

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ST PETER'S and ST ANDREW'S**

**Services for MARCH 2006**

DATE	TIME	TYPE	CHURCH	OFFICIANT
1st March Ash Wednesday	3.00 pm	HC 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10 John 8.1-11	St Peter's	+GC
5th March 1st Sunday of Lent	8.30 am	HC Genesis 9.8-17 Mark 1.9-15	St Andrew's	+GC
	9.30 am	Family Communion Mark 1.9-12 Mark 1.13-15	St Andrew's	+GC
	10.30 am	Mattins Romans 5.12-19 Luke 13.31-35 Psalm 119.17-32	St Peter's	TH
12th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.30 am	HC Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38	St Peter's	+GC
	10.30 am	Family Service/SMP Mark 8.31-33 Mark 8.34-38	St Andrew's	CG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38 Psalm 22.23-28	St Peter's	CG
19th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.30 am	HC 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22	St Andrew's	+GC
	10.30 am	HC(with hymns) 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22	St Peter's	+GC
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 10.16-22 Psalm 11	St Andrew's	CS
26th March Mothering Sunday	8.30 am	HC 2 Corinthians 1.3 -7 Luke 2.33 - 35	St Peter's	+GC
	10.30 am	HC(with hymns) 2 Corinthians 1.3 -7 Luke 2.33 - 35	St Andrew's	+GC
	10.30 am	Family Service (CW) 2 Corinthians 1.3 -7 Luke 2.33 - 35	St Peter's	CG
2nd April 5th Sunday of Lent	8.30 am	HC Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33	St Andrew's	+GC
	9.30 am	Family Communion John 12.20-27 John 12.28-33	St Andrew's	+GC
	10.30 am	Family Service (CW) John 12.20-27 John 12.28-33	St Peter's	CG

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

**CHALLENGERS**

Children over 3 ½ 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.

## Letter from near the Rectory

Dear Neighbours,

This month sees us move into Lent, a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on 1 March 2006 and ends on 15 April 2006, which is the day before Easter. Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. Lent has traditionally been a time of giving things up, like chocolate or sweets, but times have changed. Many people now mark Lent by doing something extra or different, a positive move rather than a negative giving up of something. We should try to do something during Lent that strengthens us as a person and strengthens our faith.

Faith is a very strange thing and can make us do many things. I am a great believer in a proactive faith, rather than a passive faith. I seem to spend my time at the moment urging you all to do things, to get involved. I believe faith should make a difference to everyone's life, or what is the point of it all? If my faith in Christ is wrong, what do I lose? I spend my life convinced that it has purpose and meaning. I put my confidence in a man called Jesus who has overcome evil and death, and has forgiven me my sins and promises eternal life with him in a new heaven and earth. I finally die and go out like a light and don't even have the disappointment of knowing that I was deluded. However, I die in the hope that my time on earth made a difference to someone. What if those who have no faith in Christ are wrong, what do they lose? They live their life trying to make sense of their brief existence, staving off ill health the best they can and cheerful as possible, they fade and die. Then they are faced with the most appalling shock. The very person they have ignored all their lives, Jesus Christ, confronts them. They are made to realise that everything they lived for ended in waste and total loss. Surely such outcomes demand that we give the Christian faith the most careful consideration. The stakes are too high to ignore. I want you to think about the consequences of the decisions you make every day. Right or wrong you are dealing with eternity.

The Lenten season calls us to pray. But prayer, Jesus teaches, is much more than saying words. Before we pray, enter the inner room of our heart. Shut the door to the noise, the trivialities, and the countless cares grabbing for attention, put them aside. In the quiet place of our heart, with faith as our guide, speak to God. Join in some church services, read the bible or a spiritual book some minutes each day, put aside some time for quiet daily prayer. Join the Lent Group, can five weeks make a difference to your life, what can you lose? One thing is certain: Jesus' death and resurrection occurred "once, for all time", and you will do nothing this year to earn it. It is God's free and love-born gift to you. Join Christians around the world in the Lenten pilgrimage: mourn for the darkness in our hearts; rejoice in the light of God who came into the world to save us!

Let me end this month with a message I found from God, "I am God and today I will be handling all your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (Something For Jesus To Do) box. It will be dealt with in my time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to make sure. Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child, have faith, if you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away."

Yours in Christ,  
Colin Gillespie  
Reader

## **NOTES FOR MARCH**

Lent and Easter have caused some ripples on the types and times of services. Please check the Service page carefully during March and April. There will not be a Wednesday afternoon service of communion at St Peter's during Lent this year.

There was a very low response to my request for people to help. To those who contacted me, thank you, I will keep your names for future use as and when required.

I have amended the layout of the Services page. Many people have asked for the Sunday readings to be shown, so they can read them before the service. The readings for each service are now included.

