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All Saints' Church is in Dogmersfield,
St. Mary's Church is in Winchfield, and
Old St. Mary's Church is in Hartley Wintney***

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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 CURATE WRITES

As November begins, we find ourselves in the middle of autumn. Despite some very mild weather over the last few months we can see the trees changing and the children enjoying some leaf jumping and conker collecting. As the dark evenings creep ever earlier, we often settle in to the season, pull out the woolly jumpers and discuss the right time to put the heating on.

During November we also have Remembrance Day, where we stop and gather to remember those who have gone before us. We honour those who have fought for justice, who served their country to protect others and to promote peace. We remember too those who serve today in our armed forces who continue to serve and protect our nation.

At this time, I am often struck by this story from Mark Oakley, the Dean of Southwark Cathedral, who recounted an experience he had in Dresden. He was in a taxi there, and after making conversation with the taxi driver he discovered that the driver's mother had died in the bombing in Dresden. As he was speaking Mark's mind went back to his own grandfather's stories of the war, and it became apparent that his grandfather had navigated a Lancaster over the city on the very same night the driver's mother had been killed. The driver stopped the car and turned to Mark, with his arm outstretched. "And now we shake hands" he said. Conflict can come to an end, hearts can be healed, peace can return, even in the most unlikely of circumstances. There is always hope. Despite the difficulties in our world today there are also these glimmers of hope. It took strength and courage for that taxi driver to reach out his hand in friendship when just a few generations ago their families would have been enemies.

It takes strength to do good today; to reach out our hands in friendship to those we might consider different from us, to offer kindness to those we have been set against, to hold both justice and mercy together. I wonder whether in small ways we, as individuals, can be people of peace in this place, playing a small part as we care for others, reach across the things that divide us and live in community together. Our small every day actions can have big effects.

Throughout November I pray there would be space to stop, to remember, to honour others and to reflect and pray for our world today. To hold onto the hope that our God of peace offers to us, that one day he will wipe away every tear from every eye, and make everything new once more.

**Every blessing,
Amy**

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1	St. John's St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	09.00am 10.45am 09.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional) Contemporary Service BCP Holy Communion - Patronal Festival BCP Holy Communion
4	St. John's	11.00am	Holy Communion
8	St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	10.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Remembrance Sunday Remembrance Sunday
11	St. John's	11.00am	Holy Communion
15	St. John's St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	09.00am 10.45am 11.00am 09.30am	Holy Communion (Traditional) Contemporary Communion Family Communion BCP Holy Communion
18	St. John's	11.00am	Holy Communion
22	St. John's St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	09.00am 10.45am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional) Contemporary Service Family Service Matins
25	St. John's	11.00am	Holy Communion
29	St. John's St. John's All Saints' St. Mary's	09.00am 10.45am 11.00am 09.30am	Holy Communion (Traditional) Contemporary Service Holy Communion Common Worship Holy Communion Common Worship

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September 2026 Register

Baptisms

Angus Kenneth **Williams** at All Saints', Dogmersfield on 27th September
Cameron Walter Philip **Head** at All Saints', Dogmersfield on 27th September

Weddings

Nil

Funerals/Cremations

Nil

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Christmas in the Dark

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Saturday 5th December - 4.00pm
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Our cover photo this month shows the grave of Raymond Frederick Dunnett who was born on the 18th April 1896 in Colchester. His parents were Frederick Coleman Dunnett and Hannah Lilian Agnes Dunnett later of Bank House in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire. He served with the 5th Battalion Central Flying School (Upavon) RFC previously having served as a Lieutenant with the Worcestershire Regiment. On the 17th November 1917, he was killed during training and buried at St Mary's old Churchyard in Hartley Wintney. He is remembered on the War Memorial in Hartley Wintney alongside his brother Lawrence who was killed in May 1918.

