

**MAY 2025**

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

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

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

Dear Friends

“Thank you, Lord,” I said in a quiet corner of a ruined Roman building in the city of Ephesus. “Thank you Lord for those Christians who lived in this city when St Paul was here and who kept the faith so that I can have a faith today.” Their church life together then, means that I can have a church life today.

Ephesus is a sprawling, open air, archaeological site today. Tourists walk along the main streets and inside the ruined market places. They can see the remains of Roman shops, houses and temples as well as the causeway that led to the ships in the bustling harbour. It is easy to imagine Paul baptising the early believers in the Holy Spirit and encouraging them to mature in their faith. It's easy to imagine ordinary people cooking, shopping, working and choosing to live together as a church community.

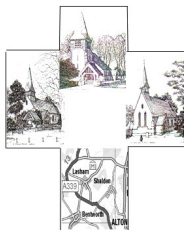
When Paul was imprisoned in Rome he wrote the letter to the Ephesian church that told them to open their hearts so that Christ can make a home there; to be humble, gentle, patient and tolerant; to serve and build up the body of Christ and, of course, to put on the whole armour of God. You can read this letter in the Bible.

Paul was eventually driven out of Ephesus by angry crowds and I guess that the first Christians often had a pretty hard time too. But I give thanks that they kept on keeping on. They kept on meeting together, growing in faith, loving one another and letting God reside in his church community through simple daily acts of prayer and service. I thank God for their openness and obedience. Modern Christians are connected to those Ephesian Christians and, in turn, we are connected to the Christians not yet born.

We can follow their example and keep on following the Way of the Lord, welcoming the joys and the challenges. We can do our bit with enthusiasm. Let us keep on building God's church in our town and villages.

I said the Lord's Prayer in that ruined red bricked Roman building, grateful that I could.

Yours, Revd Jon Rooke



## THE VILLAGER

the editor

Please send copy for the **June** Magazine to the Editor directly, or via your Village Correspondent **by 12 noon on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

Have your diaries out – lots of events, some local, some further away, and many courses at the Library. Support everything! And new advertisers in the yellow pages, on pages 16 & 18, and one on page 26 of the white pages.

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- 25 Broadlands Quiz Night from 6.45pm
- 26 Library: Emergency First Aid course 9.45am – 4.45pm
- 26 St Andrew's Medstead Music Recital St Andrew's Church 6pm
- 26 Film: *Conclave* (12A) Beech Village Hall 6:30 for 7pm

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## MAY

- 3 Shalden Garden Club Meeting  
4 ANHS:Field Meeting *Dawn Chorus Day Walk* 5.30am-7am  
6 Medstead Garden Club: Geoff Peach *Flower Shows can be Fun!*  
6 Broadlands fund raiser: Sophie de Rouet *Mongol Derby* Wivelrod Barns 7pm P 27  
6 Alton Organ Society: Recital by D'Arcy Trinkwon St Lawrence Church 7.30 for 8pm  
7 Roedowns WI: AGM & supper Wiltshire Room 7.30pm  
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8 Allen Gallery Talk: Abbé Fletcher *Memories of the Palace Cinema* 7.30pm  
9 Screen by the Green: The Brutalist Beech Village Hall 7pm Pages 14 & 28  
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16 Bentworth Film Night: A *Complete Unknown* Jubilee Hall 7 for 7.30pm P 4 & 31  
17 Medstead Gardeners Club Plant Sale in the Village Hall 10.30 – 12 noon  
22 Mansfield Park Surgery PPG: *Cancer Care Services* Medstead Village Hall 7-8pm  
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27 Allen Gallery: Craft at Half Term - *Clay Make & Take* 11.00 am  
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7 Upton Grey Church Fete Sherborne Cottage RG25 2BS 2pm Page 37  
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## BENTWORTH

### BENTWORTH CARE GROUP

Jackie Crawford

The members on duty for medical appointments in May are:

**Robert Good 07714 246 735; Fred Moir 562380**

**Veronica Parker 07821 867 788 (until 21st)**

**Norah Pepper 07539 356 265 (from 22nd - 31st May)**

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

## THE MUCK IN COFFEE MORNING

Come and join the happy throng on a Monday morning – great way to start the week! Tea / coffee and endless biscuits for £1 – most of which we give to charity! 10.30 – 11.30am in the Barn at Parsonage Farm – thanks to Emma and David Wiggin. We don't meet on Bank Holidays, so make the most of April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, then 5 Mondays in June.



## BENTWORTH FILM NIGHT

Sue Brooking

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee Hall

We are pleased to announce that we will be screening, **A Complete Unknown**, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Loosely based on the 2015 book Dylan Goes Electric!

Timothée Chalamet stars and sings as Bob Dylan in the electric true story behind the rise of one of the most iconic singer-songwriters in history. Based in 1961 New York and against the backdrop of a vibrant music scene and tumultuous cultural upheaval, an enigmatic 19-year-old from Minnesota arrives with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. He forges intimate relationships with music icons of Greenwich Village on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking and controversial performance that reverberates worldwide.

Please join us for this Oscar nominated film which has received great reviews:

*Excellent film!!! Like going to a concert through time!!!*

*Excellent!!! I'm a child of the 60s and I love the way the film captured that era. I was a huge fan of Joan Baez and both actors were awesome in portraying the musicians. Timothee Chalamet portraying Bob Dylan was exceptional!!! Love the movie especially all the music!!*

*Absolutely phenomenal performances. Loved every second of the film. It's masterful. He is that good.*

**Doors open at 7pm with the film showing at 7.30pm.**

Tickets £5 on the door (Small Notes and change for entrance fees, drinks, and ice cream, very much appreciated). This is a social event open to all, please feel free to bring friends along too.



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## LASHAM

## LASHAM COFFEE MORNING

Katie Hancock

A lovely sunny April coffee morning was enjoyed by many, thank you to Nigel and Mary in their beautiful home.

The coffee and cakes were delicious, and it was also lovely to see the garden bursting into life again. A huge topic of conversation.

We also had a friendly robin who seemed to enjoy the company of people in his garden.



## LASHAM SUMMER EVENT

Jane Tobias & Sally Edward

– we're having a Hoedown!

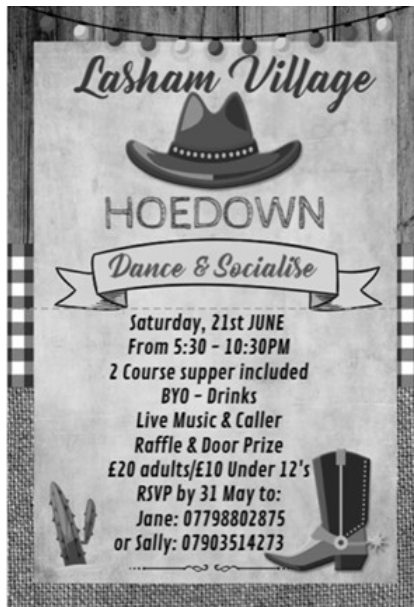
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 5.30pm onward**

Pull out your gingham  
Throw on your boots  
Join us for line dancing  
And a little boot scoot!

