

LETTER FROM NEAR THE RECTORY

Dear Neighbours,

I was looking on the web and I found a leaflet called "10 Reasons why I never wash." It made me wonder why more people in the Wallops don't use their church.

1. I was made to wash as a child its put me off for life! How often have I heard people tell me how they were dragged to Sunday School or made to go three times on a Sunday and walked five miles each way each time!
2. People who wash are hypocrites and believe they're cleaner than others are! There are always some poor adverts for Christianity about, but for the most part Christians realise they're not perfect and need God's help.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap I can't decide which is right. People look round at all the denominations and say how can I possibly choose? The best way is to try a few and see what suits you best.
4. I used to wash but it got boring so I stopped doing it. Many people get to about 14 or 15 and then, because they've never found that personal relationship with Jesus Christ, say its boring.
5. I still wash on special occasions like Easter and Christmas. You'd never get away with washing that often. Its crazy to think turning up on high days and holidays will sort your life out.
6. None of my friends wash so I don't want to be different. That's a crazy excuse for not washing. Its not a very good excuse for not becoming a Christian either. Just because you aren't in the majority doesn't make you wrong. Jesus warned that following him was a tough option and not everyone had the courage to take it.
7. I'm still young – I might wash when I'm older and a bit dirtier. The Christian faith is for people of all ages. There is an urgency because who knows how long any of us has to live? Leaving it till later is a dangerous thing because tomorrow might be too late!
8. I really don't have the time to wash. This is one of the most common excuses; life is so busy, there's so much to do, how can I possibly fit in anything else? When was the last time you stopped for a meal? When was the last time you had a night's sleep? The truth is we make time for what we believe is important for us.
9. Bathrooms are never warm enough. That's often the complaint about churches, but the warmth of our welcome and friendship will cause you to stop and think about becoming a Christian.
10. People who make soap are just after your money. Sometimes I hear people saying this about the church. Let me assure you that's not what we're after. We don't want you to feel under pressure to give. As Christians we're so appreciative of what God has given us in Jesus so our response is to want to give to God's work, but it's a freewill offering.

Daft! We all know we need to wash. Some people give the same excuses for not wanting to become a Christian. All of us need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It may not seem as obvious as our need to have a wash, but becoming a Christian is about letting God make you clean on the inside! Maybe you are making the same excuses for refusing to become a Christian.

Yours in Christ,
Colin Gillespie
Reader

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BELLS

On Easter Sunday the bells were rung for the first time in over a year after the completion of the work to strengthen the bell frame. On 28 April a quarter peal was rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Colin Brice.

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Paul Myers
2. Jonathan Waller
3. Carol Waller
4. Lionel Clarke
5. Ken Waller
6. Colin Brice

Conducted by Ken Waller

The ringers wish to dedicate the ringing to Fred Moulard.

Carol Waller

THANK YOU

On Sunday, 23 April Peter Matthews and the P.C.C. of St Andrew's Church kindly allowed me to speak about the project to build a church and Anglican Centre in Doha [Qatar] and agreed that the collection on that "Giving Sunday" be donated to the Appeal Fund for the first church to be built in Qatar since the 7th Century.

I have received a cheque for £429.41 and would like, on behalf of Bishop Clive Handford, Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf, the Appeal Committee and myself, to thank everyone who gave so generously. If anyone who was unable to be there on 23 April would like to know more about the project please contact me on 01725 510442.

Thank you!

Bob Wilcox

FAIR TRADE 5 JUNE

Are you interested in Fair Trade? Do you want to know more about it and how it affects the lives of those trading overseas and ourselves?

On Monday 5 June at 7.30p.m. in St Peter's Church Hall, Helen Carter, a volunteer for Tearcraft and Traidcraft, is coming to give us a presentation. She has a passion for Fair Trade that gives overseas producers a fair wage, good working conditions and dignity. She has visited producers in India, Nepal, Brazil and Rodrigues and has experienced first hand the difference that a single purchase in the UK can make to partners abroad.

Helen runs a workshop called Fair's Fayre, which some of you may know in Weyhill Fairground, offering an attractive diversity of fair trade products including selected and imported giftware. Come and hear what Helen has to tell us and bring any questions you may have on fair trade issues. Refreshments provided!

Henrietta Wentworth-Stanley

TEA IN THE GARDEN

Jan Smith will be opening the garden at Blenheim Cottage to visitors on Sunday 11 June and serving tea between 2.00p.m. and 5.00p.m. Why not come along and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in these delightful surroundings? All proceeds to the St Andrew's Church Building Trust.

ST PETER'S CHURCH FÊTE SATURDAY 24 JUNE

BOOK STALL

If you have any books, videotapes or CDs in reasonable condition that you could donate to the bookstall, please ring Lionel and Janet Clarke on 781252 to arrange collection.

Alternatively you may leave items in the garage at the end of the drive at Vine Cottage, Orange Lane.

BRIC-A-BRAC STALL

Please help our cause by planning ahead for our money-raising stall at the church fête on 24 June by sorting out any unwanted gifts, objets d'art, china, vases, ornaments etc. The things that may not have seen the light of day for years, items which you may have become bored with might become someone else's treasure.

So get foraging in those drawers and cupboards and bring the things that you would like to jettison. Then come to the fête and buy some more!

We would welcome all clean, unbroken items **except electrical goods which we cannot sell by law**. Please contact Daphne Waine on 782064 if you would like items collected. Many thanks in anticipation.

PRIZE DRAW

Please Have You Got a Prize for the Church Fête Draw?

We urgently need good quality prizes for the Prize Draw. The more varied and appealing the prizes, the more fun it is for everyone and the more money we can raise.

