VIEW FROM THE PEW

Dear Friends,

I was recently set thinking by this assertion: "We live at a time when we make choices without principle." The word principle intrigued me.

The writer could have written, "We live at a time when we make choices without caring about the consequences." Of course, we do care about the consequences of some choices. We do avoid hurting ourselves or breaking the law. We "do unto others as we would have them do unto us". We make choices which benefit family and close friends. But many of our choices affect others who are out of sight and out of mind. Our personal world can be very small.

Since the 1980s and the politically attractive mantra of "choice, choice, choice", we have been beguiled into becoming self-centred. The multiplication of commercial TV and radio channels gave momentum to Personal Choice as primary in our lives. Then the all-pervasive impact of social media has steadily seduced us into "go there", "have this" and "do this". It seems that since 1998 (when Google started), we have been conditioned into a life of Choice.

The consequences of Personal Choice are becoming clear. Politics becomes angry when we cannot choose what we would like. Our frustrations seek blame for disappointment and deprivations, eg wrong economic policies, the unreliability of experts, or too many immigrants, or inefficiency in government, or the law obstructing government, or issues of positive discrimination, or the apparent irrelevance of reaching for carbon neutrality.

In biblical terms, we are called to assert the importance of principles over consequences. There are only three principles. Love God, love your neighbour as you would love yourself.

Loving God involves knowing His will, offering Him worship, seeking holiness.

Loving neighbour means seeking the best for neighbour – and much as the Vice President of the USA would like to define neighbour as family and nation, Jesus makes it clear that every human being is my neighbour, and especially every baptised human being.

Loving self means working towards holiness, which, in the context of these few words, means making choices which don't deprive neighbour (however far away) or damage our beautiful globe.

I could simplify all this. "If I'm kind to you, you'll be kind to me". But this is risky because there is no guarantee kindness will be returned. Holiness gives for giving's sake, not in expectation of reward.

Matthew Grayshon

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Date	Time	Church	Worship
Sun July 6	9.30am	St Peter's OW	Family Service
Sun July 13	9.30am	St Andrew's NW	Family Communion
Sun July 20	9.30am	St Peter's OW	Family Communion
Sun July 27	9.30am	St Andrew's NW	Family Service
Sun Aug 3	9.30am	St Peter's OW	Family Service

Thanksgiving Service

at St Andrew's on June 2nd: Elspeth Carter who died on April 27th aged 92.

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life; those who believe in me, even though they die, will live"

Wedding

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Date	Time	Church	Worship
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Sun July 13	11.00am	St Mary's Monxton	Morning Worship
	11.00am	St Mary's Amport	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Michael's Quarley	Great Lives
Sun July 20	11.00am	St Leonard's Grateley	Morning Worship
Sun July 27	9.30am	St Michael's Quarley	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Mary's Monxton	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Mary's Amport	Evensong
Sun Aug 3	9.30am	St Leonard's Grateley	Holy Communion

QUARLEY GREAT LIVES

As we await the choice of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, we realise that nowadays it could well be a woman who is chosen. In the seventeenth century, Madame Guyon ended up in the Bastille as a result of stating her Christian views. One of her beliefs was that "Prayer is the key of perfection and of sovereign happiness". Nowadays, her books on prayer are widely read and studied.

Do come and hear more and enjoy some good music and fellowship. We particularly urge those of you who remember Desmond Graves (who started the Quarley Meditations) to come to this, as it is the one he was struggling to complete when illness overtook him. Some of his family will be attending, and it would be wonderful if you could come and share your memories with them.

According to a tradition started by Desmond, refreshments will be available.

Great Lives, 6pm on Sunday 13th July at St Michael's, Quarley

Ronwen Walker

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EDITORS' COMMENT

Dear Readers,

This month's issue is our first "flying solo" as editors, following on from the fantastic work that Christine did with the magazine for many years. The magazine is a real team effort, and we can't thank everyone enough for making the handover as smooth as possible. We hope that the transition is seamless to you, the readers, and that you all continue to enjoy the magazine as a great community resource.

This issue is packed full of super events upcoming in July, including the Over Wallop Fete and Wallop Wheels & Wings at the Army Flying Museum site. We are sure many of you are looking forward to attending these and other great events that make our communities so vibrant and enjoyable.

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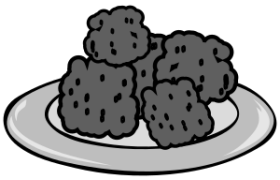

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NOT ON YOUR OWN CLUB NEWS

At our last NOYO Club meeting, we were fortunate to have Rhona Roberts as our speaker. Rhona is the Secretary of the Wallop Gardening Club, and showed slides of various garden insects, many found in her greenhouse. Our challenge was to name the insects and establish if they were beneficial for the garden or pests. We learned that some pests were difficult to eliminate completely, even with modern techniques, while others, such as the lily beetle, could be picked off and squashed. Our members thoroughly enjoyed Rhona's talk, particularly those who tend their own gardens. Thank you, Rhona, for a very entertaining session, complete with anecdotes. One of which filled us with horror, but thankfully, with a lucky escape.

It is always helpful for the Organiser and Helpers to know how others perceive our Club. We recently received some positive feedback saying:

"I think you and your helpers are doing a fabulous job with NOYOC – everything was beautifully laid out with cloths, flowers, and a super afternoon tea. Everyone was chatting and cheerful" We are always grateful for any feedback or suggestions to enable any improvements.

New members are always welcome to join us. If you are 55 years or over, live alone or with an adult child, and reside in the Wallops or Palestine, then why not come along to our next meeting to see what we do.

The next meeting takes place on **Sunday 27th July from 2 to 4pm** at the Parishes Hall at Middle Wallop crossroads. Lifts can be arranged if transport is a problem.

