

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF
ST PETER'S, OVER WALLOP and ST ANDREW'S, NETHER WALLOP**

Services for NOVEMBER

Sun 6 Nov 3 Before Advent	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Andrew's	RB
	9.30 a.m.	Family Communion	St Andrew's	RB
	10.30 a.m.	Family Toy Service (CW)	St Peter's	CG
Sun 13 Nov 2 Before Advent	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Peter's	RB
	10.50 a.m.	Service of Remembrance	St Peter's	TH/RB
	10.50 a.m.	Service of Remembrance	St Andrew's	CS
Sun 20 Nov Christ the King	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Andrew's	RB
	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (with hymns)	St Peter's	RB
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	St Andrew's	CS
Sun 27 Nov Advent Sunday	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Peter's	RB
	10.30 a.m.	HC (with hymns) (Benefice Service)	St Andrew's	RB
	10.30 a.m.	Mattins	St Peter's	CG
	6.00 p.m.	Christingle	St Peter's	CG
Sun 4 Dec Advent 2	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Andrew's	RB
	9.30 a.m.	Family Communion	St Andrew's	RB
	10.30 a.m.	Family Service + Crib(CW)	St Peter's	CG
	6.00 p.m.	Candlelit Advent Service of Hymns and Readings	St Andrew's	CS

Note : CW indicates material from Common Worship. SMP = Shorter Morning Prayer
 Officiants: PM = Peter Matthews, CG = Colin Gillespie, CS = Colin Stevenson,
 TH = Tony Hope, RB = Roger Bennett

CHALLENGERS

Children over 3½ years old from both villages and surrounding area can join Challengers. It meets in Over Wallop Church Hall at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday, except when there is a family service in St Peter's. The main challenge is to find out about God, and older children volunteer for increasingly difficult and interesting challenges.

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Over Wallop Parish website: www.hants.gov.uk/parish/overwallop/index1.htm

Letter from near the Rectory

Dear Neighbours,

The leaves are falling, the days are getting shorter and cold nights are with us. Autumn has definitely arrived. As I get older, indeed as I talk to people somewhat older than me, I notice there is increasing talk of, "Remember when..." Remember when we were younger, remember when the world was a better place (was it really?). Remember... November is traditionally a time to remember. Some are beginning to ask why. In a cemetery far away, surrounded by pine trees on the slope of the hill, there are graves of Indian Army soldiers and also British, African, and other Commonwealth soldiers, all of whom fought alongside the Indian Army in the Burma campaign. On a monument at the foot of the cemetery there is an inscription: "When you go home tell them of us and say for your tomorrow we gave our today."

It always strikes me as rather ironic that the very freedom we have allows others to question and show dissent. Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, the day on which the First World War was brought to a close at 11.00 a.m. on 11 November 1918. But its application is much broader. On Remembrance Sunday we remember all, men and women, service and civilian, who laid down their lives in the service of our nation, not just in the wars of the past, but also in the wars of today. We remember the suffering they went through and the sacrifice they paid. Many still living have been personally bereaved by such deaths. But the question remains, why should we remember together? Isn't it just part of history? What's it got to do with us here today? The answer lies in what we enjoy today. We are a free people. What guarded and preserved that freedom was the lives of those we remember. Because of the price they paid - for them the ultimate price - we are free today. In other words the freedom and security we enjoy now was bought at the price of their lives then. So Remembrance Sunday is relevant to us all. We all have cause to be grateful for the price paid. And it is fitting that respect be shown towards those who paid that price for the legacy that remains ours today.

And for the Christian believer, Remembrance Sunday has an especial and deeper significance. In remembering those who laid down their lives for our earthly freedom, our minds fly to the One who laid down his life for an even greater freedom. When Christ died on the cross, he was paying the price of sin. He was setting the Christian believer free from the consequences of sin, the righteous judgement of God. Whilst many remember and respect the sacrifice of those who died in the service of our nation, it seems that fewer remember and respect the sacrifice that was given for the world. A sacrifice that has bought the believer an eternal freedom and security far more precious than the earthly one that we are privileged to enjoy today.

Jesus the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus, unlike humanity, did not have the capacity to sin or do evil. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice because He was divine in origin (Luke 1:34-35), and was unable to do evil or wrong. Jesus redeemed us by going to Calvary and purchasing our redemption. He sacrificed Himself in our place, so that we can become children of God! So, remember to remember those who gave their all for our freedom, but also remember Jesus Christ who died to save us all.

Yours in Christ,
Colin Gillespie
Reader

NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

There will be a **Benefice Family Toy Service** at **10.30a.m. on Sunday 6 November at St Peter's**. Please try to attend and bring your gifts for others. This service will also be blessed by a Baptism.