Bottles of spirits, champagne and wine, chocolates, delicatessen items, etc. all make ideal prizes as do high quality unwanted gifts and misguided impulse buys ! Vouchers for complimentary sessions with beauticians, etc. etc. are also extremely welcome. .

We would be delighted to accept prizes at any time from now until the fête.

Please contact Patrick or Pepe Keightley on 781418 to arrange collection or leave at: Little Brook House, Station Road, Over Wallop. Thank you very much indeed.

JEWELLERY STALL

ROLL UP, ROLL UP, once again, Allison Long is running the Jewellery Stall at the fête. It is amazing to think of the money raised over the years by people who think that the items they provide are no more than junk. Somebody will give good money for it.

So GIVE US YER JEWELLERY (please)! We will accept, with thanks, all brooches, bangles, rings, necklaces, earrings, watches - whether in working order or not - cuff links, tie clips, studs of various kinds, made of any kind of metal, whether precious or not, colourful plastic or even tin. And even if your contribution is deeply unfashionable, we would be grateful for it. Call Allison on 781181. or deliver to Pepys Cottage in King Lane. PLEASE!

TEAS

Teas as usual will be served in the Church Hall throughout the afternoon. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes which can be left in the Church Hall during the morning, or Sue (781441) or Tanya (781670) would be happy to collect.

CAKE STALL

CAKES CAKES CAKES !!!!!

The fête is nearly upon us and I'm reminding all cake bakers (and even those who generally don't) to have a go and don their oven gloves and bake a cake or two to raise money for the church! Any homemade goodies will be very welcome such as:

Cakes

Fairy cakes

Chocolate crispies

Biscuits

James, marmalades and honeys

Cordials.

In fact anything that you make and enjoy eating at home and think could sell would be very welcome, contact me if you're not sure. You can drop off your produce at my house during about 24 hours before or on the day at the cake stall.

See you then:

Sarah Boulter

781254

PLANT STALL

The growing season is now in full swing but the weather has been very temperamental - high winds but plenty of rain. I hope you have been able to nurture a few plants for the stall.

If you have a bed of plants that need thinning out now is the time to do it but pot up those you take out. They will have settled into them in good time for the fête. We have a special table for garden produce. This usually throws up some interesting products! Cut flowers are most welcome, they are very popular.

It's a pleasant thought that over the years many a garden in the Wallops will have plants in it originally bought from the fête. Bring them back, we need them!

If you would like any plants collected from now on please let me know and I will pick them up. Alternatively they can be brought to the stall on the morning of the fête.

Thank you for all your help.

Richard Quick tel: 781292

TOY STALL

WANTED, WANTED, WANTED - TOYS, PUZZLES & GAMES

I would like toys, puzzles and games etc. for the toy stall and side shows at the fête. Please turn out your cupboards and get in touch with me asap to arrange delivery or collection. All contributions are gratefully received and much appreciated by many youngsters ready to enjoy them. After the success of the side shows and toy stall last year, let's do it again!

So please give me a ring.

Jane Uloth (889604)

Extracts from the May meeting

Attendance: Cllrs. Beeley, Edwards, Roach, Rogers, Souter and Whitaker and four members of the public. The Chairman extended a special welcome to Mrs Walker who had been in hospital.

Apologies: HCC Cllr. Woodhall, TVBC Cllr. Boulton and Cllr. Young.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Cllr. Whitaker proposed Cllr. Rogers as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr. Roach with all in favour. Cllr. Beeley was proposed as Vice Chairman, that was seconded by Cllr. Souter and unanimously agreed.

Planning: Cllr. Edwards left the room declaring an interest.

a) 06/01285/TREEN, Remove 1 Lawson cypress, 2 Church Lane, no comment.

Planning (general): Cllr. Whitaker has received further correspondence regarding the Cottage Road honey unit. The application is going to committee on 18 May in Andover. Someone from the parish council will attend if possible (Action: Cllrs. Roach and Whitaker).

Points from the floor: Mrs Mongor enquired when the potholes near Gastons Farm would be filled. Cllr. Beeley replied that Highways usually wait until there are several areas to do at the same time. The boughs on the B3084 have been removed, however there is another to do in the same place (Action: Cllr. Beeley). Investigation on a reduction on council tax for an unwell parishioner will be made (Action: Cllr. Rogers). Mrs Lovell was concerned about the entrance to the bottom of Knockwood Lane which has been left in a poor state (Action: Cllr. Beeley).

Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Souter reported that youths posing as Water Board officials have been gaining access to carry out in-house burglaries. Parishioners are warned not to let anyone in unless they are certain of their identity. Fifty newly planted trees have been stolen from a field in Cottage Road. Two rollers have been stolen from Benham Farm at the top of Bent Street. A meeting of both Nether and Over Wallop NHW will be held on 15 May in the Wallops Parish Hall. The Police Community Support Officer scheme tackles low level nuisance behaviour, and is trained by the police. However they have no powers of arrest. After the first year the government will no longer wholly fund this scheme.

Playing Fields: Cllr. Rogers reported that the tennis court surrounding wire netting has a large hole. This will be dealt with by the usual court maintenance company. Regarding the marking out of the pitch Cllr. Rogers has approached the clubs who use it to see if they would like to take responsibility for this. He is waiting to hear back.

Standing Orders: As this was the first meeting of the accounting year the Chairman had looked at these as they were last reviewed in 2003, the minute number will be sourced (**Action: Parish Clerk**). An appendix has been added to include a paragraph on the model code of conduct. Cllr. Beeley said that financial standing orders are agreed with the auditors and reviewed on a yearly basis. A updated policy on handling complaints would be brought to the next meeting (Action: Cllrs. Rogers and Souter).

New Village Hall Trust: Cllr. Rogers reported that an open meeting would be held on 22 May and he urged all parishioners to attend. Some of the committee will visit the Itchen Abbas hall as a guide.

