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## \* cover story

This month's cover features photographs taken by George Maxwell Hiles. They originally appeared on Facebook in the Whitchurch (Hants) Nostalgia Pages.

The main photograph is the Church of St Mary, Tufton. The building has been here since at least the 12th century, and probably has Saxon origins, although no trace of those remains. According to Nicholas Pevsner in the *Buildings of England*:

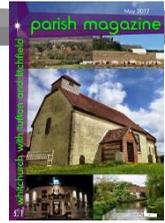
'The church consists of a nave and chancel with a small bell-turret. In the nave on the north side there are two small Early Norman windows high up (11th/12th century). On the south side the doorway is very plain and tall, with a big lintel, and undecorated tympanum and an arch with small saltire crosses and a billet-hood mould. The nave also has on either side a big domestic 18th century window.

'The chancel arch is Norman, but the chancel itself is early 13th century with lancet windows set internally in quite a monumental three-bay arcading with proper columns and arches. There is a fine, very large early 15th century painting of St Christopher with an ornamental frame, but none of the genre details one sees so often. Also painted fragments above the chancel arch. The altar is free standing with the communion rail on three sides.'

Pevsner noted the furnishing was very well done.

Renovations in 2014 have brought new life to the Church bringing together an enthusiastic group of fundraisers to help fund the work. Holy Communion Services are held at 8.45am on the first and third Sundays of the month. All are welcome!

--Geoff Knappett



## \* prayer



Father we thank you for the people who are willing to stand for public office whether it be town, borough or county or as members of Parliament. Thank you that we live in a place where we are able to make our views known without fear. We pray for those who will be elected by us and ask that they will take up their responsibilities with integrity and seek the common good. We ask that you will inspire all of us to use our votes wisely and to value the life of the community that we have here. Help us to be good neighbours to each other.

Amen



'It just gets worse and worse' says Homer Simpson from time to time commenting on his own misfortune, but also possibly on the general state of things. Certainly it is hard to disagree with his assessment. Around the world we see hard men wielding power, as many as ever, sacrificing their peoples' present prosperity and future stability to their own desire to retain control and grow rich. Some countries, one rather large one, are just now ruled by really very strange individuals; it is hard to believe they constitute the pinnacle of human development.

Even so, most of us devote our time to shaping a world that just gets better and better. Encouragingly, everywhere we go we find decent people trying to do their best for everyone. That is why things often do improve, as we build and connect and reach out and reconcile. This is what Christians (at their best) seek to do when they follow the unambiguous instruction of their Lord to keep serving others. To paraphrase very loosely, he did not say 'the world is ghastly but hold on and you will get to heaven', but rather 'heaven begins when you start making the world better'. He did not preach despair but love.

Christian hope lies in God and in God's power to bring heaven into our lives right now through those who answer his call to serve others. We will engage with, and be part of, all sorts of human institution in order to do this, but ultimately our hope lies in God – not in a political party or a person or a Christian denomination or anything else. Christians will hope that things get better and better, but ultimately their hope lies not even in signs of progress, but in God.

Some of the oldest parts of All Hallows Church date back to around the fourteenth century. Personally this would not be my top time to be alive: Britain was subject to famine and recurring plague. The population plummeted – probably more than halving between 1300 and 1450 – but the figures should not mask the suffering which would have been appalling. There was not a lot that people could celebrate in that time, but they built fine stone churches and affirmed a faith in God in whom they put their trust. Then they rolled up their sleeves and did what Christians have always done and tried to help out.

I am sure they hoped and prayed that the plague would stay away, just as we hope and pray that people will stop slaughtering each other. The common response must be to love and serve and trust in God's power to transform and bring heaven on earth.

*--Kelvin Inglis*



## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday 7 May

### Easter 4

Tufton	8.45am	Sung Communion
All Hallows	10am	Parish Communion
Litchfield	10am	Holy Communion (BCP)

### Sunday 14 May

### Easter 5

All Hallows	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
All Hallows	10am	Parish Communion

### Sunday 21 May

### Easter 6

Tufton	8.45am	Sung Communion
All Hallows	10am	Praise Communion with One Accord
Litchfield	10am	Matins

### Thursday 25 May

### Ascension Day

All Hallows	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist
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### Sunday 28 May

### Sunday after Ascension

All Hallows	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
All Hallows	10am	Parish Communion

### Sunday 4 June

### Pentecost

Tufton	8.45am	Sung Communion
All Hallows	10am	Parish Communion
Litchfield	10am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday morning worship at the **Baptist Church**, Newbury Hill is at 10.30am and at the **Methodist Church**, Winchester Street also at 10.30am. Sunday Mass at St John Fisher **Roman Catholic Church**, Bell Street is at 9am. At All Hallows, Evening Prayer is said from the Book of Common Prayer every Sunday at 6pm unless another evening service is shown above. Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday at 9.30am.



### **Baptisms at All Hallows**

2 April Harriet Heather Johnson  
 23 April Colette Louise Court  
 Felicity Jayne Court

### **Confirmation at All Hallows**

2 April Martha Annabel Inglis

### **Marriage at All Hallows**

7 April David Stuart Munro and Laura Michelle Thurley

### **Funerals at All Hallows**

30 March Dennis William Shipway of Andover  
 20 April Leila Mary Peters of Seeviours Court



### **Rest in Peace**

Families are welcome and encouraged to provide brief biographical details of those with local connections who have died recently. We extend sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Dennis Shipway** who died on March 12 aged 96. Dennis was born in 1921 in Andover and trained as an electrician before enlisting in the Royal Navy. He served aboard tank landing ships and saw action at Anzio, ending the War an aircraft carrier leading wireman. He married Joan on Boxing Day 1942 and their children Michael and Linda were born after the War. The family moved to Whitchurch in the sixties where Dennis took over the garage and service station in Winchester Street. In time he operated a building business responsible for several projects in the town. Dennis was remembered as a true gentleman, always smartly turned out, and kind but firm in his dealings with others. He had many interests including swimming and bowls, the Lions and the Masons. He was a grandfather to five and a great grandfather.

