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Itchen Abbas and Martyr Worthy

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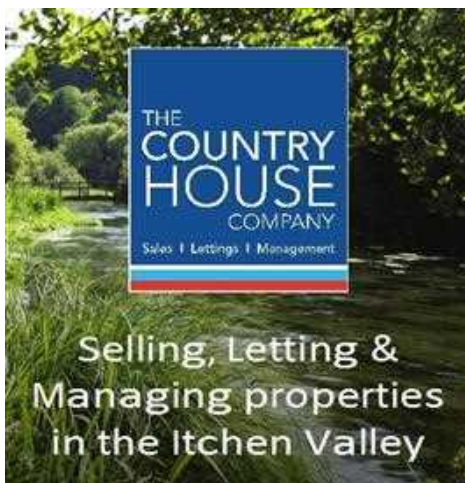
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WELCOME to the Itchen Valley News



This month's Valley News has a number of reports of events that have already happened. If you missed them, the chance has gone for ever - a sobering thought perhaps. In order to avoid FOMO (fear of missing out) we suggest you look carefully at 'What's On' on page 4 and towards the end of the magazine read about the attractive sounding exhibition at the ARC - for some still known by its old name - the library. The Editorial team of the IVN are always flattered to be invited to the Press Previews of exhibitions at the ARC, but on this occasion none of us was free to go. However, the exhibition of Appleyard's pictures is on until 18 September, so we - and you - have plenty of time to see it.

By contrast the Hat Fair is a flash in the pan lasting only three days (5,6 and 7 July). Even briefer, one day only on 14 July, is the opportunity to see the Pantaloons rendition of The Importance of Being Ernest. If you already know the play do go and see this version - you may find it somewhat, shall we say, 'improved' judging by previous highly entertaining Pantaloons offerings!

We were pleased to receive a book review from a contributor and would like to hear from readers about their experiences at any of the events in or near the Valley.

Our cover photo is described by its subject as 'a study in grim concentration', read on to learn the result of the match.

Vernon Tottle has worked hard for many years and is now standing down from one of his many volunteer roles -

he has retired as vergers of St John's church. He moved the chairs to clear space for Little Rainbows, and moved both tables and chairs for CAMEO, PCC, DCC and other meetings and for church services, sometimes up to six times in a week. He has cleaned the floor after muddy booted walkers, glitter-scattering crafters and cake eating mothers; cleaned the walls after felt-tip wielding children, manipulated the heating controls to keep up with the ever changing schedule and generally kept the show on the road. He will be much missed in this role. Next month's editor is Verity Coleman. *Brigid and Charlotte*

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What's On

Rising Splendour: Fred Appleyard

21 June – 18 September

From the Royal Academy to the Itchen Valley. At the Gallery at The Arc, Winchester. www.arcwinchester.org.uk/event/rising-splendour-fred-appleyard

Hat Fair 2024

Friday 5 - Sunday 7 July

Hat Fair returns to the streets of Winchester in July - and this year is extra special as we're celebrating our 50th birthday!

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Audition: Panto Support Cast 2024

Audition date: Sun 7 July 11am to 3.30pm

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The Pantoons at Avington

14 July 3pm and 7pm

'The Importance of Being Earnest' showing at The Quarry in Avington on 14th July, Tickets £15 / £9 for 16 and under. Online booking only.

www.thepantoons.co.uk/ernest/ See poster on P.7.

Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall AGM

Monday 22 July at 7.30pm

An agenda and copies of the Annual Report will be available at the meeting, or in advance from Ken Gordon, Honorary Secretary, at secretary@iaavillagehall.co.uk.

EMWCC Tug of War, Juniors' cricket game and BBQ

Thursday 25 July from 6pm.

All are welcome.

EMWCC Sixes

Friday July 26 from 10.00am

Again all welcome at the David Roth cricket pitch. The bar will be provided by The Plough and The Cricketers Inn plus a hog roast supplied by Paul Moffat.

Save the Date

Easton Car Boot Sale

Sunday 22 September 1 - 4pm
Easton Village Hall & Recreation Ground

Easton WI

In June it was Easton's turn to host the Group's annual Quiz with members from the five institutes in our Group. The questions were as challenging as the magazine's Valley Quiz and everyone enjoyed a very successful evening.

On Wednesday 17 July we are visiting Houghton Lodge gardens near Stockbridge and hope to see lots of members joining us on a bright sunny day.

There will be no meeting in August, so our next meeting at Easton Village Hall will be on Thursday 12 September at 7.15pm when John Pitman will be speaking about 'Village Life'.

Sallie Peake



Bridge Tea in the Valley

Nothing is more fondly anticipated by local bridge players than the opportunity to have an afternoon's bridge in a lovely setting with afternoon tea served, raffle prizes to be won and a chance to meet up with friends you haven't seen since the last bridge tea. A stall of Jill Croft's Jams had been advertised in advance as well and sales went briskly. It's not surprising, then, that the event which Sara Janssen and Jane Anderson arranged recently was very well attended and raised over £1200 for much needed church repairs. Men were somewhat outnumbered by the lady players by about 10 to one, but Peter Walker helped redress the

balance by kindly joining us at the tea break and meeting all the players who'd come from other Hampshire villages as well as the Valley. As so often, success depended

on the efforts of volunteers. Among the throng your reporter noticed Penelope Kellie selling raffle tickets and Judy Bishop and Henry Labram expertly guiding the cars into their proper places. Delicious sandwiches and treats were provided by the many helpers including Sue Kennedy and Sally Clarke. In fact there were so many cakes and tarts there were plenty to be "stolen away" at the end.