Village Green: Cllr. Roach reported that a rota for mowing the green has been circulated. The chalk bank has been filled and turfed. A date for the Salvation Army to sing carols has been fixed (22 December). Work on the sewage plant is due to start.

Matters raised by councillors: Cllr. Rogers wanted to review sub-committees: the Chairmen of all of these will remain the same but Cllr. Edwards will have more input on planning. Cllr. Young will take charge of the Playing Fields.

Points from the floor: Mr Duckworth will source all grants available through the Hants Chronicle Trust to fund specific items for the new village hall.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12 June at 7.30p.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)

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL
Extracts from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April

Attendance: The full council, HCC Cllr. Woodhall, TVBC Cllr. Boulton, Sgt. Ashbolt, Mrs Taylor (Head of Environment and Health, TVBC) and four members of the public.

Report on Policing Matters: Sgt. Ashbolt reported on figures based on 2005 for the Stockbridge area (approximately 300 square miles). In general these are as follows:- 36 burglaries (12% rise), 55 non dwelling burglaries (reduction of 26%), vehicle crime 68% (same), assaults 59% (some refer to disputes involving schoolchildren and he confirmed that there is police input in schools), deception burglary 60% (a rise of 4%) and public order offences 60% (up 4%). Sgt. Ashbolt emphasised that the figures are very low in comparison to other places. The re-organisation of the police means that every area has a beat officer, Sgt. Ashbolt is the supervisor. Weyhill Police Station is being re-furnished and will allow road traffic incidents to be dealt with quicker rather than in Winchester. NHW is live but Broughton is looking for a new person to run the group, bulletins come to Cllr. Souter and are sent to the parish council. A mobile police van visits on Fridays, which has had positive feedback. As of August this year Sgt. Ashbolt will be retiring after 30 years. Farmwatch and Horsecatch were mentioned and Sgt. Ashbolt will ensure that the parish receives information on both. Hants Constabulary is a pilot area for the telephone number 101 which will prioritise police responses. Cllr. Souter thanked Sgt. Ashbolt for the good service that is given by the police; there will be a joint NHW meeting with Over Wallop on 15 May.

Hampshire County Council: HCC Cllr. Woodhall thanked members of the parish council for their work and TVBC Cllr. Boulton, who as Test Valley Mayor had been a great ambassador for the area during the year. He praised the work done by volunteers in the community. TVBC spends a substantial amount of its budget on Hants education. All vending machines selling food/drink have been removed from schools. £500m is spent on capital works e.g. new schools, road works, libraries, recreation etc. Cllr. Edwards is a land agent for HCC and assists with farm management forms; there is currently a problem with the single farm payment scheme. There are areas of social disadvantage where housing and problems of anti-social behaviour exist. With regard to road accidents speed is the main contributor. He enthused about this part of Hampshire and had recently enjoyed a visit to the local 1907 Danebury Racecourse site.

Re-cycling in the Test Valley: Mrs Taylor is based at Romsey TVBC. A pilot refuse collection scheme is being run in Nether Wallop since February and will come to Over Wallop in September. TVBC recognises that households require different numbers and sizes of bins. 200 properties are now on the scheme. They have received many telephone and written enquiries! 90% of residents are now re-cycling. Waste advisers check on the contents of bins to make sure it avoids contaminated bins. Excess bins will not be collected. Plastic bags and shredded paper are difficult to re-cycle and plastic wrappers on farms have to be collected. As some bins are only collected every two weeks it is best to double wrap anything that may be a health hygiene risk e.g. fish-skins, nappies. Adverse comments were made about fortnightly collection, however there were also some favourable remarks. Mrs Taylor confirmed that there is no by-law on the lighting of bonfires. The Chairman thanked Mrs Taylor for an interesting talk from which everyone learnt a lot.

Test Valley Borough Council: TVBC Cllr. Boulton reported on the new bus vouchers for travel. These concessionary tokens should offer a better system from the council but any feedback from parishioners would be welcome. He reported on council tax which is up a bit more than inflation. On planning he reported that the Salisbury Lane project would probably go to committee.

Village Green: Cllr. Roach reported that many families have enjoyed several events over the past year. She thanked volunteers for the support given to the project and in particular the Moulard family who made it all possible. Mr Brice, who has now left the village, was thanked for the mowing of the green. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Roach for running this great asset to the village.

Chairman's Address: Cllr. Rogers reported on steady progress on the new village hall. An open meeting will be held on 22 May to discuss this and a pavilion using the playing fields site. The tennis court is constantly used and two teams have regularly played on the football pitches. The play area has had some minor repairs. He thanked Mr Cullen and Miss Hayward for helping to maintain the area, Mr Pasque as groundsman, Mr Gillespie for running the village website, his fellow councillors and welcomed Cllrs. Young and Edwards as two relatively new councillors.

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS PRIOR TO BEING APPROVED AT THE NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (a full copy is available from the Clerk)

Mrs. B. M. Grob
781645)

Clerk to the Parish Council (tel: 01264

WALLOP SCHOOL - HEADTEACHER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

We currently have 190 children on roll. Our admission number remains at 30 per year group.

Staffing

Due to government changes it was necessary to carry out a complete review of the Staff Structure, which was completed in time for implementation on 1 January 2006.

Curriculum – Enjoyment and Achievement

During the summer term we have to complete the School Profile, which will also be used as a 'tool' for Ofsted, and this replaces the Governors' Report to Parents. This will be an on-line document with hard copies available. This is an opportunity to explain how the school works and its important characteristics.

We are increasingly aware that many of the initial contacts with the school include looking at the school website. We are intending to widen the scope of this incorporating individual class work programmes. We are very grateful to Rose Smart, parent and treasurer of the playgroup, in setting up this website for us. The website can be viewed at wallop.hants.sch.uk.

The School Council have recently been discussing whether to have only healthy options for break times. A questionnaire was sent out to all the children for their views and, following their feedback, it has been agreed that the children will bring in healthy snacks, such as fruit, from Monday to Thursday, with a free choice of any snack on Friday.

The Test Valley Primary Schools were awarded a Pathfinder Grant to introduce Modern Foreign Languages, French, into Year 3 classes across the pyramid. Mrs Taylor has been teaching French using a pack produced by Mountbatten School in Romsey. This has been very popular with the children and will be continued as these children move into Year 4 in September. Two year groups will then be taught French and by 2009 all Key Stage 2 children will be learning a Modern Foreign Language.

School Activities – PTA - Community

The Harvest Festival was attended by a large number of parents and Harvest gifts were, once again, donated to the Salvation Army. Our Year 6 children led the Remembrance Day Service at school, followed by the annual laying of poppies on the war graves at the village churches and at the memorial in Over Wallop. This is always a very moving service which is taken very seriously by the children.

Our Christmas celebrations centred on "Oh Yes, It's Christmas". This was an excellent performance with the Year 6 children taking the lead. New audio equipment, paid for by the PTA, was installed and proved invaluable. Performances on three days were packed out with a thoroughly appreciative audience. Christmas Parties were, once again, their usual noisy, fun-filled affairs. The choir performed for the residents at Winton Nursing Home. Our final assembly welcomed Father Christmas who arrived courtesy of an AAC Helicopter to the delight of the children.

The children were entertained early in the New Year by musicians from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and took part in a workshop with them using garden implements as instruments. M & M Productions gave one of their best performances when they created the tale of Beauty and the Beast in the School Hall for the whole school. The children joined in enthusiastically with music and traditional pantomime booing and chants!

On the sporting front, Year 5 children attended two Gymnastics Workshops at Hamble Sports College. This was an excellent example of the Sports Partnership giving the children an opportunity to experience internationally acclaimed gymnastic coaching and facilities. Football and netball matches have been played against other schools and our girls' soccer team were winners in the Test Valley Tournament. Year 6 children took part in a sports hall athletics event lead by Test Valley Sports Leaders. Nena Smith, the Sports Liaison Teacher, has been working in school supporting P.E. and Dance.

The PTA organised a Christmas Raffle and Wrapping Paper Sale and continued the sale of "Genuine Reindeer Hay"! The, now annual, quiz was a great success and was enjoyed by members of the school and wider community. Forthcoming events, including a barn dance, summer fete and BBQ, are planned for later this year. The sum of £4,000 has been provided by the PTA to be split between each of the teachers to spend on items they would like for their classes.

David Paterson

NETHER WALLOP – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING APRIL 2006

Footpaths and Rights of Way

This has been a quieter period for Rights of Way issues. All of the Rights of Way within the Parish boundary are accessible, and the majority are in frequent use.

Clearance and maintenance of the horizontal surface of Rights of Way is the responsibility of HCC. However in practice the scale of this task across the County exceeds the capacity of the HCC clearance teams, and parishes are encouraged to undertake as much clearance as they are able themselves. Over the past year many landowners have undertaken such clearance, for which we are very grateful. It is notable that a number of paths that have been cleared having been previously overgrown are now in regular use and are now self sustaining. We would like to thank landowners and residents for their work in keeping the paths navigable. HCC Rights of Way section are also thanked for their assistance in replacing signs and maintaining routes.

The Rights of Way officer has again submitted to HCC a list of the priority paths to be maintained when its resources allow. These have previously been submitted to the Parish Council for approval, and are as follows: (Ordnance Survey Map 1:25,000 Pathfinder 1242 (SU 23/33) 'The Wallops' refers):

- Road used and Public Path (RUPP) 35 - Grid 2620 3625 Road/track junction to 2730 3625 (track junction)
- Footpath 2, 3 and 4 - Grid 2850 3760 – Grid 3015 3670 Long footpath running N-S parallel to Heathman Street/Farley Street
- RUPP 37 Grid 2870 3600 to Grid 2935 3630 – Road Used as Public Path
- Footpath 19 - Grid 2965 3650 – Grid 2985 3660 – Ducks Lane – Five Bells Lane

Rights of Way for Vehicles – Roads used as Public Paths

A continuing issue this year has been the series of applications made by the Trail Riders Fellowship (an off-road motorcycle organisation) for the retention of motorised vehicle rights of way for a number of routes currently listed as Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPs). This is a national issue, linked to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill which received Royal Assent on 30 Mar 06. The Bill proposes the removal of vehicular access from any existing public right of way if access to that Right of Way was not already recorded on a county's definitive map as a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic). The impending Bill resulted in a raft of applications for existing RUPPs to be designated as BOATS thereby retaining vehicle rights. Parishioners may have seen notices displayed on some paths to this effect. However an amendment to the Bill now stipulates that only claims for new BOATs lodged before 20 January 2005 are valid, with only very limited exceptions. This removes at a stroke the threat of about 160 new BOATs in Hampshire alone. The Footpaths Officer has recently been in touch with the principal HCC Rights of Way officer who confirms that the cluster of applications submitted by the TRF applicable to Nether Wallop (mainly for the drove roads west of the B3048) were submitted **after the cut-off date and are therefore invalid**. Whilst this is not entirely the end of the line for the TRF - there are apparently ways in which it may try to claim exceptions - it would appear that we are close to a successful resolution of an issue that threatened to run on for many years.

Summary

The Right of Way officer for NWPC will continue to assist with ROW issues. Residents are asked to contact him direct (01264 781471 or iain_james36@hotmail.com) in case of observations, rather than raising them at council meetings, as this saves time in expediting a response.