**Mary Peters** who died on March 24 aged 97. Mary Moore was born at Ockley in Surrey in 1920 into a farming family. She went into service and in 1941 married a local shepherd, Ted Peters. After a number of moves they settled in Station Road to bring up their sons Geoff and Brian. Mary eventually worked at the White Hart and later at Portals. She had many interests and made many friends over the years and was a familiar figure in Whitchurch at, for instance, the bingo and Silver Threads. She was widowed nearly forty years ago but enjoyed her growing family with grandchildren Trevor, Alison, Nicky and Jason, Sharon, Justin and their families.

## **Aladdin Trouble!**

As a school we look to broaden the horizons of our pupils and give them different opportunities to develop and discover their talents. Of course we aim for the children to be great learners and to make excellent progress but alongside this aim we hope that they will enjoy their learning. At the end of the Spring Term Year 3 and 4 pupils (ages 7 to 9 years) put on a pantomime. Their performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' was very funny and entertaining. They acted, sang, danced and told jokes. However, the fact is, that putting on a play involves so much more than this.

First there was the introduction to the story by the teachers and then the children volunteering for auditions. Once everyone was cast, and no one left out, the hard work began. Firstly, the actors had to 'get into character' which they did extremely well. The villain Abanaza developed an evil laugh and a scary voice, Aladdin was cheerful and Jasmine was sweet. The main characters had lots of lines to learn. They practised them at school and sometimes at home, although some children didn't want to spoil the surprise so rehearsed in secret! Then they had to learn how to deliver those lines in just the right time, to wait for the reaction from the audience and their fellow actors. The actors and dancers had to listen out for their cue and manage a space on the very small stage. The singers had to sing on cue, to watch and listen to the action on stage and concentrate and be ready all the time. Whatever part the children had to play they learned to work together, to listen and watch and respond to each other. They helped each other out and learned to ad lib if things didn't go quite to plan.

The staff helped by preparing props and back drop, making hats, sorting out the music. Some of the teachers coached the singers, whilst others prepared the actors. Some of the parent volunteers came into school to help with costumes and more props. All parents provided costumes. Everything was drawn together by Miss Colyer, the Year 3 and 4 team leader. She orchestrated the event on the night and kept everyone going. Such energy was required as she stood at the back going through the actions and dances with the children as they performed on the stage.

However, on that one warm evening in April, as I took my place in the audience with the families I was struck, not by how much effort everyone had put it, but the real sense of fun that the children brought to their production. The atmosphere was one of friendship and children clearly enjoying themselves. It was a joy!

-- *Kate Steven*, Head Teacher



## **Celebrating National Mills Weekend, 13-14 May**

This annual festival of the UK's milling heritage provides a fantastic opportunity for the public to visit mills. The theme this year is Engineers and Engineering, in celebration of the engineers and millwrights who built mills and their machinery. The Silk Mill will be open 10.30am–5pm, and not only will visitors be able to see what we usually have to offer, but on Sunday 14 May we'll be hosting Eling Tide Mill's Roadshow from 11am–3.30pm with family activities and a chance to meet the millers from both mills. Guided tours will be available at 11am, 12 noon and 1pm – places will be limited so advance booking is required.

## **May Day Festivities**

The Friends of Whitchurch Silk Mill and the Whitchurch Festival Association welcome you to a traditional May Day festival on 1 May, 10.30am-5pm, with maypole dancing, food & drink, music and fun activities for children. This year's theme is 'Our Wonderful Water', and children will have a chance to explore the power of the Mill's water wheel and peek into the amazing underwater world of the River Test with award-winning photographer Paul Colley. Entry will be by voluntary donation as our 'thank you' to the community of Whitchurch and our supporters.

## **Currently Exhibiting...**

... and running until 14 May in our Café Gallery is 'Natural Threads', an exhibition by artist Beth Philpot, who uses a combination of embroidery, painting, dying and collage to capture the colours and textures found in our local landscape. Items made by Beth can be purchased through our shop, from one-off pieces of art to accessories and jewellery.

## **Jane Austen Book Bench**

On Saturday 17 June we'll be unveiling our 'Sitting with Jane' bench on the Mill's front lawn. We're very proud to have been selected as one of 25 venues on Destination Basingstoke's 'Sitting with Jane' sculpture trail. Each of the 25 benches has been individually decorated by a Hampshire artist. Find out more at [www.sittingwithjane.com](http://www.sittingwithjane.com)

## Forthcoming Events

- **May Day Wonder of Water Family Explorer Day** in association with Whitchurch Festival Association – Monday 1 May, 10.30am–5pm
- **Friends of Whitchurch Silk Mill Bridge Tea** – Monday 8 May, 2–5pm
- **Meet the Millers** – National Mills Weekend with the Eling Tide Mill Roadshow – Sunday 14 May, 11am–3.30pm
- **Boating Bonanza** – model boats, racing competitions, building and sailing a boat activity and more, with Eastleigh & District Model Boating Club, Sunday 28 - Monday 29 May, 11-4pm
- **Pub Race** – the Mill's Weaver's Arms will be open for business – Sunday 28 May
- **Sylvanian Families Annual Summer Shopping Weekend** – Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 June, 10am–4pm
- **The Tailor of Hampshire** – a talk about 19th-century men's fashion by Sarah Howard, freelance textile conservator – evening of Thursday 29 June

**Contact:** info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk – 892065 –  
www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk



## Overton Choral Society News

OCS members and guests enjoyed an interesting workshop on Saturday 25 March when Musical Director Paul Timms took them through Stainer's Crucifixion. OCS also looked at other works in similar vein and time and would like to thank Paul and Nick Hussey for all the work they put into these workshops.

On Monday 10 April OCS put their workshop into practice when they performed Stainer's Crucifixion in St Mary's Church, Overton as part of Holy Week. They would like to thank all who supported them, particularly the worshippers of St Mary's and the village of Overton and all those who helped. The concert was dedicated to Mary Taylor, a long time member of both Overton Choral Society and St Mary's Church Choir.