At its last council meeting the St Andrew's PCC decided to drop the Evensong service on the 1st Sunday of every month. This means there will be NO SERVICE of EVENSONG on 6 of November. The exception to this will be the Candlelit Advent Service on Sunday 4 December - see page 9 (Peter Barrie's article).

The annual **Service of Remembrance** will take place in both churches on the 13 November, please be seated by 10.50a.m.

Christmas is coming – mark the occasion by attending the traditional Christingle Service on the 27 November at 6.00p.m. at St Peter's.

Colin Gillespie

From the Registers

Baptisms

At St Peter's

25 September

Phoebe Elizabeth Walrond

May she grow in the faith into which she has been baptised.

Funerals

At St Peter's

10 October

Phoebe Joan McLaughlin aged 79

May she rest in peace.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Shine a light in the Wallops by celebrating Christingle with The Children's Society. A service not to be missed is this year's Christingle, a family celebration to raise money for the vital work of The Children's Society. This is a service for everyone. If you have attended a Christingle service before you will already know what a lovely service it is. If you have never attended one, let me briefly explain what it is all about. The 'Christingle', which symbolises the light of Christ's love, is a lighted candle mounted in an orange, which has a red ribbon or tape around it. Also surrounding the orange are four cocktail sticks, each bearing dried fruits or sweets. The orange represents the world and the candle symbolises Jesus the light of the world. The red ribbon or tape identifies with the blood of Christ, who shares in the suffering of the whole world. The fruits and sweets are symbolic of God's Creation and His love for us. The most moving and memorable part of the service is when all the Christingles are lit, illuminating faces and making every child look angelic! It is the perfect opportunity to celebrate Christ's love and spread a bit of that to families who may not come to church regularly. But most importantly it is a great opportunity for everyone to come together to do something extremely worthwhile – raising money for The Children's Society.

Our focus for this year's appeal is to look at the problem of young runaways and those children and young people thrown out of home. Did you know that 100,000 children run away from home every year? That is one child every 4 minutes. In the extreme situation of having to leave home, every child should be able to turn to somewhere safe. Food, shelter, understanding, protection and hope – whatever needs a child on the street may have, our goal is to support them and ensure others do too. Last year we raised over £1 million, which is an amazing achievement. We hope to top that this year and reach over and above our target. Help shine a light into the darkness of those runaways' lives by taking part in our Christingle service.

Jacqui Gillespie – Hon Sec The Wallops Children's Society

ST ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CORNER AT HARVEST TIME

A BIG thank you to Holly Deacon and her young helpers, Emma and Megan, for decorating the corner so beautifully. The hand-painted 'relief' harvest moon and farm landscape collage are so appropriate and a wonderful backdrop for the farm toys and harvest offerings. It was fun for the children who came on Sunday and for those who will visit during the next few weeks.

Also, many thanks to Oakes Bros for kindly lending a working model of a combine harvester. That was very much enjoyed on the day and treated with great respect, enabling it to be returned unscathed. All the kind contributions from different people (including the thatcher Geoffrey Gates) and Mavis Lovell's bright flowers made it such fun for the children. Thank you very much.

So far we have had delightful displays on the walls by two different artists and hopefully they will grace us again soon with their talents but, in between, if anyone would like to have a go, that would be great. There are some fantastic stories waiting to be illustrated!

You don't HAVE to be an artist - children are very tolerant, accepting, non-judgemental little beings (when it comes to art anyway). For instance, my 'Jesus on a donkey' on Palm Sunday was completely out of proportion and perspective but I was inclined to believe neither Jesus nor the children minded a jot!!!

Val Lynne 781250

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ORGAN

Progress at last! The Organ Committee has held a meeting and decided to award the restoration contract to J. W. Walker & Sons Ltd, the organ building firm which carries the name of the family which built the organ in 1880.

Now Peter Barrie is contacting all the possible grant-giving organisations, and when we know their responses we shall be able to assess how much we have to raise ourselves. Next month I hope to advertise some fund-raising events; meanwhile we are very grateful to those who continue to support the appeal with donations.

Jackie Fenn

ST ANDREW'S HARVEST LUNCH

Many people I am sure would like to congratulate Jan Smith and her helpers for the wonderful Harvest Lunch last Sunday. It really was a delicious spread. A great treat instead of having to come home to prepare something for oneself, and do the washing up!

