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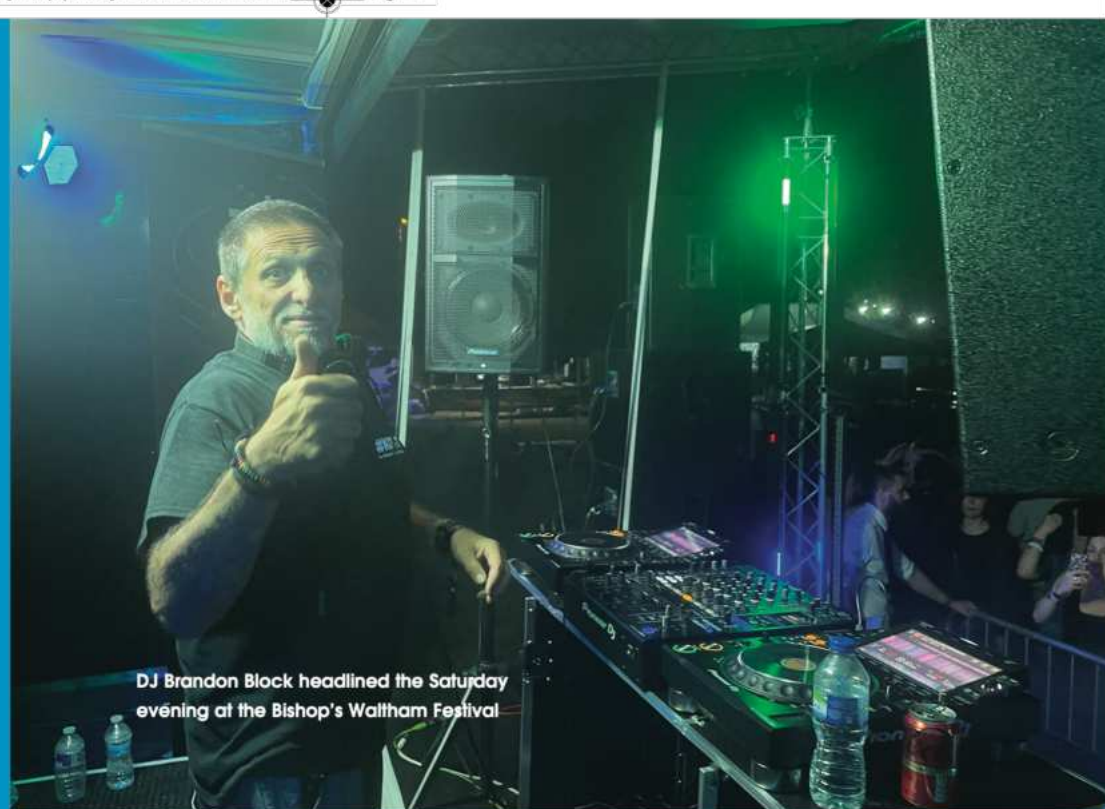
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The Friday Ceilidh  
- learning the steps



DJ Brandon Block headlined the Saturday  
evening at the Bishop's Waltham Festival



Dan Apps (DJ)  
makes music and smoke



The event was a sell out and hundreds of people enjoyed dancing well into the evening



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Cover picture: *Mid-summer has now become a time of music festivals in our countryside, and Bishop's Waltham Festival provides a more localised venue for a rollicking evening of popular music and stunning light shows. Perhaps not on the scale of Glastonbury or, indeed, Cheesefoot Head, but nonetheless very enjoyable and fun to have been there. The Saturday Music Festival was just one of several treats at this year's Festival, which are recorded in the centre pages of this August and September issue of the Parish News. Other highlights of the Festival included a Ceilidh and open air theatre plays of 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' and Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.*



Photo: Justine Greenfield



# Dedication and Thanksgiving of the Clock at St Peter's Church



It's lovely to hear St Peter's clock chiming the hours again! Sadly it stopped working a while ago but is now up and running on time. Our church clock has a lot of history. It dates back to the Parliamentary Civil War around 1650, making it one of the oldest clocks in the country. It was brought up to the church from Bishop's Waltham Palace and installed in the church. The clock has the second heaviest working pendulum in the world and has to be wound up every third day!

Why do church clocks in England have blue faces like ours? Not all church clocks have blue faces but the generally accepted view is that Henry VIII decreed that because God commanded Moses in Exodus 39 to make Aaron the priest garments of blue with gold bells, so church clocks should be 'blue with the sign of gilt upon it.'

St Peter's clock had red-painted workings but when mended the company that renovated the clock painted it the original blue colour.



A reading read by Revd James Hunt at the dedication and thanksgiving of the clock is shown below. The church also recognises the commitment and tenacity of Paul Emmerson, who project managed this major achievement.

## *A Time for Everything*

Ecclesiastes 3v1-13

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

*What do workers gain from their toil?*

I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all their toil-this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.





## COMMENT

## Summer time!



Over July and August, as the schools' break up, and hopefully the weather gets a bit better, many of us hope to have some sort of a holiday, derived from the phrase 'holy' day, a day or time set apart for a special purpose. But what special purpose?

What we each want from a holiday can vary quite a lot, where some like to do 'nothing', such as lie on a beach, while others like to be 'active', such as go for walks and explore. Holidays can seem very different for different people, but the key thing for all of us is that we might do something different from what we normally do, slow down and enjoy life with a different rhythm, not dictated by our phone or diaries!

In holidays, of whatever kind, the key ingredient is **taking more time** rather than time rushing by. Someone once said to me that our aim on a day off, or on a holiday, should be just to 'waste some time' and get to the end of a day with the aim of achieving absolutely nothing! The point he was making was that we need to make sure we spend regular time on ourselves...time for recreation (recreation) rather than always being busy creating.

In the first book of the bible God spent 6 days creating the universe and everything in it, but then on the 7th day he rested not because he was tired in any way, but he wanted time to enjoy what he had done: the stars, the sky, the land, the seas, the plants, the animals and the pinnacle of his creation humankind, which he called 'very good' whilst everything else just 'good':

**"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. Genesis 1v31** A similar idea is seen in what Jesus said **"The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord also of the sabbath."** Mark 2:27-28 27

In Africa they have a great saying of people outside of Africa: 'You might have the watches, but we have the time!' This sums it up: there is no point in being busy or having lots of things if we can't enjoy life. As Jesus said: **"I have come that you might have life and have it to the full."** John 10v10

In summary, I hope that before the Autumn comes, you will be able to enjoy time to rest or relax whether at home or on holiday. Let's treasure time because it the most precious thing that God has given us and God wants us to use all our time well – the bible reading *"A Time for Everything"* on the opposite page might be helpful to reflect on over the summer for what we spend our time on overall.

With prayers for a good July and August.

James

*Revd James Hunt - Rector of St Peter's and Blessed Mary*

## St Peter's Patronal Festival Celebration Rectory Picnic

On Sunday 30th June a picnic was held in the Rectory garden to celebrate the festival of our patron saint, St Peter.

The event followed a combined service (congregations from the regular 9am and 10.30am services) and was attended by some 80 people, including church members from Upham and a number of children.

Fortunately, the weather, a little damp to start off with, soon brightened up. Platters of cold meats were available with a wonderful selection of delicious salads donated by members of the congregations. This was followed by strawberries and cream and lovely cake.

A big thank you to members of both congregations for preparing food for the day and the team who helped at the event. Donations were requested and it is pleasing to report that these covered the cost of the bought food.

Altogether it was a very pleasant gathering which is reflected in the accompanying photos.







## DAILY AND WEEKLY PRAYER

ST PETER'S AND BLESSED MARY

### 8.30AM MONDAYS

Morning Prayer via Zoom

With Revd Jane Beloe/Revd James Hunt

### 8AM TUESDAYS

Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' via Zoom

With Revd James Hunt

### 8.45AM WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer in St Peter's  
With Wendy Cooper

### 4.15PM WEDNESDAYS

after St Peter's Cafe  
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## SERVICES, GROUPS AND PRAYER - August 2024

Please check the weekly update for changes.

### ST PETER'S CHURCH, BISHOP'S WALTHAM

#### Thursday 1st August

10am BCP Communion Service (Informal)

#### Sunday 4th August

8am BCP Communion Service (Said)

9am Communion Service (Choir)

10.30am 'Sunday Central' Informal Service (Band)

#### Thursday 8th August

10am BCP Communion Service (Informal)

#### Sunday 11th August

8am BCP Communion Service (Said)

9am Communion Service (Choir)

10.30am 'Sunday Central' Informal Service

6.30pm Compline at Blessed Mary, Upham

#### Thursday 15th August

10am 'Thought for the Day' with coffee and cake.

#### Sunday 18th August

8am BCP Communion Service (Said)

9am Communion Service (Choir)

10.30am 'Sunday Central' Informal Service (Band)

#### Thursday 22nd August

10am BCP Communion Service (Informal)

#### Sunday 25th August

8am BCP Communion Service (Said)

9am Morning Worship

10.30am 'Sunday Central' Informal Service

6.30pm Evensong at Blessed Mary

**Coffee will be served from 10.10 – 10.30am each Sunday**

If you are coming to the 10:30am please come in time to have coffee beforehand!

### BLESSED MARY CHURCH, UPHAM

**Midweek Service Wednesdays at 10am – various venues**

#### Sunday 4th August

11am Communion Service (Choir)

#### Sunday 11th August

11am Sunday Funday (Family and Inter-generational)

6.30pm Compline

#### Sunday 18th August

11am Communion Service

#### Sunday 25th August

11am Informal Service

6.30pm Evensong





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### Sunday 1st September

**8am** BCP Communion Service (Said)

**9am** Communion Service (Choir)

**10.30am** 'Sunday Central' Informal Service (Band)

### Thursday 5th September

**10am** BCP Communion Service (Informal)

### Sunday 8th September

**8am** BCP Communion Service (Said)

**9am** Communion service (Choir)

**10.30am** 'Sunday Central' Informal Service

**6.30pm** Evensong at Blessed Mary, Upham

### Thursday 12th September

**10am** BCP Communion Service (Informal)

### Sunday 15th September

**10am** BCP Communion Service (Said)

**9am** Communion Service (Choir)

**10.30am** 'Sunday Central' Informal Service (Band)

### Thursday 19th September

**10am** 'Thought for the day' with Coffee and Cake

### Sunday 22nd September

**8am** BCP Communion Service (Said)

**9am** Morning Worship

**10.30am** 'Sunday Central' Informal Service

**6.30pm** Evensong at Blessed Mary, Upham

### Thursday 26th September

**10am** BCP Communion Service (Said)

### Sunday 29th September

**8am** BCP Communion Service (Said)

**9am** Communication Service (Choir)

**10.30am** 'Sunday Central' Informal Service

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**Midweek Service Wednesdays at 10am – various venues**

### Sunday 1st September

**11am** Communion Service (Choir)

### Sunday 8th September

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**6.30pm** Evensong

### Sunday 15th September

**11am** Communion Service

### Sunday 22nd September

**11am** Informal Service

**6.30pm** Evensong

### Sunday 29th September

**11am** Matins



# Requests for Prayer

## Philippians 4 v 6

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

The Residents living in a group of two or three roads are prayed for at Morning Prayer (8:45am - 9:00am) in St. Peter's Church each weekday, so that during each month, all residents of Bishop's Waltham and Upham are prayed for in turn. At Morning Prayer people for whom prayer has been requested are prayed for by name (just first name and no details are given and this is confidential within the group).

If you would like a person or yourself prayed for at Morning Prayer please do contact Wendy Cooper 896186 [wendy@barafundle.plus.com](mailto:wendy@barafundle.plus.com) or the Rector 892618 [jameshunt1966@gmail.com](mailto:jameshunt1966@gmail.com)

and you are welcome to come along. In addition there is a (locked) box for your Prayer request in the far corner of the north aisle of St. Peter's Church and two different colour forms for you to fill in.

If you would like to make a **completely confidential prayer request** please complete a green slip and put it in the box – one person will add the name to the 'Book of Requests for Prayer' which is placed on the altar during services. If you wish to be **publicly prayed for**, please complete a Yellow slip and the name of the person will appear on the weekly church notice sheet. If you are requesting public prayer for somebody else, that person must have given permission.

**The church is open for  
Prayer and Reflection  
during the day.**

**THE KING'S CHURCH**  
THE KING'S CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
High Street  
Bishop's Waltham



Pastor: Matthew Small

E-mail: [admin@kingschurch.org](mailto:admin@kingschurch.org)  
[kingshelpbw@gmail.com](mailto:kingshelpbw@gmail.com)

**Our Sunday services start at 10.30am and finish at 12.00pm They take place in person, in The Kings Church, the High Street.**

### Calendar of Services for August and September

#### **Every Sunday from 10.30am – 12.00pm**

The **Children's Sunday meetings (Kings Kids)** will take place at the church as well as our **Youth Meetings**. These are groups in which we seek to teach and explain how great God is by looking at the Bible alongside having fun and games.

We continue to review the Covid situation and people decide for themselves if they wish to wear a mask or not.

#### **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

A very important part of our church life is meeting up in small groups. We believe these meetings are essential to any Christian who wants to grow in their personal relationship with God. These meetings normally start at 7.30pm.

#### **Other Groups**

We currently run a variety of different groups during the week including craft groups, coffee mornings etc.

