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July was the 5th month in the early calendar of the ancient Romans. They called the month Quintilius, which means fifth. A Roman Senate renamed it Julius in honour of Julius Caesar, who was born on 12 July. The Anglo-Saxon names for the month included *Hey-monath* or *Maedmonath*, referring respectively to hay-making and the flowering of meadows.

Garden Open for charity - 1 Wogsbarne Cottages

Once again we are opening our garden on Sunday July 14th and Monday July 15th 2-5 pm. The NGS support mostly cancer charities, and have donated millions over the years.

We have opened our typical cottage garden for over 30 years now following on from our parents' tradition under the NGS. We have vegetables, a pond, rose beds, herbaceous border, annual bedding scheme and hanging baskets etc in abundance.

Admission £3, children free, no dogs please.

Enjoy tea and homemade cake in the garden, often with red kites flying overhead, with views across the fields. Local support is much appreciated, the tea money goes wholly to St Michael's Hospice. Several cake makers have recently moved away so if you feel you could donate a cake this will be gratefully received: we try to have a variety on offer.

A plant sale is also held. If you have spare plants please think of us: these funds go to NGS along with the gate proceeds.

It would be lovely to have your support - hope to see you all soon.

Sue and Richard Whistler



Dates for your diary

Sunday 14th & Monday 15th July

Sunday 14th July
Saturday 20th July
Saturday 2nd November

Wogsbarne Cottage Open Garden
Mayor's Civic Sunday Service
Village BBQ at the Village Hall
Fireworks Night at the Village Hall

ROTHERWICK CHURCH SERVICES



2nd Sunday of the month
(with occasional special services)

14th July

08:30 Holy Communion
10:30 Family Praise -
celebrating 20 years of
'Open the Book'
18:30 Evensong

11th August

08:30 Holy Communion
10:30 Family Praise
18:30 Evensong

COUNTY CHIT CHAT

NEWS FROM HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Jonathan Glen: Ward Member for Rotherwick, Hook & the Western Parishes

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN...IS A STREET NEAR YOU

Summer is finally here.....and, you'll have noticed, so are the roadworks! In addition to our growth-spurt of new housing, over the past few months our area has suffered a number of burst main water pipes, which have resulted in people not receiving any water or experiencing low pressure. This is unacceptable to us and after consultation with HCC, South East Water will now be replacing the old unreliable water main. Work on this scheme to install new water mains, approximately 1.4 kilometres in length, will take place along Newnham Road from the junction at Old School Lane down to

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rotherwicknews@yahoo.co.uk by 1st of the month or drop off hard copies to Church Cottage, The Street.

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Event organisers should bear in mind delivery date is approximately 15th of the month. This can vary slightly according to our printer, courier and volunteers.

Sarah Moore (Editor)

Anyone for tennis?

Why not join the Rotherwick Tennis Club?

Family membership £70; single £42; Junior (under 18) and senior (60+) £35
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the junction of Ridge Lane. Work will also take place in Crown Lane, Tylney Lane and Ridge Lane itself.

The contractors will be using a mixture of directional drilling and traditional open-cut techniques to install the new pipe. As a safety precaution for pedestrians, motorists and the workforce, we therefore have agreed to close Newnham Road, Crown Lane, Ridge Lane, Tylney Lane and Newnham Lane when work is ongoing on each road. The project will be carried out in phases to minimise the impact to residents and local businesses.

The diversion routes, which have been agreed by HCC's Highway Department, will be clearly signed for the duration of the work.

But before panic sets in, rest assured that access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times. Do bear in mind, however, when planning your journeys that your normal route may need to be changed as the scheme progresses, depending on where the roadworks are in relation to your home or destination.

Work will commence in Newnham Road at the junction of Old School Lane on 29th July and is expected to last 36 weeks—so roll on February!

On behalf of HCC may I thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during these improvement works as our plumbing gradually moves into the 21st century.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on these details, or indeed any other Hampshire County Council issue close to your heart. If I can't help you, I generally know a person who can!

We have a great local government team working together here to ensure the best service for Rotherwick residents (and beyond!)

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Councillor Jonathan Glen

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Basingstoke and Deane – Mayor's Civic Sunday Service

Sunday 14 July 2019 6.30pm



The Mayor Cllr Diane Taylor will be holding her Civic Sunday Service on Sunday 14 July 2019, 6.30pm at St Michael's Church, Basingstoke. Following the service, refreshments will be served in Church Cottage.

Cllr Taylor would be delighted if you would join her on this special occasion.