The caller will lead us  
And show us the way  
And if you run out of puff  
You can rest on the hay!

There's a two course supper  
A star prize and raffle  
Plus a photo booth  
For the best pics you snaffle!

So, do come along  
To dance and have fun  
As without your presence  
These events cannot run!



Tickets £20, (12 years and under £10). The ticket price includes entry into the Star prize draw. The event is ticket only entry.

To reserve your tickets &/or further information please contact either  
Jane Tobias at [jane.tobias@perfectprogress.co.uk](mailto:jane.tobias@perfectprogress.co.uk) or on 07798802875 or  
Sally Edwards at [sallye8998@gmail.com](mailto:sallye8998@gmail.com) or 07903514273.

Please let us know if you are part of a group so we can sit you together.

**The closing date for reserving tickets is the 31st May 2025.**

## TRAFFIC MONITORING IN LASHAM

**Lasham Village Committee**

On Friday 4th April Lasham Village Committee, with the help of villagers, conducted a survey to gather evidence of the number of vehicles passing through the village, ignoring the 'Access Only' signs

Why? Lasham is a small rural village with no streetlights and no pavements. Over the years the number of cars passing through the village has increased, some with legitimate access, but there is a growing body of concern that vehicles are using the village as a shortcut. These concerns have been brought to the attention of the village committee who decided, after discussions with PC Routt, our designated Neighbourhood Officer, that a survey would be conducted to gather evidence as to the extent of the problem.

PC Routt had confirmed that '**You are not permitted to drive past the sign unless you require access to a property on that road**'.

Three teams of two people were strategically positioned to capture all vehicles entering and leaving the village, the times and the registration numbers. The survey was conducted between 7am & 8.30am and again between 4pm & 5.30pm. whilst this is only a snapshot, and we may need to schedule more monitoring sessions, it has produced some interesting information.

In the morning 78 vehicles entered the village and 34 exited the village, of these 20 vehicles drove straight through, which is 23.25%.

In the afternoon 37 vehicles entered the village and 46 exited the village, 15 of these transited straight through, which is 25.40%.

This demonstrates that almost exactly 25% of vehicles were using the village as a shortcut and were ignoring the 'Access Only' signs.

Known villagers, tractors, grocery delivery vans, service tankers, the postman, school bus and vehicles accessing the airfield have been removed from these figures.

Another interesting fact is that 66.66% (two thirds) of the traffic entering and leaving the village is non-residential, which is a huge percentage!

The findings (minus the exclusions) have been shared with PC Routt

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## SHALDEN

### St PETER & St PAUL GUILD OF MARTHA

Kirsty Ennever

#### May

3 Jane Shirvell / Lin Baxter  
10 Karen Saponaro / Lynne Hignett  
17 Michele Rankin / Kirsty Ennever  
24 Rozanne Wilson / Rosalind Ommanney  
31 Debbie Todd / Silvia Blake

#### June

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

### SHALDEN QUIZ NIGHT!

Helen Hilditch

The latest quiz night was held at Shalden Village Hall on Friday the 21st of March, with a record 7 teams and 42 quizzers.



The picture round of comic, cartoon and animated characters had everyone chattering, whilst tucking into their impressive spreads, some with tablecloths, canapes, three courses and a wide selection of beverages. Rosalind's treacle tart with clotted cream was particularly delicious, but didn't sway the quiz meisters!

After rounds 1 – General Knowledge, and 2 – Sports, the leading teams, separated by only half a point, of

*John Trivialta* and



### *Short of Four*

(who all turned up), were slightly ahead, with the 5 remaining teams snapping at their heels.



After rounds 3 – Geography and 4 – Art & Literature, and the scores of the picture round added, team Short of Four had won by just half a point. Birthday boy Jim Darragh's team John Trivialta were runners up, with team Stranieri taking the final podium place. The top three all winning generous boozy prizes.



*The Bee Team*



*The Collective*



*The Other Side of the Moon*

*The WQs*



A game of Heads or Tails was played for by the losing teams' members. Winning a bottle of fizz was Mark Green, of team The Other Side of the Moon, with his last minute change to Tails.



A massive thank you to Jane for reading out the questions and answers – a great addition to the group of quiz meisters !

£140 was raised for charity, £70 was given to the Village Hall, which now has charitable status, and £70 to Comic Relief, which was held on the same night.

The final Spring quiz will be on **Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May**, the more teams, the more prizes there are on offer! Quiz Nights will return in the Autumn.

Please contact Helen to book your table or if you would like to join a team;

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E: helen\_hilditch@hotmail.com

## **NEIGHBOURLY DRINKS AT ALTON GOLF CLUB**

**Sue Bottomley**

Another successful 'residents get-together' was held on Friday evening 11th April at Alton Golf Club. 40 residents attended, who welcomed 3 new UAL families. The atmosphere was brilliant, very happy and friendly. The weather was lovely too and the views across the golf course at sunset were enjoyed by all.



## **SHALDEN GARDEN CLUB**

**Ian Wigg**

Saturday 5th April saw the first meeting in 2025 of the Shalden Garden Club.

Despite it being still early spring, and a number of members being away, there was an excellent turnout and good selection of plants on the plant table (thank you Jen Dunk and those from the other side of the Odiham road for stepping up this early in the season) along with a number of gardening books.

That well respected company of turf accountants, namely Wilson & Wilson, arranged a sweepstake in respect to The Grand National which was taking place later that afternoon.

The winners were as follows:

1st place was Emmie Bering with "Nick Rockett" returning the princely sum of £16.00

2nd place was Rozanne Wilson (who swears she didn't have a tip from the trainer) with "I am Maximus" with a most acceptable £8.00

3rd place was Sue\*\* (obviously wishing to remain anonymous to avoid begging letters after her win) with "Grangeclare West" and a nice return of £6.00

4th place was David Lancaster following the field with "Iroko" to bring him a very acceptable £4.00

\*\* The Sue in question was of course our wonderful Sue Bottomley who very kindly donated her win to the Garden Club funds and will go towards some extra special cake at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 3rd of May** at which point I will announce the annual competition (que gasps of anticipation or may be not!)

**The meeting dates for the rest of the year** are as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> June – Kindly hosted by Henry and Rosanne Wilson at the Old Forge

5<sup>th</sup> July – At the Village Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> August – At the Thatched Cottage hosted by myself and Joy

6<sup>th</sup> September – At the Village Hall (Annual competition judging)

4<sup>th</sup> October – Annual Garden Club Lunch at the Village Hall

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## The CHURCH

### OUR NEW VICAR

**Robin Kemp, Sue Hubbard,  
Mervyn Dunwoody, Peter Rankin**

With Canon Andrew Micklefield now installed in his new post in the Cathedral we can now formally look for a new Vicar for the Benefice of POTR & BLS. The first step is to produce a Benefice Profile to be used in advertising for a new incumbent. A volunteer Benefice Writing Group of Robin Kemp, Sue Hubbard, Mervyn Dunwoody and Peter Rankin has been formed to lead this.