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Ellen Hailstone

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NEWS FROM WALLOP ARTISTS

This month's demonstration was an exciting venture into the realms of 3D art. We were fortunate to welcome award winning sculptor Amy Goodman to give us an illustrated talk on her previous work followed by a demonstration of making a maquette which was intended to be the first of the many stages required to finally achieve a monumental sculpture.

Amy is based at her studio at Project Workshops, Quarley. She specialises in life size sculptures for public spaces. Best known to us will be the Romsey War Horse and our own recently installed sculpture of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in Andover. A second statue depicting a younger Queen Elizabeth, destined for display in Romsey is still under development.

Amy's presentation gave her audience an insight into the various stages of developing a monumental sculpture such as the Romsey Warhorse. She worked with carefully chosen models for Joey, the horse, and for the young, lower-ranking trooper who was to lead the horse and represent his rider. After developing her concept through many sketches and drawings, Amy moves on to her initial 3D investigations by trialling small models in clay on a base of metal wire armatures. Finally, a full-size model of the figure is sculpted in clay on a strong metal mesh base. Following this a rubber mould is created in two halves so a cold cast of the sculpture can be made in the foundry. It became clear that making a sculpture involves, not only the artist, but a team of people bringing their various skills to the task.

We had the opportunity to view the two finished maquettes for the Romsey and Andover Queens and began to understand the depth of thought and sensitivity that Amy had invested in creating her sculptures of such a well-known figure.

Watching Amy start from scratch with a few twisted pieces of wire forming the basic figure then sculpting with damp clay, all the while hearing her thinking process as she worked, was quite thrilling. Within a short time, Amy's clever fingers brought to credible life two figures engaged in their tasks.

Looking forward, July has some interesting events for members of Wallop Art Society. Our July demonstration, which is to be held later than usual on **Thursday 17th July from 7.30 to 9.30pm**, will welcome Cumbrian artist Anne Blanksome-Hemens to show us how to create expressive landscapes. The following day, Anne will lead an outdoor workshop giving us the chance to put theory into practice, in our own chosen medium. If the weather holds, some of you may see us with easels and paint in the region of St Peter's Church.

If you are interested in joining Wallop Art Society, you are welcome to attend a demonstration where you can meet a member of the Committee to discover more about what our association has to offer.

Viv Philpot

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OVER WALLOP FETE

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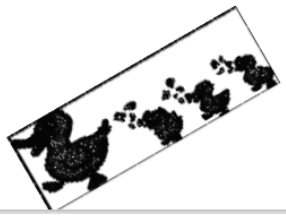

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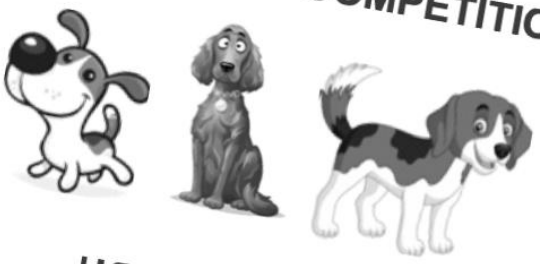

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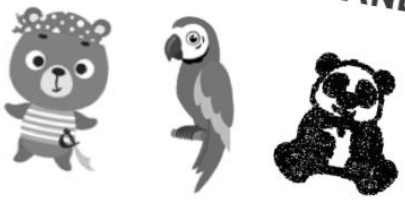

THE GARDENING COLUMN

The rain in June was most welcome with plenty of sunshine to get jobs done between the showers. I was half-expecting a shower when heading out to start up the mower this morning, then felt a spot of rain so busied myself for a few minutes deadheading. The spots turned into splashes, then stair-rods and what I'd initially dismissed as a heavy shower began to look as if it was set in.

Funny stuff, weather. We live in an age that demands precision in everything, so much so, even when the rain is dripping off the end of your nose it's tempting to pull out the smartphone and seek confirmation on the Met Office weather app. Right now, the screen's showing a sunshine-poking-from-behind-a-cloud symbol, denoting clearing weather by mid-afternoon.

I prefer to gauge prospects for gardening by sticking my hand out of the door and looking at the clouds. I used to know a chap in North Yorkshire called Bill Foggitt who forecast the weather by observing signs in nature. His neighbour's cat was a reliable predictor of thunderstorms. When a storm was brewing, it would become demented and run around in circles. Bill never put much store by St Swithin's Day on July 15, but he liked to quote the saying all the same:

St Swithin's Day if thou dost rain,

For forty days it will remain.

St Swithin's Day if thou be fair,

For forty days it will rain no more.

St Swithin, a bishop of Winchester, died in 862, and was buried in a churchyard in accordance with his wishes. But when he was canonised a century later, the Church hierarchy felt that his remains deserved a more dignified setting beneath the cathedral choir stalls. Heavy rain for the next forty days convinced the authorities that St Swithin was against the idea, so they left him where he was. The French, who do things their own way, have a similar aphorism for Candlemas Day on February 2

But only St Swithin knows if we're in for a wet end to July, so we must plan for any eventuality. July is very much a catch-up month for those of us behind with plantings. Fortunately, warm soil and long days ensure vigorous plant growth. We've been quite a bit behind with vegetables. The potatoes we're growing in bags at home are doing nicely but those destined for the allotment were left by mistake on the store-room floor and the dog ate all but four of them. We did get a few in, bought last minute, but they'll be late. "Are you putting them in for Christmas?" said a man in the shop, which I thought a bit cheeky, particularly since he too was replacing a failure.

Things appear are bedding in quite well within Wallops Gardening Club, and we had an encouraging turnout for alstroemeria grower Ben Cross, a most entertaining speaker, at our May meeting. His talk was supplemented by one of our regular "how to" sessions, this one, the Chelsea chop, demonstrated by Karen Smith. If any of you have some helpful tips to share, please let us know.

