

# The Villager

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



## WILDLIFE IS EVERYWHERE & EVERYWHERE IS WILD!

### Locally we have three owls worth watching out for

Keep a look out at dusk for the pale, ghostly sight of a barn owl.



**The Barn Owl** is the largest of the three, a stunningly beautiful bird with golden/buff coloured upper-parts laced with silver grey and white under-parts. It has a distinctive white heart shaped face and when seen in flight the overall impression is of a large white bird.

These beautiful birds have become an infrequent site in our countryside because of habitat loss and a great reduction in suitable nesting sites. We now have fewer barns and also mature hollow trees which would previously have provided nesting sites.

Barn Owls like to hunt over rough grassland which is a naturally rodent-rich habitat. They eat a diet of mice, voles and shrews. They can be seen all the year round, in the day, but best at dusk.

### The tawny owl

is an owl the size of a pigeon. It has a rounded body and head, with a ring of dark feathers around its face surrounding the dark eyes. It is mainly reddish brown above and paler underneath.

It is nocturnal, and therefore difficult to see, but you will often hear it calling at night and is the owl with the classic toowhit toowhoo call.

The Tawny Owl roosts in tree trunks or amongst ivy. It eats a diet of small mammals, small birds, frogs, fish and worms. Look for pellets beneath roosting places.

**The little owl** was introduced to this country in 19C. It can be seen in day-



light and is the owl likely to be seen perched on posts or telegraph poles. It hunts at night and at dawn, eating small mammals, beetles and worms.

Its size is somewhere between a robin and a blackbird.

**These three owls can be seen around our villages. All three have suffered loss of suitable roosting and nesting sites in recent years. You might like to consider installing nest boxes on suitable sites.**

For more information, check out [www.thebarnowltrust.org.uk](http://www.thebarnowltrust.org.uk) and [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk).

### STOP PRESS

Keep an eye out for the Lesser Redpoll, a rare site but recently seen at a bird table near you.



**Although Spring weather is dragging its heels, the Season is still approaching for Parish Assemblies. Newnham Parish holds its Assembly this month (see below) and Mapledurwell & Up Nately and Greywell both in May – more information on these in the May Villager.**

## NEWNHAM & NATELY SCURES PARISH ASSEMBLY & QUIZ



**THURSDAY APRIL 18TH  
Newnham Clubroom  
Doors open 6.45pm**

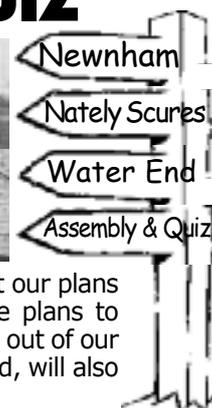
Your new Parish Council wants to hear what you think about our plans for a Traffic Calming Scheme in the Parish. We also have plans to spruce up The Green and other ideas to help us all get more out of our Community and Neighbourhood. Our friendly Bobby, PC Reid, will also give us an update on Police matters.

**We would like to share these plans with you at the Annual Village Assembly on Thursday April 18th, and get your feedback.**

This year will be slightly different:

- It will be fun and informal
- We'll have a quick quiz for teams of 2-5 with a £50 prize
- Children are welcome
- It will start at 7pm and be finished by 8.15
- Doors open at 6.45 for drinks, refreshments and nibbles.

Please do make every effort to join us, as everything we do we do for you!



### Diary Dates

#### April

- 2 Rowan Lodge coffee morning
- 2 Greywell Parish Council meeting
- 3 Crossways Nursing Home Easter tea
- 6 Newnham Litter Pick, Green at 10am
- 6 Upton Grey Flower Show 1.30-3.30
- 12 Up Nately Coffee Morning
- 12/13/19 'The Wedding' Greywell VH
- 13 Hook Choral Society St Bede's 7.30
- 13/14 B&D Model Engineering Steam Rally
- 17 Parochial Church Meeting, M&UN VH
- 18 Newnham Parish Assembly & Quiz, 6.45pm, Clubroom
- 20 Greywell Church Yard Tidy Up, 9am
- 20 'The Wedding', M&UN VH, 7.30pm
- 20 Whitewater Movies, Greywell VH
- 22 First aid course, 7.45pm, M&UN VH
- 25 N Warnborough Garden Club 2.10pm
- 27 Ceilidh, Greywell Village Hall

#### May

- 11 Spring Coffee Morning Plant & Produce Sale, Greywell Village Hall
- 18 St George Safari Supper 7.30pm
- 22 M&UN Annual Parish Assembly 8pm

PS Can you RSVP to [newnham.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:newnham.clerk@btinternet.com) so we know how many nuts and Smarties to buy!