**Please check the website or contact the office for information about any of the above at [kingschurch.org](http://kingschurch.org)**

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

**Friday 9th August**  
**Service in Old Alresford Church for**  
**Mary Sumner Day**  
Contact [dianahunt6@gmail.com](mailto:dianahunt6@gmail.com) if you  
would like to attend

**Thursday 5th September**  
**The Stables, 7.30pm**  
Bring and Share supper in aid of Away  
from it all Holidays  
Contact [maryenblow@gmail.com](mailto:maryenblow@gmail.com) for  
details

**Wednesday 18th September**  
**Church Hall 2.15pm**  
Theme: Helping Others  
Details to be circulated

*All are welcome at all events.*

For more information about meetings  
and the Aims and Purpose of The  
Mothers' Union, please contact Mary  
Blow on 01489 895958

## ST. PETER'S LADIES' GROUP

**Monday 9th September**  
**Tricia and Gareth Morgan:**  
**Culinary and Vineyard Tales**

Please contact  
Vanessa Emmerson  
for general information  
tel 01489 895079 or email  
[vanessaemmerson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vanessaemmerson@hotmail.co.uk)

Meetings are usually held on the  
second Monday of each month at  
7.30pm in the Church Hall.

All are welcome.



*From the Parish Registers of St  
Peter’s and Blessed Mary:  
JUNE 2024*

**ST. PETER’S CHURCH**

**FUNERALS & THANKSGIVINGS**

4th Brian William Stanley  
27th Charles William Sessions  
28th Heather Voller

**WEDDINGS**

1st Henry Inocent Massey and  
Rebekah Sarah Taylor  
8th John Stuart Habberley and  
Sandra Maureen Ann Smith

**BAPTISMS** - None

**THE BLESSED MARY**

**WEDDINGS**

15th Samuel Charles Tizzard and  
Charlotte Victoria Yorke  
29th Benjamin Marshall Taylor and  
Joanna Victoria Wright

**BAPTISMS** - None

**FUNERALS & THANKSGIVINGS** -  
None

*Baptisms*

at St. Peter’s Church and  
The Blessed Mary, Upham

If you are interested in  
Baptism for your child (or  
having a Thanksgiving  
Service) please contact:

Liz Webb 01489 891760  
[ejw1557@gmail.com](mailto:ejw1557@gmail.com)



**Visiting**


If you know of anyone who is  
ill, in hospital, in a nursing  
home or at home who might  
like a visit, please telephone  
the Parish Office on 01489  
892197 so that an  
arrangement can be made.

**UNITED FREE CHURCH BISHOP’S WALTHAM**  
**(METHODIST AND UNITED REFORMED CHURCH)**

St. Paul’s Church, Basingwell Street, Bishop’s Waltham SO32 1AL

*Ministers:* **Methodist Minister:** Revd. Philip Griffin  
Minister for the Meon Valley Methodist Circuit  
**URC Minister to be appointed**  
Minister for Fareham and Sarisbury Green United Reformed Churches

*Stewards:* Tom Banks (07833 340554); Robin Howe (896148); Jenny Hallam (890149);  
Kathy Saunders (892998); Peter Wall (892904)



**We are open for worship on Sundays.**  
**Services start at 10.30am followed by tea/coffee.**

<b>SPEAKERS FOR AUGUST</b>	<b>SPEAKERS FOR SEPTEMBER</b>
4th Sue Brown	1st Nicky Gilbert
11th Local Arrangement with Liz Sorsky	8th Local Arrangement with Liz Sorsky
18th Rev. Phil Griffin (Includes HC)	15th Val Jenkins
25th Roger French	22nd Rev. Phil Griffin
	29th David Childs (Includes HC)

**GROUPS IN CHURCH**

**Tiddlywinks Toddler Group** - Mondays 10-11.30am Term time only. Children under school age with parents/carers are very welcome. Please contact Jenny 07973 529415 for details.

**Coffee Mornings** - Every Wednesday between 10am and 12noon.

**Bright Hour, Faith and Fellowship** - 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 2.15pm. EVERYONE WELCOME! Please contact Liz 07828 414518 for details.

**Precious Gems** - 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month from 2.15pm. Informal group for friendship, fellowship and a quiz, followed by cakes and tea or coffee. Everyone welcome. Please contact Jenny 07973 529415 for details.

**Prayer and Reflection** - Saturday 3rd August & Saturday 7th September 10-12noon.

**Bible Study** - On Zoom with Pete on Mondays at 7.30pm.

**EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Saturday 14th September – Ride & Stride Table Top Sale 10-12.30 at BWUFC**  
Stalls, bacon rolls, cakes, hot and cold drinks. Free Entry.

**Bishops Waltham Christian Fellowship**

Independent non-denominational Church

Upper Basingwell Street



Sunday Breaking of bread around the Lord’s table	10:00
Thursday Bible Study	19:15
Tuesday Coffee morning (excluding August)	10:00
Thursday (Term Time only) Little Fishes Parent & Toddlers	10:00
First Sunday of each month Family service	16:00

Contacts: Brian Hamill 07831 439699 David Gosney 01489-892412

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3 v16



# MY FAITH: "I'm glad I waited for God's call"

## Lizzie Davidson's Ordination Journey...

Lizzie Davidson first thought about ordination 10 years ago – but she's glad she waited until now. She's gained experience of parish and secular youth work, worked as a church verger, and broadcast digital worship during Covid lockdowns. She now feels more equipped to become a Reverend after last month's ordination services.

The 31 year old was one of 18 people ordained as deacons at a special service in our cathedral in June. A further six people who were ordained last year became priests at a second service that day.

"Ten years is a long time, but it was mostly working out if I was sure this was the right thing to do," she said. "But I do think the life experience that I've gained from the past decade has been valuable."

Lizzie moved to Bishop's Waltham when she was just two, and her newly-arrived family became involved with St Peter's Church after a churchgoing neighbour offered them a pot of jam. Her mum became a Christian when Lizzie was four, and the children were baptised and went to Sunday School.

She helped plan church services as a teenager, and became immersed in the worship at Christian youth camps each summer. She envisaged studying English Language at university and becoming a speech and language therapist.

"Something inside of me was yelling that this wasn't the right thing for me, and the summer after A-levels, I had an experience at a Christian youth camp," she said. "The final talk was about death swallowing us up, and saying that Jesus had overcome death, and that we should be telling others about it."

"I then got two rejection letters, as I hadn't got the right A-level grades for the courses I'd applied for. It was a confirmation, as I hadn't really wanted to go. I also didn't want to defer, as the tuition fees were going up and it would cost more."

"I remember on A-level results day, my brother asking me what I wanted to do with my life. By the time he'd made a bacon sandwich, I'd found a theology course. By midday I had a place at Canterbury Christ Church. My anxiety disappeared. Looking back, I can see God's provision in that time of turmoil."

Lizzie became involved with the Christian Union at university, made great friends and felt like her faith crystallised. Studying theology in a secular context made her lectures fascinating. She joined a church, served at Canterbury Cathedral and was part of the chaplaincy.

"I saw a stole in the cathedral shop, and thought 'I'll wear one of those one day', so there was a sense of feeling called to ordination," she said. "It was being affirmed by chaplains and others. And opportunities popped up to speak at church and to lead small groups."

"I stopped the process of exploring ordination, as it felt too

quick and I also felt called to youth work. But 10 years later, I'm going to wear a stole from the shop at Canterbury Cathedral at my ordination, as a reminder that God was speaking to me at that point."

Lizzie returned to Bishop's Waltham after graduation. She volunteered at the church for a year and then became its paid youth worker for another four years.

She also worked in the local pub, and in secular youth work in the village.

"We built up the youth work, did some work in schools, and I was given opportunities to preach and lead services," she said. "We started alternative worship in the church hall and Messy Church. I enjoyed the work, and the secular work gave me another point of view."

Lizzie got a job as verger of St Ann's Church in HM Naval Base, working alongside the chaplaincy to organise services and facilitate pastoral work. Six months later, the first Covid lockdown started, and she had to reinvent the job. It included broadcasting online services and even creating TikTok posts of the chaplain dancing.

During those two years, she explored ordination, mostly via online meetings, and ended up with a place at Trinity College, Bristol, starting in September 2021. Among her placements was time in a prison chaplaincy and time in two parishes in Bristol.

"The three years at Trinity have been amazing," she said. "You see God working in everything, including lectures, college services, and living in community. It's different to studying theology at university because we pray before lectures, and we have chapel every morning. And everyone there is on a journey with God, and learning about our part in ministry and mission – not just theology."

"Looking back, I can see how God has worked to bring me to this point. It has been gentle veers in the road, rather than one big lightbulb moment, and each one has brought a sense of calmness and joy."

Lizzie has become a curate at Warblington-with-Emsworth following her ordination, which will give her further training in parish ministry.

"Putting a dog collar on for the first time was pretty terrifying," she said. "But I hope I can get to know the Emsworth and Warblington communities and see what God is doing there. I'm excited to live out my calling, and I know there is no way of me being able to do this without God's help."



*Lizzie at her Ordination Ceremony*



## OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Priest: Father Bruce Barnes  
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 Our Lady Queen of Apostles Office  
 Tel: 01489 890947



**OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** stands on Martin Street at the top of Victoria Road, looking out over fields and trees. This beautiful church was built on the site of the old Priory, which was for many years occupied by the White Fathers, a Catholic missionary society.

Our priest is Father Bruce and he and our friendly congregation welcome everyone to come and join us in our services and social events.

**Mass Times:** Wednesday 9.30am, Thursday 12noon, Friday 9.30am, Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday 9.30am

**Confessions:** Saturday 10am - 10.45am or by appointment

**Website:** [stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

**'Prayer':** it's what people of faith do, or try to do. Why? Well, if we believe in God, we pray so as to develop an intimate relationship with him, to be as one with him, in love and purpose, adoration and praise, rest, reflection and discernment. St John Damascene, back in the 8th century, gave us the classic definition of prayer as the simple 'raising of one's mind and heart to God'. And yet it seems that many people don't find prayer easy. Why should this be? Perhaps we have a rather 'purist' notion of how prayer should feel, that our prayer somehow doesn't feel holy enough (or make us feel holy?) Perhaps we simply don't know what to do in prayer: read, sit in silence, stare at a candle, an icon, a scene, yatter away with words, use beads....? Or perhaps we become out of practice, or never really got into the habit in the first place? Perhaps we allow the busyness of life to get in the way, squeezing out time for prayer? Perhaps the way we pray has become boring! A lot of 'perhaps'...and there are many more!

I came across something recently that struck a chord with me, acted as a reminder to me, a frequent struggler. It's basically this and it's so simple: whenever we start any activity, offer up a few words to Jesus, so, waking up, during our work, taking a break, doing the shopping, having a meal, watching TV, starting and ending a journey... you get the idea. Hardly revolutionary. What few words? Literally whatever comes to mind and heart, but 'God, Jesus, Lord, please, help, thank you, I'm feeling...' might be some of them, whatever we're inspired to say or think or breathe. In this way we could find ourselves praying incessantly, all the actions of our lives becoming prayer, both exteriorly and interiorly. Of course the many tried and tested and traditional ways of prayer will always hold great value - it's not either/or but both/and - so reading scripture, prayer books and meditation are precious means of engaging with God. I merely offer this reflection in line with the pithy advice given by Abbot John Chapman when he said 'Pray as you can, not as you can't'.



## Congratulations Rosie!

Our very own Rosie Greenlees was ordained on 29th June and is pictured above with Revd James Hunt. Rosie will serve her Curacy at St Peter's and Blessed Mary.

## Can you help?

On 13th July St Peter's churchwardens led a prayer vigil to ask that the right people would come forward to assist with various volunteer vacancies in the church such as flower arranging, help with tidying the graveyard, polishing, making tea/coffee etc.

*Are you one of those people who could help us maintain our lovely church?*

They say many hands make light work so the more volunteers we have the more the work is shared.

If interested in helping out please let Sam in the office know. [stpbmoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpbmoffice@gmail.com) or talk to Liz or Mandy.

Many thanks!







