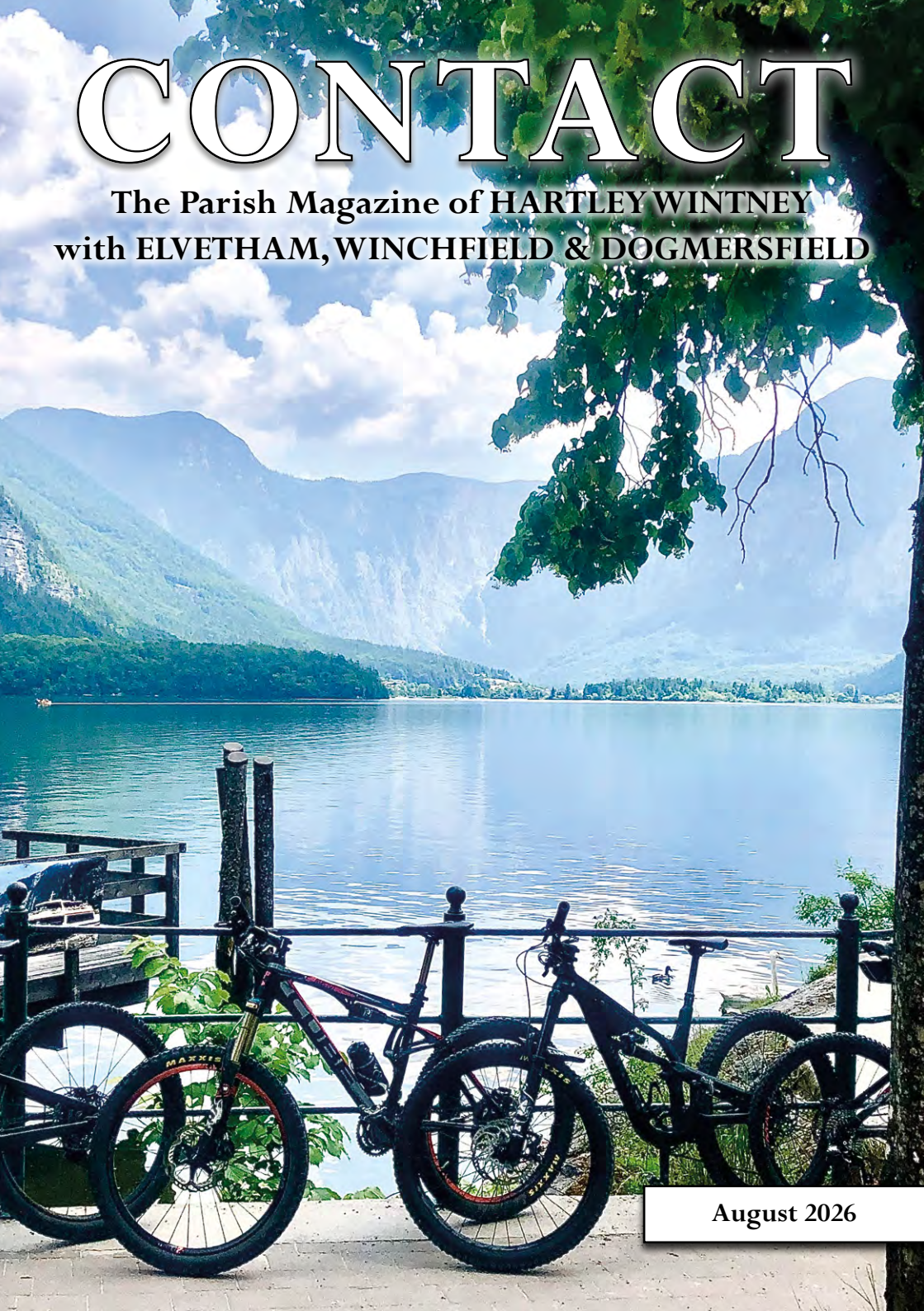


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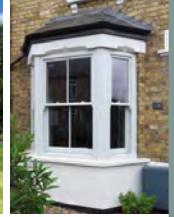


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The Editors are very grateful for all your pictures. Please do keep sending them to us in portrait jpeg format

The Assistant Priest writes...

'Jesus wept.'