Jacqueline Walker

MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF

Sally Holly and Jacqueline Pomfret would like to thank all those who kindly supported their Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan on 30 September, at the Five Bells Pub. The total sum raised was £518.30!!! Special thanks to Peter and Babs, Chrissie and Margaret for all their help in making the morning such a success

ST ANDREW'S HARVEST LUNCH

The lunch followed the Harvest Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 9 October. It was as usual very well supported and hopefully a good time was had by all. Many of those attending had contributed to the lunch and there was an impressive array of quiches, cold meats and salads, followed by apple tart, crumble and treacle tart. In addition this year, there were colourful lunch boxes for the children provided by one of the mums. The tables were beautifully decorated with harvest decorations and looked most attractive. Finally an auction was held of anything left over and a donation was made to the organ fund. If anyone took a plate home from the auction please remember to return it to the hall. We had lots of helpers this year, so a huge thank you to you all.

Jan Smith

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL
Extracts from the October meeting

Attendance: Cllrs. Beeley, Roach, Rogers and Young, HCC Cllr. Woodhall and eight members of the public.

Election of new Chairman: Cllr. Roach proposed Cllr. Rogers seconded by Cllr. Beeley with all in favour. Cllr. Rogers read out and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form which was also signed as a witness by the clerk.

Election of new Vice Chairman: Cllr. Rogers proposed Cllr. Beeley seconded by Cllr. Roach with all in favour.

Parish Council vacancy: A vacancy has arisen from the resignation of Cllr. Wilcox. Notices have been posted and unless more than ten parishioners request an election by 14 October the council will be asked to co-opt a new member.

New Council Member: The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Young and congratulated her on her recent election as a new parish councillor.

Apologies: TVBC Cllr. Boulton, Cllr. Souter and Cllr. Whitaker.

Planning: a) TVN.05/00238 FULLN, erection of two-storey side extension, 2 Pearl Cottages, Station Road, no objection.

b) TVN.05/00267 FULLN, Tennis court, Gerrards Farm, support.

c) TVN. 05/00359/FULLN, six carports and refuse bin storage Fifehead Manor, no comment.

Points from the floor: **Weeds in the river** – Mrs Walker and Mr Duckworth were concerned about the weeds in the brook along Heathman Street and The Causeway. The Environment Agency will be contacted (**Action: Parish Clerk**) and action will be taken when a tidy up of the green takes place (**Action: Cllr. Roach**). **Hedge-cutting** – Mrs Mongor mentioned a hedge along Five Bells Lane that needs cutting back (**Action: Parish Clerk**). **Danger to pedestrians** – Mrs Lovell continues to be worried about Farley Street near School Lane where there are overhanging branches (**Action: Cllr. Beeley**). **Hall water tap** – Mrs Gumn mentioned the hall water tap which needs to be fixed (**Action: Cllr. Roach**).

Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Rogers reported that the number of burglaries targeting antiques was rising. The boundary wall of St Peter's has been demolished in part, ornamental stones taken from a garden in Church Hill and there have been a number of minor local incidents.

Highways: Cllr. Beeley reported that the speed-activated sign on the eastern side has been reinstated. There are a number of outstanding highways issues and Hants Highways will be contacted (**Action: HCC Cllr. Woodhall and Cllr. Beeley**).

Playing Fields: Cllr. Rogers reported that the hedge surrounding the tennis court has now been cut. He is awaiting a response from LAPSET regarding the climbing frame problem.

Village Hall: Cllr. Roach reported that the annual electrical and fire regulations inspection is due.

New Village Hall Trust: Cllr. Rogers reported that the first meeting of the Trustees was held last week, and ran through the minutes. Local ownership of the present hall was now in the hands of the Trustees. The Parish Council is the custodian and will underwrite the running costs. The next meeting will be held on 24 November.

Wallops Parish Hall: The Chairman reported that through the survey there was overwhelming support for a joint hall. There is also support for a meeting room in Nether Wallop itself.

Village Green: Cllr. Roach reported that she intended to get a working party together to tidy up. More bulbs may be planted. There is the possibility of having a Christmas tree on the green. She would welcome a volunteer to take an interest in the water meadow.

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 November at 7.30 p.m.

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES PRODUCED FOR REVIEW BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS PRIOR TO BEING APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. B. M. Grob
Clerk to the Parish Council (tel: 01264 781645)

SIX WEEKS IN MADAGASCAR

It took twenty-four hours, jammed like sardines in the back of a truck, to reach the Blue Ventures research station Andavadoaka. Situated on the southwest coast of Madagascar with some of the most beautiful coral reefs in the Indian Ocean, Andavadoaka really is deepest darkest Africa. Blue Ventures is a Non-Governmental Organisation dedicated to coral reef conservation, education and research. I was there as a volunteer, hoping to obtain research for my dissertation and to gain experience in marine biology and conservation, two important elements of my final year of reading Zoology at Royal Holloway.

