

The Rotherwick News

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*A beautiful cake made by
a Rotherwick resident. Is there no end to our
talents...what's yours?*



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Get Gardening



Just when I thought my tomatoes were ripening they get blight! So no tomatoes this year. There are two sorts of blight early and late although both seem to be serious. I have always rotated my tomatoes but although this helps it seems it doesn't prevent blight. Blight is caused by a long lived pathogen in the soil and not helped by the wet and cool summer nights we have been having. To prevent further infection any soil where the tomatoes were growing should be removed and buried deeply, burnt or put in the green bin (rhs.org.uk/disease/tomato-blight) so I think I shall grow tomatoes in pots from now on!



www.gardentech.com/blog



Photo: Flesh fly by G. Bradley

www.uknature.com

Walking around Rotherwick we found an abundance of delicious blackberries this year. However, according to folklore blackberries shouldn't be picked after 29th September (St. Michaelmas Day) because 'the devil spits on them' (community.rspb.uk). This 'devil' is the flesh fly that uses it's saliva to make the fruit 'squishy'. A quick 'google' reveals it is bigger than the house fly with red eyes, lays its eggs

in open wounds, dung and food, transmitting diseases via their larvae resulting in diarrhoea or dysentery! So no blackberry picking for me after 29th! We also came across a plant I hadn't seen before, Burdock. Although I have heard of Dandelion and Burdock I have never seen it growing. Also known as Artium, it is a member of the daisy family and found at the edge of many fields.



I discovered that in 1948 George de Mestral, a Swiss inventor, was walking his dog and noticed that the burs from the Burdock were sticking to his dog. This observation led to the invention of Velcro (www.mountsinai.org). Burdock is also said to have medicinal benefits such as lowering blood sugar, treating skin problems and a powerful antioxidant. However, although it is used in Asia, as its roots resemble those of Belladonna (deadly nightshade) it is not something I shall be trying!

Catherine

Dramatic skies over Rotherwick
Captured by Amanda Palmer and Peter Price



Many Hands Make Light Work

A couple of weeks ago I ventured out to find Hook Road blocked by a fall-en tree. It looked a fairly spindly affair so thought it was worth getting out of the car to investigate. What are the chances.... first car on the scene coming in the opposite direction was the current Mr R on his way home from one of his favourite haunts, Screwfix. Together with a few familiar faces, we set about moving branches and made light work of moving it off the road.

Big thank you to all! Great team-work.



Marion

Rotherwick Village Lunch

It rained and it rained but those lucky villagers, and their friends, closeted in the Coach and Horses were concentrated on getting wet on the inside!

After the usual half an hour putting the world to rights, 23 sat down to eat.

The pasta was particularly well received

We were pleased to welcome Graham and Maureen Holdaway who have just moved into Wedmans Lane, guests of Rita Caesar and David Robak's mum, who tried to deny liability but did eventually own up!

Village Lunch

5th September 2024

PULLED BEEF CHILLI-CON-CARNE

long grain rice, sour cream & corn tortillas

WILD MUSHROOM RAVIOLI

garlic cream sauce, parmesan, cherry tomatoes, garlic bread

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with pouring cream

SALTED CARAMEL CHEESECAKE

with vanilla pod ice cream



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Why not join us on the 3rd Oct, Steve may even light the fire!

Tony Merricks





Quiz of the Month

September Questions

- 1. How many gold medals did Team GB win at the Paris Olympics?**
- 2. Captain Arthur Hastings was a companion of which fictional detective?**
- 3. A bottle of sun cream will usually have the letters "SPF" on it. What does "SPF" stand for?**
- 4. Named after an atoll, which clothes item is commonly dated to 5 July 1946, when modelled by Micheline Bernardini?**
- 5. Helianthus is another name for which flower?**
- 6. In which country did an infamous mining disaster occur in 2010, trapping 33 miners underground for 69 days?**
- 7. Which delicacy was banned by the EU from UK Indian restaurants in 1997 for not conforming to hygiene laws?**
- 8. Who was the lead singer of the Britpop band "Blur"?**
- 9. Daniel Craig's second appearance as James Bond was in what 2008 film?**
- 10. In the nursery rhyme, Jack and Jill, how was Jack's head "mended" after his fall? With what and brown paper?**

'Quizinquisitor'

Answers to last month's quiz are on page 17



Appeal for Donations

Dear Reader,

HCC have once again, with the support of Councillor Glen, awarded us a County Councillor grant. The grant will allow is to print two months of The Rotherwick News. The generous donations from the village also help us keep enough funds for the printing costs of the magazine, which have just increased. The magazine needs your continued support, if you are able to donate once again, the bank details are below.