'Then said the Jews, See how he loved him!' (John 11:35-36)

John's Gospel contains the shortest sentence in the Bible. Just two words - 'Jesus wept' and in those two words we are shown that Jesus understands about grief. Jesus is weeping over the loss of his friend Lazarus and, of course, for those who know the rest of the story, Jesus goes on to raise Lazarus from the dead. However, before he does this – he weeps, he feels that terrible sense of loss – he grieves.

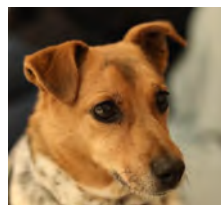
Walking with people through their grief and conducting funerals or services of thanksgiving is part of the role of being a priest or a lay minister. Funerals are not only services that honour and give thanks for the person who has died but are also an important part of the journey of grief and bereavement.

Of course, nowadays, many people choose unattended or direct cremations. This can be for a variety of reasons including those of cost or perhaps, if the deceased was not a person of faith, it is not felt that a Church service is appropriate. This type of cremation has always been possible and was often a necessity during the Covid years when gatherings were not encouraged but lately, they have become more commonplace. It is worth mentioning here that the Church part of a funeral does not usually carry the greatest cost and our Benefice is always willing to try to help with those who are financially challenged.

In our experience we have found that some people, having opted for an unattended cremation, find it difficult to find closure following the death of a loved one. Sometimes that choice has been made in advance by the deceased person and the family have little experience of what an unattended funeral entails. Bereavement counsellors have found that the presence of a coffin at a service, the closing of crematorium curtains or the lowering of a coffin into a grave are important parts of saying goodbye. In our society, we are sometimes in danger of sanitising death and hiding the more visual side of a funeral rather than facing something that we must all face at some point.

In the Autumn, St John's will be holding a Bereavement course for those who have been struggling with loss. If this is something that might be of interest, do look out for further information in this magazine or on the website.

For children, often the first experience of loss is the death of the family pet. Sometimes we underestimate the feelings of grief associated with losing a much-loved companion animal – particularly for those who live alone. I recently lost our beloved Jack Russell Terrier and have grieved for him as a family member. I was grateful for the compassionate service offered by our local pet crematorium in Winchfield who were able to offer a cremation and interment of his ashes in their beautiful grounds. There is also a Pet Bereavement service offered by the Blue Cross charity for those struggling with the loss of a pet.



The clergy and staff in our Benefice are always available for those finding the loss of a loved one difficult and please do not hesitate to get in touch through the Church office.

God Bless

Sam

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2	St. John's All Saints St. Mary's	10.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Together @ 10 with Communion BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion
5	St. John's	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion
9	St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	10.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Together @ 10 with Communion Matins Morning Prayer
12	St. John's	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion
16	St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	10.00am 11.00am 9.30am	Together @ 10 with Communion Family Communion BCP Holy Communion
19	St. John's	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion
23	St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	10.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Together @ 10am with Communion Family Service Matins
26	St. John's	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion
30	St. John's All Saints' St Mary's	10.00am 5.00pm 4.00pm	Together @ 10 with Communion Evensong Evensong

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Church Register

JUNE 2026 REGISTER

Baptisms

Poppy Niamh **Lucas** at St John's, Hartley Wintney on 7th June

Frederick Leopold **Budge Sturgeon** at St Mary's, Winchfield on 14th June

Arthur Maximus **Martyn** at All Saints', Dogmersfield on 28th June

Charlotte Louise **Hodson** at All Saints', Dogmersfield on 28th June

Weddings

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Funerals/Cremations

Roger **Taplin** aged 79 of Hartley Wintney on Friday 26th June 2026 at St John's Church followed by a burial at St Mary's, Hartley Wintney