OCS are now working towards a concert in Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 13 May. This year, with other choirs in the Winchester & County Music Festival, they will be performing Mendelssohn's St Paul, a new work for many in OCS. Tickets are available from the Box Office in Winchester or from members.

Please do feel free to join one of the rehearsals if you would like to see if Choral singing is for you. Meetings are on Monday evenings in St Mary's Hall, Overton, at 7.45pm.

**Contact:** Lyn Hardy – 01256 397507



## Jane Austen 200

2017 marks the 200th Anniversary of Jane Austen's death. Jane Austen, one of the world's most famous authors, spent most of her life in Hampshire. Its houses, countryside and people provided the inspiration for many of her novels.

'I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book! When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.' *Pride and Prejudice*.

Come and visit Whitchurch Library for a Jane Austen bookmark and order in a Jane Austen novel. We have so many wonderful books at Whitchurch Library, what will you find to enjoy? Visit the website, [www.janeausten200.co.uk](http://www.janeausten200.co.uk), for more details.

*Pip Baxendale*, Library Team Manager



## News from Whitchurch Youth Project

After having no day trip out in April we are back with our next one which is Chessington World of Adventures. Due to the trip being very popular in the past we are going on two weekends this year, dates are 27 May and 3 June. Places are filling up but we do have some left for both dates, for more details and an application form please contact Barry Goddard.

**Contact:** Barry Goddard (Junior Club Leader – for 10–14 years) 07747 802152;  
Nancy Miller (Freedom Club Leader –for 14-19 years) 07974 344894

--Denyse Coles



The Whitchurch Association (WA) is a local charity, established in April 2007 to work for the benefit of people living in or in the immediate vicinity of the town and is responsible for running the Gill Nethercott Centre (GNC), which is a terrific local asset for the community, and maintains the official town website, [whitchurch.org.uk](http://whitchurch.org.uk). Membership of the WA costs just £2.50 per year (family membership £5). If you would like to become a member, please contact Brian Bent on 892926.

### **Walkers Are Welcome (WAW)**

Whitchurch recently successfully completed its mandatory annual Walkers are Welcome review, necessary to retain accreditation under the scheme. We received the top rating on all aspects of our work – so a very successful and very pleasing result.

On 21 April, some volunteers took part in the installation of two new kissing gates, replacing existing stiles, in co-operation with Overton Walkers are Welcome. With these new skills it is hoped that we can replace other stiles in the future, improving access on some of the footpaths around the town. On 27 April, a volunteer work party made some further repairs to the surface of the Harroway. For these initiatives, we were working together with Emma Broadbent, our Countryside Access Ranger, and her colleagues. The 2017 Spring litter-picking effort continues – new volunteers are always very welcome, so if you would like to volunteer to help with either litter-picking or path clearances, then please register your interest at the Gill Nethercott Centre and we will get in touch. You can also now follow us on Facebook – just search for Walkers are Welcome Whitchurch Hampshire.



### **Gunwharf Quays – Thursday 4 May**

Gunwharf Quays is the South's leading designer shopping outlet with over 90 stores, offering up to 60% discount on regular retail prices, and over 30 restaurants, bars and coffee shops. Set on the historic Portsmouth waterfront, it is the ideal place to explore, shop and dine and take in the exciting sights of this historic coastal city.

While you are there why not visit the Historic Dockyard, which takes you on a journey through time, allowing you to step on board historic ships and understand the Royal Navy, past, present and future. The day is yours to manage – all we ask is that you are at the GNC at 9.45am for the coach to leave at 10am, returning around 6pm. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased at the Gill Nethercott Centre or the Library

### **Misbehavin' – Saturday 13 May, 8pm**

Drawing upon the band members' eclectic and diverse journeys across musical frontiers including jazz, music theatre, traditional and contemporary music, Misbehavin' have created an exciting body of work inspired by the elements. Their original songs and instrumentals will enrapture and surprise you. Full of drama and exuberance this is a performance not to be missed. Tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for concessions, and can be purchased at the Gill Nethercott Centre or the Library.

### **Miranda Sykes in Concert – Saturday 20 May 8pm**

Miranda Sykes, the acclaimed singer and bassist with 'Show of Hands' is returning to her roots. After a career spanning over 20 years, during which time she has played with many of the top musicians and singers within the folk world, she will be touring as she started out: one woman, one bass, and one guitar. With her sensational voice, and accompanying herself, Miranda takes her audience on a journey that resonates with us all. Tickets are £12 and can be purchased at the Gill Nethercott Centre or the Library.

### **Hengistbury Head and Bournemouth – Thursday 15 June**

Straddling Christchurch Harbour this charismatic and interesting headland offers one of the best short walks in Southern England. The two-mile footpath takes you to the golden sands of Mudeford Spit encountering wildlife filled heathland. Various watering holes are on the route including a pub, beach café and a hiker's café.

The coach will drop those wanting to walk the walk at Hengistbury Head first and then carry on to Bournemouth. You have the freedom to spend the day as you please and will be picked up from Bournemouth and Hengistbury and then heading home. Tickets are £17 (coach only) and can be purchased from the Gill Nethercott Centre or the Library. The coach will leave the GNC at 9.30am and return at approximately 6.30pm.

## **Bletchley Park – Tuesday 18 July**

Bletchley Park is the home of British codebreaking and a birthplace of modern information technology. It played a major role in World War Two, producing secret intelligence which had a direct and profound influence on the outcome of the conflict. Bletchley Park brings together the dramatic history of the twentieth century with the challenges we face in the twenty first in our rapidly changing and technologically complex society.

Tickets are £30 and can be purchased from the Gill Nethercott Centre or the Library. The coach leaves the GNC at 9am, returning at approximately 6.30pm.

### **Volunteers**

Do you have any time to spare? We are looking to increase our bank of volunteers to assist us with the community events we are running at the Centre. Whether it be helping with ‘Singing for the Mind’ or serving refreshments we are always in need of extra help and would be delighted to see you. If you feel you could help please contact us at the Centre.

### **Yoga**

Maria Webster will be running her Yoga classes on Mondays 12.30–1.30pm. The course is £51 for 6 weeks.