I propose to run a 5-week Lent course on Monday evenings from 7.30p.m. to 9.00p.m. This will begin on Monday 13 March in St Peter's Church Hall. The course is called "Where is God?". A donation of £3.00 is requested on the first evening to cover the booklet cost. More details in the March magazine. Contact Maggie Tomlins or me so we can order the correct number of booklets; so far I have thirteen people.

**Colin Gillespie**

### **From the Registers**

#### **Funerals**

At St Peter's

27 January **Betty White** aged 75 Interrment of ashes and Thanksgiving Service

30 January **Mavis Shadwell** aged 82

May they rest in peace.

### **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CLOCK**

Repairs to strengthen and secure the bell frame in St Andrew's Church tower will be carried out during the period 13 March - 1 April. During this time the church clock will be inoperative.

Charles Rogers  
Colin Stevenson

### **ST PETER'S CHURCH OVER WALLOP**

I give notice that the Annual Church Meeting of St Peter's Church will be held on Wednesday 22 March at 7.30p.m. in the Church Hall. This is open to all parishioners whose names are entered on the Parish Electoral Roll.

The business of the meeting will be to elect members of the Parochial Church Council for 2006/7, and to receive the Financial and Parish Reports for 2005/6. This is an opportunity for parishioners to question the council on its stewardship of our Church Affairs during the previous year.

Chris Lovett  
Hon. Secretary St Peter's PCC

### **ST PETER'S CHURCH OVER WALLOP**

During a recent Inventory check at St Peter's Church in January of this year, the two Brass vases as shown opposite appear to have gone missing. They were however present at the Inventory check made in March 2005.

These vases are approximately 6 1/4" high and were usually to be found on the Altar Frontal chest in the South Aisle together with two others.

If anyone can throw any light on this please contact Terry King 781441 or Daphne Waine 782064 as a matter of urgency.

## **W.I. OPEN MEETING 8 FEBRUARY**

This meeting opened with a congratulatory speech from the President on the success of our January jumble sale. Help had come from many quarters and in particular from several W.I husbands. Without our non W.I. helpers we could not have made such a satisfactory amount, a considerable proportion of which is channelled back into good causes and needy areas in both villages. Thank you everybody for working so hard.

Our Speaker for February was Jenny Stevens, Curator of the Andover Museum, whose talk had been tersely advertised as *Danebury*. However, this is a subject of such local interest that we were able to welcome six visitors in addition to the W.I. audience of twenty-four.

Jenny described herself as a town child whose first taste of the country came on a school visit to the Wallops when she made her first brass rubbing (Maria Gore in St Andrew's) and completed the day with a wallow in the Wallop brook. Her group on that day were aware of Danebury but it was not until she decided to read archaeology at University that she became conscious of its importance as one of the largest and most complete Iron Age hill forts in Wessex. One of Jenny's first slides showed the distribution of hill forts in the area: one hundred and forty three no less. The countryside is peppered with them and they are evidence for a considerable population.

In the main Jenny concentrated on what archaeology has enabled us to discover about the life and times of the late Iron Age inhabitants of Danebury. Evidence for a second entrance into the actual fort, diametrically opposite the elaborately fortified main entrance, suggests it allowed quick access to a spring, for there is no evidence of any form of water supply within the fort. That this was an agrarian society is suggested by the large number of storage pits with traces of grain. Further evidence was gained from these pits that a waterproof crust of fermenting grain and chalk developed with use and enhanced the storage value. Evidence for the existence of timber framed houses can be deduced from post holes; that for the infill of daub and wattle has disappeared and can only be based on reconstructed buildings such as at Butser Iron Age Village.

We have extensive knowledge of domestic animals based on bones discovered in waste. Pottery of types already known on the Continent suggests developing trade with quite distant peoples. The dwellers at Danebury were near enough contemporary with the people the Romans eventually subdued. From Julius Caesar's own account we know the tribes were practiced in war and had wheeled chariots drawn by horses.

I think we all must have heard something to spark an interest in the people who lived on Danebury over two thousand years ago, and were grateful to Jenny for the way in which she made them come alive for us who walk on Danebury to-day.

Pat Brown and Beth Cunningham-Brown provided excellent twenty-first century refreshments and Jenny Stevens sportingly stayed on to the end of the meeting, answering ever more questions.

Maureen Hill

## **FILMS COMING TO BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL IN MARCH AND APRIL**

Friday 3 March	MRS HENDERON PRESENTS	Cert 12A
Saturday 18 March (Matinee) (NB: Doors open 2.00p.m.)	MARCH OF THE PENGUINS	Cert U
Friday 7 April (Easter holidays)	PRIDE AND PREJUDICE	Cert U

Doors open 7.00p.m. (except 18 March). Tickets £4.50 per person in advance from Broughton's West View Stores and Post Office, or £5.00 on the door. Professionally screened by Hampshire Moviola ([www.moviola.org](http://www.moviola.org)) with digital light projection, and stereophonic sound.