Upham Parish Council held their Parish Council Meeting on Monday 24th June, 2024 at Upham Village Hall. Cllr Halsall (Chair) took the Meeting, Cllr Croucher, Cllr Davies, Cllr Knights, Cllr Osborne and Mrs Anne Collins (Clerk) were present at the Meeting, along with District Councillor Bolton. Apologies were received from Cllr Ashe, County Councillor Humby and District Councillor Pett. Cllr Croucher reported that one of the mapboards has been put up in the bus shelter and the other one will be sited shortly. We are still waiting for the bus stop signs to be changed to Upham Street rather than Mortimers Lane. Discussion took place about the speed indicator signs and Cllr Halsall reported that 5 volunteers have come forward to help with the moving of the signs and downloading the data – which is great. A Meeting will be arranged to discuss the management and downloading of data. Clerk reported that there has been no further update on the installation of the second Queen Street sign from WCC, but it is hoped that this will be put up soon. A Contractor has been asked to cut back the wild flowers so that there are better sight-lines coming out of Alma Lane. Clerk is still following up on the flooding at the end of Upham Street. A roadside hedge is still causing sight-line problems for drivers coming out of Upham Street by the former Woodman. This is still being following up with HCC Highways. Cllr Knights reported that there is a 30 mph sign in Stakes Lane which has faded and a further 30 mph sign which is missing. This will be reported to HCC Highways by the Clerk. Cllr Ashe said that a Grant which was applied for towards work at Upham Pond has been refused, but a re-submission could be made. This will be discussed, and a decision made during the summer months. Cllr Halsall reported that the Consultation on the Upham Village Design Statement commenced on Tuesday 28th May. Copies of the Consultation are available around the village and information has been put onto the village noticeboards, website, and commshub on where to find the detailed Consultation and how to make any

comments and responses to the Southdowns National Park. A Meeting will be arranged during August with the VDS Team to look at any responses made. Cllr Halsall said that the UpACC Group have organised a Bat Evening at the Church on 27th June and a Repair Café is being arranged with Owslebury parish. On 19th September a Workshop at the Church has being organised to look at renewal energy in the parish by Energise Southdowns. There was no further update on the Observation post renovation or from ADD. Paul Swanwick and Trevor Scott are carrying out renovation work on the circular seat by Upham Pond. Cllr Halsall and the Clerk attended the Winchester District Association of Parish Councils on 5th June. The main speaker was Korine Bishop from the Police. She reiterated their 3 guiding principles – relentless pursuit of criminals, excellent local policing and putting the victim first. The Bishops Waltham Police Station will probably be re-opening in October/November this year. The Clerk attended the Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 3rd June but unfortunately the Enforcement Team from Winchester City Council were not able to attend due to the forthcoming Elections. Updates were given from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, Winchester District Association of Local Councils, National Association of Local Councils and discussions took place on the use of speed indicator signs and problems with Southern Water. The Winchester City Council Briefing for Parish Councils was held on 20th June at The Guildhall, Winchester. Cllr Halsall and the Clerk attended. WCC are having a Peer Review in July with a new residents' survey being carried out with 100 residents from each ward, and 500 young people. Martin Tod (Leader of WCC) led a discussion on ideas for the Local Plan. Julie Pinnock (Planning Lead) gave an update on the current status of the Local Plan. The Budget for WCC was also discussed along with predictions for the coming financial years. The Clerk gave a Report on the Hampshire Association of Local Councils Forum which was held on

19th June at The Guildhall, Winchester. This is the first Forum and it was informative and quite a few Parish Councils were represented. It is hoped that further Forums will be held quarterly. Cllr Osborne attended the Presentation by Southern Water on the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project. He outlined the Project and encouraged residents to send in their views via the Consultation response forms. CC Humby sent through a County Council Report, and DC Bolton and DC Pett send through District Council Reports. Cllr Croucher gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report for June. There were no issues to report. The next Beat Surgery will be held on Wednesday 17th July in the Pavilion at the same time as the Parish Council Surgery. Reports were given on Torbay Farm and the Recreation Ground by Cllr Croucher. Work on the Pavilion has been carried out with some minor items still needing to be done. A quote was received for work on the Torbay Farm play equipment. As the quote was higher than expected further quotes will be sought before a decision is made. Other minor maintenance items were agreed and will be carried out. The next Pavilion sub-committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th June, 2024. Councillors discussed the use of the Pavilion as it has been used for 2 childrens' birthday parties during the summer months. Councillors would like to encourage this sort of use and any residents who wish to hire the Pavilion should get in touch via the Upham Parish Council e-mail address at [uphamparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:uphamparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Cllr Davies reported on the Village Hall saying that new Trustees are needed, and this has been advertised. The solar panel Grant Application is in progress and the emergency generator should be installed during August. A new portrait of King Charles III has been put up in the small Meeting Room. The Clerk gave a Financial Report for June, 2024.

The next 2 Meetings will be on Monday 22nd July, 2024 and Monday 23rd September, 2024. There will be no Meeting during August unless it is required. Both Meetings will commence at 7.30 p.m. All residents are invited to attend the Meetings.

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## BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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### Introducing a New Councillor

Cllr Mike Homer has joined the Council as a co-opted councillor and we are looking forward to his input to initiatives and discussions. We now have a full complement of fourteen councillors which is a good position for the Council to be in with lots of experience and skills to offer and share for the benefit of the town.

### Skate Jam

The Parish Council has organised a Skate Jam to celebrate the completion of the redesigned Skate Zone at Priory Park. Do put the event, which will be held on Sunday 29th September, in your diary. This will be a free event, everyone is welcome. The event will kick off at 12pm, midday, and is open to all skateboard, scooter and BMX riders of all ages and abilities. There will be some demonstrations from professional riders and competitions to take part in or simply to enjoy watching. We hope to see some budding new riders as well as those keen to show off their well-honed skills!

### Ditch Clearance at Pondside Bridleway

During June the ditch running alongside the lower section of the bridleway was cleared and re-dug. This ditch will now be included in the maintenance schedule of Parish Council owned ditches and as such will receive more regular maintenance. It is hoped that the performance of the ditch will be enhanced as a result of this work, and the improved visibility will help the Council to assess what other work could be considered to improve the usability of the bridleway in the winter months.

### Memorial Tree and Bench Policy

The Parish Council now has a policy to guide any requests from residents when they ask for memorials to loved ones on Parish Council land. This is available on our website for reference.

### Priory Park Overflow Car Park Tenders

This project is to expand and resurface the existing overflow car park so that it can better accommodate the visitors using the various facilities at Priory Park. Following the successful funding application to the Rural England Prosperity Fund, and the planning permission that was obtained, this project is now moving to the next phase. Tenders for the ground works will be invited using the 'Contracts Finder' website, as required by public procurement regulations. This process can be a lengthy one, but the works are anticipated to take place this winter.

### Hampshire County Council 'Future Services' Consultation

The results of this consultation are published on the website link following:-

[www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation](http://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation)

The Parish Council are reviewing the summary of results to see how outcomes may affect Bishop's Waltham and its residents.

### Councillors' Surgery

Our Councillors will be available on Friday 30th August and also Saturday 28th September between 10.30am until 12.30pm to speak with residents and visitors, listen to concerns and share information. Location to be confirmed on our website and social media, but the favoured central site is usually outside Kings Church in the High Street. If you would like to meet the councillors in your area of the town then please get in contact as we are always keen to consider new locations for surgeries.

#### Meetings in August 2024

**6th:** Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

**13th:** Parish Council

**20th:** Halls & Grounds Committee

**27th (6pm):** Community & Environment Committee

**27th (7pm):** Planning & Highways Committee

#### Meetings in September

**3rd:** Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

**10th:** Parish Council

**17th:** Halls & Grounds Committee

**23rd:** Community & Environment Committee

**24th:** Planning & Highways Committee

*All meetings are at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, unless otherwise stated, and are open to the public.*



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Friday 1-5pm  
Saturday 9.30am-1.30pm

Construction Club: Saturdays 10am-1pm

Storytime: Saturdays 11-11.30am

Rhymetime: Tuesdays 1.45-2.15pm

Stay and play: Wednesdays 10-11am

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[www.hants.gov.uk/library](http://www.hants.gov.uk/library)

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Fun is Back**

Next session 20th September  
2:00pm-3:30pm

No session in August

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No talent required.  
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Meet on the first Tuesday of each month September to May at 7.45pm for 8.00pm  
In St. Peter's Church Hall, Free Street  
More details on the website [www.bwavg.co.uk](http://www.bwavg.co.uk)

**Tuesday 3rd September: Sydney Camm and his Monoplane Piston Fighters**

A review of how Hawkers, under the direction of Sidney Camm, moved from the biplane era of the 1930's Hawker Fury to the ultimate monoplane piston fighter, the Sea Fury, of the late 1940's. Touching on all the design steps in between, Hurricane, Tornado, Typhoon and Tempest, including the various engines used, the performance figures achieved and, of course, the difficulties encountered en-route.



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Georgina Boase, Partnership  
Secretary.

email: [gboase@outlook.com](mailto:gboase@outlook.com)  
or telephone: 02392 632774

**Meon Valley  
Locomotive Society**

**St. Peter's Church Hall, Free Street**  
**Second Tuesday of each month**  
**at 7.30pm**

**Next meetings:****Tuesday 13th August****Tuesday 10th September**

We welcome all with an interest in  
railways, past and present.

For further information contact the  
Hon. Secretary, Les Munckton.  
Email: [ngrail@munckton.co.uk](mailto:ngrail@munckton.co.uk)

**Bishop's theWI  
Waltham** INSPIRING WOMEN

**St Peter's Church Hall, Free Street**  
**7.30pm**

*Tuesday 20th August***Royal Victoria Country Park**

Afternoon tea.

Details TBC at July meeting.

*Tuesday 17th September at 7.30pm***A talk about the Air Ambulance**

New members welcome.  
Please contact Pauline Powell  
07932 652641  
[j.powell549@btinternet.com](mailto:j.powell549@btinternet.com)





Men's  
BREAKFAST



## THE CROWN INN

Bishop's Waltham  
Second Saturday of each month  
at 8.00am

Next Meeting:  
**Saturday 10th August**

Speaker: Dick Cowles

Subject:

**An introduction to Citizens Advice**

If you are coming for the first time just ring  
David Williamson who will give you all the  
details and order your breakfast.  
Tel: 01489 893524

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## Bishop's Waltham Minibus Group

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Lunch Clubs



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Meon Valley  
Active Retirement  
Association

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Here are some of our regular activities for members

Activity	Day	Place	Times	Contact	Phone
Tai Chi*	Wednesday	Jubilee Hall	9.15-10.15 10.30-11.30 11.45-12.45	Linda Doswell	01329 830220
Table Tennis	Wednesday Waiting List	Priory Park Hall	14.00- 16.00	Les Craddock	07941 300545
Exercise	Monday Waiting List	St Peters Church Hall	10.00 11.15	Chee Price	01489 893140
Theatre & Outings	Various	Transport provided - Kay 01489 890727			
Advanced French Conversation	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Each month	Various	14.00	Sue Coombes	01489 878588
French Course	Thursday	Various	14.00- 15.30	Roger Wingrove	01489 890273
Italian Course	Tuesday	St Peters The Stables	11.00 - 12.30	Roger Wingrove	01489 890273
Spanish Course	Thursday	St Peters The Stables	11.30 - 13.00	Roger Wingrove	01489 890273
Ladies Pub Lunches	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Each Month	Various	12.30	Chriszena Strachan	01489 893719
Members Lunch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Each Month	Various	12.30	Roy & Sue Stainton	07741 412979
Bridge	Thursday Fortnightly	Various	14.00	Roger Wingrove	01489 890273
Scrabble for Fun	Friday	Paterson Centre Swanmore	14.00 - 16.00	Alison Hume	07793 069169

\*There are three sessions Beginners Intermediates and Experienced

Chairman / Treasurer – Les Craddock – 07941 300545 - £5.00 Annual Fee  
Join now by contacting – Kenrick Fell – 07528 781075

Website: [www.mvara.co.uk](http://www.mvara.co.uk)



## Meon Valley



The Meon Valley U3A starts its exciting autumn series of lectures again at Wickham Community Centre at 2pm every first and third Tuesday beginning in September.

I hope I have put together a programme of lectures that will interest you.

We kick off on **3rd September** with Mrs Kate Turnbull speaking about the **Wickham Pantry, Wickham Power Hub and Wickham Community Garden**. Kate is the coordinator for all these very important parts of our community. It will be excellent to learn about these activities.

On **17th September** our Treasurer Alan Abbott will be talking about his great interest in birds but more specifically on **Bird Migration**.

Everybody is welcome. Guests will get an especially warm welcome and we usually have several who attend and later often become members!. Guests pay £2 to defray speaker costs. Tea and biscuits are provided after the talk, and we always have pre-loved books for charitable sale.

I look forward to meeting you all again on 3rd September.

Lyndon (programme organiser)

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Or [lyndonplmr@gmail.com](mailto:lyndonplmr@gmail.com)

Web site: [u3asites.org.uk/meon-valley](http://u3asites.org.uk/meon-valley)

## Waltham Priory Probus Club



On 2nd July club members arrived for their monthly meeting. Our guest speaker Duncan Colin Jones presented us all with his very interesting talk entitled "DNA- an introduction". Lunch followed with coffee and mints.

Our future programme of events, speakers and topics is presently as follows:-

*August - no meeting.*

**September 3rd** - Paul Chamberlain - "The Arts and Crafts of Prisoners of War".

**October 1st** - Mike Hollis - "Cold War Warriors".

**October 20th** - Classic lunch - Jackie Dimmock - "The Police".

**November 5th** - Don Bryan - "River Hamble: Source to Sea".

**December 3rd** - Christmas meeting, event and lunch.

Waltham Priory Probus is a mixed club of men and women. We are welcoming and friendly. We are also able to accept some new members at present. As you see above we have some entertaining events and speakers lined up.

If you would like to start each new month with some fun and entertainment followed by a lunch join us on the first Tuesday morning of every month in Botley.

Please contact our secretary on phone number 07542 109821 or email contact [janet.gibson1@outlook.com](mailto:janet.gibson1@outlook.com) for details.

## Bishop's Waltham and District Twinning Association



*Date for your diary*

**Saturday 23rd November 2024**

**Wine and Cheese Quiz**

Time: 7.30pm

All welcome

Ticket cost and location TBA

## Bishop's Waltham WI Summer Fayre



The summer Fayre on the 8th of June was a very enjoyable day, thanks to the local Rotary.

Bishops Waltham WI ladies baked cakes and served over 300 teas to the local community and stall holders.

Members enjoyed the opportunity to help contribute to this successful event.