Iain James
Footpaths Officer

Wednesday 7 June – Annual Day Outing

This year we are to visit the renowned Hestercombe Gardens near Taunton. A unique combination of three gardens: Georgian landscape, Victorian Terrace and formal Edwardian Gardens, set in 40 acres of grounds.

Tickets for this event are still on sale, and if you are thinking of coming please contact the Society Secretary, Angela Marsh, as soon as possible as there are just a few places left.

For those attending, please note that the coach will pick up from the War Memorial at Over Wallop at 9.00a.m. and from the Wallop Crossroads (opposite The George public house) at 9.15a.m. It is anticipated the coach will return to the Wallops about 5.00pm.

Sunday 18 June – Day Outing

A Wild Orchid Hunt - Orchid specialist Roger Grier has agreed to guide us on a walk in the New Forest to search for, and identify, wild orchids.

No tickets are required. Due to the possible limited space at the car parking venues, it is request that, where possible, members share transport. If you have any difficulties with transport, please contact Angela Marsh.

We will meet at 11.00a.m. just off the A326 Hythe by-pass to the west of the Applemore roundabout. Directions: Take the main A326 road south from Totton, (towards Fawley) and at the Applemore roundabout which is 4½ miles south of Totton, take the third exit and then, after approximately 200 yards, pull into the gravelled lay-by to the nearside of the road. (The Applemore roundabout can be identified by the large Tesco store to the left side of the carriageway.) For further information concerning directions, or a road map, please contact either Jim or Angela Marsh on 01264 781119.

Friday 7 July 6.00p.m. - Evening Outing

This year the evening outing will be to The Clock House at Sparsholt.

Tickets will be available at the above meetings and events, or by contacting Angela Marsh

We will meet at The Clock House at 6.00p.m. Please bring a plate of 'nibbles' with you as usual. Wine and soft drinks will be provided. Directions: Follow the B3049 from Stockbridge (towards Winchester) for approximately 6.5 miles. Just before the turning to Sparsholt College, turn left up a farm lane (opposite the hoardings for Sparsholt College). After 300 yards turn left again and go to the end where you find the Clock House. Parking will be available in a field.

Saturday 22 July 2.30p.m. – Annual Flower Show

The Annual Event will be held this year at The Wallops Parish Hall.

Show schedules are now available from The Wallops Village Shop, Pinchbecks Garage, and The Trout Wine Shop at Nether Wallop, or from the Society Secretary.

This show is open to all, and exhibits are welcomed from both members and non-members – see main advert. *(Please note the change of venue for this year)*

Angela Marsh, Society Secretary (01264 781119)

THE WALLOPS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW 2006.

The Society's Annual Flower Show is to be held this year on Saturday the 22 July, at The Wallops Parish Hall. This event is open to all, and exhibits are welcomed from both members and non-members.

There are classes to suit all, including Floral Exhibits, Cut Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables, Home Produce, Home-made wines and beers etc., Handicrafts, and Photography. Special Children's Classes are also included.

If you are thinking of entering, then the Show, schedules (with entry forms) are available, FREE, from The Village Shop at Over Wallop, The Trout Wine Shop at Nether Wallop, and Pinchbeck's Garage, and they can also be obtained direct from the Society Secretary, Angela Marsh. (01264 781119). Please note that the closing date for entries is the 17 July 2006.

The Show will open to the Public at 2.30p.m. when all the exhibits can be viewed. Afternoon Teas will be available, there will be a Grand Draw, and an Auction of Produce.

Would members please note that some assistance is still required for setting up etc., on the day before the Show, and for dismantling afterwards. If you could assist, please contact Angela or Jim Marsh.

Angela Marsh, Society Secretary (01264 781119)

Present: Cllrs. Burden, Cleife, Glover, Hewlett, Keightley, Macey, Quick, County Cllr. Michael Woodhall, Borough Councillor Hope and Sergeant Ian Ashbolt. There were 8 members of the public present. Apologies: Mrs Ruth Cartwright

Chairman's report: The playground at Evans Close was vandalised and the council is still sorting out the remaining equipment and the possibility of a shelter for the youth. There are plans to improve the pavilion. The precept for this forthcoming year has been planned to include items needed to maintain the facilities within the village. The Wallops Parish Hall continues to be a joint responsibility between the parishes of Over and Nether Wallop. The parish has experienced serious difficulties from anti-social behaviour and vandalism resulting in considerable damage to property and livestock. The council has the growing problem of overspill from parking at Grateley railway station which seriously affected parishioners in Palestine. Measurers are now being undertaken by the police to stop nuisance parking, while the government have made the provision of additional parking in the renewal of the railway franchise.

Borough Councillor's report: Cllr. Hope advised that the council had managed to keep the council tax increase below 5%. The theatre at Cricklade College has been purchased and we will be looking forward to a refurbished venue early 2007. There are plans for a new 4-screen cinema due late 2007. The new alternate bin collection is being implemented and the Wallops will all be included by the end of the year. The Borough is reviewing the conservation areas, and it is hoped that the Wallops will retain its current conservation areas. It is with regret that Cllr. Hope reports on the 2 deaths of villagers over the past month on the roads and his condolences are with the friends and families concerned. TVBC technical services have said that they will consider some signage in the village to warn that there are no footpaths. There were comments with regards to the council tax. It appears to have gone up by more than 5%. Councillor Hope advised that the increase is variable depending upon what band the tax is in. There was general bad feeling about the facilities in the Wallops. In Palestine there are no street lights and the roads are in a poor state of repair.

