

Woodgreen 2016

A calendar celebrating our beautiful scenery and some of the many hard-working and talented people who make living here so special



The collage features four photographs of 'The Horse & Groom' pub. The largest photo is an exterior night view of the brick building, which is brightly lit with warm lights. A prominent sign on the left reads 'THE HORSE & GROOM' and 'BROOKWOOD HALL & WOODHOUSE'. Several cars are parked in the wet, reflective car park in front of the pub. Three smaller inset photos are overlaid on the bottom left of the main image. The first inset shows a man and a woman sitting at a table, with a glass of white wine in the foreground. The second inset shows three men sitting at the bar, engaged in conversation. The third inset shows a smiling woman with curly hair sitting at the bar, wearing a patterned top.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 New Year's Day	2 ☾	3
4 Holiday (Scotland only)	5	6	7	8	9	10 ●
11	12	13	14	15	16 ☾	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 ○
25 Burns Night	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Main picture and left and centre insets: The Horse and Groom, a welcoming hostelry on a wet night, serving ale and good food to villagers and visitors alike for as long as anyone can remember. Inset (right): Karen Rogers on her first day as landlady. She has worked at the Horse and Groom for 15 years progressing from bottle washer to boss (email: thehorseandgroom@gmail.com).				

February



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 ●	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 ●	9 Shrove Tuesday	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 ●	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 ○	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Main picture: The Hale Purlieu road, also known as Ladies Mile. Hale Purlieu is a site of special interest for mammals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates which inhabit both the heathland and the wet bog areas.
 Insets: From ship-building to woodturning, our local timber has long provided raw material for skilled craftsmen. Edward Newsham, pictured in his workshop, continues this tradition.

March



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 ● St David's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Mothering Sunday
7	8	9 ●	10	11	12	13
14	15 ●	16	17 St Patrick's Day Holiday (NI)	18	19	20 Palm Sunday Spring Equinox
21	22	23 ○	24 Maundy Thursday	25 Good Friday	26	27 Easter Sunday British Summer Time begins
28 Easter Monday	29	30	31 ●			

Main picture: buttercups in the water meadow on the road from Breamore.
 Inset: Pete Gilbert paints mainly contemporary landscapes of the New Forest. When just 16, he began his artistic career working as an illustrator in a commercial art studio. He went on to run the advertising agency: "the image works". Now retired, he has returned to his original passion for painting (www.petegilbert.me.uk).

April



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 April Fools' Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 ●	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 ◐	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 ○	23 St George's Day	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 ●	

Main picture: Woodgreen Common with some of the local residents.
 Inset: Sarah Weston has always been considered to have "a way" with horses. She is an expert in handling and training semi-feral, rescue, traumatised and shy ponies using logical and ethical techniques.
 In her book: "No Fear, No Force", Sarah describes her approach (www.logicalhorsemanship.co.uk).



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2 Early May Bank Holiday	3	4	5	6 ●	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 ●	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 ○	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 ●
30 Spring Bank Holiday	31	Main picture: Godshill Inclosure was first enclosed in 1810. Remnants of the original oak and beech woodland still exist around its fringes and on each side of the dividing road. Inset: Matthew Davies is our local “New Forest Keeper”. He looks after the natural habitat and wildlife of the Northern part of the Forest and is also responsible for upholding the Forest’s bye-laws.				

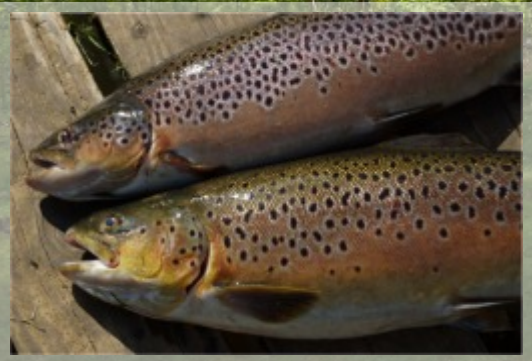
June



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5 ●
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 ●
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Father's Day
20 ○ Summer Solstice	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 ●	28	29	30			
		Main picture: the River Avon and water meadows at Cow Bridge near Hale Church. Inset: Helen Clark of Home Farm, Hale (tel: 01725 512351) with her White Park Cattle, a breed kept in Britain for more than 2000 years but which are now rare. They are closely descended from Britain's original wild white cattle that were enclosed in parks by the nobility during the Middle Ages.				

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25	26 ●	27	28	29	30	31
		The Community Shop and Hall House viewed from Barbara Cunningham’s beautiful garden. The shop has always supported local businesses and currently has 46 local suppliers. In fact, 25% of shop sales are grown, raised or made within a radius of 30 miles. Barbara, and Linda Nicolson (inset), supply the shop with cut flowers, herbs and plants grown in their gardens. Locals also supply the shop with seasonal vegetables.				

August



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Summer Bank Holiday (Scotland only)	2 ●	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 ●	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 ○	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 ●	26	27	28
29 Summer Bank Holiday (not Scotland)	30	31				
		Main picture: The River Avon from Castle Hill viewpoint. Insets: Graham Purbrick of New Forest Smokery and Trout Farm - a family-run business producing cold and hot smoked brown and rainbow trout, along with delicious pâté. Email: newforestsmokery@gmail.com; tel: 07815 313182				

September



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 ●	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 ●	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 ○	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 ●	24	25
26	27	28	29 Autumn Equinox	30		

Main picture: Jack's Jacobs graze in the meadow behind the Village Hall, Community Shop and Hall House.
 Inset: Sarah Waters is a textile artist with a passion for felt-making that originates from her love of sheep. She has been a sheep farmer, ran a knitwear business and is now an expert in "hand-felting", turning raw fleece into clothes, sculptures and gifts (www.sarahwaterstextiles.com).

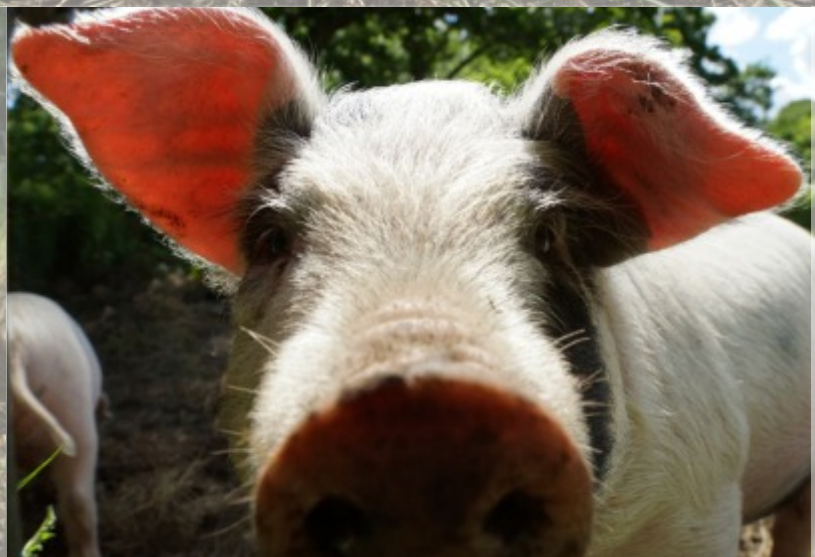
October



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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ●
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 ○
17	18	19	20	21	22 ●	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 ●
31 Halloween		Jeremy Compton has been Woodgreen's postman for about 25 years. He was born in Breamore, lives on the Breamore Estate and grazes a small herd of cows on Breamore Marsh. The main picture shows Jeremy on his rounds in the bustling(!) centre of Woodgreen with the Horse and Groom in the background. Woodgreen is very fortunate to have retained its Post Office, located in the Community Shop.				

British Summer Time
Ends

November



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5 Guy Fawkes Night	6
7 ●	8	9	10	11 Armistice Day	12	13 Remembrance Sunday
14 ○	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 ●	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 ●	30 St Andrew's Day				
		Phil and Sue started their business (Hale Pig & Poultry, tel: 01725 510367) with a few chickens and soon outgrew their four allotments. Five years ago, they acquired a 6-acre smallholding. This provided the opportunity for more chickens and pigs: Gloucester Old Spot, British Lop and Saddlebacks. Their business has continued to expand and their extensive range of meat produce is popular with Community Shop customers.				

December



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 ●	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 ○	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 ● Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27 Bank Holiday	28	29 ●	30	31 New Year's Eve	

Main picture: Godshill Wood.

Inset: the Reverend Nicky Davies joined the congregation at St Boniface Church 20 years ago and started on her journey to the priesthood in 2006, studying at Sarum College, Salisbury from 2011. She was ordained by the Bishop of Winchester in July 2015 (www.avonvalleypartnership.org.uk).



Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016 from Julie, Sue and all the staff and volunteers at Woodgreen Community Shop and Post Office.

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