*Pauline Powell*







Bishops Waltham  
United Free Church



**Table Top sale  
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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
10am to 12:30pm

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## Saturday 21st September

# Country Fayre

st peter's church, bishop's waltham

**Time to donate your  
unwanted books, crockery  
and bric-a-brac!**


With the St Peter's Church Fayre taking place in only a few weeks (on Saturday 21st September) we would be grateful for your donations for the **Bottle Stall, Crockery Smash, Antiques & Collectables Stall and Second Hand Book Stall.**

**Bottles:** donations of any bottles at all for the bottle stall - soft drinks, sauces, toiletries, alcohol, perfumes - any bottles are welcomed!


**Bric a Brac:** We need sellable bric-a-brac for the antiques & collectables stall as well as chipped/broken items for the children's crockery smash.

**Books:** Children's books, fiction or non-fiction - now's a great time to clear those book shelves and pass on your once-loved books for others to enjoy!

Please email [bwcountryfayre@gmail.com](mailto:bwcountryfayre@gmail.com) or call 07748 827763 to arrange to donate your items. We can organise collection between 9th - 18th September if needed. Thank you!



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## Bridge Club

Bishop's Waltham Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7.00pm to 10.00pm in the Priory Court.

*New members are always welcome.*

Details from: Judy Voss  
01489 896564

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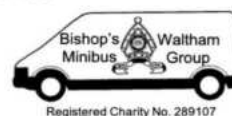
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# Summer Update



## Annual General Meeting

The Meon Valley Active Retirement Association (MVARA) held a successful AGM at Peter's Church Hall on Thursday 25 April. This was a change from previous AGM's which had been held at Priory Park. The change to a more central venue was a success with some 40 members attending,

After members had received reports on the previous year's activities and the financial statement the following **Officers** were elected:

Chair and Treasurer: Les Craddock

Secretary and Membership Secretary: Kenrick Fell

The following **Committee Members** were elected:

Kay Corke

Linda Doswell

Chriszena Strachan

Roy Stainton

Sue Stainton

Roger Wingrove

The following **Activity Organisers** were noted and thanked:

Sue Coombes      Advanced French Conversation

Kay Corke      Theatre Visits

Les Craddock      Table Tennis

Linda Doswell      Tai Chi, Visits

Alison Hume      Scrabble

Roy Stainton      Members' Lunch

Sue Stainton      Keep Fit

Chriszena Strachan      Ladies' Lunch

Roger Wingrove      Bridge, Language Classes, Newsletter

The Committee was also pleased to report that the website ([www.mvara.co.uk](http://www.mvara.co.uk)) was now functioning fully with an up-to-date calendar of events and activities and thanks were expressed to Mike Cooter of Make Light Work for his support in this. Although anyone wishing to join MVARA or wanting to find out more about the activities on offer can phone Committee Members direct, the most efficient way of making contact is via the website.

## Activities

The full range of MVARA Activities (listed above) continues, and new members are always welcome, although some activities have waiting lists and some such as the Advanced French Conversation and the Language Classes have 'entry requirements.'

Membership of MVARA costs only £5.00 for the year and so please feel free to enquire and join. You will be most welcome.

In addition to being open to new members, MVARA is also always looking to organise new activities.

In the pipeline at the moment:

## A Book Club

We just need a few more participants to move forward with this. Book Clubs can be organised in a number of ways and generally can be supported by local libraries (Perhaps anything which

emphasises the importance of local libraries and shows that they do serve the local community is a good thing) MVARA will be looking to hold monthly Book Club meetings one evening a month and so this may fill a gap as many other Book Clubs seem to meet during the day.

## A Singing Group

Another need identified by a member. How many times do you hear somebody say, "I can't sing", which is, of course not true! And singing is good for you:

- you feel better – it releases 'happy chemicals' in the body which boost the mood and make you feel good about yourself;
- your lung function is improved - lung capacity is improved and the muscles around the ribcage are engaged;
- it is relaxing and it reduces anxiety;
- your memory and concentration are improved;
- you meet with other people and 'work as a team';
- you can express yourself and different pieces of music release different emotions;

And if you think that you can't sing in tune, you will improve and become more confident in your ability to sing – and to do other things.

## An Autumn Colour Visit

It seems strange to talk about Autumn Colour when Summer is struggling to get going, but with sufficient numbers, there will be a day trip to either Hillier Gardens or Winkworth Arboretum.

## A Visit to Parliament

Obviously not in the immediate future!! But...again if there is sufficient interest, MVARA will be contacting the local MP (whoever that may be) to organise a tour of Parliament.

## Did you Know?

The precursor of the Olympic Games (Paris July- August) was organised in Much Wenlock in 1850 by William Penny Brookes who believed in, "**the importance of an active lifestyle for the development of the human race and the health and happiness of the individual.**" Events included running, jumping, throwing, 'the old women's race', blind wheelbarrow racing and knitting! Football was originally included but was dropped because it took too long! (some readers may sympathise with this view)

MVARA firmly believes that an **active lifestyle** is key to enjoying **good health** during retirement age. We aim to provide regular opportunities to **get out and about and keep fit.**

In addition, we recognise the value of meeting with friends and **trying new experiences** to make life **fun** and **worthwhile**. We are always open to organising new and interesting activities where we can enjoy ourselves together.

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# BISHOP'S WALTHAM TOWN TEAM

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Our monthly profile of local people who make our town a better place to live by volunteering their time and effort to community activity, continues. This is part of our ongoing campaign to increase volunteering in our area. We hope it will inspire you to get involved.

This month we are showcasing the volunteering work of someone whose family has been a feature of Bishop's Waltham for decades; the Stainer family. Gill is the first-born daughter of Walter and Margorie Stainer, who were the owners and managers of Stainer Bakery from 1939 to 1985.

### Meet Gill

Gill grew up in Bishop's Waltham and has very fond memories of helping her father with the bread delivery rounds in the local area – she says it was a great way to learn about people and the local community. Gill left school at 16 and went to work at Lloyds Bank in London for 9 years (they wouldn't accept her at the Bishop's Waltham branch because she knew too many people!). Returning to Bishop's Waltham, Gill transferred to Lloyd's Bank Fareham. During this time, she met her first husband who was in the army and based at Bulford Camp, so Gill transferred to Lloyds Bank in Salisbury. Once her husband left the army they returned to Bishop's Waltham and settled to have a family (son Simon and daughter Emma) and her husband worked in the family bakehouse. When her first marriage failed Gill returned to work for her parents in the bakery. She continued to live in Bishop's Waltham and married her second husband. After the tragic death of her second husband in a road traffic accident in 1985 and once her children had grown up, Gill decided to do something completely different and bought a pub in Salisbury for a few years. She returned to Bishop's Waltham in 2000 and has lived here ever since as an active member of the community.

### What was the first time that you volunteered? What prompted you to do it?

My first volunteering was with the Thursday Lunch Club which I got involved with in 1983 once Emma had gone to school and I had more time on my hands. Before the children were at school, I used to meet monthly with other mums in a similar situation for lunch and a chat. One of these women was helping to cook at the Lunch Club and asked if I'd like to help too. I said yes – and now over 40 years later I am still involved! Initially I helped in the kitchen, but a year later I started driving the minibus to bring people to the hall for lunch. In fact, I was one of the first drivers of the Bishop's Waltham Minibus. I remember going to collect it when it was purchased, and I drove it back to Bishop's Waltham. I continued to drive the Minibus until 2022. While I don't drive anymore, I continue to organize the schedule of drivers and escorts for the Thursday Lunch Club. Even when I owned the pub in Salisbury, I used to come back to Bishop's Waltham to help at the Lunch Club once a week!



*Gill Stainer receiving recognition for her volunteering work from the Mayor of Winchester*

### Have you done any other volunteering?

Having started driving the Minibus for Lunch Club, I then went on to do the Dial-A-Ride driving on Fridays. I used to go and pick people up from all around the local area including Durley and Upham.

I was leader of the St Peter's Ladies Group from 1985 – 1990 and was also the caretaker for St Peters Church Hall – taking the room bookings and making sure that everything was in order.

It was when I returned to the village in 2000 that I really started to get involved with other things. I became a Parish Councillor; I was on the Committee for the BW Garden Fayre (I still take the money now in the catering tent) and I helped out with Bishop's Waltham in Bloom - planting and maintaining the beds in the summer months.

I also used to drive the bus for the monthly outings that were organized from Priory Court and Green Close. That used to be great fun – we had outings for pub lunches, visits to the coast and all sorts of things.

I joined the Gardening Club and organized the visits and excursions that are offered to members, and I still help with the catering for the refreshments at the Annual Show (although I've given notice that this will be my last year!).

Since COVID I have become the coordinator for some of the social activities at Green Close. We have a weekly coffee morning, bingo on Wednesdays, a monthly Fish & Chip Lunch and we organize an annual trip out somewhere.

**What has been your most fulfilling volunteering so far and why?**

It has all been incredibly rewarding and I absolutely loved driving the bus, especially groups of people out on excursions – the fun we had! But, I was really pleased to be able to help out during COVID when the lockdown restrictions meant that we couldn't hold the lunch clubs. We devised a scheme, with assistance from Bishop's Waltham Rotary, to prepare and cook meals for some of the most vulnerable members of the Thursday Lunch Club. My son Simon and I delivered them on a weekly basis. It felt like a very special thing to be able to do when life was very tough for so many people.

I have been very lucky to be recognized for the work I have done. Over the years I have received awards from Bishop's Waltham Parish Council, Winchester City Council and from the Mayor of Winchester. Although that was never my motivation for volunteering, it is always nice to be acknowledged for the contribution you have made.

**What have you found to be most challenging about being a volunteer?**

I think for me the most challenging part again came with COVID when it was not possible to do things face to face. I am not very computer literate, and I really didn't find it easy to continue with activities using Zoom, Skype or what have you, so I stopped some of the things I was involved in then.

**What do you like most about volunteering?**

Volunteering started off for me as a way of keeping busy after the children had gone to school. Since then, it has become a key part of my life, I've met so many good friends as a result and have had a lot of laughs. It is always rewarding to be making a difference in other people's lives.

**Has volunteering helped you to develop new skills? If so, what are they?**

Learning to be accepting of others and acknowledging that everyone has different skills, attributes and enthusiasm to contribute. Being open to other people's suggestions and being prepared to try new ways of doing things.

**What advice would you give to someone who is thinking about volunteering for the first time?**

Get on with it! There are so many organisations out there in our local community that need volunteers and so many individuals that need help – do the research, find something that you enjoy doing and jump in! You won't regret it.

If you've been inspired by Gill's story and would like to consider volunteering in your local community, go to [www.bishopswalthamcommunityvolunteers.com](http://www.bishopswalthamcommunityvolunteers.com) to see the opportunities that are currently available. You can also create your own account on the website so that you will receive regular notifications of any new opportunities that come up. For more information contact [bishopswalthamcommunityvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:bishopswalthamcommunityvolunteers@gmail.com)



## Could you join our local volunteer advice team?

Citizens Advice Winchester District is inviting new volunteers to join their adviser training programme starting this October.

If you are looking for an interesting and rewarding volunteer role that helps local people find solutions to their problems, understand their rights and fight for social justice then this is the role for you!

No previous experience is needed to join us as an advice volunteer as you'll undergo a comprehensive training and mentoring programme before supporting people with advice.

**What we expect from our volunteers**

- Complete our nine-week training programme this October (two half days a week, plus self-study)
- An on-going commitment to volunteer one day a week for at least 12 months
- A friendly and outgoing manner
- Excellent communication skills
- Comfortable using computers and learning different IT platforms
- Able to travel to our advice hubs in Winchester or Wickham

Once trained, our advice volunteers continue to receive ongoing support from our experienced team of supervisors and have access to plenty of tea and biscuits!

Our volunteer advisers come from a range of backgrounds including; students, retired people, people getting back into work after career breaks and people with part-time jobs.

Volunteering with us offers a great way to increase your employability, build confidence, learn new skills and make an enormous difference to the lives of local people.

To register your interest and organise an informal discussion, please get in touch with Citizens Advice Winchester District by emailing [admin@cawinchesterdistrict.org.uk](mailto:admin@cawinchesterdistrict.org.uk)

More details can be found at [www.citizensadvicewinchester.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.citizensadvicewinchester.org.uk/volunteer)

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BISHOP'S WALTHAM

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**A SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**2ND SEPT LAUGHTER YOGA**  
 Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham

**FLOOR GAMES & CIRCUITS 16TH SEPT**  
 Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham

## New members always welcome

Get in touch for details.

Text or call Di Hulks on 07768 061570

We meet from 7-9pm  
 at the Church Hall, Free Street

## Treasurer Needed

Bishop's Waltham Gateway Club is looking for a volunteer treasurer to support the charity with its accounts and reporting. If you think you can help us please contact Diane Hulks by phone or text 07768 061570.

Home-Start Hampshire supporting families in The Meon Valley. Home-Start Hampshire can offer support to anybody that has at least one child aged 0-11 years, or is expecting a baby.



We support families for a variety of reasons:

- They may be feeling isolated in their community, have no family nearby or be struggling to make friends
- They may be finding it hard to cope because of their own or their child's illness or disability
- They may be struggling with the emotional and physical demands of having several young children
- They may have complex needs that can impact on the children's well-being, e.g. domestic abuse, debt, drug or alcohol misuse, poor living environment, etc

*Who can make a request for support?*

Anybody can make a request for support to their local Home-Start Hampshire office as long as the family being referred has agreed to the request being made. Families are also able to request support themselves by making a self-referral.

