switches hidden in the stepping stones, allowed few to escape without a few splashes, if not a soaking.

The afternoon was spent learning the story of the Castle itself and touring round its magnificent and beautifully restored rooms. These have been set up to cover the history and lifestyles of the various families who had called it home.

Hever was built in 1270 with a massive Gatehouse and walled Bailey, surrounded by a moat and approached over a wooden drawbridge. In the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century, the castle was improved and gentrified by Thomas Bullen whose granddaughters, Mary and Anne Boleyn, became in turn mistress and second wife of Henry VIII. Later the castle became the home of Henry's third wife, Ann of Cleves, by then the ex-Queen.

More history was to follow in the persons of the Astor family who acquired the estate in the 20th century and further developed the Castle and surrounding lands, bringing it to the memorable visit it is today.

Next month the NHNTC will be visiting Kew Gardens and in July a double visit to Beale Wildlife Park and Basildon Park House. To apply for these trips – and for membership information – go to the NHNTC website: [www.NHNTC.co.uk](http://www.NHNTC.co.uk)

### CLUB CONTACTS

**Medstead Bowls:** Secretary Gill Moore 01420 563139 [gillianmoore@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gillianmoore@yahoo.co.uk)

**Medstead Players:** Tania McCullough [chairman@medsteadplayers.co.uk](mailto:chairman@medsteadplayers.co.uk)  
or Secretary Julia Halls 07747 665 968 ; or [publicity@medsteadplayers.co.uk](mailto:publicity@medsteadplayers.co.uk)

**Medstead Tennis:** [www.medsteadtennisclub.org.uk](http://www.medsteadtennisclub.org.uk)

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

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### REGULAR FEATURES



**Tim Gordon-Jones**

Two weeks ago, I took off two more supers from the hives. These were not only very full - 95%, but also mostly capped – 90%. Ideally, all cells in the honeycomb would be full, capped, and even better if it was all nice and level, or flat. Having flat/level honeycomb makes it easier for uncapping. Due to lots of different variables this is very unlikely, I've never seen a perfect honeycomb. So, in all we had six supers to extract, and the team managed this in a couple of hours, producing about 40kg. This was left to settle for a week, and we jarred it up in a weekend. They are now on sale at our gate at Horsley, Southwood Road, Shalden. As usual, if you need more than five jars please let me know and we can arrange a collection. If there are none there, please come to the house.

Honey is extracted from the honeycomb on the frames using a manual spinner, which takes four frames at a time. When empty, the frames are returned to the super and the super is put back on the hive from which it came. All the equipment also goes into the apiary and the bees go mad and have a big party as they don't have to forage until it is all cleared up, about a week later. As well as clearing up the excess honey they also recover

most of the wax cappings. I often see many wasps gate crashing the party too. I inspected the hives yesterday and there are already another two Supers nearly ready to be taken off. I expect another harvest end of August/September.

As I said in last month's edition, I have plenty of bees now and no empty hives, so do not need a swarm. However, I'm happy to collect if you see one in a dangerous or awkward position. Remember the phrase "A swarm in May is worth a load of hay, a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon but a swarm July ain't worth a fly". This is largely because the colony will take a couple of months to build wax comb for brood and make enough honey for winter. However, if a Beekeeper has an empty hive with comb and some honey stores all ready to go (unlike me), this will make a swarm in July much more viable.

## COUNTRY MATTERS

Julian Lewis

Rain – or the lack of it – is the weather news. May was very dry – 13.25 mm (0.54 ins) has resulted in a **total** for March, April and May of 46.25 mm (1.87 ins). In January the rolling annual rainfall was 1283 mm (52 ins), February 1226.5 mm, March 1100.5 mm, April 1033.5 mm and May 883.25 mm (35.7 ins). The rain in June (1st – 10 th) has been about 36 mm (1.46 ins) but there is little rain forecast for the days ahead.

The sheep have enjoyed the dry weather and the lambs are growing well. I have plenty of grazing for the flock spread over several fields but growth has been much less than other years. I have heard one report of the first cut of silage yielding only 1/3 of a normal year from the same acreage. Later cuts may make up some of the lost yield but will never match the high nutritional value of the first cut of grass.