# Mapledurwell & Up Nately

The launch of the **Mapledurwell Victoria County History book** was very successful. We had some interesting speakers who are very involved in the VCH and enjoyed a photo reel of views of historic Mapledurwell.

If anyone who missed the evening and would like a copy (£5) please call me (Lorna Cuthill) on 354 651.



## History of Mapledurwell

On 12th March Mapledurwell village hall hosted the launch of a new parish history published by the 'New Victoria History' of Hampshire group.

By transcribing wills and censuses, studying archives and maps, local researchers, guided by academics at London, Oxford and Winchester universities, have traced how Mapledurwell developed from an agricultural community producing textiles and later malt, into a modern commuter village with only one working farm.

The book provides a fascinating history of the village's economy and society highlighting the lives of ordinary people, the ownership of land and property, religion and a detailed history of elementary education revealing the appalling sanitary conditions suffered by pupils at the local school.

*Mapledurwell, The Victoria History of Hampshire:* London 2012, by John Hare, Jean Morrin and Stan Waight, is the first paperback in the country to be published under the 'New VCH' title and establishes a model for future histories of other rural parishes.

Jennie Butler, VCH Hampshire

## ST MARY'S MAPLEDURWELL

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday April 17th at 8pm in Mapledurwell Village Hall. This is the AGM of the local church – do come along to hear about the happenings of the last year and, if you are on the church electoral roll, to play your part in the local process of electing Churchwardens and PCC members.

**Safari Supper** St Mary's VCC invite you to celebrate St George, our Patron Saint, with a Safari Supper on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm at The Old Orchard, then moving on to various houses for supper and ending at Four Winds for pudding and coffee. For tickets at £10, please contact sarah.hooper@futurescope.co.uk or phone 321 838 or 329 680.

The next **Up Nately Coffee Morning** will be on Friday April 12th from 10am to 12 noon at Jackdaw Cottage, Blaegrove Lane. It would be great to see you there, please try and come for coffee and a chat with your neighbours.



## NAFAS DEMONSTRATOR GRAHAM KING



will be coming to the Village Hall on **Friday 14th June**. He was so appreciated on his last visit, please try to come and bring as many friends as you can.

National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies

**Toys for deprived children in Basingstoke** Thank you Mapledurwell and Upton Grey for your donations of toys. No 8 Canal Reach donated lovely toys, and the Hugh lovely Ape, I have given to the Children in Need charity dinner that is coming up and they are going to put it in for their auction. So thank you No 8 Canal Reach, also the social services are coming this evening to pick up a couple of toys as they have a three-year-old in need of a few games to get her to interact with her sister.

Thank you again and if you have any games for children of the age 3-5 could you contact me on 07789 933 426 and please keep me in mind if you have any more toys to give. Ann

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Protecting road verges** The Parish Council respectfully requests that, when using single lane roads in the Parish, road users reverse to the nearest gateway or driveway in order to allow on-coming traffic to pass. This is to minimise damage to road verges which are becoming eroded. Thank you.

**The new website** for Mapledurwell & Up Nately can be found at [www.mapledurwellupnately.co.uk](http://www.mapledurwellupnately.co.uk).

**Mapledurwell allotments available** Please contact Russell Price on 01256 329680 for further information.

**The Annual Parish Assembly** will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 8pm in The Village Hall. All are welcome.



## VILLAGE HALL

We are delighted to inform you that we have been awarded another RDPE (Rural) Grant in full, to enable us to insulate the hall! The work will be done during the summer holidays and is expected to take about three weeks to complete. Plans to improve the heating are in hand.

## FIRST AID COURSE

**Monday 22nd April, 7.45pm** Cost £15 per person. Please reserve your place by phoning Di Caller on 07717 748 803 or Liz Preece 762 059, the course is restricted to 20 people, please book early. If there are more requiring a place we will arrange for more sessions at a later date

## FUTURE EVENTS

- **Family fun day 29th June**
- Cricket afternoon and tea
- Strictly dancing evening
- Children's Christmas party.

