

The Rotherwick News

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Fireworks at the village hall



Absolutely Agnes...

As Agnes sits down to write, there are only 47 days until Christmas!

This time of year always seems to rush up and before you know it, life is a frantic flurry of gift buying, sherry drinking & greenery.



Speaking of greenery – is there anything nicer than decking the halls, windowsills, mantles and in fact any surface that doesn't move, with foraged greenery? Agnes always counts her blessings that we live amongst such beautiful fields and hedgerows, with foliage and berries a plenty.

According to *Sara Coleridge's nature poem (1802-1852)*:

Dull November brings the blast, Then the leaves are whirling fast.

Well in an attempt to help Mother Nature, this year Agnes intends to leave the leaves to whirl as much as they jolly well please, as apparently this helps all types of lovely birds & creatures find shelter from those nippy nights.

With her thoughts drawn to the inevitable dark evenings, Agnes looks forward to lighting her fire in the afternoons, for a draughty old cottage takes several hours to heat.

As for now, Agnes is looking forward to pulling on her thermals, pouring a little sherry & getting out her Christmas notebook, for there is little better than a good 'to do' list, even when you know deep down you have no intention of ever reaching the bottom of it.

Enjoy the beginning of Winter dear friends & neighbours.

Warmest wishes,

Agnes

PS. If you would like to see more of what Agnes is up to, do follow her village adventures: Instagram: [absolutely_agnes](#)
Facebook: [absolutelyagnes](#)

The Beauty of Strictly...

I have loved watching Strictly for years and years. It goes way back in our family history. It conjures up lovely memories of my Mum and Dad, who were a super couple on the dance floor – Bangor Golf Club Champions 1985 (Northern Ireland). Yes their ambition knew no bounds! No your ears don't deceive you, I am Scottish but we moved to N.I. when I was 14. I lived there for a further 14 years and the stories I could tell you! (I feel another article coming on). I'm digressing.

Back to Mum and Dad. I used to sit down to watch Strictly with Mum and we would comment all the way through, admiring gorgeous frocks, fab footwork and devising our own marking system. All the while my Dad in the background "They are not a patch on your Mother and Me ".



All these years later this great show is still going strong. I have particularly enjoyed this series as I have watched Johannes Radebe. Partnered with John Whaite, he seems to have blossomed. He seems to me to have grown in stature, he looks so happy and as a performer his movements are exquisite. It is as if he is just where he needs and wants to be and he is now able to flow, uninhibited. The dance floor and creating the dances for the professionals is a wonderful way for them all to express themselves. I thoroughly enjoy their individuality. Last year, or perhaps the year before I absolutely loved "The Adams Family " Halloween routine Giovanni Pernice created for himself and Michelle Visage. You could see the utter joy in Giovanni's face as he dipped and swayed with Michelle, the crowd loving every minute of it.

Of course it is not all delightful dancing but nonetheless all the contestants love participating and they all say how much they grow as individuals as they test and stretch themselves whilst juggling their own careers.

It is a show for all the family, even my Husband enjoys it, offering up his own constructive criticism " She / He is rubbish " (move over Craig Revel Horwood).

Why, you may ask yourselves, is this featuring in The Rotherwick News? What has it got to do with our village? Well nothing really except SURELY it is on every Rotherwick telly each Saturday nightisn't it ?

Get Gardening



I suppose November is a good month to have a clear up and clean up as winter approaches. I was reading on the RHS website that the following are jobs that need to be done in November!



Clear up fallen leaves, especially from lawns and paths – the worse thing about autumn.



Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging – I've never done this so don't think I will start.



Plant tulip bulbs for spring display next year – I love tulips, so will be off to get myself some as I've probably dug up most of last years by mistake!



Prune roses to prevent wind-rock – the roses we have do seem to have had grown more than usual this year, so this is one to do.



Plant out winter bedding – I don't have enough room for winter bedding plants at the moment – so one to take off the list.



Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem – any brassicas I had (kale) have been destroyed one way or another already!



Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well – not something I do as I always think if it doesn't survive the winter in our garden then it won't get planted (veg aside).



Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks – I've never heard of this before so that's something to research.



Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden – I must admit I don't do this as we have lots of cats that visit our garden!



Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting – unfortunately, as much as I hate bonfires, this is something we will have to do, the green bins are just not big enough for fallen branches!