Coral reef preservation through conservation is very important. Coral reefs have been described as the 'rainforests of the seas', meaning that coral reefs can provide huge carbon dioxide sinks, similar to that of rainforests, in helping prevent global warming. Unfortunately coral reefs are more at threat than rainforests and very little is known about them. The reefs of Andavadoaka are very important because they have mostly survived the last two major coral reef bleaching events which have completely devastated whole reef systems. Coral bleaching occurs when water temperature rises, most dramatically by severe El Nino events. The higher temperature forces the coral to expel its symbiotic algae which give the coral its colour and photosynthesise to give it energy. We were studying the impact bleaching had had on this particular reef to see if anything could be done to help prevent other reefs from being destroyed.

The regime at the research station is quite rigorous. For the first two weeks it was intensive scuba and science training. The only way to survey the reef is by using scuba techniques, so before we could actually perform the science we had to become competent divers. The science training involved all areas of coral reef ecosystem conservation and identification of key species. Trying to learn how to identify four different species of urchin whilst underwater can take a while! After two weeks of early dives and long lessons, we were capable underwater naturalists and could begin surveying the reef. The reefs of Andavadoaka are stunning. Although I have never dived before, I have snorkelled and swum on several reefs and none of these compare. With huge towers of brightly-coloured coral sheltering a multitude of dazzling fish, a dive or snorkel is nothing short of spectacular.

Diving is not all that we did. After we had finished training, there was time for personal projects and other scientific surveying. Not all conservation could be done on the reef; a lot of what we needed to do was socio-economic, to gauge how the local people used the reef. The Vezo are the local tribe, and exist much as they have done for hundreds of years, spending each day fishing in dugout canoes. We mapped their villages and asked them questions about their practices. The Vezo must be some of the most hospitable people on the earth; they were so friendly and a few words of Malagasy went a long way!

After six weeks of living a simple life of rice three times a day, and plenty of sun and sea, we left Andavadoaka feeling as if no time had passed, and richer for maybe doing something to help. I am grateful to the Trustees of the Nether Wallop Social Club Charity for their support, which helped to make this experience possible – thank you.

George Shoesmith

HEDGE CUTTING

Nether Wallop Parish Council would like to remind landowners that they would be grateful if hedges could be cut back to improve visibility on the roads.

Many thanks!

Pippa Grob
Clerk

THANK YOU

Last month the inevitable happened. My lack of faith in computers was justified when poor Richard Quick's computer (on which he does sterling work producing all the copy for the Wallops Parish News) crashed irretrievably at the eleventh hour.

Tony Barber heroically came to the rescue at short notice to produce the magazine using some of the copy which Richard had managed to put on a disk using an old lap top, and filling in the gaps. Because Tony's printer was malfunctioning, Anthony and Sarah Whitaker very kindly copied the old adverts from last month's magazine and, using Tony's copy, printed the magazine pages.

Our very grateful thanks go to Tony, Anthony and Sarah, commiserations to Richard who now has a new "brain" in his computer which we sincerely hope will serve him faithfully from now on.

Judy Maynard
Editor

WALLOP ARTISTS EXHIBITION 24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER

Even the dampness of the day could not dampen the spirits of the Wallop Artists setting up their exhibition on Friday, and the wonderfully sunny weekend weather which followed only echoed the bright and vibrant exhibition within.

The wealth of talent exhibited demonstrated the wide skills of the members – the traditional water colours and oils expanded to include acrylic, mixed media, silk painting, glass engraving, exquisite bronzes, stone and wood carvings and clay work, all complemented by displays of greenery and flower arrangements.

The Exhibition is a well-supported annual event within the villages and one not to be missed – the sheer range of expertise being very impressive, whilst there is also the ability to purchase masterpieces for those odd spaces in your home. There obviously were a few gaps since we sold more paintings than last year and sales totalled over £4,500.

Thanks must go to all who helped plan and set up the Exhibition and the many members who exhibited to make the weekend special. Our warmest thanks go to Eileen Wilmott, who is a true hero in our eyes as she steadfastly sat throughout the entire weekend selling raffle tickets for the painting donated by Kit Harper and champagne, books and wine.

A great village event – look out for it next year and give us your support. Who knows – you may still have some wall space!