For more information look out in the next *Villagers!* Do make use of your hall, visitors from outside the parish are always amazed at the wonderful facilities. Contact the caretaker Jayne Norman to book the hall, hire tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery, on 474 432.

Or check out the website

[www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com](http://www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com)



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### New applications

BDB/77713 (4th March) High Field View, Frog Lane, Mapledurwell. New two bedroom bungalow and garage to north of site following demolition of existing garage and creation of new pedestrian access from Frog Lane.

BDB/77742 (and BDB/77743 listed building consent) (1st March) Ivy House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of single storey side extension. Lowering of existing kitchen floor. Replacement of existing picture window with French doors. Replacement of existing door and window with matching window.

BDB/77695 (20th February) The Old School House, St Mary's Church Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of rear extension and installation of two roof lights to front elevation.

### Granted

T/00066/13/TCA The Old Orchard, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Notice of intent to reduce by 25% four Ash, reduce by 5% and trim two sides and remove one dead tree.



## POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

I am pleased to note a lack of reported crime within the areas covered by this magazine. Generally, reported crime in all areas has been low.

However we are receiving numerous reports of vehicles parked near the motorway and main road junctions where oncoming vehicles are being stopped and the occupants told that a car has run out of petrol and its owner has no money, sometimes jewellery is offered for sale. This is scam and we advise anyone who is stopped not to give any money and if possible take the alleged 'broken down' car's registration number and please call the Police on 101.

I also wish to thank the many residents who have reported suspicious vehicles. I appreciate anyone taking the time to call in and can assure you that I do make further enquiries concerning the vehicles' registration, owners etc. If involved in any form of criminality I will have markers added to the vehicle in order that it is stopped by Police and details of the occupants are obtained.

As well as this being extremely important for us to know who is about in our area, it also lets the people in the vehicles know that they have been spotted and their details taken. Recently a van was seen in the area and checks found it to be associated with a known rural criminal who has a tendency to steal from houses, outbuildings and gardens all in rural areas.

On a similar vain, a yellow Citroen Saxo Y973 \*\*\* saloon car was seen outside Newnham church recently. If you any suspicious vehicles parked near our churches please give us a call, sadly we do suffer from theft from our churches.

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



## LOWDE FEST PLAYS TO CROWD DEMAND FOR SECOND STAGE

**Now in its 3rd year, Lowde Fest in Hazeley Bottom is having to provide a second stage to keep pace with demand for its live entertainment.**

**Established as a fund raising event for The Lowde Music Trust and promising Music for Good, Lowde Fest, has grown rapidly in popularity and is seen as not just a great day out for the family, but also an exciting launch pad for new artists.**

**In addition to the non stop action on the main stage, Lowde Fest 13 is now offering a second unplugged acoustic stage for up and coming talent from around Hampshire, Berkshire, & Surrey.**

Talking about the second stage, the event director Martin Lowde explained: 'We have been

overwhelmed by the range and diversity of musical talent in and around the region, and the ethos of the event is to provide a fantastic family day out, while also supporting young new talent. Our new second stage called Lowde Fest Unplugged will showcase the best of this new talent. If you are out there and think you are good enough to perform then you can find details on the website [www.lowdefest.com](http://www.lowdefest.com).

**To complement the great live music the festival near Hartley Wintney also offers attractions for all ages including 40 different Real Ales & Cider, Fairground, Toddler Zone and World Food Stalls, camping and the now famous Pink Lady Bar. The event kicks off at midday on 22nd June 2013, and tickets are on sale on line at [www.lowdefest.com](http://www.lowdefest.com). (Adults £15, Kids go free when accompanied by an adult)**

But get your tickets early as the Festival sold out last year!

## Other Events out & about

**Upton Grey Spring Flower** Saturday 6th April, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm.

**Hook Choral Society Choir** Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm, St Bede's Church. [www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk).

**N Warnborough & District Garden Club** Next meeting Thursday 25th April, Village Hall, 2.10pm for 2.30. Speaker Tom Stone on 'Roses of Mottisfont Abbey'. Competitions for April: 1. Five varieties of Narcissi; 2. One specimen Tulip; 3. Three sticks of Rhubarb. 01252 626 524.