To make a referral please email [familysupport@hshants.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@hshants.org.uk) or visit our website.

*Could you support a family with young children for 1-2 hours per week or even fortnightly? Would you like to make a difference and volunteer in your local community?*

Home-Start Hampshire in The Meon Valley are currently recruiting volunteers, if you would like to learn new skills and do something rewarding please get in touch on 0330 124 2095 or email us [familysupport@hshants.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@hshants.org.uk) if you would like to know more.

**Meon Valley Carers Group**

For carers of someone with Dementia  
 Receive support, information and signposting  
 Meet and talk to others carers in similar situations

**4th Tuesday of each month 2pm - 4pm**  
**at The Paterson Centre, Church Road, Swanmore, SO32 2PA**

The programme for these meetings is varied with speakers ranging from necessary, interesting, factual information to more lighthearted subjects.

Built into the group meetings are arts and crafts, musical afternoons and games suitable for those living with Dementia.

You will be given a warm welcome!

Tea coffee and biscuits provided  
 Free parking in the car park opposite the Paterson Centre

If you are not already registered with us, please contact our Referrals and Enquiries Team  
 Telephone: 01264 332297 (select option 3)  
 or email [enquiries@andovermind.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@andovermind.org.uk)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**We Need Help With**

- Fetes and Fayres
- PR and Media
- Administration
- Training Sessions

Meon Valley Heartstart teaches adults and children emergency life saving skills, keeping someone alive and safe until professional help arrives.

We are a small group of volunteers who need a bit of extra help!

Just a handful of hours a month would be so welcome.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 Only 1 in 10 people in the UK survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. In places where life saving skills are more widely taught, like Norway, this rises to 7 in 10.

**MEON VALLEY HEARTSTART**

For more information, get in touch:  
[www.heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk](http://www.heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk)  
 Email [info@heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk](mailto:info@heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk)  
 Telephone 07730 148920

**Join Us!**





## Bear Grylls survival camp

In mid-June, Bishop's Waltham Scout Group ran a Bear Grylls survival camp at Lyon's Copse on Sandy Lane. The group last ran a Bear Grylls inspired camp in 2019 and they knew the format worked well.

120 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from Bishop's Waltham and 26 young people from Swanmore joined in the 2 night camp with a range of activities to try. Bishop's Waltham set up camp in a large field at the Scout site which boasts 38 acres of campsite and adjoining woodland.

Preparations started early, with Scouts setting up their tents on the Thursday evening as part of their weekly meeting. Scouts gained team building skills whilst erecting their tents.

Camp commenced on the Friday evening from 6pm as the keen campers arrived on site and deposited their kit in their tents ready for the evening's activities. On the Saturday morning the Beavers and day visitors arrived and the day officially started with flag break, a traditional start to the day where messages are given before activities begin.

Groups rotated around the many activities run by leaders and parents. Groups consisted of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to help create new friendships and so that the Scouts could support and encourage the younger participants.

Activities included: raft building and water rockets; fire lighting and popcorn cooking; climbing ropes and assault course; woodcraft skills and wool bracelet making; band practice supported by the district Scout Band (the horses in the adjoining field didn't seem phased by the loud drumming throughout the day!); inflatable assault course; nerf gun battle in a cardboard

maze; writing postcards home and chilling out; 'axe' throwing and the famous Cave Bus (a bus converted into a caving experience). Each group rotated round each activity so they all had a turn throughout Saturday.

Everyone was well fed through the day with drinks and biscuits/fruit available and tea/coffee on hand for the adults (and older Scouts!). Saturday night ended with a traditional camp fire with songs and hot chocolate. Everyone went to bed tired from all the activities and a great day of wonderful weather.

Breakfast on Sunday was served before the Beavers were collected, then camp was slowly dismantled by the adults whilst the Cubs and Scouts got to have another turn in the Cave Bus, played football and cricket or relaxed playing card games or colouring.


Many new skills were learned including washing up and taking turns. Lots of elements could be ticked off towards earning Activity and Challenge badges as well as another 'Night Away'.

Bishop's Waltham Scouts really is a special group within our community which provides such life enhancing opportunities and experiences to many young people. All this could not be possible without the leaders, parents and the hours of volunteering time dedicated to Scouting – huge thanks only go a small way to show the appreciation needed after such a wonderful camp.

**Sounds fun?** Get in contact to be part of our wonderful group. We have a position available for anyone from: running sessions; keeping the Scout Hut neat and tidy behind the scenes; being on the trustee committee ensuring our funds are well spent and everyone is safe; secretarial/admin role. No experience is required, but great team work is essential! If you're interested then please contact our Chair, Adrian Pashley on [pashley\\_adrian@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pashley_adrian@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07977 552768.







# Bishops Waltham Youth Club

**Tuesday 7-8.30pm**

Aged 11-17 years? Come along and see what's going on  
Youth Hall in Malt Lane (opposite Sainsburys)  
Admission £1

**Youth Club is still open!  
We still meet at the  
Youth Hall!**

For further information email: [bwycouth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bwycouth@hotmail.co.uk)  
Latest news on youth club website: [www.bishopswalthamyouthclub.co.uk](http://www.bishopswalthamyouthclub.co.uk)

# WELCOME

at the  
**Church Hall, Free Street,  
Bishop's Waltham**

# YOUTH CLUB

**SUNDAYS**  
**5PM-6.15PM**  
**IDEAL FOR 10- 15 YEAR OLDS**

**SPORTS - GAMES- CHALLENGES- FOOD-  
CHRISTIAN CHAT - TRIPS OUT - ADVENTURE**

**Contact Youth Leader: 07986009942**



**When?**  
First Thursday of every month  
between 10-11:30.

**Where?**  
The Stables, Maypole Green (just off Free  
Street), Bishops Waltham, SO32 1PW.

Our mission at the Baby Bank, while being led by the church, is to provide clothing and essential baby care items for babies and children up to the age of 4. Everyone is welcome regardless of circumstance, whether they are in need of any items or if they would simply like to exchange clothing.

A referral is not needed to use our service but we do also work closely with child and family care agencies to accept direct referrals and gift any items by request to families in need.


Donations we can accept are:  
Good quality clothing for babies and children up to the age of 4 and essential baby care items (baby wipes, nappies, nappy cream/ sacks).

For more details please contact Hannah Horner  
[hannah@meonvalleybabybank.org](mailto:hannah@meonvalleybabybank.org)  
01489 896003  
Facebook: @meonvalleybabybank



# SUNDAY club!

**St Peter's Church**  
**10.15am**  
**Ages 3-10years - all welcome!**



**For more details contact Kate on 07986 009942**





## TEENY TINIES

If you are looking for a friendly baby and toddler group (0-4 years) then do come and join us for kids play and a cuppa & chat.

**St Peter's Church Hall, Bishops Waltham.**  
**9.30-11.30am (drop-in whenever)**  
**Tuesdays in term time**

Run by St Peter's Church

**There is no charge for this group**

For more information call Liz Webb on 07743 921561



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## BUTTERFLIES

**TODDLER AND BABY GROUP**

**THURSDAYS**  
**(TERM TIME)**

**10AM - 11:30 AM**      **£2 PER FAMILY**

TO BOOK A PLACE, CALL KATE,  
 OUR FAMILY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORKER  
 ON 07986009942 OR STPBM.FCY.KATE@GMAIL.COM



**Baby and Toddler Group**

## GARDEN GANG

**Wednesday's 10-11.30am**  
 Rectory Garden or St Peters church  
 if cold/wet  
 St Peters Maypole Green Bishop' Waltham

CONTACT KATE- 07986009942  
 FAMILIES WORKER FOR ST PETER'S



Party time with the Butterflies Families! 6 children left in July to start school in September so we presented them with a Storybook Bible.

Come along to Butterflies every Thursday (term time) between 10-11.30am at Blessed Mary Church, Upham.



## SUNDAY FUNDAY

**Blessed Mary Church Upham**  
**2nd Sunday of the month**  
**10am-11.30am**

Join us and bring your whole family!

Games- Crafts- Sunday Focus- Toys  
 Free Bacon Butty & Refreshments  
 Community Together



**BLESSED MARY UPHAM**  
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## TABLE TALK

**1ST & 3RD TUESDAY**  
**(TERM TIME)**

**DROP IN FROM 11AM-1PM**

**JOIN US FOR FRIENDSHIP &**  
**CONVERSATION, REFRESHMENTS &**  
**SIMPLE LUNCH**

**MORE INFO CALL KATE SMYTH**  
**07986009942**



## THE RECTORS OF BISHOP'S WALTHAM Part 7

The list in St. Peters Church Bishops Waltham shows that JOHN DUKE was Rector for 10 years, from 1696-1706. His educational records reveal that he went up to Corpus Christie College, Oxford in 1671, at the age of 17, gaining his BA in 1674, MA in 1677/78, and BD in 1687. They also show that he was the son of Robert Duke, a gentleman of Structon, Southampton. His birth date can be deduced as 1654 from the above information. The marriage of Mr. JOHN DUKE Rector of Bishops Waltham to MRS. Mary Clutterbuck on 30 July 1701 is clearly recorded in the Parish Register of North Stoneham. Thus far, I have found no evidence of offspring from this relatively short union. It is, perhaps, significant that the bride was seemingly making a second marriage, and that neither participant was youthful.

PETER MAURICE is listed as Rector at Bishop's Waltham from 1744 until his death in 1750. He was the son of Peter Maurice a gentleman of Cerrig-y-Druidian, County Denbigh, and went up to Jesus College, Oxford, in 1709, at age 18, attaining his BA in 1713 and MA in 1716. He became Vicar of Llanynys in 1733, and was successively Treasurer, Dean and Chancellor at Bangor over the period from 1720 to 1748. In between times he obtained a DD at Lambeth in 1733 and was appointed a prebendary of the 6th Stall at Winchester in 1740. Even more notable is that he was one of the Honorary Chaplains to King George the Second from 1727 until 1750. The Parish Register of Bishop's Waltham 1737-1812 shows of PETER MAURICE DD (Rector of this parish) under the heading of Burials in 1750 "April 5 at London".

*Peter Ridley*

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## ADULT SWIMMING



**Bishop's Waltham Community Swimming is offering Adult Swimming lessons for those who have never learned to swim or are lacking in confidence in water.**

The water is warm and the Pool less than a metre deep at the shallow end sloping gradually to the deep end which is only 1.8metres deep. There will be two sessions each Wednesday evening between 8.15-9.15pm, each one lasting 30 minutes, and groups will be limited to no more than 5 swimmers at a time with two teachers and a qualified lifeguard on poolside. The teachers will be in the water to help those beginners who need it and a variety of swimming aids will be available to boost confidence. Groups will be divided into beginners and improvers as appropriate.

The course length will vary due to term dates, lifeguard training dates and progress but blocks of lessons will normally be for 5 sessions or a whole term of 11 weeks. The cost of each lesson is anticipated to be £7.00, depending on pool hire costs if these are increased later in the year. Clients would be expected to book and pay for a block of lessons before starting the course.

For further information please contact Mitres Head Coach –

[headcoachmitres@gmail.com](mailto:headcoachmitres@gmail.com)

Information about Bishop's Waltham Community Swimming, and cost of sessions, can be found on the website at

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



who we are....

### Mitres Swimming Club

We are a local swimming club whose home is at Bishops Waltham Junior School.

We run multiple sessions from Development through to Training to Masters. So whatever your level is at, we will have a session perfect for your abilities...

**Development Squad**  
Tuesday 5.15pm - 6.15pm  
Friday 7.15pm - 8.15pm

**Training Squad**  
Tuesday 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Thursday 7.15pm - 8.15pm  
Friday 7.15pm - 8.15pm

**Masters**  
Monday and Thursday 8.15pm 9.15pm

If interested and more info please contact:  
[mitresswimming@gmail.com](mailto:mitresswimming@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you in the water soon!!



**MITRES**  
SWIMMING CLUB



Scan for more info...

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## Bishops Bells 40th Birthday Rally



On Saturday 22nd June...in amazing sunshine...Bishop's Bells hosted an Invitation Rally at the Meon Hall, Meonstoke. This was a very special celebration for "BB". It was in January 1984 that Fred Haigh, a retired bells enthusiast, held his first meeting for anyone interested in forming a handbell group. 30 people turned up on that chilly Tuesday evening in the Stables....adults of all ages, children, music readers and non music readers alike! There have been many changes of ringers, conductors and bells over these 40 years, but we're still going strong, and Tuesday remains our practice night. We have 15 devoted handbell ringers in the team who absolutely love the bells.

To celebrate our birthday, members from 9 different teams from the South East Region of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain attended the all day event. ... over 60 ringers of all abilities played together We were expertly conducted through 2 pieces of massed ringing by Katherine Butler, a former ringer with BB, who had kindly travelled from Northumbria University where she is a Senior Lecturer, for our special day. Lizzi McAndrew, who joined BB in 1984 at the age of 8 along with her grandmother and mother, Maureen McAndrew, rejoined us to guide us through a tricky piece, appropriately called "Birthday Rag". Sandra Winter, Secretary of our region, conducted the last 2 pieces of music we had selected.... "Shepherd's Hey!" a traditional Morris tune and "Pastime In Good Company" music attributed to Henry VIII, complete with percussion! Solos were performed by teams from Sway, Fordingbridge and Kingsworthy. BB chose a joyful "Celebration" for their solo and our all time favourite, "Blessed Assurance".