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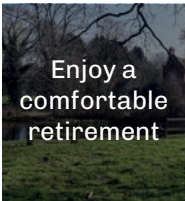
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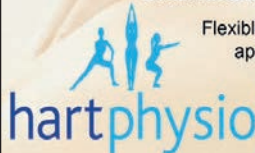
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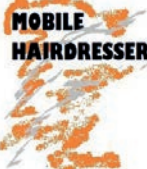
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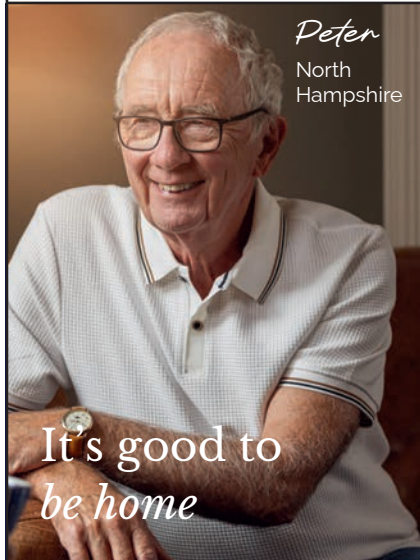
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**21st November, 7pm-9pm
St John's, Hartley Wintney**

Tickets are £7.50 with craft materials,
wine & nibbles included

Space is limited so early booking recommended

To book your place go to:
www.stjohnshw.org.uk

COMING UP AT ST MARY'S ARK

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.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO

HARTLEY WINTNEY

**Join us Thursday 3rd December
4pm - 8pm**

COME ALONG FOR:

- ◆ Festive food and drink available across the village outlets
- ◆ Gifts to suit everyone on your list
- ◆ Handpicked Christmas stalls
- ◆ Surprises throughout the night

**AND FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME...
SANTA'S GROTTO!**

Santa himself is visiting the village and setting up his very first grotto! Bring the kids along to meet him, write him a letter at our special letter writing station, and pop it in the Post Box so it reaches the North Pole in time.

Whether you're ticking off your Christmas list or just fancy a mulled wine and mince pie kind of evening, you'll leave with a gift or two and Christmas cheer

SHOP LOCAL. EAT LOCAL. CELEBRATE LOCAL.



Patient Participation Group

Who We Are

We are patients of Whitewater Health who meet monthly to support and improve practice services. Our group of 11 volunteers represents a wide mix of ages, backgrounds and experiences. A Hook Parish Council representative also attends our meetings to keep us updated on local matters.

What We Do

We aim to work in partnership with the practice to improve patient services and communication.

► Listening & Improving

We feed back patient experiences to the practice and help shape improvements—such as making the “cancel appointment” button more visible on the practice website. We also reviewed and commented on changes to the phone system and online services.

► Digital Inclusion Project

A major piece of work in 2025–26 supported the practice’s roll-out of digital access. The PPG were very active letting the community know about the changes to reassure patients (for more detail see our Facebook page)

In addition, we publicised the digital roll-out through posters, Facebook, website updates, visits to sheltered housing and attendance at parish council meetings. We continue support by holding regular IT drop-ins where we help patients use the NHS App and e-Consult; leading to an 88% NHS App uptake, with many patients expressing appreciation.

► Health Information

We produce monthly health articles for local magazines & Facebook, supported by updates from the practice.

► Supporting Staff

When practice staff experienced racial abuse, we worked with parish councils and local groups and published an article that helped significantly reduce incidents.

► Improving Prescriptions

We have worked with all three local pharmacies to streamline the prescription process, resulting in a dedicated phone line for pharmacists to contact the practice directly.

► Vaccination Support

We regularly help with Covid and Flu clinics, assisting with patient flow and information.

► Sharing Good Practice

We link with other PPGs to exchange ideas and successful approaches.

► Seasonal Information

We issue guidance at busy times of the year, eg: Christmas, to include opening hours and service updates.

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 :

Website: www.whitewaterhealth.nhs.uk

Telephone:

(Hartley Wintney - 01252 842087);

(Hook – 01256 762125)



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THE WINCHFIELD AUTUMN LITTER PICK VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2026
10.00am – 12noon

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

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!