As part of the consultation for The New Vicar of the Benefice, this is your chance to suggest to the Writing Group of the two PCCs the priorities for the Benefice and the personal qualities you feel that our new vicar will need.

The Archdeacon has tasked us with compiling a lengthy Benefice Profile in a very short period, so we need your responses as quickly as possible. Please write concisely in brief sentences, short phrases or individual adjectives. Embolden or underline key words or phrases. Word limit: 100 words. Preferably send your named response by email, using the title "The New Vicar" to **office@potr-alton.co.uk**. Alternatively you can give one of us a short note or speak to us in person.

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## GENERAL INTEREST

### WILD LIFE

**Diana Tennyson**

Blossoming shrubs have been outstanding this year. Clouds of blossom and Blackthorn (*prunus spinosa*) adorn the A31 at the time of writing. The best place for admiring this blossom locally is Wolf's Lane, Chawton, just off the Selborne Road, en route to Selborne.

**Blackthorn** is a deciduous native hedging shrub which gives year round interest and important for the Brown Hairstreak butterfly which lays its eggs amongst the stems. This is a hardy, fast growing plant that will reach a height of approximately 4m, but can easily be maintained at 1 - 4m. It grows well in all types of soil and is especially hardy in exposed, windy and coastal areas. There are several shrubs growing on the boundary of Four Marks recreation ground overlooking Barn Lane.



By the autumn dark blue sloes will be visible amongst the foliage which can be picked in November and made into sloe gin. Blackthorn supports many bird and insect species, and is a wonderful natural security hedge because it is so thorny. It can be purchased from nurseries and garden centres, or online.

**Magnolia Stellata** is another hardy shrub which flowers from March - May and provides a profuse canopy of dense, snow white flowers. This magnolia is extremely hardy and has withstood rain, snow and hail in an exposed part of my front garden. It can be purchased from garden centres or online from £12.00. It prefers a rich, moist, well drained, acid to neutral soil, and garden compost will help improve the soil prior to planting



**Hellebores:** We can never go wrong with planting

hellebores, often known as the Winter Rose or Christmas Rose, amongst our borders. The flowers have five petal-like sepals surrounding a ring

of small cup-like nectaries which are actually petals modified to hold nectar. They do well in a spot with dappled or partial shade and well drained soil, and mine grow well beneath large shrubs which provide shade in summer and sun in winter and early spring.

Hellebores also spread easily thanks to their extensive root systems. They are often grown to provide bees with rich nectar in early spring, and the plant attracts both honeybees and bumblebees alike. Colours can be a vibrant purple, or a mix of mauve and pale green.

**Reptile barriers:** We often see reptile barriers cropping up on land which is about to be developed. They

are usually set in place by ecologists contracted by developers to prevent Slow Worms, lizards, snakes and other creatures from being damaged during early excavation work.

*land north of the  
Azalea estate, Medstead*

*Clare Jerram*

Temporary reptile 'exclusion' fencing is often used which can be left on site for up to two years. This is a solid barrier and suitable for all areas where Slow Worms, common lizard, sand lizard, snake species and amphibians are noted.



Other types of exclusion fencing is also available, again set in place around the perimeter of a construction site. Additionally refugia, often matting or sections of roofing felt, is placed at intervals along basking areas where reptiles are attracted to bask. The ecologist will carefully capture and then translocate the reptiles to a receptor site some distance away from the development site.

Once groundworks commence, a building site can be a very dangerous place for reptiles and mammals. It is generally recommended that all trenches are covered at night, and checked every morning to ensure no animals become trapped.

Reptile barriers were used on the Azalea estate during development. They were set in place by ecologists contracted by the developer, Bellway. Post-development they need to be removed so that reptiles and other small mammals can move freely around the estate and through gardens.

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## EVENTS

### MANSFIELD PARK SURGERY

The Patient Participation Group will present a second health talk on **Thursday 22nd May in Medstead Village Hall at 7pm.**

The first talk by Dr Peter Savill on Cardiovascular Health and Cardiology Services was a great success and attracted a large audience.

This second talk will be by Dr Julie Smallwood, who is a GP retainer at Mansfield Park Surgery. Dr Smallwood 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 was recently a guest speaker and trainer at an event focused on Gastrointestinal and Pancreatic Cancers.

It is hoped to have some support services in attendance. Put the date in your diary and come along on Thursday 22nd of May in Medstead Village Hall.

The talk will begin at 7pm and the title of the talk by **Dr Smallwood is 'Cancer Services'**. The presentation is going to cover measures we can take to try and prevent cancer, how we can improve early diagnosis of cancer, including screening and cover an overview of different treatment options and resources for those living with cancer.

Cancer is an illness which affects so many families so don't miss the opportunity to learn more! The talk is open to all and there is no charge!

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

#### ALLEN GALLERY

##### EXHIBITIONS

**Consuo Textile Art** Taking their name from the Latin for 'to sew together', Consuo Textile Art comprises alumni from textile courses at the University for the Creative Arts, Farnham. Their latest exhibition continues until **Sunday 25 May**. FREE entry

The Allen Gallery and Curtis Museum are working with **Alton Art Society** at Chawton House to run landscape art and painting activities as part of a new parklands exhibition in the barn. (19 May - 1 June). Details on website.

**TALK            Thursday 8th May, 7.30 pm.**

Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery AGM, followed by :

**Memories of the Palace Cinema, a talk by** Abbé Fletcher, the author of the book about this Alton landmark. (Available in the Museum at £12.99.)    **FREE**, light refreshments.

### **JANE AUSTEN 250.**

(The 250th Anniversary of her birth.) Look out for Austen themed events in both venues between **20th May and 1st July**. These will include a **Regency Pastimes/Tea and Conversation** afternoon, the latter in the Gallery garden, together with free Gallery tours.

#### **Jane's Silk Pelisse**

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.

**TRAILS.** 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.

### **CRAFT at half term.**

Tuesday 27 May, 11.00 am: Clay Make & Take at the Allen Gallery. £6 per person. Book by email at [allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk)

### **CURTIS MUSEUM**

We are delighted to continue displaying the Crocheted Coral Reef by Creating Crafts & Blooms CIC in the Curtis Museum for a few more months. There will be associated craft and textile workshops over the spring and summer.

**Family Half Term Workshop/Science event.** Wednesday 28th May, 11am. This drop-in event was very popular the last time we ran it, so we may ask you to queue.

## **OPEN GARDENS AT SHALDEN PARK HOUSE**

**on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 with the National Garden Scheme**

Come and join us on our open day at Shalden Park House. 2 – 5pm

Enjoy a walk round the beautiful 4 acre gardens where teas and homemade cake will be on sale to raise money for the NGS and the charities they support, including Macmillan cancer support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queens Nursing Institute.