Free Event – All Welcome

How much could you raise with £50 in 3 months for your local Hospice?

St. Michael's Hospice are inviting local organisations to put their money-making skills to the test with their first ever Accumulator Challenge. Each participating team will be given a £50 loan and three months to find interesting and innovative ways of accumulating their pounds to make as much profit as possible, all of which will be donated back to St. Michael's Hospice.

The three-month challenge kicks off with a launch night on 2nd Sep-



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tember where teams will collect their £50 cash loan, as well as receiving lots of fundraising ideas to help generate their money. They will also be taken on a tour of the Hospice to learn how their money will make a difference to local people suffering from a life-limiting illness. The challenge will culminate with an awards evening in December, where the top teams will be awarded for their fundraising efforts.

Laura Holmes, Events Manager at St. Michael's Hospice said, *"We are very excited to launch our brand-new challenge for 2019! This is the perfect team building activity for companies, groups and societies, schools, colleges, family and friends who'd like to do something fun to raise vital funds to support our Hospice. We can't wait to meet the teams at our launch event and see all the innovative ways they choose to raise money for our Hospice. We're expecting competition to be fierce amongst our local supporters so don't miss out, sign up today!"*

To register for St. Michael's Hospice Accumulator Challenge, please visit: www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events

To discuss taking part in the Accumulator Challenge or if you have any queries, please get in touch with Laura Holmes:

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The Message in a Bottle scheme is sponsored by the Lions Club International and is free to users. You can get a bottle from your local health centre, GP surgery or chemist. Alternatively, your Village Agent will be able to provide one.

Alternatively, contact your local Village Agent,
**John on 01256 765233 or Mandy on
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you to stay living safely and independently.

WHITEWATER VALLEY WINE SOCIETY
June 2019 Tasting
The Wines of South Africa
Presented by Jo Locke MW from The Wine Society

We were very privileged to have a Master of Wine attending this month. The Master of Wine is the highest qualification in the wine world so we were delighted to welcome Jo Locke from The Wine Society. One of Jo's specialist regions is South Africa and she presented a range of this country's wines from The Wine Society's portfolio. Jo says that South Africa is recognised for great value for money and, increasingly, for quality. She finds it exciting because it's a re-emerging wine industry. There are a lot of bright young people working there and it's the most dynamic of the world's wine regions which she is lucky enough to visit.

A full attendance greeted Jo on her first visit to our Society and our evening started unexpectedly, with a **Spioenkop Riesling, Elgin 2016** [12.5%, £20.00]. Produced in the cool climate coastal region of Hermanus this pale wine with a touch of lime in the colour had an aromatic nose with a whiff of oil. On the palate it was light, fresh and dry with a hint of apple. Our second white is produced by a Belgian – **Alheit Hemelrand 'Vine Garden' Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge 2016** [13.5%, £26.00] and unusually is a blend of whatever is ripe at the vineyard year on year, usually Roussane, Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, Verdelho and Muscat in variable quantities. Pale lemon in colour with a subtle fruity nose, the palate was rich and concentrated with a good body...interesting! Our final white was a **Botanica Mary Delany Collection Chenin Blanc, Citrusdal Mountain 2015** [14%, £21.00] that had a pale gold colour. Produced from old vines this wine had hints of orange and honey on the nose and on the palate there was concentrated fruit [hints of apple and pear] and freshness with understated oak. The finish was long and creamy. The lady wine-maker hailing from New York has had successful vintages since her first foray into the business in 2008.

Our first red was a single varietal - a **Van Loggerenberg Geronimo Cinsault Stellenbosch-Paarl 2017** [13%, £23.00] from a young new producer based in a farm shed and had a semi-opaque red colour. Served lightly chilled the nose it had hints of red cherries