## WALLOPS PARISH HALL MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 23 JANUARY

**Present:** Cllrs Keightley, Rogers, Edwards, Macey, Quick and Souter. Apologies: Cllrs Cleife and Young. five members of the public were present.

**Matters Arising** There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

**Maintenance of the Hall** The Chairman said that the hall as it now stands is an asset belonging to the parishioners of both villages and provides a large enough space for major Wallops events to take place, several of which were booked for later this year. The management committee had a duty to keep it up and operating until a firm plan for its future had been agreed. This would involve essential maintenance and work needed to fulfil the requirements of the licensing authorities. The committee agreed this was necessary. There were still three pieces of such work outstanding.

**Finance** The Chairman said that the charges for hire of the hall should be reviewed and asked for a separate finance sub-committee to meet at a later date to discuss it. Cllr. Quick then reported on the finances which were "hand to mouth". She was still in negotiation with the Audit Commission about the audit fees and also mentioned that there were a couple of new regular bookings on the horizon, which would obviously be good news for the finances.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

**Rebuild:** Cllr. Edwards said that their aim had been to look at what else was out there. While there were plenty of other halls to look at, they had first visited the Glebe Hall at Winterbourne Gunner, which had been very impressive. He produced large photographs and plans for the committee to look at. The cost of building had been £300,000-350,000, which did not include fitting out the kitchen, which had been done to a high standard. Extra storage had also been added later. Overall Cllr. Edwards felt this hall was a very attractive building and provided a good example of what we might want - and we could learn from their experience. It was agreed that visits to other halls in the area would be arranged to extend this process.

**Refurbishment:** Cllr. Macey provided plans of a possible refurbishment of the existing hall. He stressed that this was only one example of what might be achieved. This plan consisted of demolishing the lean-to area to provide more parking, removing the asbestos and re-roofing, a new brick skin, new windows and doors, an injected damp-proof course, a new concrete floor and a stage, etc., plus new kitchen, toilets and a meeting room in what is now the smaller hall, a new timber and glass entrance porch, suspended ceilings and floor coverings. Estimates for this work ranged from £158,000 to £225,000.

**Funding:** Cllr. Quick reported on the sub-committee's meeting with Greg Alexander of Test Valley Community Services, which was not part of TVBC. Mr Alexander was there to help with funding of community projects and the meeting had been very positive. The Big Lottery would be coming on stream in May or June of this year and would be supporting just this type of project. Full funding was even a possibility as the Wallops were considered to be an area of rural deprivation. However, funding could not be retrospective and it would be essential to establish a need in writing and draw up a business plan. There were some other charities that could provide smaller amounts of funding, e.g. for surveys, legal fees and architectural plans, but to benefit from these a charitable trust would have to be formed.

**Next Steps** The Chairman then asked for the committee's view and a vote on whether these findings should now be presented to a public meeting or whether it was acceptable to use Parish Council funds to investigate the possibility of other sites and the cost implications of moving to a new site before calling a public meeting. During the discussion various points were raised. It was felt that it was important to keep the momentum going; a paid clerk to the Hall Committee would soon become essential; charitable status should be investigated now; eventually a new, separate hall management committee would be needed and also trustees; the NW pavilion/hall should not conflict for funding as it would be approaching sources of sports funding only; local societies should be asked to put their requirements in writing. The committee then voted on the proposal to investigate possible alternative sites and all options before calling a public meeting, it was unanimously approved..

**Any Other Business** The chairman provided two very rough estimates which he had been given informally for the value of the existing site.

**Public Points from the Floor** Mrs Mongor suggested a visit to Winterslow Hall, perhaps with other members of the public as well as councillors. Mr King urged the investigation of a possible new site close to the existing one. Mrs Lovell stressed the importance of having plenty of parking space alongside the hall. The Chairman agreed that all possible sites should be investigated, but expressed concern that we should not offer anybody something that we could not deliver.

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6 March at 7.30p.m. Wallops Parish Hall**

P. Keightley

## NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL

### Extracts from the February meeting

**Attendance:** Cllrs. Edwards, Rogers, Souter and Whitaker and five members of the public.

**Apologies:** HCC Cllr. Woodhall, TVBC Cllr. Boulton and Cllrs. Beeley, Roach and Young.

**Planning:** a) 06/00349/LBWN Internal and external alterations, and 06/0337/FULLN

Erection of porch on front and block up door to side elevation, and outbuilding both at Rose Cottage, The Square. No objection.

b) 06/0098/TREEN Crown reduce and clean willow, The Five Bells. No objection.

c) 06/0059/FULLN Erection of building for preparation of animal carcasses and installation of septic tank, The Stables, Stockbridge Road. No objection. The panel did raise a concern that there appears to be no provision for refrigeration and this will be noted on the planning form when forwarded to TVBC.

d) 06/0063/FULLN Erection of single storey rear extensions to provide bedroom and conservatory, Brookwood, Farley Street. No objection.