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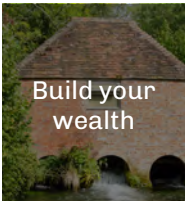
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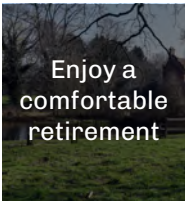
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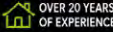
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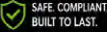
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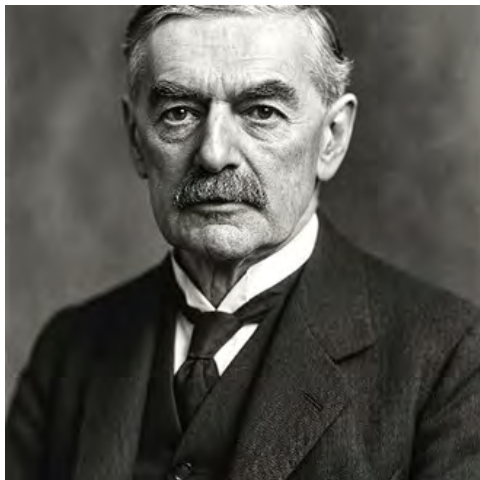
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THE CHAMBERLAIN FAMILY and NORTH-EAST HAMPSHIRE

On 9th November 1940, Neville Chamberlain, the former Prime Minister, died in Highfield Park next to St Michael's Church, Heckfield. The Chamberlains were one of the great Birmingham families and Neville was the Member of Parliament for Birmingham Ladywood. So what connection did this family have with North East Hampshire?



Neville Chamberlain was born on 18th March 1869 in Birmingham. He worked in business and local government and became a Member of Parliament in 1918. He took various ministerial posts from 1923, eventually becoming Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1931. He succeeded Stanley Baldwin as Prime Minister in May 1937.

In an attempt to avoid a second global conflict, he signed the Munich Agreement of 1938 which, Chamberlain said, would assure "peace in our time". His expectations

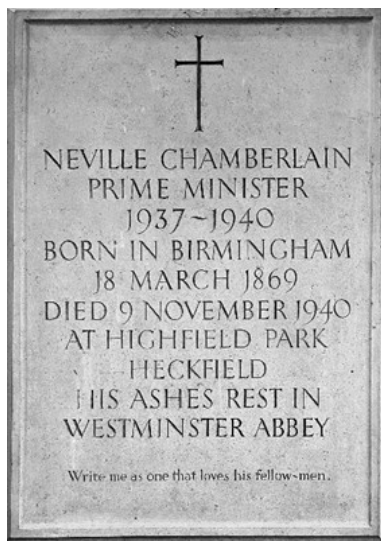
were dashed by Germany's invasion of Poland which led to Britain declaring war on Germany on 3rd September 1939.

Chamberlain resigned as Prime Minister on 10th May 1940 in favour of Winston Churchill who, unlike Chamberlain, could carry the support of Liberal and Labour MPs in a national wartime government. By July, Chamberlain had fallen ill and was found to have terminal cancer.

Although he returned to work after surgery, on 19th September he left London for the last time returning to his aunt's house, Highfield Park. On 14th October, he was visited there by King George VI and his wife, Queen Elizabeth. He died just over three weeks later.

His aunt, Lilian Cole, had been married to Herbert Chamberlain, the brother of Neville's father. After Herbert's death, Aunt Lilian had married Alfred Clayton Cole who lived at West Woodhay House near Newbury, Berkshire. By 1917 they had moved to Sherfield Hall near Basingstoke. Cole was Governor of the Bank of England from 1911 to 1913. He died in 1920. Lilian Cole subsequently moved to Highfield Park and Neville Chamberlain and his family had stayed there for a few days in January 1933, mainly to escape a flu epidemic in London. In 1940, Aunt Lilian was in Canada, her home country, and was not at Highfield Park when Neville Chamberlain spent his final days there.

(Continued overleaf)



Chamberlain's ashes were interred in Westminster Abbey. Being wartime, with fears about security, the date and time of his funeral were not widely publicised. There is a memorial to him in St Michael's Church, Heckfield, just around to the left as you enter the building.

Neville was not the only member of the Chamberlain family to have a North East Hampshire connection. After their father's death in 1914, two of his sisters, Ida and Hilda, came to live in Odiham. Ida was born in 1870 and, Hilda in 1871. On moving to Hampshire, both sisters became involved in wartime welfare work.

Ida was elected to Hartley Wintney Rural District Council in 1918 and was chairman of the Housing Committee for some years. She was elected to Hampshire County Council in 1922

and was the first woman to be appointed an Alderman for the County Council nine years later. She died on 1st April 1943.