Faye Pearce
Chairman, Wallop Artists

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Thirty eight people volunteered to play in a doubles tennis tournament that was played throughout the summer. On Saturday 8 October most of us were able to gather by the Grants' tennis court in Over Wallop to watch the final. It was a hard-fought match between the Tomlins and Blandfords, and so even that they were six games all and thirty all when rain stopped play! So they were happy to agree to an honourable draw, and everyone cheerfully moved on to tea next door. As a token of our enjoyment we had agreed to have a collection for the war ravaged and poverty stricken country of Burundi. Pastor Peter Kay and his wife, Jenny, are coming to St Peter's church hall on 16 January to tell us about Burundi, and how they plan to move there next year. They told us that it is very difficult for the local pastors to visit the people who need help of all kinds, and the only transport is a bicycle or Shank's pony. Our collection of £200 will, we hope, provide four bicycles.

Jean Hicks

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ORGAN - SPONSOR A STOP SCHEME!

Now that a decision has been made as to who will restore the organ, the business of fund-raising begins in earnest. The Organ Restoration Committee has initiated a scheme whereby you can 'sponsor' an individual pipe, or indeed a whole organ stop - there are plenty of both to go around!

The organ has a total of 19 speaking stops, with pipes ranging from 16ft to well under 2ft. There are 56 pipes for each of the 17 stops acting on the two keyboards, and 30 pipes for each of the two pedal stops. The tone ranges from the fiery Swell Horn stop to the delightful and slightly stringy Great Dulciana.

Why not sponsor a pipe (or pipes!) or stop (or stops!) as an unusual Christmas, Birthday or Anniversary present, or to commemorate a loved one who has passed away? The intention is to compile a book or framed list of contributors when the organ has been restored to record for posterity those who have sponsored pipes and stops.

The price varies according to the size of the pipe, and the footage indicates the approximate size of bottom pipe, i.e., the pipe that sounds when you press down that bottom note on the keyboard when that particular stop is drawn.

16ft stops	£50 per pipe	8ft stops	£40 per pipe
4ft stops	£30 per pipe	2ft stop	£20 per pipe
Mixture Stops	£10 per pipe		

A form will be available for potential contributors to fill in, and can be found at the back of the church. For details of the scheme, please ask Peter the Organist after any choral service at St Andrew's, or alternatively telephone him on 01264 335104. We hope many Parishioners and friends will feel able to support this project to secure the future of an instrument of national importance that has such a vital part in the musical life of St Andrew's Church.

Peter Barrie

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BY CANDLELIGHT

With the season of Advent fast approaching, you are warmly invited to a very special candle-lit service of hymns, readings and choir items at St Andrew's Church, Nether Wallop on Sunday 4 December at 6 p.m.

In the run-up to Christmas, this important season of expectation and preparation can often get rather lost, so this is an opportunity to enjoy well-loved Advent hymns lead by our choir, interspersed with seasonal readings in the lovely setting of St Andrew's. We look forward to welcoming you there!

Peter Barrie

HARVEST GIFTS FOR THE CRISIS CENTRE

Once again both St Peter's and St Andrew's were beautifully decorated with lovely flowers and foliage for their celebration of Harvest Festival. Following the services there were gifts of tinned food, fruit and vegetables which those people attending the services had very kindly donated. We took these to the Centre the following Monday mornings after each service.

There has been a great call on our support for all the phenomenal happenings throughout the world, and so it is even more gratifying to have so many items to take. The staff at the Centre, as always, were extremely grateful as once again their cupboards were filled ready for all the emergencies with which they cope (on a smaller scale).

Thank you once again - it does not seem possible a year has gone by since I last put a 'thank you' note in the magazine, but God willing, we will be able to do the same again, next year.

Joycelyn and Frederick Gumn

NEWS FROM THE W.I.

Seventeen members braved the torrential rain in order to attend our meeting on 12 October. This is the month with five W.I. members' birthdays so five charming posies were waiting for the birthday girls. They were of nerines and toning pompom dahlias – a most unusual mixture and a very successful one. The business meeting proceeded, and drew to a close when it became obvious that we had no Speaker. (We were expecting Diane Craven to talk to us about the benefits of Yoga.)

Mobile phones were produced but without success. It appears that you cannot get much of a signal in this corner of the Wallop Valley. Our President entertained us with an account of a film she had seen about Test Valley's recycling policy. The bulk of domestic rubbish is now burnt in specially-constructed incinerators which enable electricity to be generated which can be fed into the National Grid. Garden waste is converted into compost which is then available for sale and has been found to be satisfactory by several local gardeners. Cans, for some reason, can at present only be dealt with in Portsmouth.

At this point it was decided to abandon hope of our poor Speaker and to continue with a social evening. Refreshments were happily consumed and followed by a Quiz, which was luckily produced by Jennifer Stanton and caused so much merriment that I am unable to report the names of the winners. Our next meeting, on 9 November, is the Annual Meeting when officers and committee members are elected for the coming year. We were very sorry to miss our talk on Yoga but we did enjoy our social evening. It was a good way to end the year reminding us, as it did, that one of the most important functions of the W.I. is the generation of good fellowship in good times and bad.