All members of BB worked extremely hard to organise this Rally especially Frances and Sue with all the necessary preparations, but all deserve a vote of thanks for a great day. We kept everyone happy and supplied with tea, coffee and endless cake, and the special 40th Birthday cake, made and iced by Linda. Linda has been our Treasurer since 1984 and is an original member, like me...the only 2 left!

After a fabulous tea, there was a concert performance in front of an interested audience, including former members of BB. After that, it was time to pack up and travel home after a great day! Comments included.. "It was a wonderful day...the most perfect



event...enjoyed it immensely...loved the thoughtful gift of the birthday tote bags...couldn't have been better!"

My favourite message of congratulation came from a former member, "Congratulations to you all and a special thought for those who have been ringing since the very beginning.....there have been so many comings and goings, ups and downs, village halls, churches, church halls, lunch clubs, WI's, Dockyards, rallies, tents, gardens, residential communities, tiny spaces and expansive spaces alike....the audiences who have had the pleasure of listening to the bells in those 40 years must number in the thousands. I hope you're really proud!" We are!

A raffle was held and Wessex Children's Trust at Naomi House/Jack's Place and The Mountbatten Hospice will receive £100 each from the proceeds.

Now, BB will continue their usual practices and bookings. On Sunday 6th October, we will be performing at a teatime concert at Holy Trinity Church in Gosport. The team are especially looking forward to our 40th Birthday Concert on Saturday 23rd November, here at St Peter's Church at 7.30 pm. We'll be joined by Flautissimo, the Southampton Flute Orchestra, who are also celebrating their 40 birthday.

May BB continue spreading the message of handbell ringing for many years to come!

*Sandy Foster*



## ST PETER'S CAFE

ST PETER'S CHURCH, BISHOPS WALTHAM

OPEN WEDNESDAYS 2-4PM



*Tea, coffee and biscuits  
in the church.*

*This small, friendly group will welcome  
you with a chat and a 'warm space'.*





# Bishop's Waltham Photographic Society



June began with an evening visit to the Mottisfont Rose Garden home to the national collection of pre-1900 shrub roses. These old-fashioned blooms tend to flower just once a year creating an amazing display with over 400 varieties. In the walled garden, climbers are trained onto red-bricked walls and shrub roses are set in beds filled with complimentary flowers and foliage to create a myriad of scent and colour.



Above: Colin Rooke 'Mottisfont Roses'

Below: Mike Hickish 'Mottisfont 3'



Taking advantage of the longer daylight hours, members strolled around Old Portsmouth one Thursday evening followed by a 'walkabout' around Bishops Waltham the following week.

A selection from the twenty or so images taken during the walk reflect the style of the individual photographer – what caught his or her attention and how they interpreted it. There was a fair bit of walking around the city followed by a visit to the Spice Island pub to quench their thirst.



Nicky Higgins 'Down the steps'

The 'walkabout' around Bishops Waltham came with a challenge. Images had to be taken at a fixed focal length of 50mm either with a prime lens (one that does not zoom in or out) or with a zoom lens fixed at 50mm. This encouraged members to physically move around their subject, to frame their shots to create more engaging compositions. When you shoot at 50mm the result feels more natural as if the viewer is inside the image looking at the subject. Take a look at some of the results.



Above: Nicky Higgins 'Scabby Handle'

Below: Stephen Townsend 'Patriotic parking'



Don't forget to hold the date in your calendar for October when the society holds its annual print exhibition which takes place at the United Free Church, Bishops Waltham from 10 – 12 October 2024. Visitors will be able to vote for their favourite image. An integral part of the exhibition is the Junior competition where young photographers can submit their entries online. Details are in the attached flyer. There are two age groups – up to 11 years and 12 – 16 years. The closing date for entries is Saturday 14 September.





## Bishop's Waltham Photographic Society

**2024  
Junior Photo  
Competition**

**For Age Groups:**  
Up to 11 years  
and  
12-16 years


**How to Enter**  
Email 1 Photo to  
[competition@bishops-waltham-photosociety.co.uk](mailto:competition@bishops-waltham-photosociety.co.uk)  
by midnight 14th September 2024



The email should  
contain your name &  
age, title of the image  
plus the contact  
details of a  
parent/guardian

amazon  
Vouchers for the  
Winners









Good Luck!



## Bishop's Waltham Photographic Society

### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2024




**Free Entry**

**Where**  
United Free Church  
Basingwell Street  
Bishop's Waltham  
SO32 1AL

**When**  
Thurs 10th Oct  
Fri 11th Oct  
Sat 12th Oct  
9.30am to 5pm

Kindly  
Supported by



### South Central Makers presents the Makers and Vintage Market!

**Where: Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham.**

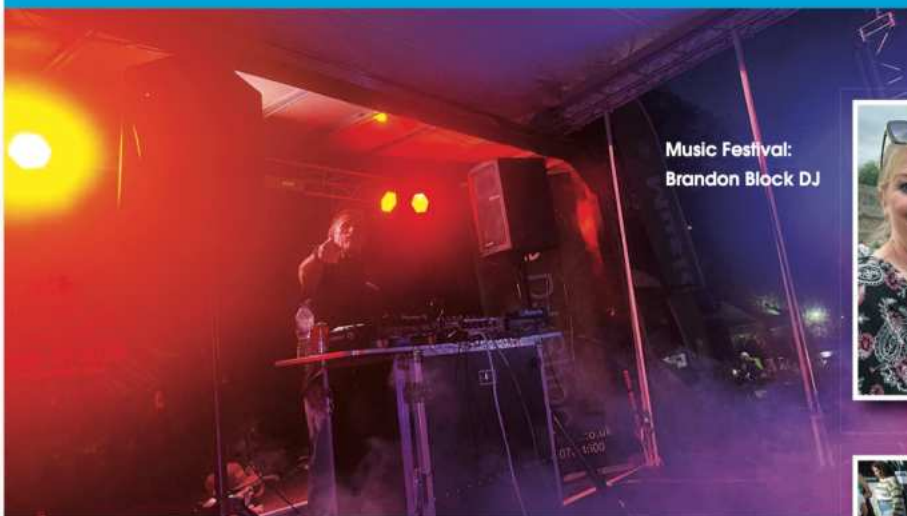
**When: August 24th - 10am until 3pm**

South Central Makers, a community-based organisation known for hosting artisan markets, has been active in Romsey and Stockbridge for five years. Recently, they have expanded to Bishop's Waltham. In addition to a wide range of artisan-made products like arts, crafts, jewellery, woodcrafts, crochet, textiles and more, they are also now including a delightful selection of vintage and retro items at their markets.

South Central Makers started in March 2019 in Romsey - Kate the owner saw a gap in the market in her local town and started a Facebook Group which grew quickly overnight with many local crafters, artists, makers and bakers interested. She posed the question about running a local makers market and a huge number of people jumped at the idea, and so the markets were born!

In May 2024 SCM held their first Makers and Vintage market at the Jubilee hall and the feedback received from the visitors was so positive. The team at South Central Makers very much look forward to welcoming you again on August 24th, with one more planned this year on November 2nd.





Photos by Justine Greenfield and Darren Hall. Drone Images by Sean Jeffrey





# BISHOP'S WALTHAM FESTIVAL 2024



Music Festival



Music Festival: Lasers



Music Festival: Dance Floor



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz



The Importance of Being Earnest



The Importance of Being Earnest



## Bishop's Waltham Rotary July News



Like our Facebook page or visit our website for updates  
and find out how you can help us help others!

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

Or email [pr@bishopswalthamrotary.org.uk](mailto:pr@bishopswalthamrotary.org.uk)

### Young Carers

One of the highlights of the year for seeing the effect of what Rotary can do, is when we support the National Young Carers event at YMCA Fairthorne Manor. This year the event was over the last weekend in June and saw 1000 young carers from around the country arrive with the sole purpose of getting them away from their caring duties, looking after parents and siblings etc. and having fun.

Bishop's Waltham Rotary Club assists with the running of a pop up café along with other local Rotary clubs, and every year we are astounded by the young people we meet, which this year included several from London who are only 8 years old! The weekend's activities included fairground rides, outdoor activities, and massive firework display to music, disco's, karaoke, crafts and more, plus the opportunity to meet others in similar situations.

### Hurricane Beryl

Early July saw Hurricane Beryl make landfall in the Caribbean, bringing



Jason Rule handing over the Chain of Office to Ian Treveil

devastation and destruction to many of the islands not least of which to be affected was Union Island, which lies off St Vincent and the Grenadines. The scale of the devastation is such that almost the whole population of the island is homeless. For this reason we have made a pre-emptive donation of £1000 to ShelterBox, a Rotary based charity with over 20 years' experience of responding to disaster situations, to assist them with any relief work they may need to undertake.

### Hampshire Home-Start



We have recently made a donation to Home-Start Hampshire to help their work with local families with young children. Home-Start is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support, helping families with young children through their challenging times. Home-Start was an idea that started in Leicester in 1973, spread across the UK and is now a movement around the world. There are now 22 countries on five continents that have Home-Starts providing support for families.

### New Rotary Year - New President

The end of June saw the end of the Rotary year and the end of Jason Rule, our 2023-2024 president's time in the hot seat. This year's president is Ian Treveil, who is taking the role for the second time after a gap of 10 years since his first stint in the chair.

## Bishop's Waltham and District Twinning Association



### Host family required for a French student

The summer holidays are here and we are all looking forward to having new experiences.

Our Twinning Team have a recent request from our French "twins" in St Bonnet le Chateau in south-eastern France. They have a 17 year old boy, very keen to visit the UK and improve his English, wishing to stay with a local family for two weeks this August, with a reciprocal arrangement next year.

If this fits your family and is of interest please contact us quickly on [bwtwinning@gmail.com](mailto:bwtwinning@gmail.com)

Merci!!

### Bishop's Waltham Gardening Club

**ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENING**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Jubilee Hall, Lower Lane, SO32 1ED

**Bishops Waltham Gardening Club's  
Gardeners Question Time**

*with TWO Guest Gardening Experts*

**Ray Broughton**

Ray is a highly qualified horticulturist, teacher, lecturer and examiner, with over 30 years' experience of addressing gardening clubs and societies.

**Benjamin Hope**

Ben has appeared in many 'Question Times' over his long career and has lectured on various gardening subjects to a wide range of Gardening Clubs.

We are delighted to welcome them both  
to answer all your gardening questions.

**Tickets: £18 including a 2-Course meal. Also, there's a Raffle.**  
Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

**Gluten free by request.**  
Tickets from the Albany Road Allotment Shed  
at weekends (10am-12noon) or book through our website.

**Open to Members, Guests and Visitors**

ALLERGY NOTE: The method of preparation means that no guarantee  
can be given that allergens have been kept totally separate)

Website: [www.bwgc.org.uk](http://www.bwgc.org.uk) and on Facebook



# COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT

The Bishop’s Waltham Community Film Night starts its new season on Wednesday 2nd October. We’ve listened to your feedback and the main improvement that you’d like to see is MORE FILMS! So we’re pleased to announce in the 24/25 season that we will now have 6 nights during the year on the dates below:

2024	CHARITY	FILM
Weds 2nd Oct	BW Minibus	The Miracle Club (12)
Weds 6th Nov	BW Guides	Wonka (PG)
Weds 4th Dec	BW Gateway Club	TBC
2025		
Weds 5th Feb	Heartstart	TBC
Weds 5th March	BW Youth Club	TBC
Weds 2nd April	Home Start Meon Valley	TBC

Entry prices remain at their previous rate of £3.50 for Adults and £3 for Concessions. Cash only please as we don’t have a cashless facility and if you do have the correct change that would be helpful.

Please note, doors open around 6pm for a 7pm prompt start. We also now need to be out of the school hall by 9.15pm at the latest so there will be a SHORT interval (where possible but no interval if the film is around 2 hours). So if you’d like time to chat and socialize please come along at 6pm when we will be serving tea/coffee and biscuits (and sometimes cakes as well if the charity is willing/able!) and of course there will be a great raffle with raffle tickets priced at £1 per strip.

As before, we are running these film nights to help raise funds for local charities (see list above). Just a reminder that the chosen charity receives 50% of the profits with the other 50% going to Friends of BW Junior School (FOBS). Please come and support these charities and bring your friends for a fun evening in the community.

We have a new dedicated email address: [bwfilmnight@gmail.com](mailto:bwfilmnight@gmail.com) so please add it to your contacts/safe senders lists. If you know anyone else who would like to hear about Bishop’s Waltham Community Film Nights please send their details to the new email address. Equally, if you no longer wish to be on the mailing list, please let us know and we’ll remove you. We transferred the existing circulation list to the new email account, but if you didn’t receive an email in June please drop us a line.

In case you haven’t heard we have re-started the Bishop’s Waltham Minibus pick up/drop off service for Community Film Nights so that those people who can’t get to the school by themselves can still come along and share film nights with us all. If you would like to arrange a lift please call 07386 893200. Leave your name/address/contact telephone number and Frances Legget will get back to you to make collection arrangements. Spaces will be given on a first come first served basis and in 2024 there will be no charge as local benefactors have agreed to cover the minibus costs to help get the service running again. If you know someone in Bishop’s Waltham who would like to join in please pass this information on to them.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in October.