So, its just plant a few tulips bulbs, prune any tall roses, put a few leaves on the compost and have the occasional bonfire. Doesn't sound too bad, but somehow every year there always seem to be a lot more than that to do!

Catherine Bolt



I have to say Catherine—just reading this has worn me out!!

I hopped on a bus earlier today. After a while, the driver told me to sit down like everyone else.



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Didn't like being a bus driver. I was convinced people were talking behind my back.



POWER TO THE PEOPLE (of Rotherwick)

The first Saturday in October was an awful day which started with rain, and went on with rain! Surely, we thought, it would get better as the day wore on? But meantime we had plenty of jobs to do indoors so weather wasn't important!

During the morning the kettle was on for a much-needed tea-break but just before it boiled the under-cabinet lights flickered several times and then suddenly everything electrical went off – obviously a power cut. From when we first moved here, we'd quickly learned that Rotherwick probably has more than its fair share of power cuts although thankfully, in recent years, they have become slightly fewer.

After waiting 30 mins or so to give the power a chance to come back on, as it so often does, the emergency number was called to find out what was going on but after 10-minutes of listening to never-ending "selections", no satisfaction was gained. We tried another emergency number and during the wait, also contacted a few neighbours to see if they had the same issues, but it seemed we were the only ones.

Our emergency call was then answered and it seemed we were indeed the only property without power, with no other reports in the area, so were informed that we would be contacted and advised of the next steps within an hour. Meantime, with our camping stove now in the kitchen, we were able to make the cuppa that we missed out on earlier, which helped to pass some of the time. The *current* issue (pardon the pun) also made us think about everyone's reliance on electricity these days for TVs, 'phones, answerphones, central heating controls, cooking, laundry, clocks, chargers of all kinds, and power tools, let alone the new electric car brigade and, now, heat pumps to replace gas boilers!

After the promised follow-up call from the emergency centre, a repair man from SSEP turned up around 1.40pm and checked things out, confirming that we had no power coming into the property, but that there was no problem detected on the pole outside. So further help was requested, although we were warned they were extremely busy and might be a while.

They arrived within about 1 ½ hours, and further checks found that several branches of a nearby tree had rubbed through the insulation shorting out the power cable between the neighbouring property and ours, although we were the only property affected in all of Rotherwick! From that point we had to wait for an overhead line team, who arrived by 4.15 pm.

Despite the lashing rain, the team quickly got on with their job, with a cherry-picker truck first raising an employee up into the branches, in order to trim the offending tree. The men on the ground were ready with saws to cut the branches dropped down, which were then put into the waiting vans. The power line was then repaired and covered with further insulation, and all was finished by 5 pm. We are extremely grateful to the young men and particularly the one who did the actual repair – these people risk their lives working with live-lines (hotline maintenance).



We're grateful to some nearby neighbours (you know who you are!) for their kindness and offers of help, and the comment that people of "YOUR [our] generation" are usually well-prepared for all sorts of emergencies! We try to be - it seems to have been one of life's lessons which we don't easily forget – and who would have guessed that a tree could damage a power line?

Well, that helped pass another day! Wonder what tomorrow will bring...

...I had finished my article here, but out of the blue on the evening of Sunday, 24th October, we were plunged into darkness with yet another power cut! Thankfully, it lasted only a couple of hours and we managed to finish cooking our part-cooked meal on our camping stove! This time, though, we weren't the only ones affected.

Lin Humble

**IN A POWER OUTAGE, THE FIRST STEP IS ADMITTING THAT
YOU'RE POWERLESS - BE PREPARED!**



Your Wellbeing Matters



Does the Winter weather make you feel like staying under the duvet? Research evidence shows that getting enough good quality sleep can make a big difference to our mental health and wellbeing.

Problems sleeping?

Difficulty sleeping or insomnia is common and can take many forms, from finding it hard to fall asleep, to waking up frequently in the night. When we're experiencing anxiety, stress, or low mood, it can be harder than usual to get to sleep.

A poor nights' sleep can impact on how well you feel able to function at work and in your spare time. It can make you feel more down, irritable, or fuzzy-headed during the day. The good news is, if you're struggling with sleep, there are lots of things you can do that can make a big difference.