**Points from the floor: Bin in front of the post box by the Village Hall** – Mrs E. Gutteridge was concerned that there was still a bin obstructing the post box (**Action: Parish Clerk**). **Extension to**

**the car park at Moulands Meadow** – Mrs Gutteridge enquired about the extension to the car park. The Chairman explained that it would stay on the same line and that the mini sewerage plant will be below ground. Mr Duckworth was concerned that the digging might sever the roots of the beech trees, however the Chairman confirmed that the depth of 7" should not be a problem.

**Overgrowth in Farley Street** – Mrs Lovell said the overgrowth has now been cut back and the problem resolved.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr. Souter reported on a house break-in, a house sign damaged and fence panels damaged in Over Wallop. A car window was smashed in Salisbury Lane, acid thrown on two cars in Heathman Street and a newly-planted hedge pulled up in Church Hill. The Chairman remarked that the local crime rate has gone up considerably and lamented the lack of a police presence in the village. The rest of the council echoed this. Cllr. Souter will invite the police to the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting in April.

**Playing Fields:** Cllr. Rogers reported that football matches are being played most weekends. An estimate for £160 + VAT has been received for the annual weedkilling on the tennis court and it was unanimously agreed that this be accepted.

**Highways:** The trench in Church Road has now been temporarily fixed and the Five Bells Lane sign moved to a better position.

**New Village Hall Trust:** Cllr. Rogers reported that a recent meeting has been held at the pavilion with some of the trustees and a developer, architect and surveyor. They confirm that it would not be worthwhile to use the existing pavilion. A badminton court would be useful although it would need a 7.5m clearance in height which might be seen from some distance. Options will be explored but proper consultation with parishioners in a public meeting will be sought before any decisions are made.

**Wallops Parish Hall:** Cllr. Rogers reported that research done by various working groups is encouraging. There have also been visits to a couple of local halls which have given ideas such as tables on trolleys.

**Village Green:** Cllr. Souter reported that there is a lot of weed in the stream but it was agreed not to clear in case there is no rain.

**Correspondence:** Cllr. Souter was concerned about a letter from the Environmental Agency regarding a flood warning system. We do not have a Flood Warning Officer.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 13 March at 7.30 p.m. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 24 April.**

**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)

The Chairman, Brian Kinch, welcomed 50 members and friends to the AGM and New Year party at the end of January. He mentioned the terrific value of the Club for gaining knowledge of the natural world around us. The enthusiasm and expertise of our speakers covered an African Safari tracking the Big Five; journeying on the Beagle to see the Galapagos Islands and discussions on Darwin; and a wildlife rescue HQ at Newton Toney. Our Summer outings went from Harewood Forest for a Bluebell walk, to Cranborne Chase and the Larmertree Gardens (with our traditional cream tea); Testwood Lakes Reserve and Ashford Hangers and Uppark historical house. The Autumn meetings covered Roman Pompeii and Herculaneum; the wildlife and weather of the Antarctic and Wizard Birdlife of Australia. He thanked the Committee for their support and time so generously given to the Club.

The Treasurer presented the accounts, reporting a good year and the subscriptions will remain at £5 per person or £10 per family. The Committee was re-elected en bloc.

The meeting was closed after AOB when the Chairman mentioned his personal 'Gold Award' to the family who live at Old Forge for their landscaping and general enhancement of the Wallop Brook bank. All members enjoyed the party refreshments, and afterwards there was an interesting talk on the Seasons in the Beehive given by local resident and bee-keeper, John Haverson.

Hon Secretary - Margaret Bowes

## **Easter Fair 10 March**

9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.  
St Peter's Church Hall

Please come and support our event, we will have:

Usborne Books  
Phoenix Cards  
Chocoholics

(World Book Day tokens accepted)  
A selection of cards and gift wrap for all occasions  
Chocolate gifts for Mother's Day and Easter

Refreshments available for a small donation to Over Wallop Under Fives. Commission on chocoholics will be paid to Over Wallop Under Fives and School Lane Playgroup.

### **EVERGREENS**

How would you like to join a happy group of people; the Evergreens? We meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesday. A coach will pick you up from 1.30p.m. and take you back as near to your door as possible. We play bingo, or have quizzes, a small raffle, or a big raffle when we have parties.

