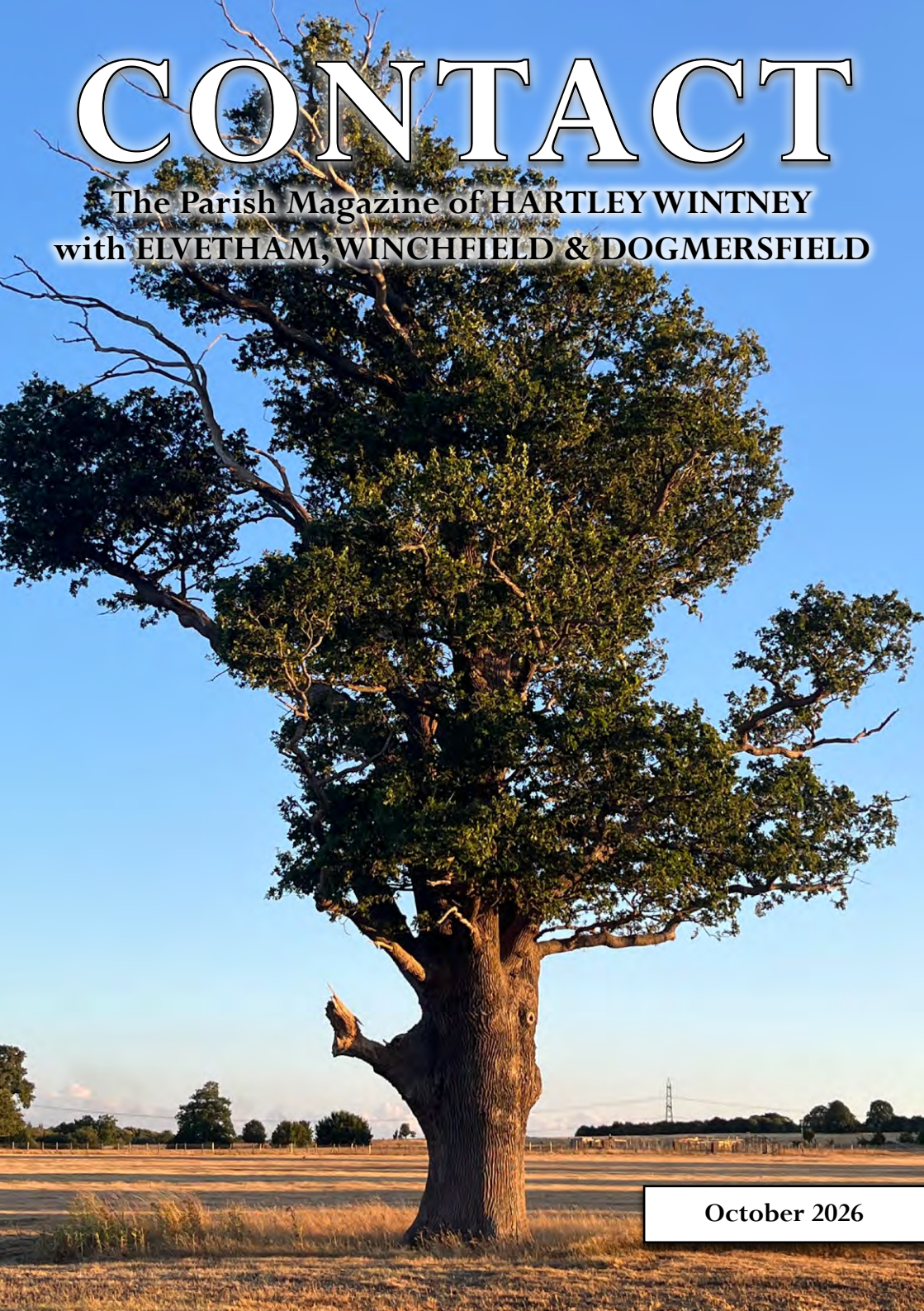


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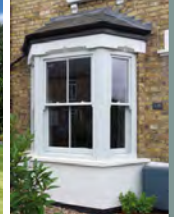


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Front cover: Our cover photo this month was sent to us by Andrew Ewbank. This beautiful photo was taken at dusk in the grounds of Dogmersfield Park, in August. Thank you Andrew for sending it to us.

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

THE LAY MINISTER WRITES

How is your memory? I only ask because I'm aware that mine is not as reliable as it once was. However, to my surprise I find I can recall certain 'random' things from years ago, but I cannot necessarily explain why. Let me illustrate.

One school day, a long time ago, I can remember getting a large splinter in my thumb, which was painful, and involved the headmaster and the school nurse questioning me as to how it got there in the first place. Was I fooling around, they wondered? Well, no; certainly not me!