Entry is £5 (Cash Only)  
per adult, children are free and dogs on leads are welcome

Enter through the main house gates located on The Avenue, GU34 4DS

What3words location: [///nametag.layered.digress](https://www.what3words.com/#!/nametag.layered.digress)





## ALTON ORGAN SOCIETY

Elsbeth Mackeggie Gurney

The audience in April was treated to a delightful recital given by Peter King, Organist Emeritus of Bath Abbey, opening with Liszt's *Excelsior!* from *The Bells of Rome*, originally written for piano & arranged for organ by the recitalist. This fanfare like introduction was followed by *Sonata VII*, composed by Joseph Rheinberger, whose music is becoming better known, mainly thanks to his choral works, particularly the sublime "Abendlied". The Choral Prelude "O Lamm Gottes unschuldig" by J S Bach was followed by another arrangement by Peter King; this time "Entrée de Polymnie" from the opera "Les Boreades" by Rameau. The recital truly came to life with "Toccata" from the Plymouth Suite by Percy Whitlock, a lively piece using the colours of registration the organ is capable of. Many of the audience were than taken on a trip down memory lane with the "Berceuse" from Faure's *Dolly Suite*, arranged for organ by Peter King – we were all sitting comfortable for this gentle and lyrical piece! Finally, we were treated to the virtuosic, jazzy & exotic "Voices of the World" commissioned from Iain Farrington for the Coronation of King Charles III. The piece involves double pedalling as well as amazing playing across all t by Enrico Bossihree manuals – a fitting ending.

On **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, the final recital of the 58<sup>th</sup> season, is to be given by the international recitalist, D'Arcy Trinkwon whose programme includes pieces by J S Bach, Franck, Vierne, Jongen, Stanford and concludes with the amazing "Etude Symphonique". If you don't know this work, come along for a listen – you won't be disappointed.

We look forward to welcoming you to this recital which starts at 8pm. Refreshments are available from 7.30pm. Tickets £10 – more details available from Tony Willman 01420 543628 or [tony.willman@mac.com](mailto:tony.willman@mac.com).



## THE SCREEN BY THE GREEN, BEECH

Joanna Curtis

The Screen by the Green presents *The Brutalist* (18)

A Special VE Day 80th Anniversary Screening

Friday 9 May 2025, 7pm (Doors 6:30pm)

Beech Village Hall

### The Brutalist (18): A Story of Post-War Renewal

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, join us for a powerful and thought-provoking film about post-war renewal and resilience.

*The Brutalist* stars Oscar-winner Adrien Brody as László Tóth, a Hungarian-Jewish architect who, having survived the Holocaust, sets out to rebuild his life—and his legacy—in post-war America.

As we mark eight decades since the guns fell silent across Europe, this acclaimed epic offers a moving reminder that the true victory wasn't just in ending war, but in what came after – the painful, beautiful work of reconstruction, both of buildings and of lives.

This acclaimed drama explores the spirit of recovery that defined a generation, making it a poignant tribute to those who shaped a new world from the ruins of war.

Cabaret-style seating, licensed bar, and free parking. Fully accessible venue. Tickets £6.50/£7. Booking advised: [beechvillage.org.uk/events](http://beechvillage.org.uk/events)

# CLUBS

## ALTON



### ALTON CAMERA CLUB

**Renee Smith**

With our season drawing to a close the final competitions have been held. Our annual 'His n'Hers' competition is always a fun evening and this year's was no exception. Judged by local artist, Tom Yendell, he shared with us his story of how he became an artist and his work with the MFPA (Mouth and Foot Painting Artists). He awarded top marks of ten points to two images



*Windmills of Your Mind*  
by Ann Pitman

and

*Winter Walk*  
by Adrian Corser.

After the points were totalled, the result was a dead heat. The winners were decided on 'count back'. Both teams had one image each worth ten points, but the Gents edged it by having more images awarded nine points.

Although they were pipped to the post for the His n'Hers competition, it was a successful month for three of the ladies of Alton Camera Club. Lynne Harles' image was awarded Picture of the Week by Camera Competitions, and she was gifted a canvas of her winning image. Jo Hawkes had her image



*Cornflower Centre* shortlisted in the 52Frames challenge and featured on Surrey Instagram page @igerssurrey

and the Urban Photographers Club website carried an interview and featured images by Renee Smith. You can read the interview here

<https://www.urbanphotographersclub.com/interviews>



The field trips programme took us to Mottisfont National Trust property and also to London for a walk along the Thames Path. Starting at Putney Bridge and taking in Fulham Palace, Craven Cottage and Hammersmith Bridge, we completed our walk in the picturesque suburb of Barnes and we were gifted a beautifully sunny day for our trip.



*Mottisfont Panorama* Steve Emmerson



*Mottisfont Sculpture* Jacqui Austin

Our photographic year culminates with Presentation Evening where we will review members images and award trophies for the competitions and challenges held this season. Our field trips will continue to run throughout the summer and we look forward to a visit to Arundel, Exbury Gardens and the Isle of Wight in the next couple of months, with more trips to be announced for July and August.

Alton Camera Club resume for the 2025-26 season at the start of September. We meet at Holybourne Village Hall and we welcome new members, of all ages, whether beginners or experts. Please see our website [www.altoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.altoncameraclub.org.uk) for more details and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @altoncameraclub.



## ASA

### Forthcoming Lectures:

Tuesday 13th May: Bernard Allan *Dame Laura Knight: from Newlyn to Nuremburg*

Laura Knight was the first artist to be made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, and in 1936 she became the first woman elected to the Royal Academy since 1768.

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 the last until September 2025.

Both lectures will be held at Martin Read Hall at Alton College commencing at 7:30pm (doors open 6:45pm)

## MEDSTEAD

### HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF WI - MEDSTEAD

**Gill Siddall**

Members were greeted and one new member welcomed to the April meeting on a lovely spring day. Members were reminded that subscriptions are now due. Having received a generous donation our subscriptions will be subsidised by £10 for all members for this year! The May meeting will be the Annual Meeting but as it falls on the day of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day the meeting will take the form of a street party.



Members are encouraged to bring memorabilia and to dress in red, white and blue. A tea has been arranged to celebrate the event but no spam sandwiches!

The competition for the small garden cup will now be judged in June and will be for a photo of flowers/a flower! Medstead WI will be entering a team in the group round of the HCFWI Quiz to be held in June. A tombola stall will be provided at the Medstead Village Fete in July. with prizes for both children and adults!

Then it was time to hand over to Medstead resident Sheron Gillard, who had gallantly stepped in at short notice, for an afternoon of chair exercises. Who would have thought keep fit could be such fun and members were very soon entering into the spirit of the afternoon with lots of laughter while listening to Sheron and following her moves all to the dance music. It does certainly help tone up the muscles and helps with co-ordination and mobility and is to be recommended. Possibly Sheron has gained a few new recruits for her class in Medstead! Dance is enjoying a renaissance at the moment.

New members and guests are always very welcome to our meetings in Medstead Village Hall at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month so do come along and join in.

## **HAMPSHIRE FEDERATION OF WI – ROEDOWNS**

**Diana Constantine**

In March we hosted a Lent Lunch in St. Andrews Church Hall, and our chosen charity to support was 'The Men's Shed' from Alton. Five WI members donated pots of delicious home made soup which was enjoyed with baguette and cheese, by about twenty five people who attended. Two members from the Alton charity gave an interesting talk with slides about the history behind it and their work, they also brought some beautifully made wooden items as examples of what they produce.



