

The Villager

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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Newnham, Nately Scures, Greywell

WILDLIFE IS EVERYWHERE & EVERYWHERE IS WILD!

When the weather is cold, grey and miserable, it can be hard to imagine when winter will finally end and spring will begin.

The birds in your garden can't afford to sit around, feeling glum and wishing the sun would come out. There's important work to be done – breeding!

Perhaps the most noticeable evidence of birds getting geared up for the new breeding season is the increase in birdsong from mid-January onwards.



While some birds such as robins sing throughout the winter (both males & females sing to protect their territory), others recommence singing at this time of year, both to attract potential mates and to signal to other birds the boundaries of their 'patch'.

This year, with the milder wet winter, the birds already sound and look busy, they seem to be behaving as tho' Spring isn't very far away. You may notice fewer birds visiting the garden feeders as there are plenty of insects and berries in the hedgerows.

It's not too late to put up new nesting boxes... rspb advice includes: Put your box in a quiet place out of the reach of cats. Try to face it between north and east, as this avoids strong sunlight and the wettest winds. Tilt the box forward slightly so that driving rain hits the roof and does not

enter the box. Put different types of box in different places around the garden.

For instance, put open-fronted nestboxes low down below two metres and hide them well in vegetation to attract robins and wrens.

Boxes for tits, sparrows or starlings should be fixed two to four metres up a tree or a wall. Sparrows and starlings are in serious decline; a nestbox high in the eaves will help local populations.

Those for spotted flycatchers need to be 2-4m high, sheltered by vegetation but with a clear outlook. Woodpecker boxes need to be 3-5m high on a tree trunk with a clear flight path and away from disturbance.

For advice on buying or building your nest box see: <http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice/helpingbirds/nestboxes/smallbirds/making.aspx>

Please send your wildlife reports to villagewildlife@live.co.uk



Diary Dates

February

- 1 Sausage & Mash Night, 7.30 Greywell Village Hall
- 2 Choral Evensong, 6.30pm, All Saints' Odiham
- 4 Rowan Lodge Coffee morning, 11am
- 7 Greywell Friday Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.30-11am
- 11 Teapot Cafe, 3-4pm, Greywell Village Hall
- 14 Up Nately Villagers' Coffee Morning, 10-12
- 14 Tyne Hall Valentine's Romantic Break
- 20 MU meeting 8pm in the RAF Church Hall
- 22 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library, Village Hall, 10am & 10.30, Coffee from 10-11am
- 27 North Warnborough & District Garden Club, Village Hall, 2:10pm for 2:30 start

March

- 1-9 Newnham Spring litter pick
- 7 Greywell Friday Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.30-11am
- 7 Women's World Day of Prayer, All Saints' Odiham from 12 noon.
- 8 Benefice Quiz Night
- 10 Tyne Hall Ladies Luncheon
- 11 Teapot Cafe, 3-4pm, Greywell Village Hall
- 19 Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council meeting at 8pm in the Village Hall
- 22 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library, Village Hall, 10am & 10.30, Coffee from 10-11am
- 25 Newnham Parish Council meeting 7pm
- 30 Tyne Hall Mothering Sunday Luncheon or Champagne Afternoon Tea

April

- 24 Newnham Parish Assembly in the Clubroom 6.30 for 7pm-9.

Destroying our woods

Letter supplied to the Independent, also reproduced in 'The Week'

'There cannot, ever, have been such a clear illustration of the lack of understanding by a government of the environment in its care, as there is in the proposal to allow building on ancient woodland for those prepared to plant 100 trees for each ancient one cut down.

The idea demonstrates, with a clarity that a thousand protests could not, how they have no conception of what a woodland is – other than a collection of trees inconveniently positioned on prime building land. They have no understanding that it is home to billions of invertebrates, birds and animals, that it is a migratory stopover or destination, a pleasant place to walk, and frequently a source of managed timber.

The vacuous idea that a piece of ancient woodland could be replaced by a stand of conifers on some remote moorland – one supposes part of a tax break – is despicable and motivated by moving money into the pockets of developers.'



Campaign to protect ancient woodland

'England's precious ancient woodland is being forsaken, sold out and betrayed'

'Ancient woodland needs better protection, from development, from 'offsetting' and from misinterpretation.

'Following the latest comments made by the Secretary of State for the Environment, we would like to make it absolutely clear – biodiversity offsetting does not work for ancient woods, the planning system doesn't work for ancient woods and this government doesn't work for ancient woods.

'We must see better protection for ancient woodland as a habitat and better protection for ancient woods as valuable natural resources before it's too late.'

Take part – tell the Prime Minister ►

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/campaigning/campaigns/protect-ancient-woodland/>

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

OBITUARY: Colin Parsons

On Sunday 1st December 2013, Colin Parsons collapsed and died while tending to his chickens. Colin and Pam moved to Up Nately some 22 years ago. Colin was born and bred a farmer so although he had retired from farming, when they moved to Up Nately he continued to keep chickens and ducks and to grow a wide variety of vegetables and flowers.

Colin was well known for sweeping the board at local flower shows taking home, in many cases, most of the silverware! During the year Colin would be seen walking about his field tending to the animals and over the years some of us were lucky enough to have seen new born lambs, and day-old ducklings and chicks.

All of us benefitted from what Colin had to sell outside his gate, be it bedding plants, daffodils, eggs, apples or marrows! Colin and Pam also had wonderful plant and cake sales raising thousands of pounds for our Church.

Colin died, as he would have wanted to, in his garden. His loss greatly saddens us but he leaves us with wonderful memories and our thoughts are with Pam and all her family.

Pam Parsons would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone for their sympathy, help and support during the recent loss of her husband. The Service to celebrate Colin's life was held at Up Nately, the church was full to bursting with as many people seated as were standing!



Congratulations to Alanah Donnell from Up Nately, who has been given the top prize at the Civil Service Awards, well done!

Up Nately Villagers' coffee morning will be held at Lealands on Friday 14th February. For more info phone Jane 762 891. Everyone is welcome, we'd love to see some 'new faces' and children may join us too, meet your neighbours for an hour or two of friendly chat from 10-12noon.



The collections made at the coffee mornings during 2013 raised £170 to be donated to Kidney Research.



In farewell to 2013...

Residents in Andwell & Up Nately are keeping their fingers crossed that there will be no more lengthy power cuts of three days or more

Two of those in two months, especially the last one over Christmas is more than enough!

Carols at the Pond Despite appalling weather, there was a great turn-out to join together to sing carols, enjoy mulled wine and mince pies and £95.26 was collected in aid of the Children's Society. Thank you for your support especially in view of the adverse weather conditions.

Report from children's Christmas party in the Hall Visit from Father Christmas

With the promise of a visit from father Christmas the children enjoyed decorating Cakes and Christmas decorations, as well as party games. All of which culminated in the Children singing wistfully at the top of their voices, beckoning Father Christmas to make an appearance.

'Then silence fell on the hall, as the distant sound of bells became closer and closer. Could it really be? The children's eyes glistened with anticipation with the sparkle of a thousand stars. Suddenly a flash of red appeared at the door, the silence was broken as cheers filled the room, and the smiles illuminated the hall. It was really him, Father Christmas with his beard as white as snow, and strangely rugged good looks, had arrived.



'Each child received a gift and pearls of wisdom from Father Christmas ensuring good behaviour until Christmas day. Then as quick as he arrived the noise of the reindeer faded into the distance and he was gone...

Many thanks to the Children and parents who took part and best wishes for 2014 from the Village Hall Events Committee.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Mapledurwell allotments available to residents of the parish of Mapledurwell & Up Nately. This includes one established plot. Please contact Russell Price on 329 680 for further information.

Natural Basingstoke are the community based voluntary groups of the borough of Basingstoke and Deane. They support wildlife conservation groups and encourage the formation of new groups by providing assistance and know-how; work with the local authority and build partnerships with public, private, third sector and community organisations to deliver volunteering and hands-on educational and recreational opportunities in the natural environment; and act as a champion and voice for nature and raise awareness of biodiversity and wider sustainability issues with the borough. Natural Basingstoke are looking for more volunteers. For further information please visit the borough website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/browse/environment-and-planning/countryside/countryside-conservation.

The next meeting of Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 8pm in The Village Hall. All welcome.



'HELP HOIMA'

Bishop Nathan of our linked Ugandan diocese will be opening 12 new churches in his area. The United Parish has agreed to provide five Communion sets - St Mary's Mapledurwell will be providing one, so the collection from the Family Service on the 9th February 2014 will be going to this worthy cause. If you are unable to be at the service but would like to make a contribution then please contact Russell Price on 329 680.



REVIEW OF 2013

From: Report to the Chairmen of the Parish Councils for the Basingstoke Rural Police Beat Area BW02

ANDWELL

Reported Crime

2011 - 5; 2012 - 3
2013 - 0

Reported incidents included a concern for welfare of a BT engineer on the A30, a car abandoned on a tree stump on a by-way, two suspicious vehicles, a verbal-only domestic dispute, an enquiry from Lincolnshire Constabulary concerning a tractor seen in their area driving in a dangerous manner. We had two reports of cars on fire; neither was suspicious and dealt with by the Fire Service; also a call regarding an elderly man driving the wrong way up the duel carriageway.

MAPLEDURWELL

Reported Crime

2011 - 17; 2012 - 18 2013 - 13

The reported crimes consisted of two thefts, one of which was detected when two local people had a meal and drinks at The Hatch public house and made off without paying and were caught by staff.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

14/00207/ROC (23 January) Andwell Brewing Company, Andwell Mill Trout Farm, Andwell Lane. Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 13/00937/FUL to allow various amendments to the approved scheme.

14/00036/FUL Telecommunications Station (Telecomm Securicor), Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Removal of 3 x antennas, and installation of 6 x antennas mounted upon new support poles at the top of the structure. Installation of 3 x remote radio units (RRVs) and 2 x 600mm transmission dishes affixed to the lattice tower and ancillary works.

Granted

13/02230/RET (17th January, reg 1st Nov) Pennybridge Farm, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Retention of agricultural works timber cabin.

13/02165/HSE (24th Dec, reg 11th Nov) Swanhill, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Single storey extension to east elevation.

T/01097/13/TCA, Heather House, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Notice of intent to fell group of cypress.

Pending decision

13/00996/FUL (12th July) Greenacres, Down Lane, Mapledurwell. Erection of replacement dwelling and detached double garage.

13/00772/FUL (1st July) Land at Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Detached one and a half storey 2 bedroom lifetime dwelling.

We had three criminal damage reports, two of crops being driven over and one of property in a communal cycle shed, two people were found in possession of drugs and enforcement action was taken against them, we had two reported assaults and two non-dwelling burglaries at The Hatch Industrial Park and two thefts of pedal cycles from communal sheds, again at The Hollies.

As a result of similar crimes of the thefts of the actual pedal cycle and parts of cycles from the communal sheds I arranged a meeting with the Housing Association to review security, in early December I met the Housing Officer and we discussed ways and equipment that can be used to enhance the security of these buildings. The HA officer has stated that she will contact residents who will be expected to assist within the payment of additional security measures.

I had the pleasure of attending Mapledurwell's fireworks display that was excellent as always.

UP NATELY

Reported Crime

2011 - 5; 2012 - 5 2013 - 0

Incidents attended to included four abandoned 999 calls with children playing with the telephone, a lost dog which sadly was found dead by the M3, two false/fault burglar alarm activations, a loose dog, loose donkeys and cows in various roads, nuisance youths on motorcycles, a dangerous driving complaint, a suspicious vehicle, a car jacked up on the side of the road, two trees across roads and a damage road traffic incident (accident).

Andrew Reid, Constable
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News from Odiham Cottage Hospital



We wanted to record our thanks for all the support that customers and donors have given the Hospital shops over the festive period. With events ranging from Glitz night, late night shopping evenings, raffles, Secret Santa's... you have helped to raise a huge sum of money. Thank you.

Of course none of this success would be possible without the hard work of the volunteers who man the shops and those who work behind the scenes. Perhaps with the New Year ahead you may be looking for a fresh opportunity and would like to join our teams? We are particularly looking for volunteers to join our Odiham shop – either on a regular or *ad-hoc* basis. Why not drop in and find out more about us?

It is an enormous encouragement that the shops remain so well supported, but what is the money raised for?

Profits from the shop support the fabric of the building (and maintaining a 100-year-



EVENTS OUT & ABOUT

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Next meeting Thursday 27th February, North Warnborough Village Hall, 2:10pm for a 2:30 start. Speaker Julie Bell on 'Herbaceous Perennials'.

Competitions for February are:

1. A Spray of a Flowering Shrub; 2. A Posy of Snowdrops with Greenery; 3. Floating Hellebores.

Visitors are very welcome to join us. For further information, please telephone 01252 843 848.

Mobile Library Service

F/borough Mobile Library, week 2

Saturdays

22nd Feb, 22nd March

10-10.30 Greywell Village Hall
10.45-11.20 Water End Park
11.30-12 Newham Green

F/borough Mobile Library, week 3

Thursdays

27th Feb, 27th March

09.45-10.15 Linden Spar Old Basing

Saturdays

1st Feb, 1st March

12.30-13.00 Rotherwick nr school

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old property is never a cheap proposition!) but more significantly mean that the services offered from Odiham Cottage Hospital are all financially supported. This ensures that all services (St Michael's palliative care, Rosefield Day Centre care for the frail elderly, Relate Counselling, Sunshine and Showers support groups etc) are either free or offered at subsidised rates to patients and clients in our community.

Most recently the Trustees have agreed to support a pilot project to provide psychological support to those with long term medical conditions in our local area, a group particularly prone to anxiety and depression.

After much planning we are delighted that the Odiham Village Agents have been able to start a Steady and Strong group in the Cross Barn, Odiham. Physical stability plays such an important part in preventing a fall and this group will no doubt be a huge success. Call Sarah Voysey on 07543 294 703 if you would like to join.

Newnham & Nately Scures



OBITUARY: James Wilson

Richard Wilson writes

Dad was born on 8th October 1938 in Middlesex but soon moved to the Maidenhead area. After education at St Paul's he took a short service commission in the Intelligence Core. During this time while in Kenya he met Doreen and there was an instant connection. He followed her back to the UK and they married on 23rd January 1965. They had 3 children, Alex, Nicola and Richard (that's me).

James spent 29 years working for IBM in various roles and locations, starting with selling typewriters in London through to selling computers all around the world including company moves to Chicago and Milan. His last post with IBM was to Basingstoke which bought him, Mum and I to the Village in June 1989 to New House, which he loved referring to as either the Fire Station or BMW showroom.

Dad threw himself into village life especially St Nicholas' Church. He was passionate about the growth of St Nicholas' and maintaining it through all sorts of fundraising activities. Running a village fête from a wheelchair showed great powers of delegation!!! He was Churchwarden for 10 years and a very valued member of the VCC right up till his passing away. I know he took great pleasure in knowing that St Nicholas' has been witness to 5 Wilson christenings, 1 wedding and now a funeral to boot.

Dad battled with MS for over 30 years but would never let it show. His determination and fight, which many of you will have witnessed over the years, kept him strong for so long. He was fortunate to stay in his home which he loved, right up to his last few days, before passing away peacefully in North Hants hospital on Tuesday 10th December. His funeral was held at St Nicholas' on Friday 22nd Dec, to standing room only with almost 190 people in attendance. We will all miss him very very much.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Newnham Village traffic calming on schedule for implementation Easter 2014.

A brilliant job was done by the Green working parties – many thanks to them.

The Mobile Library Service to Newnham Green will be discontinued later this year. **The service to Water End will continue but may be rescheduled.**

Hook housing developments The Parish Council has submitted comments to the Hook development consultations for 13/02585/MAJOR Land Adjacent to Reading Road Hook (SHL 7) and 13/02567/MAJOR Land At High Ridge Farm, Newnham Road (SHL 8). The Committee date for both is listed as Wednesday 12th February.

Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 25th March.

THE PARISH ASSEMBLY will be held on Thursday 24th April in the Clubroom 6.30 for 7 pm - 9. All residents are warmly invited to attend.

Plough Sunday

The little church of St Swithun's was full to the rafters for the Plough Sunday service on January 19th. Young and old, from local farming families and lots of other villagers, came for the blessing of the soil, the ploughs and all the farm machines at the start of this new year. The sun shone and it was a really happy occasion.

The service was followed by lunch in the barn at Miller's Ark – with many thanks to Elizabeth Miller – and nearly 50 people enjoyed soup, a hearty ploughman's and apple pie. This was all organised and prepared by Monica Wardrop and her family – to whom we are very grateful.

A collection was taken to be shared between the Friends of St Swithun's and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute. By popular demand I think this will become an annual event, so do join us next year!

Jane



Litter Pick - Newnham

This year we are trying a different approach, in the hope that we might encourage more people in the Village to take part. **Our SPRING litter pick will start 1st March – 9th March (inclusive).**

Volunteers can choose any day that week, which will take 1 - 2 hrs, leaving their litter at the Church Path sign for the Council collection the following Monday. Each person will be advised of their location beforehand and will be supplied with plastic bags, safety Tabards and pick-up sticks.

This must surely be an opportunity not to be missed!

Could you please email me on cjbroughton@talktalk.net to let me know if you can help? Many thanks, John Broughton



THE CLUBROOM is for hire from £12 per hour inclusive. Tables and chairs may be borrowed for use at your own venue for £3 and 50p respectively – hirer collects. Call Rosemary on the Clubroom booking line 07435 782 122.

NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS diary date **Sunday 8th June.**



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

13/02710/HSE Freshfields, Scures Hill Nately Scures. (27 January) Raising of roof and installation of roof lights to create first floor living accommodation. Internal and external alterations to existing house. Single storey and two storey front and rear extensions

14/00036/FUL Telecommunications Station (Telecomm Securicor), Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Removal of 3 x antennas, and installation of 6 x antennas mounted upon new support poles at the top of the structure. Installation of 3 x remote radio units (RRVs) and 2 x 600mm transmission dishes affixed to the lattice tower and ancillary works.

Application granted 13/02101/HSE 27th January (reg 21st October) Brambles, Newnham Road. Single storey extensions to rear of bungalow incorporating a partial second storey within existing attic space with balcony. Erection of single storey extension to front and porch and construction of inglenook fireplace involving a side extension. Minor amendment posted 16th December.

SOLVE

Save Our
Loddon Valley
Environment



REPORT FOR JANUARY

SOLVE and advisors are studying the many hundreds of pages commenting on the Pre-Submission Local Plan. BDBC's Planning & Infrastructure Overview & Scrutiny Committee (P&I OSCOM) debated this on 14th November and accepted further delays and consultation on the Local Plan.

These delays bring a danger that developers will make applications on land not identified in the draft Local Plan. We are concerned that in addition to 450 houses East of Pyotts Hill, Lodge Farm (BAS 102) & Poors Farm (BAS 103) may fall victim to this delay.

Hodds Farm is also at risk: at the November P&I OSCOM, Planning Officers presented this further site to the East of Old Basing. Hodds Farm is E of the VW garage, between the A30 and the railway line. This site was rejected by the Planning Inspector in 2005, but now submitted by Taylor Wimpey with the potential for 1,000 houses.

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

A short report at the start of what promises to be a decisive year for the future of the Loddon Valley.

The first important dates in the diary are January 30th, February 5th and 6th when the P&I OSCOM meets to consider recommendations regarding revisions

to the draft Local Plan. This includes revisions to site selection and the last minute review of the Hodds Farm site.

Councils and groups like SOLVE look on, often in horror, at planning decisions and recommendations in other areas of the Country. The changes to the planning laws have, as many suspected, handed the construction industry all the cards leaving local people and Councils all over the UK frustrated and angry.

An adviser to Number 10 has warned that the planning reforms have led to a 'free for all' and that the resulting 'physical harm' to the countryside could become the 'defining legacy of this government'. (See SOLVE Facebook page.)

Meanwhile the wet weather brings an ideal opportunity to demonstrate the flooding problems in and around the Loddon Valley. We have a number of photographs, including flooding on the Hodds Farm site. Please send any further photos you may have - particularly near the Loddon Valley proposed building sites - to our email address info@solveoddon.org.

Call to action - Don't wait until it's too late - sign up to our website <http://www.solveoddon.org/> so we can keep you updated. To stop building all over the Loddon Valley, we'll need massive public support.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE



REVIEW OF 2013 From: *Report to the Chairmen of the Parish Councils for the Basingstoke Rural Police Beat Area BW02*

NATELY SCORES

Reported Crime:

2011 - **10**; 2012 - **6** 2013 - **9**

Reported crime in 2013 included four vehicle crimes: a brick throw at a windscreen of a car parked in a farmyard, damage to a van parked at the Country Hotel and wheel nuts unscrewed from a parked car; also, a Transit van containing tools, parked in the Red Lion car park, was broken into - a man was arrested and charged.

Three criminal damage reports included damage to a hotel room and car tyres slashed, this was part of similar crime in the Hook area. We had a theft of a trailer from a farm, and an assault and a false imprisonment, a man was arrested for.

We also had a local man reported for an offence under The Game Act for which he was cautioned.

Other reported incidents included an exhaust in the centre of the road and a dangerous driving allegation on the A30. We had a report of a Shire horse fallen over which the Fire Brigade Animal Rescue Unit attended too, a missing cat, a loose cow seen on a driveway of a house and a loose horse on the A30, a dog bite incident and two stray dogs. We had two reports of nuisance telephone calls, a report of a suspicious car and another of suspicious men in Blackstocks Lane. We attended one false/fault burglar alarm activation, a domestic dispute, a call concerning a mental health issue, two reports of dangerous trees and a car stranded in floodwater. I was also called to a roe deer which had been shot by a poacher and found in a field in Blackstocks Lane.

NEWNHAM

Reported Crime:

2011 - **6**; 2012 - **9** 2013 - **2**

The two crimes in 2013 were non-dwelling burglaries, one from a house being redeveloped and the other from a garden shed where, although entry was gained, nothing was stolen.

Other incidents that we attended to included 11 reports of dangerous or fallen trees - we were fortunate in that a local farmer assisted us in the removal of some of these. We had four damage and one-injury road traffic incidents (accidents). A burnt out 4 x 4 was found in the parish, we had a report of a suspicious man, incident and van outside the church at 07.50am. A church warden who, having heard the church door open then close, went after the unseen person and managed to obtain a registration number. On enquiry I established that a man linked to this vehicle has previous convictions for thefts from churches, he was made aware that his 'visit was noted'. We also had a report of a dog chasing a runner, a missing person found in the parish, a concern for welfare for a resident, two false/fault burglar alarm activations, a report of the traffic lights not working at the A30 crossroads, a set of lost keys, a public order incident and a broken down car.



Rowan Lodge Nursing Home

Firstly if it's not too late we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year. We had a really busy festive season here at Rowan, full of some great entertainment, carol singing, parties and a good dance. As always it's good to see those of you who come along to our events so thank you for supporting us. We had a raffle at our main party on Saturday 21st December and raised a super £128 for our residents' fund... best start thinking about Easter get together now!

Our February coffee morning is on Tuesday 4th at 11am we have 'Cosyfeet' mobile shop visiting us. If you would like to join us you are very welcome.

If there is anybody in the local community who has a job or hobby of interest and who is willing to spare an hour of their time to come and talk to our residents it would be super; please contact Emma Stanton at Rowan Lodge 762 757, I would love to hear from you.

Our Home Administrator is moving house and needs to re-home some koi carp from her garden pond, if you are able to give any a new pond to live in please call Jenny Win-Morgan on the number above.

We all have our fingers crossed for a lack of rain this month (hopefully not being replaced by snow!) so we can start to get our ladies and gentlemen out and about a little, hate to wish time away but roll on the Spring!

We have varied entertainment this month also including Peter our lovely guitarist on Saturday 15th at 2pm, Ian who gets people's feet tapping on Saturday 22nd at 2pm and an evening of Joyce Grenfell on Tuesday 11th of February at 6pm, the doors are always open for you to join us.

Greywell



Friday Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 7th February & 7th March, 10.30-11am.

Coffee & Mobile Library

Saturdays The Mobile Library will outside the Village Hall between 10am & 10.30 on 22nd Feb and 22nd March. Coffee from 10-11am.



THE TEAPOT CAFE will be open **3-4pm on Tuesdays** 11th February and 11th March. If you need a lift please call Jackie Giles on 702 859.

GREYWELL VILLAGE HALL

Reminder for the Sausage & Mash Night

Saturday 1st Feb
Doors Open 7.30
Cash Bar



Call Joy MacAndrew (702 684) or Giles Blagden (701 580).

EVENTS list for 2014

- Plant Sale Coffee Morning** Saturday 10th May at 9.30-11.30
- AGM** Thursday 15th May, 7pm
- Safari Supper** 14th June
- Curry Evening** 13th September
- Bonfire & Fireworks** 1st Nov
- Village Quiz** 15th or 22nd (tbc) November
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St Mary's Greywell

ST MARY'S GREYWELL

Many thanks to all who helped decorate the church over Christmas. It looked stunning.

We are now back to the regular routine of Sunday Worship:

- 1st Sunday 11am Morning Service
- 2nd Sunday 11am Communion
- 3rd Sunday 8.30am BCP Communion
- 4th Sunday 10.30am Family Service to which all are invited for a short service followed by refreshments.

Anyone willing to help clean, garden or do flowers for the church would be most welcome. Just contact one of the Church Wardens; Nick Kavanagh 704771 or Libbie Bromfield 702978.

Apologies for the omission of the Greywell WWII names in the last *Villager*. They are:

1939-1945 DH Brooke; JN Butler.



GREYWELL PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

14/00047/PREAPP (16 January) Pre-application consultant advice for alterations to 10/01670/MAJOR and 10/01681/LBC. Manor Farm Buildings The Street Greywell.

13/02711/LDCP (10th January) Marlow Lodge, The Street, Greywell. Application for Lawful Development Certificate for installing 39 solar panels on south facing roof of the house.

No objection 13/02392/CA Weston House, The Street. Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. (T1) reduce crown to prevent it dominating the house and the garden.

Mothers' UNION

The Mothers' Union divides the year into five-day periods when members of the Mothers' Union pray for a particular group of dioceses. Winchester diocese has its turn between 21st and 25th January, along with

Muhabura diocese in Uganda, Algoma and Saskatchewan dioceses in Canada, Masasi diocese in Tanzania and Kajo-Keji diocese in Sudan – which our Branch marked with a Wave of Prayer service in the RAF Church.

On Thursday, 20th February at 8pm we shall be meeting in the RAF Church Hall to start our knitting project for this year. Last year we sent a large box of knitting to the charity Children in Distress, who sent it on to families in Romania who cannot afford warm clothes for their children. A big thank you to all our knitters - your creations are very much appreciated. This year we hope to send garments out to a Mothers' Union in Baghdad who are in need of support. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us at our meeting or to help with our knitting project. Please call Sue Murphy on 01252 840 511.

Church Notices

LENT 2014

Benefice Services

Ash Wednesday

March 5th, Odiham, 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday

April 17th, Weston Patrick. 7.30pm

Lent Studies

The Benefice Lent course will be led by Bishop Peter of Basingstoke. The course will run from 7.30-9.00pm on Wednesday evenings in Mapledurwell Village Hall on 12th, 19th, 26 March, 2nd and 9th April.

The course will be repeated with Bishop Peter on video every Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm in the Bell Tower, All Saints' Odiham on 19th, 26th March, 2nd, 9th & 16th April.

Bishop Peter will also preach at the Ash Wednesday service in Odiham at 7:30pm and Maundy Thursday Service in Weston Patrick at 7:30pm.

This year we shall be joining all of Winchester Diocese by exploring more deeply the vision and strategy being promoted by our new Bishop and seeing how this can be applied and used in our own small village communities. This will be Bishop Peter's swan song for the diocese before he moves on to be Bishop of Bath and Wells. Please do join us, you are all welcome.

A Lent course is a real opportunity to help us reflect for a moment in our busy days, where we are in our lives. Please join us, you are all welcome.

Quiet Day at Alton Abbey

In preparation for Lent I've booked a Quiet day at Alton Abbey for the United Parish – on February 27th – arriving for Holy Communion at 9.00am and leaving at about 4.00pm. The cost is £23 per head and you are asked to bring a packed lunch. I hope we shall be given one address by a member of the community, but the rest of the time is yours to read, draw, sew, walk, think, pray – whatever helps you to feel the peace and joy of God's presence. There are just 20 places available, to be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please give your name to Rev Jane if you would like to reserve a place.

Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

We have welcomed into the church through baptism

Isabelle Bicknell at St Mary's Greywell on December 1st

Daisy Fitchett at St Swithun's on December 15th

Ava Neptune at St Stephen's on January 5th.

Our love and congratulations to them.

Since the *Villager* last went to print we have said farewell to:

Marion Anderson, who was living at Rowan Lodge, at the crematorium on November 26th

Colin Parsons of Up Natley, also at the crematorium, on December 10th

James Wilson of Newnham, at St Nicholas', on December 20th

Audrey Spicer of Rowan Lodge, at the crematorium on January 8th

Doreen Disbury of Rowan Lodge, at St Nicholas' on January 14th

Jean Jacobs of Rowan Lodge, at St Nicholas' on January 21st;

Betty Roberts of Heatherside, at St Swithun's on January 23rd;

Betty Ball of Crossways, at the crematorium on January 30th.

There have been several other deaths in the nursing homes over the Christmas period and into January, and we send our sympathy and best wishes to the families concerned and to those who work in the homes.

Diary dates

4 Tuesday 6.30pm Greywell VCC

12 Wednesday 8pm PCC

20 Thurs, 11am mid-week Holy Communion;
8pm Mothers' Union meeting

27 Thurs 9am - 4pm Quiet Day, Alton Abbey

Thank you Christmas is well behind us now but I hope it's not too late to say a big thank you to everyone who made the services very special. As always the decorations really sparkled and the church's looked wonderful. There is such a lot of behind the scenes activity that all comes together and helps us to have a really joyful celebration. Thank you to all those who came along too - we love to see the churches full to capacity and to share our worship with you all.

Plough Sunday St Swithun's was full to the rafters for the Plough Sunday service on January 19th (see *Natley Scures page*).

Mid-Week Holy Communion

Another year and we shall continue our monthly mid-week communion services, usually held at The Dower House, Greywell. The next one is on Thursday February 20th at 11am. Please join our little group for prayer and worship and conversation - and also coffee and cake! It's worth checking the venue with Rev Jane (765 547) in advance.

Mothering Sunday March 30th

There will be services for Mothering Sunday at Mapledurwell, Greywell and Newnham.

Along with all the churches of our Deanery, all collections that day will be given to the Mustard Seed Orphanage at Hoima in Uganda, supporting children there. If you will not be at a service that day but would like to make a donation please pass it to a churchwarden or to Revd. Jane in a clearly marked envelope.

Coffee morning

There will be coffee morning supporting the work of the Mothers' Union 'Away from it all' holidays for needy families, at The Rectory, Up Natley on Thursday March 6th from 10am-12 noon. Do call in and support this very valuable work that really does bring a little joy into the lives of both parents and children.

Confirmation

There will be a confirmation service later this year (date to tbc) and preparation for both young people and adults will be starting soon. If you would like to speak to Rev Jane about this please call on 765 547. The minimum age is usually 11 years - there is no upper limit at all!

Quiz Night

Saturday 8th March 2014

Doors open 6:45pm for a 7pm start at The Cross Barn, Odiham.

Get your tables of six people from the same Parish together now for a chance to win the very prestigious Benefice Quiz Trophy!

Tickets £12.50 per person, including a fish and chips supper (chicken or vegetarian option by request in advance) and a pay bar for wine and soft drinks

To organise your tables and order your tickets please contact Sian Taylor, secretary to All Saints' Odiham, at admin@allsaintsodiham.org.uk or call 703 395.

Choral Evensong

Sunday 2nd February,
6.30pm

with
The Choir of All Saints'

directed by
Christopher Brayne
All Saints' Church
Odiham RG29 1LZ

Women's World Day of Prayer

STREAMS IN THE DESERT



This year the annual and beautiful Women's World Day of Prayer service will take place at All Saints' Odiham on Friday March 7th at 12 noon. The service has been put together by the women of Egypt - one of the oldest civilisations in the world and a country widely mentioned in Old and New Testaments.

The WWDP service has been included in our benefice worship for many decades and despite its title is open to men and children as well. The beauty of this service is not only its upbeat and simple manner of worship, but the fact that people all around the world are saying the same words on the same day. Every year women from a different country devise the service and their message is pertinent to their country's specific culture.

It is a short service of about one hour and it always starts with fellowship over a simple meal of homemade soup and cheese rounded off with a hot drink. Whilst folk are gathering and enjoying a bite to eat, a CD provides context by explaining the background to the service and the country.

Please put the date in your diaries now - everyone is welcome. Tell your friends, family and neighbours to come and spend an hour sharing worship with folk the world over.

For any further information please contact Eve Baker on 702 565.

HELP HOIMA NEWS

Bishop Nathan of our linked Ugandan diocese, will be opening 12 new churches in his area and the United Parish has agreed to provide five Communion sets.

Plus congratulations are due to the intrepid team of cyclists who completed the recent Bike Ride to Hoima in association with Maternity Worldwide. See

<http://www.helphoima.org.uk>



From The Rectory

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Dear Friends

I'm often struck by the fact that although the resident population of the five villages that make up the ecclesiastical United Parish is quite small, the number of people that pass through it every day is enormous! As some of you know I am an early riser and I usually start my day by walking Cracker our little dog at about 7am. We walk the length of Blackstocks Lane, crossing the motorway, and in the few seconds it takes us to walk across the bridge, dozens of vehicles have passed beneath it! And as we walk further on I can see the lights of the cars, vans and lorries going up and down the A30, probably making more local journeys, and then in the distance there are the trains too, full of commuters at that time of day, crossing the fields and the railway bridge at Newnham. And this traffic continues to some extent all day, every day – I know, I can hear it from my home!

So while I am splashing in the puddles or watching my footing if it's been frosty, delighting in seeing dawn break and hearing the first song of the dawn chorus, waving to the regulars who travel that road with me each morning, observing the first catkins and the early signs of Spring – those poor commuters have their eyes firmly fixed on the road ahead, or else are hard at work already on their smart phones and mini computers, all hoping I'm sure for a smooth and uneventful journey to work.

Of course I can't minister to these anonymous, transient parishioners in the same way that I can to those who live here. I can't get to know them and build a relationship with them, but I think of them and ask God to bless them each morning on my walk. And if you, like my husband, are one of that throng, be assured that you are not forgotten once you drive away from home each morning. Many of you will have jobs that I can't really understand, many of you travel round the world, many of you are dealing with vast sums of money and influencing the life of our nation in complex and crucial ways. Others work more locally – maybe in the medical or caring profession, in teaching, in the police force – doing your best but that never seems to be good enough - and all with deadlines and targets to meet, bringing pressure and long, long hours.

I hope that wherever your working day takes you this place, your home, provides a good respite at the end of the day and a safe place to come back to. The love of a family, the friendship of good neighbours, and the security of your home are all important for a balanced and healthy life. And for some the love of God, the fellowship of their church family and their Christian faith underpins even that and is the firm foundation on which they build their lives. For God is in every part of our lives, every part of our day, a constant presence and a boundless source of love and understanding.

With my love and blessing,
Rev Jane Leese

Jane

CARER POSITION

Seeking experienced, kind, gentle and competent carer(s) for my 89-year-old mother who lives in a beautiful self contained ground floor annexe in our home in Nately Scures.

Main duties are getting mum up, showered and dressed, with breakfast each morning, and then getting her ready for bed in the evening. Occasional extra lunch/supper duties if we are out for the day. Care required seven days a week; a job share might be a possibility. Anticipated start date April/May. Current carer highly recommends post.

Please write and tell me about yourself and your experience and ability to do this very important permanent job to: Mrs J Scott, Rosebank Cottage, Love Lane, Shaftesbury SP78BG Or email me at Jan.scott@fosco.co.uk Interviews will be late February.

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Church Services

February 2nd

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11am	Morning Service	Greywell

February 9th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	UP Nately
9.30am	family Service	Mapledurwell
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
11.15am	Matins	Newnham

February 16th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywell
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
11am	Family Communion	Up Nately
11am	Matins	Nately Scures

February 23rd

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Matins	Up Nately
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Mapledurwell
10.30am	Family Service	Greywell

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