Are you receiving me?

On 12th September amateur radio enthusiasts in UK churches held a special day contacting other parishes around the country who had members with similar interests. This was organised by The World Association of Christian Radio Amateurs and Listeners.

Here Christine and Clive Andrews and their friend, Adrian Nash set up a 'studio' in the grounds of St John's to listen and talk to the nation. During 6 hours they made contact with 19 other churches.

Our thanks to Mike Sisson for this article.



Hartley Wintney Twinning Association

twinned with Saint-Savin (France) and Malle (Belgium)

SAVE THE DATE

Hartley Wintney Twinning Association Burns' Night
January 30th 2027.

Details to follow in December edition.

HARTLEY WINTNEY COUNTRY MARKET

Every Friday Morning: 09:00am – 11:00am
The Lady Kaye Room, Victoria & Jubilee Halls,
West Green Road RG27 8RQ

Pre-Orders taken by Tuesdays: Contact the Market Manager

Enid Tremear: richardtremear@btinternet.com

Ready for collection on Friday mornings

Order your Christmas Cake

For collection

We look forward to seeing you
– all credit cards taken





HARTLEY WINTNEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Protecting the Past - Caring for the Future

Autumn Meeting – A very well attended and informative meeting took place on the 14th October with a comprehensive presentation on the history of the Basingstoke Canal. We are grateful to all presenters and society members for making it a successful event.

Planning is now underway for our Spring 2027 meeting and more information will be issued in due course.

Front Garden Awards 2026

The winners of the 2026 Front Garden Awards were also formally announced at the Autumn meeting and our grateful thanks go to Barbara Smeed and the team of judges who spent much time over the last few months walking around the village looking for beautiful eye-catching gardens and hanging baskets.

Further information can be found on our website.

Best Christmas Shop Window Awards

We are delighted with the initiative taken by the local shops and businesses for the Christmas Market that is now planned for the 3rd December. Our High Street has always put on a tremendous display at Christmas and the Heritage Society feel that they deserve much credit for this. In 2025 we ran a competition to judge which windows best reflected the spirit of Christmas and will be repeating this again in 2026 to continue to give our support to the Community spirit that will be demonstrated.

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.



**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, HARTLEY WINTNEY BRANCH
LIVES ON
TO THE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN
AND THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING**

Welcome to the Hartley Wintney branch of the Royal British Legion

The Poppy Appeal is our flagship campaign held every year
in October and November.

Founded in 1921, the Appeal raises funds for the Royal British Legion's vital work
supporting serving personnel, veterans and their families throughout their lives with
whatever the need, whenever it's needed.

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.

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November.

Armistice Day, Wednesday 11th November.

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.

britishlegion.org.uk/branches/hartley-wintney

THE BLUEBELL CAFÉ

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is satisfaction and joy"*

Do you live on your own?
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Come and join us at the Bluebell café for tea/coffee, cake and conversation,
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We meet at Holdshott Farm, Heckfield, RG27 0JZ (next door to Rosie's Tea
Room) on Friday afternoons, 2.00pm till 4.00pm.



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



Dogmersfield CofE Primary School

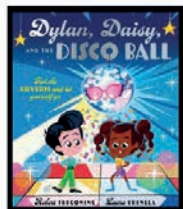
Authors Visit to Dogmersfield

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



Two fantastic authors visited Dogmersfield C of E Primary School this week as part of the Hartley Wintney Literary Festival. The visits were arranged by the Blue Bear Bookshop.

Robert Tregoning visited Rudolph and Nightingale class on Tuesday, bringing to life his fun and engaging stories through song, dance and drawing. The children learnt to illustrate two of his books main characters while hearing about their adventures.



Becky Blake visited Einstein and Attenborough class on Thursday. She read from her two Chicken Hill books, told the children how she drew her inspiration for her characters from the real life animals she had met and gave an insight into how she creates characters that interact with each other and the stories and settings they are placed in. The children learnt to draw a number of characters from her books and had a go at creating their own characters.