In Hampshire, Hilda was involved in schemes to increase food production and organised school meals during the First World War. She founded the Odiham Branch of the Women's Institute in 1919, becoming a member of the Hampshire County Executive in 1921. She became the National Treasurer for the Women's Institute in 1936. She was also involved in nursing organisations and was elected President of the County Nursing Association in 1937. Her work on nursing and food production continued during the Second World War. She died on 28th December 1967, the longest surviving child of Joseph Chamberlain, Neville's father.

One of Neville Chamberlain's uncles was Sir Thomas Martineau, from another prominent Birmingham family. One of his relations, John Martineau (1834-1910) is connected to Heckfield Church and is buried in St Mary's Church, Eversley. However, that's another story!

Tony Heath

Principal Source: Chamberlain Family Guide, University of Birmingham.



HARTLEY WINTNEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

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60th Anniversary Lunch - A very successful and enjoyable meeting was held on the 25th July to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Society. Full details will be included in next year's Heritage Society Journal publication.

Autumn Meeting – will be held on Wednesday, 14th October – Victoria Hall at 7.30 pm. Our guest speaker will give an overview on the history of the Basingstoke Canal.

Front Garden Awards - Judging for this annual award is now concluding and announcements of the winning gardens will be made on the village noticeboards with formal presentations of prizes at the Society's Autumn meeting on 14th October.

If you care about the village you live in and would like to know more about its rich history and heritage, please join the Society to show your support. For more information go to our website at www.thwhs.org.uk under the Welcome section.



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FRIENDLY COMMUNICATION

Nine years ago, before I had even found a house to buy in Hartley Wintney, I had started to come to church at the St John's 9.00am traditional service and also to events in the Victoria Hall. I had been living an hour away in Wiltshire and my elder daughter had been trying hard, for years, to persuade me to come to live here, so I took a nearby rented flat for a year.

When I first went to the 9.00am service at St John's, I was greeted as we came out by a friendly person who said "You are new? Let me introduce you to someone" and five minutes later I realised I had become a volunteer at the marvellous Bumps and Babies Monday group.

At the Victoria Hall, on my first visit, friendly ladies on each side chatted to me; and the one on my left asked afterwards if I would like to come to tea? I was enchanted and went to tea. She gave me helpful advice about living in Hartley Wintney. Top of the list, she said, was to go to the Winchfield Coffee Mornings held on the first Friday of each month in Winchfield Village Hall. Apparently they very much welcomed people from surrounding villages and so I did! At my second Coffee Morning, I fell into talk with someone who was having to sell her house in Winchfield and in due course, my daughter and her husband bought that house for their family. At about the same time, as I sat on my own in the Hartley Wintney church coffee shop, wondering if I was ever going to find a suitable house for myself, I was approached by a tiny, vivid person who said "Do join us!" She ushered me over to the table where a delightful group of people welcomed me, without reserve.

This, from the very beginning, has been the quality of the friendly communication that I have encountered in Hartley Wintney and Winchfield, since I first set nervous foot in the Hartley Wintney church coffee shop before 2017. As it happens, I have a house in Hartley Wintney that I love. I now go regularly to the 11 o'clock service in the lovely 12th century Winchfield church and can't resist visiting the St John's church coffee shop. I always try to go to the Winchfield coffee mornings, where people are so friendly to each other and conversations spring up at any time, regardless of whether you have known each other before or not.

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The Hartley Wintney u3a Photo Group held their annual competition again, which was started in 2012.

The theme this year was "Transport" and the photographs showed a lot of imagination. For the first time a standard mount size was used which helped the judging. Members of the public, of any age, were asked to vote for their favourite picture and they really seemed to enjoy doing so. The winner this year, by a comfortable margin, was Anne Marie Satchell with her unnamed photograph which is featured on the front cover of the magazine this month.

The Photo Group meets monthly at the Victoria Hall and the objective is to have fun and improve members' photographic skills, whether they use a phone or a sophisticated camera system. It also organises trips out to interesting places to take photographs. Full details on the website: <https://hartleywintney.u3asite.uk>. If you might be interested in joining please ring Derek on 07827016405.

SOPHIE RAISES FUNDS FOR THE MUSTARD SEED AUTISM TRUST



As a young girl with autism, Sophie has benefited greatly from attending the Mustard Seed Autism Trust in Odiham. Their outstanding work enables autistic young people to cope and indeed thrive in society.