*Yours in Film*

Wendy Belfield/Frances Legget/Linda Houlton FOBS  
New Email Address: [bwfilmnight@gmail.com](mailto:bwfilmnight@gmail.com)



Above: March 2024 Film Night audience  
Below: Film Night transport with Bishop’s Waltham Minibus



Blessed Mary of Upham – Bell Refurbishment

## Fun Quiz Night

Saturday 14 September 2024 6.15 – 10.30pm

Quiz starts 7.00pm

St Peter’s Church Hall, Free Street, Bishop’s Waltham  
SO32 1EE

Fish & chip supper (sausage or veggie burger  
alternatives)

Bring your own drinks, glasses and cutlery

### RAFFLE

**Raising funds for the bell refurbishment in October 2024**

TICKETS £13 PER PERSON (inc. supper)

**Names and supper choices by 7 September to:**  
[clare.carpenter56@gmail.com](mailto:clare.carpenter56@gmail.com) or Tel: 01329 834557



# BISHOP'S WALTHAM WALKS

 [bishopswalthamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:bishopswalthamwalks@gmail.com)  Bishop's Waltham Walks

## Sunday 11th August - Amberley to Arundel

10miles /16km. Meet Arundel railway station at 10.30am. Estimated finish 4.30pm

## Wednesday 14th August - Circular walk Twyford and Hensting

5miles/8km. Meet outside St Andrews Church, Owslebury (SO21 1LU) at 5.50pm - depart 6pm. Estimated finish 8.30pm

## Thursday 29th August - Beauworth and Kilmeston

6miles/9km. Meet at Milburys Inn (SO24 0PB) at 5.50pm - depart 6pm. Estimated finish 8.30pm

## Saturday 7th September - Chawton and Selborne

11miles/18km. Meet at All Saints Church, Upper Farringdon (GU34 3EG) at 9.20am - depart 9.30am. Estimated finish 4.30pm



**Bishop's Waltham Walks** is an informal walking group set up and run by Bishop's Waltham residents to provide guided walks. These walks are open to anyone who wants to enjoy walking in a group of friendly, like minded people, on a variety of routes around this part of Hampshire. You don't have to be serious about walking to join us. Enjoy exploring the area around Bishop's Waltham without the effort of planning and reading maps. Just enjoy the walking and company.

August will be the last chance to enjoy the midweek evening walks this season. We have been lucky with the weather and only a hint of rain on one walk in June and July. The walks have been varied with views of the solent shore and south downs and we always plan to finish near a pub for those that want some a refreshment before heading for home. These compliment the monthly day walks which continue throughout the year. In August we will go further a field for one of the walks, but the journey is worth it to enjoy exploring the area around Arundel. There will be a short train ride from Arundel station to the start at Amberley. We return nearer to home in September to explore parts of the Writers Way around Chawton and Selborne.

Further details of the walk are given on the Facebook page called *Bishop's Waltham Walks* or you can e-mail [bishopswalthamwalks@gmail.com](mailto:bishopswalthamwalks@gmail.com) for details. You can let the walk hosts know you will be joining the walk by clicking on the 'Going' tab on Facebook, or using the e-mail address.

*Sarah, David and Paul, Walk Hosts*



Organised walks are held by the Waltham Group of the Ramblers on Wednesdays (mornings), Friday evenings (in the summer months) and Sundays (usually all day). A selection is shown below, with meeting venue and leader's contact number. Newcomers are welcome but please contact the leader beforehand in case there is a change.

For further information about Waltham Ramblers, email [delia.rampton@talktalk.net](mailto:delia.rampton@talktalk.net)

**FRIDAY 2 AUGUST – Warnford via Bere Farm, 5 miles,** John 07709 732990. Start: 18:30 – Parking is available at the George and Falcon Pub (please patronise the pub after the walk). Meet at Warnford Village Hall, SO32 3LD.

**WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST – Upham via Woodcote and Green Hill, 4.8 miles** Gareth 07867 523049. Start: 10:00 – Meet in Church Street at the green by the duck pond, SO32 1JH.

**FRIDAY 9 AUGUST – Abbotstone Down via Abbotstone and Old Alresford, 5 miles** Lesley 07982 442650. Start: 18:30 – Meet in main car park on the left, north of Old Alresford on the B3046, SO24 9DT.

**SUNDAY 11 AUGUST – Rowlands Castle via Finchdean, 7.5 miles,** Clive 07584 243885, Picnic lunch. Start: 10:00 – Meet in Rowlands Castle Recreation Ground car park, PO9 6AD.

**WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST – Hambledon via Hoe Cross, 5 miles,** Gill and Ian 07789 768579. Start: 10:00 – Meet in car park at top of High Street, take drive to left of church, PO7 4RT.

**SUNDAY 18 AUGUST – Bishop's Waltham via Upper Swanmore & Galley Downs, 8 miles,** Julia 07714 622668. Picnic lunch. Start: 10:00 – Park and meet in Basingwell Street car park (free on Sundays), SO32 1PA.

**SUNDAY 25 AUGUST – Hambledon via Chidden Down, 8 miles,** John 07709 732990, Picnic lunch. Start: 10:00 – Park where convenient in village; Meet at junction of East Street and High Street PO7 4RW.

**WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER – Droxford via Peak Down, 5 miles,** Mike 07762 120754. Start: 10:00 – Park in Square or nearby roads; Meet in the Square, SO32 3RB.

**WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER – East Meon, 5.5 miles,** Peter 07974 648970. Meet at car park at western edge of village in Workhouse Lane, GU32 1PF.

**SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER – Abbotstone Down via Abbotstone village, 7.4 miles,** Gareth 07867 523049. Picnic lunch. Start: 10:00 - Meet in main car park on the left, north of Old Alresford on the B3046, SO24 9DT.

**WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER – Grenville Copse via Hambledon, 5 miles,** Pauline 01489 892386. Start: 10:00 – Park and meet in layby on B2150, the Droxford to Hambledon Road, SO32 3QX.

**SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER – Wickham via Bere Farm & North Boarhunt, 8 miles,** Gill & Ian 07789 768579. Picnic lunch. Start: 10:00 – Meet in Wickham Station car park, PO17 5JY.

*Delia Rampton*





It's been a very busy time for the Gardening Club culminating with our Annual Open Show. The problems for all gardeners this year, with the mild winter, record rainfall and colder than normal growing conditions, plus the more local 'allotment' problems of deer and badger plus the usual problems of weeds and pests (led by legions of slugs!) really did have their impact on numbers of entries. Despite all this, the show tables were nearly full and the standards amazingly high after the worst gardening Spring for years. In addition, there were numerous 'non-gardening' entries of cakes, jams and children's subjects. We were also competing with several local attractions in Swanmore and Curdridge, so the overall result was, in fact, quite successful.

One of the biggest problems is convincing possible entrants that, whilst we seek perfection we are not Hampton Court or Chelsea and enter for fun and, if our carrots are a bit wonky, or we couldn't find three potatoes all the same size, IT DOESN'T MATTER! So often we hear visitors say, 'mine are better than that, I should have put them in'. Well, if only! Maybe next year, and this is precisely why we have 'Novice' classes.

We also said farewell to Colin Carter who has been the guiding light for the show for several years. He, especially, and his team have always worked wonders for a smooth, trouble-free and enjoyable show and we should all be so grateful for someone who has given up so much time and effort so that others can enjoy the show. As always, we thank those who assisted on the day, and our wonderful team of ladies who provided the refreshments. Congratulations also go to those winners who were presented with a trophy and certificate and the full list is on our new website at [www.bwgc.org.uk](http://www.bwgc.org.uk). Our new 'year' starts on October 1st, and in October's edition, we will list all the advantages of joining our vibrant and happy group of over 300 members.

We are now looking forward to harvesting our crops, whether they be Runner beans, Corn-on-the-Cob or whatever, and hope our Leeks and Parsnips, Brussels Sprouts etc., are strong enough to cope with the winter ahead, but we also have an eye on next year as it's time to look in those seed, bulb and gardening sundry books and get our orders ready. Gardeners are always optimists and look ahead with confidence as 'next year will be better!'

In between we hope that the Autumn will be mild and relatively dry and we can get our summer crops cleared and get the beds ready with manure and compost so that our crops have a good start in the spring. After such a poor spring this year, maybe the autumn will be longer and milder, who knows?

Gardening is a wonderful and relaxing hobby, with benefits to mind and body, so enjoy your garden, help nature and do your bit for the environment.

**Happy gardening!**



Category winners at the Annual Open Show

### For our September Social Evening, we welcome Antony Powell MCI Hort HND.

Antony's subject is The Scented Garden and promises to be an interesting and uplifting talk. After all, who has not walked through an English Garden during the evening and tasted the perfume that exudes from so many plants?

*But what were they?*

*Can I grow them in my garden?*

*Will they grow every year?*

*How do I look after them all?*

Questions that Antony will answer, and much more besides.

We will also be at our **new venue** of St Peter's Church Hall, Free Street SO32 1EE. Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start. As always, refreshments will be available, together with a raffle.

We also have a new website, so go to [www.bwgc.org.uk](http://www.bwgc.org.uk) and we are on Facebook, too. Entry is free to Members, and visitors are very welcome at just £2.



# Garden Wildlife Notes from Rareridge Lane

*Orchids doing well, dragonflies  
emerging, many garden helpers and  
hundreds of froglets*

## Orchids

The wet autumn and winter have provided ideal conditions for the Southern Marsh and Common Spotted orchids in the bog garden. The orchids have produced multiple bulbs per plant and these were divided and replanted in the spring when they first emerged. These have grown and are now flowering. Some of those that were divided have produced multiple flower heads providing further dividing opportunities next spring. The bulbs in the meadow, where it is drier, have also divided but not as vigorously as in the bog garden. Common Spotted and Southern Marsh orchids seem to thrive in the boggy conditions.



## Dragonfly adults emerging



Unlike other winged insects such as butterflies and moths, dragonflies do not have an intermediate pupal stage between nymph and adult. Instead the metamorphosis from nymph to adult takes place out of water, directly from the nymph. The adult emerges from the back of the nymph's outer case (the exuvia) at the head end. Many adult Emperor dragonflies have been emerging from the pond nymphs this spring. Emperors were first seen visiting the pond last year and laying eggs.

## Garden helpers

A female Blackbird and a baby Robin have become very tame and provide help in the garden. The female Blackbird was within a few inches of working while digging holes to plant out Cosmos plants, in some cases filling the hole in again while getting slugs and worms. Interestingly she preferred slugs to worms but took a long time desliming them before carrying them off, presumably to feed young in a nest. The Robin is from a recent brood, from an adult that is also fairly tame. It preferred to sit nearby and pounce on any worms uncovered while digging. The female Blackbird sees us as food suppliers and has worked out that if she flies low over our heads and perches nearby that we will put out dried mealworms. We have been getting through large quantities of dried mealworms with feeding all the birds in the garden and have taken to buying them in 5kg bags as the most economical way of buying them.



## Pest control - some useful insects

Some other helpers in the garden are the Ladybird larvae. They have been feasting on the blackfly on our Broad Bean plants. As well as the larvae, the intermediate stage of the nymph to adult can be seen on the broad bean leaves. The adults will also eat the blackfly.

## Cinnabar caterpillars back in strength

We had been concerned that we had only seen one Cinnabar moth this spring and that there would not be any caterpillars. Worries were put aside when multiple broods of caterpillars were discovered on our Ragwort plants. The caterpillars are a distinctive black and yellow to warn any birds against eating them. They pick up their poison from the Ragwort plant and seem to be immune to most predators. We have also been transferring caterpillars around the garden to any Ragwort plants without caterpillars. After about a month of voraciously eating Ragwort, often reducing it to stalks, the caterpillars dig into the soil to pupate. They remain underground over winter emerging the following spring as the distinctive red and black Cinnabar moths.



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## Some unusual insects

Of the many insects that we see in the garden, two were particularly unusual. These were the Plume moth and the Spotted Longhorn beetle. The Plume moth looks,

from a distance, as if its wings are feathers. The Spotted Longhorn beetle is black and pale yellow, also to warn off potential predators. Even its long antennae are alternate black and yellow. It especially likes to feed on wild carrot nectar.

## A very colourful meadow

The spring and summer meadow has continued to provide colour from early in the spring. It is now bright with Ox-eye daisy, wild Geranium, Red Clover, Ragged Robin, Hay Rattle, Birds Foot Trefoil and some Common Spotted orchids in amongst the meadow grasses.

## Many froglets emerging

Tadpoles in the main pond have continued to thrive this year. This is despite the high number of newts in the pond and dragonfly nymphs. The overgrown conditions and plenty of green weed have probably helped. Many have turned into froglets which are emerging. They become susceptible to predation by birds at this stage, especially Blackbirds and Sparrows, but with the large numbers emerging there should be enough to help raise the local frog population.

Barry Jerome





### Horticultural Happenings

July is the month when all the planning, organising and hard work really starts to show results around the village. The flowerbeds have been bursting into colour and the hanging baskets and planters are really established and growing well. The three wildflower areas have become feasts – of colour for us and nectar for the insects! The annual mix at Tangier Lane is the most colourful, with plenty of blues, golds and reds, mixed with the white oxeye daisies, whilst the perennial mix at Hoe Road is now getting established with plenty of blues and purples. The two strips of established wildflowers on the roundabout are an interesting mix, having been sown and planted originally with four different mixes, changing as the season goes on.