The membership fee is £6 per year, and we have four outings per year which cost £8 for members. We look forward to hearing from you. You are welcome to come to a meeting free to see if you would like to join. You can contact Mrs Dot Spray on 01264 781874 Chairlady Mrs Edie Hopkins on 01264 781426 Vice Chairlady or Mrs Freda Stevens on 01264 782681 Secretary after 5.00p.m.

D. Spray  
E.M. Hopkins

## **ST ANDREW'S ORGAN RESTORATION SUMMER DINNER AND AUCTION OF PROMISES**

Our Auction of Promises postponed from last November will now take place on 10 June following a splendid four course dinner. Mary Cornelius-Reid has very kindly invited us to her beautiful home in Cholderton where you will be greeted with a welcoming Pimms and can wander through the house and gardens before enjoying your delicious meal and wine. We hope to provide transport at a small extra cost so there will be no 'drink and drive' problems.

Many new promises and articles are being added to our original list. If you have thought of a new promise or an antique which you can bear to part with we shall be delighted to hear from you.

This promises to be a wonderful evening and we hope it will boost our funds accordingly. Next month an application form for tickets will be printed in this magazine. Meanwhile put the date in your diaries and look forward to an exciting evening.

Jackie Fenn

## **SALISBURY MUSICAL SOCIETY – SPRING CONCERT – SATURDAY 8 APRIL**

### **BRITTEN'S WAR REQUIEM**

Benjamin Britten, an ardent pacifist, wrote his War Requiem for the rededication of Coventry Cathedral in 1962. The work combines the words of the traditional Latin Requiem Mass with some of the First World War poetry of Wilfred Owen. The Mass is sung by the main chorus, a boy's choir and soprano soloist, accompanied by a full orchestra. The poems are given to the tenor and baritone soloists with a small chamber orchestra. This division of musical forces is particularly effective in the large space of Salisbury Cathedral.

The regular orchestra from the Chelsea Opera Group will also play the Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, written by Bach for organ and arranged for orchestra by Edward Elgar.

Tickets are £15, £10, £8.50 and £6 and available from Salisbury Playhouse (01722 320333) or call Margaret Bowes (01264 781657)

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### **CYPRUS - SUMMER 2007**

Ever thought of going to Cyprus?  
To see the famous painted churches of the Troodos mountains?  
To visit all the main centres on the island?  
To follow in St Paul's footsteps: Salami and Paphos?  
Escorted party - professional guides - small group (12)  
Staying at an Inn in a Greek village - travel by minibus  
Led by Graham and Liz Trasler  
***If you are interested in knowing more you are welcome at***  
Stockbridge Rectory, 11 Trafalgar Way, Stockbridge  
Tuesday 21 March at 8.00p.m. **without obligation**

### **Terrorism**

The terrorist attacks on London raised a lot of questions.  
Is terrorism always wrong?  
Is it evil or just misguided?  
How do we respond to it?  
The Revd Canon Professor Gareth Lloyd-Jones has kindly  
agreed to talk about this on  
Thursday 6 April at 8.00p.m. at  
The Village Hall in Longstock

## **W.I. JUMBLE SALE**

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the jumble sale in January by donating jumble, raffle prizes and cakes or by helping on the Friday night or on Saturday and by spending lots of money. In previous years we have had help from a number of people, many of whom are not W.I. members themselves. This year was no exception and I would like to say a particular thank you to those individuals who supported us by helping to sort the jumble and sell it on the day. In addition we had a number of husbands of W.I. Members, who as well as manning stalls were also persuaded to help with the disposal of the large and heavy unsold items at the 'recycling facility'! We could not have held such a successful jumble sale without their invaluable assistance. It was a fantastic effort by all which resulted in another record profit of over £730.

Last year we were able to make donations to good causes in both villages. The jumble sale is a major fund-raiser for the W.I. but the surplus this year will again enable us to support other worthwhile village projects. Thank you all so much for making the afternoon such an enjoyable success.

Pam Quick

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE DANEBURY PLAYERS**

May I say how sorry I am that due to falling numbers of adult members we were unable to bring you our usual February pantomime. We have however a group of innovative, enthusiastic young persons who wanted to give their parents, especially their Mums, something to look and laugh at. They have devised a 'Play for Mothers Day' with supper at Middle Wallop Community Centre, on 25 March at 7.30p.m. If you would like to see their mini panto and join them for supper, a limited number of tickets are available from me at £5.00 each. I am in the Welfare Office at the Community Centre and you can phone me on 01264 784529 during working hours. Please try and support your young ones; they have worked so hard!