After finishing and thoroughly enjoying her sessions, Sophie (age 11) decided she wanted to fundraise for the charity so that they can continue to help others. Sophie has washed and valeted cars, made bracelets to sell and run her own stall at the Hartley Wintney Festival this year. She has raised over £500 so far and hopes to continue and support other charities close to her heart.

We are incredibly grateful to family and friends who supported Sophie with preparations for her stall and for prize donations for the tombola. We would also like to say a big 'thank you' to Welcome Break (Fleet) for their generous prize donations and to all those who came along on the day to support Sophie.

We are extremely proud of Sophie and hope that her fundraising efforts will help to inspire others.

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB PRO-AM 2026 ON SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

Hartley Wintney Golf Club was once again proud to host its annual Pro-Am Tournament, held in conjunction with the Hampshire Professional Golfers' Association, for what is one of the oldest and longest running Pro-Am tournaments in their diary.

Everything had been crossed leading up to the event that the weather would improve, which it duly did, to allow 36 teams, comprising 36 professionals and 108 amateurs, to enter what promised to be a competitive and memorable day. The course was presented in immaculate condition, thanks to the exceptional work of Course Manager David Langheim and his dedicated greens team.

Two competitions ran concurrently; a Professional Stroke Play event, boasting a healthy prize fund and an Amateur Team Stableford competition with a fantastic prize table thanks to the tireless efforts of HWGC Head Professional Sam Shipman.

The event proudly maintained its tradition of collaborating with local businesses, and the Club extends sincere thanks to the generous sponsors:

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With the first tee time at 8:00am and the final group heading off at 13:55, the leaderboard was updating throughout the day. Spectators, players, and guests enjoyed the vibrant atmosphere in the clubhouse and on the patio, supported by excellent service from the club's bar and catering team.

The course was playing consistently across the day, as proven in the Professional Stroke Play event with joint winners scoring 67's, 4 under par from match 2 Hartley Wintney's very own Steve Cowle, and from match 30 Finbar Kane from Crawford Golf. The Amateur Team Event was equally exciting, and topping the leaderboard from match 17 was the team of Bob Bosworth, Tony Davie and David Taylor, along with their Professional Jason MacNiven from Golf Principles Ltd, with a fantastic score of 92 points.

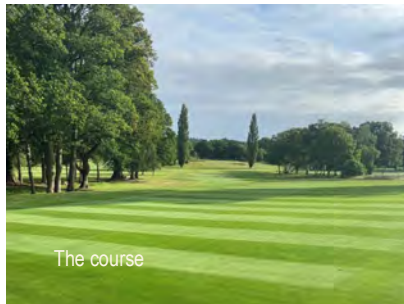
Mark Perry, Chair of the 2026 Pro-Am Committee, conveyed his thanks to the many volunteers who made the day possible. He was also delighted to announce that the event raised £2,600, a tremendous contribution to the 2026 Captain's chosen charities: Fleet Phoenix and The Hartley Wintney Voluntary Care Group.

For information about Hartley Wintney Golf Club, including enquiries regarding potential sponsorship packages for the 2027 Pro-Am, please contact Adam Bodimeade at the office on 01252 844211.

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Farewell Year 6 Class of 2026

'Start children off on the way they should go... so they live life in all its fullness' Proverbs 22:6 / John 10:10

We, the staff and governors of Dogmersfield C of E Primary School, wish you the very best for the future. You have been a fantastic team of resilient and determined young people. You make us proud every day and we will miss your leadership and drive next year.



In June, 2,500 Year 6 children from the Winchester Diocese gathered at Winchester Cathedral for the special Leavers Celebration Service. This year the project, 'Bags of Hope' focused on experiences of displaced children, helping children develop an understanding and empathy for people forced to leave their homes. The project culminated in an amazing installation featuring Paddington Bears. Our children contributed luggage labels towards the installation and each school donated a Paddington Bear which will be distributed to displaced children in September.



'This school has given me the foundations for my next adventure.'

(Year 6 pupil—July 2026)

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Hartley Wintney Cricket Club Celebrates ICC Women's T20 World Cup

Hartley Wintney Cricket Club proudly hosted its annual Ladies Softball Cricket Festival on Saturday 14th June, bringing together players from across the region for a fantastic day of cricket, friendship and community spirit.