Maureen Hill

WALLOPS PARISH HALL

The next meeting of the Wallops Parish Hall Committee will be held on Monday, 21 November at 7.30p.m. in the Wallops Parish Hall.

Residents of the two villages are welcome to attend this meeting and, following the results of the questionnaire, those interested will be invited to volunteer for a number of sub-committees which will be set up to look into possible designs for a new hall, possibilities for refurbishment of the existing hall and sources of funding, grants, etc.

It is intended that each of these sub-committees will consist of members of the hall committee and interested members of the public, especially those who belong to groups or societies who will use the hall in future, along with those who have experience of building and design or raising funds via grants.

The aim of the sub-committees will be to provide enough information for the committee to seek a number of estimates for rebuilding and refurbishing the hall which, together with information on the kinds of funding available, will give us an idea of the viability or other wise of various options. These will then be presented to a public meeting as a first step.

**ITS YOUR HALL, SO DO COME AND TELL US WHAT YOU WOULD
IDEALLY WANT IT TO LOOK LIKE!**

Wallops Parish Hall Committee

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Danebury Players invite you to an evening of festive fun and frolics on Saturday 10 December. Details to follow in the December Parish Magazine.

OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL - EXTRACTS FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING

Present: Cllrs. Burden, Cleife, Hewlett, Keightley, Macey, Quick and Cllr. Taylor-Firth. There were two members of the public present and Borough Cllr. Hope and County Cllr. Woodhall

Apologies: Cllr. Glover and Mrs Ruth Cartwright, Neighbourhood Watch.

Urgent Items: Cllr. Burden reported on a meeting he had attended with Grateley Parish Council to discuss the situation with parking at Grateley railway Station. There is a meeting scheduled for 28 October at the station car park with representatives from Railtrack and South West Trains to discuss the lack of car parking space.

Cllr Hope reported that travel tokens used by the elderly have been stopped and bus passes have been issued in their place. This is unfortunate for people living in rural areas as the buses stop after 6p.m. and the passes cannot be used in taxis as the tokens could.

Planning:

05/00224/TREEN Jessamine Cottage, King Lane. Reduce back branches of Walnut, remove deadwood and crown clean. **Support**

05/00272/FULLN 12 Pound Road. Erection of conservatory to rear. **Support**

05/00069/LBN White Hart, Station Road. Replace decayed window frames with hardwood frames. **Support**

05/00238/FULLN 2 Pearl Cottages, Station Road. Erection of two storey side extension to provide lounge with bedroom over and en-suite and erection of porch. **Support**

05/00261/FULLN Building 85 Wallop Defence Systems, Craydown Lane. Erection of extensions to east and west elevations with covered walkway and new blast walls. **No Objection**

Playground and sports field: Cllr. Cleife mentioned that some children are doing 'doughnuts' on the playing field. Can the council investigate the possibility of getting a sign placed on the field advising that bikes and cars are not permitted? Cllr. Keightley will talk to the police to see what could be put up.

Cllr. Macey raised the issue of the skate park. He advised that the grant funding has finished for this year, but if we get in early for the next financial year, we could be looking at receiving a grant up to 75% of the cost of a ramp. All Cllrs. agreed that this puts a new light on the cost issues and the clerk will contact TVBC to see if we can obtain any assurances that grants will be available and to what extent for the next financial year. There is still a piece of equipment missing at Evans Close. The climbing frame was removed because of the safety issues and has not yet been replaced. Cllr. Macey will obtain a quote for a new replacement climbing frame.

Cllr. Keightley wished to express his thanks to Cllr. Macey again for the Wallops Vintage Gathering, which raised money for the village.

Footpaths: Cllr. Keightley confirmed that there is a new footpaths officer for the Wallops. His name is Christopher Hodgkinson, and the clerk will get all the footpath information to him passed on by Bill Hart. The clerk will also get an up-to-date map of all the footpaths from Hampshire CC.

Wallops Hall: Cllr. Keightley advised that the questionnaires had been read and that the overall majority was that there should be a joint hall and that the possibilities of the site will be discussed at the next hall meeting scheduled for 17 October. A new caretaker has been appointed and the current licence has been renewed until April 2006.

Public points from floor: The question was asked whether the motorbikes that go on the playing fields are in fact legal. It is thought that some of the children involved are in fact of school age. Cllr. Keightley will report this to the police.

There was concern again over the helicopters and the level of noise caused by the low flying. The clerk will write to the O.C at the Camp to ask if they could attend the next parish meeting to advise the villagers and the council of the flying patterns used and the height restrictions in place.