At our April meeting we were joined by Lisa Marsh, who runs her own business called Medstead Nutritional Therapy. Using an evidence based, scientific approach, Nutritional Therapy uncovers how different foods and nutrients impact our bodies by understanding the physiological processes they may influence. Clients seek help for various conditions such as digestive problems, weight gain, anxiety, skin conditions and menopause. Lisa's talk certainly gave us food for thought regarding our own eating and drinking habits !

### **Forthcoming meetings**

**7th May.** AGM and supper **4th June.** Naomi House & Jacks Place

**2nd July.** BBQ/ social

**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](mailto:roedownssec@hampshirewi.org.uk) or President Jill Kerr 01420 564116.

## MEDSTEAD GARDENERS CLUB

Caroline Daniels

*'A garden is a friend you can visit anytime'*

Our meeting in April welcomed Ben Cross who came to talk about his Flower Nursery called Crosslands in Dorset which grows thousands of British Alstroemeria every year. He also spoke about the UK Flower Industry. He is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation in his family to grow the flowers and manage the nursery. His Great grandfather started the company back in 1936 when things were very different for British flower growers. Initially it was a house and small holdings for each family amongst other growers.

The flower industry is worth a staggering £2.2billion each year. He was passionate about buying British and supporting the industry.

We learned a lot about alstroemerias and importantly not to cut them from the plant but pick them to encourage more growth. The plants can grow 10ft tall and the greenhouses they have can produce the flowers all year round with careful management. This includes growing aubergine plants alongside them to attract pest away from the plants.



Spring came bursting through in April with a very dry spell but lots of sunshine in our gardens. Everything has been blooming!

On **May 6th** meeting **Geoff Peach** is speaking about **'Flower Shows can be Fun!'**

We have **the plant sale this month on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am to 12 noon**. Come along and get your plants for the summer including fruit, vegetable and flowering plants.

May Gardening Jobs - Plant out summer bedding this month, hoe weeds, lift and divide overcrowded spring bulbs, vent greenhouses and water the garden early or late in day to get most out of your water.

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

## MEDSTEAD STITCHERS

Jo Evans

We would like to introduce you to Medstead Stitchers.

Medstead Stitchers were started approximately 10 years ago and meet on a monthly basis in The Wiltshire Room of Medstead Village Hall.

We are a friendly bunch of stitchers who do all sorts of Sewing including Cross Stitch / Crochet / Knitting/ Tapestry /Patchwork / Quilting / Embroidery of all types - really anything that includes using Needles/Hooks.

We meet on the last Friday of the month at 1.30 - 3.30 and we each pay £3.00 to cover the cost of the hall, we also have tea or coffee available

If you would like to come along and meet us we would be pleased to hear from you.

My name is Jo Evans and my no is 07771 932609 / 01420 561177.

We have recently started a separate Patchwork and Quilting Group on a trial basis also to be held in The Wiltshire Room at Medstead Village Hall. This Group is known as **"Smoking Needles"**

We have booked the hall for a trial period of 4 months starting from 4th April on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10--12each morning the cost will be £5 for each session purely to cover hall costs. Tea and Coffee is also available. When we have enough interest it is our intention to lower the cost.

The group will be starting on easy projects of half square triangles, with a different project for each meeting. For the early projects you need to bring a piece of plain fabric and a second piece to contrast also bring your sewing machine (and an extension lead if you have one. Alternatively you could bring your own sewing or patchwork to work on.

We do hope that you will come and see us. Our first Patchwork group meeting was well attended with 11 people present. If you would like further information please call us:

Frances Law (who will be organising the patchwork Group) her mobile no is 07813 485039 or Jo Evans on 07771 932609

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## **NORTH HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL TRUST CENTRE (NHNTC) Wendy Crozier**

### **meeting 27th March 2025 Sex, Scandal and the Royal Court**

Members of the North Hants National Trust Centre enjoyed a marvellously entertaining lecture on March 27th, following their annual Spring Lunch. **Sarah Slater**, a Hampton Court Palace guide, presented **"Secrets, Scandals and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court, 1660-1830"** with engaging clarity and humour.

The presentation began with beautiful images of Hampton Court Palace which housed monarchs from Henry VIII to George III. Sarah highlighted William III and Queen Mary II's architectural contributions while touching on rumours about their sexuality.

Sarah challenged Victorian era stereotypes explaining that their apparent prudishness stemmed from addressing the social and economic consequences of casual sex, spreading about venereal diseases and unwanted babies. The lecture revealed the hierarchy of prostitution in historical London and introduced us to "Harrison's List", a booklet which catalogued London's prostitute's including their prices and specialities.

Notable royal relationships described included the Prince Regent's disastrous marriage to Caroline of Brunswick, and the sad life of Sophia Dorothea, the wife of George I. Charles II's numerous mistresses and illegitimate children were examined. Charles' behaviour was slightly exonerated by his respectful treatment of his wife, Catherine of Braganza whom he refused to divorce despite pressures to produce a legitimate heir – that decision had considerable consequences for the future of our Monarchy.

Sarah candidly addressed the history of contraception methods of varying effectiveness. A memorable anecdote featured Theresa Constantia Phillips who sold premium re-usable condoms from her Covent Garden shop "The Green Cannister" – items which even commanded high prices on the second-hand market!

This was a thoroughly entertaining way to relax after a delicious lunch. And we all learned a lot. New members always welcome– see website (<https://www.nhntc.com>) for details and application form

## CLUB CONTACTS

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**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**

I'm inspecting all three hives weekly now; it takes about an hour. Regular readers will remember that my first inspection of the year, last month, revealed one colony that seemed to be 'queen less', not good. My attempted resolution was to steal a brood frame from another hive, with eggs, brush and knock all the bees off and put it into the middle of the brood chamber of the queen less hive in the hope that the bees will make an emergency queen cell. However, when I inspected them the following week, although there was no evidence of an emergency queen cell, there was a queen! She may have been there all the time and just needed the scent of eggs and larvae to start laying. I was able to mark her and pat myself on the back. Yesterday's inspection showed that colony is doing fine, just a smaller population than the other hives.

I had a bit of a problem at the end of last year, some of the honey supers still had solid honey that could not be extracted in the spinner. So, I had to store them like that. Now the bees are starting to make honey they will want empty supers to fill. However, I have put these supers back in the hive and am glad to see they are consuming the honey to feed to brood. Thus, giving them an early boost. The honey doesn't seem to be as solid now it is in the hive, probably due to the warmth from the brood chamber, which they keep at 32°C. This has given me an idea how to extract solid honey should I get anymore. One week I was able to spot and mark the queen in the middle hive and yesterday I did the same for the last hive. This is the first time I've been able to spot and mark all queens. The marking is done with a special pen that looks much like a tippex pen. There are different colours for different year so you should be able to tell how old the queen is. I don't bother with this and stick with white, partly because I have found it so difficult to spot the queen in the first place. I have a feeling that at least one of them will be coming up for retirement soon, being older than two years, so I must keep an eye out for a supersedure cell, which are slightly different to swam cells.