This year's festival celebrated the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, with each team representing a different cricketing nation. Hartley Wintney Ladies took on the colours of Australia and, after a day of exciting matches and great teamwork, were crowned festival champions. They were joined by teams from Alton, Cove, Overton and Yateley, all of whom embraced the World Cup theme and helped create a fun, welcoming atmosphere both on and off the field.



*Hartley Wintney Ladies
Champions of the festival*

The festival showcased everything that makes softball cricket so enjoyable – an inclusive format that encourages players of all abilities to get involved, whether they are experienced cricketers or picking up a bat for the first time.

Looking ahead, the club is already preparing for its annual Girls and Ladies Festival on Saturday 5th September. This much-loved event celebrates cricket across generations, inspiring young girls by seeing women of all ages enjoying the game together. It is a wonderful opportunity for sisters, mums and daughters, aunts and nieces and friends, to share the cricket field and create lasting memories.

Hartley Wintney Cricket Club is passionate about growing the women's and girls' game. The club offers both hardball and softball cricket for ladies, alongside a thriving girls' cricket programme for all age groups. New players are always welcome, with no previous cricket experience necessary.

If you've ever thought about giving cricket a try, there's never been a better time to get involved. Email us at ladies@hwcc.uk

Laure Gibbons
Head of Girls and Ladies Section

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Hartley Wintney WI

Our June meeting was cancelled due to the excessive heat, and our speaker for that month has agreed to give her talk at our August meeting which will take place on 19th August at 2.30pm at St John's Church, Hartley Wintney.

Sue Hyland will be talking about her 30-year career in the police force, including investigating a murder or two! This should be a really fascinating afternoon and we hope to see as many members as possible. We also welcome visitors and particularly anyone that is interested in joining us.

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Bumps and Babies—Mondays 10.30am to 11.45am St. John's Church Centre

For more information contact:

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See the group's Facebook page at Hartley Wintney Bumps & Babies, St. John's Church.

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Hartley Wintney Festival

What a beautiful day for this year's Festival! We thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you at our Lions gazebo where we ran our darts game, gathered sign-ups for our free CPR and Defibrillator Awareness sessions happening in August (details below), answered questions about Lions, and invited your feedback.



Lion Mark is pictured on the left in front of our gazebo with the sign-up clipboard as he spoke to interested members of the public about defibrillators and resuscitation. On the right, prospective new member Sarah and Lions Colin and Louise are pictured with MP Alex Brewer who stopped by for a chat.



Our newest member Lion Sheila

We had the privilege of welcoming Sheila Over into our Lions Club during our June Business Meeting. Lion Sheila is from the Odiham area and has not only been working with our Lions Club, but also helping Zero Hunger - one of the local groups our Club supports.



Free Resuscitation & Defibrillator Training in August

At the Hartley Wintney Festival, around 30 people signed up for one of the six free CPR and Defibrillator Awareness sessions to be held across Hartley Wintney, Hook and Odiham. The two being held in Hartley Wintney are on Saturday 8th August at 10:00am or 11:00am at St John's Church.

Class size is limited to 20 at each session and Lion Jeni will cover the basics of resuscitation and using a defibrillator. Please check our website and social media for details on how to book any remaining places and to see the full list of dates and locations.

What's Ahead—new officers, another free Prostate Cancer Screening, and

The Lionistic year started on 1st July bringing with it a new team of Club officers. However, with all the village festivals/shows/fetes and several major joint Lions events happening at this time of year, we haven't yet managed to gather everyone for a photo. You can look forward to meeting them in the September edition, along with news about our next free Prostate Cancer Screening and everything planned for the second half of 2026.