Dogmersfield C of E Primary School
Chatter Alley, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 8SS
Tel: 01252 616345





Could a free thermal imaging appointment help you save money on your home energy bills?



Local charity, **Hart Voluntary Action**, is working alongside **Hart District Council** over the winter months (November 2026 – February 2027) to offer Hart residents a chance to look at the thermal properties of their homes. Our trained volunteers are getting ready to visit homes in Hart to take pictures using a thermal imaging camera which could help you with the following:

- Identifying heat loss through windows, doors and external walls.
- Checking if your radiators are in need of repair or maintenance.
- Finding out if you have any areas lacking fitted loft insulation.

Equally, a thermal imaging visit could help you confirm that the energy efficiency improvements you have made to your home are working well.

To find out more, please search “Thermal Imaging” on the Hart Voluntary Action website www.hartvolaction.org.uk where you will find the link to register your interest for an appointment, or you can call 01252 815652 during office hours with your contact details.

Once you have registered interest, you will be offered a selection of appointment dates and times with our Thermal Imaging volunteers. Appointments are offered on weekdays between 17.00 and 20.00 and should take a maximum of one hour to complete. It is recommended that our volunteers take images externally and internally, however taking images inside your home is optional.

You are welcome to chat to our volunteers as they go around your property to find out more about the images they are taking, but please note that our volunteers are not able to give you advice. At the end of the visit, our volunteers will offer you printed information provided by Hart District Council about how to interpret your thermal images and sources of support to help you “retrofit” your home, including grants.

We will send you copies of your thermal images by email, and let you know about opportunities to discuss home energy efficiency solutions with an independent energy advisor provided by other local charitable services, and hosted at our Hart Eco Hub in Hart Shopping Centre in Fleet.

Please also see the Impact Hart website www.hart.gov.uk/impact-hart for tips on how to make your home greener and more energy efficient.

Last winter we helped just over 150 households in Hart review the energy efficiency of their homes – we would love to do the same during this coming winter!





WINCHFIELD FESTIVAL 2026

The Festival That Belonged to Everyone

Over ten remarkable days this summer, **more than 2,500 people gathered in Winchfield** to enjoy music, theatre, classic cars, a village fete and time spent with friends old and new.

Yet the real story of Winchfield Festival 2026 was how **a community came together** to create something that genuinely belonged to everyone.

In 2024, the Festival future was far from certain. A new venue was needed, many long-standing organisers were ready to step back and a wider team of volunteers would be essential – but **people in the community wanted the Festival to continue**, and many were prepared to help make it happen.

With the support of The Barley Mow and Winchfield Parish Council, the former cricket field became the Festival's new home. A broader programme combined music with drama, Mow and Motors, the village fete, food, drink and other activities. The result was not simply a series of performances, but a place where people met, talked and enjoyed being together.

In 2026, the scale of the achievement was considerable: 42 performances, 214 performers, more than 2,500 attendees, 54 registered volunteers, over 1,600 volunteer hours during the Festival itself, more than 120 sponsors and prize donors, and 18 local and Hampshire businesses involved.

For an entirely volunteer-run charity, with a new site, refreshed leadership team and new format, **2026 can reasonably be regarded as a success**. The Festival was delivered successfully, the new venue worked extremely well and, importantly, the event covered its costs

2026 SHOULD ALSO BE SEEN AS A STARTING POINT AND SPRINGBOARD TO GREATER THINGS.

One of the clearest lessons was that many events could comfortably have welcomed larger audiences. The new format worked and the site had the capacity; the opportunity now, with your help, is **to build upon that success**.

That is where **everyone who enjoyed the Festival can help**. Festivals grow through recommendation as much as advertising. A neighbour tells a neighbour, families bring friends and people who enjoyed one event return to try another.