Speaking of swarm cells, as there has been such a long spell of warm, sunny weather the largest colony has been building swarm cells. Only two, and they are not capped, but this is an indication of intent and so we may see some bee swarms soon. So, please keep an eye out and call me any time you see one settle somewhere I can capture them. Even though I don't have a spare hive I can combine them with one of my own colonies. My phone number is 07771-862-890.

The weather – it has not rained recently and certainly I am enjoying the sunny weather. March rainfall totalled 8.5 mm (0.34ins). The average rainfall has dropped to 1100 mm (44.5ins) from 1283 mm (51.9ins) in January which shows how quickly the situation can change. The April rainfall to date – Friday 11th – has been almost unmeasurable so the average will drop even more quickly. I am now hearing gardeners and a few farmers saying that rainfall is needed – careful what you wish for – the taps may not stop.

At the time of writing the Trump tariffs are top of the news. One example of how this may affect your food is the UK Government's attitude to a trade deal with the US. The US is lobbying very hard for the UK to accept chicken and beef from the States and the UK Government has changed its stance saying that all is possible in their desperation for a deal. US chicken is produced to much lower health and hygiene standards than UK chicken and to make it fit and safe for human consumption it is washed in chlorine. In the US 1 in 25 packets of chicken contains salmonella causing 1.35 million illnesses and 420 deaths each year according to the US Center for Disease Control. In the UK there were 3 deaths linked to salmonella in 2022. The difference is because the UK has much higher standards of hygiene and cleanliness whereas the Americans produce very cheaply with low standards and then use chemicals to douse the food to make it usually edible. Apparently chlorinated chicken meat will not crisp when cooked. Nigel Farage of the Reform party is another of those advocating that chlorinated chicken should be allowed into the UK. The mass catering trade will probably use such products if allowed to reduce their unit cost of production. Do we really want to lower our UK standards?

Beef is a similar story. Beef animals are treated with growth hormones to improve growth rates and reduce costs of production. This is illegal in the UK. The UK government have apparently decided that they will negotiate on this point and are considering allowing such unnatural beef into the UK. British beef is produced naturally using native breeds and allowed to grow naturally without artificial hormones – what do you want to eat?

I recently travelled to Scotland for a first visit to see my son Oli and his fiancé where they live close to Aberdeen. The weather was wonderful and the countryside even better. I

had not realised that the east coast of Scotland and the Cairngorms were so beautiful with attractive small towns and wonderful farming country. Farming success depends principally upon the weather and soils and the soils that I saw were excellent – a few acres of that soil in Hampshire would be wonderful as it was easy to work and fertile. The cultivations for planting were still based upon the plough



but because of the friability and structure of the soil few cultivations were then needed to make a seedbed. There were some large stones but not nearly as many as the flints (Hampshire Diamonds) that we have here.

There are many large houses and castles to visit but principally the attraction was the wide-open spaces, lack of people, clear air and the hills to cycle and climb. Even the drive was interesting once Cumbria was reached and including stops only took about 9.5 hours – not much longer than flying when the airport hassle is included.

I conquered my first Munro – mountains taller than 3000 feet above sea level – which was Lochnagar at 3786 ft asl. Over 12 miles on foot and about 4000 ft of climbing during the day.

Lambing began on 12<sup>th</sup> April and to date we have a set of triplets, a double and a single – all doing well. Please see the photo of the triplets below.



## **HAMPSHIRE FARMERS MARKETS**

### **Alton Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Saturday 3rd Hamble Spring Festival

Sunday 4th Romsey

Saturday 17th Emsworth

Sunday 18th Southsea

Saturday 31st Ringwood

Sunday 4th Petersfield

Sunday 11th Winchester

Sunday 18th Alresford Watercross Festival

Sunday 25th Winchester

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

# Broadlands

## Equine Therapy & RDA



### News

What a month March turned out to be! The ponies have really enjoyed feeling the warmth of the sun on

their backs. When they are turned out into the field they love nothing more than rolling and scratching as their winter coats start to shed. They have a real spring in their step, although in the quieter moments in the day they can often be found snoozing in their stables!



Our MP the Rt. Hon. Damian Hinds visited Broadlands last month, he showed great interest in our Charity and learnt about our fundraising, our operating costs, our riders and participants, our dedicated team of staff, trustees and volunteers and, of course, our beautiful ponies.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our online Auction of Promises in February.. Whether you generously donated an auction lot or participated in the bidding, your contributions were instrumental in making this fundraiser a resounding success. **You raised over £7,500!**

Our maintenance team had kindly donated their services as a unique lot for the auction. The winning bidder asked for some land to be fenced off for their pigs.



The team really enjoyed their day securing a safe place for Wilma and Betty!

If you would like to support us, either by joining our volunteer team or helping us with our fundraising, particularly in this our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, we would love to hear from you: [office@broadlandsgrouprda.org.uk](mailto:office@broadlandsgrouprda.org.uk) or telephone: 01420 375767

**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

They will be closed on Bank Holidays

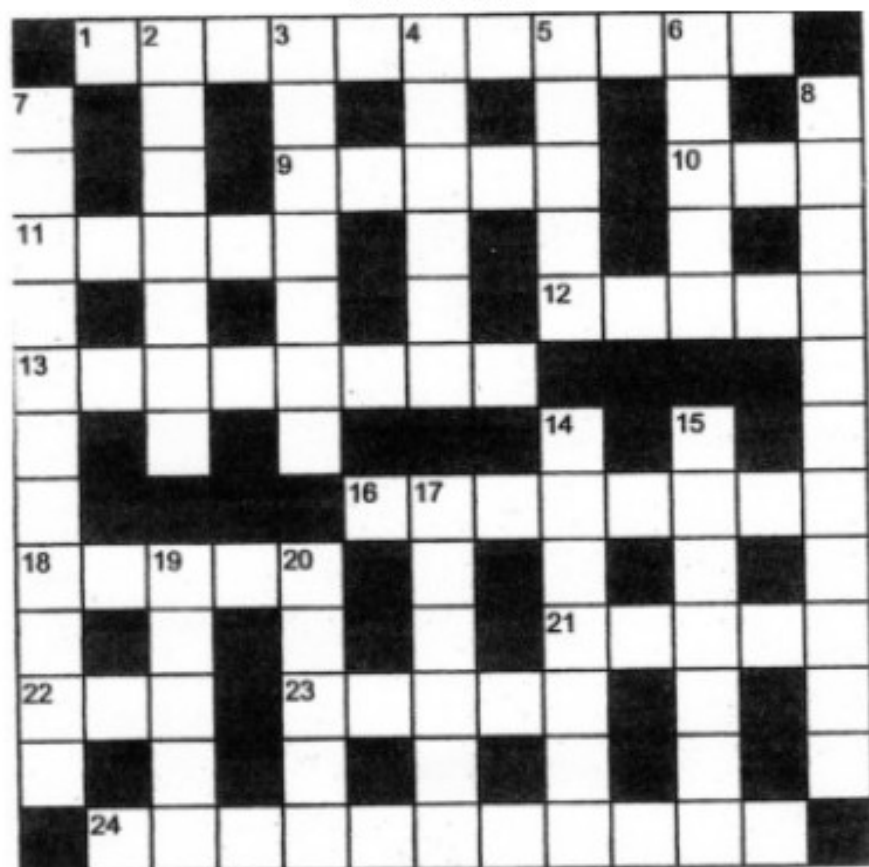
The Library has many Courses coming up. Do look at all their posters on pages: 29, 30, 35, 36, 38 and 42.