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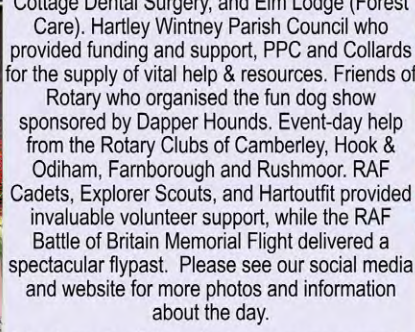
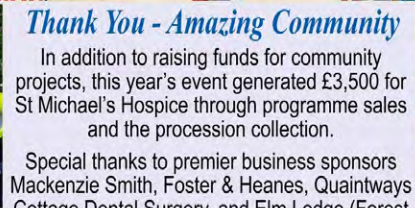
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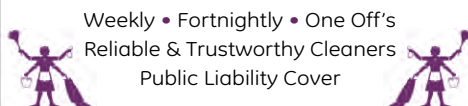
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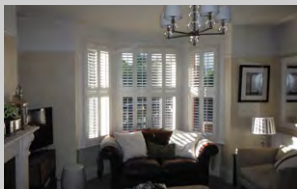
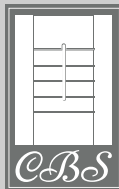
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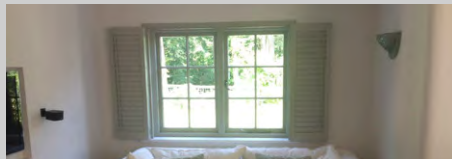


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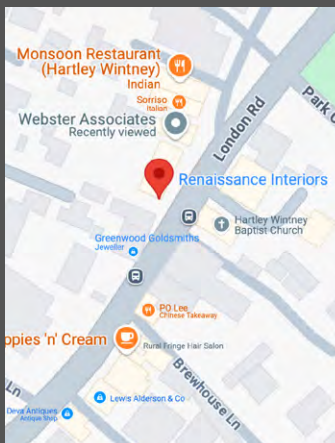
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The singing doesn't stop in August; we shall be entertaining the Holiday at Home group on 14th August. It will be a busy month for Nick our Musical Director, preparing and choosing the songs for us to sing in the coming months. A big 'thank you' to Nick and his lovely assistant Julia!

We will be back singing and rehearsing on **7th September**. Monday evenings in the Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm. So, if you would like to come and find out what your local community choir are up to, please pop in. Dates for your diary: **4th and 5th December will be our Christmas Concert.**

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The biggest nuisance has been the level of humidity such that the initial drying of the grass was swift with the heat, but then tapered off because the humidity level in the atmosphere was higher than wanted in the dried grass!

The second irritation was the baler. It went to bed last autumn having behaved perfectly well. It came to life, apparently perfectly well, and then started to throw an occasional double length bale. Two visits from the engineer have hopefully cured it and all is crossed for it to behave for the rest of the season. Often machinery that hasn't worked for some months, despite being serviced and cleaned at the end of its previous season, can be a bit grouchy when wanted again. With luck it's not serious.

Governments have, quite rightly, encouraged farmers to manage their land in ways that deliver environmental benefits while producing food as part of the state conservation fund, called the 'Sustainable Farm Incentive' (SFI). However, quite unexpectedly, this funding was stopped without warning last year and then reopened, but initially only to farms of less than 140 acres.

Whilst most farmers work with nature sympathetically, this funding has enabled more planting of hedgerows and trees, amongst other things, helping improve wildlife and environmental issues. However, without funding, poor crops and low farmgate prices this is unlikely to be affordable going forward without the financial support historically given through SFI.

What funding has since been re-released is much less and for a shorter period of time making for uncertainty for long-term environmental projects and Alistair Carmichael (the Liberal Democrat head of the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs Committee) has said, that there is no continuity or certainty or strategy; and that while there is help for small farmers and first time applicants through the more limited SFI, with some for bigger farmers later in the year, they are just playing whack-a-mole. In the meantime, more farms than ever are closing. In respect of this the Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs ('lovingly' referred to in the industry as the Department for the Extinction of Farming and Rural Affairs) has yet to comment!

All of this while wheat, which was looking so good, is beginning to look rather stressed and in patches beginning to die off. Harvest this year generally will be very early because of crops ripening early but water shortage will cause much damage. Additionally, the hauliers who move the crops will likely not be ready as their diaries will be booked for more normal dates, thus moving crops off farm could be difficult for those without sufficient storage.



Finally, though, the dachshunds have been remarkably well behaved unlike their owner. We are never early for anything but managed, in three days, to be an hour early to friends for supper and 45 minutes early to others for lunch. How embarrassing!



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For those without any means of attending their medical appointments (which includes the hospital, doctor, optician, dentist, chiropodist etc), we provide a door to door transport service for the residents of Hartley Wintney, Heckfield, Mattingley and Winchfield. To ask for a car just call us on 07592 226538. Please call as soon as you get an appointment because early notification makes it easier to find a driver. We pride ourselves on virtually never saying that we cannot help, leaving people with a potential taxi fare of £50 to get to a local hospital.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Once again, we were delighted to be invited to take part in the procession and our Trishaw was well received. It also attracted interest later in the day when it was on display by our gazebo.