I can just about remember my grandparents' small terraced house in Chiswick, west London. In the entrance hall, hanging on a hook, there was a large copper warming pan, and alongside that was a Bible text quietly asking God to "Bless this House". At the rear, off a small kitchen, was a scullery. Now the house I lived in didn't have a scullery, which is maybe the reason I remember my grandparents' one. In his parlour my grandfather would sit smoking his Manakin cigars, while opposite my grandmother would sit, a ball of wool on her lap. At the end of their longish garden was a high brick wall, which acted as a perimeter to Chiswick House Grounds, a place I came to know and love. My father and I used to push my Grandmother in her wheelchair along its many paths.

It seems to me that the things I remember are fairly random. I have no real idea why certain memories stick, while others remain hidden. However, I can still recall many things that I've taken the time to actively learn and commit to memory. For example, much of my music theory is still with me, which I studied alongside taking various piano exams. Also, some of the French I studied in Brussels 50 years ago has remained, although I wouldn't like to put that to the test! While I was a member of the 4th Ealing Company of the Boys Brigade, I took a first-aid course, which included learning the names of the five regions of the human spine, and 60 years later I can still remember them!

In 1966 the evangelist, Billy Graham, held one of his city wide crusades in Earls Court, London. In preparation, he ran a number of training sessions for those interested in helping, and that included learning a number of bible verses. I can still remember some of those today.

In Psalm 119, verses 10 and 11, the psalmist wrote: 'I seek you with all my heart. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you'. In Colossians 3:18 the apostle Paul says: 'Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly' – the thought being that it takes up residence in us. There is value in committing scripture verses to memory. Why not start with John's Gospel, chapter 3, verse 16, and see how you get on.

Ian Coster

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4	St. John's St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	09.00am 10.45am 09.30am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (Traditional) Contemporary Service BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion
7	St. John's	11.00am	Holy Communion
11	St. John's St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	09.00am 10.45am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional) Contemporary Service Matins Harvest
14	St. John's	11.00am	Holy Communion
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Violet Emily Warner at St Mary's, Winchfield on 9th August

Madeleine Patricia Wombwell at St John's, Hartley Wintney on 9th August

Felicity Elizabeth Abigail Faulkner at St John's, Hartley Wintney on 9th August

Larsen Rose Eleanor Sullivan at St John's, Hartley Wintney on 23rd August

Laura-Rose Tracey Sullivan at St John's, Hartley Wintney on 23rd August

Joshua Martyn Payne at All Saints', Dogmersfield on 23rd August

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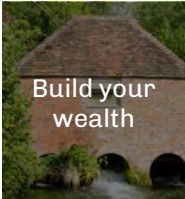
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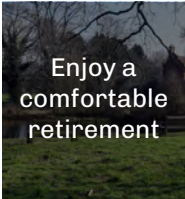
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COMING UP AT ST MARY'S ARK

Sunday 4th October – Harvest and Animal Welfare Sunday

Sunday 1st November – Remembrance/All Saints Day

Sunday 6th December – Christmas!

All sessions are 3.00pm – 4.30pm
at Winchfield Village Hall

Sunday 13th December – Christingle Service
(this will be at 11.00am at St Mary's, Winchfield)

St Mary's Ark is a new kind of monthly Church experience. It is informal and suitable for all ages. Learn about a Bible story, sing some songs, have fun with some craft or creative play and enjoy a simple meal before you go home. Tea and coffee available throughout the afternoon for adults and soft drinks for children.



Urgent call for new committee members

The NHNTC is in peril – not from lack of members, not from a shortage of entertainments and activities, not from any dissatisfaction with our programme, not from any financial problem – but from an inability to recruit new committee members – particularly a new Chairman.

The NHNTC has been in operation for the past forty years. It has always been, and still is, a thriving organisation with a membership approaching 300. Our purpose is to provide visits to NT properties, other historic houses and interesting venues, to provide talks from experts in their subjects and to hold social events. We also raise funds for the NT- mainly supporting projects at our local NT property, The Vyne. We are an extremely friendly Group. Other purely social activities include Christmas lunch in a local venue, a Spring lunch and an August cream tea.

Visits - Our visits are held in the summer months and are mostly coach trips to interesting properties and sites. Some of our recent trips included Kenwood House, Longford Castle, the Chichester Flower Festival and the Roman Palace at Fishbourne and Goodwood House (with posh afternoon tea!).

Talks - Afternoon talks are held monthly in the autumn and winter at Elizabeth Hall in Hook. Each event costs just £4 to members (£5 to guests) and includes tea and homemade cakes. Recent talks have included: The Post Office Scandal, The Butler's Christmas, Was Shakespeare really de Vere? and an illustrated history of Winchester.