So, next time the Festival returns, perhaps the most valuable contribution anyone can make is simple: **come again – and bring someone with you**.

That matters because **Winchfield Festival is a registered charity**. The surplus it generates supports music education in local primary schools, giving young people opportunities to discover the enjoyment and confidence that music can bring. More people attending therefore means more than fuller audiences. Higher attendance creates greater **potential for charitable surplus** and, in turn, **greater support for the children and schools who ultimately benefit from the Festival**. The site may now be quiet again, but the foundations are firmly in place.

We know the venue works, we know the format works and we know the community is willing to support it.

The challenge now is to build on what was achieved in 2026, bring more people through the gates and increase the impact the Festival can make for its beneficiaries. If this summer demonstrated anything, it is that when a community works together with generosity, imagination and purpose, remarkable things can happen.

Thank you however you contributed!

Henry Chandler
Chair – Winchfield Festival



NOTICE BOARD - CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Winchfield Coffee Morning

Please join us at the Winchfield Coffee Morning
on Friday 6th November
from 10.00am to 12.00noon
Sarah, Pat, Lynda and Bridget

learn, laugh, live

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Next Meeting 10:30 am Tuesday 3 November in the Victoria Hall

Wacky, Witty & Wonderful Words

In this talk local author and speaker Paul Sloane will give a
light-hearted review of some remarkable and fascinating words.
This includes stories of origins and hidden meanings.

email: hartleywintneyu3a@gmail.com

website: hartleywintney.u3asite.uk

Hartley Wintney Tea Dance Club

Sequence and Ballroom Dancing, every Wednesday
2.00 - 4.00pm in the Victoria Hall.
Contact Jill 0758 1329619 for more information



Farnborough Craft Guild

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Saturday 5th December
2026

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NOTICE BOARD - CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Hartley Wintney WI

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th November at 2.30pm
at St John's Church, Hartley Wintney.

Our speaker, Richard Anderson, will talk about 'The Life of Edwina Mountbatten'.

Edwina was married to Lord Louis Mountbatten and was one of the
hardest working women of her time. Listen to how she changed her life around
and helped save thousands of people who would not have survived but for her.

Sadly, she died young but led an amazing life.

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 November meeting is on the 18th
when we will see the return of Jackie Dimmock who will be giving us her
talk on Policing Part 3.**

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 meeting on November 26th will be
our Members' Lunch followed by our AGM.

The afternoon will commence at 1.30pm and tickets should have been
purchased in advance at a Club meeting or from the Secretary.

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,
St. John's Church

NOTICE BOARD - CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Hartley Wintney Junior Football Club

We welcome players of all abilities and we support over 320 children from U6 to U18 age groups. For more information please contact

secretaryhwjfc@gmail.com or visit

<https://www.hartley-wintney-junior-fc.co.uk/>

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COME AND TALK TO YOUR HART DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Anne Crampton, Spencer Farmer, and Tim Southern welcome residents of Hartley Wintney, Winchfield, Eversley, Heckfield, Mattingley, Bramshill and Elvetham to help them with any concerns relating to local matters. Appointments should be made with the clerk at Hartley Wintney Parish Council, tel. 01252 845152 or email **clerk@hartleywintney.org.uk**. They will be conducted between 6.15pm and 7.15pm on the first Monday of the month at the Victoria Hall.

Odiham, Dogmersfield, Crondall, Greywell, Long Sutton, North Warnborough, RAF Station and South Warnborough residents are invited to discuss queries on any subject and talk informally on local matters.

"We are always pleased to hear from you." Please contact Cllr Chris Dorn at **chris.dorn@hart.gov.uk** (preferred) or for very urgent matters 07973 822206



Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club (CIO) Registered Charity #1176812

It Takes a Community

Making a real difference usually takes more than one person or one group. Our Lions Club continues its campaign to install publicly accessible defibrillators across our community, raise awareness of how to use them, and ensure they are properly maintained. We're fortunate that many local groups, clubs and organisations also care about protecting local hearts.