This will be a regular appeal since although we have a very limited income from the advertisers, it doesn't begin to cover the printing costs throughout the year for all the articles we hope you enjoy.

THANK YOU

The Editors,

Amanda, Catherine and Sue

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Two Talents

I have discovered I possess two new talents- one is a gritty determination to 'beat the brambles', my other new talent is creating a fence of branches you see in the photo.

I bought an extendable chain saw, the best piece of gardening kit I have ever purchased. Once I got the hang of simply placing it on the required branch or thick stemmed bramble then letting the saw do the work, there was no stopping me!

Everything in the garden has been reduced in size. I cleared a hugely overgrown section of the garden, in all taking 3 days from beginning to end, bearing in mind I am 5ft 1, hence the extendable chainsaw! Delighted with my achievement and standing back to admire my work, the newly groomed little dog trotted past me. Well, I say groomed, he had to be sedated at the vet in order for them to cut his overgrown (yes, he was as neglected as the garden) coat. It is the most expensive haircut in the family! The sedation is required since he is petrified of everything, so very difficult to treat.



I digress. I realise the dog has access now to the front garden and if the gate is left open, he will be off. I fling together a makeshift fence using an old gate and use some of the branches I have sawn off a tree to fill the gap. The strong wind we had blows down the unsecured gate.....but not the branches! Mindful of the weaved fence beautifully created by a group of volunteers at the far end of the village, I set about putting together my own creation. Happily it didn't need to be a great height since our dog is diminutive.



I built it, carefully, making sure to weave as best I could. In truth I sort of bunged it together securing branches around each other, hoping it would remain standing. I can report that despite the thunder, lightning, torrential rain and the wind my fence still stands, little dog safely contained!

How is that for talent? Can we read about yours? See the next page.



Just for Fun...What is **your** hidden talent?

Send us a photo to share in the magazine.

(Anonymously if you wish, like the ones on the previous page and the front cover).

A caption or short description would be good to give context.

Send to rotherwicknews@yahoo.com



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Sophie has kindly been distributing the Rotherwick News in The Street but she is now moving on and we need someone to take her place. If you have some free time and would be willing to help deliver the magazine once a month please get in touch at rotherwick-news@yahoo.com.

In the meantime, Sophie, we would like to thank you for your help which has been very much appreciated as without the help of our volunteers the Rotherwick News would not reach everyone in the village. We wish you all the best for the future.

Thank you !

COUNTY MATTERS September 2024

Councillor Jonathan Glen

Hampshire County Council Member for Hook, Odiham
& The Western Parishes

Business on the County Council continues, even after a General Election! We all welcome our new MP for North East Hampshire, Alex Brewer, and wish her well. I know you will join me in thanking Ranil Jaywardena for all his hard work.

As the new Government gets to grips with the country, the following items are some of the projects that will keep the County Council busy through to the end of the year.

County Council Farms – Start Up Opportunities

[County Farms - Hampshire County Council](#) provide start up opportunities for young people hoping to make farming their career.

We're not unique as a county in offering this, but have one of the most extensive county farm projects in the country, of which Hampshire is rightly proud.

There are new farming opportunities coming up, details of which are below:



**New entrant
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opportunities**
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**We invite applications for the
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Do please pass on this information to anyone you feel might be interested.

COULD YOU SWAP YOUR CAR FOR A BIKE?