Jack of Hearts



First Fridays at the Cart and Horses

The Cart and Horses has had a smart new makeover, and Abbots Worthy village decided that it's time to support our local. Abbots Worthy doesn't have a hall or a church and so there is no central meeting point. Led by Rooye Aker we decided to give all the residents the opportunity to get together there at 6pm on the first Friday of every month for a drink. We have had several well attended sessions to date. New to the pub is the General Manager, Raza, who has had a long career in hospitality, and he certainly knows the meaning of the word! We had a proper party last week, when Raza found a piano and organised a lovely lad to play mellow music while we had a drink and a chat and enjoyed some complimentary snacks. Then our resident singer/songwriter Juliet Howland took over on the piano – wonderful vibes and a great start to the weekend. Next First Friday 5 July at 6pm – if you live in Abbots Worthy.

Verity Coleman



Prince's Mead MoonWalk Team Raise £5,500

Eight dedicated staff members from Prince's Mead School in Kings Worthy donned their neon tutus and face glitter and successfully completed the London MoonWalk, an overnight marathon walk organised by Walk the Walk to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer. The event took place on Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 May, with thousands of participants walking the streets of London in brightly decorated bras, symbolizing the fight against breast cancer.



The team consisting of teachers and staff met to train after school across the South Downs National Park. Their hard work and determination paid off as they crossed the finish line, united by their commitment to support breast cancer patients and fund research for a cure.

"We are incredibly proud of our team for completing the MoonWalk," said Lucy Brown, Head of Pre-Prep at Prince's Mead. "London looked spectacular, illuminated in pink. The event showcased fantastic and imaginative costumes worn by everyone who participated. Many participants shared their emotional and physical journeys with us, which added

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a deeply personal touch to the event. A huge thank you goes out to the teams of volunteers stationed on street corners throughout the route. They guided us, motivated us during the early hours, boosted our morale, and provided much-needed sweets, snacks and water. Our team supported each other through the tough moments, making the bonding experience hugely rewarding. It was truly inspiring to see so many people come together for such an important cause.”

In addition to completing the 26.2 mile walk, the Prince’s Mead team surpassed their fundraising target, raising an impressive £5,500 for Walk the Walk, a testament to the school community’s generosity and support. “We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from our colleagues, parents, and alumni” said Lucy. “Every contribution made a difference and helped us exceed our fundraising goals. We are grateful to everyone who donated and supported us along the way including Prince’s Mead who donated provision of a school minibus and driver to get us to London and back.”

Lucinda Watt

Boules League - Round 1

The first round of the Boules League competition was held on a dampish evening on Tuesday 28 May. Avington were playing at home against Martyr Worthy. Most of the previous weekly social evenings had suffered from rain, and both villages were claiming that they were out of practice.

Things started well for Avington who were the first to claim a victory by 13-8. In the other game however it was the Martyr Worthy team that went

into the lead and, despite the score edging up rather slowly, they appeared to have little trouble in keeping ahead until they reached 13 points. Score at half-time 1-1.

After a break for refreshments, play recommenced. In one game Avington drew ahead by 11-5 but then Martyr Worthy capitalised on a weak Avington position and scored 5 points in one end and then 3 in the next, claiming victory. Their other team also proceeded steadily ahead, less dramatically but equally successfully. So at full time Martyr Worthy had won 3-1.

The next round of the league competition is on Tuesday 9 July. However before that, on Tuesday 18 June, there is the Triples (the knock-out competition) which will be held at Easton.

Ralph Matthews

Boules Triples

The Triples is the name given to the one-day boules knock-out competition in the valley. It was held at Oak House in Easton, by kind permission of Judy Bishop. Avington, Easton and Martyr Worthy each sent two teams of three players to compete. The prize is the



award of the Nigel Graham Maw Cup, first presented in 2005 and last year won by Easton. It was a lovely sunny evening, there were plenty of supporters from around the valley and there was a generous supply of food and drink contributed by all three villages.

Teams are designated A or B. First there were four rounds where each village played against both teams in the other two villages. Three pistes were needed to allow games to be played simultaneously. To limit the length of time in each round, games were played over six ends. Two points for a win, one for a draw. There was some good playing, some erratic throws and some lucky placements. When after two hours the scores were totalled for this section, two teams stood out - one of the Easton teams had won all their four games and were the clear leaders with 8 points, while one of the Martyr Worthy teams had won 2 and drawn 1, earning 5 points and qualifying as runners-up.

There was a short break allowing more refreshments and lively discussions on who thought who would be likely to succeed in the knock-out section. When the challenge resumed the crowd settled down to watch the action. Despite the strong success by Easton in the early section, it was Martyr Worthy who began to pull ahead. The play on both sides was of high quality but Martyr Worthy's accuracy kept them well ahead and after the six ends they had won 10-2.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and we were all grateful to Simon Broadley who had organised the event and to Judy Bishop whose garden provided the delightful setting. Doug Phillips for Easton presented the Nigel Graham Maw Cup to John Prince and his victorious Martyr Worthy team.

Ralph Matthews



Spectators and competitors before the start of the Triples

As you will remember from the poem in last month's magazine, Itchen Abbas can't compete as not enough of their players live in the Valley – please, if you live in Itchen Abbas, consider joining the Itchen Abbas team. Eds

The Valley Gardeners' day in Berkshire

Although 11 June was another disappointing day in terms of summer weather, the Valley Gardeners had a wonderful time visiting two gardens in this royal county. Lower Bowden Manor is owned by Juliet and Robert Cox-Nicol who relocated to Berkshire after 40 years of life on the outskirts of Paris. Juliet is a garden designer who previously worked in haute couture and she has transformed the 3 acres of garden and 4 acres of orchard at the manor over the last 8 years. Finding “borders too busy in summer and empty in winter” Juliet designed Lower Bowden Manor to highlight structure and form through conifers, topiary and winter bark, such as Acer griseum, Lagerstroemia and birches. With these elegant specimens, the garden glides serenely from winter into spring. The predominant colour of the roses and shrubs is white which stands out wonderfully against



the many hedges of yew, holly and beech. The couple brought 40 mature trees with them from Paris on 8 articulated low loaders, as the buyer of their property had indicated they would build on the garden. During their Paris days, Juliet had a surprise commission from Juliet Binoche who knocked on the door one day and asked Juliet Cox-Nicol to design her garden... “now”!