Working with St John's Church in Hartley Wintney, we recently funded the relocation of their defibrillator to the outside of the church, making it available 24/7.

We are also pleased to have recently received a grant through Hart District Council's 'Here for Hart Community Grants' scheme, which provides funding to community and voluntary organisations across the district. This funding will enable us to continue to install new defibrillators in our area, with promising locations already identified.



Santa Sleigh is on its way!

The elves are hard at work preparing Santa's Sleigh and Rudolph for their December visit to Odiham, Hook and Hartley Wintney this December. The final dates and routes are not yet confirmed; they will be published on our website by the end of November, with social media updates keeping everyone informed.

The Sleigh will run from 5:15 pm to 7:30 pm, giving children plenty of time to enjoy the magic and still get to bed on time. When you hear the music, come outside with your children to meet Santa. Donations are welcome along the routes and also when we are outside the Tesco in Hook in the run-up to Christmas.

Energy Poverty

One of the ways your donations make a difference is by helping families who are struggling. With the energy price cap rising to £1,723, and a further increase to around £2,000 from 1 January 2027 expected, many families will face the difficult choice between heating their homes and putting food on the table. We work closely with local agencies to support those struggling with rising living costs and to help relieve hardship within our community.

You can help local families who cannot afford to keep their homes warm this winter by donating any amount. To donate online, please visit our website or use the QR code below.



Lion Lynn Sandford

Lions Phone, text, or WhatsApp on 07817 886 002

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All 'Go, Go, Go' into the Festive Season for Hart Rotary...

Illuminate a life this Christmas. By dedicating a light on our Tree of Light, you can bring the magic of Christmas back to a child who needs it most. All proceeds from this year's Tree of Light go directly to the **Rotary Christmas Toy Box Appeal**. Every £30 we raise together funds a tailored box packed with £80 worth of brand-new, age-appropriate toys for a child spending their holidays in a domestic abuse refuge. Your dedication creates a visual symbol of remembrance or celebration on our tree, while giving a vulnerable child a reason to smile on Christmas morning. This year, the Tree of Light will be situated at the Key Centre, Elvetham Heath from the 16th November. www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hart-rotary-toybox-appeal or **scan the QR code:**

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party: 19/11/26

A little earlier this year on Sunday, 29th November. This popular afternoon tea promises to be lively and action packed with entertainment, raffle, bingo and refreshments. Please refer to social media, our website and community notice boards for more information and how to register.

Hartley Wintney Christmas Market and Late Night Shopping: 3/12

High Street retailers are uniting for a magical evening of festive shopping, food, music, and community spirit. Enjoy late-night shopping, festive stalls in the garden of The Waggon plus lots more. The highlights don't stop there - **Hart Rotary is delighted to welcome a very special guest, Father Christmas, who will be arriving in his sleigh to spread some festive cheer!**

Santa & Elf Fun Run: 13/12/26

Get ready to spread some festive cheer at the Phyllis Tuckwell Santa & Elf Fun Run on Sunday, December 13, 2026! Hosted and supported by Hart Rotary and Elvetham Heath Parish Council, this fantastic community event at The Key, Elvetham Heath opens at 10:00 AM for registration and visits to Santa in his magical grotto, ahead of the 11:00 AM race start. Every registered adult will receive a Santa T-shirt and hat, while children get a fun Elf T-shirt, along with a finisher's medal for everyone tackling the 5km or family-friendly 2km routes. Sign-up online today to secure your spot, see Santa, and support vital local hospice care! For more information go to: pth.org.uk



www.hart-rotary.org

hello@hart-rotary.org

07831 303875 (Steve Watling, President)

[rcofhart1145](https://www.instagram.com/rcofhart1145)

Rotary Club of Hart

If you would like to make friends and help
the community, please get in contact.

For more information on Hart Rotary and our
activities, please go to our website or social
media.



