

The Villager

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



KNITTING WOOL NEEDED

If during your spring cleaning you come across any double knitting wool – especially darker wool for boys – it could be well used for knitting scarfs for the shoe boxes that go to the Eastern Bloc orphanages in late Autumn. People knit all the year round for this charity and would much appreciate any donations.

Please call me on 323 324 if you would like any collected or leave on our doorstep at Ashlea, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell
Thank you, Patricia Stubbs.

NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS & CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL SUNDAY 8TH JUNE FROM 1.30 - 5PM



This year we are combining our ever popular Open Gardens event with a Flower Festival in St Nicholas' Newnham. There will be eight Gardens open, varying from small cottage gardens to those on a larger scale...



'A Country Garden' is the theme of the Church decorations and we will have an organ recital in St Nicholas' at intervals throughout the afternoon. A lovely cool quiet place to rest your weary legs!

Entry cost £5 per person, children free. A list of the Gardens Open will be given, with a map on the back, of their situation in the Village.

Payment and parking will be at two sites – the Clubroom on Newnham Road and Newnham Edge field on Tyney Lane, opposite The Old House at Home pub.

The afternoon can be started or concluded in the Barn at Manor Farm (approached via the churchyard) with a very welcome cup of tea and variety of homemade cakes while you browse over and buy plants from the well stocked plant stalls.

Proceeds to the Clubroom (Charity No 1142129) and St Nicholas' Newnham.

Do hope you can make it!

9.30 - 11.00pm

Do You

FAMILY DAYS OUT?

Hampshire's Premier Music Festival for Families

From midday 5th July 2014 at Hartley Wintney
11 Hours of non stop Music across 2 Stages
Fairground and Toddler Zone
Children Entertainers and Circus Acts
World Food Stalls and Family Camping

Tickets on sale at www.lowdefest.com

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FAMILIES DAY RAF ODIHAM SATURDAY 21st JUNE

Odiham Deanery MU has again been asked to provide tea and home made cakes for the 2,000 - 3,000 RAF personnel attending this important day.

Please help us to make this day a real success. We need home made...

● Biscuits, cakes, buns, tray bakes, cup cakes ● Just a few items for diabetics and coeliacs – ie sugar free, wheat free, dairy free.

● **Please – No nuts no fresh cream!**

Especially popular are carrot, chocolate, lemon, coffee, fairy cakes. All items must be well wrapped please, the container marked if you want it back.

If you are able to make a cake for us, please ring Carol Kirkpatrick on 702 609, Valerie Bartlett 703 501 or leave in All Saints' Church Odiham before 4pm on Friday 20th June. Thank you

Diary Dates

June

- 1 Pet Service, Newnham, 4.30pm
- 3 Greywell Teapot Cafe 3-4pm
- 3 Greywell Parish Council AGM 6pm
- 3 Greywell Parish Assembly 7.30pm

- 3 Newnham Parish Council meeting, Old House at Home, 7pm
- 8 Newnham Open Gardens and Church Flower Festival 1.30 - 5pm
- 13 Up Nately coffee morning, Rectory
- 13 BDBC Local Plan Consultation ends
- 14 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library
- 22 Pet Service Greywell 4.30pm
- 27 Greywell Coffee morning 10.30
- 28 B/stoke Choral Society Douai Abbey
- 28 Up Nately Safari Supper

July

- 1 Greywell Teapot Cafe 3-4pm
- 5 Lowdefest, Hazeley Bottom, 12 noon
- 5 Mapledurwell Andwell and Up Nately Party in the Field, 2pm start
- 9 Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council meeting 8pm, Village Hall
- 12 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library
- 22 Odiham Cottage Hospital AGM
- 27 St Michael's Hospice Big Wheel Bike Ride

Whitewater School

Summer Fair

Saturday 18th July
11.00am - 4pm

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Welcome & Farewells We have said farewell to Mac Sayer who has moved to Alton. We wish her happiness in her new home and a warm welcome to John Horton who has moved into Espiegle. We have also said farewell to the Came family – who have made their new home in Silchester – and wish them well.

The next Up Nately coffee morning will take place on Friday 13th June at the Rectory from 10-12 noon, it would be great to see some of our new villagers! Phone Jane on 765 547 for more information.