With crisp autumn air and cooling temperatures now is the perfect time to consider cycling. To help encourage people to get around on two wheels, the County Council has created a one-stop- shop website with everything you've ever wanted to know about cycling in Hampshire

[Could you swap your car for a bike? | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

£1.5M BOOST FOR PEOPLE LED CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

Lower energy bills could be enjoyed by more people in the future as more communities are given the ability to lead the charge on climate change through greener, more efficient energy initiatives that will reduce carbon emissions and, in turn, lower costs.

[£1.5m boost for people led climate change action | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

HAMPSHIRE OPENS GCSE HELPLINE

Thousands of Hampshire students have received the results of their hard work towards A-levels, T Levels, Technical, Vocational, and Apprenticeship qualifications. Hampshire students are always among the top achievers in the country, and we're very proud of our schools and staff.

However, anyone with concerns about their results, including GCSE or other Level 2 results, please to get in touch to talk through post-16 options with an HCC careers adviser.

[Hampshire opens helpline as thousands of pupils receive results | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

TAP INTO SOLAR POWER TO SAVE ON BILLS AND TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

An opportunity for Hampshire residents to benefit from competitively priced, high-quality solar panel installation and save on future energy bills is once again available through the 2024 Solar Together scheme

[Tap into solar power to save on bills and tackle climate change | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

MAKE ATTENDANCE TOP OF THE 'BACK TO SCHOOL' CHECKLIST FOR 2024/25

Hampshire County Council is renewing its call for parents and carers to prioritise regular school attendance in the new academic year

[Make attendance top of the 'back to school' checklist for 2024/25 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk) ***Continued on page 14***

Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick Church Services

You are very welcome to join us in October 2024



Sunday

6th October

11am

HECKFIELD

Holy Communion

13 October

8.30am

11am

6.30pm

ROTHERWICK

Holy Communion

Morning Worship – Harvest Festival

Evensong

20 October

8.30am

11am

MATTINGLEY

Holy Communion

Matins

27 October

11.00am

HECKFIELD

To be confirmed details to follow

4.00pm

MATTINGLEY

All Souls Service – to be confirmed

**Celebrate the Harvest with us at our Harvest Lunch 13th October 2024
at Heckfield Memorial Hall 12 noon. Bring and share lunch.
All Welcome.**

*www.whitewaterchurches.co.uk
Details of all our activities and services are on our website.
Download our Notice Sheet from the front page.*





**The Parish of Heckfield,
Mattingley
and Rotherwick invites you to a**



Bring and Share Harvest Lunch

Bring your own food and share with others

**Sunday 13th October
Heckfield Memorial Hall 12: noon**

**Donations for the Food bank can be brought to the lunch or to
the Services at Rotherwick Church on 13th**

**8.30am Holy Communion
11am Morning Worship
6.30am Evensong**

**For further information please contact
James Trumpeter**

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**Is there anyone in the village who can spare a few hours 2 or 3 times
a year to help keep our beautiful Church clean?**

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each time with 2 people. Many hands make light work.**

We should love to hear from you.

Contact:

**Angie Beer or Trish Sydney-Smith through the Rotherwick News at
rotherwicknews@yahoo.co.uk**

County Councillor Grants

The County Council grant system has re-opened once more. As always please let me know if you know of any organisation in our area who could benefit from grant assistance.

Grants awarded in the last month include:

Hook Infant School – flood reparation

Cross Barn, Odiham – new heat pump

Local Prostate Cancer Screening

Sailability – Crondall-based management of sailing charity

Contact

Councillor Jonathan Glen

Member for Odiham, Hook & The Western Parishes

Email: jonathan.glen@hants.gov.uk

Famous lines from the movies...but which one?

Answers on back page.

“The horror, the horror.”

“You’re gonna need a bigger boat.”

“I’m the king of the world!”

“My *precious*sssss.”

“Houston, we have a problem.”

“When someone asks you if you’re a god, you say YES!”

“Keep the change, ya filthy animal!”



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Check your pulse rate, it will already be starting to return to normal.



After 8 hours

Your oxygen levels are recovering, and the harmful carbon monoxide level in your blood will have reduced by half.



After 48 hours

All carbon monoxide is flushed out. Your lungs are clearing out mucus and your senses of taste and smell are improving.