SCAN HERE



On cold dark nights you may be tempted to stay at home and watch TV. But if you ventured forth and came to the Jubilee Hall on a Monday evening, then I am sure starting the week with a song will boost you through the week. Singing definitely raises the spirits.



We are now practising for our Christmas Concert, which is always a great fun evening and an excellent way to start the Christmas party season. Please make sure to book early as tickets go quickly. We have many members whose families all want to come and hear them sing and also want to join in with the carols at the end of the evening.

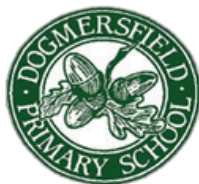
We are a community choir so new members are always welcome - come and join our community. **NO auditions** just the love of singing is required. We meet in the Jubilee Hall at **7.30pm Monday evenings**. So, if you would like to come and find out more about us, please pop in; first night is free.

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

Our usual points of contact are: Hartley Rocks Choir on Internet, Instagram, or Facebook.

Email: Committee@hartleyrocks.co.uk Chairman@hartleyrocks.co.uk

Box Office: 07392 551365



Dogmersfield C. of E. Primary School

The school is a small rural village primary school, linked to a village church, providing a personalised journey for each child based on Christian values. It is a very intimate, caring and nurturing school, with a lovely friendly atmosphere.

The school is dynamic and growing, with active staff and governors, and has an excellent reputation.

We are looking for a Foundation Governor to join our Board of Governors.

If you are interested, then please email the Chair of Governors.
CoG@dogmersfield.hants.sch.uk



Christmas Day Lunch

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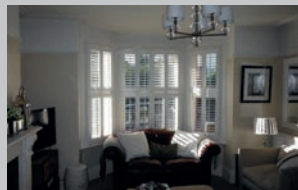
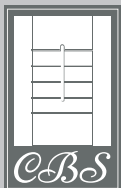


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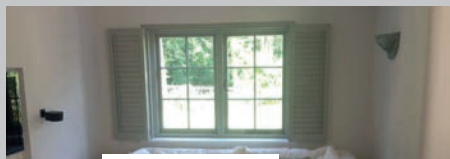
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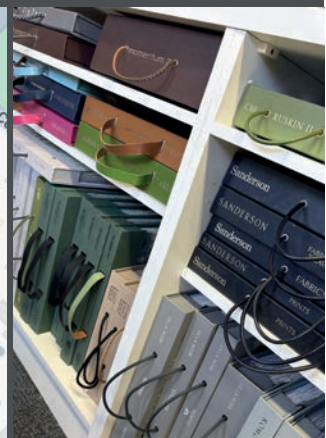
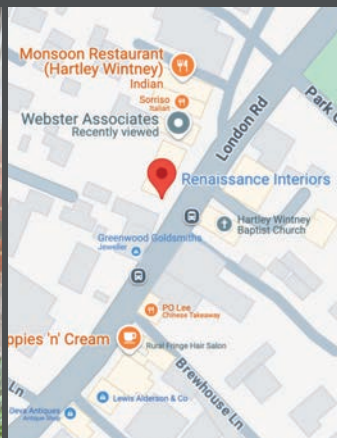
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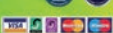
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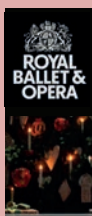


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With two years of bad harvest in a row, finances for many farmers are now critical. Andrew's agronomist has said that oilseed rape drilled at the end of this harvest is now struggling to establish without water; the flea beetle has moved in and whole plantations are already being abandoned and so next year is already affected.

The fields at home remain dustbowls and the hope of breaking down dead weeds in the old fruit fields has been but a pipe dream. The stems are woody and not breaking and the power harrow is simply creating dust clouds. Goodness only knows when the soil will be workable, let alone 'plantable'.

