

# Houghton News

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## Parish Magazine - December 2020



Welcome to the Christmas edition of Houghton News. This is the last magazine of the year, the final issue with us as editors and, sadly, the final issue for the foreseeable future as there are no new editors to pass it on to. Over the last three years we have been grateful to everyone who has subscribed to the magazine, contributed articles and paid to include advertisements. We would like to thank everybody for your wonderful support and feedback.

Maybe the time is right for a different approach. The village email group is a great way of quickly sharing local information and Simon will continue to maintain the village website at [www.houghton-hampshire.uk](http://www.houghton-hampshire.uk) as long as people continue to use it - some of the information which appeared in this magazine, such as dates of church services, and key information on village groups, will appear there, so please bookmark the link.

Finally all that remains is for us to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a better year in 2021.  
See you in the village!

With very best wishes,

***Kate and Simon Selwood, Editors***



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## Houghton News

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*Kate and Simon Selwood, Editors*



# Church News



Dear friends,

## **Waiting, Hope, Joy ...**

For the church, December means Advent, a time of waiting and preparation. Waiting is something that we are all now very familiar with. Waiting to be able to see the ones we love; waiting for restrictions on our lives to be lifted; waiting for a miracle (or at least a vaccine); waiting for everything to get back to “normal”.

Back in the spring, life seemed to have been put on pause. Although we all recognised the cost, there was perhaps a sense of the world taking the opportunity to pause for a moment, and maybe that was not such a bad thing. However now we are no longer willing or able to accept that our lives will be paused for ever. We are still waiting. It has worn a bit thin now.

Yet each year the church goes through his period of waiting and expectation. We all know where it will lead – the eventual celebration of the birth of Christ, the mystery of God in our midst – Emmanuel, and yet we go through the spiritual exercise of waiting in anticipation because it helps us to reflect on the state of our lives, and our need for God in the form of the infant Messiah.

So, this December, not only is the four week period of waiting a helpful time of spiritual growth, it is also an opportunity for us to reflect on the good that this enforced wait can have on our lives if we are willing to engage with it and commit some time to self-examination.

At the time of writing we are still in a national lockdown, and it is unclear if that will be lifted on 2 December as promised. We are however planning a full programme of church services throughout December, assuming that we are permitted to worship in church. If we are not there will continue to be services online instead. The services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will probably require booking because of the limited numbers that we can safely welcome in the churches – please contact your local churchwardens for more information, and accept my deepfelt apologies if you are not able to attend church as you had hoped. You are, of course, welcome all year round.

Christmas is a time when our patient waiting reaches its conclusion, and is rewarded with hope and joy. However, as we all know, that hope and joy is born into a situation of uncertain vulnerability, of marginalised forgottenness and isolated rejection. This year we are all travelling a weary, lonely journey towards Bethlehem. It is a time to reflect on the situation into which God chose to reach out to us and share with us, living amongst the challenges of our lives, so that we might have the hope and joy of sharing with Him the glory of heaven.

***Revd Philip Bowden***  
***Rector***

***Details of services in the coming weeks across the benefice are shown on the next page.***

# Benefice Church Services: December 2020

*All services are subject to change due to Covid-19 restrictions.  
Attendance at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services is likely to be  
by advance booking only - more information on this to follow.*

## **Sunday 6 December - Advent 2**

8.00 am - **Leckford** - Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am - **Broughton** - Parish Communion  
9.30 am - **Longstock** - All Age Worship  
11.00 am - **Stockbridge** - Parish Communion  
6.00 pm - **Mottisfont** - Evensong

## **Wednesday 9 December**

10.00 am - **Stockbridge** - Holy Communion

## **Sunday 13 December - Advent 3**

8.00 am - **Stockbridge (Old St Peter)** - Holy Communion  
9.30 am - **Longstock** - Parish Communion  
11.00 am - **Broughton** - Parish Communion  
11.00 am - **Mottisfont** - Morning Worship  
11.00 am - **Stockbridge** - All Age Service  
6.00 pm - **HOUGHTON** - Evensong

## **Sunday 20 December - Advent 4**

9.30 am - **Broughton** - The Bible Uncovered  
9.30 am - **Bossington** - Parish Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am - **Longstock** - Crib Service  
11.00 am - **Stockbridge** - Parish Communion  
6.00 pm - **Leckford** - Evensong

## **Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve**

11.30 pm - **Broughton** - Midnight Communion  
11.30 pm - **Stockbridge** - Midnight Communion

## **Friday 25 December - Christmas Day**

9.00 am - **Leckford** - Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am - **Bossington** - Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am - **Longstock** - All Age Christmas Communion  
10.00 am - **Mottisfont** - Family Communion  
10.00 am - **Broughton** - Family Communion  
11.00 am - **HOUGHTON** - Parish Communion

## **Sunday 27 December - Christmas 1**

8.00 am - **Broughton** - Holy Communion  
9.30 am - **HOUGHTON** - PARISH COMMUNION  
9.30 am - **Broughton** - Family Service  
11.00 am - **Mottisfont** - Family Communion  
11.00 am - **Stockbridge** - Morning Worship  
6.00 pm - **Bossington** - Meditation

**BCP = Book of Common Prayer**



We are very grateful to our team of cleaners led by Sheryl Williams who are keeping our church at a high standard of cleanliness ready for each service.

We continue with the required wearing of masks, social distancing and provision of hand sanitizer.

Everyone is most welcome to join us for our services.





# Church open on Wednesdays

## The Friends of All Saints Houghton

We are very pleased to announce that All Saints' will be open for private prayer every Wednesday between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The Friends have organised a rota of volunteers who will open and close the church each week.

If you come, please wear a face mask and follow all the Covid safety information which will be clearly displayed in the church porch.

We are grateful to the Rector, the PCC and the Friends for facilitating this.



## Food Bank donations

Many thanks to everyone for your generous contributions for Andover Food Bank.

The picture below shows the last two bags being taken in. My car boot was full with your kind gifts.



*Marilyn James*

# 2020 - some positives



It would be fair to say that 2020 has not been the year that anybody expected and has been incredibly difficult for so many people. Despite everything, some good things have happened this year and it is important that, at a time where so much focus seems to be on negativity, we look at some of the positive things that have happened. This is in no way meant to understate the harsh reality of what has happened this year; it is simply meant to focus on some of the good that has happened around the world instead.

- With people staying inside for months and travelling far less than usual, pollution levels around the world dropped and in May, air pollution levels were at 50% of their normal level at that time in the year. In Venice, locals reported that the canals were the cleanest they have been in years and in India, pollution caused by traffic decreased significantly and was almost halved in some parts of the country.
- After the devastating fires across Australia in early 2020, it has finally been deemed safe enough to release rescued koalas back into the wild so that they can be back in their natural habitats.
- NHS staff and other key workers were given some long-deserved appreciation and many people were forced to realise how difficult home-schooling is, resulting in teachers finally being treated as the heroes that they are.
- The murder of George Floyd in the USA caused the world to realise that racial inequalities are still prominent in the modern world and millions of people came together to show their support for black lives and fight for equality.
- Captain Sir Tom Moore, a 99-year-old British war veteran who started with a goal of raising £1000 for charity by walking laps of his garden, went on to raise over £32 million and act as a beacon of hope for the country.
- The Manchester United and England footballer Marcus Rashford worked incredibly hard throughout the year in an attempt to end child poverty in the UK. Not only did he inspire the extension of free school meals to children by the government during the holidays, but because of his campaign, the government will be providing almost £400 million over the next 12 months to support poor families and ensure they can cover the cost of food and bills.
- Communities around the country pulled together to help each other during lockdown - more than 500,000 people in the UK volunteered to deliver food and medicine to the vulnerable.

These are just some of the great things that have happened in 2020 and people in the UK and around the world have achieved some incredible things. Nobody knows what the future will bring, but this list is proof that even in the darkest of times, there will always be a reason for hope.

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# Village Hall



## COFFEE MORNING

Sadly, due to the new Covid-19 tier system, the next village coffee morning, planned for Saturday 12 December, will no longer be going ahead. Keep an eye on the village email for news on future events.



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We have sadly decided that due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, the Christmas Fayre will be postponed until Easter 2021. I am sure we will all still enjoy and benefit from this village event when things are more settled.

For those who offered to help, or asked for a stall, thank you - I will keep all of your info and come back to you nearer the time.

*Nicky Crosswaite*

### Village Hall Draw Winners October 2020

<b>1st prize</b>	<b>£30 (ticket 67)</b>	<b>L Gregory</b>
<b>2nd prize</b>	<b>£20 (ticket 94)</b>	<b>S Busk</b>
<b>3rd prize</b>	<b>£10 (ticket 104)</b>	<b>M Chase</b>
<b>4th prize</b>	<b>£5 (ticket 4)</b>	<b>N Dougall</b>

### Village Hall Draw Winners November 2020

**Draw to be held on Friday 4 December**

**Winners will be announced  
on the village email**

**See more information on the next page about how to buy your  
Village Hall Draw tickets for 2021 ...**

# Village Hall Draw 2021

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

### Important information for joining this year

We are changing the way we are collecting money for the Village Hall Monthly Draw for this Season, due to the current situation. For this we need your help to make it work. **We are not going door to door collecting this year.** However prices remain at £12.00 per ticket for the year.

#### *Firstly ....*

#### A little History of The Draw from the man who knows – Nick Harding

Houghton Village Hall Draw was set up some 30 odd years ago to raise money for work that was going on at that time which involved the heating, the roof and various other improvements. Once the work had been completed it was decided, that as the draw had been so successful, we should continue with it in order to raise money for ongoing improvements and so the Friends of Houghton Village Hall was formed in order that the money raised should be ring-fenced for improvements and not used to fund any operating deficit. This situation has not changed.

For the benefit of newcomers to the village, the way it works (under normal circumstances) is thus. In January each year, representatives of the Friends called door to door selling tickets for the draw. The tickets cost **£12** which is £1 per month. Of the total raised, half gets paid out in prizes and half goes to the Friends. In recent years this has enabled us to pay out prizes of **£30, £20, £10 and £5** each month. The draw takes place at The Boot on the last Friday of each month (when possible) and all are welcome. During lockdown we were able to do the draw by Zoom which seemed quite successful.

Over the years people have been enormously supportive of the draw and we do hope you will feel able to continue/start supporting it next year in spite of the changes necessary to adapt to the Covid situation.

### **NEW JOINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DRAW 2021**

#### **Kindly read until the end – much has changed**

**We are asking that you pay £12 online into our bank account. You can buy as many tickets as you wish. Details as follows:**

Account Name: **Friends of Houghton Village Hall**

Sort Code: **30-90-21**

Account Number: **00940897**

Then please confirm you have paid to me by email at the following address:

[villagehalldraw@gmail.com](mailto:villagehalldraw@gmail.com)

I will then send you your draw number for the year by return email. This will enable me to send you notification if you are a winner!!!!

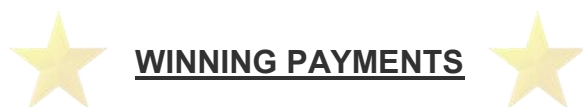
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# Village Hall Draw 2021, continued

You are more than welcome to set up a **Standing Order** if you wish. Please set the date for 4th January. Just again confirm your details by email at [villagehalldraw@gmail.com](mailto:villagehalldraw@gmail.com). I will then issue your draw number and send you email confirmation when the payment is received in January.

For those of you **without internet banking** we have set up to take **debit or credit card payments** if you have an email address. How it works is as follows .... You contact us by email at [villagehalldraw@gmail.com](mailto:villagehalldraw@gmail.com). We will then send out a one off link from our card reader. You then fill in your name, card details and post code on the screen along with the amount you wish to pay. The amount will then be paid directly into our bank account. **WE DO NOT SEE YOUR DETAILS.** We are then notified of the payment. I will then issue your number or numbers by email.



We will notify you of your winnings in the first instance on the Houghton village email. All payments will be made online. As some of you already know, all you have to do is:

**Supply your bank details exactly as they appear on your account:  
Name, Sort Code and Account Number**

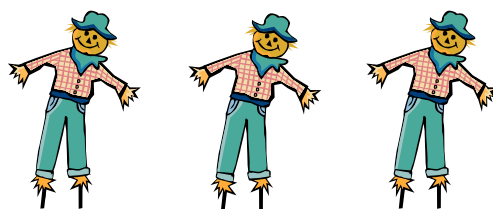
We will then pay your winnings directly into your bank account.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me at [villagehalldraw@gmail.com](mailto:villagehalldraw@gmail.com)

You will be hearing more from us over the coming weeks with updates on ticket sales!!

**Graham Inskip**  
**on behalf of the Village Hall Committee**

## Houghton Allotments available for rent



The allotments are situated in the middle of Houghton village with a view east towards the River Test.

All 10 plots, under the auspices of Houghton Parish Council, are on land owned by the Busk Estate. In addition to being responsible for maintaining their own plot, allotment holders are collectively responsible for maintaining the paths between the plots and the surrounding hedges and fencing.

***The annual fee for a whole plot is GBP 25.00 (pro rata for half a plot!)***

We are a sociable group and meet from time to time at The Boot Inn.

**If you are interested in either a whole or half a plot or for more information, contact:**

**Philip Page** – Chairman – 01794 388512 [pjpagehoughton@gmail.com](mailto:pjpagehoughton@gmail.com)

HAHA – Houghton Allotment Holders' Association

# Neighbourhood Watch

## Immobilise

Following the recent crimes in the village, this is a good time to remind you of the free Immobilise Property Register, a good place to record details of your high value items: [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

It is worth making a note of serial numbers, with a photograph, so property can be identified if it is recovered. Even if you have replaced the stolen tools or bicycles, tracing the owner enables police to link property to a particular incident and increases the chance of an offender being charged.

Do take time to review your security. There are many deterrents on the market – shed alarms, anti bolt cutter padlocks, tool markers, wheel clamps, security chains and lights, CCTV etc. Do make it as difficult as possible for someone to steal your property.

We ask you to be vigilant and to report any activity that you feel is suspicious. It is up to us to help the police by reporting incidents – not bothering just give thieves more opportunity to steal our property. Put the details on the village group email and report it on 101 or online at [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) Dial 999 if a crime is in process.

## Does your business have CCTV cameras?

If so register your cameras with the NICE investigate system to help fight crime.

Registration is simple and streamlines information exchange to help with sending the evidence needed to catch criminals faster, creating a safer community for your business and members of the public.

Your participation in this free service will always remain 100% voluntary, your information will be kept safe and secure and only police forces will be able to see your camera locations.

Register and help today in three easy steps:

- Email [NICEDEMSSUPPORT@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NICEDEMSSUPPORT@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) to inform the team that you would like to register your cameras.
- Wait for an email request. You will only be contacted by a member of Hampshire Constabulary through the N.I.C.E Investigate system with a link to register.
- Click on the link in the email request to securely register and upload the requested video(s).



# Neighbourhood Watch, continued

## Scam alert

Fraudsters will often send messages or phone victims saying they must take urgent action. This is a big red flag. Your bank and the police will never do this. Always be suspicious and seek advice via official websites.

## Cybercrime

With a staggering 1 in 5 people reporting to be a victim of cybercrime it is no surprise that over a third (34%) of people say they are more concerned about cybercrime than physical crime. A recent newspaper report stated that people have been conned out of £1.4 billion since the start of the first lock down as fraudsters cash in and banks increasingly refuse to pay out refunds. With current Covid-19 restrictions an increasing number of people are more reliant than ever before on using online devices in our daily lives. It has never been more important to look after our security online as much as offline. ***See more password tips on the next page.***

There are three easy steps to better online protection:

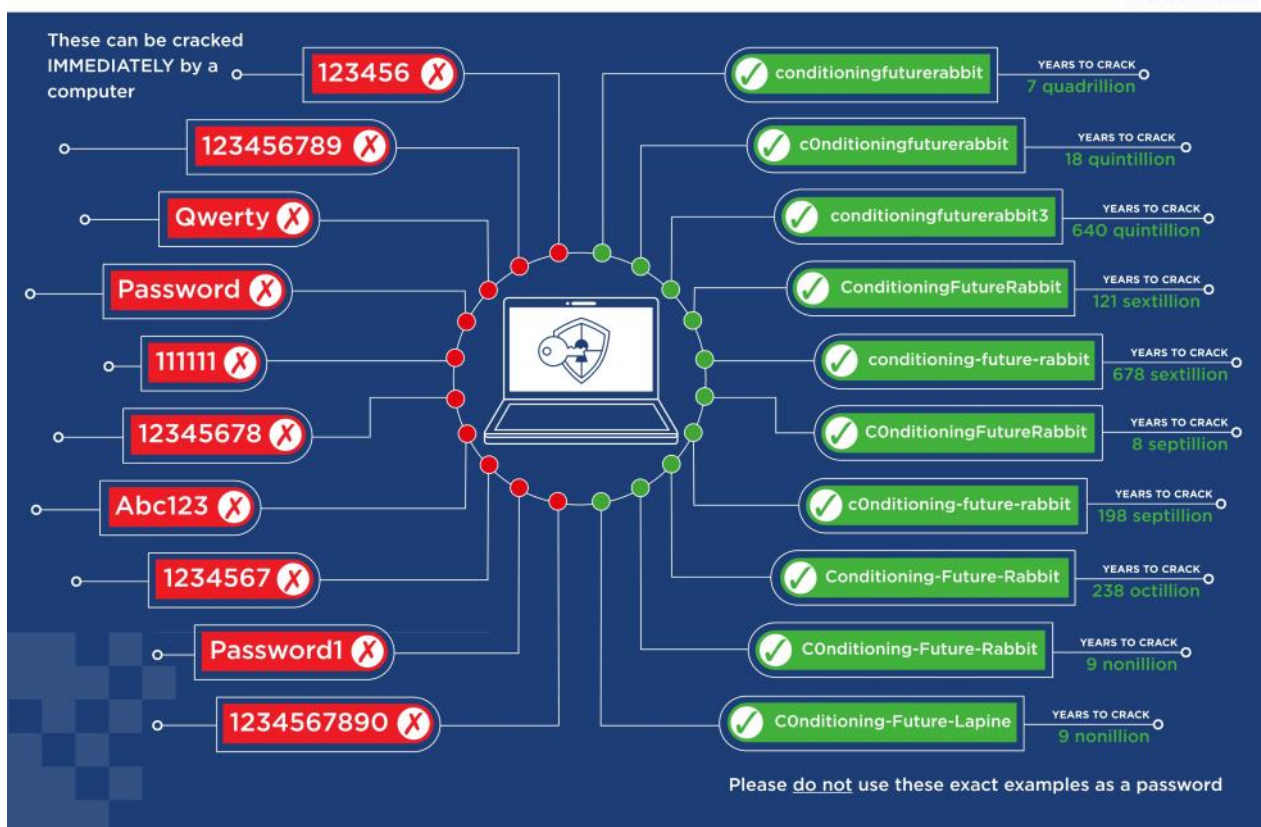
- 1. Create a separate password for your email account.** Your personal email account contains lots of important information about you and is the gateway to all your other online accounts, including banking, social media and online shopping.
- 2. Use 3 random words.** Weak passwords can be hacked in seconds. Three random words is recommended for generating passwords, as it is easier to remember and takes longer for a computer algorithm to crack. The Police Digital Security Centre recommend looking around the room and picking three things you see, for Example: table, computer, map would become tablecomputermap – DO NOT use words that are associated with you, for example animal names or surnames, as these are easy to identify if you are someone who uses social media.
- 3. Turn on two-factor authentication (2FA).** Two-factor authentication (2FA) is a free security feature that gives you an extra layer of protection online and stops cyber criminals getting into your accounts, even if they have your password. 2FA reduces the risk of being hacked by asking you to provide a second factor of information, such as getting a text or code when you log in, to check you are who you say you are. Check if the online services and apps you use offer 2FA – it's also called two-step verification or multi-factor authentication. If they do, turn it on. Start with the accounts you care most about, such as your email and social media. Your bank automatically carries out an extra security check if you use online banking, so you don't need to turn this on yourself.

## Licensed firearm security

Recently there were three reports of thefts of shotguns in Hampshire, along with ammunition. Two of these guns had not been properly secured. It is really important that guns should not be left out of their cabinets for any period of time. Certificate holders have a duty of care to ensure that it is made as difficult as possible for guns to fall into the wrong hands.

Certificate holders will be aware that they have a lawful duty to maintain security of their guns at all times, and they should know that, in addition to being dealt with for any criminal offences arising from a breach of security, certificates will invariably be revoked.

***Sara Walker***



## Houghton & Bossington Support Group



Local volunteers have offered to help!

- ★ **PLEASE ADVISE US OF ANY VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
- ★ **If you need to self isolate, friends & neighbours are here to help with:**

**Shopping**  
**Prescriptions Ordering/Collection**  
**Transportation/Errands**  
**a Friendly Phone Call**  
**Dog Walking/Animal Care**  
**etc.**



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Terry Heffernan 07834 483384

Dennis Stephens 07817 380831

Michael Woodhall 01264 810500

Alan Young 01794 388612

**Please let us know if you would like to be added to our volunteer list**

To receive Village e-Mail updates, subscribe to [rosiecardoe@aol.com](mailto:rosiecardoe@aol.com)



[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

NHS Direct – Call 111





# National Garden Scheme

Great news - let's face it, we could all currently do with a bit of cheer.

Despite all the trials and tribulations of 2020 the National Garden Scheme was able to donate close to **£3 million** to our Nursing, Caring & Health charities (£2,884,710.00) at the end of 2020.

The main beneficiaries are:

Macmillan Cancer Support: £425,000.00

Marie Curie: £425,000.00

Hospice UK: £425,000.00

Carers Trust: £340,000.00

The Queen's Nursing Institute: £370,000.00

Parkinson's UK: £157,500.00

Guest charity - Mind: £80,000.00

The lion's share (£2,587,000) goes to the nursing and health charities, without which the NHS would have struggled during the coronavirus crisis. To see all the details of the donations [click here](#).

To achieve these results we had to cut cost to a bare minimum and come up with innovative ideas. The first of these was the very successful campaign to view online 'Virtual Gardens'. At the same time we launched our 'Help Support Our Nurses' campaign, urging people who watched the videos to make a donation. Our target was £100,000 but staggeringly this campaign raised over £250,000.

Then at the beginning of June we were able to start tentatively re-opening gardens. So, keeping strictly within the government guidelines, we opened for limited numbers with timed visiting slots, to ensure social distancing - and all tickets had to be pre-booked online. Amazingly by the end of October when the last visitors had left, the open gardens had raised a total of £450,000.

Our wonderful garden openers did not disappoint in other ways. There were many initiatives to raise funds - the main one being plant sales, often from driveways with 'honesty buckets'. This raised £117,000.



These results are based on national figures, but in Hampshire our garden owners did not disappoint raising £50,000. A very enterprising couple from the New Forest went one further and with the help of a few pallets and some silver birch created these fantastic bug houses, which were also for sale.

We look forward to a very different 2021 and hope to be able to welcome many more visitors to our gardens.

Keep safe and best wishes.

*Pat Beagley*  
*National Garden Scheme, Hampshire*





# Stockbridge Community Cinema

## at the Town Hall, Stockbridge, SO20 6HE

**Information correct at time of going to press - subject to review if circumstances change.**  
**There are some differences in our revised ticket price, booking method and facilities - see box below.**

**Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 4.30 pm and 7.30 pm**

### **Military Wives** (Cert 12A)

A feel-good film, inspired by true events, *Military Wives* follows a group of women in England whose partners are away serving in Afghanistan. Faced with the men's absences, they form a choir and quickly find themselves at the centre of a media sensation and global movement.



**Friday 15 January 2021**  
**at 4.30 pm and 7.30 pm**

### **Cinema Paradiso** (Cert 15)

Giuseppe Tornatore's loving homage to the cinema tells the story of Salvatore, a successful film director, returning home for the funeral of Alfredo, his old friend who was the projectionist at the local cinema throughout his childhood. Soon memories of his first love affair with the beautiful Elena and all the high and lows that shaped his life come flooding back, as Salvatore reconnects with the community he left 30 years earlier.  
*(In Italian with English subtitles)*

**Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 4.30 pm and 7.30 pm**

### **A Personal History of David Copperfield** (Cert PG)

Armando Iannucci co-writes and directs this comedy drama starring Dev Patel. Based on Charles Dickens' novel, the film follows the life of David Copperfield from childhood to maturity, with his own adventures and the web of friends and enemies he meets in Victorian England. *(Postponed from November 2020)*



**Socially distanced seating, no bar, and wearing of masks is required by law**

**Visit our website for full details: [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk)**

**Tickets £6.25** plus 75p booking fee from [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk)  
or by telephone via TicketSource on 0333 666 3366 (£1.75 charge per booking in addition to ticket price)

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<b>Eighth A4</b>	<b>£20</b>	<b>£2</b>



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## Whatever you want to store...

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# Test Valley Rural Policing Team



## How to report crimes or any information to your local policing team

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### Reporting crime and intelligence:

You are able to report crime/intelligence to us by phoning 101. **Please ALWAYS phone 999 if an incident is in progress.** You can also now report online at: [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) using the 'Report' button. If you would like to report intelligence anonymously, you can through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online.

### Crime statistics:

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Day	Time	Frequency	Activity	Contact
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	7.30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month	<b>Women's Institute Meeting</b>	Sue Marshall 01794 388538 <a href="mailto:susanmarshall42@icloud.com">susanmarshall42@icloud.com</a> <b>or</b> Jane Anderton 01264 810928 <a href="mailto:jane.anderton@btinternet.com">jane.anderton@btinternet.com</a>
Tues	7.30 pm	Generally 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Jan, Mar, May (AGM), Jul, Sept, Nov. Annual assembly: Apr	<b>Houghton Parish Council meeting</b>  <u>Open to the public</u>	Clare Cotterell, Clerk to the Council <a href="mailto:houghtonparishcouncil@gmail.com">houghtonparishcouncil@gmail.com</a>
Wed	9.00 - 11.30 am	Weekly during term time	<b>Pilates</b> Please contact Trisha to book a place	Trisha Parsons 01794 388489 <a href="mailto:trishaparsonspilates@gmail.com">trishaparsonspilates@gmail.com</a>
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Thurs				
Fri				
Sat	10.30 - Noon	Usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, <i>except July, August and December</i>	<b>Village Coffee Morning</b>	Bev Barker 01794 389131 <a href="mailto:houghtonvillagehall@gmail.com">houghtonvillagehall@gmail.com</a>
Sun				

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### Houghton Village Hall Committee

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**Other Committee members:**

Maureen Gilpin, Jenny Hebburn, Matthew Hull, John Hurley, Beryl Jones.

## Houghton Village Groups and Activities

If you would like to add/amend information to this list, please contact the Editors at  
[houghtonnews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:houghtonnews@yahoo.co.uk)

If you are a neighbour of a newcomer it maybe worthwhile lending this magazine to highlight some of the things available in our village.

**All Saints Church, Houghton:** Monthly services in the Benefice and other church news is published in Houghton News. See Village Directory for contacts for further information.

**Houghton Allotment Holders Association:** there are 10 allotments in the village with some available for hire. Please contact Philip Page (Chairman) for more information - [pjpagehoughton@gmail.com](mailto:pjpagehoughton@gmail.com) or 01794 388512

**Houghton News:** our monthly parish magazine provides information on village events, church services and other local area news plus a wide range of local advertisers. It costs £10.00 for the ten editions a year (£1.00 each). If you are new to the village (or know someone who is) and would like to have the magazine delivered to your door, please let Sandra Harper know: she's Distribution Manager! Profits go to All Saints Church PCC.

**Houghton Parish Council:** public meetings are held every other month, usually on the first Tuesday of alternate months, in the Village Hall. Councillors are listed in the Village Directory; informal notes of meetings and future meeting dates are usually included in this magazine. Formal Minutes are circulated via the Village e-mail group and posted on the village noticeboard outside the Village Hall.

**Neighbour Care:** Houghton is part of the Stockbridge Good Neighbours scheme, offering free transport to doctor/hospital or other important appointments to those unable to drive.

**Oil Syndicate:** members of this village syndicate, run by Benjie Goss, use their bulk purchasing power to get the lowest price per litre (see page 29).

**Postal Deliveries:** Steve is our regular Postie and his 'relief' is Nick. There are four post boxes in the village: almost opposite Bossington Estate offices, by the Village Hall, outside Houghton Lodge and on the road into Stockbridge, just beyond Dairy Barn.

**Village Coffee Mornings:** run by the Village Hall Committee usually on the third Saturday of the month from 10.30 to 12 noon, in the Village Hall. A relaxed and friendly way to meet up and catch up over a coffee and cake or bacon buttie! Details sent out via village email group and in Houghton News each month.

**Village Directory:** a list of useful names, phone numbers, email, for organisations relevant to Houghton; published each month on the last but one page of Houghton News.

### **Village e-mail group:**

There are over 150 subscribers so far to this e-group which helps us all keep up-to-date with what's on in the village – apart from reading Houghton News, of course!

You can hear about things going on in the village more frequently than once a month!

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*If you don't have email, you could ask a friend in the village who does to tell you about messages sent.*

**Village Hall:** Lots of village events happen here! For information about current regular events and who to contact if you'd like to hire the Hall, see page 30. The Village Hall Committee is responsible for the management and day-to-day running of the Hall.

**WI:** meets monthly in the Village Hall; see contacts in Village Directory for more information.



# Village Directory

*Please let the editors know about any updates to this directory. Thank you!*

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