**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	



# CROSSWORD



## Clues Across

1. Champion
9. Lesser
10. Sister
11. Chocolate substitute
12. Elsewhere defence
13. State again
16. Risen
18. Shorts
21. Aviator
22. First woman
23. Muddle
24. Made widely known

## Clues Down

2. Hideaway
3. African River
4. Season
5. Marilyn ?
6. Boredom
7. Not official
8. Bullied
14. Method of painting
15. Excessively admire
17. Summer shoe
19. Steep
20. Teem

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***Apartment 6, The Point at POLZEATH, North Cornwall - Sleeps 6/7, dog friendly  
AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY LET.***

We have a lovely 3-bedroom Apartment between Polzeath and Rock in North Cornwall. Looking over the 18th hole on the golf course, with views of the sea, Apartment 6 makes for a great holiday/short break. There are tennis /padel courts, swimming pool, gym/health club, bar, restaurant, 18-hole golf course, driving range, all on site. Great surfing, wonderful coastal walks, Camel Bike Trail, ferry from Rock to Padstow, Port Issac nearby. Great restaurants, Paul Ainsworth, Rick Stein and Nathan Outlaw. Happy to rent out to just TWO PEOPLE or more. Makes a very peaceful break. FOR DISCOUNT on prices please CONTACT [tony.willman@mac.com](mailto:tony.willman@mac.com) or [joydigges@gmail.com](mailto:joydigges@gmail.com) or phone 07983 116123 for further details.

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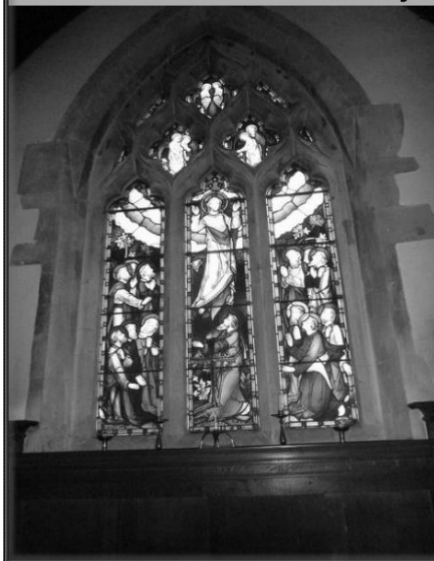
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## EVENTS

***St Andrew's Medstead Music Recital  
Saturday 26th April at 6pm***



*Come along and enjoy a mix of well-loved  
classical and light music, performed by  
local artists*

*Tickets - £12.50 (concessions for children) include:  
Finger Buffet and a Glass of Wine or Soft Drinks which will  
be served in the church hall after the concert.*

For tickets please contact:

Sharon Blackshaw on 01420 563937

E-mail: [seblackshaw@gmail.com](mailto:seblackshaw@gmail.com) or

Wendy Busby on 01420 564168

E-mail: [wendy.busby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wendy.busby@hotmail.co.uk)

Raising money for:  
Kathryn's Mercy Home  
St Andrew's Fabric Fund



**Raising funds for Broadlands Equine  
Therapy and RDA**

Charity Number : 1170398



# **Sophie de Rouet**

**Join us on the 6TH MAY at 18:30 for a 19:00 start at  
Wivelrod Barns  
GU34 4AS  
to hear about Sophie's amazing experiences in  
the Mongol Derby**



The Mongol Derby is an equestrian endurance race. It extends 1,000 kilometres (620 mi) through the Mongolian Steppe and is the world's longest horse race.

**£15 per person.**

**Tickets to include entry a glass of wine on arrival and nibbles.**

**[www.broadlandsrda.org.uk/events](http://www.broadlandsrda.org.uk/events)**

# THE BRUTALIST



A Story of Post-War Renewal

**Screen by the Green**

**7pm Fri 9 May**

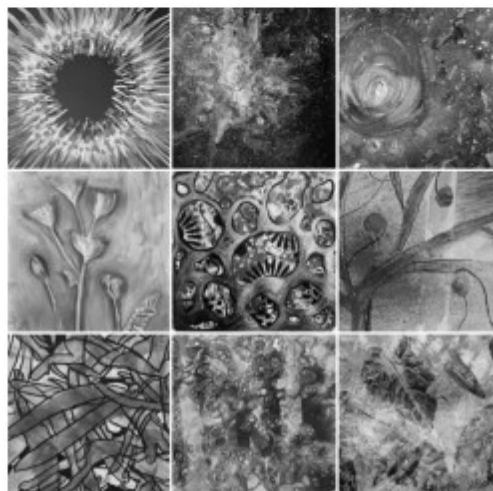
**[beechvillage.org.uk](http://beechvillage.org.uk)**





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## Expressive Watercolours for Improvers

### Alton Library

**Saturdays 10 May - 7 June 1:30pm - 3:30pm**

£82 tuition, plus £10 materials fee

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957





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## Mixed Media Relief Artwork for Beginners Alton Library

**Saturdays 10 May - 7 June 10am - 12pm**

**FREE tuition, £12 for materials**

**Booking is essential, please visit**

**<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957**



## BENTWORTH FILM NIGHT



### Ice Creams in the Interval

*Small Notes and change for entrance, drinks and ice cream, very much appreciated!*



**MEDSTEAD GARDENERS' CLUB**  
**ANNUAL PLANT SALE**  
**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**  
**10.30 A.M. to 12 NOON**

**MEDSTEAD VILLAGE HALL**

Shrubs, perennials, fruit bushes, vegetable plants, herbs and much more

Admission pp: 50p in cash only please  
Purchases can be cash or card – thank you

For more information visit our website: [www.medsteadgardenersclub.org](http://www.medsteadgardenersclub.org)

Maybe subject to change without prior notice



**MEDSTEAD**  
**GARDENERS' CLUB**  
**2025**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>-Flower Shows can be Fun! with Geoff Peach**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale MVH**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> Fragrant Plants and Garden**

**With Geoff Hodge**

**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



# **Cancer Care Services**

**A free talk to be given by  
Dr Julie Smallwood  
of Mansfield Park Surgery**

*on behalf of  
Mansfield Park Surgery  
Patient Participation Group  
All Welcome*

**Medstead Village Hall  
Thursday 22nd May  
7.00pm—8.00pm**

RAISING FUNDS FOR:



# *Tea at Three*

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May*

An opportunity to come and meet our wonderful kind ponies in their beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

Enjoy a delicious assortment of sweet and savoury treats along with a cup of tea/coffee.

