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to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
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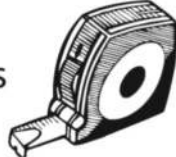
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Diary of Events 2020



Dear Readers:

Please note that most Village events have been CANCELLED due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions and advice. Below are a list of events - where we have been informed that have been cancelled at time of print (21/03/2020) we have marked them as such.

April

Wed	1st	2pm	Phoenix Club ~ 'Myths and Legends of the Great War' ~ talk by Philip Pearce ~ in Village Hall Club Room (CANCELLED)
Fri	3rd	7.45pm	Silchester Association AGM ~ in Village Hall
Sat	4th	10am	Silchester Village Market ~ in Village Hall (CANCELLED)
Sun	5th	9.30am	Palm Sunday Walk (CANCELLED)
Tue	7th	10am	Easter Holiday Workshop (for ages 4-14) at Methodist Church (CANCELLED)
Wed	8th	10am	Easter Holiday Workshop continues (CANCELLED)
Mon	13th	midnight	Magazine Copy Deadline
Tue	14th	10am	Friendship Circle Coffee Morning ~ at Heathersaye, The Common (CANCELLED)
Thu	23rd	7pm	Spring Craft Evening ~ at Silchester Methodist Church (CANCELLED)

May

Sat	2nd	10am	Silchester Village Market ~ in Village Hall
Wed	6th	2pm	Phoenix Club ~ 'Life on board a canal boat called Calleva' ~ talk by Sue and Colin Hunt ~ in Village Hall Club Room
Fri	8th	12 noon	VE Day 'Picnic in the Park' (CANCELLED)
Sat	9th		VE Day Fun Run (CANCELLED)
Tue	12th	10am	Friendship Circle Coffee Morning ~ at 25, Dukes Ride
Wed	13th	midnight	Magazine Copy Deadline



Copy for this magazine should be sent to: editor@silchester.org
PLEASE NOTE: The next deadline for copy for the May issue is
midnight on 13th April

We would like to thank all those who still volunteered to bring you the Silchester Magazine in the light of the Coronavirus restrictions. For our Readers, we hope that you appreciate still receiving the Silchester Magazine in these uncertain times. If these restrictions are not lifted by April 13th it is very unlikely that we will be producing a physical magazine next month. Please see <http://www.silchesterchurch.co.uk/> - where we will have an electronic copy if possible.

Claire & John Richardson - Editors



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Vicar's Letter April 2020 (18. 03. 2020)

I suspect these thoughts will be out of date before the ink is dry on this magazine, the way things are changing so rapidly. Maybe some people will be installing bidets because of a lack of toilet rolls, and vodka will be being sold in the pharmacy because of shortage of hand sanitiser. Walking poles in Silchester will not be used for walking but extended to their full length and used to measure the two metre gap between us. But maybe many people will be suffering directly or indirectly from the virus with some critically ill or sadly passed away.

How are we coping? With black humour; with tears; with worry and anxiety; with support from family, neighbours and friends? I am particularly fearful for the mental health of those in the high risk categories as they experience loneliness and fear of the unknown.

The Bible says "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41). These verses do not say you will be healed, but rather God will help you through whatever you face. Prayer does sometimes result in healing or protection and it is right we should pray for that but in a world like ours, which spends so much of its time out of tune with God, it is perhaps not surprising that prayer does not always result in what we want. But whatever you think about prayer, the one thing that God guarantees is that, whether you are a believer or a prayer or not, God is always with you ready to strengthen us and help us whatever the situation we face, if we will just turn to him. The simple prayer "God help me" has been responded to by God millions of times over the centuries.

I have no magic answer as to why sometimes the answer is complete protection or healing, but other times apparent silence, but from my experience I do believe that somehow God holds me together and supports me through the worst situation. I can't offer much more than that, but for me there have been times when that has meant everything.

At St Mary the Virgin sadly there will be no services until further notice, but the church will always be open for prayer. Inside the church there is a prayer tree on the prayer table on which to hang your prayers which will be taken and prayed over. There are words of encouragement and comfort, and prayer sheets for you to take away. You can go in and quietly sit or kneel, or if no-one else is there, go in and shout to God, or even sing. There will be regular prayers, Bible passages and "thoughts for the week" on the website, or sent to you if you sign up by contacting me.

At the time of writing, weddings and funerals could continue, though numbers of attendees may have to be limited, and different processes are being put in place for the reading of banns. Unfortunately Christenings may have to be postponed unless there are health or other good reasons, but I will be contacting those currently arranged.

As long as I keep healthy I am here for you to ask for help, to talk with, to berate for prayers seemingly unanswered, and to join in celebration and thanks for those prayers clearly answered.

You might think I have a hot line to God, but I don't know what the future holds and I don't understand what's going on any better than the rest, but I hang on to the above Bible verse with my shaky human faith, and I pray earnestly for this whole community, whether or not you ever walk through the door of the church - But if, at the time of writing, you know where I could get a toilet roll from, I'm sure God would bless you enormously!

God bless you all, Rob

Revd Rob Young Resident Vicar of St Mary the Virgin Silchester
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St Mary the Virgin, Silchester ~ April 2020

We are all concerned by the pandemic that is affecting much of the world, and now our own country is seeing numbers of deaths caused by the coronavirus COVID 19.

The spread of this virus needs to be halted or slowed down, so we have been instructed by our Archbishops to cease all services and home groups or any other non-urgent meeting.

Therefore we will not be meeting in our churches for Sunday services or any other midweek meeting.

We know that this is distressing and understand that some will feel that it is the wrong response, but we have to be guided by the epidemiologists and public health advisors as well as our Bishops.

This does not mean that the church has stopped praying or serving God and our community. We will be praying all the more, and encourage all of you to join us in prayer at the time you would usually go to church.

Our church will remain open in the day, so you can drop in to pray alone in daylight hours.

We will send out regular emails to keep church members up to date and offer some resources to help you pray and manage the concern of those around us.

Please let us know if you or anyone you know needs a phone call or urgent supplies collecting. If feel you might be able to help with either of these please let Rob know (01189700884 07818064923 robwyong101@gmail.com) and we will contact you if needed. Thank you.

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Any queries to Veronica Picton 0118 9815782

April:

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FLOWERS

Would anyone with queries about flowers in Church please contact Pat Morgan 0118 981 4065

We have been asked that lilies are not used in the altar flowers

April:

- 5th No flowers for Lent
- 12th Team effort for Easter
- 19th Mrs P Morgan
- 26th Mrs R Matthews

May:

- 3rd Mrs R Matthews
- 10th Mrs P Morgan
- 17th Mrs P Morgan
- 24th Mrs J Pearson
- 31st Mrs J Pearson

CLEANING

April:

- 4th Mrs Platt and the Bellringers
- 11th Mrs Platt and the Bellringers
- 18th Mrs Cole and Mrs Hellem
- 25th Mrs Cole and Mrs Hellem

May:

- 2nd Mrs Hodge and Family
- 9th Mrs Cole and Mrs Hellem
- 16th Miss Pratt and Mrs Withers
- 23rd Miss Pratt and Mrs Withers
- 30th Mrs Speight and Mrs Rodgers

LESSON READERS

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April:

ALL SERVICES
CANCELLED

CHURCH SECURITY

Commencing each Monday

April:

- 6th Stuart and Rosemary Sinclair
- 13th Richard and Sheila Fletcher
- 20th Hazel Baldock
- 27th Mike Cole

May:

- 4th Dennis and Nina West
- 11th Maurice and Anita Withers
- 18th Ralph Atton
- 25th Richard and Claire Eldridge



Local Help & Services During COVID-19 Restrictions

The Facebook group '**Spotted Silchester**' has the names of some people offering to help others locally if they are in isolation - or go there to volunteer your help if able.

Also please see the Facebook group called '**Buy Nothing Silchester**' which has a form people can post through neighbour's doors to offer help, and is trying to coordinate people.

Information may also be found on Facebook at '**Tadley, Baughurst and Pamber Heath Community Coronavirus Response**'.

Our local Pubs, **The Calleva Arms** (0118 970 0305), **The Red Lion** (0118 970 0169) and **The Pelican** (0118 970 1558) are offering a take-away/delivery service (Food and Beer!!).

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Easter Holiday Workshop

Sadly we have had to cancel the Easter Children's Workshop which had been planned for April 7th and 8th.

It is with great regret we have had to cancel - but do we hope to be able to do an Advent workshop November or December.

Em Paddick Wilsdon



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- a high temperature - you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough - this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

How long to stay at home?

- if you have symptoms, stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms

If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days. If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online

How to avoid catching and spreading coronavirus (social distancing)

Everyone should do what they can to stop coronavirus spreading.

It is particularly important for people who:

- are 70 or over
- have a long-term condition
- are pregnant
- have a weakened immune system

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of coronavirus
- only travel on public transport if you need to
- work from home, if you can
- avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- avoid events with large groups of people
- use phone, online services, or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- do not have visitors to your home, including friends and family

For up to date information please see:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Phoenix Club

A record number of people came to Sandi Smithers' talk and slide show about her 'Ride The Rift' adventure. Sandi loves Africa and thrives on personal challenge so when she heard about a cycle ride along the Rift Valley in Kenya it just had to be done! All the more so as it was organised by a group called Charity Links which was raising money for East African Education charities.



Sandi was supported in her training by members of the 'Wobbly Wheels' U3A cycling group, some of whom joined us for Sandi's talk. They cycled 300km, setting up camp along the way, and were rewarded with a Safari on the last day.

Sandi's photos, and some from other members of the group, were excellent and really gave us a flavour of the experience - without all the aches & pains! The places where they camped had amazing scenery and a lot of animals but were obviously well off the normal tourist trail.

We saw photos of elephants, giraffes, a lioness with cubs, baboons, vervet & colobus monkeys. Also hyenas, eland and wildebeest. Some of these visited the camps at night! The group raised over £40,000 of which Sandi raised about £4,500 and work has already begun on renewing the toilet block for the Olooseos Girls School.

Sandi has been tempted by a similar challenge which will take place in Uganda in 2021. 600 km this time. She has already started collecting funds towards this venture. Watch this space.....!

Sadly the projector was not working properly and we didn't get the full impact of the photos so Sandi has offered to host a coffee morning later on so that people who would like to see the pictures in more detail will be able to do so.

- Due to the Coronavirus we have decided to cancel the April meeting - see separate article.

Jan Hughes

VE Day 75th Anniversary - Friday 8th May 2020

Victory in Europe Day on the 8th May 1945 was the day that Germany officially surrendered and ended the second world war in Europe. Although fighting would continue against Japan in the far east until August, VE Day was a day for jubilant festivities in Europe as people across the nations celebrated the end of six years of terrible war.

We wanted to join the country in celebrating and had planned a picnic on the Cricket Field with games and entertainment from the Silchester Choir and the 2nd Silchester Brownies.

Sadly, due to the current health crisis, we feel it is necessary to cancel this public event. It is an important day in our history though and we hope that you will mark the day with something in your own homes.

Did you live in Silchester during the Second World War? If you did, we would love to hear from you and ask you to share any memories of the war years. You may have been in the armed forces or in civilian service, or even a child evacuee. Contact me at lesley@brewin.org.uk

We can print any stories in next month's magazine.

Hopefully when this is over, we can have a big party to celebrate!

Lesley Brewin



People News

Congratulations to Ralph Atton who has recently had a "Big O" birthday. Ralph has been a stalwart of the Parish of St Mary's for many years. Ralph would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Gill Baldock after a short illness. Gill was a great "volunteer" and helped in many roles in the Village (Market teas, various stalls at the

Fete and Coffee Mornings etc.). Gill was an active member of Tadley U3A and went on many trips with various groups. Our condolences go out to all her family at this sad time.

If you have any news for the People News, happy or sad, please send details in an e-mail to peoplenews@silchester.org or telephone Ann-Marie on 9700627 or Irene on 9700996.



The best laid plans.....



The date was set: 28th March 2020 and the Playground bark was ordered for delivery on 27th March. With a little trepidation, I ordered 50% more than last year hoping that by then the weather would be warmer and we would have a good turnout for the Bark Spread. Notices were put in the parish magazine. Everything was arranged.

So, imagine my horror when on the 27th February six pallets of bark appeared at the Playground. I frantically went back through my emails - definitely ordered for March. Rang the supplier. They couldn't understand how it had happened, but would arrange for it to be taken away and stored until 27th March.

Monday afternoon, the haulier turns up. But the pallets are too heavy for the tail lift of their lorry. After just 2 pallets they give up. The rest will have to remain. Over £1,000 of bark sitting in the open. What to do?

So I would like to offer a massive thanks to over 30 people who turned up last Saturday for an impromptu Bark Spread. The volunteers from the Common Working Party, the Basingstoke and

Deane councillors who took a break from canvassing to help, the school parents, and those that just came to help out in my time of crisis. All six pallets of bark were spread in record time.



Thank you all. I love living in a community where things like this happen. And the bark spread previously advertised for 28th March is cancelled!

Vanessa Richards

Silchester Players

We are delighted to report that we have just heard we have been awarded an "Accolade of Excellence" for our production of "Treasure Island" which took place early in 2019. This has been granted by the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) of which we are members. As this is our fifth such award in recent years, it is indeed very gratifying that the quality of our productions is gaining wider recognition.

Auditions for our next play, Shakespeare's "The Tempest" took place on 18th February. The cast has now been selected and rehearsals for this ambitious production have started. There are numerous challenges ahead both for actors and stage crew, but we are confident that we can present an exciting and engaging spectacle. The play is being staged on 15/16//22/23 May. Watch for more details in next month's magazine.

An early task is the preparation of scenery as we pride ourselves on the colourful sets we assemble and paint for all our shows. Set building takes place over most weekends leading up to a production and involves a considerable amount of work. For exterior scenes we use canvas backdrops framed with "flats" giving access to the wings. Interiors can be made by attaching several flats together and anchoring them securely on the stage.

Most backdrops and flats are freshly painted for each production. All members of the company lend a hand, particularly in the early stages as often it is necessary to blank out the previous colours before a fresh scene can be created. Those who saw the spectacular throne room in "Snow White" will appreciate that considerable overpainting will be necessary to erase all traces of the deep blues and reds of the Wicked Queen's palace!

One of the challenges we face is the limited amount of space in Silchester Village Hall. Our flats are stored either on or underneath the stage. Unfortunately access below the stage is

difficult due to the lack of height. To solve this problem a number of years ago our stage crew constructed long trolleys on runners which can be pulled out into the body of the hall. We share the understate storage with the nursery and were able to assist them by making a similar trolley for their equipment.



If you pop into the Village Hall on the set building weekend you will see the main room transformed into a workshop. We spread sheets over the floor then rest the flats on tables while they are being painted. They are then propped up against the balcony or the walls while the paint dries.

The picture shows two members of the Players hard at work painting flats. Once the base layers are prepared then the detail is applied by the more artistic members. If this article inspires you to help with our stage creations please visit our website www.Silchesterplayers.org. or contact our membership secretary sarah@oliver.net



STOP PRESS

The Players have just taken the decision to postpone their production of "The Tempest".

Silchester Association

www.silchester.org

Quiz Night

We had a new Quiz Master, Ben Leyburn this year and we all enjoyed his theme of basing each round on a popular TV Quiz Show. We played 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?', 'Countdown', 'Pointless', 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks' and many more. Once again, we had a sell-out with 13 tables crammed into the Village Hall and the competition was fierce.

There were less than 10 points between the top five teams with the 'Scrambled Eggheads' narrowly beating the 'Saga Louts' to top place. Then, only one point behind the Saga Louts, 3rd place was taken by the 'Not So Secret Seven'. The best dressed table prize was won by 'Under the Sea' who had used a lovely fishy theme for their table.

Our very grateful thanks to Ben for putting the quiz together - we all know that it is a very time-consuming undertaking. Also, thanks to Hannah Monger and Sarah Houseman for doing the scoring.

Professor Fulford's Talk

Unfortunately, due to the current situation surrounding the Coronavirus, we have taken the decision to postpone this event. Once the government advises for events to go ahead safely then we will endeavour to organise another date for this event.

VE Fun Run

Again, in line with the current government recommendations, a tough decision has been made to postpone the VE Fun Run until a new date can be arranged. The Fun Run committee will send a further update in the next magazine.

VE Day - Picnic in the Park

The village event which was to be held on Friday 8th May midday to 4pm - has had to be cancelled.

As this magazine goes to print the following events are planned to go ahead, however in light of the daily recommendations by the government, we suggest people keep an eye out on our social media for the latest information.

AGM

We'd like to invite all members of the Silchester Association to our AGM which is being held on Friday 3rd April at 7.45. This is an opportunity for people to hear about the Association's work within the last year and our plans for the upcoming 12 months. We currently have vacancies on the main committee, if you wish to join us, please come along or contact secretary@silchester.org

Dates for the diary:

Silchester Association AGM	3 rd April 2020
Beer Festival	12 th September 2020
Boundary Walk	11 th October 2020
Halloween Scarecrow Trail: October Half Term	24 th October - 31 st October 2020
Halloween Disco	30 th October 2020

Amy Donnelly

Secretary ~ Silchester Association
secretary@silchester.org

Find out the latest information via our social media pages:



@silchesterassociation



@silchester_org

Privacy and Refund Policies

If you attend any of our events, you may appear in a photo which may be published on our website or Facebook page. However, if you are unhappy about any photographs that are published, please let us know and we will remove them. For our pre-event ticket sales refund policy please read the information available on our website.



Our Magazine

We hope you all read the magazine last month, particularly as it was the start of our new advertising year. May I firstly, thank our advertisers for their continued support, most of them over very many years. To our new advertisers, welcome, and we hope that placing your advert with us will bring you many more customers. I am sad to report that we do NOT have an electrician this year. If you are one, or know one, get in touch with me, you will be very welcome and our rates are very reasonable.

Our Distributors are also working hard to collect your subscriptions. If you have not paid, be aware that subs are due, still at the great rate of £5 per annum with senior citizens paying only £3. We have been able to hold this cost purely because of advertising money, so keep your magazine handy and tell the advertiser that you saw their advert in The Silchester Magazine.

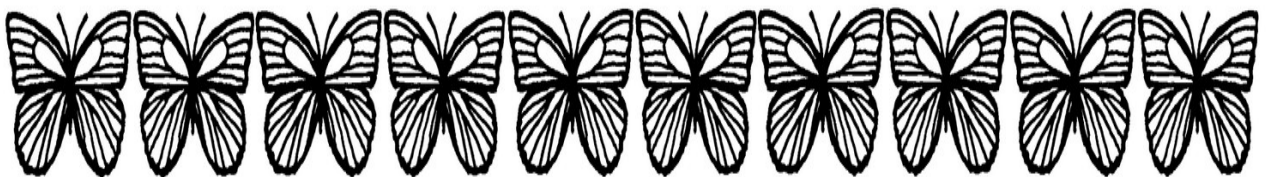
I record my thanks also to our Distributors who unfailingly deliver the magazine to you come rain or shine and who look forward to receiving your subs - as indeed does our Church Treasurer!! Some distributors have been taking "blocks" of magazines and quite a few now collecting their own bundles from the Church Room. More are welcome if you might be available.

We also say "many thanks" to our hard working print team who always happily turn up to print & collate our magazine, and always with a smile. To our Editors who make the Magazine look so good and check if all expected copy has indeed arrived and who actually make the advertising pages.

One thing I have to tell you - it is now THE END of distributors receiving your magazines in plastic bags as I have no more hidden away. PLEASE return your bags to me at home or at church if you can. Where we have to leave magazines in a vulnerable place I have a few dustbin bags that I can use, so do not think rubbish has been dumped at your home! Magazines will be held in a wide rubber band, save these & return to me please.

I cannot close this note without mentioning the very sad death of Gill Baldock, who delivered magazines around Pamber Heath. She will be sadly missed by her friends at Church. I can report that Nicole Caldicot has taken over Gill's round and we thank her very much for doing this. Thank you all, once again, for your support to Marsden & myself.

Nancy Jones



A Prayer For All Those Affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Parish Council News

For a two-week period in February contractors employed by the Parish Council worked on the Common clearing gorse and silver birch to restore it to heathland and allowing heather to flourish. This is in keeping with the requirements of Natural England to maintain the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Walkers will notice the much clearer outlook in the NW quadrant of the Common close to Pamber Road and Impstone Road. Despite the largely wet weather bonfires were lit to get rid of the brush. This remains the only cost-effective means of disposal and we are aware that on some days the smoke blew towards residential properties but hope that this didn't inconvenience residents too much. There will be no more contractor work until next Winter.

The regular volunteer work parties on the Common finished at the end of March and will not resume until September. This season a number of well-used paths were cleared leaving a two metre margin either side. Other volunteers have made repairs to the various duck boards around the Common and one new one installed. Given the exceptionally wet conditions on the Common these boards are in very regular use.

The coronavirus outbreak has been a significant item in the news for the past few weeks. As of the time of writing (12/03/2020) there has been one confirmed case of the virus affecting a Hampshire resident, who is being treated in London. Updated information on the spread of the virus and the recommendations from Government for minimising its spread can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The site provides recommendations for travellers, the current Government actions on containing the virus and also has links to the recommendations for those planning to travel. Please feel free to contact the Parish Council Clerk if you think we may be able to point you in the direction of any available support.

There was discussion in the Basingstoke & Deane council meeting regarding the possible reduction in frequency of collection of kerbside waste bins. There was strong opposition to this proposal and the council have decided that the collection frequency will not be changed. It was also noted that from the evaluation of the waste being placed in the grey/black bins that up to one third of waste going into these bins is suitable for recycling in the green bin. Please check on packaging and similar items to see whether they are recyclable before dumping them in the waste bin. If you find that you often have more recycling than the bin will hold, the council will supply a larger bin on request or even supply a second green bin for regular collection.

Last year the Borough recycled 32% of all waste, an increase from 24% in the previous year. Whilst the recycle rate may look lower compared to other council areas, the Basingstoke & Deane rate includes industrial and commercial waste, not only household waste as some councils report. Recycling is an important part of the fight against climate change and there are an increasing number of items which can be recycled. The Silchester Magazine often gives options for recycling at the School, Pavilion and the monthly Village Market.

The issue of traffic in School Lane during the morning drop off and afternoon pickup was a subject of discussion at the last Parish Council meeting. A number of School Lane residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns on the safety of pedestrians during these periods. The council has limited power to act in this situation, but will be approaching the Highways Authority in Basingstoke to discuss the issue and whether potential solutions exist.

On 7th March the Annual Bark Spread in the Playground was done. There was a great turnout of volunteers - especially considering that a mix-up in the delivery dates meant that the work was not done on the day given in the last Magazine - enabling the 6 pallets to be unloaded and spread in a record 30 minutes. Thanks to all the volunteers who came and made it such an enjoyable exercise. Those who use the Playground regularly will have seen the new donation box by the entrance, provided by the Basingstoke and Deane Council. The playground is funded by donations and maintained largely by volunteers and any donations are very welcome.

Janet Earl
Parish Council

Parish Council Contact Details

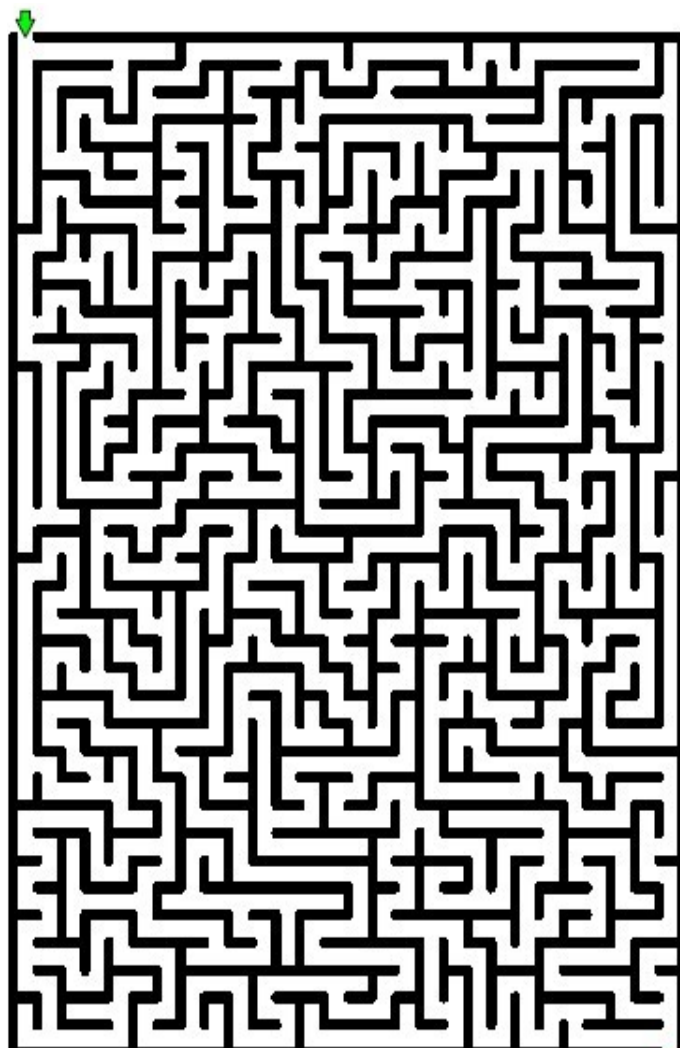
Our primary point of contact is our Parish Clerk

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How to Solve Sudoku

Place a number from 1-9 in each empty cell so that each row, each column and each 3x3 block contains all the numbers from 1-9. This means that no number can appear twice in any row, column or 3x3 box.

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St James the Least of All

On how to run your Notice Board

The Rectory,
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to place a notice board outside your church seems a good one - and its design in blue plastic with luminous red detachable letters seems entirely in keeping with the aesthetics of your building. Make sure that it is lockable, however, as an innocent notice saying 'all are welcome' may be modified by a devotee of anagrams to say something far less polite by the following day.

We recently replaced ours, which had disappeared shortly before last Bonfire Night. That the Scouts' bonfire had a board which closely resembled our old one in its centre was, I am sure, a complete coincidence. The Venture Scouts' collective smirk during the following week's Parade Service did give one pause for thought, and the Cubs' collapse into helpless laughter at the chorus 'So light up the fire and let the flames burn' only increased suspicion.



On reflection, you may not have been wise to use your notice board to tell everyone your holiday dates. Certainly, various local burglars were tripping over each other inside the vicarage while you were away. However, the note the last one left you, saying that next time he broke in, he would bring you something, since you had so little left, was quite touching.

Inevitably, now that your church has a notice board, there will be open warfare over who is allowed to display notices on it. Will the Slimmers Club be seen as biblical? Why is the

Ladies Guild notice twice as large as all the others? And do remember that while everyone will want space to display their notices, no one will ever remove them once the event is over. Plaintive announcements of Christmas parties in April or of Summer Fetes in November only serve to take people down memory lane.

Here's the best way to manage a notice board: create that panacea for all problems: a sub-committee. These poor people only ever exist in order to get the clergy out of tight corners and to make sure that matters are discussed at such inordinate length that every issue eventually dies a natural death. And if even that fails, you could have a quiet word with our Scouts before next year's Bonfire Night.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

The **Hubble Space Telescope** was launched 30 years ago, on 24th April 1990. It was named after Edwin Hubble, an outstanding expert on extragalactic astronomy in the 1920s and 1930s.

The launch, originally scheduled for 1983, had been delayed by technical and budget problems and by the Challenger disaster. Ironically the NASA error that caused the Challenger tragedy was similar to the one that led to the Hubble telescope being launched with a defective mirror - unwillingness to accept technical warnings when there was great pressure from above to go ahead.

In the case of the Hubble telescope, also built by NASA with help from the European Space Agency, a more basic machine revealed the problem with the mirror, but those in charge did not believe it because a newer, more complex machine had given the go-ahead.

The problem was put right by astronauts in 1993 - the telescope was always designed to be serviced in orbit - and since then its position outside the Earth's atmosphere has enabled it to record many detailed visible light images that have enabled scientists a deep view into space, leading to new theories in astrophysics.

The telescope is estimated to remain in working order until 2030-2040.

Silchester Methodist Church

Minister Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf (0118 9700139)



Services for April

*Due to Coronavirus, all the services and actives in April
at the Methodist church are cancelled*



Silchester Roman Dig Talk

After careful consideration, we have decided to postpone Professor Fulford's talk - which was due to have been held on Friday 27th March. We will hopefully reschedule it later in the year.

Silchester Association



Concert in Parish Church

The Kingsclere Singers concert, scheduled for the parish church on 28 March 2020, has been postponed due to the Cornoavirus.

Ralph Atton



Silchester Fun Run 2020

Due to coronavirus the 2020 Silchester Fun Run will not take place on Sunday May 9.

John Davis



Friendship Circle Coffee Mornings

It has been agreed that the April coffee morning will not take place as a precaution against Corona virus.

Please refer to the diary for the date and time of the next meeting. Hopefully we will be able to get back to normal quickly and all the nasty bugs will be a distant memory. Thank you to all the kind people who have hosted this get together in the past and we hope to see new friends in the months to come.

Everyone is welcome, give it a try. Keep safe and well.

Heather Cole ~ 01189700469



Phoenix Club - April Meeting is Cancelled

Due to the uncertainty about the Covid 19 coronavirus and the fact that most people who attend the meetings come in the 'vulnerable' category we have decided to cancel the April meeting.

We obviously don't know how this will develop so we will be making decisions one month at a time. Please look at the next magazine for our decision about the May meeting. Also please pass this on to anybody you know who doesn't see a magazine.

If anybody needs help at the moment please contact Jan on 01189700416 or Ann-Marie 01189700627. We'll do our best to help you or put you in touch with somebody else who can help.

Stay well.

Jan & Anne-Marie

Calleva Society March 2020

Travellers site - Land Adjacent To and Rear Of Culhams Mill also referred to as rear of Rampiers.

Appeal Date set for June 16th 2020

There has been no more activity reported on the site in the last few weeks, although we have been monitoring the water levels and have some interesting pictures of the flooded site.

The Travellers have appealed to the Planning Inspector against the enforcement order made by Basingstoke and Deane Council. This has resulted in the Planning Inspectorate appointing a Planning Inspector to hear the appeal at a hearing which has been scheduled to start on June 16th 2020 and last 8 days. The Hearing is currently scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber at Basingstoke Council offices.

The Planning Inspector places strength of local opinion high on the list of influences towards the hearing result. So if you can make it to the hearing any days to lend you support it would be of great help. Details of transport will be confirmed closer to the date.

Steve Spillane, Simon Mahaffey and the team.

Calleva Society

callevasociety@gmail.com

www.callevasociety.org or to donate <https://callevasociety.org/make-a-donation/>

Silchester Village Market

It is with deep regret that due to the ongoing situation with the outbreak of Co-Vid 19, that I have decided to cancel the Market on 4th April. The safety of our customers, our community and stall holders is paramount.

We hope that future monthly Markets will resume as soon as possible and I will keep customers posted via this magazine and FaceBook.



The Market is usually a place to come for provisions and for our stallholders to be able to receive payment in exchange for their wares.

A valuable source of income for small businesses, perhaps even more important in these unprecedented times.

I am therefore liaising with the stall holders who would be grateful for your continued custom and be prepared and able to deliver to you in a safe way. Information will be made available on FaceBook.

If you'd like to support our stallholders but don't have access to FaceBook, please contact me and I will pass your contact details so you can arrange your purchases.

Sorry for any disappointment due to the cancelling of the Market.

Keep safe and well.

Paula Gibbons - Market Organiser

Telephone: 079565 33471 or Email: info@silchestervillagemarket.org.uk

Website: www.silchestervillagemarket.org.uk

FaceBook: Silchester Village Market

Silchester Village Hall

Village Hall AGM 9th March 2020

We had a very successful AGM with representatives of many of the hall users. The Minutes of last year's AGM along with the financial reports were accepted by the meeting. We would like to express our thanks to Paul King of Little London Road for his excellent work as Independent Auditor. Peter Allison from Kings Road was proposed and elected as a new trustee.

Subsequent to the meeting Jonathan Murdoch stood down as a trustee after many years as Chairman and a trustee. We would like to thank Jonathan for all his efforts with the Village Hall - particularly with large project for the kitchen extension.

The trustees elected by residents at the meeting were:-

- Peter Allison
- Sarah Bradshaw
- Eamonn McArdle (Treasurer)
- Kirstie Jones
- Jo Pearce
- Liz Pearce (Secretary)
- Theresa Philpott
- Paul Roper
- Steve Spillane (Chairman)

The annual reports are now on the website for the financial year 2018/2019 and can be seen at <http://www.silchestervillagehall.org.uk/AnnualReturns.htm>

Silchester Fine Dining Society

On Saturday 29th February, the trustees of Silchester Village Hall held their inaugural sitting of the Silchester Fine Dining Society. Our chef, Peter Allison and his team, treated the attendees to a 6-course meal starting with a mouth-watering selection of canapés and ending with an assortment of delicious hand-made truffles. Our Fine Dining Society Committee did an amazing job, turning the Hall into a top-class dining room. The team of servers, moved seamlessly both delivering food to the tables and collecting plates to the highest of standards. The trustees are already looking forward to the next event, especially for those who were unable to join us on this occasion. Our chef, Peter Allison, specialises in home dining and details can be found on the inside back page of the Silchester Magazine.

Development Plans

The trustees are currently looking at developments at the Village Hall to increase capacity and provide more useable space. The first project is to build a store room off the main hall in front of the kitchen/toilets to

accommodate all the chairs and tables. This will hopefully make the hall more appealing for potential hirers without the clutter at the back of the hall. The second project is the removal of the pillars that support the balcony. This will open up the back of the hall and provide more useable space. The third project is to build some dedicated storage facilities at the rear of the hall so we can remove the sheds that are currently there. The storage could be used by groups such as Silchester Parish Council, Silchester Association, The Guides, Silchester Players etc. We are currently having outline plans drawn up and will be seeking comments from residents in the near future.

Hire the Village Hall for Social or Family Events

Have you thought of using the Village Hall for your family celebrations? The main hall can seat up to 80 at tables and the club room up to 40. For example the club room has been used as a food server and the main hall for dining. For those not wanting to do their own we have contacts with a variety of suppliers who can provide everything from a simple buffet to a full fine dining experience. We have catered for Birthdays, Christenings, Weddings, Anniversaries, Funeral Teas and Christmas family celebrations. Contact Viv on 0118 970 0940 or Steve below.

Steve Spillane

Chairman, Silchester Village Hall Managing Trustees
steve@spillane.com 0118 970 0996

HOW TO SPOT A SCAM CALL

At least one in four unwanted calls to your home phone are thought to be from scammers. Stay one step ahead with our tips.



Contacted out of the blue

Unsolicited calls should always be treated with caution. If you're in any doubt, hang up, wait for a few minutes and call back on a number you trust.



No time to think

Professionals don't pressure you into making a decision quickly, or create a sense of panic, telling you that your broadband will be disconnected or that your bank accounts are under threat.



Asked to share personal details

Your bank will never ask you to move money to a 'safe' account or share your full online banking password, four-digit card Pin or security codes, such as those generated on a card reader.



Asked to go to your computer

Never let someone access your computer, or other devices such as a phone or tablet, unless you know the caller and their intentions.



Asked to keep quiet

Any attempt to stop you talking about the call to someone you trust (a friend, family member or independent adviser) is a red flag. Seek support before making a decision.



Spot the Difference

As the weather gets warmer, ladybirds are becoming increasingly active. On sunny days you may see them exploring bushes and flowers in search of aphids, which are a pest for gardeners but a favourite snack for ladybirds. In fact, they like them so much that a single ladybird can eat 5,000 aphids in a year!

There are 46 different species of ladybird in the UK, but the most common is the bright red seven-spot. This cheerful beetle is the one that springs to mind when we think of the classic ladybird in a children's storybook, but ladybirds come in a wide range of colours and patterns.

Not all ladybirds are spotty - some have stripes instead, and they vary in colour from sunny yellow to deepest black. These vibrant shells are also tiny suits of armour: the bright colours and bold patterns remind predators that they taste nasty, so after eating one, peckish birds and mammals don't come back for more.

People used to think that the number of spots on a ladybird could tell you how old it was, but we now know that they are an indicator of species rather than age. Some ladybirds have useful names like the twenty-two spot, which can help you identify them, but there are some confusing variations in certain species.

For instance, the two-spot ladybird is typically red with two black spots, but it can also be black with four to six red spots. This is thought to be because it is more palatable than other species, so it mimics more toxic relatives to defend itself.

Another defence is to release a tiny drop of liquid when disturbed. This may sound harmless enough, but the fluid they excrete smells horrible and contains a poison. It won't hurt a human but can be harmful to smaller animals, except for a few that are immune (such as swifts and swallows).

If you have ever held a ladybird you may have been on the receiving end of this unpleasant excretion, but if you can look past this they are great to have in the

garden, where they act as natural pest controllers.

Visit our website to find out how you can make your patch a haven for ladybirds and other wildlife: hiwwt.org.uk/actions

Alice Ashcroft
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust



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Ladybird © Alan Price



Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
strives to create a better future for wildlife
and wild places in our two counties.

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www.hiwwt.org.uk



SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL AT 12.30



VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020

TRADITIONAL GAMES AND RACES FOR KIDS



WAR TIME

POPCORN
&
CANDY FLOSS

FROM THE SILCHESTER CHOIR

2ND SILCHESTER BROWNIES

PICNIC ON THE CRICKET FIELD
BRING YOUR OWN GAZEBO AND PICNIC
12.00 - 4.00PM

PIZZAS AND PROSECCO BAR

DISPLAY OF WW2 MEMORIES

DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR END OF WAR YEARS

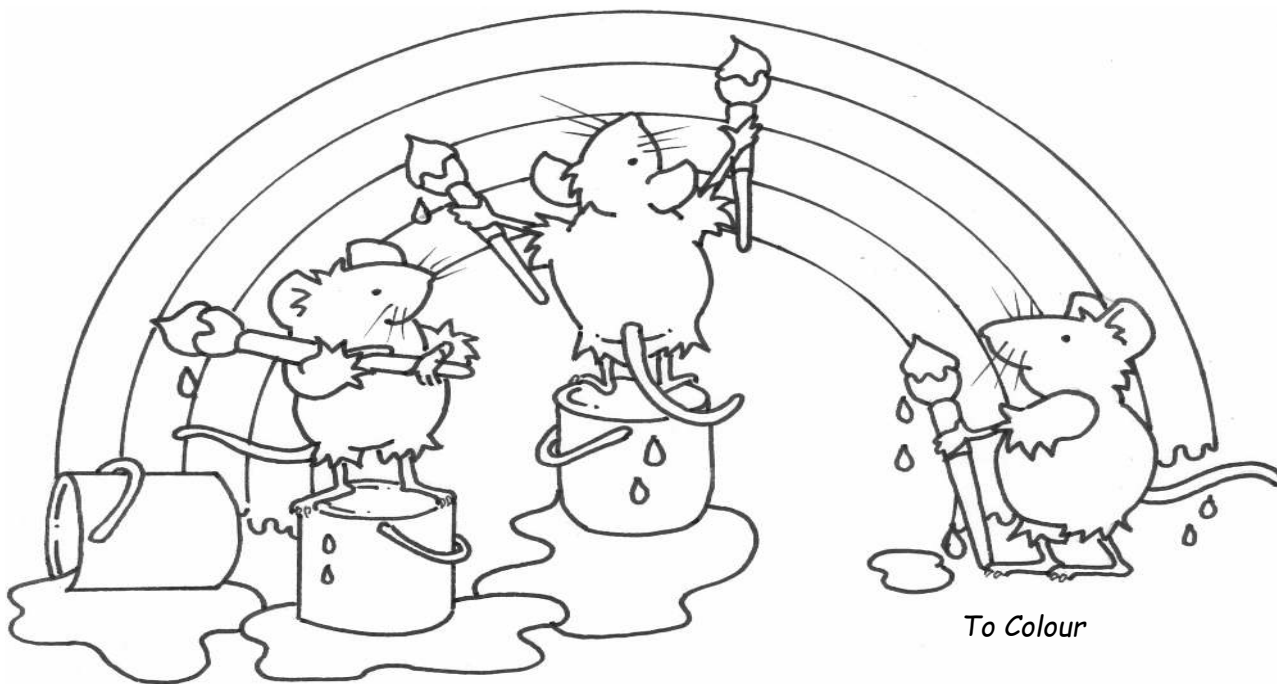
Sadly we have taken the decision to cancel this event as it seems that the ban on public gatherings will go on for some time. Hopefully we can organise a big party when things get back to normal.





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 ROAD • CROWD • CUT • PALMS
 BRANCHES • KING • HOSANNA
 DISCIPLES • ROOM • PASSOVER
 FEAST • EAT • DRINK • BREAD
 WINE • SON • MAN • BLOOD • CUP
 MEAL • JEWS • PLOT • KILL • COINS
 GETHSEMANE • PRAY • WILL
 BETRAY • KISS • ARREST • MESSIAH
 CHRIST • CRUCIFY • JESUS • CROWN
 THORNS • ROBE • TREE • NAILS
 CROSS • SPIRIT • DARKNESS
 TEMPLE • DEATH • LOTS • DICE
 TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY
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 DAWN • MORNING • ANGEL • TELL
 HEAVEN • GOOD NEWS • LORD
 GOD • RAISED • JOY • PEACE
 PRAISE • SAVIOUR • EASTER





Planning

Planning Applications for Consideration

1	T/00087/20/TCA - 3 Lovegrove Gardens, The Common, Silchester, RG7 2PH <u>1 Yew tree: prune to retain as smaller compact specimen, prune back from neighbouring property and deadwood.</u>	
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Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawals*

1	19/03422/HSE – 33 Dukes Ride, Silchester, RG7 2PX <u>Erection of car port adjacent to existing garage</u>	No objection Granted
2	T/00024/20/TCA - Holly House, Holly Lane, Silchester, RG7 2NA <u>T1 Apple tree: to re-pollard back to previous cut points. G1 - Cutting the group of Bay Laurel and Hazel trees to be cut down into a 10ft Hedge.</u>	No objection Raise No Objection

Pending Applications*

1	19/01724/FUL - Land At OS 463360 161447, Bramley Road, Silchester, Hampshire <u>Erection of 1 no. dwelling on land adjacent to Bramley Road</u>	Objection
2	19/03035/FUL - Barn At Silchester Farm, Little London Road, Silchester, RG7 2PS Change of use of former barn for use as wedding and events venue (Use Class D2), creation of additional parking areas and works to the existing highway access to create a vehicle passing space.	No objection – subject to noting to BDBC Highways concerns
3	19/03417/FUL - Land At Haines Farm, Ash Lane/ Little London RG26 5FL <u>Erection of 1 no. 1 bed single storey dwelling house including associated landscaping and access.</u>	No Objection

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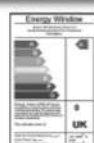
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