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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
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Diary dates

April

- 4 Rowan Lodge Easter Get-together
- 7 Rowan Lodge Coffee morning
- 7 Teapot Cafe 3-4pm
- 10 Up Nately coffee morning Beavers from 10 - 12 noon.
- 10 Odiham Society Speaker 7.45pm
- 11-12 B&D Model Engineering Society Miniature Steam Rally 10am-4.30pm Viables Craft Centre
- 15 Maple Tea & Cake Gathering 3pm at Jasmine Dean
- 18 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library 10am
- 23 North Warnborough & District Garden Club 2.10 for 2.30pm VH
- 23 Newnham Parish Assembly 6.45pm
- 26 A celebration of St George 11am St Nicholas' Newnham

May

- 2 St Swithun's 7pm Flowers in Spring, a celebration in song with Belle Canto
- 2-4 St Swithun's Floral Weekend
- 9 Greywell Spring Plant & Produce sale, Village Hall
- 9 Call my Bluff Wine Tasting Evening M&UN Village Hall
- 14 Greywell Village Hall AGM
- 16 Odiham Magna Carta Concert & Flags
- 17 Friends of St Mary's Mapledurwell Treasure Hunt, 4pm at St Mary's
- 18th-25 Odiham Archaeological Research
- 20 Mapledurwell & Up Nately Annual Parish Assembly 8pm Village Hall
- 22-24 Odiham Magna Carta Festival
- 30 Up Nately Safari Supper



LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Newnham and Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parishes

The breaking news is that, following the implementation of the Basingstoke and Deane policing reorganisation scheduled for 1st April, PC Andy Reid remains in post as our dedicated Rural Beat Officer

However the discussions with PC Reid and Hampshire Assistant Chief Constable David Pryde which achieved this result were somewhat last-minute and will be ongoing over the next few days – and after the *Villager* has gone to print.

Negotiations have been led by the Upton Grey & Candovers Ward Councillor Mark Ruffell and Tunworth Parish.

Current proposals are as follows:

1. A Dedicated Beat Officer for the existing Upton Grey and Candovers Beat (ie including Newnham and Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parishes) paid for via a 'Community Fund' of voluntary contributions amounting to £60,000 per annum for the next three years.
2. The details of how this is administered, including the mechanism for the receipt of the funding to the Police is still under consideration.
3. Time has been allowed for the details to be agreed and for the funding to be pledged. The existing Police Structure for the Beat will remain in place until these matters are resolved. An indicative deadline of 1st May 2015 for agreement has been suggested.

Newnham & Nately Scures and other Parish Councils are considering using some of their precept to make a contribution to the Community Fund.

In addition, emails requesting pledges of support have been and will be circulating among Parishes across the beat area (apparently this comprises 1,773 homes plus businesses) – pledges will be followed up when the whole policing 'package' is confirmed. Figures of £100-£1,000 per annum have been suggested – and of the many pledges already received some have been smaller and some larger than these amounts but in all cases very gratefully received.

Pledges can be addressed to the Chair of Tunworth Parish Meeting, Daphne Taylor, email dcmtaylor@btinternet.com or to Beechcroft, Tunworth, Hampshire RG25 2NB. For enquiries please call Daphne on 01256 356 267 or 07768 117 362. Further information will be circulated as received.

WILDLIFE IS EVERYWHERE & EVERYWHERE IS WILD!

Newnham Ponds
Newt Survey

Newnham Green Ponds recently provided a venue for a newt survey training course. Claire Andrews from CA Ecology based in Rotherwick is a fully licensed professional ecologist and brought a group of students to undertake surveys of the three ponds 18th/19th March – with findings as follows...

In the biggest pond we caught 11 female GCN and found eggs which shows evidence of breeding.

In the middle pond we had 13 male GCN and two female along with a male and a female smooth newt, again we found a GCN egg showing evidence of breeding.

In the small pond we found no newts, though a single survey (especially this early in the year) doesn't mean that newts don't use the pond, just that we didn't find them this time – they are quite likely to use the pond at some point despite it being of lower quality than the other two.



PHOTOS:
Christopher Burnett



Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Congratulations to Hansie and Lucy du Bruyn on the birth of Hannes on 28th March, a welcome playmate for his sisters Roselie and Marieta.