If you're thinking of joining and you've been sitting on the fence – never the most comfortable option for gardeners - why not come down to one of our evenings? Admission for guests is £4. For that, you get a glass of wine or soft drink, an interesting talk, some top tips, a chat with fellow enthusiasts, free seeds, and the chance to take part in our popular raffle. Apart from the summer visits, meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Thursday of the month. Our speaker on September 18 is William Ross on Arboriculture. Remember to take some pictures for our Christmas meeting and, of course, if you have any collected or leftover seeds, you're always welcome to share them during our meetings. Spreading the joy of gardening across our villages is what we're all about.

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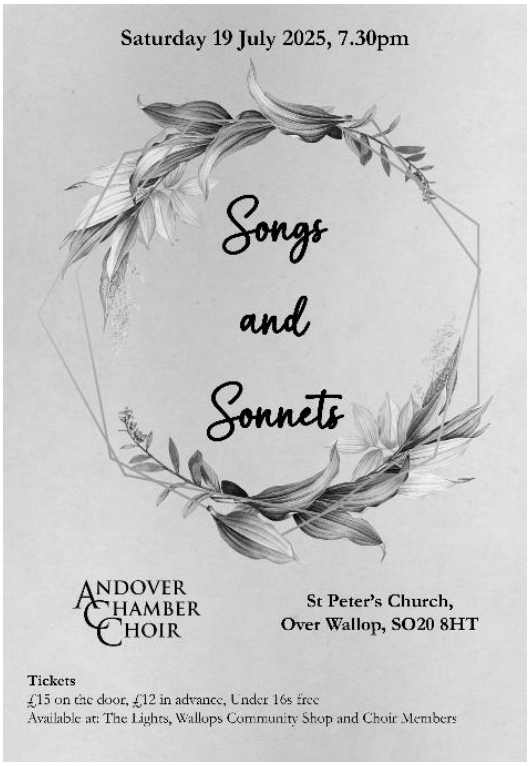
This summer, Andover Chamber Choir will perform a mixed programme of music that captures the spirit of summer and provides a delightful evening of entertainment.

From jazz settings of Shakespeare to music from his time, and the heady harmonies of Elgar and Ireland to classic British folksongs, the programme includes something for everyone. Of particular note, the programme will include two Hampshire folksongs collected and arranged by Gustav Holst. The musical pieces will be complemented by readings chosen by Prof. Michael Wheeler, chairman of the choir.

The concert takes place on **Saturday 19th July at St Peter's Church, Over Wallop, beginning at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £15 on the door or £12 in advance from The Lights (in person, telephone or online), Wallops Community Shop and choir members. Under 16s are admitted free of charge. Light refreshments are included in the ticket price.



WALLOPS WHEELS & WINGS

The Army Flying Museum, in Middle Wallop, are in the last throws of their preparation for their popular annual fundraising event, Wallop Wheels and Wings, which will take place on both the Museum site and the historic adjacent airfield on **Saturday 12th July from 10am to 4.30pm.**

Visitors are in for a real treat again this year as, weather permitting, several air displays are planned throughout the event. The amazing Aerosuperbatics Wing Walkers will be wowing the crowds and making their first visit to Wallop Wheels and Wings. In addition, the Museum are thrilled to welcome back the RAF Falcons Parachute Display team, the Rolls-Royce Heritage Flight Spitfire and the Navy Wings Harvard.

Also included in the programme are very special displays by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Douglas C47 Dakota and RAF Grob Tutor, along with what is set to be a real crowd pleaser, as a Westland Lynx AH Mk.7 takes to the skies to entertain the crowds.

The event is a great day out for the whole family, not just for car, motorbike and aircraft enthusiasts and will see a full programme of entertainment running throughout the day, including inflatables, craft activities, laser tag, mini racers and circus skills, for all ages to get involved in. Younger visitors will also have lots of fun with the classic pedal planes and little tanks.

The event village will showcase local artisan traders including Homemade Brownie Company, New Forest Shortbread, Hornet Chilli, Saxnot Meadery, and many more and is a great chance to support local independent traders and pick up some unique gifts.

All tickets purchased in advance of the event come with a free annual pass for the Museum valid from 13th July and with all school holiday activities included in the annual pass, this gives great value for money for local families to enjoy and support this great local Museum.