After 72 hours

If you notice that breathing feels easier, it's because your bronchial tubes have started to relax. Also your energy will be increasing.



After 2 to 12 weeks

Blood will be pumping through to your heart and muscles much better because your circulation will have improved.



After 3 to 9 months

Any coughs, wheezing or breathing problems will be improving as your lung function increases by up to 10%.



After 1 year

Great news! Your risk of heart attack will have halved compared with a smoker's.



After 10 years

More great news! Your risk of death from lung cancer will have halved compared with a smoker's.

There is good evidence that if you make it to 28 days smoke-free, you are five times more likely to quit for good.

Remember :

- It's never too late to quit and easier to stop smoking with the right support.
- Check out the free tools and tips to help you stay on track at the Better Health Quit Smoking website www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking where you can also download the free NHS quit smoking app. Your family, friends and your pocket will benefit too!
- Smokefree Hampshire also offer a free stop-smoking service to all those who live or work in Hampshire with the offer of a free quit-kit, free expert advice and a vaping to quit smoking voucher scheme at www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk

Practice Update

- The practice has over 1000 patients that smoke.
 - The practice will be starting a campaign of RSV vaccinations (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) from 1st September for all people aged 75-79 years and pregnant Mums. Midwives will deliver the vaccine to pregnant Mums. The vaccine is not an annual requirement as it lasts several years.
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PPG Contact Details

Email: Whitewaterppg@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitewaterPPG>

(Please note : The PPG cannot deal with any medical or personal matters.

The email address for the practice is:

hiowicb-hsi.whitewaterhealth@nhs.net)

August Quiz Answers

1. Of the six colours of sticker used on a standard Rubik's cube, which is the only one that isn't the colour of a ball used in snooker? **ORANGE**
2. How many Prime Ministers has Larry the Downing Street cat now welcomed to no. 10? **SIX (David Cameron onwards)**
3. In which country did the cocktails the mojito and the daiquiri originate? **CUBA**
4. At the first Glastonbury Festival in 1970 what did the price of the ticket also include? Free what? **MILK**
5. In 1996, which manufacturer released a mobile phone called the StarTAC, which is generally regarded as the first successful flip phone? **MOTOROLA**
6. In July 1938 the world speed record for steam traction was set in England by which locomotive? **MALLARD (126 mph)**
7. Which famous British celebrity chef has a surname that means "flowered valley" in German? **HESTON BLUMENTHAL**
8. What colour is the lion on the badge of the Scottish national football team shirt? **RED**
9. Blenheim, Melba and Golden Russett are all varieties of what fruit? **APPLES**
10. Who is the current speaker of the House of Commons? **SIR LINDSAY HOYLE**



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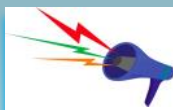
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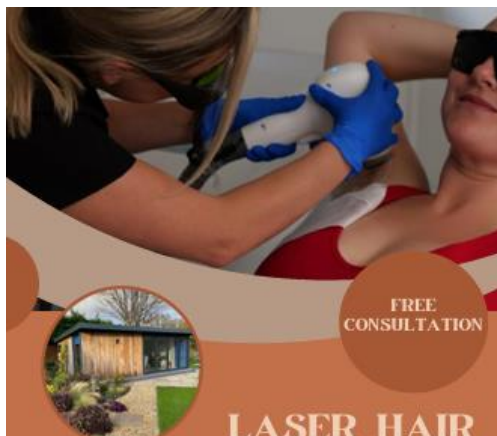
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The Village Magpies have agreed to take them or just put them in an old envelope and pop them through my door "Feldheim" Wedmans Lane.

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Looking Ahead



3rd October - Village lunch at the Coach & Horses. To book, please contact Tony Merricks anthony@merricks.me.uk

13th October - Bring and Share Harvest Lunch see page 13

That would be good to go in the Rotherwick News!"

Thank you to the people who have contributed to this month's magazine.



Please keep your articles and photos coming—they bring the magazine to life and it is so interesting to see and read about people we all know and love.

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