I have now shorn the ewes – all in one day – which I was pleased about and they seemed relieved to be able to cool off in the warm days. The wool is a great insulator both from hot and cold and they can keep themselves cool with the fleeces on so long as they do not expend too much energy – they just lie under a tree (preferably one which has a breeze). The problem created by this is that they graze less if only sitting under a tree and therefore may lose condition or produce less milk. This year the ewes were generally well fleshed when their coats were removed including those with triplets. Once the wool had regrown a little the ewes and lambs were treated with a spray to prevent fly strike.



I have just returned from a short trip to Northern France. The roadside view indicated that the French crops were good. Some winter barleys were beginning to ripen and I would guess that the combines will be rolling in the areas I visited within 2 weeks. The wheat, oilseed and barley looked good. The maize crops were patchy in places reflecting the dry spring but the linseed crops were impressive. There were very few combining pea crops that I spotted – a change from previous years.

In the UK the first crops will be cut in late June but for the majority of farms harvest will not begin until July. The wet spring in 2024 resulted in many diseased crops despite the application of fungicides. By comparison the dry spring of 2025 has left the crops looking much cleaner and enabled the fungicide applications to be scaled back from the levels of 2024.

The Woodland Trust has reported that woodland cover in the UK land area has increased from 13.2% in 2020 to 13.5% in 2024 which seems to be quite a large increase although below the target levels. The comment attached to the report says that wildlife is reducing because of the deteriorating ecological condition within woodland. A cynic might suggest that certainly in the south of England the increasing number of people (and dogs) reduce the opportunities for natural species to live and breed in an undisturbed environment! Whilst walking a footpath 10 days ago I found a mole scurrying along. It was apparently healthy but a rare sight these days – I wonder if the dry and therefore hard ground made it difficult to dig and burrow?



It is planned to have a small selection of tractors – both old and newer at the Bentworth Fete on Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**HAMPSHIRE FARMERS MARKETS**

The vast range of beautiful foodstuff are available throughout the County in

**Alton Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Saturday 5th	Southsea Food Festival	Sunday 6th	Petersfield
Sunday 6th	Romsey	Sunday 13th	Winchester
Saturday 19th	Emsworth	Sunday 20th	Southsea
Sunday 20th	Alresford	Saturday 26th	Ringwood
Sunday 27th 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

# Broadlands

## Equine Therapy & RDA



**Kim Ottridge**

We are excited about our upcoming 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

Our Summer Party is on 20th June, and

on 22nd June we will attend the Alton Victorian Cricket Day at The Butts, as the chosen charity for the event. Join us and Kingsley for a fantastic day of fun.

### Tea with a Pony



On 21st May, we hosted our first Tea with a Pony afternoon. We welcomed **Westlands Care home** — Cynthia, Jenny, Rodger and Neil — along with their carers Caroline and Tracie. They spent time meeting the ponies, learning about their personalities, and enjoying lemon drizzle and chocolate cake provided by Trustee, Emma M.

Our visitors enjoyed Freya's ridden display, which included some jumping. This event was well-received by everyone present.

We extend our gratitude to Westlands for participating in our first Tea with a Pony.

### Fencing

After many years of repair upon repair, the old passageway fencing needed to be replaced.

Over the past five weeks the Broadlands volunteer Maintenance Team have replaced the old rotting posts which supported the four metal gates, along with 340 metres of fence posts and modern electric rope (not tape).

There were multiple reasons for deciding to adopt the new electric fencing concept: (PTO)



**Lower cost;** it required 65% fewer posts and zero wooden rails.

**ECO friendly;** less timber, less preservative, reduced use of lead acid batteries and electric for charging.

**Quicker to install;** and will require little or no maintenance.

The electric supply for the rope fencing comes from two solar powered energisers.

Thank you to Broadlands Maintenance team for putting in the time and muscles to make this project happen. And finally thank you to **Resurrection Furniture, Alton Rotary, Four Marks News** and two private donors for making this financially possible.