The Up Nately Safari Supper will be held on Saturday 28th June. If you haven't yet booked and wish to join in, please contact Clive & Claire Anderson as soon as possible on 760 554.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Tennis season again Anyone who would like to renew or start a membership please send a cheque made out to 'Mapledurwell and Up Nately Parish Council' to me, Lorna Cuthill, Rye Cottage, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell RG25 2LU, or call me on 354 651 to collect a key in person. £30 per year for family membership, £20 for a single player.

I have changed the lock on the courts

so if you already have a key please return it to me before receiving a new one. Those who do not have a key please add £5 to your total as a deposit.

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.



Before lighting a bonfire please consider your neighbours. At this time of year on warm – or even not-so-warm – days many people will be out in their gardens or have their windows open. Please be considerate of others and think about wind direction.

Tree Warden for the Parish If anyone would like to take on the tree warden responsibilities for the Parish please contact Lorna Cuthill on 354 651. It involves some training initially.

Please clean up after your dog In particular, the footbridge over the M3 near the Greywell Road is on various websites as unacceptably dog fouled. Please do not just bag it up and hang it on a fence. Take it to the nearest bin or take it home. Thank you.

Next meeting of Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Wednesday 9th July at 8pm in Village Hall, Committee Room. All welcome.

REPORT FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Mapledurwell & Up Nately Annual Parish Assembly was held on 19th May 2014 in the Village Hall. Lorna Cuthill – voted Parish Council Chairperson for another year at the AGM earlier that evening – began by thanking Councillors for their hard work.

Councillor roles

Tom Horsey, despite being extremely busy, has been looking after the interests of Up Nately and designed the Council's policy statement.

Alan Hutton, our hard working and extremely knowledgeable local farmer, has been keeping our roads and footpaths clear – after storms, for example – and working closely with Andy Reid, our excellent police constable, in countering crime in our area.

David Ellison is in charge of the recreation ground and liaising with Chineham Tigers who use the pitch, and has been working hard to obtain grants for the refurbishment of the playground. He is also Parish Councillor for the allotments and has now taken on the role of Chair of the Bonfire Committee.

Robin Best does an excellent job as treasurer for the Parish Council and liaising with the Village Hall Committee, and is also deputy chairperson.

All councillors take an active part in discussions on planning, finance and policy-making, for example giving feedback to BDBC on its Draft Local Plan. Lorna also thanked the clerk, Alison Edwards, for her hard work and efficiency, and PC Andy Reid for his continued work on behalf of us all.

Lorna herself is responsible for planning issues in Mapledurwell and the tennis courts. Lorna ended by telling everyone that the apple trees planted for the Diamond Jubilee are still flourishing and the fruit is available to anyone in the parish.

Finance

Robin Best then talked through the internally audited accounts which are available on the website. The Parish Council ended the financial year with £13,027.99 in the bank, of which £1,034.85 is in reserve for allotment insurance, £300 is allotment deposits and £85 is tennis key deposits.

Crime report

PC Andy Reid presented the crime figures for the parish. Mapledurwell saw a reduction in reported crime during 2013, with 13 compared to 18 in 2012, and no reported crime took place in Up Nately during 2013, down from five reported incidents in 2012.

Parish Councillors then took questions before the meeting closed for tea and coffee.

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL

PARTY IN THE FIELD – SATURDAY 5TH JULY

The residents of Mapledurwell Andwell and Up Nately are invited to attend the Party in the Field, next to the Gamekeeper by kind permission of Alan Hutton and Phil Costello, on Saturday 5th July.

The reason for holding the party in the field next to the pub in Mapledurwell is two-fold – the playing field behind the hall is too noisy next to the motorway and everyone can buy drink and food in the pub if they so wish.

THE PROGRAMME IS AS FOLLOWS... Set up from 6pm the night before – bring your gazebo if you would like to use one, but not essential

On the day - 2pm start

3pm children's games
tug of war, wellie throwing

Finishing off with a live band in the evening

Bring your own food & drinks but please no glasses, bring plastic ones instead, please park where indicated.

FUTURE EVENTS

- 7th September – Rounders and tea at the village hall playing field
- 15th November – Autumn Fayre
- 6th December – Christmas party.

If you wish to be added to the Village email list and kept informed of future village hall events, please contact Di Lewis at diseylew@aol.com.

TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL contact Caretaker Jayne Norman 474 432.



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

14/01193/HSE (21 May) Kingfisher Tunworth Road Mapledurwell. Erection of Pergola.

14/01455/GPDOFF (16th May) Peacock House London Road Old Basing. Notification of proposed change of use of Class B1(a) office to Class C3 (dwelling house) consisting of 10 one-bedroom flats and 12 two-bedroom flats.

14/01235/HSE (2nd May) Ivy House Tunworth Road Mapledurwell. Erection of replacement garage with rooflights following demolition of existing garage and shed.

Granted

14/00950/HSE (20th May, reg 2nd April) 4 St Stephens Close, Up Nately. Erection of rear conservatory.

14/00601/HSE (23rd April, reg 6 March) Pepperpot, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Raising of roof to provide first floor accommodation; construction of three dormer windows and two roof lights. New front porch.

The Basingstoke Natural History Society (formerly Basingstoke Field Society) is seeking more members.

They meet on the second Tuesday of each month for 'speakers with slides' in the winter months and organised evening walks in the summer months. The Society is chaired by Patricia Stubbs, with Sue Lefley as Secretary, both Mapledurwell villagers. Check out the website for further details; www.basingstokenhs.org.

Do you have a meadow or woodland you would like surveyed for plant species?



For a nominal fee this is a service the society could offer to help boost their funds. Contact either Patricia 323 324 or Sue on 464 923.

BIG WHEEL 22, Sunday 27th July

St Michael's Hospice Bike Wheel Bike Ride starting 9am from Down Grange for 5, 18, 31 or 63 miles.

<https://www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/?page=BW22R>

Mobile Library Service

Saturdays 14th June, 12th July
10-10.30 Greywell Village Hall
10.45-11.20 Water End Park
11.30-12 Newham Green

Thursdays 19th June, 17th July
09.45-10.15 Linden Spa, Old Basing

Saturdays 21st June, 19th July
12.30-13.00 Rotherwick nr school

www.hants.gov.uk/library email library@hants.gov.uk
tel 0845 603 5631 or 01329 225 391

LOWDE FEST 14

HAMPSHIRE'S PREMIER MUSIC AND BEER FESTIVAL IS BACK

If you like great music and a good family day out there is only one place to be on 5th July and that's Hazeley Bottom. Not a name to conjure images of rock & roll and music glamour, but this tiny hamlet outside Hartley Wintney is home to Hampshire's Premier Music and Beer Festival.

Now in its fourth year, Lowde Fest has grown to become a favourite in the festival calendar with over 21 bands and solo acts playing live across two stages from midday through to 11 at night.

Thousands of people are camping right next door to the main arena. Probably a good idea as the festival also offers over 50 real ales and ciders as well as food stalls from around the world.

News from Odiham Cottage Hospital



Merger

On 23rd April the League of Friends and OCH Charitable Trust unanimously approved the recommendation that the two charities should be merged. We are delighted that the two charities can come together and work even more closely for the benefit of local patients.

Four members of the Friends' management committee have agreed to become Trustees of OCH Charitable Trust, thereby ensuring that the history and influence of the Friends is maintained and carried forward. Formalities are ongoing and we expect that the merger will be complete by early summer.

The expanded Board of Trustees will be reviewing the strategic direction of the hospital's work and will consider the name of the Charity within this context.



Lowde Fest guarantees great entertainment whatever your age, with fairground rides, a Toddler Zone, plus the Festival Market Place for those who like shopping. This year, at the Circus Tavern in its big top marquee, parents can sup at the bar while the kids take part in circus workshops and learn the skills of the trade.

One of the founding principles of Lowde Fest is to support up and coming new music talent from around Hampshire and Surrey. This year bands are from Southampton, Guildford, Godalming, Hook, Sherfield on Loddon, and Fleet - carefully chosen by the Festival panel from over 200 applicants.

If you like good music and love to party then there really is only one place to be... forget Woodstock, Glastonbury and Reading... head to Hazeley Bottom on 5th July, it's the new home of great music! For more information or to buy tickets go to www.lowdefest.com.

Befriending

The new Befriending Service, launched with St Michael's Hospice, has made an excellent start. Our co-ordinator, Maria Bryant, has been spending time meeting clients with life limiting illnesses and/or palliative care needs, as referred by the community nursing team. She has also been meeting new volunteers who will undertake the befriending, and the first tranche of training is now planned.

You can find out more about Befriending by phoning Maria on 01256 393 609 (see below). Alternatively come to our AGM on the evening of Tuesday 22nd July at OCH and hear an update on all of the services now offered by the hospital. All are welcome

Ginny East tel 01256 393 600
email och1@btinternet.com

St Michael's Hospice desperately needs volunteer befrienders in the Odiham, Hook, Hartley Wintney, and Old Basing areas

As a volunteer befriender you will provide social companionship to patients who are lonely and isolated.

For patients not ready for home visiting, we also offer a regular telephone service where befrienders can make contact once or twice a week to let them know they are not alone.

For just two hours a week or less, you can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community.

All training, as well as regular and ongoing support, will be held at Odiham Cottage Hospital.

For further information please contact Maria Bryant, Befriending Co-ordinator at och.befriending@stmichaelsospice.org or on 01256 393 609.

ST FRANCES HOME FOR SKILL TRAINING CAMEROON W AFRICA

St Francis' is a training centre for young people - teaching English, French, Mathematics & Computer Studies; plus skills training in carpentry, shoemaking & repair, dressmaking, knitting, motor-bike maintenance, welding, vegetable growing and pig & poultry care.

Donations of hand tools, sewing equipment, wool, clothing and kitchen equipment would be gratefully received.

Tools and garments, inside cardboard boxes (light enough to lift and labelled as to contents) may be left at the Priest House or in the church porch of the Sacred Heart Church, Hook

www.safrahost.wordpress.com

Newnham & Nately Scures

ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM
'BBQ ON NEWNHAM GREEN'
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 4PM



OPEN GARDENS AND CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sunday 8th June 1.30 - 5pm

Hope to see you there! (See notice on front page.) Please remember we need donations of plants and cakes which can be delivered to Chris Broughton or Rosemary Richardson tel 762 490 / 762 369.

The plant stall traditionally has a large variety of plants on offer - so all plants, seedlings, cuttings not needed at home are most welcome.

Homemade cakes go down very well with the Teas so can you all get your Mary Berry hats on and help us out! We have quite a reputation to maintain judging by all the comments we receive. Large sponges and fruit cakes are the easiest to serve. Thank you.

OBITUARY

Len Merryweather OBE

Although Len had ceased to be involved with Newnham for some 20 years he had played an important role here. He lived in Old Basing and was the Finance Director of Sea Containers Ltd, nevertheless he was a keen organist and found time to play for the services at St Nicholas' on Sundays. He formed the choir and before our services he used to make us practice the canticles and psalms teaching us to understand the 'pointing'. At his instigation we bought 20 psalters many of which are now kept and used by the current choir. After some years he and Joan his wife moved away to Dorset where, sadly, he died on May 8th aged 92.



Scenes from 2013...

There will be a Pet Service at St Nicholas' on Sunday 1st June 4.30pm Bring your dogs and horses and whatever other creatures you possess and they will all receive God's blessing.

Following the very successful and well supported 'BBQ on Newnham Green' last year, the VCC (Village Church Committee) warmly invite you all to join us again on Saturday 6th September starting at 4pm.

A number of families have already volunteered to run the BBQ, Drinks Tent and organise a tug-of-war! We would love more volunteers to come forward to offer to run their own 'fete style' stalls and please contact Charlie MT (01252 844 555) if you would like to help.

All the food & beverages will be provided, and to help us with catering numbers please contact Charlie MT, Carolyn Peck or Sarah Laird to let us know if you are coming. The suggested donation for main course followed by ice cream, is £10 per adult and £5 per child. Beverages are not included so please bring cash on the night! All profits will go towards desperately needed funds for St Nicholas' Church and to the general maintenance of the Oppé Garden. We ask that everybody brings their own tables, chairs, tents, plates, cutlery and glasses, although request that only the food and beverages provided are consumed at the event.

We do very much hope that as many of you as possible, together with your family and friends, will be able to join us!

74TH ANNIVERSARY 1940 CROWN LANE REMEMBERED

For the six WWII Sappers who lost their lives when attempting to defuse a German UXB

The bomb was dropped by the railway line close to Crown Lane in August 1940. A short Act of Remembrance was held on Sunday 18th May 2014 at the site of the memorial plaque just by the railway bridge for the six men who were killed when the bomb exploded as they were trying to defuse it. The men were:

- 2007432 Driver Fred Gaved 22 years
- 2003661 Sapper Arthur Hill 20 years
- 1892327 Sapper Ralph R E Moxon 23 years
- 2003625 Sapper Douglas A Vince 23 years
- 2004308 Sapper Fred D Warner 23 years
- 2005088 Sapper Arthur White 23 years

All six men are buried at the Aldershot Military Cemetery.

Relatives of the six men were present and also local residents, some of whom well remember the devastation caused by the explosion. Representatives of a World War II re-enactment group attended, and the service included a short Bible reading and prayers, buglers playing The Last Post and Reveille, a gun salute, the laying of wreaths and a piper's lament. A video was taken which can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10202104903330378>

See also www.25thbombdisposalcorelhg.webeden.co.uk

Photos: June & Arwen James



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A vacancy will shortly be announced on Newnham Parish Council as Sue Mann is moving away after six years as Councillor

To be eligible a candidate needs to be a commonwealth citizen/Euro national, an elector and over 21 years of age. He/she needs to have lived – or occupied land as owner or tenant – or had a principal place of work (not necessarily paid) – in the Parish or within three miles of its borders for 12 months prior to nomination or election.

Procedure for advertising the vacancy, calling a bye-election or co-opting a candidate

A formal 'Notice of Vacancy' will be announced, submitted to BDBC Electoral Services and advertised on the Website, Noticeboards, *Villager* etc.

A bye-election may be called by Electoral Services if they receive requests for a bye-election from at least 10 Parish electors within 14 working days of the date of the Notice of Vacancy.

SOLVE

Save Our Loddon Valley Environment



LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The consultation on the changes to the draft BDBC Local Plan which – among other things – will determine the housing requirement in the Borough up to 2029, ends at 4pm on June 13th. Your comments should be confined to changes that have been made since the public consultation last autumn.

However, we understand that the South West Action Group (SWAG) – a reincarnated 'Save Manydown' – has been advised by the Planning Department that – if you did not comment on something in the last consultation – you can still comment, whether it is a change or not. These comments will be passed to the Inspector for consideration along with all previous consultation submissions later this year. It appears that some SWAG supporters failed to comment previously and are trying to reopen the debate. There is a risk that this apparent change in the consultation, not widely known, may leave the process open to challenge.

Main points to highlight in submissions at this stage are...

Welcome

- No new Greenfield sites (though we are aware that Taylor Wimpey has been surveying Hodds Farm recently)
- Housing target remains at 748 dpa
- Reduction to 450 houses on Pyotts Hill
- The provision for a western by-pass linking M3 Junction 7 to the A339.

If no bye-election is called, following the 14-working-day period the Parish Council may co-opt a candidate.

Please note that there are currently five Councillors from Newnham and one from Water End, so a representative from Nately Scures would be ideal.

Newnham Village Traffic Calming

There were site visits on May 19th by Steven Found, project leader, and Steve Hagget, engineer who has taken on final design and production of the drawings. They met Parish Councillors and residents whose houses or driveways will be adjacent to the buildouts to discuss the siting and potential impact.

Design and location now being worked through, Simon is meeting with the Old Basing contractor on Thursday 29th May – we will have more accurate information about delivery by then. See website parishofnewnham.org.uk.

Next Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 3rd June, 7pm, Old House at Home. All are most welcome to attend.

Not welcome

- Pyotts Hill brought forward two years
- a further 450 on Pyotts Hill may be included after 2029
- the **deletion** of para 6.51 'new residential development will not be acceptable within Flood Zones 2 or 3'.

Suggestions

- Policy CN6 – Infrastructure changes should be in place before new housing is occupied. This policy should be paramount.
- Under the Environment Agency Water Framework Directive the River Basin Management plans, due in 2015, must form a significant piece of evidence on relevant sites (para 6.45).

Although the Draft Plan is not perfect, on balance, we support its submission to the Planning Inspector. Without a Local Plan the risk is high from developers exploring opportunistic planning applications before it is approved.

Details of the revised Local Plan can be found on BDBC consultation page at <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/>. This includes the draft Plan with tracked changes for ease of commenting. SOLVE expanded comments are available at <http://www.solveloddon.org/>.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE



POLICE UPDATE

Dear residents,

Overnight of May 4th /5th two sheds were broken into at Cherry Mews, The Hollies, Mapledurwell – near the rear of the Hatch public house and footpath.

Meanwhile in Newnham between April 29th and May 5th, two large stone ornate plant pots was stolen from the front garden of a house in Ridge Lane. The thieves would have needed a vehicle and had been looking around the garden before the theft as the pots could not have been seen from the road.

If you can help with either of the crimes mentioned please call me direct, call 101 or Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111.

Constable Andrew Reid
01256 389 050 07768 776 844
andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

PLANNING

PARISH APPLICATIONS

New Applications

14/01368/HSE (13th May) Colyton, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of single storey side extension.

14/01245/FUL (12 May) Rowan Lodge, Crown Lane. Use of ancillary landscaped area to provide 14 new parking spaces to serve Care Home [Option 2].

14/01244/FUL (12 May) Rowan Lodge Crown Lane, Newnham. Change of use of land to provide 14 new car parking spaces to serve adjacent Care Home (part retrospective) [Option 1].

14/01197/HSE (25th April) Railway Cottage, Newnham Road. Construction of first floor involving raising of the roof with the insertion of roof lights to the east elevation. Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey glazed link and single storey side extension (part retrospective).

BDBC LOCAL PLAN

See *SOLVE* report

HART LOCAL PLAN

Hart now has a working schedule for its revised Local Plan – due to be published for Public Consultation Oct 2015, submitted to the Inspector Dec 15 / Jan 16 and Adopted July 2016.

Hart has published a five-year land supply with required 5% buffer as from 2nd May. This includes sites expected to be delivered but without full (or any) planning permission including the Brown Croft, Reading Road and NE Hook sites; not the Hop Garden site.

Local Election Results: CUBITT Onnalee Virginia, Independent 1368 ELECTED; DOWNES John Gunther, Conservative 695; STONE Alan Harvey, UKIP 458 SEVERS George, Labour 212; READ Alan John, Liberal Democrat 198

Greywell



Friday Coffee

Mornings in the Village Hall, **30th May & 27th June**, 10.30-11am.

Coffee & Mobile Library

Saturdays The Mobile Library will outside the Village Hall from 10am - 10.30 on **14th June & 12th July**. Coffee from 10 - 11am in the Village Hall.

THE TEAPOT CAFE

will be open **3 - 4pm** on **Tuesdays 3rd June and 1st July**. If you need a lift please call Jackie Giles 702 859.



JUNE AT ST MARY'S GREYWELL

June 8th Changes this month are that on Sunday 8th the morning service is cancelled. At noon that day the Benefice Children's service is at Long Sutton and one of the church banners will be there. Do come along too and bring the family.

June 22nd is our Annual Pet Service at 4.30pm in the Churchyard. (church if wet) followed by tea. All pets welcomed to be blessed. Come along and meet the animals and their owners!



Looking for new voices 'Sing UP' the small United Parish choir are a friendly group of people who love to sing. They sing at a service in one of the five churches on a monthly basis and practice in the church where they will next sing on the first Monday of each month at 19.15. We are always looking for new voices; you don't have to be Pavarotti to join!

Please contact Monica Wardrop monica.wardrop@xerox.com or 07702 096 810.

VILLAGE HALL

Report from Village Hall AGM of Thursday 15th May. Key posts were re-elected - Giles Blagdon remains the Chairman, Joy MacAndrew, Treasurer, and Isabel Pound, Secretary. Giles gave an overview of the events throughout the year and asked for suggestions for the future. Helen Sullivan stepped down from the Village Hall Committee and was thanked for her service. Giles Blagden will take on the role of news co-ordinator for the *Villager*.

Plant Sale - Special thanks to Judy James who did a great job - the plants looked stunning and smelled beautiful. Thank you to everyone else who helped us raise £640 by donating goods and supporting the event on the day.

FUTURE EVENTS

Curry Evening - 13th September

Bonfire & Fireworks - 1st November; **Village Quiz** - 15th November.

To book the Village Hall please contact isabel.pound@hotmail.com or alibarbar@aol.com. **Marquee hire** contact mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk.



PHOTO: Julia Annandale

GREYWELL PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application answered

14/01200/EXP (20th May) Greywell Pumping Station, Deptford Lane. Exempt trees works, five day notice: 'Two Poplars, one very large and over the wires and the other spindly and leaning towards the seating area. Both show signs of rootplate heave which will worsen in time. It would be advisable to remove them both.'

From Decision Notice 'As the works are being carried out under an exemption, the Council will not issue a formal decision... If you consider a tree to be dead or an immediate risk of causing serious harm, then the burden of proof lies with the person(s) permitting and/or carrying out the works... If you are removing a tree that is dead or an immediate risk of causing serious harm, you are required to plant a suitable replacement specimen. This must be a tree and not a shrub. The replacement tree should be planted in the next planting season (October-March), and should be no smaller than two metres tall when planted with a stem girth of 12-14cm. The replacement will need to be planted within three metres of the removal site.'

Applications pending

14/00441/HMC and 14/00545/LBC (21st February) Rose Cottage, Hook Road, Greywell. Erection of a ground floor conservatory and construction of a first floor bedroom over the kitchen.



North Hants Downs Branch

In April we enjoyed Claire Lymer's talk about the Away From It All (AFIA) holiday, which Claire leads each year. Our Lunch and Book Sale in May and other fundraising will pay for two children and their parents to enjoy this holiday they would not have otherwise.

Instead of meeting in the RAF Church Hall this month, on Wednesday 18th June, we shall be attending the Festival Service in Winchester Cathedral at 11am, always inspiring. This year the worldwide President, Lynne Tembey, will be with us for the Festival Service, so it will be particularly special.

On Saturday 21st June it is RAF Families' Day - and there we'll be serving free refreshments with cakes - so PLEASE, all bakers, provide us as you have in the past, as we serve around 1,500 people. *See notice front page.*

Mothers' Union members do not only make cakes and fundraise! We also campaign on issues that affect families. Recently a UN Rapporteur on violence against women assessed our nation's culture as 'sexist' and was concerned about the over-sexualisation of young women.

It is up to all of us to be aware of the issue and if necessary contact the media with compliment or criticism. If you want help to find the right place to contact then do have a look at the Parent Port website www.parentport.org.uk. It provides useful information and guidance for parents concerned about the impact of the media on our families, and an opportunity for you to have your say.

For further details, ring our leader, Sue Murphy, 01252 845011.

Parish Council diary dates... AGM Tuesday 3rd June 6pm followed by... The Greywell Parish Assembly - Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm.

Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

Holy Baptism

On Sunday May 4th at St Nicholas' Newnham: Amelia Rohr of Old School Road.

Funeral Services

On Friday May 2nd at Aldershot Crematorium: Kathleen Howell of Heatherside, Nately Scures.

June Diary dates

- 2 **Monday 7pm, Deanery Consultation at St John's Hartley Wintney with Bishop Tim**
- 4,11,18,25 **Wednesday 7pm 'Rev' in Greywell Village Hall**
- 5 **Thursday 8pm, Benefice Council**
- 8 **Sunday 12noon, Benefice family service at Long Sutton**
- 9 **Monday 7.15 SingUp rehearsal at St Swithun's Nately Scures**
- 10 **Tuesday 8pm, Newnham VCC**
- 29 **Sunday 6pm, Evening worship at St Swithun's Nately Scures.**

Thank yous

During Lent we held informal lunches in each of our five villages to raise money for Christian Aid. My thanks to all those who hosted these lunches and to those who attended. The total raised was £948.75 - which was wonderful!

On Mothering Sunday we also joined with other churches across the Odiham Deanery to collect for the Mustard Seed orphanage in Hoima, Uganda. The United Parish collected some £575 - again my thanks to you all.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

There will be no mid-week communion in June due to holidays. We shall meet again on July 24th at 11am.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday June 8th Benefice Family Service, All Saints' Long Sutton at 12noon. Everyone is welcome to join in this happy occasion which has the theme of 'Pilgrimage'. To make life simpler that day there will be no family service in Mapledurwell and no Morning Service in Greywell.

There will be Pet Services in Newnham (June 1st) and Greywell (June 22nd) both at 4.30pm. Bring your dogs and horses, your guinea pigs and stick insects and whatever other creatures you possess and they will all receive God's blessing! It's always great fun!

Sunday June 29th in Swithun's Nately Scures at 6pm - evening worship to welcome our new curate, Revd Linda Scard. The Archdeacon of Winchester, the Ven Michael Harley, will be preaching and there will be some special music too. The service will be followed by refreshments. Please do join us.

Confirmation

Two people are preparing to be confirmed in Winchester Cathedral on November 22nd, one young and one adult. If you have not been confirmed and would like to consider joining them, please speak to Rev Jane on 765 547. The minimum age is usually 11, there is no maximum.

'REV'

Peter Dyson will be leading discussions on the TV sitcom *Rev* on the four Wednesdays in June. The dates are 4th, 11, 18th and 25th. Each will be at Greywell Village Hall 7.30-9pm. We will look at excerpts from the series and see what they might say about the church, faith, prayer and other topics. It will, hopefully, be both challenging and light and relaxed, and anyone who might enjoy it and who might have a view about such topics is most welcome.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The AGM of the United Parish was held on April 30th. Reports were received on all the different aspects of the life of the church and Officers and PCC members were elected. Churchwardens remain as last year and there are vacancies at Nately Scures and Mapledurwell. Anita Gardner remains the PCC secretary and Jon Webster the treasurer. Sincere thanks from Revd Jane to all those who contribute, in many ways, to the life of our churches.

Church Services

June 1st

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
4.30pm	Pet Service	Newnham

June 8th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.30am	NO SERVICE	
11am	NO SERVICE	
11.15am	Matins at Newnham	
12 noon	Benefice Family Service	Long Sutton

June 15th

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

June 22nd

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Mapledurwell
9.30am	Matins	Up Nately
4.30pm	Pet Service	Greywell

June 29th United Parish Service

6pm	Evening worship	Nately Scures
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SUMMER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SERVICES

A series of four summer evening meditation services will be held again this year at All Saints' Long Sutton from 6-6.30pm. All are welcome - Christian meditation is non denominational.

The services will take the format of a short introduction, a five to 10 minute talk by Father John Maine, the founder of the World wide Christian Community of Meditation (WCCM) followed by 20 minutes of silent meditative prayer.

The dates are July 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

For more information about the services or regular meditation meetings please contact Eve Baker 702 565.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CASH BOXES

Many thanks to all holders of Children's Society boxes in the five villages. This year the total raised was £357.55. If anyone would like to become a new box holder and start contributing your family's small change to this very worthwhile charity, please call Roger or Thelma on the number below.

We would like to hand over to a new co-ordinator before the boxes have to be opened again in April/May 2015.

There are currently just over 30 house boxes in the United Parish. Opening and counting the contents of the boxes and depositing the cash at either the Post Office or the bank is not an onerous task. Also, the paperwork required by the Children's Society is simple and straightforward.

Could any potential volunteers please call Roger Booth on 01256 762 456.



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Dear Friends

The first half of 2014 has flown by! But June is a lovely month, the month of midsummer, the month of strawberries and Pimms,

Wimbledon and Royal Ascot, village fêtes and cricket matches. I remember well those years when June was also the month for exams, sitting in the garden at home trying to revise for A levels, or in Platt Fields in Manchester, supposedly revising for finals – but books and sun tan oil were never a good combination!!

In the church, June is also the month for ordinations. These are traditionally held at or around Pentecost, June 29th, the day the church celebrates the life of St Peter, who Jesus described as 'the rock' on whom the church would be built. There has just been a wonderful celebration in London of the 20th anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood, with a joyful procession from Westminster to St Paul's where, among many others, 700 of the women ordained in 1994 attended a special service. I was ordained just two years later, in 1996, so feel a real affinity with those ladies and really wish I'd been there too!

This year, June 29th will be a wonderful and memorable day for my friend and colleague Linda Scard who is at the end of her three years' training for ministry and is to be ordained in Winchester cathedral that day. Those of you who attend any of our churches will have met Linda and know how lucky we are as a parish to have the blessing of her skills, her faith and her friendship. And if you've not yet met her I am sure you will soon get to know her smiling face around the villages.

I remember my ordination as the beginning of a whole new way of life, a 'mid-life adventure' that has introduced me to so many lovely people and places and given me the privilege of hearing their stories and touching their lives. But back in 1996 we were still an oddity and I remember someone saying 'a lady vicar – I've never met one of you before!' and I really couldn't cope with being called 'Father'! I know there are those who still cannot accept our ministry and our priesthood as women and for whom the idea of a woman bishop is a stumbling block – but for the most part now we are just part and parcel of church life, adding our gifts and skills to the service of God.

Do come along to St Swithun's Nately Scures at 6pm on June 29th as we welcome Revd Linda Scard as our new curate!

With my love and blessing

Jane

Revd Jane Leese

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