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## *Letter from Vanessa*

*Dear Friends*

***“There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.”***

This is my last letter in the Messenger, before I depart for pastures new, and I wanted to leave you with this quote from Shakespeare. It's one of my most favourite quotes. Shakespeare had insights far beyond those of his contemporaries: he understood that the knowledge about the world that scientists and explorers had discovered, was only the beginning of what there was to know. What was true in 1603 is still true today in 2025. We are only just touching any understanding of our beautiful created world, who we are as human beings, and how we live compassionately with each other and the planet.

As I write this, I have had 24 hours of wonderful experiences in St Mark's Church. Last night was a concert given by the folk band Beggars Belief - lively and fun but with an edge to make us think! It was great to see people filling the church, and coming together as a community to raise money to make St Mark's 'step free' and enable our building to become accessible and inclusive.

This morning there was an intimate gathering of women who drank the medicinal raw chocolate drink Cacao and were led through a nature meditation that helped us to think about self-compassion. It's only by understanding ourselves that we can, in turn understand others and reach out in compassion towards them. As Jesus pointed out - love your neighbour as yourself.

Neither of these events was 'religious' or even 'Anglican'. And yet, God was present throughout both. God is totally invested in relational community, in compassion, in inclusivity, in who we are as human beings and how we can better live together. Because at the heart of those things is love, the love that meant Christ came to earth as the incarnated God. My prayer for you all is that St Mark's can continue to be a beacon of hope and love in the Ampfield community and beyond. My prayer is that anyone and everyone will feel they can join in and find their home - regardless of where they might be on their faith journey. There are more things in heaven and earth than religion and Anglicanism - and that mystery is God's gift to each one of us.

*Vanessa*



# Weekly service pattern

## Sunday Services

	All Saints	St Mark	St Denys	St John
1st Sunday	11:00 Messy Church	09:30 Tidy Church	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	11:00 Communion or Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion	09:30 informal Morning Prayer	
3rd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion or Morning prayer	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	
4th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
5th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		

## Midweek Services

When	Where	What
Tuesday, 10:30	St Mark, Ampfield	Small group Communion in St Mark's room, followed by coffee
Wednesday, 19:00	All Saints, North Baddesley	Communion in a peaceful candle lit space in the midst of your busy week

*Need a break from the hurly burly of life?*

*St. Mark's is open daily from 10am - 4pm*





# Vanessa over the years in pictures







## *A tribute to Vanessa*

**W**e have been so incredibly lucky to have had Vanessa as our Vicar since she came to us three and a half years ago. At the time we were finding our feet after Covid which had caused great disruption and fragmentation in our Benefice and community.

Vanessa had lived in the parish and been previously involved with the Ministry Team for 13 years. Working tirelessly for all the churches, she has inspired us, brought the Benefice together, and helped us forge our new identity as a single, well-aligned parish. Vanessa re-introduced weekly services to St. Marks after Covid which helped us become a closer and even friendlier congregation. She also introduced Tidy Church which became Café Church. Vanessa has led us into becoming an Inclusive Church and started many new initiatives.

The Pilgrims groups at St Mark's and All Saints, where you can explore questions of faith in a relaxed atmosphere (not forgetting the delicious cake!) are growing and popular. Thanks to Vanessa's perseverance, playgroups at both churches, Minnows and Sunshine Saints, are now well-established. These groups reach out to new people who do not attend church regularly. Seeing so many of them at St. Mark's fete (one parent even judged the Dog Show!) is evidence of the links these groups are creating. Work with children and families has grown and All Saints now hosts Baddesley Library; further examples of this outreach to the local community.

Whatever is going on at St Mark's, there is Vanessa supporting, helping and organising. Whether it's washing up after Friends for Lunch, chatting to diners at the Lent Lunches or 'pressing the flesh' at the Ampfield Market you can rely on Vanessa. Last year she arrived with new Christmas lights which looked amazing overhead and round the altar area; there she was with Phil amongst the wiring, installing them. She's been to every concert and event we've had in the last four years, and there have been quite a few. At the fete there she is with her camera photographing the people, the dogs and anything else that takes her eye.

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Vanessa has taken many baptisms, weddings and funerals, and is a calm and engaging Vicar which helps these occasions to go seamlessly. She is so caring and keen to visit those who are ill or suffering and is well known and respected around the Benefice. Her contributions to The Messenger are always current, relevant and thought provoking.

Vanessa has brought such enthusiasm, energy, vibrancy, and ideas to develop St Marks. She has certainly made her presence felt in a very positive manner. We will miss Vanessa for so many reasons but wish her good luck and success in her new post as Chaplain to Winchester University. The students are in for a treat.

Thank you, Vanessa, for all you have done for us.

***We're having just one service in the parish on 26 October to say good bye to Vanessa on her last day. This will be 10:00 Holy Communion at All Saints followed by a farewell party. Do please come along as we celebrate Vanessa's time with us, and wish her well in her new role at Winchester University.***

**"If you have a garden and a library then  
you have everything that you need"  
Cicero**

## Evelyn Earle 1942 - 2025

Born to Shropshire hill farmers, Evelyn Pugh (later Earle) developed a work ethic that ran deeply in her veins along with a connection to God who inhabited all nature around her. The organic world and scientific enquiry piqued Eve's interest further when she became an early patient saved by the new medicine *Penicillin*. Later, Eve's degree in Biology from Cardiff University would inform her successful work as a pig farmer.



After marriage to John, Eve settled in the wilds of Belbins, however Ampfield became Eve's new spiritual home: joining the church opposite her mother-in-law's house. Her two daughters, Carolyn and Christine, were baptized there; she was a part of the Mothers Union and she rambled through the woods spotting flora and fungi. Although Eve was busy establishing a thriving farm, she always found time to be part of the Ampfield community and in particular help out at the famous fete. She was a part of the fete from the early 1970s right up until 2019!



Once retirement beckoned and her beloved grand-children arrived, Eve's ties with Ampfield became even stronger. She was a diligent student at church study groups, ran an Ampfield Market stall, helped out in Sunday School, became church warden and was a founding member of the group starting the Over 60s lunches. Eve was a kind, self-deprecating soul with a wicked sense of humour that stayed with her even when words began to fail her. We will miss her deeply but know that she leaves a strong legacy behind her in the lives that she touched and help make a little bit more beautiful.

### Eve and Ampfield Market

Eve was one of the first people we met when we arrived in Ampfield late in 1990. She was always kind, helpful and welcoming. She decided to have a table in the monthly Ampfield Market in October 2001 and started by selling Christmas cards, calendars and Oasis cards to help raise money for St Marks Church.. The following month she added wholefoods to her table.

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which included a wide selection of Fairtrade products including coffee, tea and chocolate. I was delighted and so were our customers Eve went to collect the products from the Oasis shop in Romsey on a sale or return basis which meant a huge amount of hard work transporting everything from shop to Market and back every month. Daryl joined Eve in December 2014 and they continued on as a team until September 2019 when Daryl took over until November 2021. Her commitment to this cause for over 20 years was truly remarkable and very much appreciated. When I called in to Oasis with a Market poster last month - they were delighted to help out and still remembered Eve's help over many, many years.

**Julie Trotter**

**Eve's funeral will take place in St Mark's Church on Thursday, 16 October at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.**

### **Vocations Morning**

**Saturday 18th October, 9.30am – 12.30pm**

**St Boniface Church, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 2FT**

Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ, but you're unsure of what your next step might be?

Join Bishop Rhiannon and Rev'd Dr Amy Roche, along with members of the Mission & Ministry Team, to find out more about the pathways available for both lay and ordained ministries. There will be a particular focus on opportunities for lay ministry including Exploring Theology, Bishops Commission for Mission and Bishops Permission to Preach.

For more information and to book, please contact Tracey Nicholls [tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org) / 01962 710983

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riends of  
Chapel  
Wood  
by  
Graham Roads

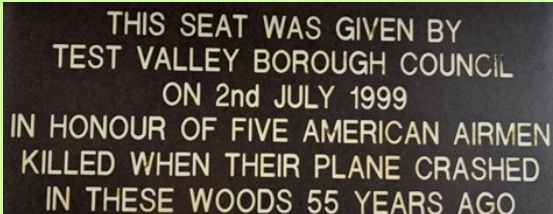

September is a major holiday month for many of us. It is comfortably away from school holidays but still provides relatively warm days and light evenings. So, it came as little surprise to find that the numbers of our woodland group available to play this past month were

somewhat less than normal.

We must tailor our objectives accordingly, although, as ever, our work party will commence with a walk through the wood, clearing the footpaths and collecting any rubbish we can find.

High on the agenda this month was what to do with the bench we took out of commission in August. For health and safety

reasons, it had been decided that it should be removed from the woodland. Nevertheless, it was clear that, with a bit of TLC, and some skill with a saw and a drill, it might be possible to salvage a few more years of service in another environment. Our first job then was to get it in a state whereby it could be moved. Given the legs were well cemented into the ground, we had to think this through carefully. As is so often in these cases, the more you think about forming a plan, the easier the execution becomes. Within a relatively short period of time the bench was out of the ground, with no visible evidence of its existence remaining. All that remained was to move it to its new resting place, having first removed the commemorative plaque, which will be displayed elsewhere. All in all, a satisfying example of rehabilitating an otherwise defunct asset.



THIS SEAT WAS GIVEN BY  
TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
ON 2nd JULY 1999  
IN HONOUR OF FIVE AMERICAN AIRMEN  
KILLED WHEN THEIR PLANE CRASHED  
IN THESE WOODS 55 YEARS AGO

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The other job we wanted to do was to prepare the firepit area for our annual bonfire this coming autumn. Over the summer months, bracken had enjoyed a series of field days. The whole area was swamped. Over the years, we have experienced different methods to get rid of bracken, all of them only successful as a temporary measure, but, for now, that will do. The most straightforward is simply to pull out the stalks. With three of us on the job, this again proved somewhat more straightforward than expected. The disposal of the plant material will have to wait for another time, we may try to burn it, if the fire is hot enough.



After coffee and cake, we took a walk to the slope behind the church to see how that had fared over the hot, dry summer. Happily, it seems that many of the whips we planted last autumn have survived. It is too early to tell with bulbs, but, fingers crossed. We hope to have further planting sessions over the winter.



If you fancy the idea of joining some like-minded neighbours for a few hours once a month, just turn up in the St. Mark's car park at 09:45 on the second Saturday of every month. The Friends are a good bunch. Tools are provided. It is a good way to have a bit of fun and help our community at the same time.

**Graham Roads**



# Parish News

## All Saints

### Aid for Ukraine - Autumn/Winter Appeal

Thank you to all who have donated to this appeal, all the items have now been despatched to Ukraine. The appeal is still open and the next collection will be before the end of October. So if you have any 'one size' adults hats, scarfs and gloves please leave them at any of the churches, labelled and make sure they are clean and in good condition. Please **do not** donate any other clothing or items, as they cannot be accepted.

### Royal National Lifeboat Institution

There will be a coffee morning during the Welcome Café on Thursday 9th October in aid of the RNLI. Please come along and support.

### Environmental Talk 17th October 7.30pm

Come and hear Dominic Longley, leading local environmental scientist, speaking about the environmental pressures on the River Test and its marine life. There will be a fun quiz, cash bar and raffle! Tickets are £5 each and can be obtained by using [this link](#) or call 02380737617.

## St. Denys Chilworth

### The Salty Sea Dogs

Will be performing again on Wednesday 22nd October at St. Denys Church at 1pm. They are very entertaining and always popular so make sure you arrive early to get a good seat! This is a free event but donations are welcome and coffee and cake will be served afterwards with an opportunity to look around the Art Exhibition.

### Art Exhibition in St. Denys 20-24th October

Come and see some amazing pictures influenced by the River Itchen and other magical places by the local artists Lizzie McKellar, Lorraine Morris and Frinny Farthing.

### Heritage Open Days

Thank you to all who supported the Heritage Open Day Guided talks in our churches, it was a privilege to welcome so many people who were interested in our buildings and architecture. I would particularly like to thank Helen, Andrea and Fiona for bravely standing in front of the churches and talking about the history of St. Denys and St. John the Baptist. Also to Liz Hallett who gave us a most interesting and enlightening history of St. Mark.

# ST MARK'S MINNOWS

FUN AND FRIENDLY  
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP!



TERM TIME THURSDAYS

9.30 – 11AM

COFFEE ON FROM 9.15!

# Parish News

## St. Mark's Minnows - We are back!!

We had a great start to the new term. Coffee/tea pots were on, ready at 9.15am. A busy time was had playing with the play dough, the ball pit and many more fun things!

Snacks and drinks went down well and we all had a good chat with one another. Our Nursery Rhyme time nearing the end of our session was topped off with The bubble song and a room filled with bubbles!!!!



Babies and Toddlers, come and join us with your wonderful grown up, on Thursdays (term time only) until around 11am.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

**Heather**



## The Children's Society

October is the month for the collection of Boxes and Donations. Would my loyal box holders kindly let me have their boxes or donations, please. If you would like me to collect from you please would you let me know.

I would like to thank you all for the support and generosity you have given over the years since I started helping with the box collections for The Children's Society.

Thank you again

Blessings

**Heather**



# Parish News

## Friends of St. Mark's



On Friday 25th September we were entertained by Beggar's Belief, a locally based folk band, in the church. There were around 60 people present and we enjoyed an evening of traditional, contemporary and self penned songs, ballads and laments played by these talented musicians. Some of these had choruses which we heartily joined in. Food and a bar were available beforehand and during the interval. We raised just over £620 towards providing step-free access in the interior of the church.



Thanks to all those who helped in making the evening a great success with



particular mention to Stella for organising the event and Heather, Jennie, Karen, Ron & Phil for the food, running the bar, ticketing and generally making sure the evening ran smoothly.

## Beetle Drive Friday 14th November Carols at the White horse and Wine Tasting

Our next planned event is a Beetle Drive on 14th November. We also hope to once again be singing carols at the White Horse in the run up to Christmas followed by a Wine Tasting in the early spring. Details of all these to follow.

Stephen

# Benefice News

## HARVEST LUNCH at St. Mark's

Sunday 21 September



St Mark's looked beautiful with so many Autumnal flower arrangements on the window sills and pew ends. Donations were brought into Church during the service ready to be delivered to The Winchester Beacon for the homeless.

After the service the

Harvest Lunch was set up in the Church Room and 21 people enjoyed a delicious meal of cold meats, quiches, jacket potatoes and a wonderful variety of salads, followed by crumble, apple cake and fruit salad served with cream. There were quizzes to try and solve and raffle tickets to buy, and such a happy atmosphere with lots of chatter.

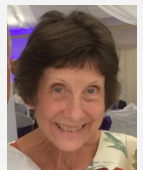


All the donations were then delivered to The Winchester Beacon, who as usual were very appreciative and amazed at the number of items delivered. The staff are really lovely there.



Thank you to all those who attended, the helpers who prepared and served the lunch and also to those who brought donations.

Jennie



# FROM THE ARCHIVES

October 2002

## OUR GARDEN

It is now mid September and after a spell of dry weather, four days ago, we had rain which washed the faces of the flowers and leaves and brought relief to the parched earth. Today the blue skies returned and we can once more enjoy the sunshine, Susie soaking up the warmth in the wheelbarrow as she snoozes, and Tabitha getting in some serious sleeping, in a fruit tray, in the greenhouse. The sunshine has brought out the butterflies, the coppery orange comma, so named because of the white mark on the underside of each wing; the red admirals with their dark wings marked with red and white and the peacocks with 'eyes' on their predominantly red wings. All feed hungrily on the sedum flowers which they share with numerous bees and hoverflies. The wasps are busily feeding on the fallen apples. Overhead hundreds of rooks make their noisy way to the harvest fields and way above them the local pair of buzzards circle in the thermals with their two youngsters.

In gardening you are never finished and it is a continuous cycle of removing plants and indeed whole beds that have had their day. We are still engaged in clearing the rose beds and last Sunday we took down a small diseased laburnum. When you have replanted, you wonder why you have delayed redevelopment so long. The hardy cyclamen are in full flower, the rosy pink geums nod in the breeze on their long slender stems and the second flush of purple cranesbill flowers glow against their deep cut leaves. The fuschias, begonias and busy lizzies are alight in the bright sunshine and have attracted the first humming bird hawk moth of the year.

Yesterday, Susie was discovered sitting motionless in front of a three feet long grass snake which had frozen, they just sat there staring at one another. At this point I intervened and as the snake made a dash for the bushes I grabbed its tail. Understandably it did not take kindly to this and tried to turn upwards and bite me, making a great deal of hissing and excreting a foul smelling liquid. We eventually managed to get it into a bag and released it beside a nearby stream. This garden of ours is fast becoming a wildlife park.

The Secret Gardener

# Ampfield Art Class Gallery



A portrait of Sally -  
David, pencil



Change of season -  
Alison, watercolour



Fuchsia -  
Carol, watercolour



Polyanthus -  
Pauline, watercolour



# Ampfield Art Class Gallery



Blue Mood - Sharon,  
oils

Woodland Glade -  
Barbara, watercolour



Amanita fungi -  
Alison, watercolour



Julie Trotter's Art Class  
takes place on  
Thursday afternoons  
from  
2-4pm at the  
Village Hall

# What's on in the Parish every week

## St. Mark's

### St. Mark's Minnows

**Thursdays in St. Mark's Room 9.30 - 11am**

All Welcome! Kettle's on from 9.15.

### St. Mark's Fridge Magnets and cards

Jennie has made cards and fridge magnets with a picture of Ampfield Church - £1.50 for a card, or £5 for 4 cards, and £2 for a fridge magnet. Available to buy at Ampfield Market or in church.



## All Saints

### Digital Hub - All Saints: Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 noon

We have expanded Wednesday mornings to include some support for those who have laptops, tablets or phones and need a little extra help on how to use them. If you need any advice then please bring them along and hopefully we can be of help.

### Social Hub - Wednesdays at All Saints 10am - 12 noon

Have a go at some crafts, do jigsaws or just relax with a book that has been borrowed from the Community Library (also open on a Wednesday morning) or just sit and chat. Free drinks and biscuits and sometimes other treats!

### Welcome Cafe at All Saints Thursdays at 10am

The café is for any and everyone in the community to come and meet friends for a catch-up and enjoy great coffee. We particularly welcome those who find themselves lonely or bereaved.

## Sunshine Saints

**Fri: 10:00am - 11.30am at All Saints (term-time only)**

Sunshine Saints is the toddler and baby group. It is an opportunity for the children to have fun playing together. There are snacks for the children and tea and coffee for those who accompany them, suggested donation: £2.

# What's on in the Parish every month

## St. Mark's

### Friends for Lunch Wednesday 15th October and Christmas Lunch Wednesday 3rd December

Friends for lunch will be back in October. Christmas Lunch will take place in St. Mark's Room on Wednesday 3rd. December. Places will be limited so sign up soon! To book a place for either lunch, please contact Pam on :Tel. 02380 411146 or Email - [pamm@acnb-church.org](mailto:pamm@acnb-church.org)

### St. Mark's Stall at the Ampfield Market Saturday 4th October 10.00 - 12noon

We sell bric - a - brac, gifts and seasonal items to raise money for the maintenance of the buildings of St. Mark's. If you have anything to donate, please contact Chris on 01794 367104. We are happy to collect. Thank you.

Pam and Chris

### Pilgrim Course -

This is an opportunity to ask questions about faith. Our ethos is that we are exploring together, and there are no wrong answers - all are welcome to this relaxed and friendly group. Do get in touch if you would like more information.

### Flowers for October: Jean

### Church Cleaning

If anyone would like to help with cleaning the Church (taking it in turns on our monthly rota) that would be very helpful. It is best to do this in pairs to be safe, and does not take very long to Hoover, sweep, and dust! If you would like to offer or chat about this please contact Jennie Edwards (Tel: 02380 365041; Email: [jenniee@acnb-church.org](mailto:jenniee@acnb-church.org)). Thank you so much.

Jennie

# 1. Ron & Stella's Quiz Night

1. Which 1970's pop singer died on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1977. His famous group had hits such as Ride a White Swan and Hot Love?
2. Which London born singer had a number one hit in 1974 with Gonna make you a star?
3. Who played the title role in the 1953 film Calamity Jane?
4. The channel tunnel famously opened in 1994. What else started in November that year which has helped make a lot of people rich?
5. In 1977 A ferry capsized in Zeebrugge, killing 193 people, it was called The Herald of Free 'What'?
6. What was the serial killer Peter Sutcliffe known as?
7. In Mary Poppins there is a famous song which starts as Superca... Can you name it?
8. Who played park owner John Hammond in Jurassic Park?
9. Which 1994 film revitalised John Travolta's career?
10. In what 1979 James Bond movie does the famous Spy Go To Outer Space?



Answers on p. 33



**The  
Ampfield Market**  
(Established in 2000, now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year !)

will take place  
on

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**From 10am to 12noon**  
**in Ampfield Village Hall**  
**(SO51 9BJ)**

Our Market has a great reputation, we regularly sell fresh fruit and veg supplied by Hansards in Awbridge and delicious bread and cakes supplied by Matts Bakery.

Honey, preserves, plants and fresh flowers. Cards, wrapping paper and books. Collectables, unusual crafts and jewellery. Clothes, toys and puzzles. Bric a brac, seasonal treats  
and much much more !

**We serve fresh coffee and a wonderful selection of cakes  
throughout the morning.**

**Come along with friends and family to enjoy this special  
monthly community event.**

Parking and admission are always FREE.

All proceeds support the Village Hall. Registered charity no. 1057353  
Contact Julie on 023 80254587 or [Julie@ampfield.org.uk](mailto:Julie@ampfield.org.uk) for table  
bookings etc.

**Next date. Saturday November 1st 2025**

# WHAT'S ON IN THE AMPFIELD VILLAGE HALL THIS MONTH –AUTUMN 2025 JOIN IN ONE!

## MONDAYS

**PILATES WITH HANNAH** – Two sessions in the morning, 9.15am to 10.20am & 10.30am to 11.35am. Mixed ability mat class. Details at [www.pilateswithaplomb.com](http://www.pilateswithaplomb.com)

**AMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL** regularly meet on a Monday evening for their ordinary meetings, planning meetings and other meetings. NB. NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS [www.ampfieldparish.gov.uk](http://www.ampfieldparish.gov.uk)

## TUESDAYS

**AMPFIELD BRIDGE CLUB** is a very popular club playing friendly duplicate bridge. It meets every Tuesday evening (except at Xmas time) from 7pm to 10pm. If you require a partner or want more information contact Mel Cook on 07889 689302 or email [mel-cook@sky.com](mailto:mel-cook@sky.com) New members always welcome.

## WEDNESDAYS

**NEW CLASS! YOGA MORNING** with Yoga by Gaynor – 9.30 to 10.30 for details see Friday below

**1st AMPFIELD BROWNIES** meet every Wed. evening during term time. 6pm to 7.30pm Tel. Sue Moore 01794 523947

**ROMSEY MODELLERS** Build model kits? Want to get more from your hobby? Join this club on the 1st and 3rd. Wed. of each month 8pm to 10pm. [www.romseymodellers.co.uk](http://www.romseymodellers.co.uk)

## THURSDAYS

**YOGA MORNING** with Diana Craven. Diana is back with her regular class. 9.45 -11.00 am. E-mail address for further details [cravendiana18@gmail.com](mailto:cravendiana18@gmail.com)

**AMPFIELD ART GROUP** meets Thurs. afternoons during term time 2pm to 4pm. Very friendly atmosphere. Beginners and those wishing to develop their skills welcome. Contact email: [Julie@ampfield.org.uk](mailto:Julie@ampfield.org.uk)

**PILATES WITH HANNAH PLOMB - TWO SESSIONS.** 6.15 to 7.20pm (improvers and Intermediate) & EXTRA CLASS: 7.30 to 8.35pm (Beginners). Mat classes. For details: see Monday above.

## FRIDAYS

**YOGA ON FRIDAY MORNINGS** with YogaByGaynor 9.30 to 10.30am All levels, Gentle, Vinyasa Flow Yoga. All welcome. Facebook: [@yogaByGaynor](https://www.facebook.com/yogaByGaynor) OR Email: [yogabygaynor@yahoo.com](mailto:yogabygaynor@yahoo.com)

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## WHAT'S ON IN THE AMPFIELD VILLAGE HALL

### SATURDAYS

**VILLAGE MARKET** (IN ITS 26th YEAR!) First Saturday of every month 10-12noon (except Jan. and Aug.). Entry free. Regularly on sale are fresh bread, rolls, jams, chutneys and pickles, cakes, plants and fresh flowers, cards, books, antiques, unusual crafts, jewellery, toys, seasonal surprises, bric a brac etc. Fresh coffee and delicious cakes are served all morning in the Garden Room. Interested in renting a table? Ring Julie on 02380 254587 or email [Julie@ampfield.org.uk](mailto:Julie@ampfield.org.uk). This is a great event to meet up with people.

**CARD MAKING WORKSHOP WITH VANESSA.** A range of crafts taught, meets monthly, normally on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 4pm. A very relaxed day and delicious coffee provided. Details from Vanessa 01794 515490 or email [Ampfield-cards@gmail.com](mailto:Ampfield-cards@gmail.com).

### SUNDAYS

**NEW GROUP! SEWING SUNDAYS** Small group of crafters, who meet once a month on a Sunday. Open to all who want to bring along their dressmaking, knitting or other textile projects. If interested email Michelle [michelleewaters@gmail.com](mailto:michelleewaters@gmail.com) Friendly group, offers advice, help pinning and fitting toiles + natter & cuppa.

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**NEW DIARY DATES:** The next **EVER POPULAR FUN QUIZ NIGHT** is on FRIDAY NOV 21st in the Village Hall £5 per entrant Inc. bar snacks. Book a place or table now & pay on the night.

**STOP PRESS!** Pantomime time. It's Pinocchio! Wed. 10 December '25. 6pm The usual great fun cast from Bumblefly Theatre, Forest Forge Theatre Company and Misch-evous Theatre return, together with the Hob Nobs, squash and coffee☐! Make a note in your diary – further details to follow. Still £10 for adults and £5 children. Early bird discount of 10% if you book and pay bef

## Ampfield Village Hall

### ?? QUIZ NIGHT ??

Come & join us at the ever-popular friendly & fun-filled Ampfield Village Hall Quiz Night.

By demand, the Ampfield Quizmasters are back!

**Friday 21st Nov. 2025 at 7.30pm**  
**(Doors open at 7pm)**

Come as a team of up to 6, or in smaller numbers and teams will be made up on the night.

A bar will be available and 'bar snacks' will be put on your tables. If you wish, please bring along your own picnic supper to enjoy during the interval or throughout the evening.

**Cost £5 per person inc. 'bar' snacks**

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Pay on the evening but please book your place or a table first.

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## BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW

\*Entrance money will go to the Village Hall Funds – a registered charity No. 1057353 BUT all proceeds from the raffle and mini auction will be donated, by popular request, to 'THE WINCHESTER HOSPICE FUND RAISING CHARITY' so that enhanced palliative and specialist care can continue to be provided for those with life limiting illness.





A young man was walking through the supermarket picking up a few things when he noticed an elderly lady following him. Thinking nothing of it, he carried on. When he got in line at the checkout, she stepped in front of him and said, "I'm sorry if staring at you made you uncomfortable. It's just that you look so much like my son, whom I haven't seen in a long time."

"That's a shame," the young man replied. "Is there any thing I can do for you?"

"Yes," she said softly. "As I'm leaving, could you say, 'Goodbye, Mother!' It would mean so much."

"Of course," he said kindly. As she left, he called out, "Goodbye, Mother!" with a smile.

Then he stepped up to the cashier—only to see his total was £127.50. Shocked, he said, "That can't be right! I only bought a few things!"

The cashier looked at him and said...

"Your mother said you'd be paying for her groceries too."

**From 'Christians who enjoy good jokes' on Facebook**



## Leaf

A leaf rests frail upon a railway line  
Floating there at Autumn's decline  
Should a train be due and bad fates align  
What will save that pretty leaf supine?  
Not completely gone, still full of colour  
Of yellow and brown and red vascular  
still able to give sight for others to treasure  
Then a wind's breath along the permanent way  
Saves the leaf to glow in the sun another day.

Paul Oliver

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, offering free access to heritage sites and events for ten days every September. It's a chance to explore hidden places, delve into local history, and participate in unique experiences, all free. Thousands of heritage sites, from churches, historic houses and gardens to museums and factories, participate by opening their doors or hosting special events. For the second year the churches from acnb joined in this Festival by giving Guided Tours of St. Mark, Ampfield, St. Denys, Chilworth and St. John the Baptist, North Baddesley. All were very successful and grateful thanks go to Helen, Andrea and Fiona. Liz Hallett gave a fascinating talk about St. Mark Church and hopefully she will do another one next year for those who missed this one. Here are a few pictures.

Sally



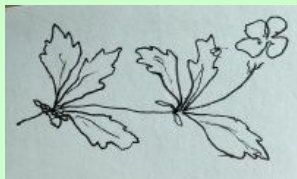
## Ride and Stride - Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust 13th September



We had 2 separate expeditions for Ride and Stride again this year. Francois went round all the churches in Romsey Deanery on his scooter, including Farley Church. Meanwhile a group walked between the four churches in the parish starting from St Denys, walking to All Saints down the old road and then using an obscure back route across scrubland to avoid going along the main road. Going on to St John's by road, we then cut through the corner of Body Farm and Emer Bog to Pound Lane. On down to cross over the A3090 and through Ampfield Wood to St Mark's, then back along the A3090 to the White Horse where some more parishioners joined us for an excellent well earned lunch!

Phil

## Can you identify this plant from St. Mark's churchyard?



In June our contributor asked for help to identify the plant she had found:

“Thank you” to the lady who believes that the small yellow flower in the churchyard is *Potentilla Erecta*. See September issue, p. 12.

According to Mr. Keble Martin (1969) Cinquefoil and tormentil are both common names for different plants but both belong to the large family of *Potentilla*. Tormentil has the botanical name of *Potentilla Erecta*. Why it was named Erect(a) when it is clearly a creeping plant seems strange.

Mr. Keble Martin (1974 edition) does say that its stem is slender and is supported by other surrounding growth. The illustrated Flora of Britain and Northern Europe, so beautifully painted by Mrs. Marjorie Blamey with text by Mr. Christopher Grey - Wilson (1989) says “*Potentilla Erecta* (common name Tormentil) is low-growing, patch forming and has downy leaves.” In the ‘Flowers of the Field’ by the Reverend Charles Alexander Johns (1915) it states “A small sub-erect plant six to ten inches high, slender with curly hairs.”

This all makes me eager to see *Potentilla Erecta* in flower again next summer. I had not noticed that the leaves were downy or hairy nor that it was six inches tall! By then I hope to have acquired a new pair of reading glasses.

Throughout history some types of *Potentilla* have been used for medicinal purposes: to ease toothache and to stop bleeding. The roots were boiled or baked or ground up to make bread or porridge. *Potentilla Erecta* is still said to be used in Scotland for treating stomach and digestive problems.

Anon



## Answers to Ron & Stella's Quiz Night

1. Marc Bolan
2. David Essex
3. Doris Day
4. The National Lottery
5. Enterprise
6. The Yorkshire Ripper
7. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
8. Richard Attenborough
9. Pulp Fiction
10. Moonraker



### *From St Mark's Register*

Funeral: 1st. September, Christina Masters  
Wedding: 6th. September  
Barry Malizia and Terri Stromeyer

*Please hold them in your prayers*

# *A Prayer for Black History Month*

*Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ  
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,  
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,  
to see the image of God in every person  
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.*

*May we be generous in our love of others  
as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice;  
creating communities of human flourishing,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.*



*From the Church of England website*

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