### Tea at Three

At the end of May, Broadlands hosted



**Tea at Three**, welcoming many visitors. Families, volunteers, and friends enjoyed meeting the ponies, participating in a hobby horse obstacle course, and learning about Broadlands. Kingsley was popular with the children, and the cakes were a big hit. **Join us for another Tea at Three on Friday, 27th June. Everyone is welcome!**

### Open Morning – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 11.00 – 2.00 p.m.

An Open Morning is held annually where participants and ponies demonstrate what they have learned in their lessons throughout the year. Families, carers, friends, and the local community attend to celebrate these achievements. The event includes side stalls, a BBQ, tea and cake, a tombola, and a dog show. Everyone is welcome, and entrance is free.

**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	

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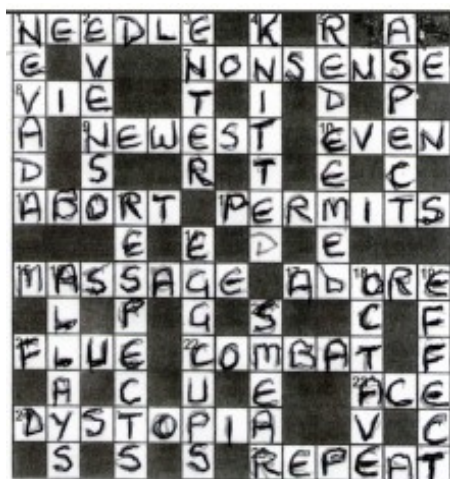


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1. Concern
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9. Exotic Trinket
10. Nuclear Weapon
11. Do wrong
12. Publish
13. Prongs
15. Be better than
17. Stockings fabric
18. Muhammad (Boxer)
19. Angry
20. Lowest
21. Lonely
22. Ear lobe jewellery

## Clues Down

1. Resultant
2. Waterway
4. Gas
5. Marksman
6. Displaying
7. Proved to be true
8. Canvassers
14. Strive to forget
16. Two seater bycycle
18. Fend off



## EVENTS

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**Broadlands**  
Equine Therapy & RDA

# *Tea at Three*

*Friday 27th June*

Join us for an afternoon meeting our wonderful kind ponies, sample a delicious assortment of sweet and savoury treats and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee in our peaceful surroundings.

Interactive activities for children of ALL ages around the stables, including colouring and Hobby Horse Agility Course

no booking required  
**ADMISSION FREE**

**OPEN TO ALL**



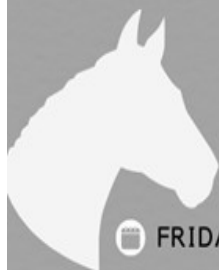
FRIDAY 27TH JUNE, FROM 3PM



BROADLANDS GROUP RDA,  
MEDSTEAD GU34 5PX



[www.broadlandsgrouprda.org.uk](http://www.broadlandsgrouprda.org.uk)



The poster features a grey background with white clouds and a string of triangular bunting flags at the top. A large banner at the top contains the event title. Below it, a white cloud contains the date and time. Further down, another white cloud contains the location and a description of the event. A dark grey banner below that lists activities. The bottom section contains a list of specific activities. Decorative illustrations include a large ice cream cone on the left, a dog with a star trophy, a drink with a straw, and a stall with various items on the right.

# 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, solid) hangs across the frame. Below the flags, the title 'Medstead Village Fete' is written in a large, cursive, hand-drawn font, with the words stacked vertically. The background is a light grey gradient. Below the title, the date and time are written in a similar cursive font. Further down, an invitation to join for an afternoon of fun is written. A list of activities follows, separated by star symbols. At the bottom, two website URLs are provided. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of tall grass at the bottom and a cloud-like shape behind the title.

# Medstead Village Fete

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
From 1.00pm

Join us for an afternoon of  
traditional village fun!

★ Beer and Tea Tents ★ Dog Show ★

★ Girand Draw ★ Cakes ★

[www.medsteadfete.com](http://www.medsteadfete.com)

[www.facebook.com/medsteadfete](http://www.facebook.com/medsteadfete)



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**Broadlands**  
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Open to all in the community  
**FREE ENTRY**



# 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  
welcome!**



**Broadlands Equine Therapy  
and Riding for the Disabled**

**Lower Paice Lane,  
Medstead GU34 5XP**



# MEDSTEAD GARDENERS' CLUB

## SUMMER SHOW



**Come and see the Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit,  
Floral Art, Produce & Handicrafts at our Summer Show**

**MEDSTEAD VILLAGE HALL – SATURDAY 19th July 2025**

**Free entry - view our exhibits from 2.15pm and enjoy the Tea Room offering homemade cakes  
Award presentations 3.30pm**

[www.medsteadgardenersclub.org](http://www.medsteadgardenersclub.org)



# MEDSTEAD GARDENERS' CLUB 2025

**July 12<sup>th</sup> Medstead Fete (stall)  
July 19<sup>th</sup> Summer Show MVH  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> Grow your own Groceries  
Simon Akeroyd**

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**Membership is £12pp from February to  
December 2025 – new members' welcome**

**Subscriptions now due**

[www.medsteadgardenersclub.org](http://www.medsteadgardenersclub.org)

**We meet on the first Tuesday of the month (Except Jan)  
at Medstead Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm with  
event starting at 7.30pm.  
Refreshments available, Monthly Competition & Raffle**

# Screen by the Green

7:30pm Sat 26 Jul

RENÉE ZELLWEGER

## BRIDGET JONES MAD ABOUT THE BOY



**BEECH  
FEST**

[beechvillage.org.uk](http://beechvillage.org.uk)



# BEECH FEST

SUN  
27  
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## The Beertles

Gate Opens 1pm

Tickets & Details:

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Broadlands  
Equine Therapy & RDA



# COULD YOU RAISE FUNDS FOR BROADLANDS?

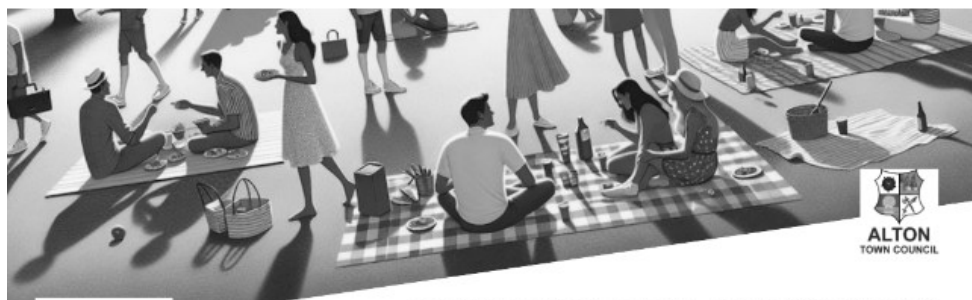
IMAGINE THE SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT YOU'LL FEEL BY PUSHING YOUR LIMITS FOR SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE. WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO HIKE ACROSS CHALLENGING TERRAINS, TAKE ON A DARING STUNT, OR PARTICIPATE IN A DEMANDING RACE, YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE.

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THIS SUMMER IN THE PUBLIC GARDENS

# PICNICS IN THE PARK

## Music in the Park Continues All Summer

The Community Big Lunch marked the beginning of a summer-long programme of **free live music**, with the return of Picnics in the Park generously sponsored by Alton Place Care Home. Residents and visitors are invited to bring a blanket and some lunch and enjoy fantastic performances in the beautiful setting of Alton Public Gardens on Sunday afternoons 2pm - 4pm throughout the summer:

**JUNE**

**22** COVE  
BRASS  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

**JULY**

**6** BLUE SKY BIG  
BAND  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

**JULY**

**13** CACTUS  
BRASS  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

**JULY**

**27** TADLEY CONCERT  
BRASS  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

**AUGUST**

**3** ALDER VALLEY  
BRASS  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

**AUGUST**

**10** SOUTH BERKS  
CONCERT BAND  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

**AUGUST**

**17** SAXAPHONY  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

**AUGUST**

**31** THE ALTON  
STRINGALONGS  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

[alton.gov.uk/events-2025](http://alton.gov.uk/events-2025) - [events@alton.gov.uk](mailto:events@alton.gov.uk) - 01420 83986



## **Sing With Us**

**Happiness is singing in a Choir.  
Alton Choral Society is for You!**

Be part of our friendly, choir, welcoming singers of all abilities and voice types.

We give regular performances and raise much needed funds for local charities

Singing in a choir is also proven to improve health & wellbeing.

We perform music from a broad range of musical genres and there is no audition.

Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 in The Salvation Army Hall in The Market Square Alton

For more information please:

Email: [welcome@altonchoral.org.uk](mailto:welcome@altonchoral.org.uk) or visit our website:

[www.altonchoral.org.uk](http://www.altonchoral.org.uk) or call: 07715 771489





# ALTON WALKING CHURCH FOR MEN

**Friday 18th July 6.30pm**  
**at The Three Horseshoes**  
**in East Worldham**

**A gentle 90 minute walk with**  
**time to pause and reflect.**

**Refreshments after at the pub**

**ROBIN KEMP**

[familykemp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:familykemp@tiscali.co.uk)

07957 653 403



Benworth, Lasham and Sholden Parish

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For more info contact  
**Rev David Chattell**  
[David@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto:David@potr-alton.co.uk)



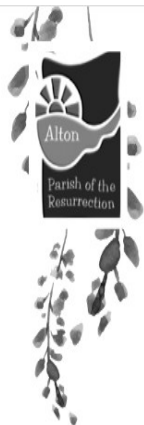
**4pm**  
With songs, a Bible  
story, **lots of**  
**Lego® creating!**  
And drinks and pizza!

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July (TBC)

Holy Rood  
Church,  
Holybourne

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# Benefice & Gap Tea

All welcome and hoping families will join in too with  
some games in the garden  
cream tea, sandwiches and cake, with a raffle

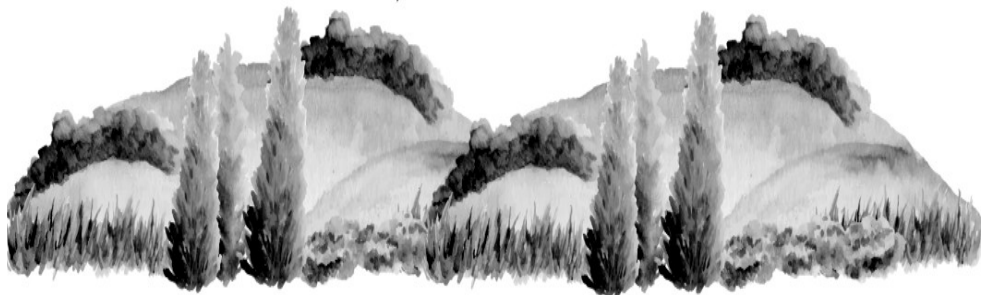
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**Sunday 20th July**  
**Time 3-5pm**

**Old Park Farm**  
**Beech, GU34 4AP**

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# MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every last Saturday of the month, we meet for a delicious Full English Breakfast at the White Hart Pub in Holybourne. The breakfast costs just £10.

We enjoy each others company and listen to a different speaker each month.

If you have not attended the breakfast for a while, or have never attended we would love to see you. Please contact Tim Codling at

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## SERVICES FOR JULY 2025

### BENTWORTH LASHAM MEDSTEAD SHALDEN

#### 6th July - THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper 9

Green

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

#### 13th July - THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper 10

Green

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

#### 20th July – THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper 11

Green

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

#### 27th July - THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper 12

Green

Holy Communion (CW)	10.00a.m.			
Cafe Church (in the church hall)			11.00am	

#### 3rd August - THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper 13

Green

BLS Together Communion		10.00a.m.		
Parish Communion (CW)			11.00a.m.	

### POTR Services for July 2025

#### 6th July

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

#### 13th July

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

#### 20th July

9.30am Communion Service Holy Rood  
10.30am Communion Service All Saints  
10.30am Morning Worship St Lawrence

#### 20th July

3-5pm Benefice & GAP Tea Old Park Farm

#### 27th July

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

#### 3rd August

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

**Every Wednesday** : Holy Communion  
10am All Saints Church