After lunch, we arrived at Stockcross House, a garden with a completely different look and feel. Billowing soft borders of delicious herbaceous plants met our eyes and here colour is king! Part time head gardener Istvan Dudas explained enthusiastically that being “a creative plantsman, he still leaves room for lots of experimentation. Annuals and tender perennials are constantly being added, removed, replaced, and rearranged – a benefit to both the garden and the gardener”. It certainly was a feast for the eye, and we ended our day in Berkshire enjoying tea and



cake on the old boules' lawn.

Catherine Hahn

The photos on the previous page are of Lower Bowden Manor and on this page are of Stockcross House garden.



Earlier in June, we enjoyed our annual Valley Gardeners' 4-day holiday. This year we explored the gardens of Somerset and North Devon. Here are some images from that trip.



A Retirement Party

A lot of things happen in St John's Church in Itchen Abbas. Little Rainbows play there every Monday, CAMEO guests eat there on the third Tuesday, weddings and funerals fill the church to overflowing, the PCC and DCC meet there, Deanery away-days take place there and walkers and pilgrims drop in every day.



As Churchwarden Sarah Hunt said in her speech thanking the retiring vergier 'little did he know, when he gave a generous contribution to the cost of the re-ordering, how much

work he was creating for a future vergier. If the Victorian pews were still in place the work of the vergier would be less physically demanding.'



Having reached an age when the cake is not big enough for all the candles, and the comfortable church chairs are getting heavier, Vernon Tottle has decided to retire as vergier. A party was given for him on 23 June. The wine was pink (but this precaution turned out to be unnecessary since none was spilt on the pink carpet) and it and the nibbles were provided by the CAMEO team, in thanks for all the setting up and removing of tables and chairs for the lunches over the past 13 years - almost since the start of CAMEO. Vernon and Arminel will be going to see 'The Magic Flute' at Glyndebourne as part of their 'thank you' present from the Parish and we look forward to a review in a future edition of the News.

Charlotte Appleby



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From the Rectory

In a year when corruption is all around us - just mention infected blood or the Post office - it was announced that the latest British Social Attitudes survey (I do love a survey) tells us that public trust and confidence in government and politicians is at a record low. For the really nerdy there is the IPSOS Veracity index which measures which professions are most trusted and again politicians come bottom. But who do you think came top? You might imagine that in a time when (again from the BSA) satisfaction with the NHS is at the lowest level recorded since 1983 that nurses and doctors would have lost trust.

Yet no, nurses come top as the most trusted profession in the country. Closely followed by librarians and doctors. Lack of trust can come at one extreme from the abuse of power and authority for a personal gain, yet at another level can be as simple as being uncaring, inconsiderate and selfish.

A breakdown in trust weakens a community, hampers productive work exacerbates inequality, poverty, social division and the degradation of the environment.

But rebuilding trust can be achieved even in the worst of circumstances. It requires acknowledgement that you have lost trust, an acceptance and deliberate intent to improve. The acknowledgement is more important than an apology because it is what you do next that matters.

I am reminded of Jesus, who once when preaching to a crowd called aside someone from one of the least trusted of Jewish communities, a tax collector. After preaching the gospel and asking him to follow Him, He went home with

the tax collector and to the horror of the priests sat down and ate and talked.

Trust means meeting people where they are, it takes time to get to know them, to understand them.

It is not surprising that an increasingly social media driven world with reduced real social interaction has led to us communicating in sound bites. Sound bites that grow more strident and savage day by day. You only have to watch any of the leaders' debates on television to realise they are no longer debates, no longer discussion. With these examples is it any wonder our children are being imperfectly moulded through their experience of social media. The current campaigns to ban or at least reduce their exposure to social media can only be a good thing. Maybe it's not surprising that the most trusted profession of nursing is one where the necessity to interact face to face, the need to talk, to understand, to walk beside is a prerequisite to success.

Gerry Stacey



Singing at The Grange

Gainful employment for a British opera singer these days is rather more intermittent than it used to be in the days before Brexit. But the one time of year when I can regularly hope to be singing is during the summer opera festival season. And The Grange Festival is perhaps the most enjoyable festival of all. Singing in this jewel of a theatre, in its heart-stoppingly beautiful setting, reminds me powerfully why, all those years ago, I decided to go for the great adventure of becoming an opera singer – a job which has brought me so much



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fashioned morality tale, which is by turns deeply moving, incredibly beautiful, uplifting, and funny. This is where I come in, playing the auctioneer Sellem. To my delight I get to do a comedy turn, my absolute favourite thing. All of which just adds to the wonderful experience of singing at The Grange. If you haven't been, I urge you to try it. Great music in a great setting. Just the thing for an English summer's evening.