Government is committed to legally binding nature targets, but this could be compromised with a failure in funding under the Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFI), which provides support for nature schemes. SFI is intended to enable poorer areas of farms to be given over to nature, while using the better areas for production. However, the latest SFI offering of £235 million was opened without announcement and closed 6 hours later, having run out of money. Even the Government's own rural backbenchers have been outraged, one quoted as saying the scheme was "worse than the scramble for Oasis tickets" with a colleague a little more direct with "this is basic organising and shouldn't be run like s----- festival tickets"! Some applicants waited futilely on the helpline for 5 hours!

The potato crop across Europe is expected to have a 3.5 million tonne shortfall, with the spuds small and presumably more expensive at retail level if nowhere else. Pumpkin growers in several parts of the country are reporting crops of no more than 8% of a normal crop. Pick-your-Own pumpkins are going to be very short, not to say non-existent, with many venues not opening.

And then there is the impact of the current business and taxation worries on allied businesses. With weather impacting income levels over two years and worries concerning inheritance tax, many farms are reviewing their situations forensically. More than 64% of farm projects, worth in excess of £50,000, have been cancelled with a third worth in excess of £150,000 also cancelled. These are projects involving building of holiday lets, converting buildings to other uses, purchasing machinery or simply farming itself. The knock-on effect to the country will be huge in terms of lost tax revenue and employment.

All I can say is thank goodness for the most delightful wedding held on the farm at the start of the month, which was a great joy, even attended on the Sunday by the dachshunds, who behaved! Huge Congratulations to Dr and the new Mrs Barnes. In the meantime, though, my first boxes of Christmas Gifts and Decorations have arrived ready for our Christmas Barn, and trees, wreaths etc are all on order for our grand opening on November 21st.



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Cllr Williams from Winchfield Parish Council gave a very informative presentation on the subject, which then led to an engaging Q&A session. The Planning Committee then discussed and agreed our response to Hart District Council (HDC) on the Outline Application (REF 26/01201/OUT) which was developed in partnership with Winchfield and Hook Parish Councils and submitted on October 5th. We are expecting it to be reviewed by the Planning Committee at HDC in November/December. At the time of writing it is open for comments from the public, and we would encourage you to make your feelings known to the Planning Committee at HDC.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

We regret to announce that we have had to take the decision not to run the village Christmas Market this year. The market is a much-loved part of village life, and this decision has not been taken lightly.

Organising the market takes many months of work and involves significant planning, including road closures, safety arrangements, traffic management, fireworks, and coordination with traders, contractors, and volunteers. At present, the Parish Council does not have sufficient capacity to deliver this work safely and effectively alongside its existing responsibilities.

Please be reassured that this decision relates only to this year and does not mean the market has been permanently discontinued. Once staffing levels and resources have improved, we will review options for future Christmas events and keep residents updated. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council – 2nd November 2026 at 7.30pm (Lucy Pygott Centre)

Planning Committee – 9th November 2026 at 7.00pm (Lady Kaye Meeting Room)

Environment & Amenities Committee – 16th November 2026 at 7.00pm (Lady Kaye Meeting Room)

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HW OVER 55s FORUM AND COMMUNITY HUB



Forum Meeting on 10th November at the Victoria Hall at 10.30am

Our meeting this month sees the return of the wonderful choir from Farnborough Hill Girls' School. This will be followed, as usual, by a two-course lunch.

So that we know how many people to cater for, please call Daphne Weal on 01252 844025 if you will be attending. If you have any food allergies or need transport, please let us know when you book, so that suitable arrangements can be made. The cost of the event, payable at the door, is £5 and there will be a raffle for funds during the meeting.

We are anxious for the Over 55s Forum to continue, but the organisation of this urgently needs to have succession planning as none of us who are currently involved are getting any younger. If you feel you might be able to help with this organisation, please telephone me on 07971 527246.

Kelvin Fay



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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. 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE VICTORIA HALL

For individuals or couples who would otherwise be eating alone. For booking details, please see our full page advertisement on page 34.

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 generally 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, 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.

FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

This drop in facility comes with St John's Church making their facilities available to us completely free of charge, for people living with dementia and their family, friends and carers. We run on Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00 pm 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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