Police Report – Sgt. Ian Ashbolt: There has been a lot of change in the past year directed by central government. The police grade the calls received and action is taken depending on the priority of the situation. Emergency calls are dealt with immediately, whilst non-urgent calls are passed to the beat officers and are responded to within 24 hours. The station at Weyhill will soon house the traffic division, which is moving from Portsmouth. The neighbourhood watch bulletin is published. A copy of this is passed to Ruth Cartwright. The community police vehicle is in the Wallops the first Friday of the month, and can be found outside the shop at 2.00p.m. and anyone wishing to speak to the police can do so there.

The question was put to Sgt. Ashbolt about the speed of the traffic in the village and can anything be done about this? This might need traffic calming measures. The parish council will look into this.

Report – County Councillor, Mr Michael Woodhall: Cllr. Woodhall reported that the re-cycling for the county is doing well and we are generally re-cycling more. He advised the public that it is good practice for the public to report roads in need of repair to Andrew Milne at TVBC. There was a complaint received about the potholes and soakaways in King Lane. He advised the council that we should ask the landowners directly to keep the hedges and trees under control if they are overhanging the boundary of their land and to make people aware when these cause problems for people walking on footpaths.

Guest speakers: Pam Quick gave a brief talk on the W.I. and advised the public and floor that anyone is welcome at their meetings. It is a group for women, but that men are able to come along and listen at meetings if they wish.

Rene Hancock gave a talk on behalf of the Wallops Evergreens. It is a club for the over 50s and fundamentally aims to maintain relations with the older generation of the village.

Questions from the public: There was confusion as to what the core development plan was all about. It was confirmed that this is a plan that replaces the local plan. It is to do with planning and the implementation of housing in the area. The BAS site was discussed, and it was noted that the application had been changed since the council's response to the application to reserved matters and is not a full application.

There has been a concrete plinth put down at the junction of Streetway Road and Lock Close. It was confirmed by Cllr. Burden that this is for a bus stop.

It was requested that the parish council try to get the Army Air Corp in for a talk. The clerk confirmed that she would invite them again.

Sandra Holloway – Clerk 01264 339520

WALLOPS PARISH HALL
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY 25 APRIL

Present: Cllrs Keightley, Rogers, Cleife, Macey, Quick and Souter.

Apologies: Cllrs Edwards and Young. Two members of the public were present.

Minutes of the Hall Committee Meeting of 6 March

Matters Arising. No matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Maintenance of the Hall. Cllr. Keightley reported that Mike Pagett of AJK hoped to do the outstanding electrical work the following week. Painting of the doors was discussed and it was agreed that this should be done after some mechanical work had been carried out on the doors. It was also agreed that the potholes were a bigger job than first thought and that ca. 3 tons of scalplings would be needed, and a contractor to do the work. Cllr. Macey undertook to get quotes for this. The problem of unauthorized car parking was discussed and it was agreed that, as a first step, a polite notice would be displayed. Action Cllr. Keightley.

Finance Cllr. Quick reported that fees had to be paid twice a year for audits and this might have to carry on. She would be discussing this with Paul Reynolds at the next audit meeting. Cllr. Keightley commented that our Parish Councils appeared to pay budgeted sums into the hall account twice yearly but they needed plenty of warning of when this was to take place. Cllr. Rogers agreed to become a third signatory for cheques.

Funding Mrs Day provided copies of the analysis she had prepared from the results of the Community Groups Survey and said the response had been very good. Cllr. Keightley thanked her for her hard work and agreed to check on the numbers the current hall was licensed for. The next step would be to survey the wider community and it was agreed that we would ask Giv Thornton of Community Action Hampshire to come to the next meeting and talk about the best ways to do this. Mrs Day suggested the possibility of a selective survey. It was agreed that we should move along the process of applying for charitable status, as this would enable us to apply for smaller grants (of up to £10,000) to help with costs, and also look into getting some detailed plans.

Mrs Day said that we could take the objects of our trust off the website from similar village halls. Trustees would have to be found. Cllr. Rogers said that about seven would be needed, including the three officers. Cllr. Souter pointed out that the relationship of ownership between land and hall would have to be legally defined before forming a charitable trust. Cllrs. Keightley and Rogers agreed that at their next respective Parish Council meetings they would propose in principle that, while a future hall would be held under a charitable trust, the land it stood on would continue in joint ownership between the two parishes in the proportions as they currently stand. A vote would be taken on this at the subsequent Parish Council meetings in June, by which time a formal proposal common to both Parish Councils would have been drawn up.

Other Potential Sites. It was agreed that the two remaining realistic possibilities for other sites would be investigated again. The problem of limited parking was discussed and it was felt that even the existing site could produce much more parking if the hall were sited and designed differently. Councillors were of the opinion that refurbishment was dropping down the priority list into a fall-back position should major funding bids be unsuccessful. The committee agreed to research possible architects along with the possibility of being able to adapt existing plans from other halls. Cllr Quick agreed to look into some possibilities.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 5 June, 7.30p.m. at the Wallops Parish Hall

Patrick Keightley
Chairman

NEWS FROM THE WALLOPS W.I.

Our meeting on 10 May was held in the Nether Wallop Village Hall to remind us of our first home and also of the fact that our Institute now envelops both villages. Sixteen members and one guest assembled for what is traditionally the annual Resolutions Meeting.

Resolutions proposed by members are first debated at a federation meeting and a short list agreed. This is then debated at group level (we belong to the Danebury group) and then passed on to the individual institutes for consideration at their Resolution Meetings. Group representatives then submit the selected resolutions to the national AGM in the summer after which those chosen are conveyed to H.M. Government. Due to lack of parliamentary time it can be several years for WI resolutions to be debated in parliament, if they ever do so. But some do. We have made an impact and we keep on trying. We had two resolutions before us last week.