There has been some vandalism to lorries at Townsend Manor Farm, and the councillors agreed to keep watch and urged all other parishioners to do the same and to report any incidents of suspicious behaviour to the police.

Sandra Holloway - Clerk

**NEXT MEETING - 14 November at 8.00p.m.
Planning committee to meet at 7.45p.m. to view plans**

OVER WALLOP NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

My apologies to all Parish Councillors, my colleagues and fellow residents to whom I have not spoken during the past month. Unfortunately, I still do not have a proper voice and am not able to conduct a conversation! I am however in contact via email with Stockbridge Police Station and am waiting for further information on two break-ins in the village in October.

We are also still aware of problems on the play area at Evans Close and other areas within the village. The use of bikes of all kinds is not allowed, nor is the damage and graffiti going to be tolerated. Any information can be left in confidence on: 0800 555 111

Ruth Cartwright

ARTISTS IN TEST VALLEY EXHIBITION

We are having our 2nd exciting group exhibition at the **Weyhill Fairground Crafts & Design Centre** from Saturday, 12 November - Sunday, **20 November open from 10a.m. to 4p.m.** And again from Saturday, **26 November** - Sunday, **4 December** it's **Open Studios** again. **DON'T MISS IT!!!!**

Renate West

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

After the Benefice Service in St Andrew's Church on Sunday, 27 November there will be soft toys for sale. All proceeds for the Organ Restoration Fund. A good opportunity to buy Christmas gifts!

Jackie Fenn

WALLOPS VILLAGE SHOP

Your shop is going from strength to strength, so much so that we are looking to increase our pool of volunteers! If you feel nervous about using either the till or the National Lottery, full training and hand-holding can be supplied! If you are still concerned, then general work within the shop is also available. Please contact Trisha Badham on 01264 781642

SCHOOL LANE PLAYGROUP

Following an emergency meeting of the Playgroup on 6 October, I would like to thank Rachel Lister for taking on the role of chairperson. I also would like to thank the following: Shirley Mongor, Pam Quick, Sue King, Wendy Carr and Claire Bucket for taking the time to speak with Martyn and myself regarding the chairperson role.

Linda Dean
Parent and Committee Member

SCHOOL LANE PLAYGROUP - ADMINISTRATIVE VACANCY

School Lane Playgroup is seeking a well-organised, efficient and friendly person to join a dedicated team in a new role as Assistant to the Committee. Duties include administration of fees and bills, bookkeeping, marketing and promotion as well as cover for the occasional absence of playgroup staff. The successful candidate will need to complete a CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) check in line with the Protection of Children Act 1999.

The ideal candidate would be computer literate (including word processing and spreadsheets) and show evidence of administrative skills. Previous experience of a parent-run playgroup is desirable. Approximately 7 hours per week, hours negotiable. Rate of pay from £5.05 per hour, depending on experience and qualifications. Send you CV and a covering letter to: The Committee Chair, School Lane Playgroup, School Lane, Nether Wallop, SO20 8EH. For enquiries phone Rachel Lister on 01264 783403. Applications close on Friday 18 November.

ANCIENT COINS AND ARTEFACTS THROW NEW LIGHT ON THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF THE WALLOPS

Interesting finds by metal detector over the last three years on Wallop farmland - by enthusiastic historian Peter Barker - made a superb and extremely charming exhibition for visitors to Nether Wallop Village Hall on Saturday 8 October.

Peter generously set up his display of disparate and archaeologically significant 'finds' giving the proceeds to St Andrew's Church Building Trust. It's vital that keen detectors first gain permission of landowners and that each find be officially reported through the British Portable Antiquities Scheme. Peter's ongoing project has been made possible through the kind permission of the Osmond family, but he hopes other landowners will permit him to search more of the parish lands in the Wallop Valley...You are invited to phone him (evenings) 0790-954-3439 or e-mail peterbarker66@hotmail.co.uk

In addition to Bronze Age, Iron Age and Medieval period artefacts Peter has turned up a Roman coin collection and a broad range of pottery types. It's hoped that next year he might be a future guest speaker for The Wallop Valley Field Club and invite those interested to join him on a surface field walk. Thank you Peter, we look forward to hearing from you.

Brian Kinch

WALLOP VALLEY FIELD CLUB

WELCOME TO A SPECTACULAR VIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S BRILLIANT BIRDLIFE

Thursday 24 November, Wallops Parish Hall 7.30p.m.