Fund raising - Most of the surplus from NHNTC activities is donated to The Vyne. Since 1985 over £100,000 has been donated. We have helped to fund a new visitor buggy, the refurbishment of the upper room in the Brewhouse, and many other projects.

Why not join our committee?

If you are at all interested in what we do and wish to help or just need more information, please contact the current acting chair, Hugh Bethell, at hjnbethell@gmail.com

Patient Participation Group**PHARMACY FIRST**

Pharmacy First is an NHS initiative designed to give people faster, more convenient access to treatment for 7 common conditions through community pharmacies. The service is free, but if you normally pay for prescriptions then this will apply in the same way as it would if you had seen a healthcare professional at the practice. You can obtain an appointment by walking in or phoning the pharmacy, being referred by the practice or by 111.

The 7 conditions covered by the scheme are:

- Acute otitis media* - (Age:1-17 years)
- Impetigo ----- (Age:1 year plus)
- Infected insect bites(Age:1 year plus)
- Shingles ----- (Age:18 years & over)
- Sinusitis ----- (Age:12 years & over)
- Sore throat ----- (Age 5 years & over)
- Uncomplicated urinary-tract infections(women only) ----- (Age: 16-64 years)

During July 2026, the PPG visited and interviewed the 3 main pharmacies used by Whitewater Health patients to find out what services they offered; see table below.

Service	Well-Being	Boots	Whitewater
All Pharmacy First services available	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hypertension testing & 24hr monitoring - free	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flu, Covid & meningitis vaccinations; if patient eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes
Weight loss advice & management	Friday clinic; advice & Monjaro scripts Chargeable	-	-
Contraceptive advice & emergency contraception	Free	Yes	Yes
Period delay medication	Chargeable service	-	-
Erectile dysfunction	Free advice; treatment chargeable	-	-
Travel clinic	Friday vaccines/ medicines. Chargeable	-	Yes chargeable
Other		Hospital discharge & new medicine review	Prostate cancer tests chargeable
			Cryotherapy for skin lesions, warts

All pharmacies report good working relations with the practice, have consulting rooms and feed data from any treatment into patient's NHS records. All also highlighted high levels of wasted medicines– **so please cancel any repeat prescriptions when no longer required ..**

PPG Contact Details:

(NB : The PPG is unable to deal with any medical or personal matters)
Email: Whitewaterppg@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/WhitewaterPPG>

Practice/Surgery Contact Details :

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**THE WINCHFIELD
AUTUMN LITTER PICK
VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2026
10 am – 12 noon**

Winchfield Parish Council is sponsoring the Winchfield Autumn Litter Pick, which will take place on Sunday 15 November 2026 between 10.00 am and 12 noon.

Volunteers should meet in the Village Hall where litter picking routes will be agreed. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear, including gloves. Bin bags will be provided. 'Grabbers' and hi-vis tabards will also be supplied (although please bring your own if you have them).

Refreshments will be provided at the Village Hall at the end of the session.

If you would like to volunteer to help rid Winchfield of litter and have fun in the process, or for further information, please email winchfieldlitterpick@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!



Green Oaks Federation

Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

Open Morning for Prospective Year R Parents

Wednesday 7th October and Thursday 8th October 2026

by appointment only

The staff, Governors and children at Oakwood Infant School would like to invite prospective parents to visit Oakwood Infant school on either Wednesday 7th October or Thursday 8th October 2026. There will be an introduction to the school by the Executive Headteacher followed by the opportunity to see the school at work and talk to teachers, children and Governors.

For more details, and to book your appointment please contact the school office on 01252 842663.

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We look forward to welcoming you to Oakwood and the Green Oaks Federation.

Tom May
Executive Headteacher

Green Oaks Federation
Oakwood Infant School, Church Lane, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8DY
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Mark Foster: 7/10/26 - The Victoria Hall
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Katy Brent: 9/10/26 - Blue Bear Bookshop
Miranda Malins: 9/10/26 - The Victoria Hall
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You can pre-order the books to be featured at the festival on our website or use the QR code below to visit our page.



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HARTLEY WINTNEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Protecting the Past - Caring for the Future

Autumn Meeting – Wednesday, 14 October – Victoria Hall at 7.30 pm. Our guest speaker will be giving a talk on the History of the Basingstoke Canal. We will also be presenting prizes at this meeting to the winners of our 2026 Front Garden Awards and our thanks go to everyone who has helped over the last few months with this event.

The meeting also provides an opportunity to join the Society on the night and to hear updates on current Heritage Society and other village activities. Becoming a member will allow you to view all of our annual Journals from 1983 and have access to our historical village pictures.

Heritage Society Books. The Society has published a number of historical books on Hartley Wintney which are all available to purchase using the order form from our website.

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, please visit www.thwhs.org.uk under the Welcome section and all Society published books can be ordered from the website.

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Back then, it was pretty radical to gather women from different social classes together in one place, talking, sharing and learning as equals. Hence the Union. 150 years on, we have 4 million members serving in 38 countries. Christian Care for Families Worldwide. Praying, Empowering, Campaigning.

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- Parenting programmes
- Literacy & Numeracy,
- Consultations with UK Parliament
- Animal husbandry and agriculture
- Mother & Baby care – basic family hygiene
- Support of clergy and church outreach

Last March, it was a joy to return to Myanmar, this time with my son, and to meet again with the amazing MU ladies there. Their love, prayer, and fellowship are wonderfully strong.

The Provincial Community Development Co-ordinator visited Members in the Delta region taking Administration, IT skills, Bible Study, encouragement, and much else. Sadly, because of the current situation, they are unable to fulfil their usual trips into the mountains and remote villages with vital training and support.

In June it was a privilege to attend the 150th Celebration in St. Paul's Cathedral – 1500 of us from around the world raising the dome is something I won't forget, nor the bells ringing for us as we came out.

The 9th August this year, our founder's birthday, happily fell on a Sunday, so the annual laying of flowers on Mary Sumner's grave behind Winchester Cathedral took place before a special Evensong in the Cathedral, and refreshments.

We are amazing! And we are not a secret society – perhaps we are too busy getting on with the job to spend time blowing our own trumpet. This year, however, we have done so with joy!

Join Us Join In.

Angela Bushell



**150th Celebration at
St Paul's Cathedral**



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2026 POPPY APPEAL: Our support for those in need is made possible by the generous donations of the public and the 59,000 Poppy Appeal collectors and volunteers who dedicate their time each year to helping fundraise across the country. In 2026 poppies will be available from 22nd October at local supermarkets, high street shops, train stations or online at our [Poppy Shop](#). The simple act of wearing a poppy sends a personal message of thanks and support for the Armed Forces community to see, and we ask the public not to underestimate the impact that wearing a poppy has on those who serve, and their families. **CAN YOU HELP?** Please contact our chairman.

Chairman, Ian Wilson: ianwillie10@gmail.com. Tel 01252 849726

Treasurer, Richard Peregrine: rb.peregrine@gmail.com

Secretary, Steve Shimwell

Committee members, Steve Goulding, Kryssy Lithgow-Smith, Andy Grierson, Lottie Wilson, Ali Grant, Steve Shimwell.

Media Officer, Lynda Ellis

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Samantha Thomas, Samantha.2017@aol.com

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK. Please visit **RoyalBritishLegionHartleyWintney**

For up-to-the-minute information, VISIT OUR WEB PAGE.

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**For more information contact:
Ron O'Keeffe 07831 612744 or
David Nodder 01256 211508**



Dogmersfield CofE Primary School

Year 6—Bikeability

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

Our Year 6 children have started the new school year with aplomb. Every pupil successfully completed the Bikeability course, which equips them with the skills and confidence to cycle safely on local roads. The instructors were full of praise for the children, commenting on how well-mannered, respectful and engaged they were throughout the training. This was another wonderful opportunity for the children to demonstrate our school values of love, courage and respect, as they embraced new challenges, supported one another and represented the school so positively. As a school, we are committed to ensuring that our children are equipped to become responsible and considerate citizens, and understanding how to stay safe on our roads is an important part of this. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented both themselves and our school community.



Love - Courage - Respect



We warmly invite parents of children starting school in September 2027 to visit our thriving school community and discover what makes Dogmersfield CE Primary School such a special place to learn and grow. Our daytime tours provide an opportunity to see our happy, confident pupils in action, meet our dedicated staff, and experience the nurturing environment where every child is encouraged to flourish. We would be delighted to welcome you.

Please contact us: adminoffice@dogmersfield.hants.sch.uk or call us on 01252 616345



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WALKING THE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



Perhaps one of the most famous pilgrimage routes is the Santiago de Compostela which is the culmination of the ancient Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James) pilgrimage and the reputed burial site of St. James.

The Compostela is actually the certificate one receives on completing the pilgrimage; to earn it one has to walk or ride a horse for the last 100km carrying the Credencial, the Pilgrim's Passport, to prove you have travelled for spiritual or religious reasons.

The legend surrounding this pilgrimage site began with St. James, who is thought to be a cousin of Jesus, evangelising in Spain. When he returned to Judea, he was beheaded by Herod Agrippa and is often regarded as the first apostle to have been martyred. His remains were taken back to Spain where he is reputed to be buried in Santiago de Compostela where the cathedral of St. James and the Field of Stars stands today, so named because according to legend a shepherd found the forgotten burial site, guided by a miraculous cluster of bright lights. During the 11th to the 13th centuries, pilgrimage to Jerusalem was impossible due to the Crusader wars so Santiago de Compostela became a popular alternative. It fell somewhat out of favour, but for the last thirty years has become a popular pilgrimage route.

St. James is regarded as the patron saint of pilgrims and a scallop shell is often found in representations of him, as scallop shells were found on the shores at the end of the pilgrimage. In earlier times, pilgrims from other countries put a scallop shell on their hats to show they had done the Camino.

Earlier this summer, Justin and Lynda Hooper and Vince Smith did just that, although they set out from different starting points with Justin and Lynda beginning from Samos in Northern Spain and Vince from Porto in Portugal. For many it is a profoundly Christian religious experience, for others a spiritual one and for yet others with no particular faith, a time out of the busy world to spend in reflection and meditation.



Justin and Lynda had wanted to experience the pilgrimage for a while and were inspired to set aside to do it this year having spoken to a friend who did it last year. Both Justin and Lynda were brought up in Christian families but for both, it was only when they began serious reflection as adolescents that their faith developed and deepened.



The traditional route starts in St. Jean-Pied-de Port in the Pyrenees and covers 830km which takes six weeks. Justin and Lynda opted to walk for 130km, thus fulfilling the criteria for the certificate. They joined a multi-national group of thirteen who were not all Christian to begin their walk for seven days. The walk took them through many small towns and villages where each evening there would be an optional pilgrimage mass at the local church, food and, after a long day of walking, bed. There are different levels of accommodation, and unlike early Christians, luggage is transported each day.

Each day began with a thought for the day; for example one day they were given a cross and asked to reflect on its meaning both in the past and now. Walking in a group gave people the opportunity to speak to each other. Often people are more prepared to open up to a stranger than someone familiar and members of the group had different reasons for their pilgrimage; for some it was a way of relieving stress, for others it was a challenge, as well as for some a deepening of their faith. One day was designated a day of silence, which is harder than one thinks. On the first day the group were invited to pick up a stone to represent a burden they carried and carry it; they were asked what it would feel like if they didn't have the stone. On the way there are stone markers which are covered in stones as people have laid them down, or some carry them to the end where they might lay them at the foot of a cross or throw them into the sea, thus symbolically laying down the burden. Lynda felt she took all week to process her thoughts on her burden and felt it lifted when she laid it down. For Justin it was the sense of community and peace and quiet which resonated. Four or five hours of walking in the beautiful countryside gave him time for contemplation which is often missing in the busyness of life. For the whole group it was spiritually enriching whether Christian or not, and lasting friends were made.

The final day is taken up with a mass at the Cathedral where Lynda and Justin met up with Vince. Pilgrims do need to prepare before they go, as walking for several hours a day in hilly conditions is not particularly easy, even if they don't do some of it on their knees as some do as a sign of penance or devotion, but Lynda and Justin would certainly do it again.



This article was written by Irene Airton after discussion with Linda and Justin Hooper and Vince Smith.



‘Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow’

The final weeks of term certainly demonstrated the breadth of life across Oakwood and Greenfields.

Our children represented the Federation brilliantly at the Hartley Wintney Village Festival, securing second place in the procession, while both schools enjoyed fantastic Sports Days. There were also wonderful end-of-year celebrations, including the Year 2 Leavers’ Assembly, Year 6’s hugely entertaining production of A Hint of Snow White, Rocksteady concerts and the traditional Year 6 BBQ and awards.

There was plenty happening beyond the school gates too. Year 5 enjoyed an action-packed visit to Winchester Science Centre, while Year 6 marked the end of their SATs with their residential at Osmington Bay, taking on everything from dragon boat racing and climbing to the giant swing. These opportunities to learn, explore and challenge themselves are such an important part of the children’s experience at Green Oaks.

Perhaps the most significant moment of the summer term was Greenfields’ Ofsted inspection. The school responded exceptionally well to the visit, providing a valuable opportunity for staff and leaders to demonstrate the progress being made and the strength of the education and support offered to our children. As governors, we were enormously proud of the way the whole school community approached the inspection and of the hard work that sits behind it.

Work has continued over the summer too. We are particularly delighted with the installation of a new polytunnel, which will create further opportunities for children to learn outdoors, grow plants and food, and develop their understanding of the natural world. We are extremely grateful to the Rotary Club for working with us to make this possible, and we look forward to seeing the space come to life over the coming months.