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Some glorious spring weather in early April set the scene for our first few club nights. Sessions begin at 6pm and continue until dusk, and are hosted by a committee member, so members will always find someone on hand to give them a game. Visitors too are welcome to attend a club night, for which the club asks a small fee towards the costs of upkeep. Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the ever-popular weekend tennis continuing on Saturday afternoons (please ask for details).

### **Rusty Racquets and Upcoming Events**

Our good fortune with the weather continued, with our Rusty Racquets afternoon taking place in glorious sunshine, on one of the warmest days of the year so far. Our next Open Day, part of the Great British Tennis Weekend, will be on Saturday 13 May, from 2pm until 4pm. All will be welcome to come and play, including smaller children who can have a go using our Junior net.

Our friendly Summer Tournament will be held on Saturday 17 June, in the afternoon. The tournament will be followed by a BBQ – details will be sent to members shortly.

After that, the next tennis date for your diary is Strawberry Sunday afternoon, on 9 July, from 2pm until 4pm. This is the middle Sunday of Wimbledon, when there is normally no play at the tournament – so what better way to bridge the gap in your viewing schedule than by coming along to enjoy a fun game of tennis, followed by strawberries and cream? Members and non-members are most welcome.

### **Coaching**

Whitchurch Tennis Club has an LTA licensed resident coach, Carol Rogers, who runs excellent courses for both juniors and adults throughout the year. Many of her summer courses are filling up fast, so if you are interested then do contact Carol soon to get further information and book your place. Full details are available at [carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk) or by phoning Carol on 07939 264999.

Ours is a friendly club, always looking to welcome new members whether they are beginners, or experienced and hoping to play matches (WTC have four teams in the very competitive Basingstoke league this summer), or just want to get back into tennis. There is also the opportunity to join as a social member only, for those who do not want, or have little time, to play tennis. Details can be found on our website, [www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchtennisclub.org.uk)

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## Movies at the Parish Hall

The Summer season of films starts this month with the first film on Wednesday 10 May. Films start at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). Tickets cost £5 and are available at the door. Soft drinks/wine available.

### **Fences (12A) – drama – Wednesday 10 May**

A working-class African-American father, embittered by missed opportunities, creates further tension in his family when he squashes his son's chance to meet a college football recruiter. Based on the play by August Wilson, starring Viola Davis and Denzel Washington, and directed by the latter.

### **Lady Macbeth (tbc) – period drama – Wednesday 24 May**

In this adaptation of Nikolai Leskov's novella 'Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk', a 19th century young woman is sold into marriage to a middle-aged man.

'A tale of frustrated, resentful nineteenth-century English mercantile domesticity that deliberately incurs as many debts to Chandler and Hammett as it does to Austen or Eliot: The Footman Always Knocks Twice, if you will.' Starring Flora Pugh and Christopher Fairbank

### **Summer season**

We have a great Summer season of films on offer from Movoila including La La Land, Beauty and the Beast and Viceroy's House.

- Wednesday 7 June – La La Land (12A)
- Wednesday 21 June – Hidden Figures (PG)
- Wednesday 5 July – Lion (PG)
- Wednesday 19 July – Beauty and the Beast (PG)
- Wednesday 9 August – Viceroy's House (12A)
- Wednesday 23 August – Their Finest (12A)

The Parish Hall is always looking for new committee members. The Parish Hall belongs to the people of Whitchurch and is run by volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved as a committee member or just a helper please feel free to contact us on the details below.

The Parish Hall has modern facilities including stage lighting, projector, PA with radio mic and Wi-Fi which makes it an idea venue for parties and special family occasions. A licensed bar can be supplied without extra charge.

**Contact:** [whitchurchparishhall@outreach.com](mailto:whitchurchparishhall@outreach.com) – 07787 056580 – [www.whitchurchparishhall.co.uk](http://www.whitchurchparishhall.co.uk)

--Rod Clarke

## OFSTED Inspection

We are delighted to inform you that the results are in from the pre-school's most recent OFSTED inspection and we have been rated as OUTSTANDING in all areas. OFSTED described Rising Fives as having 'high calibre staff who provide every child with the very best start in life' and noted that 'Parents are highly delighted with the outstanding quality of the learning experiences and exemplary care that their children receive'. If you are looking for pre-school care for your child come and see for yourself at our open afternoon (see below) or contact the pre-school for a registration form. Some places are still available for September but are filling up fast!

## Once Upon a Rhyme with Amanda from 'Merry-go-Round Storytelling'

We are very excited to announce that we have arranged for Amanda from Merry-go-Round Storytelling to visit Rising Fives and deliver a number of fun and interactive storytelling, music and movement sessions. Each session will be based around a classic children's book and use a range of rhymes, songs and actions to bring the story to life. These will take place at Rising Fives from 2-3pm on Wednesday 3 May, Wednesday 7 June and Wednesday 5 July.

Due to the very popular nature of these sessions we are asking that families book the block of three sessions in advance to guarantee places. The cost for all three sessions is £12 per family, and younger siblings are welcome. Places are limited to 15 families so if you would like to book or would like further information please contact Rising Fives as soon as possible.

## Methodist Church Saturday Coffee Mornings

A very big thank you to everyone who helped out and came along to the Coffee Mornings at the Methodist Church on Saturday mornings. Through people's kind donations, we received £183.48. This money will be used to purchase resources for Rising Fives.

## Easter Event

We had a great time at our Easter event, the sun shone and it was lovely to see so many happy chocolatey faces traipsing around Whitchurch and enjoying themselves back at Rising Fives! A big thank you to all who donated cakes, helped on the day and to everyone who came and supported us. We raised just under £200 for resources for the pre-school and hope you had as much fun as we did!



## Open Afternoon

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new starters and their families after Easter. We have an open afternoon booked for Wednesday 10 May, 1-2pm. Any families who may be considering choosing Rising Fives for their children and families with children due to start are very welcome to attend. Parents will need to book a place by calling 01256 893708 or emailing [rising.fives@btinternet.com](mailto:rising.fives@btinternet.com). If you or anyone you know is looking for a pre-school place for their child please don't hesitate to get in touch and come for a look round.