**Eversley Cricket Club** v the might Lashings World XI on Friday 31st May. [www.eversleylashings.com](http://www.eversleylashings.com).

**Hackwood Art Festival** Tunworth 14-16th June for St Michael's Hospice.



News from Odiham Cottage Hospital  
On Thursday 21st February the hospital hosted the initial meeting of a bereavement support group to meet monthly. Please contact me for further details.

We are launching a free weekly community singing group on Wednesday 10th April. Our qualified leader, Barbara Rayner, runs Singing for the Brain sessions, organised by the Alzheimer's Society. You may know or care for someone with memory problems and would like to come together. Join us for coffee and chat from 10.30am then an hour of singing at 11. Beginners very welcome! Please call Lynne Ewing on 393 604.

Our League of Friends will hold its AGM at the hospital at 6.30pm on Wednesday April 24th. All welcome.

Ginny East, Secretary to the Trustees  
email [och1@btinternet.com](mailto:och1@btinternet.com)

## Crossways Nursing Home

Greywell Road, Up Nately

New manager Ruth Whalley would like to invite you to two events:

**Easter afternoon tea with Easter eggs for children and a raffle** Wednesday 3rd April, 3 - 5pm

**Summer Fayre** Sunday 2nd June, from 3-5pm with cake stall, book stall, bric a brac, tombola, plants and entertainment.

All the family is welcome. Please do come and support us in making Crossways a comfortable, welcoming and community focussed home.

Basingstoke & District Model Engineering Society

Miniature Steam Rally & Exhibition

Craft Units  
Tombola  
Train Rides  
Traction Engine Rides  
Garden Railway

13th & 14th April 2013

Viables Craft Centre  
Basingstoke Hampshire RG22 4BJ  
Admission: 20p  
Opening Times: 10.00am till 4.30pm

Quoted: 1st Class: No. 100-41000  
Deduction: 1st Class: 100-41000

## Mobile Library Service

F/borough Mobile Library, week 2  
**Saturday 20th April**  
 10-10.30 Greywell Village Hall  
 10.45-11.20 Water End Park  
 11.30-12 Newham Green

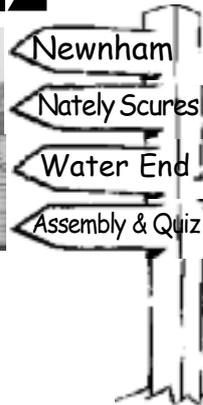
F/borough Mobile Library, week 3  
**Thursday 25th April**  
 09.45-10.15 Linden Spar Old Basing  
**Saturday 27th April**  
 12.30-13.00 Rotherwick nr school

# Newnham & Nately Scures

## PARISH ASSEMBLY & QUIZ



**THURSDAY APRIL 18TH**  
**Newnham Clubroom**  
**Doors open 6.45pm**



### AGENDA

- 6:45 Refreshments, information displays  
plus meet 'Local Bobby' & Councillors
- 7.15 Welcome
- 7.20 Quiz with £50 prize
- 7.40 PC Andy Reid's presentation
- 7.45 Public session. Open floor for Q&A between Residents,  
Parish, Borough & County Councillors and PC Reid.
- 8:15 Meeting closed.

PS. Can you RSVP to [newnham.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:newnham.clerk@btinternet.com) so we know how many nuts and Smarties to buy. Please do make every effort to join us

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



#### Newnham Green Protection Association (NGPA)

Originally founded by Jennifer and Patrick Hedley-Dent of Newnham Green Farm in 1969, the NGPA has worked to protect the Green environment and gathered subscriptions towards funding its maintenance.

A report by Jenny Hedley-Dent says that, 'at the PC Meeting on the 21st May 1969 a motion for the approval of the formation of the NGPA was proposed and carried unanimously'. Subsequently a meeting was held in the Clubroom on 12th June 1969 'to form a residents' association for the preservation of Newnham Green'.

The following was taken from the NGPA report to the Parish Assembly of 2005:

'The [NGPA] AGM was held on the 5th April with the largest turnout in history.

*Committee changes included: Patrick Hedley-Dent resigned and Jeff Ford took the Chairman position; Jennifer Hedley-Dent resigned but stayed a committee member and Malcolm Buchan took the position of Deputy; Martin Glover remained secretary; Alex Cresswell remained Treasurer; Parish Council Representative was Roger Booth. The Chairman thanked Mr Hedley-Dent.'*

Thanks are now due on behalf of Newnham residents and the Parish Council to Jeff Ford (Chairman) and Martyn Glover (Secretary); also to Alex Cresswell (Treasurer) who moved away from Newnham in Autumn 2011. Martyn Glover resigned at the end of 2012. The Parish Council held a meeting with Jeff Ford on 15th January 2013 and agreed to disband the NGPA.

Any funds remaining in the account at the end of 2012/13 will be transferred to the Parish Council and put towards re-planting on the Green.

**PC Reid** conducted a speed check in Newnham Road, 8pm Monday 25th Mar.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** will be the AGM on Thursday 16th May.



### PLEASE VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com/.../Newnham-Nately-Scures-Water-End-Parish-Council](http://www.facebook.com/.../Newnham-Nately-Scures-Water-End-Parish-Council)

It's early days yet, but please could everyone around the Parish have a look - you don't have to have a Facebook account to view the site - or log in or sign up and post your pictures and comments.

**Newnham, Nately Scures & Water End Parish Council | Facebook Website: [parishofnewnham.org.uk](http://parishofnewnham.org.uk)**

### NEWNHAM LITTER PICK

**Calling all Newnham residents** The litter was hard to find in the snow on 23rd March, so please come out for an hour and help with a re-scheduled Litter Pick on **Saturday 6th April**. Meet on the Green at 10am. Children welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. The more people we have, the less time it will take. John Broughton 762 490.

### CLUBROOM

**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.

### NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS

**Sunday 9th June**

Unfortunately the weather so far has not been conducive to getting out in the garden, but... this is just a gentle reminder about the event. We are always looking for new Gardens to open, so, do get in touch. Can I also ask that if you are splitting perennial plants, sowing seeds, or have any plants in your gardens that are surplus to your requirements, do please keep us in mind for the plant stall. Please contact Rosemary Richardson/Chris Broughton on 762 369/762 490.



### ST NICHOLAS NEWNHAM

**Police Notice: Please be vigilant** On Monday 18th March at 11.15am Church Warden, Jeff Ford, was in the church gallery when he heard the front door open. He looked down but could not see anyone; he went out to the lych gate and saw a yellow Citroen Saxo registration number Y973 SGM.

The man with the car was about 5ft 9ins tall, white with dark hair, medium build, middle aged and scruffy. He said he had run out of fuel and had come along the lane to fill up away from the traffic. Sure enough he had a petrol can and proceeded to pour fuel into the tank. But the engine started immediately, suggesting it hadn't run out.

Mr Ford emailed PC Reid who found that the vehicle has no registered owner but is insured to a Farnborough man who has 60 offences and 21 convictions to his name. He has previously been seen at churches in Mattingley, Eversley, South Warnborough, Hartley Witney, Rotherwick and other areas.

PC Reid believes that Jeff Ford fortunately prevented some form of theft from St Nicholas' and asks us all to report any sightings of the this car to him, or if he is unavailable, the Police, as soon as possible.

# SOLVE

Save Our  
Loddon Valley  
Environment



## THE HOUSING DEBATE FLARES UP

The Council Cabinet met on 28th February to decide site selection for housing in the next 15 years. This was a crowded meeting with over 100 members of the public present and some 50 speakers. Many of the speakers were from Overton and Whitchurch, incensed that the recommendations, given at short notice, added more houses than their villages could cope with. Their objections reflected the views of many throughout the Borough, ie village amenities, traffic and other infrastructure deficits. They may have come to the party late but those at the meeting echoed the view that the Borough has built its share of houses and that we cannot take the excessive numbers being forced on us now.

## TOTAL HOUSING NUMBERS

At this Cabinet meeting the Council Leader confirmed that the total housing numbers across the Borough (730-770 hpa) is still not final. Other members of the Cabinet echoed this view - Councillor Golding said if the infrastructure could not support the

housing numbers 'then the numbers will have to come down'.

## REDLANDS FARM (SOL002)

Some good news from the Cabinet decision was the deletion of Redlands Farm (SOL002, east of Taylors Farm) from the preferred site list. We now know that the SE plan has at last been revoked and it is no longer necessary to consider 945 hpa as an option.