Interactive activities for children of ALL ages including colouring and Hobby Horse Agility Course.

no booking required  
ADMISSION FREE

small charge for refreshments and some activities

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

- 
- FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, FROM 3PM
  - BROADLANDS GROUP RDA,  
MEDSTEAD GU34 5PX



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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

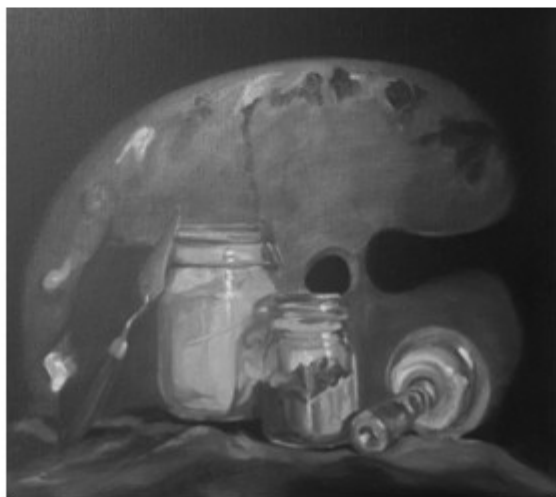
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## Colour Theory

### Alton Library

Fridays 6 - 27 June 10am - 12pm

£52

Booking is essential, please visit

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St Mary's Church  
Upton Grey

**more+**

North Hampshire Downs Churches

**Church Fete**  
**2.00pm Saturday**  
**7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Sherborne Cottage**  
**Church Street**  
**Upton Grey RG25 2BS**

**Tombola/Raffle**

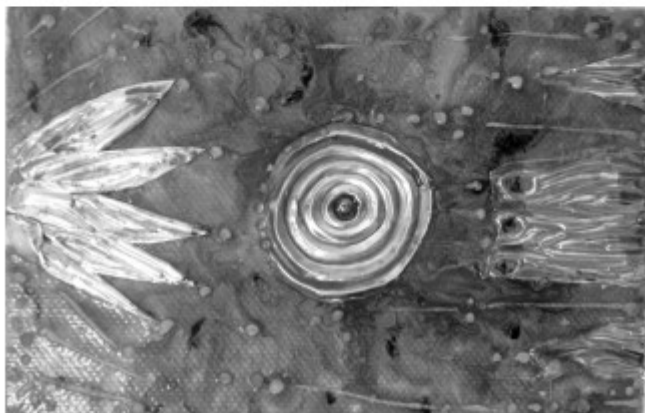
**White Elephant/Garden plants/Books**  
**Cakes/Cream teas/Ice creams**  
**Pimms/Toys/Woodworking**  
**Brass band/Punch & Judy**  
**Classic Cars/Children's games**  
**Admittance £2/ Under 14 free**

**Parking on Church Meadow Church Street**



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## Metal Magic: Embossing Artistry Workshop

### Alton Library

Saturday 14 June 10am - 1pm

£21 tuition, plus £10 materials fee

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



# CELEBRATE 800 YEARS

(OF RECORDED CLERGY)

AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH  
MEDSTEAD

**EXHIBITS FROM LOCAL  
ORGANISATIONS**



**14 - 15th June 2025**

Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

**ART EXHIBITION  
CAKES & TEAS**



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# SUMMER PARTY

JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025

7:00 PM

Carriages at Midnight

**WIVELROD BARN**

*Wivelrod, Alton, GU34 4AS*

*£60 per person  
to include:*

*Drink on Arrival*

*2 course meal*

*Casino, Magician &*

*Live music*

**Smart Casual**

Tickets available on our website:

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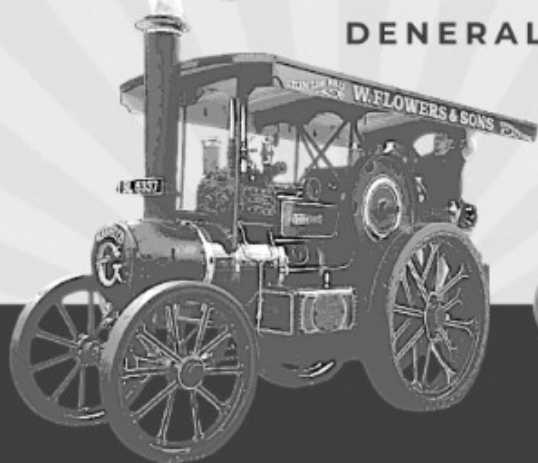
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**21ST - 22ND JUNE 2025**

CLASSIC CARS | MOTORBIKES  
WILD WEST SHOWS | TRADE STANDS  
LIVING HISTORY | TRACTORS  
STEER A STEAM ENGINE | PLUS MORE!

**GATES OPEN 10AM-4PM**

ADULT £7, CHILD £5 (2-16YRS), FAMILY (2A+3C) £20\*  
\* ANY EXTRA CHILDREN WILL BE £1 PP  
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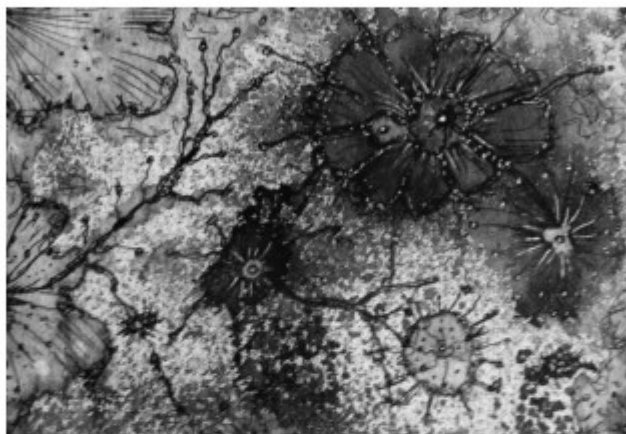


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Library Service



## Serene Summer Blooms: Drawing and Painting Workshop Alton Library

Saturday 28 June 10am - 12:30pm

£18 Tuition plus £6 materials fee

Booking is essential, please visit

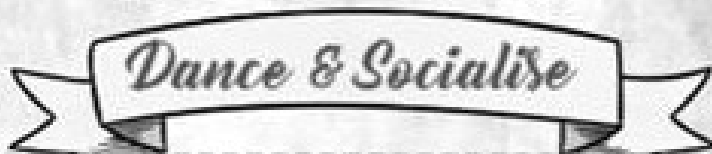
<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



# *Lasham Village*



## HOEDOWN



**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**

**or Sally: 07903514273**



# SERVICES FOR MAY 2025

## BENTWORTH LASHAM MEDSTEAD SHALDEN

### 4th May - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

White

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

### 11th May - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

White

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

### 18th May – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

White

Holy Communion (CW)		10.00a.m.		
Parish Communion (CW)			11.00a.m.	
Evensong				6.00p.m.

### 25th May - THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

White

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

### 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.	

## POTR Services for May 2025

### 4th May

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

### 11th May

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

### 18th May

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

### 25th May

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

### 1st June

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

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