1. Renewable Energy presented by Maureen Hill

This meeting urges all levels of Government to put in place legislation and policy requiring the use of renewable energy technologies in all new buildings, re-building and renovation.

2. Sport for a healthy population presented by Pepe Keightley

This meeting urges H.M. Government to recognise that participation in sport is an essential factor in the creation of a healthy population: to ensure the re-establishment of competitive (mainstream) sport in the curricula of all schools; take such steps as are necessary to reverse the decline in the availability of sporting facilities for all citizens, particularly in the light of the 2012 Olympics being awarded to the city of London.

There was a lively debate on the merits of both these resolutions which culminated in a unanimous vote for each. This result will now go forward to the AGM as part of the submission of our Group, the representative of which is this year a member of the Longstock and Leckford Institute.

Our members were so involved in discussion that a roaring thunderstorm going on outside was hardly noticed, nor did we receive many complaints as to the acute discomfort of the Nether Wallop chairs. Those of us in the know had taken cushions while a far-sighted committee member provided an extra supply for loan to the unwary. Wine and cheese always follow the Resolutions and ample supplies of both, provided by Sue Osmond and Beth Cunningham-Brown, concluded a very cheerful and stimulating meeting, and it had even stopped raining when we came to go home.

Maureen Hill

WALLOP VILLAGE SHOP

On behalf of the whole team at the shop can I thank you for your tremendous support over the past few weeks. The closure of the Post Office and the lack of the friendly face and service provided by Julie Cliefe has been missed. We are delighted to welcome her and the Post Office back to a full service. This will mean that we are able to offer our normal Lottery and Scratch Card service in the shop.

Ruth Cartwright
Chairman of The Wallops Village Shop Association

CHILI AND WINE EVENING - THANKS

A very convivial Chili and Wine evening was hosted at the Old Chapel, Nether Wallop, by Mike and Carol Draper, on 18 March. This proved a most enjoyable event, attracting over seventy people and raising in excess of £1200 for St Andrew's Church Building Trust funds. Our thanks go to Mike and Carol; to Robinson's, for providing the meat; to those who contributed raffle prizes and who came along to support the event.

The Trustees

Over Wallop Action Committee

THE BAD NEWS

23 Houses – Crammed into the former BAS Print Works Site
High urban-style density - narrow roads – tight bends - no pavements
With a blind exit into King Lane

**And, would you believe it – a Sewage Treatment Plant in the
designated children's play area**

Well, that is what the developers and Test Valley Planning Department are proposing.

THE GOOD NEWS

We are working hard to change the proposal to one of good design – with a density in keeping with the character of the village - with adequate off-road parking - with a road wide enough for cars to pass safely – wide enough for the refuse lorry, ambulance or fire engine to have easy access – with a safe exit onto King Lane.

If you would like to be kept up to date with progress on this development then please let us have your email address or contact details on owaction@yahoo.co.uk or phone 781657.

This is our village – let's work together with Test Valley Planning Department to create a development that is safe and that compares favourably with other housing in the area.

WE WANT A DEVELOPMENT WE CAN BE PROUD OF.

Keith Bowes

Richard Quick

Brian Kinch

Bob Pike

Ben Cartwright

RED CROSS HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION 2006.

Last year's Wallops collection was a record £314.21. This year's was even better, £420.85, an increase of 34%. We have to thank, first the seven collectors in Nether and Over and second those who gave so generously.

The money collected in Hampshire provides a whole raft of caring services such as response to the London bombings, refugee support, transport for elderly and sick, and aid across the world for major disasters such as Tsunami, the Pakistan earthquake, food aid for Africa and many long-term rehabilitation projects. With a reputation for rapid response and efficient delivery at home and abroad, the British Red Cross uses the money we donate to the best possible effect.

June Scott

BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA

(Certificate 12A). Friday 16 June 2006 at 7.30p.m. Doors open 7.00p.m. Directed by Rob Marshall and starring Ziyi Zhang as Sayuri and Gong Li as her rival Hatsumomo.

In Japan in the years before World War 2, the 9-year-old daughter of an impoverished fisherman is sold as a servant to a geisha house. Despite a treacherous rival who nearly breaks her spirit, she blossoms into the legendary geisha Sayuri. Beautiful and accomplished, she enters a world of wealth, privilege and political intrigue, and captivates the most powerful men of her day, but she is haunted by her secret love for the one man beyond her reach.

Tickets £4.50 per person in advance from Broughton West View Stores and Post Office, or £5.00 on the door (**PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**).

Refreshments available. Please bring a cushion! Professionally screened by Hampshire Moviola (www.moviola.org) with digital light projection, and stereophonic sound.

WALLOP VALLEY FIELD CLUB

SUNDAY 25 JUNE: ANNUAL BIG DAY OUTING - MONTECUTE HOUSE (NT) AND HAM HILL IRON AGE FORT, SOMERSET.

First, FREE coffee and cake for all at about 11.30a.m. on arrival at the magnificent Elizabethan mansion - approximately 50 m/80 km from the Wallops. Entry £7. Its golden limestone was quarried at nearby Ham Hill now a country park which we can also visit. Directions: Take A303 and turn off onto A3088, follow NT signs. Picnic or tea room lunch.

Brian Kinch

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING 15 MAY AT WALLOPS PARISH HALL

The meeting was organised so that villagers from the Wallops could meet Sue Gibson, Neighbourhood Watch Co-coordinator Hampshire Police Authority Community Safety Team, and Sgt. Ian Ashbolt and PC Simon Beecroft both from Stockbridge Police Station. The discussion covered Neighbourhood Policing, Neighbourhood Watch, TVBC's new policy on Anti Social Behaviour, drinking and minor crimes, bad behaviour within communities and rural initiatives.