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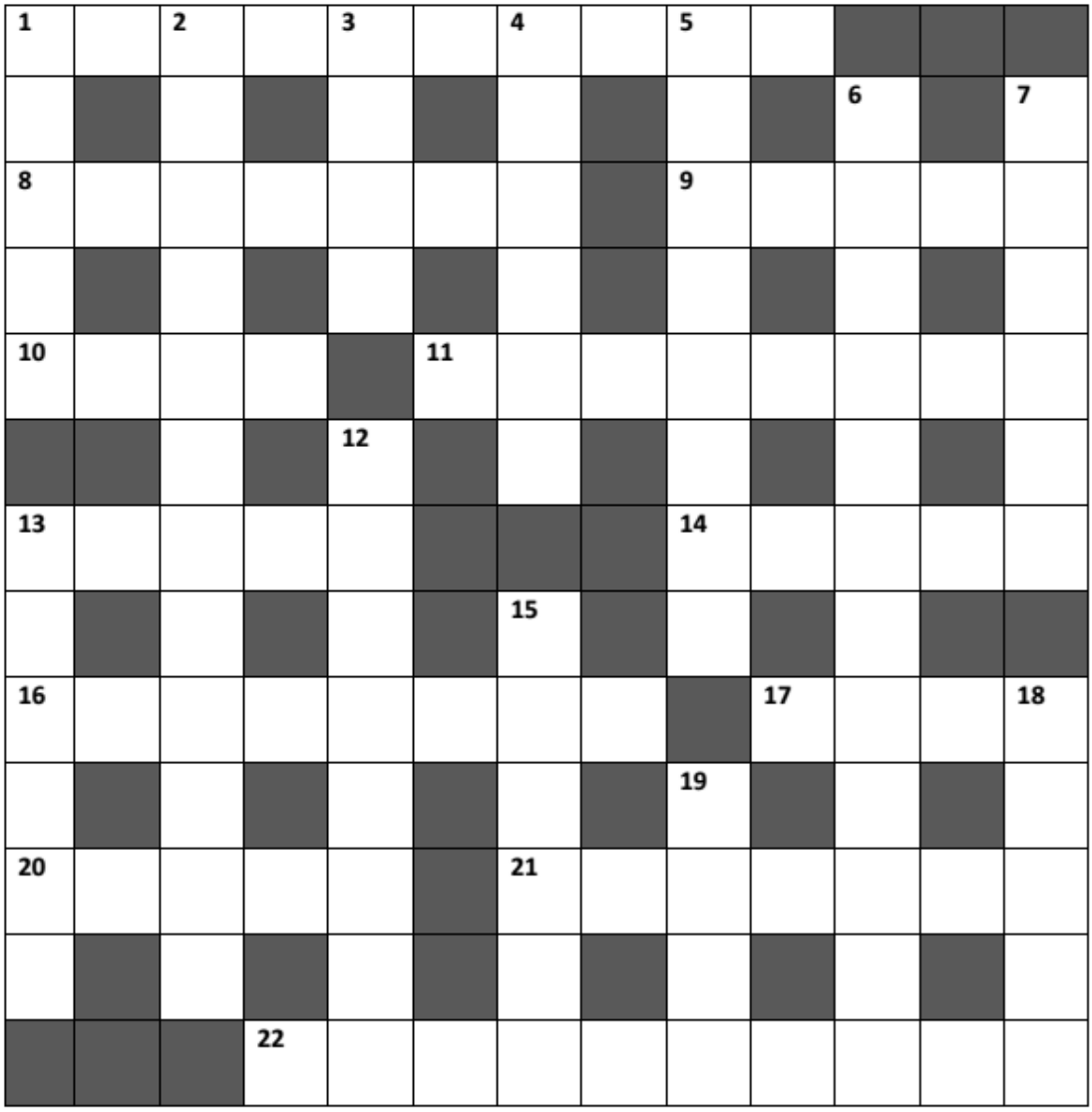
THE CROSSWORD PAGE

Stephen Baldock (p.3) welcomes solutions to this cryptic puzzle



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TALKING SHOP

Well, where did that time go?

I can't believe that it's already been a month since I last wrote for the Parish News, and what a month it has been.

I would like to extend a massive "thank you" to Sue, who organised and ran the first volunteer meeting. With some people already letting us know they would like to volunteer but couldn't make the meeting, along with those who turned up on the night, I think it was a great success.

This month, we have seen a new supplier for our main deliveries. Like everything, there are bound to be a few teething problems, but it does mean that we have changed some of our lines. We are now able to stock a few things that customers have previously requested. If you haven't been in the shop for a while, it may be worth your having a look. Don't forget that if you can't see what you are looking for, please ask. It may be in the shop but just not where you are looking.

We are also gearing up for the Fete and hopefully, Sue will have a pitch to talk to you about volunteering, should you wish to get involved. Julie will be sorting out the BBQ, and all we need to do is get someone to organise the weather for the day!

We are also looking to get a shop brochure ready to deliver to the local villages. This will have some info on products and services that you may not know we provide, including dry cleaning, local products and info about our loyalty scheme.

Finally, I'll mention some fundraising we have planned. Bingo, as always, is on the second Tuesday of the month at The White Hart. Next bingo is on **Tuesday 8th July at 8pm**. There will be a Pub Quiz on Saturday, 22nd November. It will be another of my fun quizzes, so don't expect that knowing the speed of light is 670,616,629 miles per hour is going to help you, but brushing up on the name of the Wombles might!

Pete Winterton

OVER WALLOP ALLOTMENTS

We have recently completed our annual renewal of Rental Agreements for plots within the Brownjohn Allotment Gardens in Over Wallop. Two large plots have been returned to the Committee as the plot holder no longer wanted to keep them. We have split these two large plots into four more manageable plots that are now available for rent. We have covered these plots with weed fabric to keep the weeds at bay. Although we are well into the planting season for this year, any new plot holders can plan for next year, working in a weed-free plot.

If you are interested in taking a look, then please contact me at 07767 607030

We are a self-managing group with a formal set of rules, as most commonly used by most allotment groups around the country. However, our very rural setting gives us an outstanding three acres of land to promote the growing of fruit and vegetables free of pesticides and other harmful chemicals.

The allotments were gifted to the Parish of Over Wallop in 1885 by Miss Emily Brownjohn, so we have a long history and one we hope to maintain for future generations. We have collected a small sample of 'allotment finds' over the years, including medieval arrow heads, clay pipes, large door keys, coins and metal heels from work boots.

We do not have mains water on site and although we evaluated the creation of a bore hole, it was agreed to optimise the use of rainwater. We are currently looking at what options are open to us for harvesting this most effectively.