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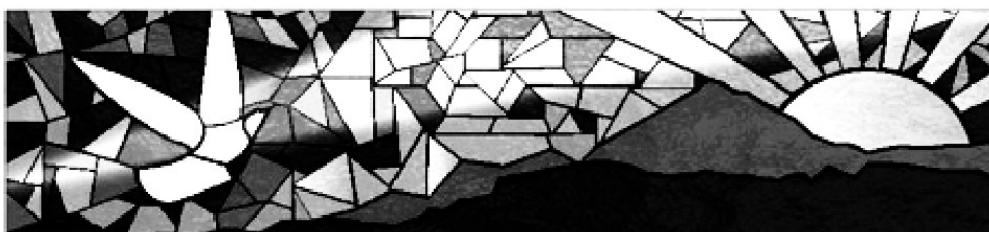
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and raspberries. It was a medium-bodied wine that was well balanced with crunchy tannins and fresh acidity. Next came a **Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon Stellenbosch 2015** [14%, £19.50] that had a ruby red colour. With a nose reminiscent of an empty cigar box and red fruits, this was a full-bodied wine with grippy tannins and a clean, elegant finish; it should last for up to 10 years. The next wine was truly experimental – a **Fairview Extrano Coastal 2016** [14%, £12.95]. ‘Extrano’, Spanish for stranger hints at the grapes used in its production – Tempranillo, Granache and Carignan and represents a new atypical South African development. Dark ruby red in colour with an aromatic nose this wine certainly packs a punch... pleasant and different. Of course we had to taste Pinotage – South Africa’s own from Pinot Noir and Hermitage [Cinsault] – **Kanonkop Estate Pinotage Stellenbosch 2009** [12%, £29.50]. A dense blackcurrant red in colour this wine was bursting with red fruits on the nose. It was full-bodied, complex, with soft ripe tannins and a classic dry finish – it should last 15 years! Our tasting ended with a **Nuy Red Muscadell** [17%, £11.50] a traditional South African sweet wine with an opaque rose colour. This strawberry scented wine was very sweet and once opened will keep in the fridge for several weeks to accompany cheese and chocolate – wonderful!

The Society extends its warmest thanks to Jo for a delightful tasting experience. The wines were excellent and her themed presentation eloquent, informative and most interesting regarding new developments in South Africa’s wine industry. Please come back soon!

Whitewater Valley Wine Society normally meets on the second Wednesday of every month, at The Raven Hotel, 7.45 for an 8.00 pm start. Further details are available from the current Secretary, Keith Cooper on 07976272822 or from our website www.whitewaterwine.org.uk. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 10th July 2019 will be a tasting of Wines from the Seresin Estate, Marlborough, New Zealand with Leah Seresin. Please contact the Secretary should you wish to attend.

Ranil Jayawardena MP - Protecting our environment

With summer here, many of us will be spending a lot more time outdoors, enjoying the beautiful countryside that we are so lucky to have here in North East Hampshire. I really believe we live in a special part of our green and pleasant land, and that's exactly how I want to keep it. Looking after our environment is one of the great challenges of the modern age, but it's something to which we can all contribute personally, as well as through local and national government.

I take conservation very seriously, which is why I founded the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Endangered Species when I was first elected in 2015. But, closer to home, one of the more obvious ways we can protect our environment is to recycle as much as possible. This is an area where local councils can step in to make things easier for people but we all have a personal responsibility to act.

Glass is something which should never end up going to landfill, because it is so easy to recycle and there is a big market out there for recycled glass, so I was delighted when the council started offering large red bins for glass, for a small one-off fee, as an addition to the crates it provides for free. This is good news for everyone planning a barbecue, as it makes storing and getting rid of glass waste so much easier!

But it's not just man-made products that we can recycle. The council have also introduced large brown bins for garden waste, again for a small one-off fee, which are much more convenient to use and much bigger than the garden waste sacks. When these are collected, their contents go to Little Bushywarren between Basingstoke and Alton, to be made into soil conditioner. This is used by the council in its flower beds across the area, but it's also sold on in garden centres and elsewhere. Compared to putting garden waste in the black bin, this scheme makes a real difference in cutting down waste.

Of course, despite what you might hear, the work never stops in Westminster either. Last month, HM Government announced that plastic straws, drinks stirrers, and plastic-stemmed cotton buds

would be banned in England from April 2020. There's a need for plastic in some situations, but so often there are perfectly good – and more environmentally friendly – alternatives. If you've seen Blue Planet II, you'll know the damage plastic is doing to ocean marine life, and the fact that a deep-sea dive recently found plastic at the bottom of the Mariana Trench – the deepest ocean trench on the planet – highlights the scale of the problem.

I recently received letters from a class of children at Dogmersfield Primary School who are concerned about plastic pollution. It was heartening to read of their passion for conserving the natural world, but I'm also eager to hear from you. What more do you think councils and governments can do? Are you prepared to pay more or change your lifestyle to do it?

Email me to: email@ranil.uk or come to one of my regular 'Tell Ranil' events. Details, as ever, are available on my website.



From the Editor: I didn't know about the additional glass bin which Ranil mentioned, so I had a quick look on hart.gov.uk/recycling-waste and found the following info.

Glass Crate

We collect all glass bottles and jars from your household in a separate green crate to your general blue recycling bin.

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