**Contact:** Sarah Hawkins, Manager – 893708 – [rising.fives@btinternet.com](mailto:rising.fives@btinternet.com) – [risingfives.co.uk](http://risingfives.co.uk)

## planning applications



Below are planning application registrations and decisions taken between 18 March and 14 April inclusive. Unless otherwise stated, locations are in the parish of Whitchurch, applications are for full planning permission and the date shown is the registration date:



### Registrations

- Tree works **Four Farthings, Mcfauld Way** (T/00136/17/TCA)
- Tree works **22 Lynch Hill Park** (T/00126/17/TPO)
- Change of use of agricultural barn to 4 bed dwelling house, including parking area and the setting out of domestic curtilage. **Barn Adjacent to Bradley Wood Farmhouse, Dunley** (17/01209/FUL)
- Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. **14 Meadow View** (17/01128/HSE)
- Variation of Section 106 agreement relating to planning permission 15/03693/OUT to remove the Designated Protection Area restriction in connection with the affordable housing provision and variation to Part 13 to amend an error relating to the securing of the contributions towards community facilities being secured to the Parish Hall as opposed to the Town Hall. **Land Between Winchester Road And Micheldever Road** (17/01134/VLA)
- Change of use of existing garage outbuilding to 2 bedroom dwelling. Outbuilding on land south of **Ivy Cottage, Winchester Road** (17/01106/FUL)

## Decisions

- Trees works. Rear of main building **The Gables, London Road** (T/00087/17/TCA) *Granted*
- Trees works **36 London Street** (T/00075/17/TCA) *Granted*
- Erection of single storey rear extension and internal alterations **South Woolding Cottage The Harrow Way** (17/00663/HSE) *Granted*
- Trees works **12 Church Street** (T/00055/17/TCA) *Granted*
- Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and first floor side extension **2 Vinery Close** (17/00490/HSE) *Granted*
- Erection of single storey rear extension. Installation of 1 window to side elevation **16 Pound Meadow** (17/00476/HSE) *Granted*
- Loft conversion and construction of 3 rear dormer windows **35 Test Road** (17/00410/HSE) *Granted*
  
- Reserved matters application for details of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission 15/03693/OUT, for the erection of 100 dwellings, with associated works to facilitate school bus drop off, and associated open space and recreational facilities. **Land by Winchester Road** (16/02508/RES) *Granted*
- Erection of a new external platform lift and internal alterations to Whitchurch Silk Mill, erection of single storey extensions and alterations to the existing shop building, landscaping works including new bridges and a decked area over the river, and erection of an external store **Whitchurch Silk Mill, 28 Winchester Street** (16/03780/LBC) *Granted*

*Source: [www.basingstoke.gov.uk](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk)*



### Friday Lunch Club

If you like a good lunch and good company, Testbourne Community Centre on Fridays in term time is the place to be. A delicious two-course lunch, preceded by time to chat and have coffee/tea and biscuits beforehand, is served to you by a friendly team of volunteers. Come on your own and meet new friends or bring a friend with you – everyone welcome. Transport is included in the price so you can even be picked up and delivered back to your own front door. All this for just £5.50! Get in touch to book your place and for transport to be arranged. Lunch clubs this month are on:

- Friday 5 May
- Friday 12 May
- Friday 19 May
- Friday 26 May

**Contact:** Paul Bushell – 892261 – [p.bushell@testbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:p.bushell@testbourne.hants.sch.uk)

### Whitchurch WI

Come on ladies – forget all those thoughts about jam, Jerusalem, twinsets and pearls. The WI is much more 21st-century these days. Give it a try – there is no charge to attend a first meeting, so you have nothing to lose except a couple of hours on a Thursday evening, and everything to gain like new friends, a chance to hear a range of speakers and have fun.



The WI meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Gill Nethercott Centre at 7.15pm (except in July – see below). There's tea/coffee and a chat before the main event of the evening, plus a monthly competition and raffle. The next three meetings are:

- **Thursday 18 May – AGM and Quiz** – A look back at all that has gone on during the past year and then to the future, electing the committee for the coming year. There will also be some fun quizzes to have a go at during the evening.
- **Thursday 15 June – Both Sides of the Wall: Life as a Prison Officer** – Find out what goes on behind bars in this talk by Gina Ireland.
- **Thursday 20 July – WI Night Out** – A social event with a meal at the White Hart in Whitchurch, meeting at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

**Contact:** Judy Hopkins (WI Secretary) – 892286 – [secretary@whitchurchwi.org.uk](mailto:secretary@whitchurchwi.org.uk)



## **Primary Pedal to return for 2017**

The Primary Pedal charity bike ride will be held on Sunday 7 May, from Whitchurch Primary school. This will be the third hosting of the event, following the success of 2014 and 2015 which both saw over 250 people of all ages and abilities completing the 20, 40 or 60-mile routes and many thousands of pounds raised for the local schools.

The funds raised through entry fees and sponsorship will go to the registered charity FOWPS – Friends Of Whitchurch Primary School, partly to fund cycle training and events for primary school children, and also to the charity Mityana Projects Trust supporting the children of Testbourne School and their trip to Mityana, Uganda. The 20-mile route is suitable for competent child cyclists, with a stop at the White Hart pub in Stoke. The 40- and 60-mile routes travel through the North Hampshire Downs AONB and present a significant challenge for cyclists of all abilities. The routes are almost entirely on very quiet country lanes, all intersections will be clearly signposted, marshals will be spread around the course and medical/mechanical help is also provided if required.

### **Cake**

A highlight of the Primary Pedal is the truly outstanding quantity and quality of cake on offer. Locally sourced and artisanally baked, the free, all-you-can-eat cake is a major factor in returning entrants from previous years. Test Valley Cycles are offering to donate £5 from any bike service for Primary Pedal entrants – book your pre-ride service now at [www.testvalleycycles.co.uk](http://www.testvalleycycles.co.uk) or call Mike on 07789971749 and mention it's for the Primary Pedal. Whitchurch and surrounding area residents are encouraged to dust off the bike, form a team and take on the Primary Pedal! Invite your distant friends/relatives to join in too.