How to sleep better

Try to avoid

- **Watching TV or using your phone in bed** . Using screens before and while in bed can make it harder to sleep, so it's best to try and avoid these in the hour before bedtime.
- **Consuming caffeine or alcohol before bed.** Caffeine and alcohol can contribute to disrupted sleep. It's also best to avoid large meals a couple of hours before sleep.
- **Staying in bed if you just can't fall asleep.** Get up and do something relaxing if you've been in bed unable to sleep for more than 15 minutes. Then, try to sleep again, you might find it easier.

Try

- **Creating a bedtime routine.** Read a comforting book, have a bath or do a mindfulness exercise before you turn out the lights. Aim to do it at a similar time every night. Avoid napping if you can.
- **Relaxation exercises.** Take a couple of minutes before bed to practice deep breathing or relaxation exercises. This can help you switch off from the day and get into a more restful headspace.
- **Creating an ideal sleep space.** It'll be easier to sleep if your bedroom is dark, cool, and your mattress and pillows are comfortable. Make your bedroom a restful place to be.
- **Having a warm bedtime drink.** Rice, dairy, or oats help us sleep. Try having a small glass of warm milk, or oat milk, before bed.

If you need a bit of help to help you get into the habit of a good sleep pattern, try a wellbeing app, like Sleepful.



CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATH WORKSHOP



AT THE VILLAGE HALL

8TH DECEMBER 7.30PM – 9.30PM

£35 each (inc refreshments)

Design and create your own Door Wreath.

***Flowers By Becky* are delighted to be here to help you through the whole process.**

What you will be given:

1 x 12" wire wreath ring, already mossed

A ball of mossing twine

Scissors

A selection of freshly cut winter foliage

For decoration, you will be able to choose from:

A ribbon hanger, various colours and designs

A wider ribbon for creating a bow, various colours and designs

Fir cones, plain, silver or gold

Dried Lotus Heads, plain, silver or gold

Whole dried oranges and limes, Sliced dried oranges and limes

Cinnamon sticks

Baubles in a variety of different colours and sizes

All you need is to bring yourself, maybe an apron as it can get messy and a sense of fun and creativity!

At time of going to print there are still a few tickets left

Book by contacting Sue

07800559600

Organised by the village hall committee

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Christmas Gifts



One solution to the perennial gifting conundrum is to make it yourself. This has several plus points, it can be fun to do, is so much more personal and can even cost less, so what have you got to lose! Over the page are a couple of ideas to get you thinking. Both can be made into works of art if that is your calling or made and decorated quite simply by children and taste just as good.

Simple wrapping ideas can look amazing. The Baileys tiffin aka fridge cake can be wrapped in baking parchment/ greaseproof paper and handtied with twine or Christmas ribbon. Or pop it in a box or tin but keep it wrapped in the greaseproof paper to avoid staining the box.

Make your own pizza box for the cookie pizza cut down from a larger box and decorate it. Here are a few ideas to start you off.





Baileys Chocolate Tiffin

Ingredients

raisins or sultanas 100g
Baileys or another Irish cream 6 tbsp
72% dark chocolate 250g, chopped into small pieces
milk chocolate 250g, chopped into small pieces
unsalted butter 100g
shortbread 300g, crumbled into chunks
maraschino cherries 225g jar, drained and halved
white chocolate 200g
edible gold glitter to sprinkle, optional but does look amazing

Method

STEP 1 Line a 20-21cm square tin with baking paper. Put the raisins in a microwavable bowl, pour over 2 tbsp of Baileys and cover with clingfilm, then microwave for 30 seconds. Leave covered, so that the Baileys soaks into the fruit.

STEP 2 Melt 150g each of the dark and milk chocolate along with the butter in a pan until completely melted, then stir in the soaked raisins, the rest of the Baileys, the shortbread pieces and the cherries. Spoon into the prepared tin and smooth the top. Put in the fridge for 1 hour, until firm.

STEP 3 Melt the remaining dark, milk and white chocolate separately, then blob over the top and swirl together, sprinkling a little glitter here and there as you swirl. Use the tip of a knife or a spoon handle to swirl. Leave to set in the fridge for at least 4 hours. Let it come to room temperature before slicing into small pieces, so that the chocolate on top doesn't shatter.

Be adventurous, do your own thing!

Swap out the Baileys for another favourite tippie like brandy or Cointreau to personalise your gift.

If swirling the different colour chocolate artistically on the top is not your thing then stick with one colour and maybe sprinkle some freeze dried cherries on the top.

Try adding in some dried cranberries with the raisins for a more festive feel.

Add in some mini marshmallows and you can call it Christmas Rocky Road!

Cookie Dough Pizza



Ingredients

185g butter, softened
185g golden caster sugar
150g soft light brown sugar
medium eggs, beaten
2 tsp vanilla extrac
335g self-raising flour
tsp salt
200g chocolate chips

Method

Heat the oven to 180C/160 fan/ gas 4. Beat the butter and sugars together in a large bowl using an electric whisk or tabletop mixer. Pour in the beaten eggs and vanilla, beating well until combined.

Sift in the flour and salt and fold until evenly combined. Scatter over the chocolate chips and stir until they are rippled throughout the dough.

Roll into a big round cookie and place onto a large baking sheet covered with parchment. If the dough feels very soft at this stage pop it in the fridge for 30 mins to firm up. Bake in the preheated oven for 25 mins until golden at the edges and still a little wobbly in the middle. Leave to cool for a couple of mins before topping. Score into slices while it is still warm.

Now the fun starts...let's decorate!

There are endless possibilities, try spreading melted chocolate topped with colourful sweets or marshmallows.

Nutella makes a great decorating base and looks amazing with strawberries/fruit on top.

Maybe even decorate each slice differently, one or each of your friends or family.

Marion Robak

Marion—thanks for these ideas to put us in the Christmas spirit!

The Keeper of the Key

The honour of been given the opportunity of being the keeper of the key for Rotherwick Church, was one that our young historian jumped at. I mean who wouldn't want the responsibility of looking after the three hundred year old key?

For one week, he is charged with opening up the church every morning. Checking that everything is in its place before visitors and worshipers alike are free to visit throughout the day. Then at the end of the day and as dusk is settling in, he will then proceed to lock the building after making sure everything is in order and there are no worshipers left inside.

I had great joy explaining to Mr Burridge that he had been asking all week, "when would he get the key?"

A three hundred year old key, I can only assume to a three hundred year old door. We can't be certain unless we employ a dendrochronologist (Scientific method of dating wood). The door could be older and its only the lock that's three centuries old. This means the key was made around 1700s. I wonder if it was made locally? Who would have been tasked with manufacturing a lock and key for Rotherwick church?

There have been plenty of other notable key masters before, some of the main ones you may of heard of are of course, The Chief Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London, who gets asked every night since the 13th century, who's keys he has. Louis Tully (Ghost Busters) he is the key master busy looking for the gate keeper, and not forgetting St Peter (Matthew 16:19) who was handed the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Now the big question is, would you like the chance to be the keeper of the key?

If the answer is yes, then please contact the church warden via email rotherwickcw2@btinternet.com



COUNTY MATTERS – HOOK FOCUS/

NOVEMBER 2021

Councillor Jonathan Glen

Hampshire County Councillor for Hook, Odiham & the Western Parishes

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1. Household Waste Recycling Centres

Hampshire County Council is lifting the one visit per week limit for residents taking waste to one of the county's 24 household waste recycling centres (HWRCs), although the requirement to book visits online will remain in place for the time being.

Residents are however asked to make the most of each visit and separate out items for reuse and recycling to help reduce the amount of waste that has to be disposed of. Greater efficiency in recycling will ensure that the service is more cost effective.

While there is no limit on the number of bookings per week, the County Council requests any bookings made which later are not required are cancelled so that they can be available to others.

Residents can visit the County Council's [waste and recycling webpages](#) for further information and to [book an appointment](#).

Separately, Hampshire County Council has agreed to commission Veolia UK to prepare and submit a planning application seeking permission to develop a new materials recovery facility in Eastleigh, at Chickenhall Lane. This will help enable the county's waste collection and disposal authorities to meet potential future legislative requirements and recycle materials that current facilities are unable to, including plastic pots, tubs and trays, glass and cartons.

2. Support for bus services

Hampshire County Council has committed to extend its additional, Covid related support for community transport services – committing to a further six months (1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022) while the country continues its economic recovery from the pandemic.

This means that the Authority will continue the policy of paying 100% contract and concessionary fares payments to Community Transport operators. The move will assist those operators in the recovery and operation of their services, covering them for any loss of service user income which they may continue to experience due to COVID-19 over the winter and into early spring.

3. HCC budget balancing proposals update

Hampshire County Council has begun important financial planning - with feedback from residents to be considered - on options to help the Authority address an anticipated two-year shortfall in its budget of at least £80 million by April 2023. This is necessary if the County Council is to deliver a balanced budget, which is required by law. Councils across England are facing similar budgetary pressures.

The proposals will include Children's Services which aim to achieve savings of £21.3 million over the next two financial years (2022/2023 and 2023/2024). Maintaining good quality education and ensuring safe and effective social care services that are targeted to vulnerable children, young people and their families, are the priorities underpinning these savings proposals.

The resulting proposals from all County Council departments be considered by the County Council's [Cabinet](#) and [full Council](#) at their respective meetings on 12 October and 4 November 2021.

4. Walktober

October was International Walk to School month. As part of this, Hampshire County Council encouraged parents to leave the car at home for all or part of the school run, and to walk the journey instead - to help build opportunities for exercise in their children's school day, and to improve air quality around schools. It is one of the County Council's all year round initiatives to promote active travel and good road safety awareness among all those who use the roads.

Another of these initiatives is the [Junior Road Safety Officer \(JRSO\) programme](#) which trains Year 5 and Year 6 children to be ambassadors for road safety at their schools. JRSOs lead by example and share their knowledge with their fellow pupils about the importance of safety when walking to and from school.

The number of children walking to school in Hampshire over the last 15 years has risen to over 50% of pupils.

Cllr Jonathan Glen

Hampshire County Councillor
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Hudson Copse Update

Rotherwick Parish Council are pleased to share with you that we are at the next stage of our ongoing work in Hudson Copse, work having started back last winter with the removal of large amounts of invasive cherry laurel and holly.

That work left the part of the woodland at the edge of the Copse exposed with less vegetation than previously. We are now in a position to create a natural hedge on the bank along the boundary between the Copse and Cowfold Lane to provide visual separation of the woodland from the road.

The hedging will run from Oakwood Cottage near the bus shelter along the bank at the edge of the Copse to the kissing gate entrance to the public footpath. An overlapping section will be arranged with a gap/s for continued access by walkers.

The hedge will use a laid over hedge technique using existing vegetation where possible, supplemented by plantings of native species saplings to provide body to the hedge whilst allowing the passage of wildlife, including deer. Once established the hedge will be maintained at a height of approximately 4 ½ – 5 feet high.

The Parish Council sought arboricultural input as assurance that this style of hedging and the planting varieties being used are suitable for our woodland and will support wildlife and biodiversity. We believe the hedge will be an attractive feature along Cowfold Lane and contribute positively to the character of this part of Rotherwick.

We have been fortunate in a successful application to The Woodland Trust for saplings to be used in this project and will soon be receiving delivery of 420 trees, canes and protective spiral guards. The saplings will be a mixture of elder, rowan, hazel, blackthorn, crab apple and dog rose varieties. This is approximately half the total number of saplings needed, and the Parish Council are looking to source a further 420 trees from The Woodland Trust for delivery in March to complete the project.

For those of you who are interested in finding out more about laid over hedging the link below gives more information. <https://www.hedgelaying.org.uk/Default.aspx>. There are several good examples locally to us – the closest being in Bottle Lane.

Our immediate plan is to create short sections of hedging in December as a pilot – with a core group of residents who have experience of this. It will give us the opportunity to test out what will be needed and how to approach the creation of the hedge as a whole. The pilot is expected to focus on short sections closest to Oakwood Cottage and closest to the kissing gate.

Once the pilot has been completed, we will commence the planting of the remainder of the saplings in the period from mid-December through to the milder weather of March. This will take place over several weekends. Jonathan Wort is the lead councillor. John Bennett has kindly undertaken volunteered as the role of project manager as he has experience of creating a laid over hedge.

For this to be successful we need a team of willing volunteers. Each volunteer will need a garden spade or trowel to be able to plant the trees. If you are interested in being involved in this project, please email our clerk, Susan Richardson on clerk@rotherwick.org.uk

A message from Rachel Johnson—Parish Councillor

As the Parish Councillor who attends the quarterly policing priorities Meetings, I am keen for Rotherwick residents to inform me of any concerns they have or questions they wish me to ask, on their behalf, at these meetings. It is our opportunity to have a direct link with the Hart Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Email Rachel Johnson on rachel.johnson@rotherwick.org.uk



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Like their page to receive their latest posts.

Please visit www.rotherwick.org.uk
for Rotherwick Parish information and sign up for Parish
Alerts.

FIREWORKS AT THE VILLAGE HALL



"Fantastic display!"

"Lovely hotdogs
and good bar."

"What fun in our lovely
village."



"Thanks to the village hall
committee."
"What a great place
Rotherwick is!"



Thanks to
Katie
Palmer and
Eve Wort
for the
photos.



A message from Father Christmas

We enjoyed our visit to Rotherwick so much last year, that we've decided to do it again!

We shall be driving round the village on Sunday 19th December and invite you to give us a wave from the end of your drive as we go by (it cheers up Grumpy Elf no end)!



Last year one villager asked me to stop and give a present to their child (secretly given to me in advance as my presents aren't ready until Christmas Eve). What a lovely idea... so please, if you would like Father Christmas to stop outside your house with a present for your child this year, contact the kind people at Rotherwick village hall who will arrange it on my behalf. Email chairman@rvh.org.uk.

Merry Christmas!

Mince pies & Mulled Wine

CHRISTMAS POP UP

2nd & 3rd December, 9.30am - 4pm

The Barn, Runtens Farm, Rotherwick, RG27 9BA
Contact Sarah for more details 07796 332 795

Nail bar
(manis & pedis)
message Indie
to book
07788 732 920

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♥♥♥

TURNBULL
&
HOOCH

Pinkstring

LUCY HOULE
ENGLAND

little
plum

Christmas Services in Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick

Sunday 12th December at 6.30 p.m.

Traditional service of Lessons and Carols at Rotherwick church

Friday 17th December at 6.30 p.m.

Carols in the Barn at Moneys Farm, Bottle Lane, Mattingley
Family fun with light refreshments. Please wear warm clothing.

Plenty of off-road parking

Christmas Eve at 4 p.m.

Crib service at Heckfield church.

Children please come dressed as a nativity character and take part in the re-telling of the Christmas story.

Christmas Eve at 11.30 p.m.

Midnight Communion at Heckfield church

Christmas Day at 8.30 a.m.

BCP Holy Communion at Mattingley church

Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m.

Family Celebration Holy communion at Rotherwick church

Sunday 26th December at 8.30 a.m.

BCP Holy Communion at Heckfield



Dear Reader,

In addition to all the kind donations from you, our readers, the Parish Council have agreed to two grants, one now and another in the Spring. The current funds will allow us to continue in full colour for some considerable time.

Thank you to the Parish Council and again to you.

The Editors

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

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

Most of the articles are signed by their author but not all. For those articles that appear to be "anonymous" the editors would like to give a mention to Lottie Girling, Jenny Gordon and Dan Pearce for their contributions this month.

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.

As always you can send to rotherwicknews@yahoo.co.uk or the Rotherwick News mobile 07849471227 **by 10th of the month.** What could be easier?

ROTHERWICK ITW Cricket Club May 2021

There was a pretty dismal start, weather-wise, to the 2021 season with four matches cancelled due to rain.

Wed 5 May Away v Odiham and Greywell II. Midweek League.
LOST by 8 wickets (20 overs per side)



Low sun, wind, sometimes rain and latterly 6 degrees on the mercury did not make for pleasant conditions in which to play or watch cricket. Batting first we managed 121/5 thanks to a late flurry of 25 not out from 'Big Jim' Barter (who will be playing his cricket for Sherfield next season). Gregg Cloete had opened proceedings with 33 runs. In reply Odiham & Greywell's young charges made 122/2.

Sat 22 May Away v Hartley Wintney III. Hampshire League.
LOST by 49 runs (40 overs per side) at Bramshill



Thankfully some sunshine at last but punctuated by various showers. We won the toss and invited our hosts to bat first. They made steady headway finally reaching 207/7 with three breaks for rain. Duckworth Lewis gave us a revised target of 182 off of 32 overs but we fell short at 132/7. Man-of-match Mike Williams took 4 wickets, 2 catches and was 34 not out. Graham Hooper took the other 3 wickets.

**Wed 26 May Away v Badshot Lea. Midweek League.
WON by 42 runs (20 overs per side)**



Batting first, Rotherwick ITW racked up a big total of 170/4, largely aided by a belligerent 50 from Gregg Cloete, a steady 31 from Paul Buckingham and another late flurry of 30 not out from James Barter. A short boundary on one side also helped matters with a few 6's raining into the adjacent tennis court. Badshot Lea were restricted to 128/6, hindered by 3 run outs. There was one wicket apiece for Tim Culver, Ali Brown and James Barter.

**Sat 29 May Home v Holybourne II. Hampshire League.
WON by 2 wickets (40 overs per side)**



A good win, although we made heavy weather of it. We won the toss and put Holybourne II in to bat. They were 15-4 at one point thanks to a great opening bowling display by Tim Culver and John Holder. Tim finished on a remarkable 3-10 and John on an only slightly less impressive 2-14. They were 60-8 at one point and managed to score 94 all out, probably 15 runs more than they should have – Graham Hooper claiming the last 2 wickets (2-22) after some good middle order bowling from Phil Mitchell (2-13) and Ali Brown (1-21).

In reply, skipper Paul Buckingham went early caught behind leaving Jon Wheeler and Rob Jones to steady the ship, putting on 36 before Jon played an abysmal shot and was bowled for 18. Unfortunately, Rob followed shortly after (19) and when Kyle Frost and John Holder both fell to big shots we had lost 4 wickets for 12 runs. Josh Terry scored a useful 10 before also holing out. This left Graham Hooper and Phil Mitchell at the crease who dug in at the right time and put on a very much needed 22. When Phil was out caught and bowled (9) we were 88 for 7, needing 7 to win. Ali came and went quickly leaving Phil to come in with his new bat. His new wand applied the coup-de-grace with 2 lofted 4's over mid-wicket to relieve the pressure and secure the win. Special mention to Graham Hooper who scored 14 valuable runs (unbeaten) but, more importantly, kept us in the game when we were losing wickets.

The story of the season will be continued next month. In the meantime we can be contacted as follows:

Mobile – 07788 722771

Email – chair.ritw@gmail.com

Facebook & Instagram

‘Twelfth Man’

Rotherwick Community Support Network



The Rotherwick Community Support Network was set up in anticipation of the first Covid lockdown in March 2020 and supported several early requests for prescriptions and shopping.

Although the phone line has been discontinued, the network itself is ongoing with no plans to disband. There is an associated WhatsApp group of over 25 members around the village ready to connect and respond when needed – if you would like to access any support or be added to the group, please do let me know.

Nicky Howell s 07787 541927
Kernets

The practice continues to be experiencing challenging times with Covid numbers rising, together with a considerable number of other respiratory and flu like illnesses. We take patient safety extremely seriously and as such are moving our 'duty' on the day service to Hartley Wintney which is the best suited to be able to see unwell patients. We will continue to offer some routine GP and nurse appointments at Hartley Wintney but patients may be asked to travel to Hook to see health care professionals if necessary.

We are also aware of the concern of our patients regarding staff changes over recent times. The last 2 years has seen unprecedented challenges across the NHS with many staff retiring, leaving the profession or changing job roles. There is a national shortage of all clinical staff across the NHS, but in particular in General Practice, which has made recruitment more difficult. We are committed to continuing to try to provide the best possible care and we can assure you all our staff have been working tirelessly, seeing patients throughout the pandemic and through the recent surge in demand for appointments we are experiencing.

We would also like to reassure our patients that the practice will continue to operate from both Hook and Hartley Wintney sites, although for certain appointments patients may be asked to travel to the opposite site from where they live. We are one practice and as such cannot offer all services at both sites on all occasions.

We now can offer in-house physiotherapy assessments and joint injections when suitable, Red Cross Social Prescribers to help support out patients with their social problems, a Health and Wellbeing coach to help patients make positive lifestyle changes and a Clinical Pharmacist to help with prescription queries.

We have always valued continuity of care and recognise we have not been able to deliver the personal care that we have in the past and that we recognise our patients' value highly. We are committed to returning to this and are working hard to try to achieve this goal. However, whilst we continue to recruit more doctors and nurses, we have had to employ locum (temporary) doctors in order to offer enough appointments to meet the

clinical demand. As such, you may be offered an appointment with one of them rather than perhaps the doctor of your choice, but please be reassured they offer excellent care.

The partners, with help from the PPG are arranging to meet with the representatives of the local community in the near future to discuss the concerns of our patient population and to hopefully provide some reassurances to the questions being raised.

These are extremely challenging times for the whole of General Practice and we hope for your continued patience and support as we navigate through these current difficulties.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Whitewater Health PPG with whom we have been working closely and have been extremely supportive to the practice whilst representing the interests/views of our patients.

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Let your garden go wild for wildlife this autumn – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Rustle. Crunch. Swoosh. The familiar sounds of crisp, freshly fallen leaves underfoot are a sure sign autumn has arrived. But as the nights gradually draw in and the temperatures start to dip, this marks a crucial season for wildlife as preparations are put in place to survive winter.

As the bounties of summer food sources start to dwindle, gardens become an increasingly important haven for wildlife in the 'harvest season'. At this time of year, many garden visitors – be it birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles or invertebrates – are busying themselves securing enough food and shelter to see them through the harsh winter months.

You can play your part in helping countless species this autumn, and the best part? It requires minimal effort.

That golden scattering of leaf litter may look untidy on the lawn but, rather than removing, simply sweeping the leaves into a neat pile in a windsheltered corner of the garden can provide a vital habitat for frogs and many overwintering invertebrates. In turn, a garden boasting a healthy population of insects equals more foodstuff for ground feeding birds like robins, blackbirds and song thrushes as well as small mammals such as hedgehogs, foxes and badgers. And not only do decaying leaves provide essential refugia for insects, frogs and hibernating hedgehogs, it also makes excellent mulch for flowerbeds.

Avoiding the temptation to prune hedgerows and shrubs excessively also allows birds more time to eat the remaining berries whilst providing valuable sanctum. This is especially true for garden ivy as this evergreen perennial offers both a perfect shelter and winter berries.

For our feathered garden guests specifically, another olive branch that gardeners can extend in autumn is to put up nest boxes. Though these boxes won't be used for nesting until the breeding season in spring, they can provide birds with a warm and safe space to escape foul weather and boost their chances of survival.

Finally, as many gardens witness an influx of birds during autumn as the search for food intensifies among common species and winter migrants, this makes it the time to clean your feeder, ensuring it free from disease.

So, remember to spare nature a thought and enjoy turning your garden into a wildlife haven this autumn.

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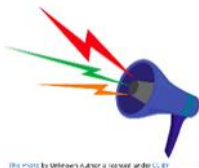
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Happy Special Birthday Kirsty!!



Katie Palmer passed her driving theory test last week. Start saving for that sports car Katie!! Well Done!!



A huge SHOUT OUT/Thank you to Bob Humble, Geoff Scrutton and Mike Linwood for putting on a fantastic fireworks display in the village on November 6th. The village hall committee could not have managed without you all helping that day so

THANK YOU!



Do you know someone in the village with a special celebration coming up? You could use this space to celebrate and congratulate them.

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Looking Ahead

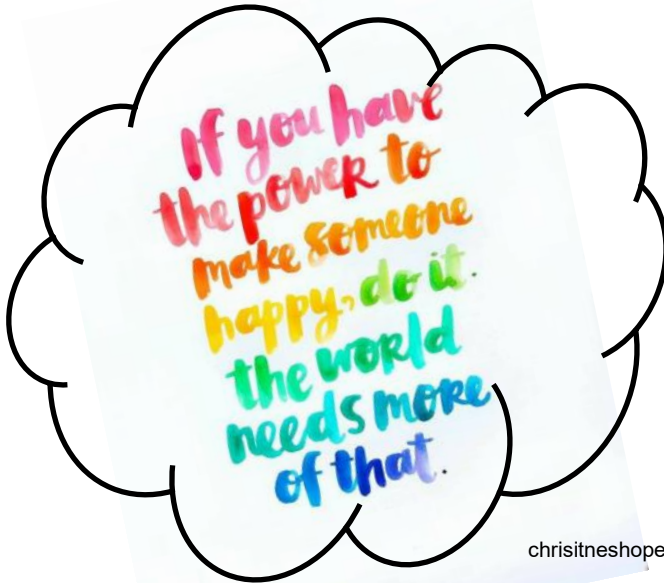


Upcoming dates

December 8th – Christmas wreath making at the hall. 7.30pm

December 19th – Father Christmas comes to Rotherwick – see page 19.
Exact timings in next month's edition.

Throughout December – Christmas church services – see page 20



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