Now how about you grown ups in the village joining your local drama group? The Danebury Players celebrate their fortieth birthday this year, and are hoping to do something special. Want to learn more about it? Then come to the AGM on 25 April at 7.30p.m. in Nether Wallop Village Hall. We would all love to see you, so come and meet us! You may want to become a member although you do not have to sing, dance or act but you may be called upon to wield a paintbrush or make tea. Everyone is important in a production. Drama is not just about acting it is about learning and giving whatever you have to offer. So please, kind people, if you can give a little of your precious time to bring joy to other people, join the Danebury Players. Look out for further notices in the Wallop Parish News.

Dolly Holman

## **RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

Spring is nearly here – and so is the new RDA season! Would you like to help? Andover Riding (& Driving) for the Disabled Association (RDA) would welcome offers of volunteer help for its 2006 daytime and evening sessions for adults and children. Training is given, and in addition to the regular sessions we also run special fun days in the summer and social events in the winter. If you are fairly fit and enjoy being in the fresh air with horses and people, let's hear from you. Please contact the Andover RDA Organiser Elizabeth Maclay (01264 738229) or the Secretary Katie Dixon (01264 738218) for further information and details of groups in your area.

## **DAFFODIL SUNDAY – 2 APRIL 2.00p.m. - 5.00p.m.**

Binley near St Mary Bourne. In aid of Andover Riding for the Disabled and St Peter's Church St Mary Bourne. Two glorious gardens with woodland walks, home-made teas, plants, bric-a-brac, pony rides and raffle. Entrance: £2.00, dogs 50p (to be kept on leads).

## OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL - EXTRACTS FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

Present: Cllrs. Cleife, Glover, Hewlett, Keightley, Macey, and Quick. Mrs Cartwright, Neighbourhood Watch and one member of the public. Apologies: Cllr. Burden and Cllr. Taylor-Firth.

Neighbourhood Watch Update: Apologies were received from the police for not attending the meeting. They have agreed to attend the next meeting to update the council on the new command unit that is being implemented. Cllr. Keightley informed the council that a parishioner had received a complaint from a policeman that the parish council was not overly concerned with the vandalism and petty crimes within the village. Cllr. Keightley informed the floor that this is not so and that he speaks for all council members when he states that they do not condone any form of misdemeanour whatsoever and that this would be made very clear to the police officers at Stockbridge Police Station.

Planning: Retrospective plans: 06/00035/AGNN Erection of bridge, Townsend Manor Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop was returned with comments that the parapets should be kept as low as possible and that the walls should be constructed of brick and flint or other materials sympathetic to the area.

06/00075/TPON Beech View, Pound Road, Over Wallop. Lift and clean crown of beech tree. No Objection.

06/00074/FULLN 31 Evans Close, Over Wallop. Erection of two storey rear extension to form dining room with bedroom over. No Objection.

Current Plans: 05/01118/FULLN Townsend Manor Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop. Erection of outbuilding comprising staff room, garden room, gym, canteen, W.C and boot room. This application was returned to TVBC with an objection as the site is considered to be over developed. 05/01099/FULLN Creation of access to new car parking area for shop and formation of lay-by adjoining new access at Spar shop, Army Aviation Centre, Salisbury Road, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge. This application was objected to. The road in question is a very fast road and there are already a number of entrances onto it in the vicinity. Creating another access is considered too dangerous and will cause more hazards.

06/00342/GOVN Director of Army Aviation, Falaise Road, Middle Wallop. Erection of single storey extension to provide additional accommodation. No Objection.

06/00028/FULLN Chestnuts, Streetway Road, Palestine. Erection of first floor extension to form chalet bungalow (amended scheme). No Objection.

06/00321/FULLN South View, Pound Road, Over Wallop. Erections to provide double garage to side, front porch and first floor accommodation to provide four bedrooms, en-suite and bathroom. No Comment.

06/00336/CAWN Pottery Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop. Demolition of building to north west of Pottery Farm. No Objection.

06/00330/FULLN. Pottery Farm, Station Road, Over Wallop. Erection of single storey three bedroom dwelling and detached double garage with sewage treatment plant. The proposed dwelling is considered to be 'back building' which is contra to the local plan and the village design statement. The councillors reached a majority decision to object to this application and do not wish to set precedent for similar applications within the village.

Finance: Grants were discussed and it was agreed to donate £100 each to the Wallop Under Fives Group, School Lane Playgroup and the Evergreens. It was not known if the Brownies group was still running and the clerk agreed to check. The donation of £600 to St Peter's Church was questioned. Cllr. Keightley agreed to ask for details at the PCC meeting in a fortnight.

Playground and sports field: Evans Close playground has been repaired. The ground requires some grass seed to finish it off. SEC has yet to inspect and approve the installation of a new light.