Entries are online now at [www.primarypedal.org.uk](http://www.primarypedal.org.uk) – there is no entry on the day, so register now. Adults are just £15, children under 16 are free.



## **Whitchurch Methodist Church news and activities for May**

Sunday morning services at the Methodist Church in May are at 10.30am. 'Xpect' café church will be on Thursday 5 May at Bridge Street Methodist Church, Andover.

The Saturday coffee mornings in March raised a total of £183.50 for the Rising Fives playgroup. The May coffee mornings will be in aid of Singing for the Mind, so do come along and support them.

Whenever you see the 'Church open' sign outside the Methodist church, please feel free to come in for a look, perhaps light a candle and leave a prayer request, or just enjoy some quiet space.

### **Whitchurch Ramblers**

 Whitchurch Ramblers meet Mondays at 7pm in the Bell Street Car Park. If the walk starts elsewhere they drive there from the Bell Street Car Park, leaving at 7pm. Walks in May are as follows:

- 1 May Larksbarrow via Bradley Wood – 4.2 miles
- 8 May Hurstbourne Tarrant via Ibthorpe & Doles Copse – 4.2 miles
- 15 May Longparish via Riverdance – 3.5 miles
- 22 May Longparish via The Forton Loop – 3.8 miles
- 29 May Vernham Dean via Upton & Vernham Manors – 4.3 miles

### **All Hallows running Rotations for Christian Aid**

 Rotations Charity shop will be open from 11-25 May, raising money for Christian Aid. Good quality donations including books, clothes or unwanted gifts can be left at the shop (when it is open) from 11 May or in the church porch during the week before. No electrical items, large items of furniture, fitness equipment, car seats, cycle helmets or videos please. Gift Aid envelopes will be available for donations. Collection can be arranged.

**Contact:** Kath – 892492

### **History Society**

 The History Society will welcome Deborah Wheeler to the meeting on Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm in the Gill Nethercott Centre. Deborah will give a talk on William Morris in preparation for the History Society's visit to Kelmscott Manor on Wednesday 28 June. There are still seats left on the coach for anyone interested in joining the trip. The cost for the day is £25 per head. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the Corswold Woollen Mill at Filkins. The coach departs Whitchurch at 9.45pm and should arrive back in Whitchurch by 6pm.

**Contact:** John Mariner – 893437 OR 892149 for Kelmscott Manor

### **Whitchurch Townswomen's Guild**

 The talk given last month by Gill Barnes, concerning the Andover Young Carers, was most interesting and informative and enjoyed by all present. The next meeting of the Guild will be on Thursday 11 May commencing at 10am in the Parish Hall. The speaker will be Mrs Mary Childs, and her talk will be about 'Riding for the Disabled'. There will be no sales table this month, but there will be the usual raffle. Visitors are most welcome to attend, the cost is £3 and includes refreshments.

**Contact:** Vivienne Morris – 892140 – brivimor@talktalk.net



## Whitchurch During the First World War – May 2017

**THE LATE LIEUT. O.S. PORTAL:** The heartfelt sympathy of all in the district goes out this month to Mr and Mrs Spencer Portal, Bere Hill House, in the loss of their eldest son, Lieut. Oldric Spencer Portal, 1st Life Guards, attached to the Household Battalion, who was killed in France on Thursday, May 3rd, when in command of a company of this regiment. Lieut. Portal was born in 1893, and educated at Summer Fields, and at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where he was a member of the Officers Training Corps. On the outbreak of war he joined the Special Reserve of the 17th Lancers, and was posted to the 8th Reserve Cavalry Regiment at Curragh, in Ireland. The following year he transferred to the Special Reserve, 1st Life Guards, and was badly wounded in the right arm on January 25th last year, while serving with that regiment in France. He was then posted to the reserve regiment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards, and joined the Household Battalion on its formation in October last. Early in the spring he was Acting Staff Captain to his Brigade, but after the heavy losses of his battalion in the First Battle of Arras, re-joined it in April, and was killed instantaneously at Roeux on May 3rd. The Eton College Chronicle described the young man thus: 'Impetuous, loyal, warm-hearted, almost a visionary, full of brilliant promise at 23, he has left a gap amongst his friends which nothing can fill.' A memorial service for the officers, non-commissioned officers and troopers of the Household Battalion who fell in the Battle of Arras was held at Brompton Parish Church [London] on Friday May 25th. Mr and Mrs Spencer Portal attended the service at which their son's name was one of those read out. His younger brother (Acting Sub Lieut Raymond Spencer Portal, RN) lost his life on board HMS Invincible in the Jutland Battle in May 1916.

**ROLL OF HONOUR:** The 38th name on the local Roll of Honour is that of Pte Fred Hutchence, 12562, Royal Warwicks, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Henry Hutchence, of Knowle Lane. Official news arrived here on Tuesday [June 5th] that he was killed in action in France, on May 9. Joining up just over two years ago, Fred was in fighting Mesopotamia at Kut with the forces sent to relieve General Townsend, and here received a broken jaw, which necessitated his removal to England. On recovery about October or November last he was sent to France. He was 25 years of age. The Commanding Officer of the 15th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regt. to which Pte Hutchence, of Winchester Street, belonged, has sent 'his deepest sympathy' to Mrs Hutchence, 'in her loss and his keen regret in loosing so good a soldier'. The whole of the town share in that sentiment.



Oldric Portal



Fred Hutchence

Compiled by Craig Fisher

Notes: Oldric Portal was buried in St Nicolas British Cemetery, on the northern outskirts of Arras. Fred Hutchence's body was never identified, and today he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France. Fred's brother Harry served as a submariner with the Royal Navy, enlisting in Portsmouth on 18 March 1914. He survived the war but was drowned, aged 25, on 20 January 1921, when the submarine HMS K5 sank with the loss of all hands on the way to a mock battle in the Bay of Biscay. Harry's death came after the memorial in All Hallows Church had been erected, and this may explain why he is not listed on it. Perhaps his omission from the town's Roll of Honour is something that could be addressed in time for the 100th anniversary of the Armistice next year?