John Graham-Hall

From The Parish Council.

joy and excitement throughout my life. There is something about the very British formula of opera-and-dinner or a-picnic which is so much more than a trip to Covent Garden or the Coliseum, life-changing though those experiences can be. Just driving into The Grange down its long access road creates a huge sense of anticipation. Then in we go to the theatre – the dressing rooms and backstage facilities a bit more rudimentary than the Royal Opera House, but with the knowledge that so many of the great people involved in putting on the operas are Hampshire born and bred. There is the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in the pit. And there is the knowledge that the annual influx of singers, musicians and technicians is providing a real boost to the local economy. Finally there is the opera itself. Stravinsky's 'The Rake's Progress' for me this year. The tragic story of a young man who comes into money, and goes on a spending spree, seeking only pleasure. His "shadow", a character in the opera, encourages him into bad ways, then leaves him penniless and mad. But his soul is saved by the love of a good woman. An old-

The very wet winter has continued into a wet early summer. Consequently this has resulted in problems when it comes to



footpaths. First, despite it not being especially warm there has been massive growth in vegetation which has meant a great deal of work to keep paths open. Our ride-on brush cutter driven by Chris Jeffes has been at work on numerous paths. The Parish Council will also continue to make as much use as we can of the Lengthsman including paying for extra days. However in summer demand is high and there is a limited amount of time to be spread between many parishes. It would be of great benefit if those whose land is adjacent to footpaths and bridleways made sure that overhanging growth is cut back. Some of this is being done by volunteers but if as many paths as possible are to be kept open then everyone needs to play their part. Obscured sight lines are another problem caused by this year's excessive growth. Although wild verges are to be

encouraged, safety has to take priority, so where necessary cutting back at driveway entrances needs to be done by the verge owner. At road junctions, if there is a problem please contact either a Councillor or email the Parish Clerk or report it direct to HCC Highways via their website or via "Fix My Street". Please do not just rely on putting it on the Itchen List.

Before commenting on another footpath problem – MUD – it is worth drawing attention to the definitive footpath map that the Valley News has kindly included on the centre pages of this edition. It is worth taking it out carefully and keeping it for future reference. It covers the central part of the Valley and shows the most frequently used rights of way complete with their numbers. Alternatively it can be found and downloaded by going to: www.hants.gov.uk/rh/row/maps/definitivemaps.pdf where surrounding definitive maps can also be found.

When contacting the Parish Council regarding an issue with a path using the correct number is of considerable help. The most recent path in question, as reported to us by several residents, is Footpath 48 where the problem of two muddy patches has made it impassable to all but the sure footed and those wearing wellington boots as well if they want to have dry feet. We have met on site with members of HCC's access team. There is a simple practical solution as has been used on other paths in the Valley.

Unfortunately, as one patch is close to the river and both are in a SSSI, permission is needed from both Natural England and the Environment Agency. All that can be done at the moment is to scrape the mud back to a hard surface which may save muddy feet but waterproof footwear may still