## PYOTTS HILL (BAS121)

Unfortunately Pyotts Hill (BAS121) remains in the list, recommended for 900 houses despite the owners, Hampshire CC, saying they will promote only 450. One public speaker with a long background in the Pharmaceutical Industry highlighted the continuing debate around alleged health issues living close to Incinerators. He suggested that if BAS121 is developed there is an ideal opportunity to test these claims and counter claims with the Developers and Councils funding a 10 year research programme amongst the new residents. He gave a long list of medical conditions which could be investigated.

## POTENTIAL FOR HOUSING IN TADLEY

The Cabinet, like SOLVE and CountryWatch, shared concerns that Tadley, the second largest settlement in the Borough, has no allocated sites. This is despite a desire for housing and a number of sites being put forward which could contribute some 1,000 houses. Unfortunately the Office of Nuclear Regulation (ONR) advice over safety issues around the AWE meant the Borough Officers were reluctant to recommend development here. This reluctance was not shared by the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles, when at appeal in 2011, he said the risk to the general public was extremely remote and agreed to a 115 homes development, Boundary Hall, much closer to the AWE than other sites currently in the frame. Using Tadley sites could reduce the need for so many houses in the NE of the Borough. We are pursuing this further with the help of MPs and Councillors.

**Further work is required, particularly on infrastructure. It is understood that the Cabinet recommendations will go to the full Council on 21st March.**

The SOLVE website [www.solveloddon.org](http://www.solveloddon.org). You can register on the website for updates. Follow us on Twitter: @SOLVE2010. Telephone contact Kate Tuck 01256 324 043. Peter Bloyce, SOLVE

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Applications pending

BDB/77409 10th January, Newnham House, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Listed building consent (alter/extend) Reinstatement of internal walls, floors & ceilings and associated introduction of structural support to roofs following removal of unauthorised steelwork. Alterations to windows & door to north elevation and internal partition to master en-suite (amendments to BDB/72981).

### Granted

BDB/77520 28th February (reg 14th January), Bridleway, Tynney Lane, Newnham. Single storey rear extension.

## ST NICHOLAS' cont

An early note in your diaries for the Harvest Supper, Friday October 4th.

**Friends of St Nicholas' Newnham** are planning a major fundraiser on the evening of October 18th. More will be revealed over the coming months but we would love your support so please make a note of the date in your diaries.



## Rowan Lodge Nursing Home

We've enjoyed a good month at Rowan Lodge starting off with our 'Wings of Freedom' Bird display which had everybody enthralled by Audrey the red-tailed Harris Hawk, and Rocky the beautiful Barn Owl (pictured here with Natalie one of our Pink Ladies). Staff and residents held them both on gloved hands, beautifully gentle, a fascinating fact-filled afternoon for us all. We will most definitely ask them to come back in the summer perhaps with more birds in tow.



Our lower ground floor of the home finally opened its doors for more people to come and live with us on Monday 4th of March, the red ribbon was proudly cut by one of our VIP gentlemen who live at Rowan. It's great to have the whole home open now, we have come a long way in a short space of time. We then had our Red Nose Comic Relief coffee morning which thank you to all of your support was a great success and raised a grand total of £133!! We had a raffle, a super selection of cakes to buy and a lovely social morning was had by all. Hope you have all enjoyed your Easter Weekend, time goes so fast I can't believe it's Easter already.

**Remember our coffee morning Tuesday April 2nd**, be lovely to see you.

**We currently have a job vacancy** in our Housekeeping Team. If you are interested please contact Avril our Head Housekeeper on 762 757 for more details.

# Greywell

**A warm welcome** to Venetia and Alex Ellvers and their baby son Leo who are the new tenants at Old Pound Cottage. They have moved from London. Alex runs a building company specialising in home renovations and Venetia works in marketing for Diageo. They have a local connection, Venetia is Helene Gray's granddaughter.

## Coffee Mornings & Mobile Library

The coffee morning due on 5th April has been cancelled due to refurbishment of the kitchen, Friday 3rd May coffee morning will be business as usual 10.30-11.30am. On **Saturdays 20th April & 18th May** the Mobile Library will be outside the Village Hall 10-10.30 and the Coffee Morning will start at 10am.