### Cats Protection

Head office is continually urging Cats Protection to home more cats but this is easier said than done. Unwanted young cats and kittens are readily rehomed by their owners, leaving the cats such as Elsie, below, who was straying because no one wanted her, and Sally, a 16 year old, much loved cat whose owner died. She has been in care for six months and cost a small fortune in veterinary fees restoring her health but it seems unlikely that anyone will offer her a home.



The weekend spent with a soft toy tombola at Pets at Home was both pleasant and successful, raising £143, which will increase when the money raised from rounding up at the till is received.



Belle, last month's cat, is still awaiting her forever home.

'My name is Elsie. I am quite elderly and my eyesight is not so good so I would need to be an indoor cat to keep me safe. I love my food and lots of cuddles. Please consider giving me a loving home.'

**Contact:** Homing enquiries 0345 260 1501 or [andovercats.org.uk](http://andovercats.org.uk); fund raising and volunteers 07733 242196 or [coord@andovercats.org.uk](mailto:coord@andovercats.org.uk); items

for resale 892773

### **Tree Warden**

 The Tree Warden Scheme will soon be up and working. If you can see from your home a tree you like and you want to know more about it, get in touch, say where it is and ideally send a picture. It can then be identified and it could be part of a general community overview. It could be included in a Tree of the Month programme being planned.

**Contact:** [graham@gyrdan.demon.co.uk](mailto:graham@gyrdan.demon.co.uk)

### **Whitchurch Fun Run/Jog on Saturday 20th May at 2pm**

 5k and 10k routes from Testbourne Sports Field, with Registration from 1:15pm and warm up at 1:45pm.

Entries on the day: age 12 plus - £4 / under 11 - £2 / Family (2+2) - £10.

Event is organised by the PTFA, with all proceeds to Testbourne School  
Refreshments will be available.

**Contact:** <http://ptfa.testbourne.school/> - [carolineburson@yahoo.com](mailto:carolineburson@yahoo.com)

### **Hampshire Garden Festival**

 The Hampshire Garden Festival will be held on Sunday 11 June, 10am-4.30pm at Bere Mill, Whitchurch in support of the North Hampshire Medical Fund. Events include a Gardener's Question Time chaired by the Daily Telegraph's Helen Yemim, plants, garden equipment, a chance to visit the gardens at Bere Mill, workshops, talks and demonstrations and activities for all the family. Tickets are available on the day and cost £9 for an adult, £4 for a child aged 5-16 or £20 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). Dogs on leads are welcome.

**Contact:** [www.hampshiregardenfestival.co.uk](http://www.hampshiregardenfestival.co.uk)

### **Weather in March**

 Total rainfall for the month of March 2017 was 74mm (2.91 ins) and it rained on 8 days. Rainfall for the same month last year was considerably more at 100mm (3.93ins). Total rainfall for 2017 so far is 279mm (10.98ins), less than total rainfall for this point last year, which was 336mm (13.22ins).

The maximum temperature for the month was 25C (77F) on the 26 and the minimum temperature was -2C (28F) on 1 March.



## **Andrew's Highland Backpack for AMAR**

On Wednesday 17 May, Andrew Smith will leave Braemore Junction on the Inverness to Ullapool road, and set out across wild country, camping rough for five nights, and arrive in Lochinver on Monday 22 May. The route is 45 miles long and will, weather permitting, include two peaks: Eididh nan Clach Geala (3041 feet) and Cul Mor (2785 feet). He will carry all his food with him.

Andrew is raising money for the AMAR Foundation, which has been working in the Middle East providing emergency aid, healthcare and educational services to the poor and disadvantaged in the region, especially internally displaced people in Iraq. Much more information about AMAR's work can be found at [www.amarfoundation.org](http://www.amarfoundation.org).

If you'd like to sponsor him, please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrew-Smith-AMAR-trek](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrew-Smith-AMAR-trek) or text 'BKPK60 <amount>' to 70070, where <amount> can be £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10. He has already raised £920, but more will be very welcome!

Andrew doesn't expect to have a mobile signal for much of the route, but will nevertheless endeavour to upload photos and notes on his progress occasionally to his JustGiving page.



## **Fun Dog Show at the Hannington Country Fair Dog Show**

The Hannington Country Fair promises to host one of the best dog shows of 2017 on Sunday 25 June, with great prizes and lots of fun. Entry on the day and full information can be found on the website, and that's just a part of the Country Fair, which starts at 12 noon and provides a full day of fun, great arena entertainment and over 80 sideshows & stalls.

**Contact:** [www.hanningtonfair.net](http://www.hanningtonfair.net) – Facebook: Hannington Country Fair



## **U3A in May**

The May meeting of the Overton & District U3A will take place on Wednesday 17 May and will be a talk by Jon Cannon on 'A Thousand Years of History: Medieval Cathedrals as Time Machines.' The talk will be held at 10am in St Mary's Hall, Overton. Visitors are welcome at a cost of £3.

**Contact:** 01256 771602 – [www.overtonu3a.org.uk](http://www.overtonu3a.org.uk) – [stevens\\_rg25@btinternet.com](mailto:stevens_rg25@btinternet.com)



## **Newbury Spring Festival 2017**

There is still time to book up for one or more of the 40+ events that are taking place at the Newbury Spring Festival which runs 6–20 May. Newbury is just 20 minutes from Whitchurch and this year's annual music festival (now in its 39th year) has everything from classical to jazz, from choirs to ballet, from films to puppets. Some performances are even free for children, and a Young Festival Critics scheme encourages those aged 15–30 to register to attend a show free of charge and write a review. Check out the full programme/details of how to book on-line, or call or email for a brochure.