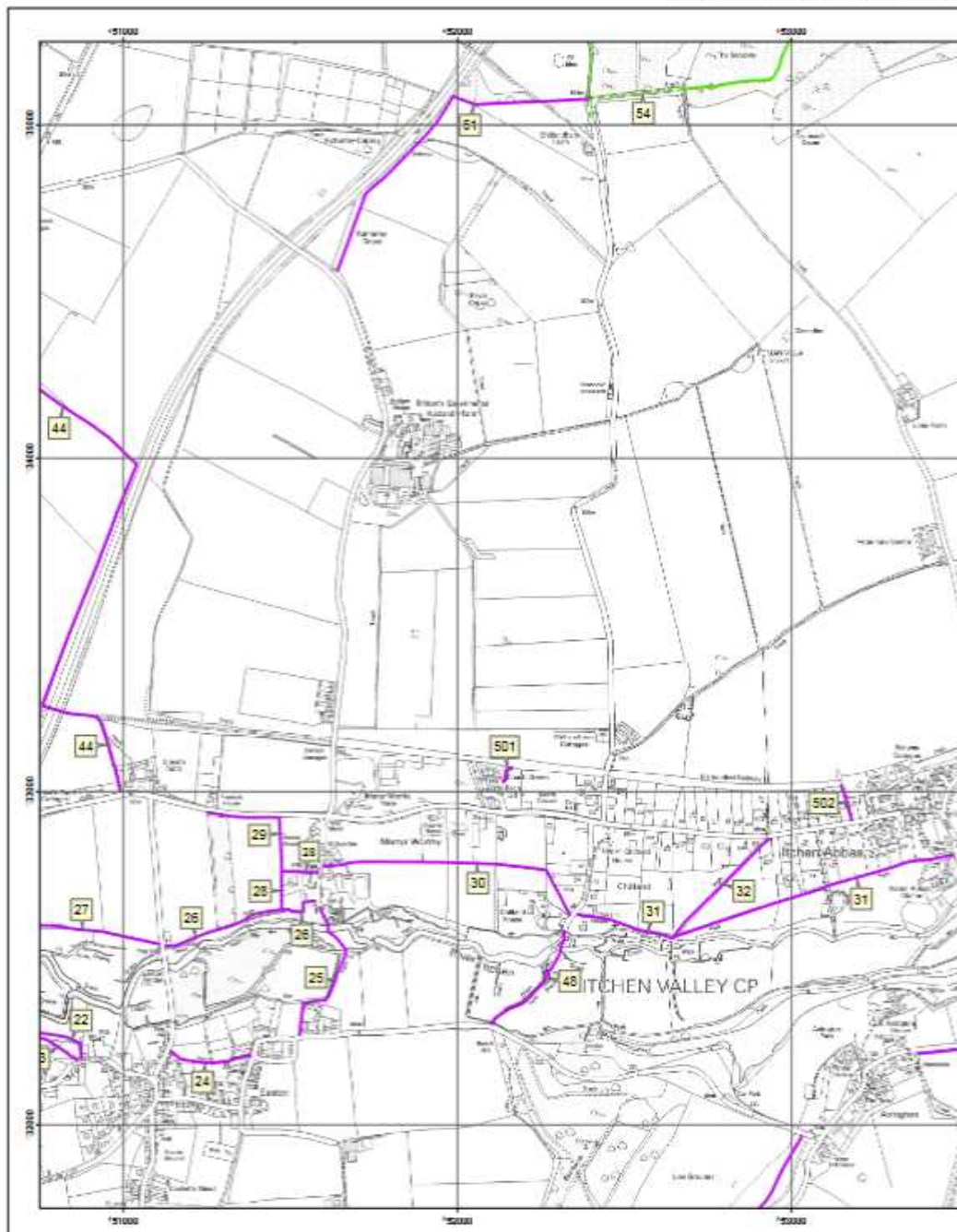
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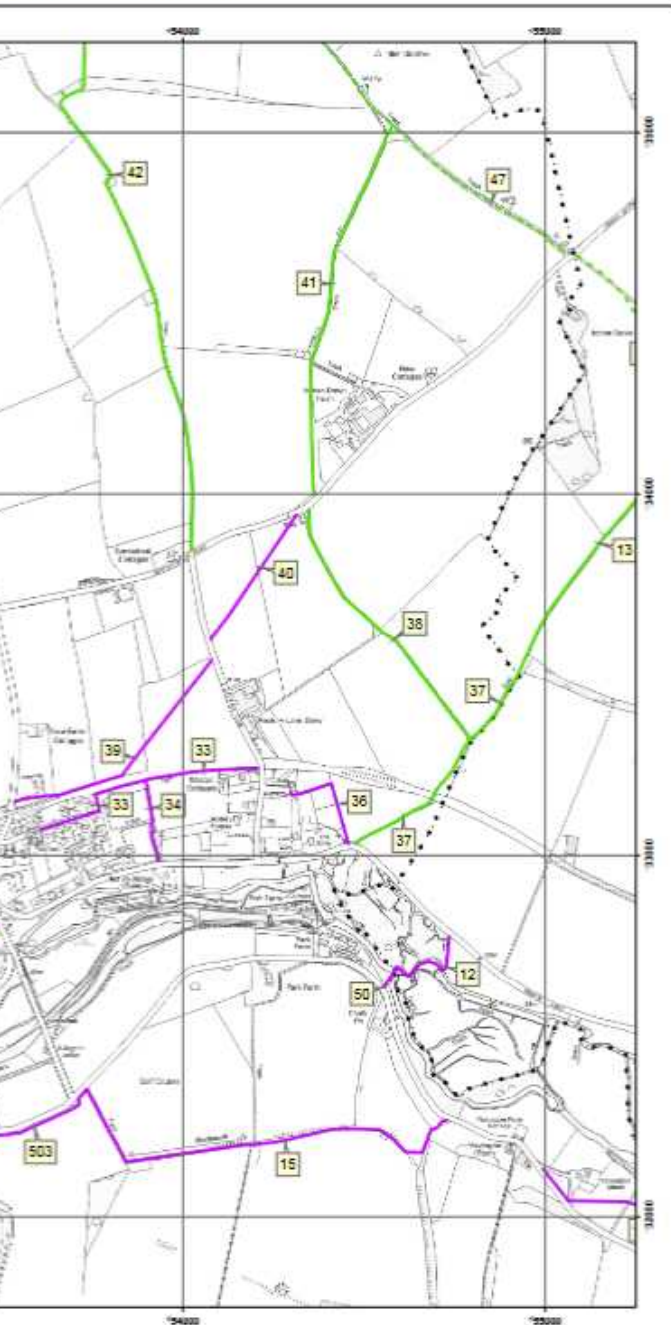
Last month's stop press announced the inspectors' approval of the M3/A34 junction 9 scheme. There are no major changes since it was submitted which means that a solution to the Cart and Horses junction is not included. Also, despite our requests, there are no significant changes which would give better access to Winchester for pedestrians and cyclists. With or without the junction 9 scheme good alternatives are needed if use of private cars is to be discouraged. All that has happened so far is another survey. Here is our response:-

"Since 2018 we have made five contributions to reports into cycling and walking access that affect our parish. There are now over 700 pages of reports online about cycling and walking in the district, actual improvements are paltry. It is a poor use of tax payers' money to pay a consultant to say, for example, that cycling in Easton would be improved by a 20mph speed limit!

It is much easier to cycle on the flat than up hills, Winchester is located in a river valley. Cycling improvements can be beneficially delivered by cycle paths along the valley bottom, from Twyford to Winchester City and from Kings Worthy to Winchester City. It would be more productive to spend funds on these works rather than another report, especially as there are substantial Community Infrastructure Levy funds available for the work."

Poor levels of public transport have not been forgotten. From meeting with other Parish Councils it is clear that we are not alone on this issue. A letter has therefore been sent to HCC's Executive Member for Transport highlighting the problems with our local bus service, or more to the point the lack of a good service, explaining





Given this day of

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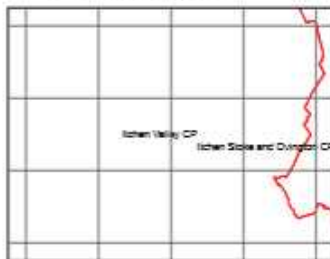
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how it might be improved and pointing out that with a better service more people would be likely to use it.
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The Bee Sting by Paul Murray

Penguin Paperback. 642pp. ISBN: 978-0-241-98440-6.