Richard Quick

LEMON AND CHERRY SHORTBREAD

Makes 12-16 bars

Shortbread base:

5 oz (150g) butter
6 oz (175g) plain flour
3 oz (85g) icing sugar
1 lemon
Pinch of salt

Topping:

12 oz (325g) frozen cherries
7 oz (200g) caster sugar
Oz (25g) plain flour
3 eggs

Oven:

Esse 180, half past the hour on Thermodial
Aga baking oven, 180C, 360F, Gas 3

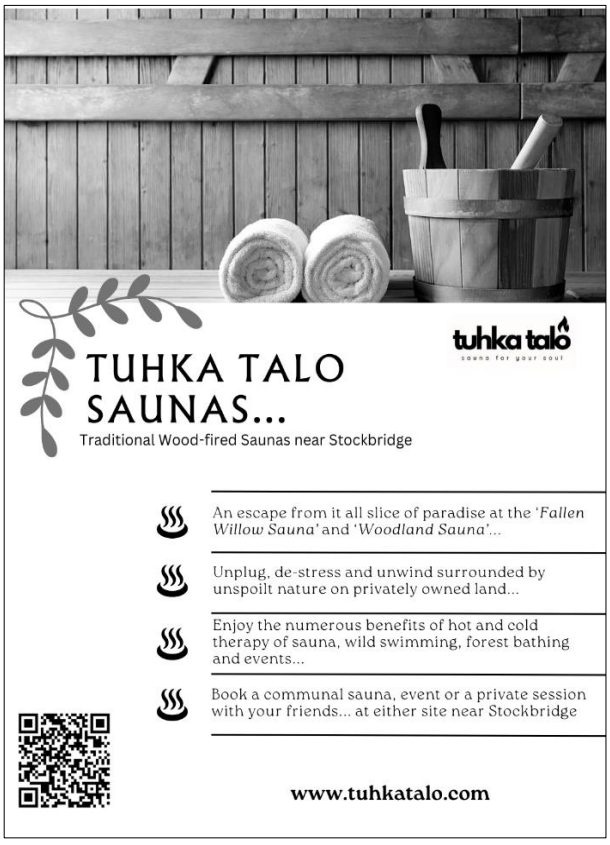
Prepare in advance:

Will keep in a tin for two or three days

Freeze: Yes

1. Line an 8"/20cm square cake tin with Bake-O-Glide.
2. Put the butter, flour, salt and icing sugar into a processor and grate on the rind of the lemon. Pulse until it is the consistency of bread crumbs, then tip this into the tin and press down firmly.
3. Set the grid shelf onto the floor of the oven and put the loaf tin onto it. Bake for about 20 minutes until pale brown.
4. Roasting temperature oven: Set the loaf tin into the big roasting tin and hang this from the lowest runners in the roasting oven. Slide the cold plain shelf onto the 2nd runners above and bake for about 20 minutes.
5. While it is in the oven, whizz the cherries and the juice of the lemon in the processor (no need to wash it after the base!). Add the sugar, flour and eggs and whizz again.
6. Pour the cherry mixture on top of the baked shortbread and bake again for about 20 more minutes, until the topping is set.
7. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes then turn out and cut into squares or rectangular bars.
Serve with a sprinkling of icing sugar to show you have made an effort.
8. Take the cooked shortbread from the oven and allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack.
9. Serve in slices.

Sarah Whitaker



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NEWS FROM THE WI

With June already a distant memory, the Wallops WI are looking towards our July meeting when Justine Salkeld from the Dogs Trust will be joining us on Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm in the Wallops Parishes Hall. Many of us enjoy the companionship and love of dogs in our own homes but sadly, too many are subjected to cruelty, neglect and abandonment. This is where organisations like the Dogs Trust step in to provide shelter and hopefully a successful rehoming of these often badly damaged animals. It can be a challenging experience for all concerned, but the rewards are many and occasionally unexpected. Our speaker will tell us how the Dogs Trust can help these dogs live the life they are entitled to.

Last month, members of the Wallops WI paid a visit to the Hawk Conservancy on the afternoon of our usual evening meeting. The weather very nearly washed out the planned flying display of the amazing birds in their care, but in the last few minutes, the clouds cleared, and the sun came out to save the day. The beautiful birds of prey gave a dazzling display, swooping low over our heads and in some cases skimming the tops of the taller heads in the audience. We had been warned to duck if the bird flew directly towards us, but they were faster than the humans! It was a thrilling and impressive display and showed off their flying skills to perfection. After a look around at all the other birds at the centre, we were treated to a huge and delicious afternoon tea in the Griffin Room. It was a very fitting mid-summer treat and maybe something to repeat another year.

Are you new to the villages or would like to know more about the WI why not come along as a guest to our next meeting? You will be warmly welcomed and there is always something to tasty to enjoy with our refreshments at the end!

Put the date in your diary – **Thursday 10th July 7.30pm Wallops Parishes Hall**

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DRAFT MINUTES – OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5th JUNE 2025

Present:

Cllr Mr M Goodman – Chairman; Cllr Mr I Cleife; Cllr Mr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor; Cllr Mr A Meek; Cllr Mr M Goodman; Cllr Mrs P Bunche; Cllr Mrs B Hunt; Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk; County Councillor Mr D Drew; Members of the Public – 5.

Apologies: Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman;

Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasselman – Palestine Ward.

Declarations of interest: None recorded.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The Chairman then signed the minutes of the May meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr S MacDonald.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the AGM as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Bunche.

Borough and County Councillors' reports:

County Councillor Mr D Drew and Borough Councillor Mr S MacDonald's reports will be put on the Hub.

Borough Councillor Mr S Macdonald report:

- TVBC are continuing to work on how they will achieve the increase in housing targets set by the Government.
- Proposals to split Hampshire into 4 areas are being submitted to the Government for consideration. The election of a mayor to oversee Hampshire will take place in 2026.
- Over Wallop is continuing to forge ahead with various Community Projects.
- To confirm - TVBC are introducing a food waste facility to the household rubbish collections in the autumn.
- TVBC have successfully prosecuted a Fly Tipper from Abbots Ann who was given a £1,500 fine.

Chairman's report:

- The Chairman wished to thank Mr Fox for the sterling work he has done securing funding for the new Cricket Practice Nets.
- The pricing strategy for the hire of the Pavilion is being looked at by Cllr Mrs B Hunt.

  ACTION: Cllr Mrs B Hunt
- A new cleaner is required. The hourly pay rate is £14 an hour. Mr A Fox has kindly offered to produce and circulate an advert for the position. Action: Mr A Fox
- The Robot Hoover for the Parish Hall needs to be programmed before use.
- The wildflower's signs on the AEMG have been stolen and need replacing.
- The Chairman expects to send out the tender documents for the Tree Work on the AEMG within the next few weeks. ACTION: Chairman

County Councillor Mr D Drew report:

- Cllr Mr D Drew congratulated Cllr Mr M Goodman on his role as Chairman of the Parish Council.
- HCC are to launch a scheme to aid recovery of wildlife in Hampshire due to a noted decline in recent years.
- Mr Mark Cooper has been elected Chairman of Hampshire County Council for the next year.
- Hampshire County Council have been working hard to secure a way forward under devolution and have been working hard with neighbouring Borough Councils. Proposals in discussion include a proposal combining the following areas: TVBC, New Forest, Winchester and East Hampshire.
- The Government will at some point consult with residents of Hampshire possibly in late 2025 or 2026. There are to be major elections in 2026, but there will be no more Borough Council Elections.
- The White Paper mentions that the Unitary Authority will work closely with the Parish Councils. However, there will be a reduction in the number of Councillors as a result of current proposals.

Cllr Mr A Meek stated that he had read the White Paper and felt that it is not clear why there is a need for change!

Cllr Mr D Drew stated that the main reason is that larger Councils can benefit business.

Monthly financial report:

This is available on the website.

The End of Year Financial report:

This is available on the website.

Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025:

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025, ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman. All agreed

Annual Accounting Statement 2024/2025:

The Annual Accounting Statement 2024/2025 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Hunt and seconded by Cllr Mr M Goodman. All agreed.

Planning:

25/01045/TPON – Sycamore – remove limb overhanging driveway, reduce height by

10m and thin crown by 40% - Milvus, Mount Hermon Road, Palestine – NO COMMENT.

25/01055/FULLN – Rear extension with external paving and replacement window – Moyles, King Lane, Over Wallop – SUPPORT.

25/01157/VARN – A variation of condition 02 of 23/01940/FULLN (erection of replacement dwelling) to change the color of the windows and doors to gray at The Bungalow, Mount Carmel Road, Palestine – SUPPORT.

25/00928/FULLN – Retention of Mobile Home – Wallop Road Barn, Wallop Road, Grateley. SUPPORT

Parish Councillor's report:

Cllr MRS B HUNT – Reported that the fitting of the batteries to the Parish Hall is nearly complete. Cllr Mrs B Hunt is hoping to set up an online booking system for the Pavilion on the new website and will liaise with John Francis.

Cllr Mr I Cleife has removed the barbed wire from the Evans Close Playing Field.

Cllr Mrs B Hunt reported that she will sort out the signatures on the Parish Hall and Parish Council Accounts, 6 old signatories need to be removed. ACTION: Cllr Mrs B Hunt

Cllr MRS P BUNCHE– Reported that she has been contacted by a Palestine resident for an update on the moving of one of the dog bins from the AEMG to Palestine. The Clerk hoped this would happen within two weeks and will speak to TVBC. ACTION: Parish Clerk.

Cllr MR S MACDONALD – Reported that he has been working with Mr A Fox to secure funding for play equipment on the AEMG. There is £50,000 available through various funding streams. It is intended to consult with the Parish on what equipment they would like, as community involvement is part of the grant application. It will be important to get the children's input.

Cllr Mrs P Bunche and Mr A Meek offered to help with the consultation process. Cllr Mrs P Bunche will consult with the children's student council at the primary school as she is now a Governor. ACTION: Cllrs MacDonald, Bunche, Meek and Mr A Fox.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that he has a box of parts that need fitting to the telephone box to finish off the installation. The Clerk will contact the contractor who has agreed to do the work to remind him. ACTION: Parish Clerk.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that Highways are progressing with the 20 MPH scheme. Trial markings have been added to the road and the license has been applied for. The completion/activation is still planned for March 2026.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported that he has been approached by a parishioner enquiring what has happened to the Community Speed Watch. Enthusiasm has waned, and a re-launch with more training is required.

The Clerk reported that Grateley would like to get involved and had several parishioners who would like to be trained to use the equipment. Email addresses will be exchanged.

ACTION: Over, Nether and Grateley Parish Councils.

Correspondence:

A resident of Evans Close has complained about an area of the Evans Close Playing Field that has not been mowed. The Parish Council discussed this and agreed that the Parish Council contractor will be asked to start cutting this as part of his contract. ACTION: Parish Clerk.

Members of the public:

Mr Ling expressed concern about the decorating of the War Memorial with flowers for the recent VE Celebrations. Mr Ling stated that he felt it was very disrespectful that names had been covered and those who placed the flowers likely climbed on the War Memorial to place the flowers. Mr Ling stated that there are guidelines for the decorating of War Memorials, and this is available on the internet. Mr Ling asked the Parish Council to make a public apology for any upset caused and to make sure this did not happen again.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ling for raising the issue and assured him that this was not done intentionally and an open apology will be placed in the Wallop News. Cllr Mr A Meek offered to put together the apology. ACTION: Cllr A Meek.

Mr M Glover asked County Councillor Mr D Drew what the cost for the re-branding will be for the Governments Devolution exercise?

Cllr Mr D Drew stated that he could not give an answer, and it is a question that needs to be put to a government minister, but he thought it would be in the millions of pounds.

Mr A Fox reported that he is working with Cllr Mrs B Hunt to get the on-line booking system in place. Over Wallop Cricket Club are at the top of their league and are doing very well. There is a possibility that a junior Cricket Team will form. Pizzaz Soccer Training are continuing to use the facility, and a Yoga Group is now using the Pavilion on a Monday morning and is gaining in popularity. There have been several enquiries about using the Pavilion for various classes including Ti-Chi and an exercise class.

The Parish Council thought this excellent news and is very encouraging.

Mr Fox stated that he is putting together a job description for a cleaner and noted that the hourly rate is £14.

The new Practice Nets have been totally funded with grants and will not be locked so they can be used by everyone. There will be some restrictions on site during installation. The use of the spoil was discussed, and it was agreed that it would be used to create a low bund between the field and the car park, fencing will then not be required, and the bund can be sown with wildflowers. TVBC will be contacted to see if this will require planning permission.

The Parish Council were asked if there are any plans to celebrate VJ Day. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council have not discussed this, and it is noted.

Change of Venue:

The Parish Clerk suggested that the Parish Council Meet at the Pavilion in the future. When the use of the main hall coincides with the Parish Council Meeting, car parking has been problematic. Using the Pavilion will also promote its use.

The Parish Council discussed this and thought it a good idea with the possibility of starting to meet in the Pavilion after the summer break in September.

Close of the meeting: The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 3rd of July 2025 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

PC website: www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk

MINUTES – NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th JUNE 2025

Present: Cllrs, Carpenter, Sharpe, Astell, Courcoux, Lovatt and Cllr Blandford, RFO - Christian Anstis and Clerk – Heidi Easton.

Also present: Cllr MacDonald and 2 members of the public

Welcome: Cllr Carpenter opened the meeting at 18:45 and welcomed everyone. He informed the room that the meeting would be recorded

Apologies for absence: Cllr Drew

Declarations of interest: No Declarations of interest were recorded.

As a requirement for the Yearly Audit All Cllrs where asked If they needed to Declare any Conflicts of Interest with BDO LLP, None where recorded. This was signed and will be sent.

Report from TVBC and HCC: Cllr MacDonald gave a short update on the election of Mayor Gordon Bailey. He also mentioned the Speedwatch start-up which Cllr Astell has been proactively trying to get up and running together and are awaiting information back from the police.

Cllr MacDonald mentioned That there had been no update on the Mosquito's in the area.

Cllr Sharpe asked about the progress on fixing the footpaths in the village and it was suggested to go back to HCC.

Chairman Carpenter enquired about Tree Height restrictions as many trees are protruding into the road leading up to the George. He again said it would be HCC that would need to be reported to which can be done on the TVBC website as you would report Potholes.

Both Cllr's full reports can be found on the TVBC website

Points from the floor: None

Planning:

25/01098/LBWN No Comment

25/01155/TPON No Comment

25/00970/FULLN No Comment

25/01251/TREEN No Comment

25/01259/VARN No Comment

Minutes of the previous meeting: Correction made on 7176, Clerk to investigate ramp over Ford in Duck Lane, this was corrected to Five Bells Lane. Approved

Actions: Dog Fowling in Public and Open Fields – All Cllrs have approved the purchase of 4 Signs and 2 Dispensers to be distributed around the Village

Clerk has been in contact with Broughton Parish regarding costs for public loo in the playground. The cost of a loo has been thoroughly researched, and all Cllrs have agreed that this is too costly and will be revisited when plans are drawn up for Pavillion Refurbishment.

Clerk has reached out to Company regarding Tennis courts being repainted. Maintenance has been done, and Painting is booked.

Clerk to check with company for Risk Assessment on Playground. Cllr Sharpe mentioned Risk Inspector Officer Independent/TVBC

Cllr Carpenter has met with Zip Wire company and Adjustments has been approved and booked.

Playing Field Gates. A report was produced on this in the last meeting.

Clerk to contact HCC to report protruding Trees

Clerk is in the process of organising a calendar for all Assets in the village regarding maintenance schedules. This is ongoing.

Clerk to investigate ramp over Ford in Five Bells Lane. To ask Cllrs on next meeting.

Correspondence: Local parishioner has written in regarding the speed limits and restricted view on B3084 This was discussed and fully supported. A copy of the letter will be sent to HCC.

Local Parishioner has written in regarding overgrown state of the footpaths. A334 and ending in Jerrettes Lane This is fully supported, and contact is being made with a Local Lengthsman or hiring an independent. Contact has been made with HCC Costs are being reviewed.

Councillors reports:

Playground/Playing Fields: As above

Village Green: Cllr Blandford reported the lawn mower has been repaired and had 2 mows since and is running we

Village Hall: Cllr Blandford has booked PAT TESTING. Also, the emergency lighting has been

completed, and the CO2 extinguishers have also been completed. Mr Whittaker is checking the Fire Alarm Bell weekly and keeping a record. A thank you to Mr Whittaker.

Cllr Blandford is still looking into Octopus Energy Solar Return

Cllr Lovatt has obtained quotes for cleaning chairs in the Village Hall all Cllrs proposed and agreed work to be carried out in either July/August.

Cllr Lovatt has confirmed left over wine will be used for film nights.

Parish Hall: Chairman, Cllr Carpenter and Cllr Astell will attend.

Footpaths: HCC is responsible. Clerk has sent Photos to Cllrs Drew & Cllrs McDonald. Cllr Blandford has been in touch with Cllr Stubbington all have said funds unavailable. Clerk to send notice to pump and magazine regarding a walk-through village or a petition to sign and send to HCC to get action.

Traffic calming and Speedwatch: Cllr Astell and Richard Bedford will help with the setting up of Speedwatch equipment. It was noted that traffic calming signs will need to be trimmed as overgrown. Cllr Astell is in discussions with Cllr MacDonald regarding getting the signs erected.

Finance: All figures and bank reconciliations were approved.

AGAR Notice of public Rights date Approved, confirmed and signed

AGAR – Section 1, Annual Governance 2024/25 Approved and signed.

AGAR – Section 2, Accounting Statement 2024/25 Approved and signed

Matters raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next Agenda:

Cllr Sharpe and Cllr Blandford requested Communication with Five Bells Society regarding updates on the site progress.

Cllrs Sharpe, Blandford and Courcoux requested designs for Pavillion to be researched.

Cllr Lovatt has requested Communication, Engagement and Paish Website to be discussed.
Points from the floor: None

Date of next monthly meeting: Monday 14th July 2025, at 6.45pm.

The Chairman Cllr Carpenter closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Heidi Easton – Parish Clerk

OVER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL VE CELEBRATION APOLOGY

The VE Day Celebrations in Over Wallop were most successful, but the Parish Council has received one complaint that in decorating the Memorial a few of the names were inadvertently covered up. The Council undertook the decoration of the Memorial in the spirit of celebrating a notable day in our nation's history. There was no malice aforethought in doing this and the Council apologise if any offence was caused. The Council has been made aware of the guidelines pertaining to War Memorials and will do all it can to follow these in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation. **OWPC**

CHILDREN'S PLAY & SPORT EQUIPMENT FOR OVER WALLOP – VIEWS SOUGHT

Over Wallop Parish Council is seeking views on a proposed upgrade of children's play and outside sport/exercise equipment on the Alan Evans Memorial Ground. We believe up to £50,000 could be available from existing developer contributions plus grants from Test Valley Borough Council. We are keen to hear from all residents, but especially those children and young adults for whom the equipment is intended.

Comments can be made via the following link, which will be open until mid-July.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HYSBN6F

Any questions or comments outside the survey can be directed to Cllr Stewart MacDonald: stewart.macdonald@hotmail.com

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More Uncertain Times

Having reached that time of the year with the longest day now well and truly behind us, the future of mankind seems to become more and more worrying. The big, but basic problem, seems to be in the hands of people whose sole interest is in their own political and monetary gains, with little thought for how this whole mess in the Middle East is likely to end up.

While many of us in the UK are enjoying holiday weather of the sort that normally takes us onto the continent, it would appear that many countries, previously happy to take our money post-COVID, are now demonstrating for us to stay at home. My response is that with the inevitable fact of climate change, be careful what you wish for.

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DIARY FOR JULY 2025

Day	Event	Time	Place
Tues 1 July	SADS Curtain Calls page 15	7.30pm	Stockbridge Town Hall
Thurs 3 July	OW Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm–8.30pm	Wallops Parish Hall
Sat 5 July	NW Holy Gardening page 10	9.30am	St Andrews NW
Sat 5 July	Over Wallop Fete page 12-13	12.00pm–3.30pm	St Peter's, OW
Sun 6 July	Over Wallop Café page 18	10.30am–12.00pm	St Peter's, OW
Mon 7 July	Drawing Group	9.30am – 12.30pm	Wallops Parish Hall
Tue 8 July	Bingo page 22	8.00pm	The White Hart OW
Thurs 10 July	WI Meeting page 26	7.30pm	Wallops Parish Hall
Fri 11 July	SADS Open Auditions page 27	7.30pm	Stockbridge Town Hall
Sat 12 July	Wallops Wheels & Wings page 17	10,00am-4.30pm	Army Flying Museum
Sun 13 July	Quarley Great Lives page 2	6,00pm	St Michael's, Quarley
Mon 14 July	NW Parish Council Meeting page 30	7.30pm	NW Village Hall
Wed 16 July	The Wallop Churches Coffee Morning page 4	10.30am	NW Village Hall
Wed 16 July	Backgammon	7.30-9.30pm	St Peter's Ch Hall, OW
Thurs 17 July	Wallop Artists demonstration page 11	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Wallops Parish Hall
Fri 18 July	Wallop Artists Workshop page 11	11.00am – 5.00pm	Wallops Parish Hall
Sat 19 July	Glebe Gardeners page 5	9.00am	St Peter's, OW
Sat 19 July	Songs & Sonnets page 17	7.30pm	St Peter's, OW
Mon 21 July	Drawing Group	9.30am – 12.30pm	Wallops Parish Hall
Thurs 24 July	NW Old Farts' Club Luncheon	12.30pm	Greyhound, Broughton
Sun 27 July	Not On Your Own Club page 6	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Wallops Parish Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Day	Event	Time	Place
Sun 17 Aug	VJ Day Event page 24	11am	OW War Memorial
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Aug	SADS Play in a Week Summer School page 16	9am-4pm	Stockbridge Town Hall

WALLOPS PARISH HALL – REGULAR EVENTS IN JULY

Day	Regular Weekly Events
MONDAY	Footloose Dance Club (Juniors) 5.30 – 6.30pm
TUESDAY	Pilates Class 10.30 – 11.30am
WEDNESDAY	Joga Yoga Class 9.30 – 10.30am WASPS 6.00 – 7.30pm
THURSDAY	Minor Chords 5.30 – 6.30pm
FRIDAY	Joga Yoga Class 9.15 – 10.15am

Wallops Parish Hall	**Bev Hunt**	**07814 669628**
St Peter's Church Hall	**Janet Baldock**	**01264 783540**
Nether Wallop Village Hall	**Anthony Whitaker**	**01264 781072**

***** SAVE THE DATES *****

Nether Wallop Summer Market : Sunday 14th Sept 11.00am – 2.00pm
Nether Wallop Roving Supper : Saturday 20th Sept 6.30pm onwards

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