Would all villagers please make a note of the **NEW NUMBER 101**, which is being tried in Hampshire prior to going nationwide. It is designed for confidential reports which the public feel the Police should be made aware of - not necessarily a crime, but bad behaviour, speeding, and any of the other habits that are a blight on our day-to-day lives.

In addition, CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111 is a confidential service for any more serious incidents as well as 0845 045 4545. 999 should only be used if:

- Offenders are nearby
- Life is at risk
- Injury is caused or threatened
- Crime or disorder is in progress

The police however emphasised that although we are in a very low crime area most of the recent burglaries have been solved. By using Neighbourhood Watch and public feedback the police have been able to piece together lots of small items of information which have proved very useful.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Edward Souter and Ruth Cartwright
Neighbourhood Watch

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

LEN & DI LING

**Congratulations Dad and Mum
Grampie & Grandma
On your special day 12 June 2006**

With love from us all

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MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

There has been a complete reorganisation of the mobile library fleet in Hampshire resulting in major timetable changes. This will come into effect from Monday 5 June 2006. Please look at your new timetable very carefully as times and days will possibly have changed.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce the arrival of our new vehicle 'Henrietta' (Rural Library Link 2). She will be on the road some time in May. Henrietta is one of many new vehicles the library service has recently purchased, which shows what an important role mobile libraries play in reaching communities unable to access the town library.

I would like to thank all our readers for their support over many years. I hope the new times and days will not inconvenience anyone. Please do not hesitate to let me know of any problems.

Trish Spencer
Mobile Driver/Assistant
01264 352807

		Time at stop	Arrive	Depart
Nether Wallop	Village Hall	30 mins	9.20	9.50
Nether Wallop	Old Butcher's Arms	25 mins	9.55	10.20
Nether Wallop	School & Play Group	40 mins	10.30	11.10
Over Wallop	Appleton Close	15 mins	11.25	11.40
Over Wallop	Pound Road	15 mins	11.45	12 noon
Over Wallop	War Memorial	20 mins	12.05	12.25
Middle Wallop	Parish Hall	20 mins	12.30	12.50
Grateley	Plough Inn	30 mins	2.30	3.00

Route 3 : Fortnightly from **Wednesday 7 June 2006**

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CAMPAIGN

I am happy to report that, with the help of those who came to our fund-raising party last year and those who put their small change in the Rupert Bear boxes in the area, the West Hampshire branch of Muscular Dystrophy had another successful year in 2005. Many thanks to everyone who supported us.

Can you help us again in 2006, by supporting this extremely worthwhile cause, which funds research into a variety of neurological diseases?

This year's drinks party is taking place on Sunday 4 June at Greensleeves, Heathman Street, Nether Wallop, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Sothcott. There will be parking available at Field House, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Robert Crispe. If you have not already received an invitation to the party, and would like to attend (or make a donation to Muscular Dystrophy), please contact me at the address below. Entrance will be by paid ticket only, so we do need to have received your application in advance. There will be no admittance "on the door".

I hope you will be able to join us on 4 June and help to swell the numbers to make this year's party the best ever!

Anthony Whitaker, Chairman
The Trout. Nether Wallop, SO20 8EW
Telephone: 01264 781472

ORGANS AND ORGANISTS

Many of you will have heard that Peter Barrie, who has been our very talented and popular organist for less than two years, is moving to Bournemouth and, although he may continue to play for some services in the future, after the end of July he will no longer be our permanent organist. It is too much to hope that another organist will walk into St Andrew's Church and offer his services as Peter did, so we shall advertise for a replacement. Meanwhile we look forward to seeing Sarah Stewart during her summer vacation from Edinburgh, and both Gillian Cole and Dawn Williams have very kindly agreed to help us out whenever they can. We can also occasionally call upon the young organist, Andrew Race, who played for us at the end of April, so all is not lost. You will continue to hear the St Andrew's organ being played for services.

Several people have contacted me worried that the latest directive to come from Brussels will interfere with our plans for the organ restoration. Organ pipes are made from a delicate balance of lead and tin and it is this which is Brussels' worry. Fearing that pipes from redundant organs may become hazardous waste, they decided in their wisdom that new pipes should not contain lead and tin. Pipes without lead and tin could not produce the same quality of sound so no organ builder would agree to use other materials, instead they will melt down unwanted pipes for re-use, and there will therefore be no waste as the pipes are recycled.

In the case of St Andrew's organ we are not replacing pipes but dismantling, cleaning and replacing the original ones so the Brussels directive will not affect us.

On Monday 15 May four of us from Nether Wallop accepted Farley's kind invitation to their illustrated lecture on 'Getting the most out of your Parish Church organ'. I did not know what to expect as we seated ourselves in the delightful Wren-influenced church and then thoroughly enjoyed a fascinating informal explanation of stops, pipes and harmonies by Richard Godfrey who, it was revealed later, had built the organ himself! His talk was illustrated on the organ by Barry Ferguson in the most amusing way. Barry Ferguson then talked of various hymns, the variations in speed and introductions and the different effects made by the choice of stops. The hour passed all too rapidly and we were ushered across the road to another amazing building, namely Farley 'Hospital' where, in the beautiful panelled rooms, we were plied with coffee and cakes and had the opportunity to chat with all the other people present. One very good piece of news is that Richard Godfrey confirmed that he would give us a recital in St Andrew's Church later this year, something I, for one, will look forward to with much pleasurable anticipation.

As I write in the middle of May I still have plenty of tickets for 10 June so when you read this you may still be able to come to our dinner and auction, conducted by an auctioneer from Dreweatt Neate. We have had so many generous and varied offers for the auction it will be a great pity to lose the opportunity to bid for them - not to mention the delicious dinner!

Jackie Fenn