Correspondence: Cllr. Woodall is requesting the date of the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that the date would be 8 May following a quick council meeting for urgent matters. The clerk will invite the police, Cllr. Hope and Cllr. Woodhall. It was also suggested that we should invite some speakers from the village and Cllr. Quick agreed to ask if the Evergreens would like to give a quick talk. The W.I. would also be invited to speak. The Annual Council Meeting was agreed for 10 April. Cllr. Macey raised the question of a bottle bank for the village; councillors are to make suggestions.

Public points from floor: Mr Jones passed on a letter to the clerk that he had received from Cllr. Woodhall regarding the lack of gritting in Palestine. Mr Jones was disappointed that Mr Woodhall stated in his letter that the Parish Council has never supported this and asked that the chairman take this matter further. It was agreed that the clerk would write a letter in response to this, to Cllr. Woodhall. Mr Jones also asked the chairman about his views on the re-evaluation of the council tax. Cllr. Keightley advised that this should be taken up with the local MPs, as it is a political matter, but that our concerns as to method could be passed to our borough councillor, Mr A. Hope.

Sandra Holloway – Clerk (01264 339520)

**NEXT MEETING- 13 March at 8.00p.m. Planning committee to meet at 7.45p.m. to view plans.**

The January meeting of the Wallop Valley Field Club combined the AGM business with a pleasant buffet supper, followed by a highly informative illustrated talk with colour slides, given by local beekeeper, John Haverson of Downs Road, Over Wallop. John's background is in engineering but after a nomadic military career he has been able to settle down and follow up a very personal interest -- bees.

John started his talk by explaining that bees will nest anywhere dark, warm and cosy in the natural world, such as caves, cavity walls, sheds, hollow trees etc. Hives take a variety of forms including the traditional straw skep to the more modern hive that we see at the sides of rape fields and on heather moors etc. The traditional straw skep has one major disadvantage in that it is virtually impossible to harvest the honey without breaking the combs and killing the bees, whereas with the modern hive with the individual sections and frames, the frames can be removed for harvesting without harming the bees. In the winter it was pointed out that the hive contains about 5,000 bees; they keep together for warmth where temperatures of up to 30°C can be reached in the centre of the cluster around the queen. Hives however are always at risk to attack from rats, badgers, wasps and even woodpeckers so precautions have to be taken by the beekeeper. Other problems during the year include foul brood (which is a reportable disease) and mites, and it is therefore important to maintain good housekeeping and regular replacement of the combs (3 years). At temperatures below 8°C bees can die although in the right dry condition they can survive winter temperatures of down to -20°C. At about 10°C some workers will go for a flight and start to forage. As temperatures reach 10°C+, the Queen will start to lay her eggs for the coming season's brood. At her peak she can lay up to 2000 eggs a day.

Worker bees live for only about six weeks, hence the hard work put in by the queen to keep the hive up to strength, especially as the population rises from the winter level of 5,000 bees up to 50,000 in the summer. The six week summer life of the worker comprises the first three weeks building the cells, nursing the growing brood and housekeeping, with the last three weeks spent foraging.

Queens can live for up to five years, but when space in the hive becomes a problem they will swarm and take half the hive population with them to look for a new home. (*To illustrate the value of an early swarm to start a new colony and produce honey in that season, the writer, in his younger days, was told an old saying which goes: 'A swarm in May is worth a load of hay, a swarm in June a silver spoon, but a swarm in July isn't worth a fly'*). If the beekeeper is aware of the bees having swarmed and knows from which hive the swarm came, he will take/collect the swarm and reintroduce it to the same hive but try to eliminate the old queen. (Alternatively, if he has a spare hive he may start an entirely new colony). By this time the workers will have built special cells within the hive known as queen cells; the eggs in these will have been fed on a special rich diet of Royal Jelly produced by the bees and serve to produce new queens. Sometimes the beekeeper will destroy these cells. The first virgin queen to hatch from these cells will kill off all the other queens that are about to hatch. Among the bees produced by the queen are also drones which live for 3 – 8 weeks and serve to mate with the virgin queen. The last brood of the year are smaller winter bees which live for up to 6 months.

As soon as the frames are full and the cells capped over with a layer of wax, honey can be harvested by either pressing, the use of centrifugal extractors or just draining the frames. It was mentioned that honey taken off at different times of the year will have different properties due to the flowers from which the pollen has been collected. The strongest flavour comes at the end of the year and the mildest at the beginning, although generally a single harvesting will be carried out in August, any remaining or late season honey being left for winter feed within the hive.

John finished his talk by displaying honey that had been collected in May, August and September. These jars were offered for sale so that the members could try the difference for themselves. The meeting concluded with various questions all of which our speaker was able to answer with the confidence of his wide experience. Our chairman rounded off the meeting with a vote of thanks and presented a gift to the speaker on behalf of the club.

