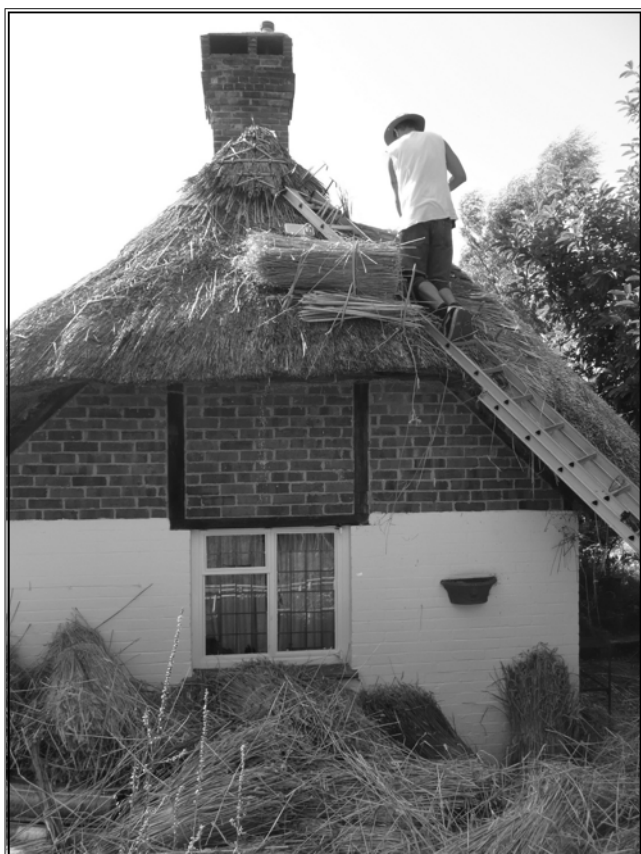


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EDITORIAL

Many thanks to all of you who attended the Village BBQ in June. The weather was brilliant and we raised £528 for the Jubilee Hall funds. A special thank you to our chefs and Peter and Jan Clarke who kindly allowed the use of their paddock.

Do you remember the Michelmersh Country Fair held in 1987? More importantly does anyone have any photos of the event they could lend me? From what I have read and heard the Fair was quite an event. It was held at Linhay Meads Farm. Was this a one off? I'm interested in finding out more on the subject.

I know it's a little late but do you know there is a free Bus every Sunday during the Summer months, running between Romsey - Hillier Gardens - Choice Plants - Kimbridge Farm Shop - Mottisfont Abbey and Dunbridge Station. This free service finishes on the 26th September. For further details call 01794 369318.

Some of you may have already seen my claim to fame in the horticultural world! For those who haven't, have a look at the potato paragraph on page 9. If you can't get your name in the paper for being the best, then the only other way is to be the worst!

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a mention of the Village clean up day on the 25th September. Further information on this will be sent in the form of a flyer nearer the day.

Mike Koscian

HEATING OIL

As LPG was mentioned in the last newsletter I thought I'd balance things by mentioning heating oil in this issue. For those of you who use oil, do you know there is a very useful site called Boiler Juice which can be found at <http://www.boilerjuice.com> ? This site enables you to keep track of the current price of heating oil. At the same time you can obtain a quote for a set quantity of oil. Boiler Juice will then compare a number of suppliers

within the area and give you the best price. Should there be other orders within the local area at the same time you can obtain a bulk buying discount. This is especially likely if you place an order at a weekend. I have been using them for a number of years and have always found them to be extremely competitive.

Mike Koscian



Michelmersh School pupils circa 1930/31 - Courtesy of Mary Lees

VILLAGE WEATHER

	Average Overnight Temperature	Minimum Overnight Temperature	Average Day Time Temperature	Maximum Day Time Temperature	Rainfall mm
June	11.4 (11.9)	5 (5)	23.5 (22.4)	30 (29)	26 (31)
July	14.5 (13.6)	11 (11)	23.7 (21.4)	30 (31)	42 (77)

Last years figures in brackets

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH TIMSBURY



Our final open day of the year will be from 2-4pm on Saturday September 25th. We have done this deliberately so people can see how beautifully the church is decorated for the Harvest Festival, which is at 6pm on 26th. If you are intending to

come, we usually bring gifts of tinned or dried foods to be given to a charity in Southampton for the homeless. On Saturday 7th August we had a small but select group for our working party; my thanks to all those who came. We have had a general tidy up and removed a lot of nest material from the belfry. Over the last couple of years we have gradually "rehabilitated" the back portion of the churchyard, so it is now possible to go all the way to the back fence. There are some well-preserved stones there.

Which brings me to a mystery..... I wonder if someone can help?

As a result of the clear-up I was able to read the inscription on a stone in the left side of the old

churchyard. An unfortunate Mrs Lightfoot died suddenly in 1940 in her 50's. On the stone was mentioned her husband, Lt Cdr Jonathan Lightfoot RNR who was lost at sea just a few weeks before in HMS Laurentic. But why is he not on our memorial board for the fallen of both world wars? I wonder if perhaps Mrs Lightfoot was staying with relatives after her bereavement, so that he was not normally a resident of the village? He is commemorated on a memorial in Liverpool according to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

HMS Laurentic was an armed merchant cruiser; a converted liner in fact. RNR personnel were usually Merchant Navy officers and ratings who volunteered to serve in the Royal Navy at the start of the war.

You can find out about the sinking of HMS Laurentic on the internet at:

www.uboaat.net/allies/merchants/ship/648.html

If anyone can shed light on this mystery, I would be most interested.

Dr John Glasspool PCC - Secretary and Churchwarden

THE FRIENDS OF MICHELMERSH CHURCH

On 22nd July a packed audience of Friends received an interesting and informative talk by Bob Joughin the Deputy Director of Warsash Maritime Academy. The subject of his talk was Timsbury Shipping Lake and we learned how this rural, stretch of water will be gradually transformed into a training centre for a small number of selected international and mature students of the Academy.

Bob digitally projected images of the work to be carried out during the next winter months and also of the manned model tankers, container ships and even ferries on which both student master mariners, experienced masters and pilots will be using on their rather expensive training and conversion courses.

Of particular interest was the care and attention to detail of very expensive work required to re-locate precious wildlife in and around the lake so as to accommodate the activities of the Academy. He envisaged that no more

than six students would be visiting the lake at any one time and only between March to November.

The next Friends event is of course the ever popular, family Harvest Supper on the 2nd October, 6.45pm at The Old Barns, tickets available from John Hunt, £6 each for adults and £4 each for children under 12 years of age. Our next talk at the old Barns will be "British Butterflies" by celebrated photographer Roger Buchanan from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Butterfly Association. This will be on Thursday October 21st at 7.30pm and promises to be yet another fascinating insight into the lives and habitat of these often ignored creatures and yet which governments around the world are starting to take an interest as they can provide us with so much information about our environment, weather patterns and much more.

**See you there!
David Simmonds**

Chairman - Friends of Michelmersh Church

MICHELMERSH BARNES SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2 - 5PM

PLEASE COME AND HELP TO TIDY UP AND CLEAR WEEDS AT THE MICHELMERSH BARNES. IF WE HAVE PLENTY OF PEOPLE THIS CAN BE COMPLETED IN 2 - 3 HOURS. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS AND GLOVES, AN EXTRA WHEELBARROW WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

CHRISTOPH GOTTING 368940

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY CARE GROUP

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Jane Finimore 368349 Johanna Koscian 368577 Mary Lees 368718



Peering out from behind the crooked door of her little house, Adrijana watches as a strange car pulls into her gypsy village in Zranjanin, Serbia. Small and barefooted she pads out to the arriving car, watching in confusion as brightly coloured shoeboxes are unloaded from the back seat.

Receiving a shoebox, Adrijana's eyes suddenly light up in astonishment and delight. As the realization hits her that this is a gift just for her, the smile spreads on her face and then neither the mud nor the cold December morning can stop her. Going from house to house she runs telling everyone about the amazing gifts that have arrived in her village."

Amazingly, it is time once again to think about making a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. It is also a time to celebrate the fact that shoeboxes have been sent by Operation Christmas Child for 20 years, since 1990! Part of our local celebration will be our Deanery service for Operation Christmas Child which will be held on Sunday 21 November, at 3 pm at St John's, Rownhams. The collection dates for dropping off boxes are 1-18 November. Leaflets, posters and resources are now available to order from the website and leaflets are available from churches in the benefice and at Choice Plants, Timsbury, if you would like to order your own and see current stories or find knitting patterns then have a look at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

Thank you for your support. We are also in need of empty medium size shoeboxes, please drop these off at Choice Plants if you have spare ones.

Mary Savage rep for Samaritan's Purse

If you would like further information please contact: savage@choiceplants.freemove.co.uk

LADIES' EVENING

Thursday 28 October from 7.30 at the Jubilee Hall

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Dear Friends,

One of the great features of our country that has traditionally been admired by people in oppressed states has been our freedom to express a particular point of view; to be allowed to debate contentious issues in public without the fear of arrest. Perhaps we should not be surprised at this. The legal system of our nation has long been based in Christian values and aspirations. It has been shaped by the deeply Christian precept, the commandment of Jesus, to "love our neighbours as we love ourselves." With such a precept before us, it has been possible to discuss deep matters of the heart without the assumption that one person is insulting another.

Things, however, are changing. In a recent short publication called *A New Inquisition: Religious Persecution in Britain Today*, the author, Jon Gower Davies argues that 'more than 35 Acts of Parliament, 52 statutory instruments, 13 Codes of Practice, and 16 European Commission Directives relating to "discrimination" now threaten our freedom of speech.'

In particular, the old blasphemy act was replaced by the "Racial and Religious Hatred Act, 2006". It contained a clause which stated that nothing in the Act should be construed in 'a way which prohibits or restricts discussion, criticism ... of another's religion.' In other words, we are supposed to be free to criticise religious beliefs, but not to abuse individuals because of those beliefs.

No doubt the legislators meant what they said in the Act. However, its interpretation has been left in the hands of those who simply do not understand the nature of religious belief and who are therefore unable to comprehend that vigorous discussion of those beliefs can often draw people closer together. Paul Richardson, writing in an excellent article in the Church of England Newspaper called "Silencing Christians" noted that, "Buried deep in the thinking of secular officials is the fear that if religious beliefs are allowed public expression they will cause conflict. Their agenda is to limit the spread of religion and preserve peace and order by restricting faith to private life. The fact that this denies the right of believers to live out their faith in the public sphere is regarded as of no consequence. But banning religion from the public square can only strengthen extremism and fundamentalism."

St. Paul wrote, "For freedom, Christ has set us free." In the spirit of those words Christians through the centuries have gone into the dark and dangerous places of our world to bring the light of Christ to suffering and oppressed people. They have achieved this by the power of words with actions; words that speak of the love of God in the face of Jesus Christ and actions that express that love in practical terms. Many have suffered and even died for their faith. If the secular society of our age thinks that it can silence the love of God in Christ, it is greatly mistaken. Jesus himself promised that, "the gates of hell will not prevail against my Church".

It seems to me that if we truly loved our country, we would be far more ready to speak out against the attempts of legislators to bind our freedoms. Perhaps, as the holiday season draws to a close, we might resolve to be more protective of the good things which make us British!

Yours in the name of Christ, Bruce Kington, Rector.

CHURCH SERVICES

September/October 2010

St Mary's, Michelmersh and St Andrew's, Timsbury

Also All Saints Braishfield, St John's Farley Chamberlayne and All Saints Awbridge

	Michelmersh	Timsbury	Braishfield	Farley Chamberlayne	Awbridge
September Sunday 5th 14th after Trinity	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Morning Prayer	8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Family Service	6.00 pm Evening Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion
First Service – Awbridge – 6.30 pm					
Sunday 12th 15th after Trinity	6.00 pm Holy Communion	11.00 am Jam Family Service	9.30 am Morning Prayer	8.00 am Holy Com- munion	9.30 am Morning Worship
Sunday 19th 6th after Trinity	6.00 pm Evening Prayer	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.00 pm Evening Prayer	11.00 am Family Service	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th 17th after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.00 pm Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30 am Holy Communion	11.00 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Family Harvest Thanksgiving
First Service – Awbridge – 6.30 pm					
October Sunday 3rd 20th after Trinity	9.30 am Harvest Thanksgiving	11.00 am Morning Prayer	8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Family Harvest Thanksgiving	6.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30 am Holy Communion
First Service – Awbridge – 6.30 pm					
Sunday 10th 19th after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00 am Jam Family Service	9.30 am Morning Prayer	8.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Worship
Sunday 17th 20th after Trinity	6.00 pm Evening Prayer	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.00 am Harvest Family Service	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th Last after Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion	6.00 pm Evening Prayer	9.30 am Holy Communion	11.00 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Family Worship
Sunday 31st 4th Sunday before Advent			9.30 am United Benefice Holy Communion		
	Michelmersh	Timsbury	Braishfield	Farley Chamberlayne	Awbridge

Details are understood to be correct when printed.

COMPLETE UP TO DATE DETAILS OF ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES TO SERVICES, CAN BE FOUND IN THE UNITED BENEFICE MAGAZINE 'FIVE ALIVE' AVAILABLE FROM ALL CHURCHES, PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY & THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

JUBILEE HALL

It seems a long time ago now, but at the end of June we all enjoyed the Village BBQ, which this year was organised by the Jubilee Hall team. Many thanks, can we say this enough? to Peter and Jan Clarke for, not only their hospitality, but all the work they put in behind the scenes - they even got the weather right. There were a lot of other helpers as well, not just the hall team – to you all a very big THANK YOU, you have helped increase our funds by over £500, which will go towards general improvements at the hall.

I now have a plea - did you come to the BBQ? did you very kindly donate a salad? did you leave your

dish/serving spoon behind? If so - and you were not the only one – please give me a ring, and I will return it. AND ... were your children playing football, using your chair bag and a pink t-shirt as goal posts? I have those as well – give me a ring.

Events in the autumn are a bit hazy yet – so keep an eye open for posters. I can give you a date for the Forest Forge Winter Show - Saturday 15th January 2011. It is called “The Wolves of Willoughby Chase” and based on the children’s novel of the same name. Put it in your diary, and look for ticket sale details in the next Newsletter.

Kath Davis, 368118

Village Tidy-Up Day Saturday 25 September

Please give us an hour or two of your time to collect litter, and to clear the rubbish that seems to accumulate in less visited corners of the village.



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Further details nearer the day!

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MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

White Barn Near Ringwood Visit Monday June 28th

Nearly an acre of tranquil flower beds for plant lovers, a garden full of unusual flowers in harmonious colours was the venue for our visit. More than 259 clematis and many roses to attract birds, butterflies & bees. Hollyhocks with shapes and structure help the garden along with the house and surrounding countryside. Surprises abounded as we moved from one 'room' to another.. To end a lovely visit John Hunt gave a vote of thanks on behalf of our party to our hosts Mr & Mrs Knight and there were cups of tea or elder flower cordial to complete a midsummer visit

Little Court, Crawley Monday July 5th

We had a very attractive visit to Little Court in the village of Crawley, again it was beautiful evening. The garden was looking really lovely despite the lack of rain. It was herbaceous and all the planting suitable for chalky sites. Mrs Elkington having given up battling to grow acid-lovers after many years of trying-. There was a lovely selection of plants for sale all of which she had grown, we all made the most of these and bought lots, The wander to the end of the garden was well worth it for the view and the tree house, especially with a refreshing glass of elderflower cordial in your hand. The 23 members attending had a very pleasant visit, and Mrs Elkington was a very enthusiastic host - **Julie Willis**

Evening Annual Show July 12th

A couple of days before St Swithin's Day an enthusiastic gathering of members attended their bi-annual evening Annual Show at the Jubilee Hall.

The judge, Chris Bird from Sparsholt College gave a most amusing and informative summary of the entries .He said that the entries formed a lovely display after



such a dry spell of weather. He thought that the perennial presentation and colour range was amazing. Other

classes were equally up to standard but he suggested that some more thought might have been shown in more appropriate vases or "vayzes" as he put it.

Prizes were awarded by Chris as follows - Gilly Oldmeadow won

the Lady Newton Cup for Best In Show Flowers with Ann Dowland 2nd and Peta Hunt Third. The Best in Show for Flowers picture went to Joyce Mancey whilst The Helie de Cailly Cup for Vegetables was won by John Hunt; Kath Davis coming second and Eve Earle third. The Best in Show Vegetables was awarded to Kath Davis for her White Potatoes.

Speaking of potatoes there were 34 entries for the "Potatoes in a Bag" competition where each entrant has a single seed potato to grow in a bag of their own chosen compost. As the sacks were emptied a fascinated group of members gathered round the skip and after the weighing process the winner with a haul of 1414 grams was Mary Lees for which she was awarded a bag of 'Kettle Crisps & potato scrubber' whilst Mike Koscian managed only 129 grams and was awarded the booby prize!

Kate Allen came second and Peter Pritchett-Brown third.



Jane Chambers concluded the event by thanking Chris Bird, all members who had helped with the show, in and particular to Wendy Thorpe as Show Organiser. She also thanked everyone who had entered the show, for coming and making it such an enjoyable and entertaining evening.

After the talk on the Restoration of Hinton Ampner earlier in our season a visit there has been arranged for Thursday 19th August and will be reported on in the next newsletter.

Our first talk of the Autumn on September 13th will be 'Building Chelsea Exhibits' by Sue Robinson, of Hillier Garden Centres, who have a remarkable record as winners of Gold Medals at Chelsea for their exhibits since 1945! There will be a competition for a 'Jug of Flowers'.

Peter Pritchett - Brown

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COUNCIL SEEKS TO IMPROVE DISTRICT'S BROADBAND COVERAGE

Many residents and businesses in the village are dissatisfied with broadband speeds – the issue was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and investigations are in progress to identify possible ways of improving access.

However, there are hopeful signs that help is at hand. Test Valley Borough Council and the eHampshire Partnership are carrying out surveys to identify areas with poor broadband access. Provided that there is sufficient demand for faster broadband, the Council will lobby service and infrastructure providers to provide it.

If you are a broadband user, please access the survey on <http://www.ehampshire.org/testvalley/c-349>

You can also email more general comments to David Gleave at dgleave@testvalley.gov.uk

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Planning

The Parish Council has reviewed a number of planning applications during the last two months. The Council considers all planning applications for developments in the parish and reports to Test Valley Borough Council or Hampshire County Council (on applications relating to minerals or waste) who determine the applications.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council raised no objections to the following planning applications:

10/00247/FULLS

Proposal: Replace existing fishing and storage huts with new timber frame fishing hut

Site: Ginger Beer Beat, Kimbridge Lane, Kimbridge, Romsey

10/01266/FULLS

Proposal: Proposed two-storey side extension and single storey feature glazed extension to entrance with associated internal alterations to existing property, with altered parking arrangements and landscaping

Site: The Retreat, Hill View Road, Michelmersh, Romsey (No formal objections were raised, however the Parish Council request that the boundary hedge between The Retreat and Myrtle Cottage remain to preserve screening.)

10/01611/FULLS

Proposal: New 3-bedroom detached house with integral double garage to replace existing detached bungalow and garage.

Site: Robertha, Hill View Road, Michelmersh

10/01681/FULLS

Proposal: Conservatory at rear

Site: 12 Casbrook Field, Upper Timsbury, Romsey

Planning Determinations

Decisions on previous planning applications are recorded in the Parish Council minutes or can be found on the Test Valley Borough or Hampshire County Council web sites.

Community Issues

BT Phone box Adoption

The Parish Council has applied to formally adopt the BT phone boxes situated at the top of New Road and outside the Old Police House on the A3057. Once the adoption is completed, the Parish Council will have the telephone boxes restored.

Recreation Ground Fencing

As part of the ongoing plan to maintain and tidy-up the village, the Parish Council is replacing the fencing on the

east side of the recreation ground. This work will take place in the near future.

Sports Club Licence Notice

The Sports Club has given Notice to the Parish Council to terminate its Licence to use the Recreation Ground and pavilion from as of 31st October 2010. However, it is anticipated arrangements will be made to ensure that the Cricket and Football Clubs will continue to have full use of the facilities, as before, and that their activities will not be affected in any way.

Village Tidy Up Day

The Village Tidy-Up Day has been confirmed for Saturday, 25th September. Test Valley Borough Council will provide refuse sacks, litter pickers, and green tabards for volunteers. Ace Liftaway will be providing a skip which will be situated in the Jubilee Hall car park. Ace Liftaway will also be providing a flat-bed truck to pick up any waste which is too large/heavy to transport manually to the skip. There will be various 'pick up' points around the village for these items which will be highlighted prior to the day. HCC Highways department and Romsey Constabulary will also be cooperate in this event.

Playground Project

The Parish Council is awaiting two further quotations from playground equipment suppliers. Once all the quotations have been submitted, a design will be selected and applications for funding can then be submitted. Anyone wishing to submit a letter outlining how a new playground would benefit our community would be much appreciated and would greatly influence our funding applications. Please send any correspondence to the Parish Clerk, 1 Redlands Drive, Upper Timsbury, SO51 0AG. Thank you.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 22nd September and 27th October.

Parishioners are reminded that Agendas for Parish Council Meetings, and Minutes of past meetings, can be found on the Village Web site at www.michelmershandtimsbury.org

Finally there seems to have been a problem with the email address on the Village Website. If you wish to contact me please use mtparishclerk@btinternet.com or phone 367289.

Katie Hardy, Parish Clerk

MICHELMERSH SILVER BAND

Before getting on with the news from your village band, can I start with something of an appeal? We are anxious to cut back and tidy up the laurel hedges around the new Band Hall – particularly on the Heron Lane side. We have had a rather hefty quote for the work which is not really a viable option for us financially. If any of you farmers out there have hedge trimming gear that you might be able to run along the hedge for us I would be very happy to chat to you about it – thanks. (01794 501167)

Junior Band Concert Debut

Now on to bigger news – it was an absolute joy early in July to be invited to attend the very first concert performed by our brand new Michelmersh Junior Band. Held on a Saturday morning in the Band Hall, Jan Boler led her very youngest players (complete novice to Grade 3 standard) through a delightful concert programme of full band and solo pieces to entertain the invited audience of friends and relatives. Some of the children are so tiny that their feet do not reach the floor when they are seated ready to play, others have only been learning to produce a performance to be proud of. It fell to me to say a few words at the end of the morning to thank Jan and her players. I pointed out to the audience that in addition to working with the Junior and Training Bands, Jan is also the Silver band's "highly respected and much-

envied" Principal Cornet player. Little did I realise that this was not to be the case for much longer, as I have to report that sadly Jan has tendered her resignation from the Silver Band.

Goodbye Jan

Having given her all in concert and contest alike for the last 11 years, Jan has made the incredibly difficult decision to move on from MSB to accept a place in the Woodfalls Band, wishing – in her own words – to "have a go at the Championship Section before I get too old". We at MSB have counted ourselves incredibly fortunate to have had a musician of Jan's calibre playing with us, and the band's growth and success in the past 11 years is in no small part, down to her leadership. Jan will continue to lead and conduct the Training and Junior Bands and to 'dep' for MSB whenever we need her. She takes with her nothing but our love, good will and very best wishes for success in the Championship Section.

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 11th September: Romsey Show

Thursday 11th November: Remembrance Concert, URC Romsey.

Tuesday 14th Dec (Subject to confirmation) Christmas Concert in the Plaza Theatre

Claire Topp Secretary, MSB

A HELPING HAND WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

Do you know of an elderly person who needs extra help and support? Perhaps this person is a relative, someone you care for, or simply a good friend you watch out for. Or perhaps you yourself need advice or information to help you make decisions about support you may need in later life.

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VIEWFINDERS OF ROMSEY CAMERA CLUB

The new club year opens as usual with the club's annual exhibition of members' work, held from 28th – 30th August in Stockbridge Town Hall. We hope that some of you managed to visit the exhibition and see our prints – it is always an enjoyable weekend, and this year, for the first time, it was held over 3 days.

Regular club meetings begin the following week with the stunning photographs of Ken Scott – well-known for capturing dramatic light in the mountains. He combines his interest in mountaineering with photography, and therefore he can find viewpoints not available to the normal photographer, and choose the time when the light is at its best!

The image reproduced for you here is "Morning Shadow" by Andrew Greenwood, which gained maximum marks in the primary class in one of our regular assessments last year, as the judge liked the close-cropped approach to this portrait. It was taken of Andrew's son, who had appeared for a late breakfast! Andrew has produced consistently good prints during the year, and has now been promoted to the advanced class.

The programme includes the usual mix of competitions, talks by photographers, practical and members' evenings, and the first two months' meetings are reproduced for you here. All our meetings are held in the Jubilee Hall on Tuesdays, starting at 7.30pm. Please come along to any evenings that interest you.

Programme Aug - Oct 2010

28-30 Aug: Annual Exhibition in Stockbridge Town Hall

7 Sep: "Besides and Beyond" – Ken Scott talks about his prints

14 Sep: Print of the Year Trophies – judged by Rosie Armes

21 Sep: "Night Photography" – a practical evening with Brian Tarling

28 Sep: Digital Image of the Year Trophies – judged by Sheila Brown

5 Oct: Pyramid competition, an evening run by members

12 Oct: Assessment of members' prints and digital images – by Bryan Powell

19 Oct: "World War II Photographs" – a talk with photographs from Andy Bennett

26 Oct: An evening of audio-visual sequences, shown by members

Margaret Kirby Publicity Officer



WANTED - COMMUNITY GARDEN HELPERS

May we call on you about 4 times a year

to join a garden force team to help maintain the garden?

Names and contact details please to Helen Palmer 367224 email helen@idnet.com

THANK YOU

We recently held a street sale in aid of cancer and hypo alert dogs Beth Jeans is having a dog trained to detect when she has a low blood sugar level. Beth is a local girl from Timsbury who will benefit greatly from having the dog as she often collapses from low blood sugars. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped and supported us. A special thank you to Michelmersh Brick and Tile Company and Michelmersh and Timsbury Care Group who each donated £100. We raised a grand total of £853 which the charity will benefit helping Beth and many others. If you wish to find out more about this charity then log on to <http://www.hypoalertdogs.co.uk>

Many thanks Jayne Jeans



CORINNE BENNETT MBE

It is with a great deal of sadness that I have to record the death of Corinne Bennett who was a parishioner and active member of our village community for nigh on 30 years.

She, together with her husband Keith, bought The Old Rectory when it had been empty and neglected for some years, then modernised and faithfully restored it so that it again became a fine example of a Victorian home. Later, as part of the village's millennium celebrations (1985 – 1985) she was instrumental in the design of the Millennium Window in the chancel of the village church. Then, 10 or 12 years ago along with Keith she was a driving force in getting villagers involved in the preparation of 'The Village Design Statement', which she then shepherded through the Planning System. She will be remembered by many as a loyal supporter of the MSB and an active member of the Horticultural Society and also The Friends of Michelmersh Church to whom, over the years, she gave many talks. When Keith opened his studio Corinne was always there supporting him with her lovely smile, and often a drink. Indeed one of the things I personally remember is an invitation to tea "or something a little stronger."

Many of you will know about Corinne's involvements locally, but not all will necessarily know that she was an architect of national importance. For example, for her work in the Rochester Diocese she gained an MBE – something that she never mentioned to me – and at the end of her career she worked for English Heritage in connection with national cathedrals, later becoming their representative to The Church of England Cathedral Fabric Commission. In between she restored Charleston Farm House (which had been a home for the Bloomsbury Group), the Brighton Pavilion and many other well known buildings, including Mottisfont Abbey. However, for a major part of her life she was the architect to Winchester Cathedral and it was fitting therefore that the Dean of Winchester Cathedral was at her funeral mass held in St Peter's Church, Winchester. The large congregation included many from Michelmersh who were there to remember her friendship and to support Keith and Corinne's brother, Father David Wilson who took the service for his sister.

Corinne left her subtle mark on Michelmersh and will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

John Chambers



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Johanna Koscian 368577
Mary Lees 368718
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Jubilee Lunch Club

Hello everyone. Our new season for the Lunch Club begins on 16 September. We look forward to welcoming new members and planning the autumn menus. Do come and join us if you're free on the third Thursday of the month from 13.15 – 15.00. Just give me a ring a few days before so we can calculate the catering – 367134. Bon Appetit! Clarissa.



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Michelmersh & Timsbury Diary

September/October 2010

The Village Website carries updated information: www.michelmershandtimsbury.org

September				
Mon	13th	7:30pm	Hort Soc - Building Chelsea Exhibits	Jubilee Hall
Tues	14th	11 - 12	Mobile Police Office	Jubilee hall CP
Thurs	16th	1:15pm	Lunch Club	Jubilee Hall
Sat	18th	10:00am	5km Fun Run	Jubilee Hall
Wed	22nd	7:30pm	Parish Council	Jubilee Hall
Sat	25th		Village Clean Up Day (Details to follow by flyer)	

October				
Sat	2nd	6:45pm	Friends - Harvest Supper	The Barns
Mon	11th	7:30pm	Hort Soc - Wildlife & Environmentally gardening	Jubilee Hall
Tues	12th	11 - 12	Mobile Police Office	Jubilee hall CP
Thurs	21st	1:15pm	Lunch Club	Jubilee Hall
Thurs	21st	7:30pm	Friends - British butterflies	The Barns
Sat	23rd	9:30 - 12:30	Church/churchyard Autumn clean	St Marys
Wed	27th	7:30pm	Parish Council	Jubilee Hall

Nov		Dec	
Mon 8th	Hort Soc	Mon 13th	Hort Soc
Weds 24th	Parish Council		
Thurs 25th	Friends	Fri 24th	Carols in the Barns

Main Hampshire school holidays:

Half term 25 Oct ~ 29 Oct, Christmas 20 Dec ~ 3 Jan

Details of Church Services see Page 7

also in the United Benefice magazine 'Five Alive' available from all churches
and the Village Website: www.michelmershandtimsbury.org

Please submit entries for the Nov/December 2010 Issue **before Friday 8th October**

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If any reader has knowledge of stories, anecdotes or the history of our village,

the Editor of this newsletter would most appreciate hearing of them for possible future articles.

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