Next Up Nately coffee morning 10th April at Beavers from 10 - 12 noon. Phone Jane for more info 763 649.



Up Nately Pond

The pond area is looking lovely!

Dates for your diary 30th May Safari Supper • 28th June BBQ

A DAY OUT IN THE VILLAGE...

These three youngsters got so fed up with the rubbish lying in the verges near their home that they decided to pick it all up, just look how much they collected in a very short time! Well done, and thank you Caitlin, Abigail and Leo, hopefully you have shown all the residents how to keep our lovely villages tidy!



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

15/00275/FUL Elm Cottage, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of a detached four bedroom dwelling with integral garage following demolition of existing dwelling.

15/00220/HSE Hungry Lodge, Down Lane, Mapledurwell. Erection of fencing and re-build a part fallen wall, erection of ramp (part retrospective).

Applications pending

14/03920/FUL (15th January) Priory Farmhouse, Andwell. Extension of permission for temporary change of use to Class D1 children's nursery approved under BDB/73417 to 2022.

Dear residents of Mapledurwell

We wish to thank you all for your patience and understanding during Dave Seymour's funeral service on Monday 2nd March 2015. We hope that it did not cause too much inconvenience. Thank you to Revd Linda Scard for the lovely service she conducted and to the Costello family of the Gamekeepers for the food and refreshments they kindly provided.

Dave was a familiar face in Mapledurwell for the last 26 years with our business, Saxon Cleaning Services, cleaning carpets and windows including those of St Mary's Church.

We cleaned the church windows on Saturday 22nd March as an expression of thanks to you all.

Mike Seymour

A very warm welcome to Jill & Owen Murphy who have come to live at Pepperpot. We hope they will be very happy living in our Village.

Maple Tea & Cake Gathering

is to be held on Wednesday 15th April 3pm at Jasmine Dean, Tunworth Road. Contact Angela on 329 680



Treasure hunt on Sunday, 17th May

The Friends of St Mary's would like to invite you to a Treasure hunt/walk around the village, to find letters to solve a conundrum. Teams of any number. £5 per team, donation on the day, to be given to Cruse Bereavement. Start 4pm at St Mary's church, Mapledurwell. Prizes for winners. Please contact Caroline to register your team by 8th May on 843 850 or carolinejwiseman@gmail.com.



PHOTOS: Liz Preece



VILLAGE HALL

CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Committee would like to thank all those people who supported the Curry and Quiz Night. It was an excellent evening, raising in excess of £500 for Village Hall funds. The table displays were superb; a certain film had inspired a number of the decorations!

A few 'Thank you's' - to the people who helped with the washing up, it was much appreciated - and for the loan of the sound equipment, projector and laptop - they added a new dimension to the evening.

Finally 'Congratulations!' to the winning team; please come back and defend your title next year.

NEXT VILLAGE HALL EVENT

Call my Bluff - Saturday 9th May Wine Tasting Evening (with a twist)

Come and join us at the village hall for a fun evening of wine tasting. Pit your wits and taste-buds against a team of 'Connoisseurs'.

Can you recognise the wine and tell which 'Connoisseur' is telling the truth and which is bluffing?

Tables of 6-8 preferred but smaller groups can be combined. Tickets £10 a head, to include a cheese and paté board. Please contact Julie Viney - jules@cresswood.net or Di Lewis - Diseylew@aol.com - for further information and tickets.



FUTURE EVENTS

Family Fun Day 20th June • **Rounders & Afternoon Tea** 5th Sept
• 80s Disco 3rd October • **Autumn Fair** 28th November
• Children's Christmas Party 5th Dec.

TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL Contact Caretaker Jayne Norman on 474 432 or check out the website: www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your Parish Council is pleased to announce the installation of a new public access defibrillator (PAD) and we wish to thank the Charity the Friends of St Mary's Mapledurwell for their grant towards the cost.

The first unit has been installed at the Gamekeepers pub in Mapledurwell by kind permission of the Publican Phil Costello who will be generously be providing the electricity and monitoring the unit on a weekly basis.

The Defibrillator is mounted in a locked green box on the outside of the pub to the left of the front door by the outside tables.

If you suspect a heart attack and the individual is unconscious and not breathing first call the ambulance service calling 999 who will request you start CPR and if second person is present the call handler will provide the access code and request that they collect the unit.

The unit needs no special training users simply follow the voice prompts the unit will give them.

The Parish Council plans to install a second unit in the old Red Telephone box located by the UP-Nately pond on the Greywell road following its refurbishment, probably in May 2015.

Mapledurwell allotments

Available to residents of the parish of Mapledurwell & Up Nately. This includes one established plot. Please contact Russell Price on 01256 329 680 for further information.

Soccer Pitch – Dog Fouling

There has been an increased incidence of dog fouling on and around the soccer pitch. If you exercise your dog in this area please use your imagination and consider the youngsters who play there. Keep an eye on your dog and clear up properly if they foul the area. Best of all – keep them well away from the pitch until they have been, but still keep an eye on them after that. Thank you.



When lighting bonfires

Please take account of the wind direction and be considerate of your neighbours who may wish to use their gardens. Thank you.

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 8pm at Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall. All welcome.

LITTER AND FLY-TIPPING IN ENGLAND

THE COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE PUBLISHED ITS REPORT ON LITTER AND FLY-TIPPING IN ENGLAND ON 16TH MARCH

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/communities-and-local-government-committee/publications/>

'The evidence of our own eyes, the photographs tweeted to us, and the evidence we took during this inquiry lead us to the conclusion that England is a litter-ridden country compared to most of Europe, North America and Japan. Change is needed.'

The cost of litter to local authorities is (best estimate) £717 to £850 million.

Recommendations from the report's concluding 'Strategy for change'...

'We encourage councils to think through their strategy on bins. In some places no bins may be better. In other places brightly-coloured, solar, compacting, talking bins or recycle on-the-go facilities may be the means of encouraging people to use them and to save on both the collection costs of litter and emptying bins.

'There is a division of responsibilities between Government departments which creates problems for industry and volunteer groups. We recommend that the Government create a national litter strategy for England with a clear framework for action. This must be underpinned with a coordinating role for local councils.

'It would be much better, and cost-effective, to remove the anomaly which gives the Highways Agency responsibility for maintaining trunk roads and another body responsibility for cleaning them. We understand a proposal to transfer trunk road cleaning responsibilities to Highways Agency is under consideration.

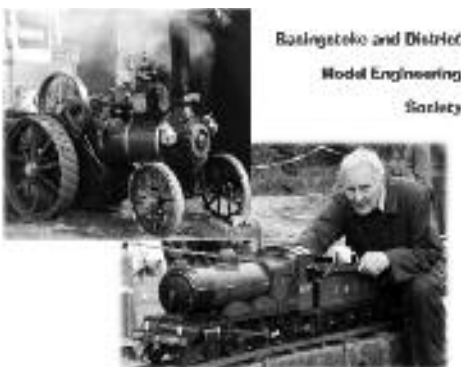
Councils should be more proactively engaged with local voluntary groups and charities who may be willing to collect discarded goods from households free of charge. In addition, we recommend that industry take away bulky items when they deliver replacements, as is already the case in relation to fridges.)

We strongly support the premise that a portion of tobacco levies should be provided to local councils to pay for the cost of clearing cigarette-related litter.

Penalties for fly-tipping We accept that prosecution is often difficult and costly. The Government should introduce a national fixed penalty notice which would require the lower standard of proof required for a civil penalty.

Littering and fly-tipping from vehicles The Government has been slow to update legislation relating to litter thrown from vehicles and fly-tipping from vehicles. We recommend that it bring into operation long overdue legislation in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 providing for the seizure of vehicles involved in fly-tipping offences. We also recommend that it extend immediately to all local authorities in England, the powers in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill 2014 to impose penalties on the owner of a vehicle from which litter is dropped.

Penalties for litter We see a case for increasing the maximum Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) level both to encourage local authorities to make greater use of FPNs and to provide additional resources to remove litter.



Miniature Steam Rally

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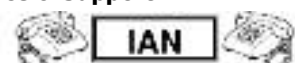
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Newnham & Nately Scures

**St Nicholas' Newnham
Sunday 26th April 11am**



A celebration of St George

A service for all the family with popular rousing hymns. – St George's Day is April 23rd.

Come and hear how St George slew the dragon!

Old English refreshments afterward in the period Manor Farm Barn courtesy of Mr Colin Lewin.



NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS

**Sunday 7th June
1.30 - 5pm**

Thank you to all who have said they will open their gardens this year. We are hoping for more! Do let us know if you would like to open or indeed if you would just like to know more about what is involved. Volunteers to help on the day are most welcome!

This is the time for dividing perennials, sowing annuals and vegetable seeds. We would be grateful for any plants surplus to requirements for our plant stall. We have always been able to provide a most interesting array of plants.

Any questions, please contact Philippa Heffner (760139) or Jackie O'Regan (762407).

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. Visit newnhamclubroom.org.uk or call Rosemary on 07435 782 122

Hook Scottish Country Dance Club

Come for fun, fitness and friendship. Held every Thursday from 8.15pm at Newnham Clubroom. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome. For further details contact Kate 762 982.



PARISH ASSEMBLY & QUIZ



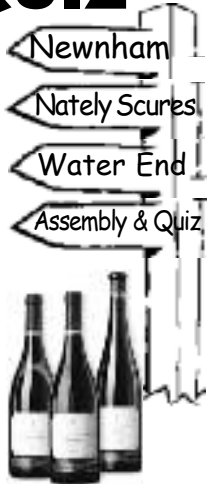
Thursday April 23rd

St George's Day at Newnham Clubroom

Doors open 6.45pm



All residents of Newnham, Nately Scures & Water End are warmly invited to attend. Please join us again this year for a relaxed hour-or-so of refreshment and discussion, there will be free wine, beer, nibbles – and soft drinks, teas & coffees. We plan to start with the local knowledge quiz – now in its third year – and be finished by 8.30pm. All the family welcome.



St Swithun's Nately Scures
presents...

Floral Weekend

Saturday 2nd to Monday 4th May
A Celebration of Spring Flowers and Music

Saturday 2nd May at 7pm

Flowers in Spring

A celebration in song from *Edelweiss* to *The Flower Duet*



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**Sunday & Monday
3rd & 4th of May**

Enjoy the *Flowers*
and a *Cream Tea*
from 2.30pm

**Sunday 3rd May
at 6pm** *Floral
Evensong*

followed by Cheese and Wine

LOCAL ELECTIONS THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2015

Polling will be held on 7th May in Newnham Clubroom for a Basing Ward councillor

Serving Basing Ward councillors:

Clr Onnalee Cubitt (Independent) 'retirement' year 2018

Clr Sven Godesen (Conservative) 'retirement' year 2016

Clr Steven Marks (Conservative) 'retirement' year 2015 –

therefore Clr Marks' seat will be up for re-election in May this year.

Newnham Parish Council elections will take place in May 2016

Elections for the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner – May 2016.

Hampshire County Council elections – May 2017.

NEWNHAM SPRING LITTER PICK

Many thanks to all those volunteers (12 must be a record), and Maria Miller our local MP, who collected a huge amount of litter, just six months after the last litter pick. This is well illustrated by the adjacent photo and clearly shows the massive litter problem that exists in this country which is getting worse year by year. So perhaps we should all be writing to our MP to request the Government takes action to resolve this appalling situation... John Broughton

See *Communities & Local Government Committee report Litter and Fly-tipping in England (page 3)*. The Parish Council contributed to the enquiry in October 2014 with reports from the Newnham Litter pick and the Barracks.



PHOTO: John Broughton

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application pending 15/00286/LDEU (5th February) Woodside, Tylney Lane Newnham. Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land as residential.

Application granted 15/00170/FUL (27th March, reg 19th January) Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of a three bedroom dwelling and associated change of use of land from agricultural to residential.

HOOK APPLICATIONS

New application 15/00403/FUL (27th February) High Ridge House, Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Erection of a new building for 11 stables and tack room for applicants personal use and erection of an agricultural / equestrian hay barn.

Application granted 15/00296/FUL (20th March, reg 16th February) High Ridge House, Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Demolition of existing house and garage and construction of replacement house and garage.