September has brought the excitement of a fresh start. We warmly welcome our new Reception children and families to Oakwood, as well as new pupils and staff joining us across the Federation. We also wish last year’s Year 6 pupils every success as they begin secondary school after achieving so much during their time at Green Oaks.

There will undoubtedly be challenges ahead, alongside many opportunities. Oakwood itself is due an Ofsted inspection, and we know that whenever that visit comes, the school will be ready to showcase everything that makes it such a special place. With children, families, staff, governors, Friends of Green Oaks and our wider village community working together, we begin the new academic year with real optimism and excitement about what comes next.

Ben Hine, on behalf of the Staff and Governors of Green Oaks Federation

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Winchfield Coffee Morning

Please join us at the Winchfield Coffee Morning
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Hartley Wintney WI

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th October at 2.30pm at
St John's Church, Hartley Wintney.

Our speaker will be Robin Maddy who will take us on an enthralling journey back to the golden age of the great illusionists during the heyday of variety theatre. This talk should be very entertaining and perhaps somewhat mystifying. We hope to see as many members as possible together with visitors who might be interested in joining our WI.

(Visitors are asked for a small donation if possible which will go to a local charity)

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP

Our October meeting is on 21st when we will be having a pre-booked lunch at The Barley Mow. Details and menu choices were given out at the September meeting.

Any queries please contact Carole Boow

Visitors are always welcome to join us at any of our meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 2.30pm - 4.30pm

in Hall 3 at St John's Church, Fleet Road, Hartley Wintney.

Hall 3 is on the ground floor accessed via the side door facing the Fleet Road.

NORTH WARNBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd October 2026 when the speaker will be Belinda Allen whose talk will be 'Herb History' growing, care, culinary and health uses. Doors open at 2.10pm for the talk at 2.30pm. Visitors are always welcome for a small fee. Tea and biscuits after the talk.

We shall continue to sell tickets for the Member's Lunch in November.

Further information: <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

Bumps and Babies - Mondays 10.30am to 11.45am

St. John's Church Centre.

For more information contact

Sue Cooper: sue.cooper@stjohnshw.org.uk

Or see the group's Facebook page at Hartley Wintney Bumps & Babies,
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Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club (CIO) Registered Charity #1176812

Building a heartsafe community with St. John's Church

"Efficiently delivered and relevant" was the comment from one of the participants at our CPR and Defibrillator Awareness sessions held at St John's Church in August. These sessions are part of our ongoing programme to increase the number of public access defibrillators (ones accessible 24/7) in our area and to raise awareness on their locations and how to use them.



Working with St John's Church, we are also in the process of purchasing a new cabinet and moving their defibrillator unit to an outside wall to ensure it is available 24/7. Our Lions Club will be covering the cost of the cabinet and the relocation while St John's Church will continue to maintain the defibrillator.

The People's Emergency Briefing screening on 26 October

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Odiham and Hook, we have organised a showing of the non-partisan 50-minute film, The People's Emergency Briefing, at Elizabeth Hall in Hook on Monday 26 October at 7.00 pm with a representative from the Odiham u3a Environment Group facilitating a 45 minute structured discussion afterwards.

See our website for more information about this event and to register for a place.

Need a Prostate Cancer blood test?

We are holding our eighth free Prostate Cancer Screening on Saturday 7 November from 10.00 am–2.00pm at Odiham Cottage Hospital. We thank Odiham Parish Council, Hook Parish Council, and the Hook Fun Run for their grants for this event as well as the donations made on the day. This generosity has allowed us to offer two free screenings a year for the last three years.

If you would like to attend, see our website for booking one of the 250 free places.

Lion Lynn Sandford

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What have we been up to over the past month?

Our Club: A new President brings a wave of fresh energy to our teams, along with new goals and ideas to keep us active and enthusiastic. Over the past month, our teams met to map out our plans for the 2026/27 Rotary year. We look forward to keeping you updated on all the exciting events and activities we have ahead.

Our Community: We have been busy lending a hand across the community.

St John's Church Children's Activities Week: We were delighted to help out once again during the summer holidays by supplying, setting up, and dismantling the barrier fencing. Utilizing our own stock of road pins and netting helped keep event costs down, and it was a pleasure to support such a wonderful week for local children.



Greenfields School Polytunnel: The school approached us for help erecting a new polytunnel, purchased through HDC funding, to teach pupils the value of growing their own food. A dedicated team of Hart Rotary volunteers spent numerous hours over multiple days, assembling the structure, cementing the door footings, preparing and laying the floor. Fortunately, the day we secured the plastic covering was completely still—otherwise, we might have taken off like Mary Poppins!



Upcoming Dates for your Diaries:

8th October: Dinner and Speaker Evening with Mike Butcher "The Future Impact AI Could Have On Older People". Mike is a post graduate of Cambridge University who is now retired and living in Fleet. Event to be held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel. Open to the public (limited spaces). Please email: jane.shilling@hart-rotary.org for more info.

29 October: Community Quiz Night. Following the success of a similar evening earlier this year, we have decided to organise another. Please visit our website, social media or call for more info.

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October



We love to sing no matter what time of the year. As the nights draw in we all need a bit of sunshine, so come and join us. Singing definitely raises the spirits.

We would love to welcome new members, especially bass and baritones, but altos and sops are also welcome. Singing is not just for the retired! Younger members needed too, sons, daughters, neighbours.

This term we are revisiting some of our old favourites, but if you like the songs of the Bee Gees, Martha Reeves, Take That and Dolly Parton, then we are the group for you!

NO auditions just the love of singing is required. We meet in the Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm Monday evenings. So if you would like to come and find out more about us, please pop in, first night is free.

Further dates for your diary: 4th and 5th December our Christmas Concert.

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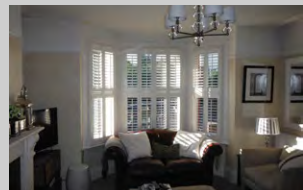
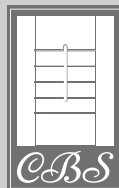


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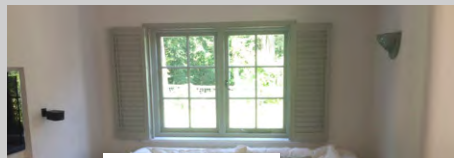
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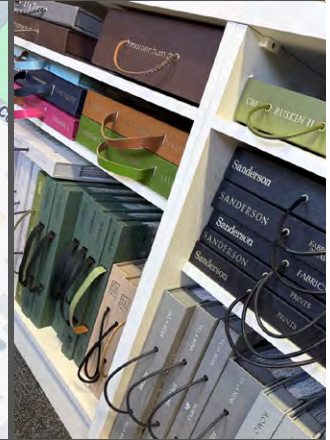
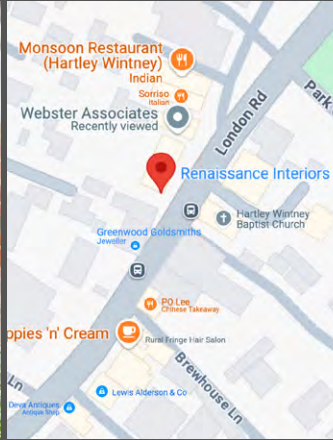
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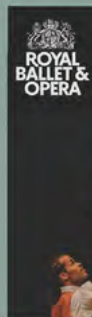
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Sandra Oh stars as Alice in this razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's dark comedy. A brilliant novelist determined to challenge society's lies faces fierce backlash as she confronts the cost of speaking truth in a world that would rather silence her. Filmed live at the National Theatre, directed by Indhu Rubasingham.

Tickets: £18.00 | U18 £12.00

These events raise funds for the Victoria Hall Charity

I had hoped to write something cheerful this month, but it isn't to be!

71% of England has been under declared drought conditions. The effect of this is not difficult to extrapolate from your own garden experiences this summer. The searing heat and water shortages have damaged wheat crops, vegetables and milk yields. Thus, the country will need to import more food than normal because of a shortage of home-grown cereals and other food produce. UK food self-sufficiency fell 5% in 2025 to 60%, which should concern our politicians, but food security continues has not exercised our politicians for decades because of the historic ability to import food cheaply even when produced with lesser chemical, welfare and employment standards; and food inflation is expected to rise from 1.7% to 5%. Analysts are calling on Government to introduce a 25-year strategy to increase food security, built on becoming more self-sufficient in energy and water. The Government has recently allocated £65m for agriculture, with £15m of it earmarked for reservoirs and rather more for environmental projects. Thus 2-3 small private reservoirs might be built and little extra food produced! And so, is it any wonder the industry is currently despondent? In 1986 diesel was 10p/litre, fertiliser £90/tonne and electricity 4p/unit with wheat selling for £100/tonne. Fast forward to today where diesel is £11+/litre, fertiliser over £500/tonne and electricity 25p+/unit and wheat is selling for £190/tonne, with a projection of just over £200 in November. Farmers must be mad!

However, onward we say! The only problem being whether the ploughs will be able to break into the soil and if so whether the seed will germinate! We need rain but hopefully not floods.

Then, to cheer us all up further, livestock farmers have the worry of bluetongue, a virus spread by midges which thrives in warmer temperatures and only landed in the UK about 20 years ago. As its name suggests the animal's tongue swells, it causes temperatures, swelling around the feet and is often fatal. It poses no risk to humans but can devastate a herd or flock as it is highly contagious. Vaccine costs around £2.50/dose – when available.

Food and drink manufacturing with farming accounts for some 11.7% of those in employment. Of those vacancies advertised in part of the dairy sector 82% received few or no applicants, and so often a herd closes. To find skilled UK workers in our industry is tricky, whereas in Australia there seems to be a considerable number of UK young who fit that description! It's a cuckoo world!

However, there are pockets of hope, one being Bovine TB. There is now a serious project looking at and trialling vaccination for cattle and badgers which it is hoped will end badger culling and solve the TB problem.





News from the Parish Office

admin@hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We currently have four Parish Councillor vacancies. If you are interested in joining us and supporting your community, please contact the Executive Clerk via email:

clerk@hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk

EVENTS

FREE Youth Film Screening – The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

Tuesday 27th October 2026 – 10.30am at Victoria Hall

SPOOKTACULAR – Date TBC

Our spooky family fun day will be back this half term, see our website and Facebook page for regular updates.

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

Full Council – 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm (Lucy Pygott Centre)

Planning Committee – 12th October 2026 at 7.00pm (Lady Kaye Meeting Room)

Finance Committee – 19th October 2026 at 7.00pm (Lady Kaye Meeting Room)

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HARTLEY WINTNEY VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP

Serving the community since 1977

website: hartleywintneyvoluntarycare.org.uk

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TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

For those without any means of attending their medical appointments with help from family, friends or neighbours (which includes the hospital, doctor, physiotherapist, optician, dentist etc), we provide a door to door transport service for the residents of Hartley Wintney, Heckfield, Mattingley and Winchfield. To see if we have a volunteer able to assist just call us on 07592 226538. If we are short of drivers, you may have to share a lift with someone who is going to the same hospital at roughly the same time. Please call as soon as you get an appointment, but not more than six weeks in advance, because early notification can make it easier to find a driver.

SINGING FOR THE MIND

These weekly sessions 2.00 – 3.00 pm on Wednesdays are generally held at the Football Club in Green Lane. When this is unavailable then we use one of the rooms at the Victoria Hall. Our sessions are run by a professional Music Facilitator or experienced choir members and are primarily aimed at those living with dementia and their family, friends and carers. For further information and in particular where each session will be run for the coming month, please email us at info.hwcaregroup@gmail.com.

TRUSTEES REQUIRED

Since we became a Charity just over two years ago, we have managed our affairs with four Trustees, which has just about been sufficient to run our current range of activities. We generally hold just four Trustees meetings a year, which usually are no longer than 90 minutes. In addition, we have an Annual General Meeting for volunteers to be able to comment on the Annual Report and Financial Statement and let us know if they think anything might be improved or a new service researched. If you would like to consider becoming a Trustee for more information, please email us at info.hwcaregroup@gmail.com.

DRIVERS REQUIRED

Could you spare a couple of hours once or twice a month, on days and at times that are convenient to you? If so, would you be prepared to consider joining our team of drivers who take people with no transport of their own, nor friends or family who can assist, to and from their essential medical appointments? Most of the hospitals,

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clinics and other venues are within a 15 mile radius. 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. We look to meet the essential car running costs of our volunteers at 60p per mile. To find out more please call us on 07592 226538 or email us at info.hwcaregroup@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE VICTORIA HALL

For individuals or couples who would otherwise be eating alone, full details will be on a separate full page advertisement next month.



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HW OVER 55s FORUM AND COMMUNITY HUB



Hello everyone. As winter approaches, we look forward to some indoor entertainment and what better than a film show? Our next show will be on Sunday October 18th 2026 in the Victoria Hall. Refreshments will be served from 2.00pm, the usual tea, coffee and cake. The film will start at 2.30pm, finishing at about 4.30pm.

The film for October is *White Bird* starring Orlando Schwerdt, Bryce Gheisar, Helen Mirren, Ariella Glaser, and Gillian Anderson. Struggling to fit in at his new school after being expelled from a previous school, Julian is visited by his grandmother (Helen Mirren) and he is transformed by the compassionate and heroic story of her attempts to escape from Nazi-occupied France during the second world war.

As usual, we welcome donations at the door, however small. Please call Daphne Weal on 01252 844025 by Friday October 16th so that we know how many people to expect. If you need transport, please also let Daphne know so that arrangements can be made to collect you.

Kelvin Fay

Telephone Numbers

Unless otherwise stated, all telephone area codes are 01252

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