**Contact:** [www.newburyspringfestival.org.uk](http://www.newburyspringfestival.org.uk) – 01635 32421 – [enquiries@newburyspringfestival.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@newburyspringfestival.org.uk)



*The vicar writes:* **Mrs Muriel Hirst** died on March 20. She had recently moved away after many years living happily in Whitchurch, a place she loved. She was a generous supporter, in time and money, of many of the organisations and local causes that make this community what it is. She made her contribution felt in the church, in politics and in all sorts of social, commercial, charitable and voluntary undertakings. Representatives will wish to show their appreciation, I am sure, by attending her memorial service on Wednesday May 17 at All Hallows at 2pm.

## \* regular events

Mondays	9.30–11.30am	Teapot Baby and Toddler Group, drop-in play sessions with toys, crafts and singing, Testbourne Community Centre
	2pm	Silver Threads, Parish Hall
	3–5pm	Scrabble Club, Library
	7–10pm	Bellringers' practice, All Hallows bell tower
	7.30pm	Duplicate Bridge, Gill Nethercott Centre
	7.30pm	Town Council meetings: 1st Monday: Full council; 2nd & 4th: Development; 3rd: Leisure & Environment
Tuesdays	8.35pm	Casual badminton, Testbourne (bookable)
	2.30–4pm	Ladies Fellowship, Baptist Church
	7.30–10pm	Youth group (ages 14–19) Youth Suite, Testbourne Centre
Wednesdays	8pm	WADS Club night, Parish Hall
	9.30am	Holy Communion, All Hallows
	9.45am	Walking for Health, Gill Nethercott Centre
2nd & 4th	10–11.30am	Toy Library, Methodist Hall (term time)
	10am–12noon	BRAS (Breast-feeding social group), All Hallows Church Rooms
3rd	10am–12noon	Coffee morning, Baptist Church hall
	2.30–4.30pm	Scrabble Club, Library
	5.30pm	Reading Group, Library
	6pm	Casual badminton, Testbourne (bookable)
Thursdays	7.30pm	'Singing for Fun' rehearsals, Methodist Church
	9.30–11.30am	Tea and Tots, All Hallows Church Room
	10am–12noon	Coffee morning, Methodist Church
3rd	2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship, Methodist Church
	7.15pm	WI, Gill Nethercott Centre
	7.30pm	Choir practice, All Hallows
Fridays	9.15am	Prayer time, Methodist Small Hall
	10–11.30am	Country Market, Gill Nethercott Centre
	2.30–3pm	Story Time, Library
	7.30–10pm	'Freedom' youth group (ages 14–19), Youth Suite, Methodist Church
	7.30–10pm	'Y@H' youth group (ages 10–14), Gill Nethercott Centre
Saturdays	9.30–11.30am	Casual badminton, Testbourne (bookable)
	10am–12noon	Coffee morning, Methodist Church
	10.30–11.30am	SCRAWL (craft and stories), Library

## \* what's on

### WEEK 18

1	Monday	10.30am-5pm	May Day Wonder of Water Family Explorer Day, Silk Mill	8
2	Tuesday	7.30pm	William Morris, talk by Deborah Wheeler, GNC	20
3	Wednesday	2pm	Once Upon A Rhyme, Rising Fives Preschool	15
5	Thursday	7.30pm	Xpect café-style church, Methodist Church, Bridge Street, Andover	19
4	Thursday	9.45am-6pm	Trip to Gunwharf Quays, GNC	11
7	Sunday		Whitchurch Primary Pedal	19

### WEEK 19

8	Monday	2-5pm	Silk Mill Bridge Tea	8
10	Wednesday	1-2pm	Open Day, Rising Fives Preschool	15
10	Wednesday	7.30pm (doors open 7pm)	Film: <i>Fences</i> , Parish Hall	14
11	Thursday	10am	Townswomen's Guild, 'Riding for the Disabled' talk, Parish Hall	20
13	Saturday		OCS concert, Winchester Cathedral	8
13	Saturday	2-4pm	Open Day, Whitchurch Tennis Club	13
13	Saturday	8pm	Misbehavin', GNC	11

### WEEK 20

14	Sunday	11am-3.30pm	National Mills Weekend, Meet the Millers, Silk Mill	7
17	Wednesday	10am	U3A, 'A Thousand Years of History: Medieval Cathedrals' talk, St Mary's Hall, Overton	24
17	Wednesday	2pm	Memorial Service for Muriel Hurst, All Hallows	5
18	Thursday	7.15pm	Whitchurch WI, AGM, GNC	18
20	Saturday	8pm	Miranda Sykes in Concert, GNC	11

### WEEK 21

24	Wednesday	7.30pm (doors open 7pm)	Film: <i>Lady Macbeth</i> , Parish Hall	14
27	Saturday		Youth Club trip to Chessington World of Adventures	9

### WEEK 22

28	Sunday	11-4pm	Boating Bonanza, Silk Mill	8
28	Sunday		Whitchurch Pub Race	8
29	Monday	11-4pm	Boating Bonanza, Silk Mill	8

Citizens Advice	Town Hall ground flr	Tuesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm	
Dentists	Whitchurch Smiles Ltd 893968	Mondays – Fridays 9am – 1pm; 2 – 5pm Private patients only	
	Dental Concepts 893517	Mondays – Fridays 9am – 1pm; 2 – 5pm	
Doctors	01256 212311 / 0844 477 2547	Mondays – Fridays 8am – 6.30pm	
Library	0300 555 1387*	Mondays 1 – 5pm; Wednesdays 1 – 7pm; Fridays 10am – 5pm; Saturdays 10am – 1pm	
Neighbourcare	892791 892140	Helen Knight Vivienne Morris	Mondays – Fridays 8am – 8pm
Parish Off.	892535	parishadmin@ahwhitchurch.org.uk	
Post Office	892108	Mondays to Fridays 9am – 5.30pm Saturdays 9am – 12.30pm	
Station Ticket Off.		Mondays – Fridays 6.00am – 11.15am	
Town Hall	892107	Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 9.30 – 11.30am	

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Verger Hilary Gould 01256 893851

### RECYCLE BIN COLLECTION DATES FOR WHITCHURCH

*Paper, card, plastic bottles, food and drinks cans and glass recycling*

Friday 5 and 19 May

*Garden waste*

Wednesday 3, 17 and 31 May

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