Terry King

Mondays	Café Liz 01264 784739	8.00am - 1.00pm
	Unisex Hairdresser 'Bee' by appointment only tel: 01264 784082	9.15am - 5.00pm
	Weight Watchers	6.30pm
Tuesdays	Café	8.00am - 1.00pm
	Hairdresser	9.15am - 2.30pm
	Wallop Wagtails Mums and Toddlers	1.30pm - 2.45pm
	Movie Club open to 8 to 16 year olds under 8s must be accompanied	5.00pm - 7.30pm
Wednesdays	Café	8.00am - 1.00pm
	Health Visitor's Drop In Surgery	10.00am - 11.00am
Thursdays	Café	8.00am - 1.00pm
	Hairdresser	9.15am - 5.00pm
	Wallop Wagtails Mums and Toddlers	1.30pm - 2.45pm
	Club for Young People aged 8 to 16 years	5.00pm - 9.30pm
Fridays	Café	8.00am - 1.00pm
	Hairdresser	9.15am - 2.30pm
Saturdays	Judo lessons	9.00am - 1.00pm
Sundays Alternate weeks	Drama group for under 16s	2.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.
Baby clinic	Every third Tuesday of the month	2.00pm - 3.00pm

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sun 19 Mar CRAFT FAIR** Many stalls with a myriad of items for sale. Community Centre doors opening at 10.30a.m.

**SAT 25 Mar** The Danebury Players Youth present A Surprise from Santa with supper 7.30p.m. Phone Dolly on 01264 784529 for details.

Sorry still no Rainbows! We are still looking for a new Rainbow Guider. Any volunteers out there?

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### TENNIS COACHING

**JUNIORS (6 - 8 YEARS)** on Wednesdays 4.00p.m. - 5.00p.m. and **JUNIORS (9 - 13 YEARS)** on Wednesdays 5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m. in the WALLOPS PARISH HALL during the winter months and on an outdoor court during the summer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL CAROL ON 07939 264999**

Wed 1	Evergreens Broughton Floral Club	2.00p.m. 7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall Broughton Village Hall
Thurs 2	Wallop Artists	7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall
Fri 3	Mrs Henderson Presents	7.00p.m. (doors open)	Broughton Village Hall (see notice)
Mon 6	Wallops Parish Hall Committee	7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall
Wed 8	Wallops W.I.	7.30p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall
Thurs 9	MOBILE LIBRARY		
Fri 10	Easter Fair Busy Fingers	9.30a.m.-11.30a.m. 10.00a.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall (see notice) Grateley Village Hall
Thurs 9 Fri 10 Sat 11	Stockbridge Amateur Dramatic Society Comedy	7.30p.m.	Stockbridge Town Hall (see advert)
Mon 13	Nether Wallop Parish Council Over Wallop Parish Council	7.30p.m. 8.00p.m.	Nether Wallop Village Hall Wallops Parish Hall
Wed 15	Evergreens Wallops Horticultural Society AGM and Talk on Hillier Gardens	2.00p.m. 7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall Over Wallop Church Hall
Fri 17	Wallop School PTA Quiz Night	7.00 for 7.30p.m.	Wallop Primary School
Sat 18	Chilli and Wine Evening  March of the Penguins	8.00p.m.  2.00p.m. (doors open)	The Old Chapel, Nether Wallop (see advert) Broughton Village Hall (see notice)
Tues 21	Aga Cookery Demonstration Spring Suppers	9.30a.m.	The Trout, Nether Wallop
Wed 22	St Peter's Church Annual Meeting	7.30p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall
Thurs 23	MOBILE LIBRARY		
Fri 24	Wallop School PTA Easter Fair		Wallop Primary School
Sat 25	Danebury Players Youth Play for Mother's Day	7.30p.m.	Community Centre, Middle Wallop (see advert)

### Forthcoming Events - March

Sun 2	Wallops Fellowship Lenten Lunch Daffodil Sunday	12 noon 2.00p.m. - 5.00p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall (see advert) Binley (see notice)
Fri 7	Pride and Prejudice	7.00p.m. (doors open)	Broughton Village Hall
Sat 8	Salisbury Music Society Britten's War Requiem		(see notice)
Thurs 20	Aga Cookery Demonstration Spring Suppers	9.30a.m.	The Trout, Nether Wallop
Mon 24	Nether Wallop Annual Parish Meeting	7.30p.m.	Nether Wallop Village Hall
Tues 25	Danebury Players AGM	7.30p.m.	Nether Wallop Village Hall

### 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 Dog and Puppy Training	6.00p.m. - 7.30p.m. 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall Wallops Parish Hall
Fri	Wallop Under Fives Group	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall