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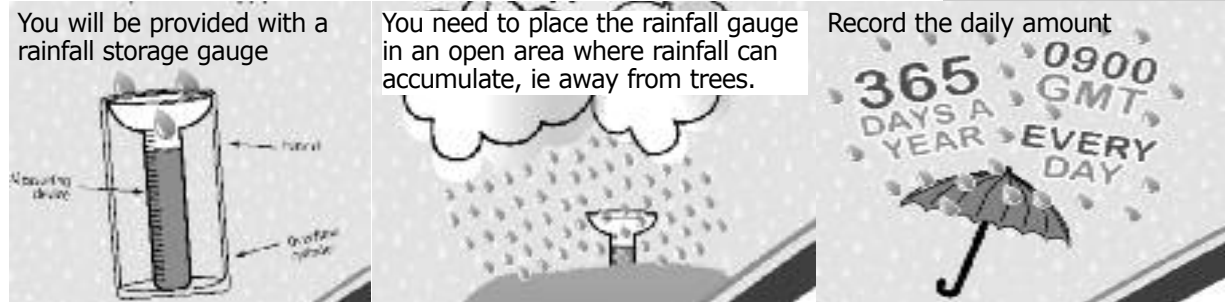


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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Newnham, Nately Scures, Greywell

BECOME A RAINFALL OBSERVER

Nigel Bell of Newnham has recently retired as a rainfall observer for the Environment Agency. If you think you may be able to take on this voluntary role please get in touch with Lisa Giles lisa.giles@environment-agency.gov.uk



During holidays, arrange for a 'deputy' to carry out the measurement or if this isn't possible, an accumulated total can be provide over the absence period.

A 74th Anniversary Remembrance Service May 18th in Crown Lane at 12.30pm

For the six Sappers who died defusing a German UXB

<http://www.25thbombdisposalcorelhg.webeden.co.uk>

Message from 25th Bomb Disposal Core... 'We would like to invite all if they would like to attend this Momentous Event as it commemorates the sacrifice these men made in 1940... Forgotten for 74 years.. As there are no living relatives we can find, our group has dedicated itself to Remembering them.

'Dignitaries and local people will come together to celebrate the lives of six Second World War heroes who gave their lives to protect the village in 1940. Councillors and residents will pay tribute to the men with a special service at Crown Lane, Nately Scures.

'The service will be at the bomb site where we laid a Memorial Four yrs ago... you are welcome to bring flowers... A Wreath will be Laid... A Bugler will be in attendance...

Members of Living History Groups will also be in full 1940s dress while a bugler from the Salvation Army Plays The Last Post / Reveille, An Honour Guard and The Piper plays a lament.

'Please help Support this Event and help us keep their memory alive...'

Schedule on the day...

11.30am: Meeting at The Raven to car share to Crown Lane.

RC Reid has three marshals to ensure all runs smoothly regarding traffic.

12.30pm: Rev Jane Leese will give a welcome and explanation of the history, there is the traditional Act of Remembrance, last Post, one minutes silence and Reveille. Laying of wreaths, gun salute, closing prayer and blessing.

For further information contact Jane Leese on 01256 765 547.

Diary Dates

May

- 2 Greywell Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 6 Rowan Lodge Coffee Morning
- 6 Teapot Cafe will be open 3-4pm
- 9 Up Nately coffee morning, Netherby Cottage from 10 to 12 noon,
- 10 Greywell Plant & Produce sale & Coffee Morning from 9.30, VH
- 15 Greywell Village Hall Committee AGM
- 15 MU meeting RAF Church Hall
- 17 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library
- 18 Crown Lane Sappers Remembrance
- 19 M&UN Assembly, 8pm, Village Hall
- 22 Local elections
- 22 N Warnborough Garden Club, 1.30
- 29 MU Coffee Morning, Rectory, 10am
- 30 Greywell Coffee Morning 10.30am

June

- 3 Teapot Cafe will be open 3-4pm
- 3 Greywell Parish Council AGM 6pm
- 3 Greywell Parish Assembly 7.30pm
- 8 Newnham Open Gardens and Church Flower Festival 1.30 - 5pm
- 14 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library
- 28 B/stoke Choral Society Douai Abbey

KNITTING WOOL FOR CHARITY SHOE BOXES

As it is the time for spring cleaning, if you come across any double knitting wool you are no longer needing - 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.

HOOK ACTION AGAINST OVER-DEVELOPMENT

Report from the Hook Annual Village Meeting on 23rd April

Daryl Phillips (Corporate Director of Planning at Hart) gave a comprehensive presentation and responded to many questions submitted from the floor. He gave a very clear statement of Hart's position, how the situation has arisen, and what Hart is now planning to do. He did not however alleviate Hook residents' concerns, if anything indicating that there could be a lot more development coming Hook's way. Mr Phillips raised the spectre of new proposals coming from developers that would yet again threaten the gap between Hook and Rotherwick. He said he feared developers would bring back the 'North West Hook' proposals that were defeated 20 years ago.

Hook Action Against Overdevelopment is determined to fight for Hook, Rotherwick and Newnham, and believe that the villages must stand united against new threats.

You can sign up for email updates at <http://hookdevaction.org.uk/register/>

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

The next Up Nately Villagers' coffee morning

will be held on Friday 9th May at Netherby Cottage from 10 to 12 noon, everyone welcome, phone Rosemary on 760 216.



We will meet up again the following month on 13th June at the Rectory. We would be so pleased to see some of our newer residents, it is always good fun and a nice opportunity to catch up with village news.

The Up Nately Safari Supper will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information contact Clive and Claire Anderson on 760 554.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Tennis season again

I am changing lock on the courts on 15th May.

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.

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. Anyone wishing to cease membership may claim their key deposit from me on return of the old one.

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.

Before lighting a bonfire

Please consider your neighbours when lighting bonfires. At this time of year on warm - or even not-so-warm - days people may be out enjoying their gardens, or have their windows open. Please be considerate of others and think about wind direction.

THE MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

will be held on Monday 19th May at 8pm in the Village Hall.

All residents are warmly invited to attend.



Mapledurwell Pet Service in Alan's barn on Sunday 27th April. Some 20 dogs and half a dozen horses were individually blessed by Jane! Photos courtesy of Nick Paterson



MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

would like to invite you to the following events

5th July - Party in the field

7th September - Rounders and tea at the village hall playing field

15th November - Autumn Fayre

6th December - Children's Christmas party.

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To hire the Village Hall contact Caretaker Jayne Norman 474 432.

EVENTS OUT & ABOUT

North Warnborough & District Garden Club Next meeting Thursday 22nd May, N Warnborough Village Hall. Annual Plant Sale at 1.30pm followed at 2.30 by speaker, Stephan White on 'Come into the Garden, Maude'. Visitors are very welcome to join us. For further information, call 01252 843 848.

Basingstoke Choral Society

Concert at Douai Abbey on Saturday 28th June: Bach's Magnificat in D Major and Handel's Dixit Dominus, together with Bach's Toccata and Fugue with BCS's musical director, David Gibson, as soloist.

The New London Sinfonia join us to play Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 2. This promises to be a wonderful evening of Baroque music in the beautiful setting of Douai. Strawberries & cream and a glass of wine will be served before the concert, in the grounds of the Abbey. Tickets from the The Corn Exchange on 0845 5218 218 or on www.cornexchangenew.com.



Paparazzi invasion of Mapledurwell, 9th April 2014. Photos: John Maclean

THE UP NATELY

GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF

A million thank yous to all those who took part in the Up Nately Great British Bake Off on Sunday 27th April. We received 60 entries over five categories and everyone had put in the most enormous amount of effort. The judges, Rev Jane Leese and Helena Maskell from St Michael's Hospice, had a very tough decision. In the end the winners on the day were:

Under 6 Cup Cakes – Henry Terry for his green frog cupcakes

Over 6 Cups Cakes – Amelia Horsey for her butterflies

Biscuits & Cookies – Oliver Butler for his Cupcake shaped Jammie Dodgers

Filled Scones – Aly Murray for her sweet cupcakes with raspberry jam

Celebration Cake – Cosmo Smith for his 'Paws for Thought' Layered cake

And the Champion of them all – Rosemary Jenkins for her fabulous fruit cake with white icing and red poppies.

Thank you to Michael and Nicky Van Der Gucht for the loan of the marquee, Susie Horsey for all her help and of course to everyone who baked or let their children loose with flour in their kitchens! A wonderful £360 was raised for the amazing work of St Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke.



POLICE UPDATE

Dear residents

Last month I made mention of the young man who had been abusive towards a local resident when she did not wish to buy anything from his holdall. I am pleased to report that he and his two 'colleagues', who I also reported for summons, appeared before Magistrates and between them were fined almost £700. Thank you to those who called in to report their activities.

This comes with a Police Operation against 'Door step' criminals ranging from these type of people through to those who deceive the elderly charging hundreds of pounds for shoddy or often unrequired work. I had a call from a lady in Ellisfield reporting a transit pick up offering gravel for sale recently, I circulated the registration number and stopped the vehicle in Upton Grey, joined by a Hampshire Trading Standards Officer. The men and their documentation were checked; we found no offences, but why come from Cambridgeshire to sell a load of gravel?

Please keep me updated with door-to-door-sellers, if illegal I am more than

happy to report or arrest, I do not want criminals targeting our area in general and the elderly in particular.

As you may be aware the Hampshire Constabulary has to save £80 million; we are down to find a saving of £25 million by 2017. There is a Force-wide review; I will keep you updated, but there is no doubt that the Service operates and what we do will have to change. Finally I have had a request from our Hampshire County Council Highway Engineer regarding grass cuttings being dumped along the verges in various parts of our area. He is extremely concerned as some could end up in ditches and probably block drains, and he and his staff are having enough problems with clearing blockages to prevent further flooding issues as it is.

He has asked that all residents do not dump their grass cuttings which is actually fly-tipping and an offence for which the Borough Council will prosecute. Both authorities ask either to sign up to the BDBC garden waste scheme (01256 844 844) or bag it up and take it to the Household Recycling Centre.

Many thanks

Andrew Reid, Local Constable
01256 389 050 07768 776 844

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

T/00215/14/TCA Range of notices re fallen or dangerous trees. MVTs Technologies, Waterside, Frog Lane.

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

Pending decision

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

T/00134/14/TCA Remove saplings from Frog Lane, Mapledurwell.

T/00157/14/TCA Lanterns, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell.
Reduce to hedge height one Ash tree.

T/000173/14/TCA The Yews, Kembers Lane, Mapledurwell.
Notice of intent to fell two Yew trees.

Granted 14/00341/HSE 4th April (reg 10th Feb) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. New pitched roof over existing flat roof extensions. New dormer windows over existing windows. Replacement of external materials.

Withdrawn 14/00262/LDEU 28th March (reg 29th January) Rose Cottage, Tunworth Rd, Mapledurwell. Application for Certificate of Lawfulness to use land as residential.

Refused 13/00772/FUL 31st March (reg 1st July) Land at Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Construction of detached one and a half storey, two bedroom lifetime dwelling.

Newnham & Nately Scures

REPORT FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY & QUIZ OF THURSDAY 24TH APRIL



Somehow this is the only picture we have... Fortunately we didn't rival the Hook Parish Assembly the previous evening in Elizabeth Hall who had to turn people away from the door

Parish Council Chairman Clive Pinder thanked everyone for the contribution they made by attending: c45, +children 5, +parish council 6, +ward cllrs 3, +county cllr 1, +PC Andy Reid.

Clive particularly thanked four former Parish Councillors present: Nigel Bell, Roger Booth, Jeff Ford, Adam Rendall.

AIMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Appearance and experience of rural community Litter is always an issue. Grateful thanks to John Broughton for organising the Newnham litterpicks and those who regularly turn out to help – plus the new recruits who helped with the Spring Litter Pick Week in March.

Newnham Green Thanks to Colin Lewin for subsidising Green maintenance by donating use of his equipment – so only manpower is charged. The aim isn't to make the Green pristine but to make it look cared for.

Report by June James The aim from the outset has to maintain the Green for the benefit of the environment and the community – for wildlife and as a recreational facility with an area of the main Green being available for children and families to play, picnic etc. The area around the main pond is set aside for the growth of reeds/wild flowers etc. The Green ponds are protected habitats as Great Crested newts are endangered nationally, but as evidenced by night-time checks with torches they are abundant in Newnham. Also there is again a moorhen nesting again on the pond as there used to be several years ago; in recent years, although moorhens had visited, the pond had been so overgrown they weren't nesting.

Churches & Clubroom The Parish Council thanked the Clubroom Committee – Peter Brown, Nigel Downes, Rosemary Richardson, Leah Stenning – for providing a venue of this quality. The Clubroom Committee has proposed that part of Clubroom profits be used to support Parish projects.

If anyone has an idea for or would like support for a community event please contact the Clubroom Committee or the Parish Council.

The Churches are the most notable buildings in our communities. Thanks to Jane Leese and the VCCs (Village Church Committees) and many residents who are responsible for keeping the churches open, cleaned, main-

tained and maintaining the grounds, for planting outside and flowers inside.

The Oppé Garden continues to be run, for St Nicholas' VCC, by volunteers. Thanks to Kate Guy & Becky Brookes, and to Richard Fouracre and June James who continue to give support.

Community engagement If you haven't already, please supply an email address for Parish communication to newnham.clerk@btinternet.com.

www.parishofnewnham.org.uk The Parish Website is responding to search engines, with thanks to Jane Bonnin for her time, input and support.

<https://www.facebook.com/NewnhamParishCouncil> now has 49 friends and 88 people have seen our recent posts.

The Villager The Parish Council continues to support the *Villager* and contribute to its funding. Thanks to all contributors and the network of volunteer distributors. A particular tribute should be made to Dennis Gary of Heather Row who died in March this year. Dennis delivered the *Villager* in Nately Scures from its very first issue up to 2012. He was one of the unsung heroes who build community.

Newnham Traffic calming The concept plan updated 11th April is not final, and detailed discussion is still to take place regarding exact positions of features and the concerns of resident directly affected. This concept plan is on the Website which will be updated as soon as further progress is made.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Quizmaster Richard Wilson presented the multiple choice quiz with tiebreaker for a prize of a £50 voucher from the Old House at Home. The winning team included Roger Booth, Jeff Ford, Jim & Julie Vaughan.

IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Nigel Bell, former Newnham Chairman and Councillor, emphasised the importance of local knowledge and information as central to ability to protect our Parish. He implored residents to learn about their community, its history and environment. He said this local intelligence was vital to the Parish Council which might not have much power but which could make a difference

REPORT FROM PC REID

PC Reid thanked all residents who contacted him with intelligence and thanked Richard Fouracre for his assistance in clearing fallen trees in the

Parish during the winter storms.

Please call him if people were in the area selling door-to-door so intelligence can be kept up on their activities. A 'No Cold Calling Zone' and Neighbourhood Watch scheme had been put in place at Water End Park. A man caught poaching was found to have involvement with drugs – often people engaged in very minor offences had links to more serious crime. The whereabouts of Travellers was always monitored. Traffic was a concern in all areas; speed enforcement and vehicle checks were conducted.

The Chairman thanked PC Reid and said the Parish was extremely fortunate to have a police officer of such calibre and commitment.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Development to West and East of Newnham The Chairman said that there were two organised groups opposing development on Newnham's borders and he would encourage residents to sign up to both:

<http://www.solveoddon.org> and
<http://hookdevaction.org.uk>.

SOLVE was founded by the district councillors present this evening, Cllrs Cubitt and Godesen and had succeeded in reduced housing pressure on sites to the east of Old Basing.

Regarding the east of Hook, Newnham Parish Council's main concern is to protect the remaining fields between Owen's Farm lane and Newnham.

Rowan Lodge 'Car Park' The BDBC Planning Officer's report was in line with the Parish Council view that parking should remain within the Rowan Lodge site. Forest Care was required by the Enforcement Officer to submit an application by 21st April and this is understood to be imminent.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

These included: 'Traffic calming on Newnham Road could increase the pressure on Crown Lane.' 'Build-outs can cause traffic to speed up to get through them.' 'Has upkeep to the traffic calming features been considered and costed?' 'The Parish Council used to have a Welcome Pack.' 'Cattlegrids are being put in Heather Row as part of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust Project to use grazing to revert the vegetation to Heathland.' 'What happened following the Beehive Farm application?' 'If you would like to join the choir contact Monica Wardrop.'

LOCAL ELECTIONS Polling day is Thursday 22nd May. Cllr Cubitt will be standing as an independent.

THANKS AND CLOSE Thanks to Vice Chair Sue Mann for her contribution: Sue is moving so there will soon be a vacancy. The Parish Council is very fortunate to have Ann Blyth to represent Water End. Particular thanks also to Sven Godesen and Onnilee Cubitt who both go 'above and beyond' to protect their residents, and County Cllr Still for her support.



NEWNHAM 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.

Visit our Website or find us on Facebook newnhamclubroom.org.uk
www.facebook.com/NewnhamVillageHall

NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS AND CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL



**Sunday 8th June
1.30 - 5pm**

Plans are going ahead apace and we have eight – 10 gardens opening.

New for this year is the Flower Festival in the Church. The theme of the Festival is 'A Country Garden' and we have several people who are going to do arrangements, but, we are always looking for more! There will be an organ recital at intervals during the afternoon by our Organist, Nick Wilmer.

Plants, seedlings, cuttings etc would be very welcome for the plant stalls. This has been a very successful part of the day with a large variety of plants on offer, so, keep us in mind when you feel you have too many for your own plot.

As always homemade cakes go down very well with the teas (last year we actually ran out) so, can you all get your Mary Berry hats on and help us out! We have quite a reputation to maintain for our cakes, judging by all the comments we receive. Large sponges and fruit cakes are the easiest to serve.

Jan and Colin Lewin are kindly allowing us to use their Barn again this year and what better surroundings could you choose to start or finish the day.

Entrance is the same as last year - £5.00, children free with a map of Gardens open.

There will be more information in the next Villager re Parking, but, if anyone in the meantime wants to know anything else about the day, please contact Rosemary Richardson or Chris Broughton on 762369/762490

SOLVE

Save Our
Loddon Valley
Environment



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

BDBC has approved the draft Local Plan for another round of public consultation between April 25th and June 13th. The Local Plan will determine the housing requirement and sites in the Borough up to 2029.

Any comments should be confined to changes that have been made since the last public consultation. All previous consultation submissions will be forwarded to the Planning Inspector.

BOROUGH ELECTIONS 22ND MAY

SOLVE remains an apolitical organisation. However, we support Councillors who support our aims of protecting the Loddon Valley from development. Therefore SOLVE is delighted to hear that Councillor Onnalee Cubitt is standing for re-election as an Independent in the Basing Ward. We are indebted to her for her continuing support and work within the Council on behalf of her residents. She has worked tirelessly,

diligently and passionately for her Ward and it is good to see that there are still some politicians with the courage and integrity to put the interests of their residents before their political career.

She has a wealth of knowledge regarding the Local Plan, its background and the difficulties encountered during its preparation, and it would be a tragedy if she were unable to represent us in the future. SOLVE has no hesitation in supporting Onnalee. See our website <http://www.solveoddon.org/> for more information and links to Onnalee's Facebook page.

Onnalee was not allowed back into the Conservative group because she stood up for the people who elected her. A Conservative candidate who is not supported by the Basing and Lychpit Conservatives has been imposed on the Ward by people who don't live here and who were at the heart of the campaign to exclude Manydown from the original Local Plan.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE



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 07702 096 810 or monica.wardrop@xerox.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Report 2013/14 available at the Assembly and on the website.

Parish Assembly 24th April 2014 See report opposite, full report on the website. **The Parish Council would also like to send its thanks and best wishes to former Councillor Ian Riley from Water End who was unable to be at the meeting.**

Newnham Parish Council vacancy will soon be announced as Vice-chair Sue Mann is moving away after serving for six years as a councillor.

Next Parish Council meeting will be the May AGM.

PLANNING

Parish Applications

14/00990/HSE (9th April) The Meet Newnham Road, Newnham. Garage extension and roof reconfiguration.

14/00902/FUL (7th April) Heatherside Rest Home, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory.

Hook Application

14/00838/FUL (7th April) High Ridge House Owens Farm Newnham Road. Erection of a four bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing.

ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM



Church bookshelf up and running, photo courtesy of June James

Greywell



Friday Coffee

Mornings in the Village Hall, **2nd and 30th May**, 10.30-11am.

Coffee & Mobile Library

Saturdays The Mobile Library will outside the Village Hall from 10am-10.30 on **17th May**, 14th June. Coffee from 10-11am in the Village Hall.

THE TEAPOT CAFE

will be open **3-4pm** on **Tuesdays 6th May** and 3rd June If you need a lift call Jackie Giles on 702 859.



ST MARY'S GREYWELL

Many thanks to all who helped tidy the churchyard, clean the church and decorate for Easter. All your efforts are most appreciated. Thank you again.

May's services are as usual now with the 11am Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

This month's family service is a special service for Rogation Sunday

All are welcome to come along – please see *Church Notices opposite*. Refreshments will follow, hopefully in the churchyard.

VCC meeting 6.30pm on Tuesday 6th May at Lady Nell's house.

GREYWELL PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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.

Applications granted

14/00257/HMC 10th April (reg 21st February) Weston House, The Street, Greywell. Erection of a replacement garden building.

14/00213/HMC (householder & minor commercial) & 14/00411/LBC (listed building consent) 4th April (reg 10th February). The Old Forge, Hook Road, Greywell. Installation of a domestic in-ground swimming pool.

VILLAGE HALL

AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee, Thursday 15th May at 7.15pm

All villagers are invited to attend; wine and nibbles will be provided. The meeting is an opportunity to hear what the Committee has done over the past year, learn about the plans for the future and for you to ask questions and comment. The formal business will be to re-appoint the Chairman, Secretary and the Treasurer. We are also looking for new members to join the Committee to help organise future events.



PLANT & PRODUCE SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 10th May, Village Hall, doors open 9.30am

Please give us your support. As well as stalls selling plants, home-made cakes and other produce - plus the Tombola and Raffle - coffee, tea and cakes will be served throughout the morning. So, come and meet your friends and neighbours.

Donations for our stalls, as usual, will be gratefully received. Specifically, we would like:

- **cakes, biscuits, homemade jams etc**
- **plants and seedlings of all varieties**
- **Raffle prizes** ● **Tombola prizes.**

Donations can be taken to the Village Hall on Friday, 6th May between 6 and 7pm; or from 9am on Saturday 10th; or drop them off with a member of the committee.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

FUTURE EVENTS

Safari Supper - Regarded by many in the village as the most enjoyable evening on the Greywell calendar, invitations will be posted to houses in Greywell by the end of May.

Curry Evening - 13th September

Bonfire and Fireworks - 1st November

Village Quiz - 15th November.

To hire the village hall please contact helenjsullivan@gmail.com.

Marquee hire (within Greywell Village) mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk.



Parish Council diary dates... Local & Parish Elections Thursday 22nd May.
Parish Council AGM Tuesday 3rd June, 6pm, followed by...
The Greywell Parish Assembly - Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm.

Mothers' UNION

North Hants Downs Branch

At our March meeting we continued our knitting for the Baghdad MU while Linda Scard and Caroline Scull told us about the MU Diocesan Council meeting. The meeting heard about a range of projects going on around the diocese, and then heard a presentation from Debbie Thrower. You may have heard of Debbie Thrower from her days as a presenter on BBC Radio. She is also a Reader in the Church of England with a particular ministry to the elderly. She gave an inspirational talk about the 'Gift of Years' - emphasising the positive aspects of people's experiences in later years.

In May we are raising money for the AFIA family holiday with two events - a coffee morning at The Rectory in Up Nately on Thursday 29th May, and a soup, bread and cheese lunch with a sale of paperback book in All Saints' Odiham on Friday 9th May. As most of you know, the family holiday enables needy families, who would not normally get a holiday, to have a week away at Lodge Hill, Pulborough in West Sussex. It makes a huge difference to the families, please do come and support us.

At our meeting on Thursday, 15th May in the RAF Church Hall, Elizabeth Mumford will be asking us 'Are you the best advert for the MU?' Why don't you come and join us at 8pm to judge us for yourself? You'd be most welcome.

To learn more please phone our Leader, Sue Murphy on 01252 845 011.

Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

Holy Baptism

We welcomed into the church family On Sunday April 6th at St Mary's Greywell: Esme and Ethan Hunt of Dorchester Way.

Funeral Services

On Tuesday April 1st at Basingstoke Crematorium: Ellen Chaloner of Heatherside, Nately Scures.

On Thursday April 10th at All Saints' Long Sutton: Susan Andrews of Long Sutton, Odiham, & Rowan Lodge.

April Diary dates:

- 4 **Sunday 2pm, Baptism at Newnham**
- 5 **Monday 7.15pm, SingUp rehearsal at Newnham**
- 6 **Tuesday 6.30pm, Greywell VCC**
- 7 **Wednesday 7.30pm, Deanery Synod at Herriard**
- 8 **Thursday 8pm, Mapledurwell VCC**
- 15 **Thursday 11am, Mid-week Holy Communion**
- 29 **Thursday 10am, Mothers' Union coffee morning at The Rectory**
- 29 **Thursday 7.30pm, Ascension day service at Newnham.**

Lent Lunches 2014

My thanks to all those who welcomed us into their homes for a Lent Lunch. Through their generous hospitality we have been able to make a valuable contribution to the work of Christian Aid although the exact amount is not yet available.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

Our monthly mid-week communion service, usually held at The Dower House, Greywell will be on Thursday May 15th at 11am. Please join our 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.

Links with Hoima, Uganda

Some of you will know that each of the 12 churches of our Benefice have given a communion set (a chalice for the wine and a paten for the bread) to one of the 12 churches being consecrated, or reconsecrated, in the Hoima area to mark Bishop Nathan's 12th year as their Bishop.

One of the Trustees of Help Hoima was recently in Uganda and able to make some of these presentations in person. St Mary's Mapledurwell has thus been linked with All Saints' Burimbi, who sent back some photos of their new church and a lovely gift for our church as a thank you. It is hoped that an occasional email link between the two churches will be established.

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning held at The Rectory, Up Nately, on Thursday May 29th between 10am and 12 noon. This is to support the work of the Mothers Union Away From It All holidays for families in need. Please do come along for coffee and cake – all donations for the appeal will be gratefully received.

'REV'

Peter Dyson will be leading discussions on the TV sitcom Rev (the first

not the current series), during 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 TV 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.

Confirmation

There are currently two people preparing to be confirmed in Winchester Cathedral on November 22nd, one young and one an adult. If you have not been confirmed and would like to consider joining them, please speak to Rev Jane 765 547.

The minimum age is usually 11 years – there is no upper limit at all!

Rogation Service in Greywell

On Sunday May 25th we shall be joining together as churches to celebrate Rogation in Greywell. Weather permitting we shall be out and about praying for the village, its people, its farms, its places of recreation and places where people work. And as we pray in Greywell, we shall be remembering and praying for the life of each of our five villages.

This is an ideal service for the whole family to come along and join in. We meet at the church at 10.30am.

Easter Flowers

Many, many thanks to everyone who was involved in cleaning and decorating all the churches for Easter. They looked absolutely wonderful! Jane.

Church Services

May 4th

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

May 11th

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

May 18th

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

May 25th United Parish Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (B CP)	Newnham
10.30am	Rogation Service	Greywell

May 29th Ascension Day

7.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
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Rowan Lodge Nursing Home

Spring started off on a very civilised note at Rowan with an afternoon tea to celebrate Mothers' Day, families and friends joined us with a good helping of scones, thick cream and jam; perfect!

We had our coffee morning in April with a clothing sale which was a lovely sociable morning enjoyed by all and very good to see some of you too, thank you for your support! We will have another clothing party in September of an afternoon.

Our Easter Saturday party was enjoyed by all with some super entertainment on both floors of our home? We've embraced everything Easter, with craft, lovely Spring flower arrangements, cakes and much Bunting being made!

Coming up in May we have the following events; if you would like to pop in you would be most welcome to join us:

Bank Holiday Monday 5th, 2pm – Mike Hammer

Tuesday 6th May – Our monthly Coffee Morning

Saturday 10th May, 2pm – Roger with his Elvis tunes and more

Saturday 17th May, 2pm – Ian Kimber with toe-tapping tunes

Saturday 24th May, 2pm – have a good singalong with Joanne

Thursday 29th May, 3pm – our Rowan Church Service with Jane Leese.



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Dear Friends

A few months ago, at the end of January, Roland and I joined a guided tour of the ground floor and crypt of St Paul's Cathedral. It was very worthwhile as the guide pointed out all sorts of interesting facts and features that we would otherwise have missed. It's not cheap to get into St Pauls' (£14 with a concession!) but if you gift-aid your donation your ticket is valid for a year. And so a couple of weeks ago we decided to return and take ourselves upwards to explore the dome. This venture is not for the faint hearted! Nor indeed, according to the notices by the entrance, is it for those who are elderly, infirm, 'with child' or have no head for heights! But we decided we didn't tick any of those boxes and off we went.

The first stop was the Whispering Gallery, 257 steps up, with its special acoustic, offering wonderful views around the inside of the cathedral and the glorious mosaics that line the dome. Another 119 steps, inside the skin of the dome, took us to the Stone Gallery on the outside of the cathedral, with views across the city – and especially those nearby sights such as the Monument, Tower Bridge, Tate Modern and the Globe Theatre. And finally, another 152 steps, a very steep and narrow spiral, to the smallest Golden Gallery. Here we enjoyed panoramic views beyond the city and out as far as the more rural counties in the far distance. We could see Wembley Stadium and the mast of Alexandra Palace and we could follow the course of the Thames as it curled its way eastwards towards the sea. It was a very good experience – and we were quite impressed with our own fitness, overtaking several puffing and panting people stopping to catch their breath. All that dog walking has really paid off!

May is the month of the Ascension. The Bible tells us that in the presence of his disciples Jesus was 'lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight' (Acts 1: 9) and that 'he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven' (Luke 24: 51). The language is that of ascending, moving upwards and many great masters have painted the scene showing Jesus rising above the ground, entering the cloud and disappearing from their sight. But this was no ordinary cloud: it represented the hidden glory of God, his hidden presence, unseen yet ever near. In returning to God, Jesus left our sight but not our presence. In his gospel Matthew tells us that Jesus said 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

We felt on top of the world as we stood on the Golden Gallery! Ascended, Jesus is not just on top of the world, but, beyond the restrictions of time and space, he is in all places, at all times, always with us.

With my love and blessing

Jane

Revd. Jane Leese

Mobile Library Service

Saturdays 17th May, 14th June, 12th July

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

Thursdays 22nd May, 19th June, 17th July

09.45-10.15 Linden Spa, Old Basing

Saturdays 24th May, 21st June, 19th July

12.30-13.00 Rotherwick nr school

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