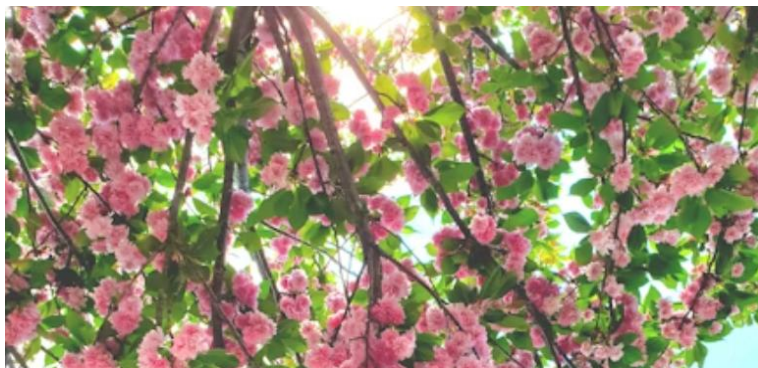


MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY

News Sheet April 2026



Along with the other concerns and uncertainties facing us, both locally and globally, we now have to look forward to a major reorganisation of local government ('LGR'), which will see Test Valley Borough Council being abolished and our being part of a much larger unitary authority to be named 'Mid-Hampshire'. More details and a link on page 3 below.

But at least spring is here and we can look forward to our gardens and our countryside bursting into new life to raise our spirits.

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(Ask for the Force Enquiry Centre)

URGENT calls ONLY use 999

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CALENDAR - MICHELMERSH AND TIMSBURY – APRIL 2026

Please support your village events. If you wish to include your event here email the details to Kath at kd@michelmershandtimsbury.org

Mon	5:45pm Beavers meet	Jubilee Hall
Thur	4:30pm Squirrels; 5:30pm Cubs; 7:30pm Scouts 3rd Romsey (Braishfield) Scouts	Jubilee Hall

Thurs	10am M&T Walkers – about 5 miles;	Details from Kath, email above
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Fri 10	3:30pm Messy Church - Easter Excitement Contact Rev Jane Thompson : jane.thompson@me.com : 01794 502035	Braishfield Church Rooms
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Mon 13	7:30pm M&T Horticultural Society "Let's talk about Shrubs" Gillian Taylor New members welcome - £8pa : Visitors £2 per meeting	Jubilee Hall
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Tues 14	and second Tuesday each month 10:30am Coffee, Croissants and Chat Donations welcome Speaker topic "Animal Magic"	St Andrew's Church
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Sat 18	11am – 3pm OPEN DAY Entry £5 (cash) - supporting M&T Shop Project Lots to see – Robotic milking; cows & calves; lambs & ewes; nanny goat and her 2 kids. Refreshments.	Michelmersh Manor Farm
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Wed 22	7:00pm Parish Council Meeting	Jubilee Hall
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Thur 30	1:00pm Lunch Club Everyone welcome to come along for a hearty two course lunch and friendly natter. £5pp. Contact: sarahmedley5@gmail.com : 07817 043422	Jubilee Hall
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CHURCH SERVICES for APRIL

Tues 31 st Mar	10:00am	Timsbury	Holy Communion
Wed 1 st Apr	10:00am	Michelmersh	Holy Communion
EASTER SUNDAY			
Sun Apr 5 th	11:00am	Timsbury	Family Service
	6:00pm	Michelmersh	Easter Praise with Holy Communion
Sun 12 th	11:00am	Timsbury	Family Service
	6:00pm	Michelmersh	Evening Prayer
Sun 19 th	11:00am	Timsbury	Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Michelmersh	Evening Prayer + APCM
Tues 26 th	8:00am	Michelmersh	Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Timsbury	Evening Prayer + APCM

Five Alive Magazine is available in the Churches

*The Parish Council website will move to a new address from 20 April. You will be redirected to the new website from the existing site, which will remain active whilst content is being transferred and updated.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Regular Parish Council meetings are normally held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.00 pm, at the Jubilee Hall or The Barns. Sometimes additional meetings are called. Notices of meetings are posted on notice boards and circulated via email, the website and Facebook. Residents are very welcome to attend and to raise questions or to comment on any village matter. And at any time please contact the Clerk if you wish to raise any issues or problems.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Decisions on planning applications relating to land in the village are made by the Borough or County Councils. The Parish Council is consulted on these applications and consultation responses are agreed at Council meetings.

These **Planning Applications** and other consultation documents discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 25 March:

TVBC Reference 25/00958/FULLS: Winterslow Carriage Company, Stockbridge Road - Redevelopment of site to provide two houses (amended plans)

Decision: Objection

The amended proposals show minimal change from the original scheme: the consultation response will repeat the previous grounds for objection.

Renewal of Street Trading Licence : 'Firehut' - Lay-by on the southbound carriageway, A3057 Stockbridge Road

Decision: No objection

HCC Reference 25/03057/CMAS : Waltet Materials, Bunny Lane - Amended and additional information on Application under Section 73A to vary Conditions 9 (Plant visibility) and 11 (Stockpile heights)

Decision: Objection

The submitted document provided no relevant additional information. The Council continued to object to the increase in stockpile heights on the same grounds as previously agreed and submitted to HCC. It was agreed that comments should be made on apparent inconsistencies and unsupported statements in the document .

TVBC: 26/00517/FULLS: Land west of Casbrook Barn, Rudd Lane - : Retention of tourist accommodation, package treatment plant and associated works including store and amenity provision. (retrospective application)

Decision: Objection

This application is essentially the same as previous (withdrawn) application 25/01965/FULLS to which the Council objected. It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the site is outside the settlement boundary, the building and associated structures are inappropriate in this rural location, there are potential issues of light-spill, and no additional landscaping is proposed.

OTHER PLANNING NEWS

Site north of Stockbridge Road (opposite 'The Malthouse')

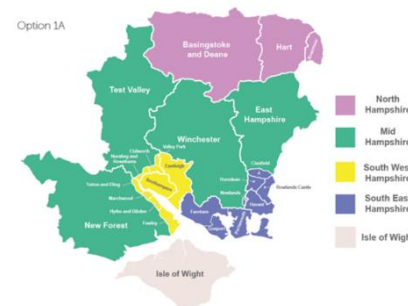
Planning consultants 'Landmaker' have informed the Parish Council that they would shortly be submitting a planning application for housing on this site. The scheme presented at the public exhibition in February can be viewed at tmsbury.landmaker.co.uk – the layout may be slightly amended for the planning application. The Council's consultation response to the application will, as is standard practice, be agreed at a Parish Council meeting open to all, but it is anticipated that before this a public meeting will be held to give an opportunity for lengthy discussion with residents about the scheme.

'Choice Plants' and Manor Lane sites

Outline planning applications for these sites, which show illustrative layouts for 44 and 41 dwellings respectively, are still awaiting determination by TVBC. It is understood that there are outstanding matters to be resolved, including issues relating to ecology and surface water drainage. The Parish Council has registered objections to both developments and is regularly checking the TVBC planning website to monitor progress.

OTHER NEWS

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)



Subject to any rethinks, legal challenges or U-turns, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will soon be divided into five unitary authorities. Each authority will be responsible for providing all services within their area: at the moment, our services are provided by either Hampshire County Council or Test Valley Borough Council. The newly-announced plan is that the parish and most of Test Valley will be part

of 'Mid-Hampshire' – the green section on the map, which extends from the western extremity of the New Forest to the county boundary with West Sussex - a large predominantly rural area. Further details of the reorganisation (and a larger map!) can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/lgr. The reorganisation is intended to result in efficiencies, lower costs and improved services through shared resources and economies of scale. One concern is that decisions affecting our village may be made at a more remote location, by people who are not familiar with or sympathetic to our surroundings and needs. However, this concern has been widely expressed in the lead-up to the announcement and assurances have been given that local representation and influence will not be downgraded. Time will tell.

Nothing changes for the moment – the new authorities are expected to be fully active from April 2028.