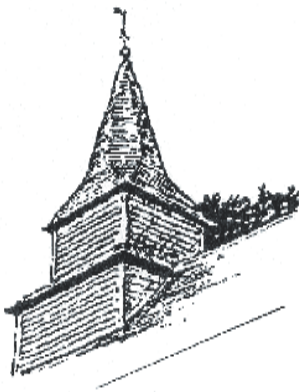




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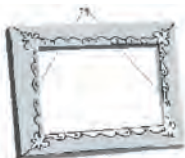
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- 2nd(Thurs) Hawkley Good Companions to Petworth House
4th(Sat) Empshott & Hawkley Gardeners Club Bring & Buy Plant
Sale on Upper Green (*see page 6*) 10.00am - 11am
5th(Sun) First Sunday Fun, Hawkley (*page 4*) 10.15am
8th(Wed) Greatham Parish Council Annual Meeting (*page 7*) 7.30pm
9th(Thurs) Yewlian Meeting at Priors Dean church (*page 3*) 7.00pm
12th(Sun) Nature Day at Gilbert White's House (*pg 6*) 10.30am - 5.00pm
12th(Sun) Cricket Match at Hawkley (*see page 15*)
13th(Mon) Greatham Village Hall Trustees meeting, village hall 7.30pm
13th(Mon) HEN presentation in Hawkley Village Hall (*page 11*) 7.30pm
15th(Wed) Quiz Night at The Hawkley Inn (*page 17*) from 7pm
16th-19th Flower Festival, St Peter's, Petersfield (*page 18*)
19th(Sun) Cricket Match at Hawkley (*see page 15*)
26th(Sun) Cricket Match at Hawkley (*see page 15*)

June

- 2nd(Sun) Cricket Match at Hawkley (*see page 15*)

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If you want to book a whole page for an event it's best to let me know as early so as to avoid disappointment!

Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

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From the Vicar

One of the greatest joys in the days before Holy Week in April was to welcome all of the children from Greatham Primary School to Greatham Church to explore the Easter story. Each of the six year groups came to think about different aspects of the most important of all Christian festivals. Two of the year groups recreated the Last Supper; two other groups recreated the Palm Sunday road into Jerusalem and two groups explored the crucifixion and resurrection stained glass window and the feelings that those images portray. We got inside the Easter story in wonderful depth but it can be a real challenge for children and adults to remember that Easter doesn't end on Easter Sunday – it begins!

The Easter season continues as we think in our churches about the resurrection appearances of Jesus right up until Ascension Day on 9th May when we remember his lifting up to heaven and then God's glorious manifestation as Holy Spirit at Pentecost – or Whitsun as we used to call it.

We will mark Ascension Day in the Benefice this year with a Yewlian Meeting at Priors Dean. If you have never been to a Yewlian Meeting and the idea of the Ascension of Jesus leaves you completely lost for words, then this is the moment for you. Yewlian Meetings are opportunities for silence and contemplative prayer. A short reading followed by 30 minutes of silence before finishing with a prayer. All are very welcome.

The peacefulness of a Yewlian meeting also gives a focus for our prayers for peace in the world. We live in dreadful times and our prayers are needed now more than ever. When we are lost for words, pray in silence that the risen ascended Lord will help us to build a safer, kinder, cleaner and fairer world in which to live.

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YEWLIAN MEETING for Ascension Day

The next Yewlian Meeting will be at 7pm on Ascension Day, **Thursday 9th May**. A short reading followed by 30 minutes of silence. Silence to meditate, to pray, to think. All are welcome.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

23 March Hawkley Layla Cox

Marriage

5 April Hawkley Craig McArthur and Samantha Brett

‘FIRST SUNDAY FUNDAY’

On **5th May** there is Sunday Funday at Hawkley – perfect for families with young children. At the 10.15am service, children will be especially welcomed at the start of the service, sometimes with a song, before going across to the Village Hall for a time of fun, craft and exploration. The service in church will be streamed to the village hall to help keep worship in Church and fun in the hall connected.

Until the group is established, we would like (for safety in crossing the road and safeguarding reasons) for one parent from families to accompany their child or children. First Sunday Fun will last for about 30 minutes and the children will come back to church in time for the distribution of communion and to tell us before the service ends what they have been up to! All are welcome.

ARCHDEACON’S VISIT

On **Sunday 19th May** we welcome Archdeacon Kathryn Percival to Priors Dean (8.45am) and Hawkley (10.15am). Come and meet our Archdeacon!

PORTSMOUTH FAMILY WELFARE has updated its requirements.

Tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables including potatoes, packets of potato mash, pasta, cartons of long-life milk, toiletries for men and women, biscuits - savoury and sweet.

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HAWKLEY GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions are looking forward to Winton Players’ performance of ‘Tons of Money’ on the 20th April and we shall be visiting Petworth House on the **2nd May**.

MEMORIES OF GREATHAM

I was born in 1954 and spent the first 23 years living in Greatham on the A325 road, before moving to Petersfield which has been my home ever since. Seeing the heading 'Apple Pie Depot' in the April magazine brought memories flooding back. So here are a few personal ones.

Apple Pie Hill represented Longmoor Army Camp which was an important part of the local economy as it provided employment to a civilian workforce drawn from the local area. We were used to the sounds of rat-a-tat-tat, occasional booms and the armoured personnel carriers driving along the A325 which shook the foundations of the house. We were used to the noise as the Army had to practice manoeuvres somewhere. At one time a different noise was heard on the moor between the Camp and the A325 as a Scottish soldier played his bagpipes away from near neighbours.

The Longmoor Military Railway, every steam train enthusiast's dream, brought an occasional star or two to Greatham when film companies used the line in very famous films. The last film shot on the line was Young Winston and the tracks were pulled up immediately afterwards.

Many more memories to come, as Greatham today is so different from the village I grew up in.

Melanie Evans

GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

The next meeting of Greatham Village Hall Trustees will be held on Monday **13th May** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

If you have any issues you would like the Trustees to discuss please leave a letter in the village hall letter box.

Carole Rudd, Trustee

CHANGE IN DEADLINE FOR COPY FOR THIS MAGAZINE

The new printing company requires 3 to 5 days to turn around for the magazine so in order to make sure the copies are delivered before the end of each month I need to change the deadline to the **17th of the month** so I can email the completed magazine to them before the 20th.

Early articles are always very welcome!

The double issues are Aug/Sept and Dec/Jan.

A DIGITAL COPY OF THIS MAGAZINE will now be put onto the village websites each month. So, if you have mislaid your copy and need to look something up or check out the adverts this is where to find it.

www.greatham-hants.org.uk www.hawkley.org

Emphott is included on the Hawkley website which is currently in the process of being re-designed.

EMPSHOTT & HAWKLEY GARDENERS CLUB

April was a busy month for the Club. The Spring Show on 6th April was very successful, with 23 exhibitors and 113 exhibits. Judges commented positively on the quantity and quality of the flowers shown, particularly in light of the adverse weather this Spring. Sue Potts-Bury won the Challenge Cup, with an impressive 57 points from 22 exhibits. Tony Madeley's beautiful pot of daffodils won Best in Show and Mary Crittenden won most points in the flower arranging categories. The 7 children's exhibits were a delight and the judge was pleased to award all 7 with rosettes and wrote nice comments to them all.

On 15 April Rachel Remnant gave an inspiring illustrated talk on reviving traditional meadow hay making skills, drawing on her extensive professional knowledge and experience in Hampshire and two research visits to Transylvania in 2016 and 2023. She highlighted how these traditional skills, which have been largely lost in England since the 1950s and 60s, not only enhance the physical environment but also enrich communities, creating strong links between people and the food they grow and eat. Lively discussion and questions afterwards explored the benefits for us in the South Downs.

May 4th Bring and Buy Plant and Cake Sale 10am -11am Upper Green Hawkley

The club's annual plant sale takes place this year on Saturday 4th May on the lovely Upper Green in Hawkley. As well as a variety of plants for sale, there will be a cake stall, a raffle and refreshments. This event is open to everyone, members, non-members, residents and visitors, free of charge.

Whether you're looking for bargain vegetable seedlings, flowers, shrubs, house plants or a nice home made cake, or would just enjoy a mid-morning cuppa and piece of cake in a lovely location, we look forward to seeing you on May 4th.

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GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Playground Update :

Well we were a bit premature with trying to open the playground! Who would have imagined that we would have had so much rain. But with everything crossed we are going to try again and hold the official opening of the playground on Saturday 27th April at 10 am. Please do come along and enjoy the event.

We have had a few questions about the suitability of the fence between the playground and the car park. This will be reviewed once we have received the inspection report and the playground is open.

Telephone Box :

We are finished off the telephone box refurbishment now that it is in situ. Once completed, we will be asking for suggestions on what it should be used for. Please let us know what you would like it to be.

Defibrillators :

All 3 defib units are now in place. One is at St Johns Church rooms, one is at the Village Hall and one is at Eurotec at the front of their building. Hopefully they are not needed often but it is great that as a village we are so well covered.

Upcoming Meetings :

Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ 7.30 pm**, but will run to around 9.30 pm as we have a lot to cover. This is our formal meeting to re-state positions of councillors and appoint our working parties etc. We will also be reviewing the end of year accounts for the Parish Council.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2024 @ 7.30 pm. We will have refreshments, an update from our Chairman on the year we have just had, and we will discuss plans for the coming years and where the village thinks we should focus our time and attention.

Parish Council Meeting 10th April 2024 :

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Rudd, in the absence of Cllr Lafferty. We voted that Cllr Lafferty will remain as Chair for the next year, and Cllr Rudd will remain as Vice Chair.

Cllr Oppenheimer sent a report noting that community transport is a priority for HCC. If you feel there is a need for the village to have our own Community transport which can be a minibus or taxibus, please let your councillors know.

We have a very positive financial position currently with monies from EHDC and SDNP to support the playground build. The first payment has been made to the contractor, with a second now due. Careful management of our bank accounts and spending will ensure we are in good shape to move into the new financial year.

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Duke Ellington – Sacred Concert at Holy Trinity, Privett on Saturday 15 June 2024

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Ellington called this 'the most important thing I have ever done'. He said many times that he was not trying to compose a Mass. The critic Gary Giddins has characterised the work as Ellington bringing the Cotton Club revue to the church.

We will be singing alongside the brilliant Brass Breakout Jazz Orchestra on **Saturday 15 June, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, Privett**. Tickets: £18 (£12 students) available from One Tree Books, Petersfield or Ticketsource.

We continue to encourage singers to join our amateur choir. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at Froxfield Village Hall between 7.45-9.30pm and newcomers are welcome to come along any week for a taster session. Please contact Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com for more details.

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5th May – Easter 6

Acts 10 44-end; John 15:9-17

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| 09.15 | Empshott | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.15 | Hawkley | Holy Communion & Sunday Funday (CW) |
| 11.00 | Greatham | Morning Worship (CW) followed by APCM |

9th May – Ascension Day

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| 19.00 | Priors Dean | Yewlian Meeting |
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12th May – Easter 7

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end; John 17:6-19

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| 09.15 | Empshott | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.15 | Hawkley | Morning Worship (CW) |
| 11.00 | Greatham | Holy Communion (CW) |
| 18.00 | Priors Dean | Evensong (BCP) |

19th May – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

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| 08.45 | Priors Dean | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 09.15 | Empshott | Morning Prayer (BCP) |
| 10.15 | Hawkley | Holy Communion (CW) |
| 11.00 | Greatham | Morning Worship (CW) |

26th May – Trinity Sunday

Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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| 09.15 | Empshott | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.15 | Hawkley | Morning Worship (CW) |
| 11.00 | Greatham | Holy Communion (CW) |

ARCHDEACON'S VISIT

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HANGERS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK: HEN

In **April** HEN took part in two events. The **clothes swap** on the 13th had some fabulous clothes donated but did not pull in as many people as hoped, however it was much enjoyed by those of us who were there. There may be an opportunity to repeat the event in the Autumn and tie it in with a school uniform swap - if you would be interested in this please let us know.

We also supported **Rachel Remnant's talk on the 15th on reviving traditional meadow skills** which gave us detailed information combined with exceptionally beautiful images of her time in Romania. Arranged by the gardening club, this achieved a good varied audience.

Coming up:

Monday May 13th 7.30 in Hawkley Village Hall. Sara Osman will give a presentation **on the causes and impacts of climate change** and what we can all do to make a difference. If you want to deepen your understanding of climate change and learn what is being done to tackle it, and what we need to do together in our communities, then this is the talk for you. A core member of HEN, Sara's background is in sustainable food systems and understanding the impact of climate change on global food production. More recently she has worked at the Sustainability Centre, the South Downs National Park Authority and in climate change teams for two local authorities. Climate change will affect all of our lives but there are actions we can all take to reduce the impact it will have. This starts with an understanding of the issue and connecting with others to make positive change.

In June we are planning to arrange a **local wild flower walk** - time and date to be confirmed so watch this space for further details!

A date for your diaries in July... come along to the **Petersfield Eco Fair on Sunday 14th July**. For more details visit the PeCAN website:
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UPDATE FROM EMPSHOTT HUT

Following Empshott's hugely successful Platinum Jubilee party in 2022, we've gone on to organise a variety of social events and screenings in order to build a calendar of regular community activities. Since then, the main events have continued to be really well attended but some, eg film nights and sports events, less so. For 2024, we are continuing with the popular activities as well as trying occasional new events, but we still need to raise money to cover the Hut's ever-increasing overheads and maintenance costs. In the last financial year, a surplus of only £140 was generated.

For the Hut to remain viable we do need more support and we would love all residents of Empshott and Hawkley, both old and new, to enjoy our events. Our next activity will be the Summer Solstice Barbeque on **Friday June 21st** (as advertised above), and we hope to see as many people attending as possible. Do join us, it has the makings of a beautiful evening.

Please also remember that the Hut is available for hire on a short or long-term basis for events, meetings, as studio space etc. In addition, we have a large, attractive marquee for hire for summer garden parties, weddings and soirees. Do contact Sarah Walker at empshotthut@gmail.com to discuss your ideas.

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Slowly things are drying out and with good fortune these are our May fixtures:

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Sunday 12th May v Medstead CC – HOME

Sunday 19th May v Grayshott CC – HOME

Sunday 26th May v St James Casuals CC – HOME

Sunday 2 June v X11th Men CC – HOME

Meanwhile nets are well underway - so why not come and join in? All the contact details available at <https://www.hawkleyparish.uk/>

HAWKLEY SPORTS CLUB – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

As the sun comes out and we emerge from our winter routines the Hawkley Sports Club will once again provide wonderful facilities and opportunities for everyone within the community. Even if you are not ‘sports orientated’ please consider joining the Sports Club as all memberships help to finance the maintenance and enhancement of the grounds and facilities at the Village Hall. Whilst all the work is done by volunteers there are considerable costs in buying/maintaining/running the equipment to keep the grounds and surrounding area looking beautiful for us all to enjoy.

Membership is very reasonable and for 2024 is as follows:

Family membership £95 – discounted to £85 if paid by the 1st of June.

Single Adult membership £55 – discounted to £50 if paid by the 1st of June.

Junior membership (in full time education) £10.

Please consider joining. Payments can be made to ‘Hawkley Sports Club’, adding your surname as reference.

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Huge thank you to all those who attended our Jazz and Tapas night. Such a fun evening and Duncan on the harmonica was the icing on the cake!

You may have seen a few posters popping up regarding the upcoming Beer Festival. We'd love to see as many people there as possible - do hope you can join. Tickets need to be purchased in advance, so either pop in and buy them in the pub, visit the Facebook page or simply scan the QR code on the poster.

And a few more dates for the diary:

Quiz night - 15th May from 7pm

Brunch Friday 31st May

See you soon! Zoe and the Hawkley Inn team x

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ALLEN GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Echoes of Iceland - this group of four professional textile artists presented a most interesting and popular exhibition in 2023. Their current exhibition is in the Gallery until 12th May.

Re:Connecting - Habitats, Wildlife, People - an exhibition of work by ceramicist Bridget Macklin and photographer Alex Potts. 15th May - 23rd June. There will be a programme of events for local schools and the public which will amplify the exhibition's messages within the wider community. For more information on planned activities please visit:

Blacknest Fields Project <https://www.facebook.com/groups/491868806032065>

Natural History Society <https://www.facebook.com/groups/altonnaturalhistorysoc>

GALLERY WORKSHOPS

Raw Clay workshop - Saturday 18th May, 2-4pm.

Join ceramicist Bridget Macklin to create 'seedy beasts' using clay mixed with wildflower seed. Tickets £12.00 per participant, suitable for anyone aged 8+. Please book on the Gallery website.

Street Stories - woodwork and 2D/3D assembly workshop - Monday 27th May, sessions bookable from 10am - 2pm.

£5, pay on the day. Email streetstories@altonartsfestival.com to book a place.

Moths at Night - Tuesday 28th May, 8.45pm - 10.30pm.

An opportunity to explore the night life of the Gallery's Garden and learn how light traps are used to study moths. Led by moth expert Chris Piper. Free event, suitable for adults and accompanied older children.

Marvellous Moths and Minibeasts - Wednesday 29th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Discover the wonderful mix of moths found flying in the Garden last night, hunt for beetles and bugs, snails and slugs and all sorts of other minibeasts hiding among pots and plants. Led by expert naturalists June Chatfield and Chris Piper. Suitable for adults and children of all ages. FREE

TALK

St Mary's Church - Raising the Roof - a talk by Chris Walker, arranged by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery. **Thursday 9th May at 7.30. FREE.**

ALLEN GALLERY FILM NIGHT May's film is **Past Lives**, a story of childhood, lost love and romance, in Korean and English. It was rated as a "must watch" with 95% on the Rotten Tomatoes review site. **Saturday 11th May**, tickets available online at the Gallery website.

For further information of any of our events please email allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or see the website.

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL PLANT NAMES

Plants can have many names. An individual plant may be known by a common name (of which there may be several) along with its Latin name (which is unique to each plant). These names are frequently descriptive, and can also be quite simple or just totally bizarre.

A widespread and common plant with an amusing name is the Fat Hen (*Chenopodium album*). This plant grows in gardens, arable fields, roadsides, hedgerows and many other habitats. It is so common that it is often considered a weed. The Fat Hen flowers from June to October with spikes of whitish flowers rising from diamond shaped leaves. Before the introduction of spinach, it was often served boiled and buttered alongside meat. These days, it is considered a good food source for birds and insects. Fat Hen also goes by several other obscure names, including Bacon Weed, Dirty Dick, Goose Foot, Lamb's Quarters (USA) and Pig Weed.

Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*) is a low growing perennial plant found in wetlands, riverbanks, ponds and wet woodland. Flowering from May to August and most prevalent in Southern England, the Creeping Jenny has a sunshine-yellow, cup-like flower crowning stalks that branch off a main stem. Its name derives from how the plant will 'creep' or spread through wet habitats with its spreading mats of long stems. A hardy plant with evergreen leaves and an attractive flower, it is a popular plant for gardeners to grow alongside a pond or water feature.

One of the strangest plant names is the Moschatel Town Hall Clock (*Adoxa moschatellina*). Firstly, the 'moschatel' part comes from the flower's musk-like scent. As for the 'Town Hall Clock' part, that is in reference to how the flowers face out in four different directions 90 degrees to each other sitting on top of an erect, slender stem. Each stem has five flowers with fifth facing upwards. This plant can be seen flowering between April and May and is widespread through most of the UK. It prefers shaded, moist habitats and is often found in deciduous woodland.

Visit the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website to discover more species with unusual names: www.hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife-explorer
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