This is a highly acclaimed work and the 2023 book of the year in several national newspapers, both in the UK and the USA. It is an exceptionally compelling read, the

action-packed narrative style making one enthusiastic, in turning the pages, to discover what tragedy, drama, act of cruelty, betrayal, infidelity, physical or sexual abuse happens next in an unending and relentless litany of misery, occasionally described in unobtrusive and gratuitously graphic detail. This builds up to a climax at the conclusion, although the reader is left guessing about what is sign-posted as the disastrous and extraordinarily improbable denouement. This gives the impression that the author completed his manuscript in a hurry.

Whether, however, these aspects merit the remarkable level of praise which has ensued since publication is, however, debatable. None of the characters emerge with much credit and most demonstrate many of the worst aspects of human behaviour, involving a cocktail of personality and mental and physical health defects, often to extreme degrees. Overall, for

those who enjoy a glass half full approach to life, reading this book is likely to leave them feeling miserable, depressed and with a nasty taste in the mouth. Readers who have had similar experiences to some of the main characters may find themselves re-traumatised.

The text focuses on the lives of two, needless to say dysfunctional, extended Irish families covering three generations, the majority of their members suffering little personal insight and most, apparently, having various death wishes.

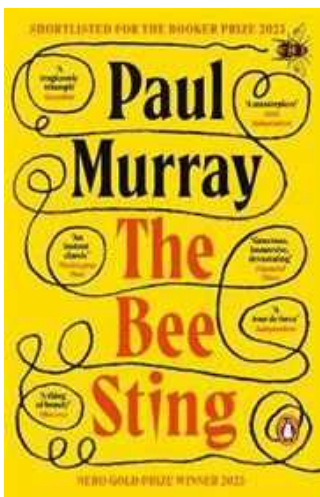
To say more would risk spoiling it for future readers.

It is well written, in spite of the initially distracting lack of punctuation, and starts well. But enjoyment of the humour and the author's intelligent grasp of human nature wears thin as it becomes clear that he is determined to go, without the alleviating effect of any sunlit passages, from bad to worse and thence to appalling. His underlying

purpose in constructing his account as he has done is mystifying - but 'for cheap thrills' springs to mind.

This is not a great or fine book. It is not for the faint-hearted or those who are optimistic about all human beings' potential for self-examination and redemption. It caters for visceral instincts and prurient tastes. It does not make for an edifying read and it took this reviewer several days to recover from the dark mood which reading it left him in.

Anthony Heaton-Armstrong



Jackie's County Corner

Thanks to all the farmers who hosted 'Farm Sunday' on the 9th June. This picture is of Harry from a nearby grain processor with some of their products containing UK cereals. Whilst visiting New House Farm



open day, I learned that UK produced oat milk (Moma contains UK grain) has a union flag on it denoting a product of the UK. It was an opportunity to buy local too! There is a current consultation on



the Winchester (rural) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which started on the 13 May and finishes on 14 July 2024. The link to the papers is below and on my website. This is the next round of questions to support infrastructure planning and funding and it's an ideal opportunity to present your thoughts on improvements that you'd like to see for walking and cycling in your village and between communities.

Hopefully you'll support The Watercress Way extending too. Please encourage other local interest groups to comment and suggest options, especially if you ride a bike. It's a site hosted by HCC, but if you find the whole online process too clunky for your Council or group please email your thoughts direct. There is an email address:

engagement.feedback@hants.gov.uk

For the link consultation go to hants.gov.uk and search 'LCWIP + Winchester'.

Cllr Rob Humby has stepped down as Leader of HCC. Cllr Nick Adams-King is the new Leader, also responsible for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services Council meetings include formal questions: the whole question time is limited to 30 minutes, and like the rest of the meeting, is recorded for public viewing. I asked a question on speed limits relating to one village, but took the opportunity (as a supplementary) to ask if a community must choose between 20 and 30 mph: which limit would be best / most likely to secure enforcement for a village with traffic issues?

The reply is on: [democracy.hants.gov.uk/ielistdocuments.aspx?](https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ielistdocuments.aspx?Cid=163&Mid=10802)

[Cid=163&Mid=10802](https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ielistdocuments.aspx?Cid=163&Mid=10802). 'Questions' come up some way into the recording. My first on speed limits is about 11 minutes in.

I asked another on the Cart and Horses junction about 24 minutes into the session.

Since I wrote the last update, M3 junction 9 has been approved, but not the Cart and Horses junction upgrade. You will hear Cllr Adams-King's answer to 'so what happens next?' ... I will add the transcript to my website.

Calling the General Election means that no new decisions can be made or meetings called in the 'pre-election period'. This has delayed the working party decisions on the cuts to HCC



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Services consulted upon in the Spring until the September round of council meetings. This is unfortunate but allows us as local citizens more time to make a case for improvements to services, not cuts.

I continue to work almost daily with parents who don't think their children are getting a fair deal from Hampshire's Education and Social care teams. This is heart rending, especially as HCC's work is considered 'Outstanding' by Ofsted but I will continue to work for each parent and child one by one to resolve differences amicably. It is very frustrating to see parents going to the complaint stage in the hope of a final resolution in their fight for a decent education for their child.

I asked for broadband issues from you and you delivered! Some of you still struggle to secure a system that works for you. Delivering faster internet speed is no longer a specific County role, and was reassigned to Government some time ago, but if I can use your cases to show that HCC influence is still needed before everyone has access to a superfast Service, and it could improve delivery of FTTP (Fibre to the Premises) to more of you in this division, then it will be worthwhile. Thank you, and please keep your stories coming!

Cllr Jackie Porter

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The Valley Quiz

No.26

1. Who won, and what was the winning song in, the 1974

Eurovision Song Contest?

Napoleon would

have taken a dim view of the result!

2. What novel started with the words: "Now, what I want is, facts.

Teach these boys and girls nothing but facts, Facts alone are wanted in life.

Plant nothing else, and root out everything else?"