The Field Club invite you to a unique and colourful presentation on The Wonderful Wizard Birds Of Oz by chairman of Hampshire Ornithological Society, Dr. John Ayre. Many will recall John's thoughtful and informative lecture on Gilbert White's birds, and we can again expect a superb slide presentation together with an enthusiastic discussion of the southern continents' truly amazing birdlife...so here's your chance to visit the real Outback to see flocks of yellow-crested cockatoos, noisy galahs and parakeets, the laughing kookaburra, and possibly the extremely elusive lyrebird, reputed to be one of the world's most intelligent wild creatures.

ALL WELCOME. Refreshments. Free admission for members; visitors £1. For further details and information on membership please contact Hon Secretary MARGARET BOWES 01264 781657

GRATELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER EVENTS

The school's PTA is once again in full swing to prepare for the **Christmas Fayre on Sunday, 27 November 12 noon - 4p.m. at the new school hall.** Make sure you can be there!!! We will have great raffle prizes, silent auctions, art & craft stalls, Santa's Grotto and much more.

The other exciting event is on **Thursday, 1 December 7.30p.m. at the school hall.** We are having a **TRAVELLING TRENDS SHOW!!! Refreshments and bargain clothes; what more does a woman want!!!!** Tickets are £5.00. Please contact Charlotte Morphy-Morris: 01264 889628. Can we please remind ladies not to wear stilettos, the new hall has wooden flooring, thank you for understanding.

NETHER WALLOP POST OFFICE

Please note the extended times of opening hours as follow:

Tuesdays 9.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.	(except 1st Tuesday in the month 9.00a.m. - 12 noon)
Fridays 9.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.	Christmas stock now in.

Diary for NOVEMBER

Wed 2	Evergreens Broughton Floral Club	2.00p.m. 7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall Broughton Village Hall
Thurs 3	Wallops Artists MOBILE LIBRARY	7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall
Sat 5	Gunpowder Treason and Plot Celebration	7.30p.m.	Five Bells Inn, Nether Wallop (see advert)
Wed 9	Wallops W.I.	7.30p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall
Thurs 10	Aga Cookery Demonstration Preparing for Christmas	9.30a.m.	The Trout, Nether Wallop
Fri 11	Busy Fingers Festival of Remembrance	10.00a.m. 7.30p.m.	Grateley Village Hall John Hanson Community School, Andover (see advert)
Sat 12	Sale of Work and Exhibition	9.00a.m.-12 noon	Andover Guildhall (see advert)
Sat 12 - Sun 20	Artists in Test Valley Exhibition	10.00a.m.- 4.00p.m.	Weyhill Fairground Craft and Design Centre (see notice)
Mon 14	Nether Wallop Parish Council Over Wallop Parish Council	7.30p.m. 8.00p.m.	Nether Wallop Village Hall Wallops Parish Hall
Wed 16	Evergreens Wallops Horticultural Society Talk on Cultivated Orchids	2.00p.m. 7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall Over Wallop Church Hall
Thurs 17	MOBILE LIBRARY		
Mon 21	Wallops Parish Hall Committee Meeting	7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall (see notice)
Thurs 24	Wallop Valley Field Club Talk on Birdlife of Oz	7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall (see notice)
Sat 26	Broughton Christmas Market Cheese and Wine Evening	2.30p.m.-5.00p.m. 7.30p.m.- 10.00p.m.	Broughton Village Hall (see advert) Winton House Nether Wallop (see advert)
Sat 26 - Sun 4 Dec	Artists in Test Valley Exhibition	10.00a.m.- 4.00p.m.	Weyhill Fairground and Design Centre (see notice)
Sun 27	Christmas Fayre	12noon-4.00p.m.	Grateley Primary School (see notice)

Forthcoming Events - DECEMBER

Thurs 1	Travelling Trends Show	7.30p.m.	Grateley School Hall (see notice)
Wed 7	Christmas Sale	9.00a.m. - 7.00p.m.	The Old Malthouse Over Wallop (see advert)
Thurs 8		9.00a.m. - 4.00p.m.	
Thurs 8	Aga Cookery Demonstration Preparing for Christmas	9.30a.m.	The Trout, Nether Wallop

Weekly Events

Mon	Wallop Artists Workshop Dog Training Wallops Fellowship	2.00p.m. - 5.00p.m. 6.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. 7.30p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall Wallops Parish Hall Over Wallop Church Hall
Tue	Brownies Guides Dog and Puppy Training	6.00p.m. - 7.30p.m. 7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m. 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall Over Wallop Church Hall Wallops Parish Hall
Wed	Rainbows Dog Training Wallops Fellowship	5.30p.m. - 7.00p.m. 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m. 7.30 p.m.	AAC Community Centre Wallops Parish Hall For venue - 781294
Fri	Wallop Under Fives Group	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. a.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall