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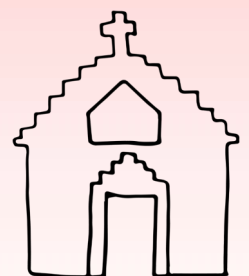
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"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them."
For the Fallen,
by Laurence Binyon, 1914
"Ode of Remembrance"



LEST WE FORGET



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Winter is on its way! So it's time to prepare for frost, gales and freezing rain.
Here are our top jobs for November:

1. Continue mowing the lawn if the grass is still growing – raise the height of the blades
2. Insulate outdoor plant containers from frost with bubble wrap or hessian
3. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging and compost freezing
4. Clear up fallen leaves, especially from lawns, ponds and beds
5. Move plants into greenhouses or sheltered spots

Be sure to book slots for children to come and visit Father Christmas every Saturday and Sunday in December. Bookings can be made in the Garden Centre or by telephoning on 01425 655525. Tickets £10 and payment required on booking.

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Seeing as there have been so many acorns this year I thought I might repost this article about squirrels as you might be wondering how they're coping with the glut. So researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, wanted to study how a species deals with big cognitive problems – like making decisions about thousands of acorns and then remembering where you hid them three months ago – whilst facing the everyday challenges such as escaping from predators, outwitting your competitors and seducing those of the opposite sex. So what better than the squirrels on campus, right outside their window? The team tracked 70 fox squirrels, mapping their territory and following their actions. Among other things, the campus squirrels eat acorns, pine nuts, walnuts, almonds and hazelnuts, not to mention the peanuts that research team members carried around! The animals hoard nuts because not all the trees on campus produce food year round and, since squirrels don't hibernate, they need to stock up for the winter.

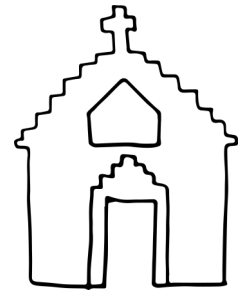
Typically, a fox squirrel will pick up a nut using its teeth and long-clawed hands, rotate it, shake its head a couple of times and either peel off the husk – if there is one – and eat it on the spot, or hop off to find a place to bury it, often traveling as far as 100 meters to hide it. Early research showed that when holding a nut in a shell, squirrels shake their heads to assess the quality of the nut, and that this “head-flicking behaviour” increases when they plan to store the nut rather than eat it. The researchers used GPS to record all the burials and create a map showing every campus tree, building and even garbage can, compiling a list of more than 1,000 locations where the nuts were buried. Amazingly these small creatures can remember the location of over 90% of their own buried nuts (and I can't remember where I've put my one set of keys!). What they've also found is that like us they use 'aids' to memory. They use a combination of landmarks and memory to narrow down their search, and then use their sense of smell for the final locations.

You might be thinking, gosh I'm in the wrong job, why didn't I think of just watching squirrels and getting paid for it?! Well other people thought the same, so other research was done on different species of squirrels! The results are impressive - over 3000 locations remembered, many for up to 2 years. However the grey's had a much greater forgetfulness rate, only remembering 50% of nut locations. All of which makes me think how amazing the world is, nature, and all of God's goodness. The enormous diversity of creatures that make up whole eco-systems, and the brains that can think, and think about God, and remember. I want to remember a very special person today, who has used their brain and their skills to shape this magazine over the last 4 years.

Rev'd Simon



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November Diary Dates

Sunday 2nd November 20th Sunday after Trinity All Saints	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.30 am Communion service	St James' Church St James' Church
Sunday 9th November	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.55 Remembrance Day Service	St James' Church St James' Church
Sunday 16th November	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.30 am Communion service	St James' Church St James' Church
Sunday 23rd November	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.30 am Soul Food	St. James' Church St. James' Church
Sunday 30th November	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.30 am Communion service	St. James' Church St. James' Church
Sunday 7th December	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.30 am Communion service 4.00 pm Christingle	St James' Church St James' Church St James' Church



On the **SECOND** Sunday of the month, everyone is welcome to come along to the Family Friendly service held in the Village Hall. Breakfast starts at 10.00am (donations welcome), with the main talks & activities starting at 10.30am. You do not need to bring a child along—but being young at heart is an advantage!

There is a blue box at the back of St James' Church for food donations to **POITIERS**, the local charity that meets real social needs in Southampton. If you would like to give money instead then contact Holly or Romey

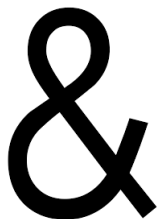
Sundays, 10:30 Service For up to date information on Church Services- *Please look at our Church Website <https://stjameschurchalderholt.com/> and Facebook*

At each service EVERYONE is welcome to come forward for a blessing. The Chalice will be given to those who wish to receive it. There will be the option of just bread or bread and wine from the cup; gluten free wafers available.

St James' Inclusive Church Statement. We believe in inclusive church—a Church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on the grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. We believe in Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.



THANK YOU!



WELCOME

.....to Pam Reynolds

Pam approached me out of the blue, and asked if we wanted help with the magazine. She explained she had some experience and some ideas, and quite a bit of free time. The rest is history. Pam has expanded the number of pages, altered the layout, introduced colour, as well as finding so many interesting articles, puzzles, and pieces that give the magazine its 'flavour'. As editor she has been here month in and month out - from the gathering articles in by the 14th, to arranging adverts, getting a proof copy from the printers, seeing it distributed at the beginning of the month, and then round again! It takes dedication, determination and commitment, as well as creativity, linguistic and computer skills, and a lot of remembering! Now she's hanging up her editors pen, and taking a well earned break. I want to thank Pam, on behalf of you all, for all she has given with love and devotion, for this magazine, and we wish her and John well. I know she will soon find another project to put her energies to!



.....to Sarah Crocker

Hi, I'm thrilled to be taking up the reins, as Editor of our wonderful Alderholt Parish News magazine.



About me, I'm a mum of 2 girls (one grown & 1 school age). I live in the village, having moved here in 1984, although I spent

some time living away at various times. My career has included publishing, HR & charity sector & I volunteer with the Alderholt Community Fund as a Trustee & Vice Chair at a local school PTFA. I enjoy walks around our beautiful village & county, cooking & family holidays with my girls. It's a privilege to produce such a well established & loved community resource & I hope to be able to carry on all the good work my predecessors have done, along with adding my own personal flair too! I'd love to hear from you & always welcome comments, feedback, suggestions, ideas & requests, so please do reach out to me at alderholtparishnews@gmail.com & follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/share/Alderholt Parish News magazine>

Written by

Rev'd Simon

PCC review 07/10/25



At this PCC meeting we discussed the re-opening of the Forest Edge Café, the new committee and volunteers. In Safeguarding we discussed the Social Media policy we are writing. We looked at the new Cornerstones Platform from the Diocese that gives pathways to help encourage giving, helps with grants and shows our finances in relation to all other Church of England Churches. We then spent the rest of the meeting discussing short term and long term strategies to increase our income and how to keep the Church sustainable so it can continue to be here.

All Copy for December's Issue must be received by midday 14th Nov (Earlier is appreciated !)

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Dog Vaccinations: A Guide for Owners

Vaccinating your dog is one of the most important steps you can take to protect their health—and the health of other animals. In the UK, dog vaccinations are not legally required, but they are strongly recommended by veterinarians and animal welfare organisations. This article explains which vaccines your dog needs, when they need them, and why they matter.

Vaccinations help prevent a range of serious and potentially fatal diseases. While some of these diseases are now rare in the UK thanks to widespread vaccination, they still exist—and unvaccinated dogs remain at risk. Vaccination also helps prevent outbreaks in the wider pet population, acting as a form of "herd immunity."

All dogs in the UK should be vaccinated against:

Canine Parvovirus - a highly contagious and potentially fatal virus that affects the gastrointestinal tract. It causes severe vomiting, diarrhoea, and dehydration.

Canine Distemper Virus - a serious viral disease that affects the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems. Often fatal or causing long-term complications.

Infectious Canine Hepatitis (Adenovirus) - a viral disease affecting the liver, kidneys, and eyes. Can range from mild to fatal.

Leptospirosis - a bacterial infection that affects both dogs and humans (known as Weil's disease in humans). It can lead to liver and kidney damage. It is carried by rats.

Some dogs are also vaccinated against:

Kennel Cough (Bordetella bronchiseptica and Canine Parainfluenza) - highly contagious, especially in places with many dogs (kennels, daycare, training classes). Often required by boarding facilities.

Rabies - not routinely given in the UK as the UK is rabies-free. However, it's required if you're travelling abroad with your dog.

Puppies are vaccinated usually at 8 and 12 weeks old, and then annual booster vaccines are given throughout life. Not all components are given every year as some, such as distemper, give longer lasting immunity. Leptospirosis does need to be given every year as no lasting immunity is established.

Keeping up with your dog's vaccinations is a vital part of responsible pet ownership. It protects not only your dog but the wider pet and human community. Talk to your vet about the best vaccination schedule for your dog.

Routine preventative care, including vaccinations and worm and flea treatment, can be made more affordable by signing up to our Ocean Paws Plan - speak to us or look on our website www.oceanvets.uk

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Leslie Sidney John Britton - The War Years

by Adrian King



Leslie Sidney John Britton (1920-2004) was born when the family were living at 2, Mill Cottages, Alderholt. His father Thomas Britton (1860-1931) was a travelling salesman and his mother Sarah Jane Britton (1879-1965) a midwife.

Leslie had an older brother Thomas Edward Augustus Britton (1910-1994).

Leslie would have been one of the children who lived on "Monkey Island," named probably because of the number of children (thirteen) that used to live in the cottages at the mill! These were children from the Pople, Britton, Thorne, Bailey and Thomas families! He attended Alderholt village school.

He was still young when his father died in 1931 leaving his mother to bring up the family alone. His employment was a Fruit Packer.



A plan of Stalag XX-B.

He enlisted in the Kings Royal Rifle Corp – 31st Division on 11th April 1938 when he was nearly eighteen - one of the reasons being that he liked the black buttons - no polishing! He was Rifleman (Service No. 6846139) with the rank of "RFN." Leslie was slightly injured when he was captured by the Germans on 23rd May 1940 at Calais and marched across France and Germany to Prison camps in West Prussia.

Escapes – First Attempt

Leslie writes, "In July 1940 I escaped alone from Camp 13A, Thorn, Poland by walking past a Police



**David "Blondie" Bloor and Lesley Britton at Stalag XX-B.
Picture courtesy Carol Mussell.**

Post manned by two British N.C.O's, with a working party they were checking out. I was recaptured four days later by a Forestry Patrol. Not fit due to the long march across France! No punishment due to bad organisation!"

Escapes – Second Attempt

"In Nov 1943 I escaped from a farm at Gross Waplitz (Pl. Waplewo Wielkie). I had a British Overcoat and slacks over my civilian clothes and with a shovel over my shoulder I walked past one guard as though I had been given a job by the other guard. I jumped a goods train and was recaptured by [Schanters] and a German Policeman at a small station somewhere in West Prussia whilst attempting to find out the name of the station! Twenty-one days sharp arrest! I had twenty-one days in the cell, solitary!"

Leslie filled out a General Questionnaire for British/American prisoners of war on 7th April 1945, he records the following:

Main Camps

Hospital Fort	Thorn (Pl. Torun), Poland	1 st June 1940 – 13 th June 1940
Camp 13A	Thorn (Pl. Torun), Poland	13 th June 1940 – Sept 1940
Stalag XX-B	Marienburg (Pl. Malbork)	June 1940 – 24 th Jan 1945.

Working Camps

Simonsdorf (Pl. Szymankowo)	Sept 1940 – May 1941	Roadwork
Klackendorf (Pl. Troszkowo)	June 1941 – Oct 1941	Farm
Marienburg (Pl. Malbork)	Oct 1941 – Nov 1941	Labourer
Danzig (Pl. Gdansk)	Nov 1941 – Aug 1942	Filling Sandbags
Marienburg (Pl. Malbork)	Aug 1942 – Oct 1943	Coal Party
Altfelde (Pl. Stare Pole)	Oct 1943 – Nov 1943	Sanitary Man
Gross Waplitz (Pl. Waplewo Wielkie)	Nov 1943 – Nov 1943	Farm
Marienberg (Pl. Malbork)	Dec 1943 – 24 th Jan 1945	Dodged work on all Parades!!



A map of West Prussia in 1943 showing some of the locations - Thorn, Marienburg, Danzig, Dirschau and Berent.

Escapes – Third Attempt – Success!

“On 24th Jan 1945 marched away by Germans from Stalag XX-B to escape the Russian Advance. On the following day 25th Jan, escaped from line of march. Met some German civilian evacuees and managed to steal some civilian clothes with my [comrade] David “Blondie” George Bloor No. 6346981. Hid at Dirschau (Pl. Tczew), West Prussia awaiting Russian Advance. Heard firing reach the River Vistula and our spirits sank when we heard it fade away in the distance. Walked three days and then hearing of advance on Butow (Pl. Bytow) started to make our way there in the stolen civilian clothes. Arrived at Berent, West Prussia (Pl. Koscierzyna) 1st March 1945. Heard of Russian soldiers heading our way. Hid in evacuated POW working camp and Polish houses. Communicated with Russians 8th March 1945 wearing uniforms that the lads in the POW working camp had given us. Met another escapee in Berent. Leslie George Baynes No. S/153310. With me and my comrade now.”

Leslie mentioned other matters that happened during his time in captivity – “On 14th Aug 1943, I was charged with my comrade David “Blondie” George Bloor No. 6346981 with urging my comrades not to work and refusing to work ourselves. They wanted us to work on a machine a German civilian was operating. We wrestled with the German overseer. Our complaint is we were given thirty-one



**Stalag XX-B at Marienburg - London District Group.
Lesley Britton 2nd from left on the back row.
Picture courtesy Carol Mussell.**

During the years he was in captivity Leslie found a passion in photography! He said, “another prisoner of war had pinched a small folding camera from one of the Germans, but became worried about it and gave it to me.”

“There was a French prisoner who had signed a “no escape” clause and worked in a chemist’s shop. He obtained film for me and also would develop films during the lunch hour when he was alone in the shop – developing was paid for in Woodbine cigarettes!” The going rate was five cigarettes a print!

The pictures had to be taken discreetly because it didn’t bear thinking what could have happened if he had been caught! Over the course of time, he assembled albums of snapshots taken at Stalag XX-B. Snapshots of Camp Shows, Sporting Events and people – the ingenuity of the costumes in the shows that had been assembled from various odds and ends and anything that could be scrounged, was something to be admired!

In the photos many of the heads were cut-off because the camera had to be hidden at knee level! In all, a total of four albums were taken back to England after the war – each one showing a unique record of imprisonment during the war!

Leslie gave the camera to a Polish family that had helped him before he left for home. Returning via Odessa and Naples, he was able to celebrate VE Day at home! A year after he was repatriated, he married Violet Mary Strowger (1924-88) in April 1946 in Surrey.

His daughter, Carol Mussell says, “the Britton side of the family always called him Les. But when he was in the army he was given the nickname “Mickey.” So, my mum and the Strowger side of the family called him “Mickey.””

And that is another story!!



Home Again Soon!

days in a Strafkompagnie without trial.”

Letters home were always sporadic but Leslie managed to write home fairly regularly up until November 1944. However, in the Spring of 1945 a repatriated prisoner whose home was in Guildford, sent Leslie’s mother some albums of snapshots that her son had given him to bring home!

With it was a message saying that he was in good health but naturally fed up with having been there so long and the spirits of the men were high – the Germans could not get them down in 1940 and he thought that they had left it late now!

He added: in 1940 they were in rags and short of food and it was only the Red Cross parcels that saved them! He knew that his mother Sarah had collected for the Red Cross and the Forces Comfort Funds!



**Mickey/Micky Britton.
President of the “Master
Photographers Association!”**

The Bailey Family at 1 Highfield Villas, Camel Green, Alderholt

Ronald Percival
(1888)
DofC LI

Arthur Gordon
(1884)
AVC

Edgar John
(1890)
RE

Walter Charles
(1878)

Fred
(1889)
RAMC



Ellen Mary Ann
(1874)

Matthew Bailey
(1847-1924)

Tamar Bailey
(1855-1945)

Louisa Kate
Eveline (1885)

Highfield Villas were built by the Neave family of Highfield House for their workers and Matthew Bailey was their gardener. Matthew Bailey married his first wife, Mary Ann Poos at Ebenezer Chapel, Cripplestyle in 1872, they had three sons and one daughter. She died in childbirth in 1880. He married Tamar Nicklen in 1883 and they had seven sons and one daughter, one son died young. Seven of his sons joined the services during the First World War. But you will not find any Bailey on the village War Memorial, because they all returned!!

The unknowns in family group are, Robert William (1876), Alfred Poos (1880), Sidney Wilfred (1886) and Edward (1893), two of whom went to war!

Origins of the Poppy Appeal

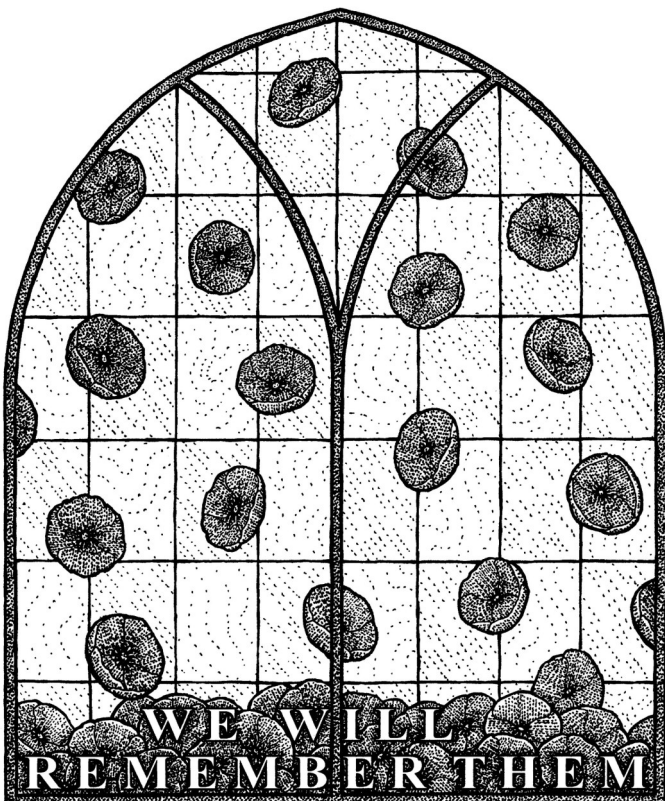
Field Marshal Earl Haig established the Poppy Appeal in 1921 to raise funds for ex-servicemen by selling poppies as a symbol of remembrance. He ordered nine million poppies for the first appeal, and the funds were used to support disabled ex-servicemen. This led to the creation of the British Legion and its annual poppy sales, with factories established to employ disabled veterans in making the poppies.



The Poppy Appeal: In 1921, Haig initiated the first Poppy Appeal to support the welfare of ex-servicemen, using the poppy as a symbol of remembrance.

First Poppy Day: On November 11, 1921, the first sale of poppies took place, raising £106,000 for the Earl Haig Fund. Employment for veterans: The appeal's success led to the establishment of factories, including one in Scotland in 1926, to employ disabled veterans in making the poppies. "Lady Haig's Poppy Factory": Haig's wife, Countess Haig, was instrumental in setting up a factory in Edinburgh to meet the demand for poppies in Scotland, which specifically employed disabled ex-servicemen.

Last public engagement: Haig's final public engagement was at the Richmond poppy factory in London.





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The RBL supports serving and ex-serving Armed Forces personnel and their families all year round, every day of the week.

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Remembrance

In November we come to remember
How war tore our country apart,

From village and town and all around
Men and boys left home and hearth.

Mothers and wives and sisters all
Saw their brave young men go away,

For some it meant the ultimate price
As they gave their tomorrows for our today.

Another Man left His home above
To rescue this world from sin,

It cost Him His life which He freely gave
So new life could enter in.

In this world there will always be war,
But the time will surely be

When the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God
As the waters cover the sea.

By Megan Carter



Verwood District Girlguiding, of which 1st Alderholt Rainbows, 1st Alderholt Brownies and 1st Alderholt Guides are part, would like to thank everyone for their support at their popular afternoon teas at Wimborne St Giles Village Hall on Sunday 28th September. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did – it is great working with volunteers and girls from all sections across the district and their families and meeting so many lovely people. We also raised over £900 for District funds which was an added bonus. Thank you! Karin alderholt.rainbows@gmail.com



Shining a light on a Community Pioneer **Scouts**

Recently I had the great pleasure of meeting Sheenagh Bradford who has just won a 'shine a light' award from Southern Coop for her work with the Scouting Movement & locally for her dedication to 1st Alderholt Scout Group. Every year, Coop members can nominate a local member who 'goes above and beyond' to support others and 'bring a bit of sunshine to their day'! Sounds good!! Here's how it all came about...Sheenagh, who is the Assistant District Team Leader for Beaver Scouts in East Dorset, was nominated by many local people for the amazing support & leadership she has shown to our young people. Sheenagh has been involved with and supporting the Scouts Movement for over 34 yrs, much of that with 1st Alderholt Scout Group but, her roots go right back to her days as a Brownie, Girl Guide, Ranger and then onto being a leader in Girl Guiding for 16 years. When it comes to winning this award, Sheenagh or 'Spruce' as she is known to all section members and their families, is typically modest & says she is quite overwhelmed! But she lights up when she describes the 'joy of seeing young people grow in confidence, develop & flourish in tasks & activities which they may not have tried otherwise'. She described how some young people are 'timid & shy' at first & how they 'stand, chest puffed out & confident' after they've been part of the group. She recounted many occasions where youngsters have learnt new skills, overcome existing fears, tried new things & made lasting friendships. We talked of new watersports tried & conquered, to community activities undertaken which instill a strong sense of pride in our village life, to practical skills learnt & mastered. Sheenagh believes passionately in the Scouting Movements 'Promise' that 'you must do your best', often awarding badges not to the person who is best at something but to the one who has *tried* their very best.

A testament to the enduring popularity of the Movement & Sheenagh's passion & dedication is that she has supported generations of youngsters, seeing the children of those she supported when they were younger, joining in throughout the years! Sheenagh, Spruce, thank you! You are a genuine inspiration & greatly appreciated for all you do. Here's to many more years supporting the 1st Alderholt Scout Group & the wider Scout Movement.

If your child is aged 6-14years & would like to join in, there are places available in all 3 sections (beavers, cubs & scouts) in 1st Alderholt Scout Group & this is a co-ed movement so all are welcome! The Alderholt Group is also in need of adult leaders to help keep the section running & allow them to continue to offer such a diverse breadth of activities. No previous experience needed as full training & ongoing support is given. All that's needed is a little time each week & a passion for supporting young people. (DBS will need to be undertaken) To find out more, please contact Sheenagh at onehappylassie@gmail.com

Written by Sarah Crocker

Photo Credit: Sheenagh Bradford & Southern Coop





Moved to the area? Looking for a school? Come and meet us!

Our single-form entry Primary School situated in the picturesque community of Damerham & Rockbourne offers an excellent education to pupils aged 3-11.

Staff and pupils are celebrating a positive report after an inspection on October 9 by the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist School (SIAMS).

Inspector Marcia Headon said an emphasis on the vision and values ensures that Western Downland is a welcoming and happy school. Children are "treated with respect and in turn show respect to the staff". A Christian vision "permeates the whole school" and the school is "highly successful in allowing children to develop".

Ms Headon said: "Children are listened to and are confident that if they bring a matter to a teacher, it will be dealt with quickly. Children resolve disagreements quickly as they have been taught to listen to the views of others. They recognise that they are valued in the community for the unique talents which they bring".

Vulnerable children and those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are given special care. "This is because staff believe it is virtually important that these children should be given 'roots to grow'. They flourish well".

The report praised the school's "highly creative curriculum" and how it has successfully made intentional links between its values and how the subject content to ensure children enjoy a wide breadth of experience".

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Trying For an Eco Christmas

climate care
by Pamela Planet



A few years ago I tried to buy nothing new for a year and that included Christmas presents. My friends and family were all informed and my grandchildren had second hand toys from charity shops etc. I think some of them came from the Poitier coffee morning, usually held in November. In some cases the balance of the money I would have spent was given to the parents for food or to help pay for the presents they gave to their children. My grown up children and their partners either received edible gifts or home made items. Chocolate Brazils, loose from the Green Gram shop, remain a favourite of my son-in-law. He asks for them every year now and he returns the box for a refill! He can afford to buy his own socks and slippers. I have been knitting scarves and gloves from left over yarn. We always accept it during knit and natter on Tuesday's at Forest Edge. I save wrapping paper and use it again, I have always done this!

Gift tags are made from pictures from old Christmas Cards. I have not thought about asking for them to be returned, my daughter used to make enough fun of me for saving the Christmas paper. Now she boasts about it to her friends, how things have changed in 30 years. It is lovely to send a Christmas card to friends that you don't see very often, but why do we give Christmas cards to friends and neighbours that we see regularly. Now we can send e-cards but somehow it is not the same as receiving one in the post. At St James they used to encourage people to send one card to the whole of the congregation to save on cards. These were displayed in church over the Christmas period. But lets not forget it is Jesus we celebrate and he would not like us to get into debt as we celebrate his birthday, or add to the waste that is spoiling our planet!



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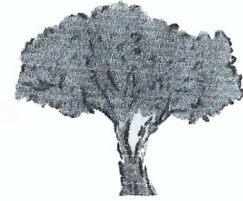
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Why do scarecrows always win awards in November? Because that is when they are outstanding in their fields. This scarecrow couldn't wait to call me over and ask me 'What do you think I call November on a good day? yes-venber'. Alright alright, I didn't think it was too bad for a scarecrow, mind you, I was doubtful if he'd ever had a good day by the look of him!!

Down In the flower beds: Rose black spot can overwinter on fallen leaves, so discard any you rake up, don't compost. If you are growing trees for their winter bark, like *Prunus serrula*, gently wipe clean their trunk with a damp cloth, no granny don't use flash, rain or tap water will be fine, gives them a really shiny bark and your neighbours a giggle as they look at their eccentric gardeners! If intending to lift your dahlias and you are still to do it, carefully cut down stems to about 6", dig and remove excess soil, trim off the fine roots and store upside down in boxes until they have dried out. When dry, dust with 'flowers of sulphur' and place in trays/tomato boxes the right way up and cover with dry compost or sharp sand, leave their stems uncovered. Store frost free, inspect tubers for rot regularly, if there is any sign, cut out and dispose of the rot then re-dust cut areas with sulphur. Dahlias still in pots can be left but given dry/frost free quarters and the top growth cut back. Tulips can now be planted. It's time to prune back tall roses to prevent wind rock (also see last month), if flowering has finished - reduce the height by about a half. Same can be carried out on lavatera. Plant new trees, shrubs and roses, if you have any space or wish to make space by removing that shrub which you haven't really liked for years! Plant out spring bedding (also see last month). Clear heavy snow off hedges and other shrubs before the weight damages them, I know, I know, if we get any this early you can throw it in my direction! Winter pruning can commence for anything

which needs it but not cherries, peaches, plums, or walnuts, which tend to 'bleed' in winter. But crabs, oaks, sorbus and willow will benefit from damaged, diseased or dead branches being removed. Have you checked the tree ties to ensure the summer growth hasn't made them too tight? Loosen them off.

Down amongst the veg: Globe artichokes can have their stems cut down and placed on the compost heap. A long pod variety of broad beans can be sown. Keep cloches of lettuce well ventilated until you use the lettuce. Remove any diseased leaves. Examine onions in store, turn occasionally. Harvest Brussels cutting with a knife (you then get fresh greens from the stool of each sprout) cut from the bottom up. Tall plants can be supported by tying to a cane. If you have problems with pigeons, net rows of Brussel sprouts, cabbages and cauliflower. A few chives can be lifted to be placed into a conservatory for winter use. Garlic needs a bit of cold so they can be planted now, but if your bed is inclined to waterlogging they can be sown in trays in a cold frame and transplanted in the spring. Continue with the winter digging, oh go on, you know you love it.

Fruit: Check all fruit in store. Use any rotting fruit or throw out for the birds. Winter pruning of apples & pears can begin. Established pruning of spur-bearing varieties e.g. Blenheim orange, cox's, James Grieve and Lanes Prince Albert, consists of removing dead and badly diseased wood. Cut back crossing branches and vigorous laterals crowding into the centre and then shorten strong young stems back to 4-5 buds, the weaker ones to 1 or 2 buds, those medium strength shoots which are not growing outside the framework can be left unpruned. For tip-bearing apples like Bramley's, discovery and Worcester Pearmain, fruit buds are found at the top of long shoots. Remove dead and overcrowded wood, cut back some leaders and

A Garden in Alderholt

November 2025

leave alone all laterals with plump fruit buds at their tips. Gooseberries & redcurrants can also be pruned, remove dead & diseased wood and crossing wood, open the centre of the bush, laterals can be pruned back to 2-3 buds from last year's growth and leaders pruned by a third. Cut out the fruited canes of blackberries, wineberries, tayberries and loganberries, tie in new branches. It's so much easier to prune these – nature tells you, "I'm dying, going brown, I've already fruited, cut me out." "Hey I'm green and new, I've not fruited yet, so tie me in for next year." Much easier than having to search for fat fruiting buds as opposed to the narrow growth buds on apples and pears. Mulch

all fruit after pruning. Plant new fruit trees and bushes.

Birds: Clean out bird boxes and regularly clean bird feeders to reduce the risk of spreading disease amongst the birds. Feed with an assortment of niger and songbird seed and fat cakes, you will soon, hopefully, be rewarded with a good variety of birds visiting your garden during the winter.

Lawns: Keep off if frosty or use planks. Rake up leaves and bag up for leafmould. As I mentioned last month, leave clear bags in the autumn/winter sun, they soon produce great leafmould. This is probably the last chance to lay new lawns from turf until next spring; provided you dug and prepared

the soil well last month and it's had time to settle – work from planks.

In the greenhouse: Ventilate whenever possible, closing vents early afternoon to preserve heat. Clean pots and seed trays. Lessen the amount of water you give to plants. Begin to give protection to any tender items you wish to over-winter.

Autumn can be a sign that the year is coming to an end, but, it can be a colourful tribute to say thank you Dear God for the last year and what a summer it has been wow. *Les Sacre*



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We currently have a vacancy to be filled by Co-option - the deadline for applications is **Wednesday 31st December 2025.**

ALDERHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Report for November 2025



Council Vacancies

Alderholt Parish Council are sorry to report that Cllr Russel Stone has tendered his resignation. Members would like to thank him for his valuable contribution during his term of office.

Christmas Lights Switch On

We look forward to seeing you for the Christmas Lights switch on at the Christmas Market being held at Alderholt Village Hall on Saturday 29th November.

Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation

The comments of Alderholt Parish Council were submitted to Dorset Council following the October Parish Council meeting. For full details of the response submitted, please visit the October minutes on the Parish Council website.

Gym Equipment Update

Further investigation is taking place and quotes are being obtained for replacement gym equipment and will be reported back on at a future meeting.

Age Friendly Dorset

Dorset Council have released a survey asking about your experiences of ageing in Dorset, using eight key areas that affect our quality of life—like housing, transport, health services, and social participation. Your feedback will help them to understand where they need to focus first. You can find the link on the Parish Council website news section. If you would like to respond via a paper survey, contact talktoadultsteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or call 01305 225610.

Bins

It has been noted by the Dorset Council operatives who empty the bins in the village that a large amount of household waste is being deposited in both the public litter and dog bins resulting in overflowing bins. Please use your Dorset Council provided litter and recycling bins for household waste.

Allotments

Alderholt Parish Council administer the allotment gardens on Hillbury Road. Should you wish to be added to the waiting list for an allotment plot, please complete and return the form on the Parish Council website.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Full Council meeting will take place on Monday 10th November at 7pm in the Committee Room. The next Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 17th November at 7pm, and the Finance Committee on 24th November at 7pm, also in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Please check the noticeboard and/or Parish Council website for most up to date information.

Parish Office and Councillor Surgeries

Alderholt Parish Council office is open to the public on Monday mornings (except for bank holidays), from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. Please call in to see us if you have any queries and don't forget that Councillor Surgeries take place on the same morning as the monthly market in the Village Hall. The office is located at the front of the Village Hall in Station Road.

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At the junction of Salisbury Road and the A338 in Fordingbridge, readers may have noticed a pretty thatched cottage. This was the North

Lodge for Burgate Manor, which is now the other side of the A338 bypass. It was intended as a picturesque welcome for visitors.

The main entrance lodge near the town centre was originally a similar thatched cottage but this was destroyed by fire in 1866.



Burgate Manor was once surrounded by fields and parkland and was the home of the leading landowner in the town. The present building replaced an earlier manor house which stood a few hundred feet to the north of the existing manor. This older manor was recorded in the Domesday Book as belonging to the King, but it passed to the Bulkeley family in 1446 after the previous owner, John de Leckhull was murdered by his servants. They held it until Sir Dewy Bulkeley married Anne Coventry which eventually led to John Coventry, the eldest son of the 6th Earl of Coventry, inheriting the estate. He was followed by a confusing number of John Coventrys.

It was John Coventry, the eldest son of George William, Earl of Coventry, who commissioned the building of the existing manor in 1811. The building stands on an imposing site overlooking the river Avon and is in the Gothic style of architecture. On the river side, the central full height curved bay is designed to look like a castellated tower. The main entrance is through an impressive porch, which has the date 1811 and the Coventry coat of arms over it. The manor has many interesting features. The front entrance has the unusual feature of sliding doors built into it. This leads into a small entrance porch with a vaulted ceiling, which is unusual in that it is made of stone when most gothic revival vaults



were usually made of wood. A small cupboard behind the shutters of the dining room window would have held a chamber pot for the use of the gentlemen when the ladies had withdrawn. The staircase is top lit by a large fanlight and has cast metal stair balusters with a mahogany handrail that terminates in a life like

snake's head. Many of the doors have sliding latches embellished with the Coventry coat of arms. Some of the roof timbers are reputed to



be reused ships timbers. In 1857 John Coventry, who had been a Church of England curate decided to convert to the Catholic church. His family were incensed and would have disinherited him had previous wills not disallowed it. When his father died in 1871, he inherited and moved in with his wife Catherine and their twelve children. In 1872 he built the Catholic Church, now on the Salisbury Road, but then in open fields. John died in 1897 but left the estate in financial ruin. Between 1898 and 1900 many of the estate lands were sold off. The buildings on the Salisbury Road and on the Whitsbury Road were built by developers at this time. The Coventry family retained the house until 1939 when it was advertised for sale along with 114 acres of land. The property owned the trout fishing rights on three quarters of a mile of the river Avon. There was no electric lighting and water came from a well room in the basement cellar, that had an oil-fired pump for raising water into a tank in the roof. There was a walled kitchen garden with vineries and a peach house, a boat house and a gardener's cottage. The building was bought by Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) and is now owned by the Game and Wildlife Conservancy Trust. It is not open to the public but documents relating to the house and pictures of the interior and exterior can be viewed on application to Fordingbridge Museum.



Julian Hewitt

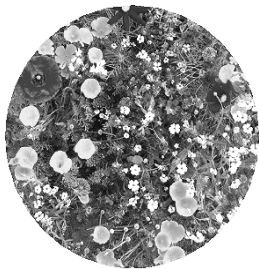
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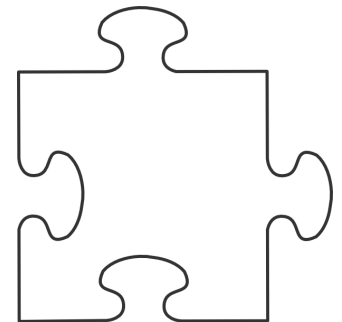
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November Wordsearch



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IS YOUR GROUP LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO MEET?

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Remember, remember, 5th of November

Guy Fawkes is remembered on this day each year.

In 1570 he was born into a Protestant family, but on his father's death, his mother remarried and chose a Catholic husband. Guy Fawkes then converted to Catholicism, and became such an enthusiast for the Pope that he went on to join the Spanish Army, fighting for a time against the Protestants in Spain. Back in England, he decided to do all that he could to bring down the then Protestant government and restore a Catholic to the throne.

And so, in 1605 he joined a plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament at the State Opening, with the intent of killing both James I of England and his parliament. Guy Fawkes' role was to light the fuse on several barrels of gunpowder which had been put under the House of Lords. Fortunately, the plot was discovered in time. Guy Fawkes was tortured and executed for his treason.



Regular Activities for November 2025

Art every Tuesday pm

Faith in Fitness every Tuesday eve

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Pilates every Thursday eve

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Sweet potato & bean “meatballs” with basil and tomato sauce

This is from Jane Devonshire’s “Vegetarian - hassle free, gluten free” cookbook with my tweaks to make it quicker and simpler. My teenage kids (even the meat-focused ones) really like this recipe and I usually to make a double batch to serve 4-5.

For the balls:

1 red onion, finely chopped

1 red chilli, finely chopped (or I use lazy chilli)

1 garlic clove (or lazy garlic)

1 400g can red kidney beans in chilli sauce

250g sweet potato mash (could be roasted in the oven in advance if you have it on for cooking something the night before, or I bung in the microwave on high for 5 minutes or until soft then squish out the flesh, the skins are discarded)

10g chopped fresh basil (or a tsp dried)

For the sauce:

1 400g can chopped tomatoes

Sauce drained from the kidney beans

5g chopped fresh basil (or dried).

Method

Preheat oven 180C/160C Fan/Gas Mark 4. Line baking tray with greaseproof paper.

1. Heat a little oil in a pan, gently fry onion and chilli for about 5 mins. Add the garlic and cook a further 2 mins. Check onions are soft then leave to cool.
2. Drain the kidney beans in a sieve, reserving the sauce for the sauce. Mash the beans and add the sweet potato flesh, basil and the onion mixture (I use a metal pan to cook the onions in which doesn't mind the masher so I mash it all together in the pan that I cook the onions in to save washing up). Season with salt and pepper.
3. Spoon out the mixture onto the baking tray in bite size dollops (dessert spoon size is good, if smaller you may need to reduce cooking time). You could shape these into balls, but I tend to leave them in rough scoop shapes as it helps them get crispy and they also don't roll around on the tray.
4. Bake in the oven for about 40 minutes turning a couple of times, until they are crispy and golden.
5. While the balls are in the oven put the kidney bean sauce, chopped tomatoes and basil in a pan (feel free to use the pan you made the ball mixture in for extra flavour and to save washing up). Simmer and season to taste while the balls are cooking.
6. Spoon the tomato sauce into bowls and pop the balls on top. Serve with garlic bread (cheesy garlic bread even better if you have vegan cheese to grate on top) and salad.



Do you have a recipe you would like to share?

If so, please send a copy to alderholtparishnews@gmail.com

World Vegan Day & Month

World Vegan Day is observed on November 1st each year. In 2025, it will be a Wednesday, marking the beginning of a month-long celebration of veganism and an opportunity for individuals to explore the benefits of this lifestyle.



What is World Vegan Month?

Occurring every November, World Vegan Month shines a light on veganism as plant-based eaters from across the globe come together to celebrate their 100% cruelty-free lifestyle.

Why is World Vegan Month celebrated?

Vegans celebrate world vegan month to mark the 50th anniversary of The Vegan Society and recognise the impact of veganism and the amazing benefits it has to offer.

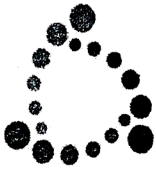
How do vegans celebrate World Vegan Month?

There are many ways to celebrate world vegan month, including starting a plant-based food challenge, learning about the history of veganism, and trying new plant-based recipes.

Try out healthy plant-based recipes

There's a big misconception that plant-based food is boring, but that couldn't be further from the truth! You can experiment with your current favourite recipes and make them vegan, or try cooking something completely new.

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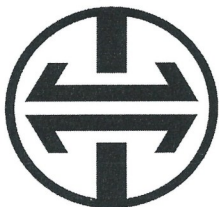
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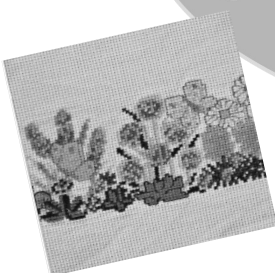
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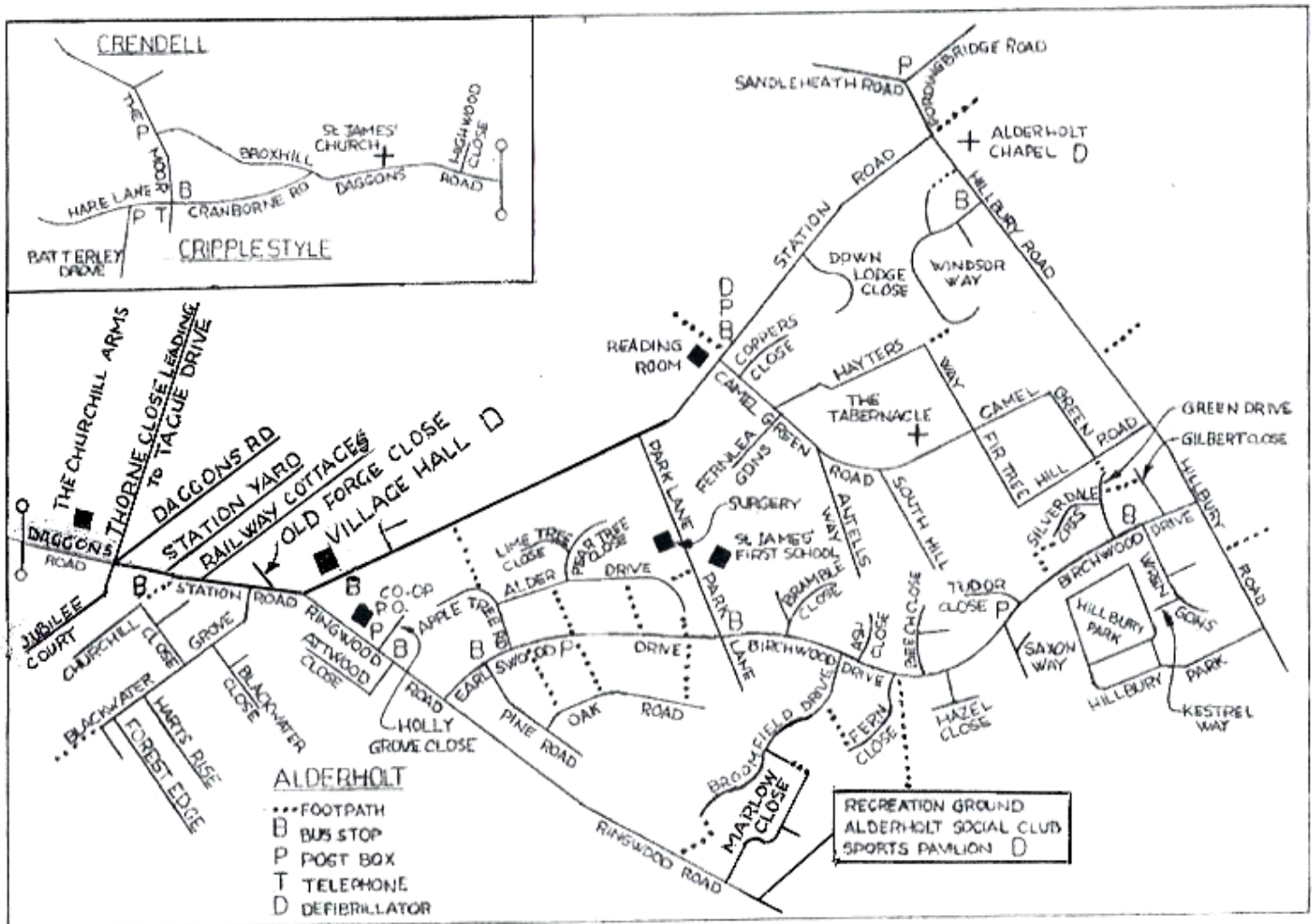
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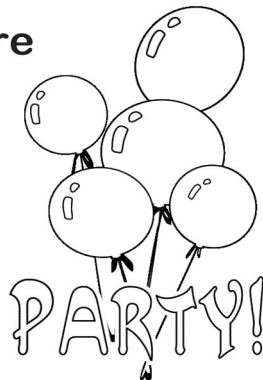
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100 years ago, on 10th November 1925 that Richard Burton, Welsh stage and film actor was born. Known for Cleopatra, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? And many more. Fifth and sixth husband of Elizabeth Taylor. Died 1984.

Also 100 years ago, on 27th November 1925 that Ernie Wise, TV comedian and actor, was born. Best known for his comedy partnership with Eric Morecambe (Morecambe and Wise) Died 1999.

90 years ago, on 6th November 1935 that Britain's Hawker Hurricane fighter plane made its first flight. It played a major role in WWII, especially during the Battle of Britain.

80 years ago, on 16th November 1945 that UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, was founded.



75 years ago, on 2nd November 1950 that George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright and literary critic, died. Best known for Pygmalion. Winner of the 1925 Nobel Prize in Literature, and co-founder of the London School of Economics.

65 years ago, on 2nd November 1960 that a British jury cleared Penguin Books of obscenity for publishing D.H. Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover. This is often considered the beginning of the permissive society in Britain.

Also 65 years ago, on 8th November 1960, that John F Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the USA.

60 years ago, on 9th November 1965 that the death penalty was abolished in the UK

50 years ago, on 3rd November 1975 that Britain's first North Sea oil pipeline was officially opened.

40 years ago, on 15th November 1985 that the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed by the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish President Garret Fitzgerald. It gave the Irish government a consultative role in the affairs of Northern Ireland.

30 years ago, on 20th November 1995 that Princess Diana admitted that she had committed adultery, and spoke openly about her separation from the Prince of Wales in a frank interview with



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25 years ago, on 9th November 2000 that Eric Morley, TV host, died. Known for establishing the ballroom dancing competition Come Dancing (1949–98). It was succeeded by a celebrity version, Strictly Come Dancing, in 2004.

20 years ago, on 30th November 2005 that John Sentamu became Archbishop of York (until 2020). He was the first black archbishop in the Church of England.

10 years ago, on 13th November 2015 that the Paris Attacks took place when suicide bombers and armed terrorists from Islamic State (IS) attacked a football stadium, rock concert, cafes and restaurants. 130 people were killed and 416 injured. IS said the attacks were in retaliation for French air-



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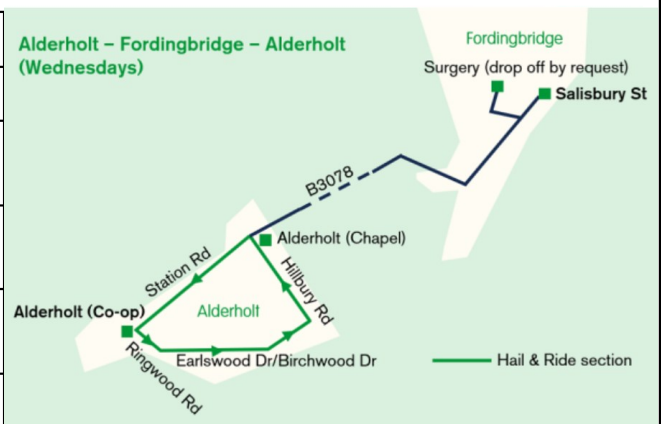
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Posada is a chance to host Mary and Joseph – to make room for Jesus at Christmas time!

Posada' (Spanish for 'inn') is a Christmas activity which lasts from December 16th – 24th when small versions of Mary and Joseph travel around different households in the community and stay there for a short while before being passed on to another family. St James church have started early this year with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, shepherds, wise men & few sheep all starting their Christmas journey already! Here are some snapshots of their adventures with us! Look out for more photos in next months edition!

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	Wednesday 10.00am to 2.00pm	03444111444

Alderholt Surgery Park Lane—currently not available. To make a Doctor's appointment please ring 01425 653430
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HARVEST Festival

With the change in the seasons signalling autumn this brings with it the celebration of the Harvest festival period.

A time of reflection and thankfulness for the abundance of food we are fortunate to have, whilst also remembering those in our community and further afield who don't have access to the most basic of necessities

A big thank you to all the parents/carers and children at St. James' CE First School and Nursery for their donations of food for our local food banks.

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#ShareYourStory: Belonging

Watch out for our new campaign that will be going live on our social media channels next week. We've interviewed seven clergy and colleagues from across the Diocese who have shared the story of their personal journey - some from other countries, some from different counties. In the interviews, they tell us what belonging - or not belonging - feels like, and what it means to them to belong. Thank you to all our interviewees for sharing their stories.

You can see the campaign on our Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and TikTok channels.

For more information go to : <https://salisbury.anglican.org/>

Notable Dates in November

1st – 2nd Nov – Dios de los muertos – Day of the Dead

3rd-9th Nov – British Game Week

3rd-7th Nov – International Stress Awareness Week

4th November – Purple Tuesday (Improving customer experience for disabled people)

5th Nov – Full Moon – Beaver moon

6th Nov – World Paper Free Day

9th Nov – World Adoption Day

9th Nov – Remembrance Sunday

10th Nov – World Science Day for Peace & Development

10th-14th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week

11th Nov – Armistice Day

10th Nov – Odd Socks Day (anti-bullying)

13th-19th Nov – Trans Awareness Week

13th November – World Kindness Day

14th Nov World Diabetes Day

16th-22nd Nov – Road Safety Week

17th Nov – World Prematurity Day

18th Nov – Mickey Mouse's Birthday

17th-23rd Nov – Self Care Week

19th Nov – International Men's Day

20th Nov – World Children Day

28th Nov – Black Friday – check out my blog for some planet and community friendly alternatives

30th Nov – St Andrews Day



Born on this day

7 November 1687 - William Stukeley, archaeologist noted for his work on Stonehenge

13 November 1850 - Robert Louis Stevenson, Scottish novelist, poet and travel writer

22 November 1761 - Dorothy Jordan, actress and mistress of the Duke of Clarence, the future William IV

28 November 1757 - William Blake, poet and artist

Died on this day

3 November 1428 - Thomas Montacute, fourth Earl of Salisbury

10 November 1549 - Pope Paul III

14 November 1687 - Eleanor 'Nell' Gwyn, former mistress of Charles II

engineer

28 November 1968 - Enid Blyton, children's author

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We enjoyed another lovely event! Some spectacular crafts were created with the help of our wonderful volunteers, including decorated biscuits, prayer beaded bracelets & personalised Daily Prayer Fries. Rev Simon led us in during breakfast, with some sugar coated games with the children followed by the story of the Persistent Neighbour with discussion, hymns and prayers. A big thank you to all those who attended, or cooked, prepared and entertained!!

Zoe Martin-Children & Families Worker, St James Church



St. James' Church

Christmas Market
4-7pm
Alderholt Village Hall
Saturday 29th November

Santa's Grotto
St. James' First School
Carol singing from 4pm
Children's Soft Play

Crepes
Mulled Wine
Children's Crafts
Pigs in Blankets
Gift Stalls
Raffle

£1 entry
Children free



PLEASE NOTE: No Messy Church in November due to Remembrance Service at St. James' Church on November 9th. All welcome