**THE TEAPOT CAFE** will be open on at **3pm on Tuesday 9th April**, 7th May. If you need a lift please call Jackie Giles on 702 859.



**Dog walker/sitter** available for Greywell and surrounding villages. Allow me to exercise/look after your pet at the times you can't. For further info on fees and references call in at Cobwebs, Deptford Lane or email me [chris.gallop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.gallop@hotmail.co.uk).

## ST MARY'S GREYWELL



St Mary's Greywell

## Spring Churchyard Tidy-up 9am on Saturday 20th April.

Please come along to help keep the churchyard in tip top condition. Small weeding and large chopping jobs all catered for! Plus BONFIRE! Your help is needed. Any time you have to spare this Spring Saturday morning would be appreciated. Let's hope it won't be too wet! Refreshments provided.



**Family Service 10.30am 28th April.** Informal service of fellowship and fun followed by refreshments. All welcome.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Parish Clerk** Julian (Jules) Stanley has taken over as Parish Clerk. [julian.stanley2@btinternet.com](mailto:julian.stanley2@btinternet.com).

**The next Parish Council meeting** will be on Tuesday 2nd April in the Village Hall. All welcome.



## WHITEWATER MOVIES SHOWING 'ARGO' Supper and film night

**On Saturday 20th April** there will be a supper at the Village Hall and we will be showing the Oscar winning film, ARGO.

All are welcome, ticket price £12.

Based on true events, ARGO is the story of a stealth mission to rescue six Americans, which unfolds behind the scenes of the Iran hostage crisis. On November 4th 1979, militants storm the US embassy in Tehran, taking 52 Americans hostage. But six Americans manage to slip away and find refuge in the home of the Canadian ambassador and the CIA are ordered to get them out of the country. Tense, exciting and often darkly comic, Argo recreates an historical event with vivid attention to detail and finely wrought characters.

*Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin. Running time 2 hours*

Payment will be accepted at the door (cash or cheques made payable to Whitewater Movies), but please let us know by **Wednesday 17th April** if you will be attending, so catering arrangements can be made. Doors open 7pm, supper at 7.15 followed by film.

If you wish to attend please contact Sally Malmesbury, Greywell Hill, 702 107 email [sallyofsouthfields@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyofsouthfields@hotmail.com).

## VILLAGE HALL

Holy Ridiculous presents



**Yoga** Wednesday mornings 9.15-10.15am. We are a small, friendly group of beginners; for further details please contact Jane Wilkinson 07880 803 222 [jane@nvigor8.co.uk](mailto:jane@nvigor8.co.uk).

**Pilates** Thursday evenings 7-8pm, contact [helenlvarcoe@gmail.com](mailto:helenlvarcoe@gmail.com).

**To hire the village hall** please contact [helenjsullivan@gmail.com](mailto:helenjsullivan@gmail.com).

**Marquee hire** (within Greywell Village) please contact Mike Burnside [mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk).

## EVENTS LIST FOR 2013

We have an exciting year ahead and a number of dates for your diary. If you have any suggestions for future events for the village hall, please email [helenjsullivan@gmail.com](mailto:helenjsullivan@gmail.com) or talk to a member of the Village Hall Committee.

**'The Wedding' Play & Supper** Friday 12th, Saturday 13th; Fri 19th April

## CEILIDH Saturday 27th April

An active and fun evening of Scottish dancing with a professional caller. Tickets are £10 per person to include a light supper. Look out for an email from Giles with full details of this event. To reserve your place please contact Joy MacAndrew [joymacandrew@googlemail.com](mailto:joymacandrew@googlemail.com).



**Village Hall Committee AGM** Wednesday 8th May -7pm

## SPRING COFFEE MORNING PLANT & PRODUCE SALE

Saturday 11th May 9.30-11.30am



**Safari Supper** early June

Saturday 14th September Curry Night

Saturday 2nd November Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 23rd November Annual Quiz set by Paul & Viv Harrison

Sunday 15th Dec Children's Christmas Party & Carols in the Village Hall

# Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

## FUNERAL SERVICES

We said farewell to the late Win Daly, a resident of Rowan Lodge, on March 18th at the Basingstoke Crematorium

Ethel Atherton, also of Rowan Lodge, on March 21st at St Nicholas' Newnham

Audrey Homewood, also of Rowan Lodge, on March 26th at St Nicholas' Newnham

John Pont, of Basingstoke, on March 27th at St Mary's Mapledurwell.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to their families.