3. Where in the world will you find the Bering Strait and what two countries face each other across it?

4. In Rugby Football, what do the letters TMO refer to?

5. What every day object has the words "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" written on the rim?

6. The Annual Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race takes place on the Thames Tideway between Putney and Mortlake. How many bridges do the eights pass beneath during the race and what are they called?

7. What is the link between Elsinore Castle, Kronborg Castle and Helsingør in Denmark.

8. The Emperor, the King, the Adélie and the Macaroni are members of what species?

9. In old, pre decimal, money, how much was a couple of bob worth?

10. One of its names is Ganga Ma but it has 107 others. It starts at an altitude of 13.800ft, has about 100 mouths and the pilot is picked up at the Sandheads? What is it?

Answers on page 37



Itchen Abbas Primary School

At the end of last half term, the Year 5/6s (Foxes Class) went on their residential to New Forest Activities. It was so lovely to see them take part in High Ropes, Team Building Challenges, Bushcraft and Archery.



This half term also saw the return of the Itchen Abbas Disco Night. The children loved dancing (I think that's what was happening!) and making the glow bracelets. The song choices were great and I loved the smoke machine - a real flashback to Stars in your Eyes! Thank you to the Itchen Abbas Parents for organising this event.



For our annual Sports Day Mr Robbins organised a fantastic event for the children to work together as

a team, and take part in a whole variety of activities and races. Well done to Beech House for winning the cup this year. Thank you also to Jonathan Chapman and our Itchen Abbas Parents for raising money for the school with a fantastic BBQ.



Foxes Class this half term have started putting together our end-of-year production and are learning their lines and practising the songs. We can't wait to see how it all progresses over the next few weeks and are looking forward to showcasing all of our hard work!



We have been using the programme Scratch in Computing and the children have learnt how to join blocks together to make their character move.

We have also been learning about the work of Hampshire Search and

Rescue and people who help us.
What an exciting world we live in!



Rob Bogan Head Teacher IAPS

From our Outgoing MP

After fourteen years and almost 170 columns (one a month) for The Itchen Valley News, it's time to say goodbye. This will be my final column and it's simply a chance for me to say thank you. Thank you to current editor, Mary Hogg and her team (past and present) but also to the many volunteers who help produce – and of course deliver – each edition to local residents. I don't suppose many MPs write a monthly column for each parish magazine but I wanted to because I think they are, in many ways, the lifeblood of local communities. A trusted voice in a cynical age where you can just stay up-to-date on what what's happening around the corner and hear from others – including your MP.

Fourteen years ago, in May 2010, I was first elected as our MP and have

now formally stepped down ahead of the General Election on 4 July when you will elect a new Member of Parliament.

It is always hard to say goodbye but after many years public service it's my choice at this stage in my life to do other things and find other ways to serve. Wherever my travels take me next however, it will remain the privilege of my life to have served in the House of Commons.

I have always said nobody owns Winchester. I won four general elections (and will be the first and last MP for Winchester & Chandler's Ford because of boundary changes) and hope I earned your support because I did the job to the best of my ability every single day. I wish my successor all the very best and will watch with interest how that plays out.

You can download my final Annual Report, which looks back over the last 14 years and shows how I've aged, at www.stevebrine.com/finalannualreport

And you can watch back my farewell speech to the House of Commons at www.stevebrine.com/farewellCommons

Thank you for your support over many years and above all, thank you to my family - Susie, Emily and William - for allowing me to serve in the first place.

Steve Brine Outgoing MP





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Easton and Martyr Worthy CC

On the sunny Monday evening of 10 June our Junior section of U13 & U15 boys enjoyed another impressive turnout of keen cricketers. Training on Monday evenings from 6pm - 7pm (U13s) and 7pm - 8pm (U15s) always creates a buzz at the David Roth Ground. This special evening combined training for U13s and a fiercely contended derby against St Cross CC for the U15s (won by EMWCC who chased down 125 with a wicket to spare!). Stuart Upcraft very kindly set up a delicious BBQ which was well attended. It was supplemented by some parents' contributions and Jude's ice creams are always popular. My children commented that it was a definite improvement on our regular Monday tea at home!

Many of the junior squad have been playing at Easton since they could barely hold a bat but we are delighted that we also have new players and especially excited to have gained players completely new to cricket which is fantastic. One of our biggest aims in the Juniors' section is to be

inclusive and within the squads, we have all levels of player from the beginner to those competing at both District and County levels. We have lots of boys from the Itchen Valley and also from local surrounding areas, with children attending from many different schools.

The boys generally play their matches on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings and have fixtures throughout the summer. Do feel free to come down and support - you will be most welcome. Any questions about our Juniors' section please email: Dionne Sanders U13s Manager on juniors@emwcc.com.

The annual EMWCC Sixes will be held on Friday 26 July from 10am. All are welcome at the David Roth cricket pitch. The bar will be provided by The Plough and The Cricketers Inn plus a hog roast supplied by Paul Moffat. From 6pm on Thursday 25 July there will be the usual Tug of War, celebration Juniors' cricket game and BBQ. Again all are welcome.

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Chris Green 1950 – 2024

Recently EMWCC received the very sad news that a giant of our Club had passed away. Chris Green was a true lad of the Itchen Valley, and growing up in Couch Green he naturally found his way to the cricket club.

In the 1960s and 70s there were a number of families from the Valley who played at Easton. The Marsh, Fullicks, Green, Hobbs, Yeates, Purser and Guest families made up the backbone of Easton & Martyr Worthy CC. Out of these local connections came Chris Green as a standout all-rounder of prodigious talent but he was never showy in the slightest. Greener was a threat with the ball in his hand, a safe pair of hands in the slips and he could be absolutely lethal with a bat. He once scored 86 sixes in a season and I'm sure he made them all look easy. There was no T20 in those days, but Chrissie had his own style and would regularly knock off 50 runs in a ridiculously small number of balls. As a tall, powerful man he would plant his front leg down the wicket and with great timing could launch the ball over the neighbour's cottage and Chapel Lane and into what is now Boundary Cottage's garden. It is because of these regular feats that the cottage took that name back in 1976 and thankfully it still remains a monument to Chrissie's ability. Anyone who played with Chris will remember his cricket but it was his sense of humour that so many will cherish. Whilst he was standing in the slips during a game his dry wit

would amuse, encourage and energise those around him. Many young players were indebted to Greener for his captaincy, leadership and support but anyone who knew him will miss his cheeky grin and his friendship.

Our thoughts at the Club are with his remaining son Shaun and his family at this time, and his late son Steve's boys Joel and Ethan.

Adam Murch

Flower of the month – Fragrant Orchid

The strong clove fragrance of this beautiful flower is quite prominent. Even with the exhaust fumes of the roadside where it is now condemned to flower, you can smell something similar to carnations. Like many of the Valley's interesting wildflowers it can't be found in the fields or riverbanks. Dry uncultivated chalk grassland is what it likes: which nowadays often means a verge near the motorway.

Dorothy and Simon Broadley





Easton & Martyr Worthy Cricket Club



Sixes Tournament

Friday July 26th 2024

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Exhibition at the ARC

Fred Appleyard (1874 – 1963) was an accomplished Pre-Raphaelite styled painter at the turn of the century. He moved to Hampshire after the First World War and became captivated by his surroundings, changing his painting approach to British Impressionism. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, this specially curated exhibition draws together gems from private and public collections and seeks to reintroduce Appleyard as one of Britain's finest painters.

The exhibition includes rural landscapes of chalk streams and dappled light, tender portraits where light dances off the skin or is reflected in the dazzling Itchen water, and jewel-like, floral still-lives. Appleyard's accomplished drawings of his beloved Itchen Valley provide us with pin-point locations that many will recognise. Most poignantly, Appleyard depicted a time when the pace of life was slower, and some would

argue, gentler. These graceful scenes are a celebration of the slow act of painting, with themes relevant today, viewed through the portal of the artist's canvas. Appleyard had an exceptional talent for colour and light.



Courtesy of the artist's estate, © Hampshire Cultural Trust 2024

He trained at the Royal Academy Schools where he was awarded the prestigious Turner Gold Medal for landscape painting. His paintings are held in national and international collections and his stunning 1903 mural for the Royal Academy restaurant wall still stands.

For details see www.arcwinchester.org.uk/event/rising-splendour-fred-appleyard

Hat Fair returns for 50th Birthday

The UK's longest running festival of Outdoor Arts is back in Winchester city centre from Friday 5 - Sunday 7 July 2024. This year is extra special as we celebrate our 50th birthday!

Hat Fair: 50 Years Young

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To find out what is on and even how to take part see www.hatfair.co.uk/news/be-part-hat-fair-2024

Expect circus, storytelling, stunts, physical theatre, clog dancing, singing, sword fighting, eccentric juggling, contemporary dance and Caribbean choreography.

We began life as a hatting event and our name is taken from the tradition



of a 'hatter' or performer holding out a hat following their performance to collect donations from the audience.

This summer, festival favourites, Garaghty and Thom, will be back with more Street Comedy, also making a return: Fidget Feet, who will headline again this year with another aerial dance show; House! - a circus and bingo-themed spectacle and Gobbledegook Theatre will present Cloudscapes - combining communal cloud gazing with storytelling.

Festival favourite, children's entertainer Juggling Jake will be back to entertain the little ones and festival goers can enjoy a round of crazy golf or learn to screen print t-shirts.

There will also be plenty of stalls to browse and food and drink vendors.

Eds. One more picture on page 37

Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall AGM

Each year, the Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall holds an Annual General Meeting, at which we review the past year and set plan for the future. Elections are held for committee members to represent the local community. This is a public meeting, open to all residents of the two villages, so if you are interested in the Hall and its activities, please try to join us.

The 2024 AGM will be held on Monday 22 July at 7.30pm.

An agenda and copies of the Annual Report will be available at the meeting, or in advance from Ken Gordon, Honorary Secretary, at secretary@iaavillagehall.co.uk.



Itchen Valley Church Services in July

Sunday 7 July

10am Parish Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 14 July

8.30am Holy Communion (said) - St John's, Itchen Abbas

10am – All Age Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

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Sunday 21 July

10am Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

Sunday 28 July

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Quiz Answers

1. The Swedish group, formed in 1972 and featuring Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny and Anni-Frid, and now famous as ABBA, won with "Waterloo".
2. Spoken by Thomas Gradgrind in "Hard Times" by Charles Dickens.
3. It is the 55 mile wide strait, and the only marine highway, between the Arctic Ocean and the Pacific. It is teaming with wildlife and separates the Russian Chukchi Peninsula from the Seward Peninsula of Alaska and the USA.
4. Television Match Official
5. The £2 coin. The words are a quote from a letter written by Isaac Newton to Robert Hooke in which he describes how his work was built on the knowledge of those that had gone before him.
6. There are 2 bridges.
7. They all refer to the same building. Elinore was the name of the castle depicted in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" but its real-life setting is Kronborg Castle, located at Helsingør in Denmark. It overlooks the narrow 2½ mile wide sound separating Denmark and Sweden. It is about 28 miles north of Copenhagen.
8. Penguins.
9. A "bob" was the nickname for a "couple of bob" was two old shillings and worth 10 pence in today's money.
10. The River Ganges.

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