BDBC LOCAL PLAN TIMETABLE

March Major changes agreed as basis for public consultation
May/June 2015 Six week consultation period
Autumn 2015 Examination
Spring 2016 Inspector's report
Spring 2016 Adoption.

HOP GARDEN DEVELOPMENT

Application refused 14/03077/MAJOR (25th March, reg 23rd December 2014) Land Off Hop Garden Road, Hook. Erection of 48 dwellings open space, access and parking.

Hart reasons for refusal

1. Inappropriate development in open countryside location outside designated Settlement Boundary of Hook within an area designated as a Local Gap between Hook and Newnham, and would lead to the physical and visual coalescence of these two settlements.

In the absence of any identified policy justification for such development, the proposal is considered to be contrary to saved policies CON21, RUR1, RUR2 and RUR3.

2. Does not contain sufficient safeguards to deliver and retain suitable provision for affordable housing provision. As such, contrary to saved policy ALTGEN13.

3. Does not guarantee appropriate mitigation for the impacts of the development on the infrastructure of the area, in particular in respect of education facilities, open space and leisure and local transport. As such, contrary to paragraph 4.6.1 and saved policies URB23 and T16.

Appeal Pending Hop Garden Appeal for 14/00867/MAJOR Land off Hop Garden Road, Hook, for 48 residential dwellings. Appeal will be heard in May.



Rowan Lodge Nursing Home

You have probably seen us out in the village in our Pink T-shirts making the most of every dry day we've had this past couple of weeks, it's been a treat for us all to see the snowdrops and daffodils around the church and on the roadsides, makes us all more positive for the coming summer months! We've been out and about into Basingstoke town centre this month for a wander around the shops which was enjoyed by all, great to have a cup of tea and watch the world go by!

We also celebrated Mothering Sunday with a ladies afternoon tea, a super sociable afternoon for all our ladies here to enjoy.

Coming up in April we have the following events for which you are very welcome to join us:

Saturday 4th - Easter Party / Afternoon Tea! - 2pm
Entertainment - Raffle - Families & Friends please join us!

Tuesday 7th April 11am - our monthly Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th April 2pm - Emma is here to sing for us.

Saturday 18th April 2pm - Ian Kimber to get toes tapping

Saturday 25th April 2pm - Peter Anderson to entertain us.



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Greywell



Coffee & Mobile Library... Saturday 18th April at the Village Hall. Mobile library 10-10.30, coffee from 10-11am.

THE TEAPOT CAFE will be open **3-4pm on Tuesday 7th April**. If you need a lift please call Jackie Giles 702 859.



ST MARY'S GREYWELL

Thank yous

Many thanks to all who helped tidy the church yard and church in March. It is so appreciated. Also thanks for those who have given and collected for the Camrose centre in Basingstoke. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Easter Services at St Mary's

The 2pm Good Friday Walk of witness from the Water Works ending at the church and on Easter Day there will be an 11am Family Service.

Greywell News Contributors

If anyone has a story or picture they would like to submit to the *Villager* the editor would be delighted to hear from you at newnham.clerk@btinternet.com. With thanks in advance!

GREYWELL VILLAGE HALL

PHOTO: Julia Annandale from last year's sale

SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday 9 May, Village Hall

Please join us for this popular annual event. A good variety of plants will be available to buy, as well as the usual stalls and refreshments.



VILLAGE HALL AGM

Thursday 14th May Please come along to hear more about the Village Hall Committee's work for the preceding year, including event highlights and financial management.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Safari Supper Saturday 13th June
- Curry Evening Sat 19th Sept.

To book the Village Hall

contact isabel.pound@hotmail.com or alibarter@aol.com.

For Marquee Hire (for residents of Greywell) contact Mike Burnside mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk.

My Yoga Club

Monday Evenings
8-9pm (except Bank Holidays)
Greywell Village Hall
myyogaclub.co.uk
ruth@myyogaclub.co.uk



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications

15/00713/NMMA and 15/00709/LBC (23rd March) Manor Farm Buildings The Street Greywell. Internal and external alterations to Plot 3. (Ref 10/01670/MAJOR Consent for conversion of existing farm buildings to five dwellings and erection of three dwellings.)

Applications Pending

15/00135/HMC and 15/00136/LBC (2nd March) Manor House, The Street, Greywell. Erection of a two storey outbuilding plus an ambulatory and single storey linking extension to the main house, following demolition of existing single storey outbuilding.

Application Granted

15/00324/NMMA and 15/00323/LBC (17th March, reg 10th February) Manor Farm Buildings, The Street, Greywell. Internal and external alterations to Plots 2 & 3 ref 10/01670/MAJOR (conversion of farm buildings to five dwellings and erection of three dwellings).

MAGNA CARTA CELEBRATIONS ODIDHAM 2015

www.odidham-society.org or phone 01256 704 912

Speaker evening 7.45pm

Cross Barn Non-members £3.

Friday April 10th 'Village Life at

the Time of Magna Carta' Speaker Dr Nick Karn, Lecturer in Medieval Law at University of Southampton.

Magna Carta Concert on 16th May

at All Saint's Odidham with flags being flown throughout Odidham Parish for the following week. We hope other Parishes will join in so that anyone driving through north Hampshire sees colourful flags and pennants flying everywhere

Archaeological Research 18th-

25th May Our goal is to discover evidence of the dwellings and lives of the people who supported King John's Castle during its heyday - when it was used by King John himself (1212-1216) and Eleanor & Simon de Montfort (1236-1265). The investigation will take

place just outside the boundary of the ancient monument and in the fields running alongside Tunnel Lane. The original archaeology will be led by Cambridge University, supported by Winchester University, local schools and former 'Time Team' members.



Odidham Magna Carta Festival Weekend Friday 22nd-Sun 24th

May beginning Friday in The Bury and the walled garden adjacent to the Vicarage 6pm - 8.30pm Family entertainment and stalls with re-enactors and medieval entertainers. 6.30pm - A Grand Parade led by King John.

A Cascade of Bellingring 14th June

Ringers everywhere are been encouraged to commemorate the 800th Anniversary by open ringing, special touches of 800 changes, quarter peals and peals. Bells will be ringing from Odidham - the six bells of All Saints' - to St Andrew's Wraysbury where Magna Carta Island is a site traditionally suggested for the sealing of the Magna Carta in 1215.



Starting at 12.15pm, a 'Cascade of tower bellingring' will mark the route that King John would have taken, each tower starting a few minutes after the last, until the final tower of Wraysbury peals out at 3pm to coincide with the National commemoration. The towers along the route are Odidham, Rotherwick, Heckfield, Eversley, Yateley, Sandhurst, Hawley, Yorktown (Camberley), Bagshot, Egham and Wraysbury.

Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'
www.united-parish.org.uk

From the Parish Registers...

Funeral Services

On March 2nd at St Mary's Mapledurwell, David Seymour of Old Basing

On March 6th at Basingstoke Crematorium, Kathleen Dingley of Rowan Lodge

On March 10th at Up Nately, followed by cremation at Basingstoke, Marjorie Golding of Heatherside.

On March 25th at Basingstoke Crematorium, Joan Robinson of Rowan Lodge

We send our love and condolences to those who grieve.

Diary Dates in April

- 2 Maundy Thursday service 7.30 N Scares
- 3 Good Friday service 11am at Newnham
- 3 Walk of Witness 2pm at Greywell
- 15 Wednesday 8pm Annual Church Meeting at Mapledurwell Village Hall
- 20 Monday 7.15pm SingUP rehearsal Newnham church
- 21 Tuesday 8pm pMap committee meeting at Lodge Farm

Mid-Week Holy Communion

The midweek communion service in April will be on Thursday 16th, 11am at The Dower House, Greywell. We share in a traditional service of Holy Communion, with a chance to discuss the Bible reading and to offer our own prayers – and then enjoy coffee, cake and conversation before going home! Please do come along. If you would like a lift, or for more information, please call Revd Jane (765 547).

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Wednesday April 15th 8pm Mapledurwell Village Hall

This is the AGM of our United Parish. Please come along for a review of the church's activities in 2014 and a brief update on our planning for the life of the parish in the next few years. We shall also be electing the churchwardens for each church and our representatives for the church council (PCC). We'd love you to join us to hear how it all works!

Mobile Library Service

Saturday 18th April
Greywell Village Hall 10-10.30
Water End Park 10.40-11.10
Newnham Green 11.15-11.45
Rotherwick nr school 12:40-13:10

Tuesday 21st April
Old Basing Linden Ave 11.45-12.15

Special Services in April

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Maundy Thursday April 2nd 7.30pm
Benefice Service at St Swithun's Nately Scares.

Good Friday April 3rd 11am Hymns & Reflections, St Nicholas' Newnham

Good Friday Walk of Witness in Greywell 2pm (meeting at the Deptford Lane Waterworks)

Easter Sunday Services in each of our five churches. Please see Church Services list.

ANNUAL PET SERVICE

Sunday April 19th 9.30am at Alan's barn, Mapledurwell. All pets and other animals welcome with owners.

ST GEORGE'S DAY

Sunday April 26th at St Nicholas' Newnham. Please come along for a special family service celebrating St George – rousing hymns and something for all the family. Followed by refreshments in Manor Farm Barn.

Church Services

April 5th

8am	Holy Com (BCP) N Scares
8.30am	Holy Com (BCP) Up Nately
9.30am	Holy Com (CW) Mapledurwell
11am	Family Service Greywell
11am	Holy Com (HC) Newnham

April 12th

8.30am	Holy Com (BCP) Up Nately
9.30am	Holy Com (CW) Mapledurwell
11am	Morning Service Greywell
11.15am	Matins Newnham

April 19th

8.30am	Holy Com (BCP) Greywell
9.30am	Pet Service Mapledurwell
11am	Family Service Up Nately
11am	Matins N Scares

April 26th United Parish Services

8.30am	Holy Com (BCP) N Scares
11am	Family Celebration for St George Newnham

REVD MICHAEL JAGGS

The people of the United Parish were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Revd Michael Jaggs and many attended his funeral service at All Saints' Odiham on February 12th.

Michael served as the House for Duty priest in charge of these five villages from 1998 until his retirement in 2008, having previously helped out during the interregnum following the retirement of Revd Michael Hawes. He was well respected for his dignified and reverent approach to worship, and admired for the way he combined his ministry with a very demanding full time career. He conducted many baptisms, weddings and funerals in his time as priest here and through them touched the lives of many people in the local community.

In his regular column in the *Villager* he would often touch on global as well as local issues; always well informed, clear and straightforward in his views, often humorous but never one to pull his punches.

After his retirement he continued to be involved in leading worship at St Nicholas' and St Swithun's for a while – and during this time completed the Newnham project to augment and refurbish the peal of church bells.

The five churches send their love and sympathy to Jan and all the family.

Pictures from a piece written by Michael for the *Villager* in October 2010 on the dedication service – for both the St Nicholas' Churchyard addition and the new bells

Jan and the family would like to thank friends and parishioners for their very kind support and prayers over the passing of Michael



From The Rectory

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Dear Friends
Easter falls right at the beginning of April this year: the season of hot cross buns, Easter eggs, and simnel cake. As a child I remember

we always had roast lamb for lunch on Easter Day with the first new potatoes – which was a real treat in the days when they were not available all year round! I do love food, but even I really can't understand why people today take photos of their food and display it, share it instantly, on the internet. It's called 'food posting' – showing off a plate of pancakes or a pile of profiteroles, whether homemade or in a restaurant – for all the world to see on social media sites. There might be an element of 'aren't I clever to have made this wonderful desert?' or perhaps 'aren't I virtuous to be eating this healthy salad?' or just 'see what a grand restaurant I'm eating in!'. It defines something about us, it helps to shape our public image. Even my own children do it – decorated cupcakes, a hearty roast beef and Yorkshire pud, elaborate cocktails and a full English breakfast have all appeared on Facebook. I'm not too sure what any of that says about them – although as mum I do like a little peep into their lives!

The Gospels invite us to see food in a very different way. Jesus clearly enjoyed his food – his detractors accused him of gluttony and of not being holy enough. He knew how to enjoy a good meal and in his time, just as in Jewish culture today, hospitality and sharing a meal was central to social and religious standing.

But Jesus went further than that and introduced to us the meal that Christians share, Sunday by Sunday and sometimes day by day, the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, the Eucharistic feast as it is often called. On Maundy Thursday, the Thursday just before Easter, we remember his Last Supper with his disciples, as they shared bread and wine and he told them to continue doing that 'in remembrance of me'. This was to be more than just a memorial of his broken body and outpoured blood; it was to be a way of reliving the sacrifice he made on the cross for them all.

Jesus went from that Last Supper out to the garden where he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, arrested and taken for trial. On Good Friday he was crucified and laid in the tomb. Saturday was the Sabbath and everyone stayed at home but early on Sunday the women went to the tomb to anoint his body – and found that tomb empty and his body gone. It is the Easter Day miracle of the resurrection that we remember together every time we share the bread and the wine and doing that forms us into a community, a body, the Church.

And so, just as Jesus' death was sacrificial – self-giving for us all – so the Church is a community that lives for

others and our shared meal is not about image or pride, but about blessing and gift and relationship. This, I think, is the kind of news we should be posting today: an invitation to come and share the Easter banquet with us.

With my love *Jane*
Revd Jane Leese



Quiz Night

REPORT FROM THE N HANTS DOWNS BENEFICE QUIZ

The South Warnborough Quiz Team successfully defended their title at the Benefice Quiz Night on Saturday 7th March.

The event was very well supported by all parishes in the Benefice and for the second year running the South Warnborough team fought off the stiff competition to finish top and claim the magnificent trophy.

Our thanks go to Lewis and Linda Scard and Sian Taylor for their help in organising the event. In particular we thank Lewis for compiling and presenting the quiz, and Linda and Sian for marking the answers and keeping score. Over 100 people attended the event and an enjoyable evening was had by all.



PHOTO: Veronica Cannan

HCC Passenger Transport news From 1st April, older person's bus passes (blue stripe) can be

used from 9.30am - 11pm Monday to Friday and at any time on weekends and Bank Holidays. Passes will also be accepted from 9am on routes where there is a service between 9am and 9.29am but no other service until after 10.30am

Disabled person's bus passes (orange stripe) are not changed and continue to allow free travel all day within the HCC area (excluding Southampton and Portsmouth).

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POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents,
A busy month within your parishes. During the evening/overnight of Wednesday March



4th and Thursday 5th the office of Hook Tyres in Old School Road at Newnham was broken into. I ask if anyone saw anything suspicious between these times in that area, if you can help with any information, please give me a call direct.

On Monday March 23rd I reported a man from Basingstoke for summons for possession of cannabis after being found at the Village Hall car park in Mapledurwell. This is an ongoing problem and while thanking the public for their calls reporting suspicious vehicles in that area, I ask that you please continue. We have also charged a man for an assault, again in the Mapledurwell area.

We are also currently dealing with a death related incident which is ongoing in Andwell, but which I can assure you is an isolated incident which will have no impact on you or indeed the local community.

We have had reported suspicious vehicles seen at The Green Lane entrance off Crown Lane and we have also had our blue VW Golf RV13 JYC seen calling at premises looking for scrap metal. Other 'visitors' include several Irish men offering cheap chainsaws for sale, along with boots and socks all brand new, while not stolen the adage 'You get what you pay for' springs to mind! Again if they call on you, please give us a call, they have an Irish registered white Transit, 141-G-1950, a white 4 x 4 registration EW64 EWG and other vehicles. As always regarding these or anything that strikes you as out of the ordinary or suspicious, please give us a call.

Also may I make you aware of a recent increase in the thefts of Land Rover Defenders from across northern and central Hampshire, frequently from railway stations. If you have such a vehicle please consider additional security being fitted; several have been involved in crime after being stolen.

And finally, the rural policing issue is again foremost in a lot of residents' minds, especially as the changes are set for April 1st. I can however report at this time of writing, a positive meeting was held at Police HQ on the 16th March with a local Councillor and resident and a Senior Officer. A plan has been drawn up and local representatives are now arranging for a suitable response. I will update you with more as soon as possible and again thank everyone for their continued support for dedicated local policing in this area.

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