So, it's now maintenance to keep everything looking good – watering, weeding and dead-heading, with the invaluable help of our watering team and volunteers, and the last of the summer pruning to be done on the roundabout.

*Sue Bircher*

**Two major events in July of In Bloom's year** happened immediately after the submission date for this edition of the Parish News.

Hidden Gardens took place on 7th July and our Front Garden Competition was judged on 12th July. Photographs of both of these will appear in the October Parish News.

The competition encourages people to make the front of their houses look attractive for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. We award prizes at our annual barbeque in August, where we also say thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work throughout the year.

### Colourful displays throughout the town at the end of June

Returning from holiday at the very end of June I was struck by how colourful the displays were everywhere.

A huge thank you to our volunteers for planting up the flower

beds at the end of May. Just 5 weeks later they are a riot of colour. Thanks must also go to one of our volunteers, who has watered the beds during dry spells. Volunteers were also responsible for preparing for, and sowing of, the wild flowers at the top of Tangier Lane.

Our hanging baskets are supplied by Park Place Nursery, Wickham. They were hung on 19th May and by the beginning of July they have filled out and look amazing. They are watered either early in the morning or late in the evening by our team of waterers.

The planters, along with the bedding plants, are supplied by Meon Valley Nurseries, Soberton. These were positioned mid-June and are developing nicely.

The hanging baskets in Red Lion Street were planted up by children's groups throughout the town and hung on 25th May. Last month's edition had a photograph of the baskets as they were hung. So different now. These will be judged as part of our competition too.

Hopefully, when you read this at the beginning of August, these displays will still be spectacular.

Thanks must go to all our sponsors for their support. A full list can be found on our website and on the noticeboard in Red Lion Street.

### And so to the future

We have struggled this summer to complete our planned events and have needed to rely on our volunteers more than usual. We really do need more trustees to share the load. We have set the date of our Annual General Meeting for **Monday 11th November** and we really do need to appoint more people to our committee.

If you would like to know more about the work that we do then do get in touch with us via our website [www.bishopswalthaminbloom.org.uk](http://www.bishopswalthaminbloom.org.uk) or come and chat, if you see us working on the flower beds throughout the summer.

*Pauline Daniels*





## GIVE & TAKE

**BISHOP'S WALTHAM**

**Help us to reduce waste in our town!**

**28th September 2024 - 10.30am to 2.30pm**

**St George's Square, Bishop's Waltham**

**A FREE EXCHANGE STALL**  
YOU CAN GIVE, YOU CAN TAKE,  
OR YOU CAN GIVE AND TAKE.

**Arts and Crafts Items**



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## Thoughts from beyond the pond

### The beauties of Bishop's Waltham

On one of the shelves in the library at Hinton Ampner Manor is a series of 18 volumes with the glorious title *The Beauties of England and Wales*. Enchanted and engaged, I wanted to look inside and see these beauties, but opening a book on a National Trust property is just not done. Wikipedia came to my rescue, and much to my relief and perhaps with a little disappointment, these tomes of *Beauties* describe the topography and local history of each County.

This got me thinking about Bishop's Waltham. I love living here as there is something about the town and its people, but why and what is it? In short, what are the *Beauties of Bishop's Waltham*? Margaret Hungerford wrote in *Molly Bawn* (1878), "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder", so my musings are personal to me, which leads to my obvious question, "What are yours?"

While thinking about why I like living here, the letter P crops up rather a lot; I am not sure whether there is any significance in this, and I will try not to preach, but these are the possibilities that I propose.

Bishop's Waltham is a visually pleasant place. It is picturesque; the North and South ponds are full of wildlife; they are peaceful and pleasing places to stand and stare. I enjoy leaning against a parapet on the bridge and just watching the life and busyness of the pond. How many places have such a delightful wooden bridge anyway? The ponds, the newly refurbished level crossing gates, the railway walk, and the numerous off-road tracks and paths make it an uplifting and interesting place to explore. It is good to see that these are not being reduced but added to, with new walkways connecting the new builds to the town.

Everyone cares about the town's appearance, from the pundits on new properties and buildings to the prodigious and phenomenal protectors of the pastoral green spaces in and around our town. Everyone's participation is to be applauded and everyone has a part to play. Just putting litter in a bin is an act of positiveness. Politeness is found everywhere, be it on the road or the pavement. Very rarely, when driving and giving way, have I not received a smile and wave of thanks. Likewise, when walking on a pathway, it is rare not to receive a look or smile of encouragement, even from strangers. People here want to act cooperatively and pleasantly.

The town has potential, as shown by how much the High Street is used for shopping and as a social area. People eat, meet, talk and engage with each other in pleasing and pleasurable surroundings. This does not happen by accident; the proprietors and purveyors of goods and culinary delights make the High Street and surrounding streets worth walking to and around, be it to shop or meet friends or family or to enjoy the presence of just being there and pondering on its beauty.

Bishop's Waltham is the sum of the people who live here. We all play our part, from the simple and modest smile in passing to politeness and helping a stranger, or helping keep the streets clean, to the more active groups of gardeners, to the myriads of volunteers and unsung heroes, to the men's shed and to the political voices. We are all part of the Community of Bishop's Waltham, and to stay a place of delight, we must all play our



part, no matter how small or large, because our community reflects on each of us as individuals.

Even in paradise, there are tensions. These are natural, as differences in opinion are a necessary human trait. Here, even our beloved swans cause disagreements and issues with parking in the town near rebellion. Perhaps the real test of the Beauty of Bishop's Waltham will be whether people will listen to each other's concerns and work towards a common agreement and good outcome for all concerned. We may all have to give a little to gain much.

I will leave the last word to the Greek philosopher Epicurus: "It is not what we have, but what we enjoy that constitutes our abundance." I hope to enjoy living in Bishop's Waltham for many years to come.

Roger Higton

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***Work completed on the eel pass at last and sadly one of our keen members has died***



## Eel Pass completed

The Eel Pass from the South Pond into the River Hamble has finally been completed. Beechcroft, the developers of the Abbey Mill Place houses, have been required to build it as they will be closing off the previous river channel which allowed passage for eels. The eel pass will allow elvers to migrate upstream from the R. Hamble into the South Pond and fully grown eels to move back downstream. Final work is needed to repair the footpath near the Eel pass. The photos show the water flowing from the South Pond through the eel pass into the River Hamble.

## One of our keen members dies

Sadly Roger Pilling died in June. Roger was an enthusiastic member and competed in fishing matches and volunteered at work parties. He was also a keen volunteer at North Pond work parties and took part in other conservation work. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

## A few work parties have been held

A few work parties have been held to cut back out-of-control willow growth from swims 13 through to 16. More work parties are being held in July and September. Contractors have been engaged in mid-July to cut back the excessive pond weed growth.

## Membership applications are open

Membership applications for the 2024-25 season are open. The new membership year started in June and we are pleased to welcome new members who have joined for the new season. If you would like to join all details are on our website.

## Pond update

There is still a good flow of water through the South pond but the water level is beginning to drop at the beginning of July. After all the rain during the autumn, winter and spring the water table was full. The dry period from May through June into July has meant that the water table has now started to fall, reducing

the flow of streams into the head waters of the River Hamble which flows through the North and South ponds. Depending on whether the dry period continues or if we get a wet summer will determine whether, and when, the flow stops.

## August and September activities

Work parties are organised for Sunday 28th July and Sunday 22nd September, meet at 8:30am, working 8:30-12:30. Please come along if you are free, these are two essential workparties to complete the work agreed with the Environment Agency (EA) to get our earlier grant. A new match calendar has been created for the 2024-2025 season. Matches were suspended until Station Road reopens but it may be possible to agree access for the new season. See the club's website [www.bwpfc.org.uk](http://www.bwpfc.org.uk) for the latest information.

## Joining the Club

If you are interested in joining the club applications can be made by downloading a membership form from the website and contacting Roland Palmer at [membsec@bwpfc.org.uk](mailto:membsec@bwpfc.org.uk), who is also acting temporarily as membership secretary. The membership year runs from mid-June. Membership applications for the 2024-25 season re-opened in May, further details will be on the club website [www.bwpfc.org.uk](http://www.bwpfc.org.uk)

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## Club web site

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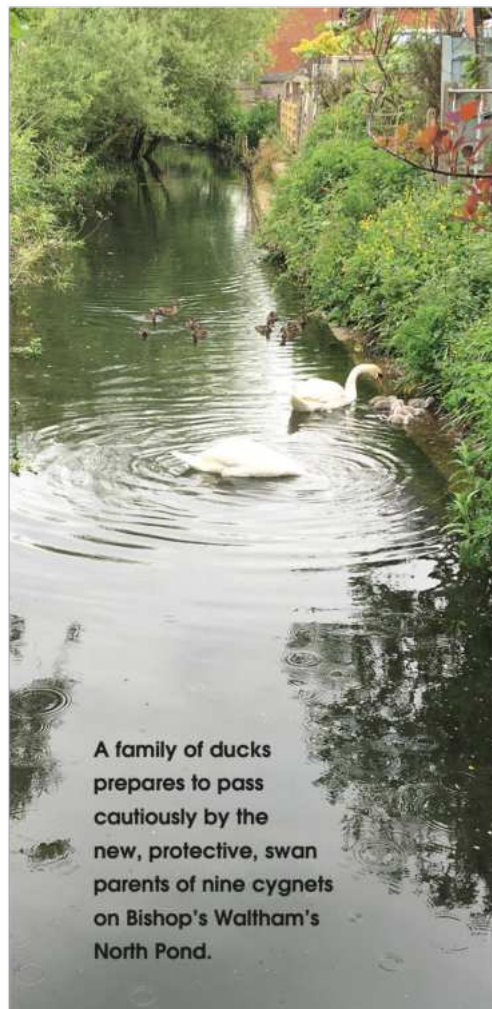
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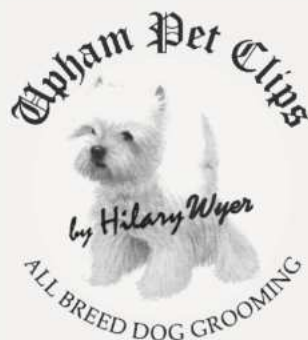
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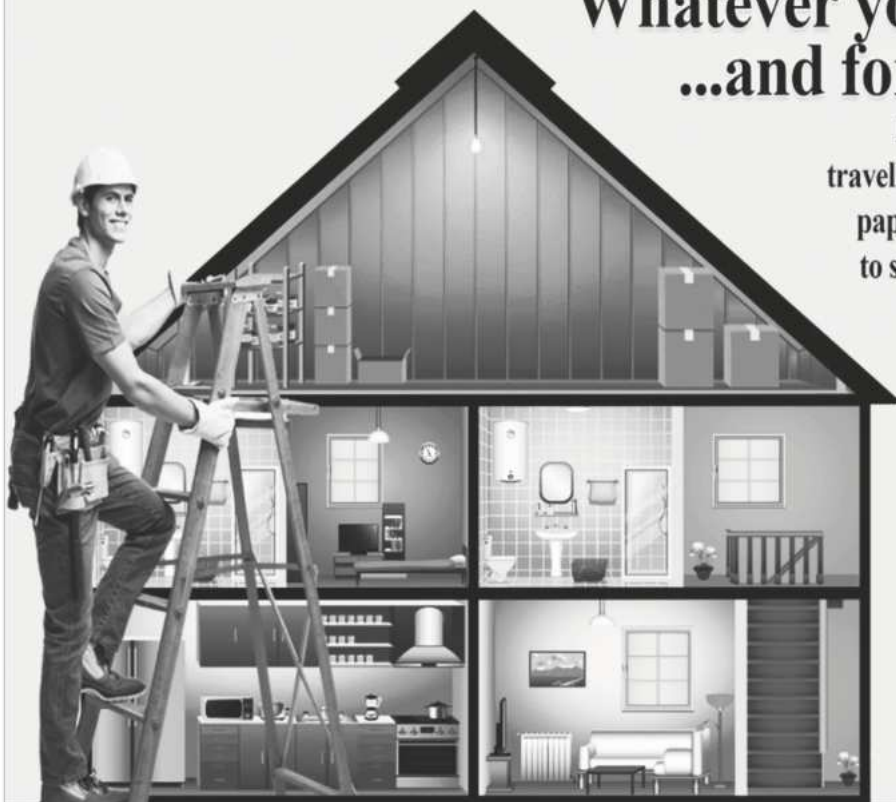
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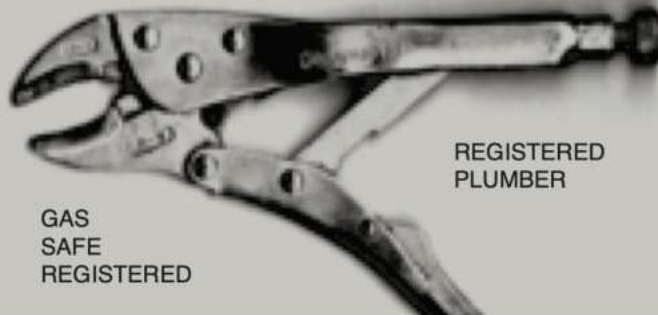
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