We were also delighted that large numbers of people visited our gazebo to find out what we do; to say thank you for the services they have received; or to offer to volunteer for us.



FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

This drop in facility for people living with dementia their families, friends and carers is held in St John's Church, who make their facilities available to us completely free of charge. We meet on Tuesday from 2.00 – 4.00pm and some come for just a cup of tea, a chat and some of our legendary homemade cake. For those who want something different to do, we have snooker, table tennis, memory books and tabletop games available. We also have musical entertainment roughly once a month. For more information, please email us at info.hwcaregroup@gmail.com.



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HW OVER 55s FORUM AND COMMUNITY HUB



We hope everyone is managing to keep cool and hydrated in this extremely hot weather we are experiencing.

Unfortunately the Film Afternoon which was booked for Sunday 16th August as part of the Holiday at Home week has had to be cancelled.

However, the event at St John's on Friday 14th August will go ahead. This will start with tea or coffee being served at 10.30am. The Hartley Wintney Rock Choir will then entertain us with some popular music which you'll be invited to sing along to. This will be followed by a buffet lunch.

In order that we know how many people to cater for, please contact Chris Loveday (Vice Chairman) on 01252 910599 (please note the change of contact) or Daphne Weal on 01252 844025. If you need transport please let us know when you book, so that suitable arrangements can be made.

Chris Loveday Vice Chairman
HW Over 55's Forum

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clerk@hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk.

EVENTS

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMME

Throughout the summer holidays we host a range of fun activities and events for our younger members of the community. Please visit our website below for a full list of activities.

Up to date information about all our events can be found on the website and Facebook.

https://www.hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk/council_events/

www.facebook.com/hartleywintneypc

UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Planning Committee – August 2026 at 7.00pm (Lady Kaye Meeting Room) – **date to be confirmed**

Community Bus enquiries

Tel: 01252 849712 communitybus@hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk

Lucy Pygott Centre enquiries

lpc@hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk Facebook: [@lucypygotcentre](https://www.facebook.com/lucypygotcentre)



Hartley Wintney Parish Council were devastated to hear of the recent passing of Den Coates, who worked as our Community Bus Driver for over five years.

Den was a much loved and valued member of the Parish Office Team and Parish Council. He was well known amongst the bus passengers for providing an exceptional service, always with a smile and some friendly banter! We all have very fond memories of him and he will be sadly missed. We pass on our heartfelt condolences to his partner Kim and his family.

Telephone Numbers

Unless otherwise stated, all telephone area codes on this list are 01252*
If you have a digitalised phone, dial 01252 before all local calls from a landline

Churchwardens:

<i>Hartley Wintney</i>	Justin Hooper	07769 742188
	Jim Dewes	07963 104903

<i>Winchfield</i>	Sarah Adams	01256 227861
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<i>Dogmersfield</i>	Jeremy Shaw (contact through the Church Office)	
	Richard James.....	07962 233364
	churchwarden@allsaintschurchedogmersfield.org.uk	
	Sue Smith churchwardensue@allsaintschurchedogmersfield.org.uk.	07747 838839

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<i>Dogmersfield</i>	Richard Blore.....	07899 006361
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	Sarah Groombridge.....	

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	trudy.rankin@stjohnshw.org.uk	
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Benefice Administrator/

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Church Centre Bookings	bookings@stjohnshw.org.uk	
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Contact Advertising / Treasurer	Graham Gynn.....	843830
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Contact Chairman	Diana Harvey.....	07908 806651
H.W. Doctors' Surgery		842087
North Hampshire Hospital		01256 473202
Frimley Park Hospital		0300 614 5000
Fleet Community Hospital		813800
Winchfield Hall Bookings	winchfieldvillagehall.co.uk ...	848784
	Cassandra Dartnell.....	844876

Victoria Halls		
H.W. Parish Council Office	admin@hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk	845152

Hart District Council		622122
Citizens Advice Bureau	www.citizensadvicehart.org.uk	0808 278 7864
Hampshire Police		101
National Rail Enquiries		0845 748 4950
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