## April Diary dates

- 10 Wednesday 8pm Mapledurwell VCC
- 15 Monday 8pm Churchwardens' Meeting
- 17 Wed 8pm Annual Church Meeting
- 20 Saturday morning Greywell churchyard tidy up.

## An Easter Thank You

As always very many thanks to all those who decorated, cleaned and prepared our churches for the Easter worship this year, also to those who enabled the worship to happen. I know there is an army of behind the scenes people who rarely receive public thanks for the time they give to the many jobs that have to be done in church – but I am truly grateful to you all!!

## Mid-week Holy Communion

There is a monthly celebration of Holy Communion at The Dower House, Greywell, and a group of us meet to worship, pray and think about our faith – and to enjoy coffee and cake afterwards! If you would like to join us we shall be meeting on April 18th at 11am. Please call Rev Jane to confirm details, or if you would like a lift.

## Lent 2013

**The Lent Lunches** were all very happy and sociable occasions – many thanks to the hosts (Sarah and David Hooper, Judy James, Maureen and John Ashworth and the Leesess) – and to all those who attended and gave so generously for Help Hoima. The total raised including Gift Aid was just over £1000 which is wonderful and will be a really worthwhile contribution to the on-going work with mothers and children in Hoima, Uganda.

**The Lent talks** given by Fr Timothy Bavin of Alton Abbey were much appreciated by all those who attended – about 50 each week from across the benefice.

**A good collection of food stuffs** was made for the Camrose Centre in Basingstoke, for which they were very grateful.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday April 17th at 8pm at Mapledurwell Village Hall. This is the AGM of the local church – do come along to hear about the happenings of the last year and, if you are on the church electoral roll, to play your part in the local process of electing churchwardens and PCC members.

## The Friends of St Nicholas' Newnham

We're planning a major fundraiser for the Friends of St Nicholas' Church at Newnham on the evening of October 18th. More will be revealed over the coming months but we would love your support so please make a note of the date in your diaries now!!

## HELP HOIMA UGANDA NEWS

We have recently launched our new website

<http://www.helpoima.org.uk/> which contains lots of information, news and photos of what we have been up to. We are also on Facebook and Twitter so please 'like us' or 'follow us' to keep up-to-date with on-going projects and events such as the Uganda Bike Ride taking place later this year.

## Church Services

### April 7th

|        |                      |               |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|
| 8am    | Holy Communion (BCP) | Nately Scores |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Mapledurwell  |
| 11am   | Morning Service      | Greywell      |

### April 14th

|        |                      |              |
|--------|----------------------|--------------|
| 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Up Nately    |
| 9.30am | Pet Service          | Mapledurwell |
| 11am   | Matins               | Newnham      |
| 11am   | Holy Communion (CW)  | Greywell     |

### April 21st

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

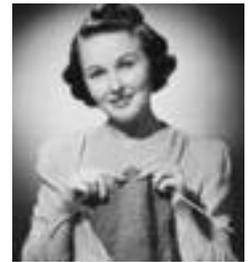
### April 28th

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

## NORTH HAMPSHIRE DOWNS MOTHERS' UNION

### Knitting Project

At our February meeting we started on our knitting project. This year we are knitting clothes for impoverished babies and children in Romania and shall be sending the items to the charity 'Children in Distress' which runs hospices and care centres in that country. They need knitted clothing for children ranging from toddlers to teens.



We shall be collecting together the results of our labours at our meeting on 19th September. If anyone else is interested in knitting clothes for us to send, please contact Jane Seymour, on 702 466.

### North Hampshire Child Contact Centre

'We have had some real progress in the last few months moving families out of the Centre into more normal contact, first in public places such as the cinema, the sports centre and eventually, we hope, into the non-resident parent's home.

'We have listened to the hopes of the non-resident parents, the worries of the resident parents and just enjoyed the children, and I must thank yet again all the volunteers from the Mothers Union and from churches and villages all over the benefice for making the Centre such a welcoming, safe and calming place for these parents and children to rebuild their relationships into one where the children can be nurtured by both parents in their new lives.'

'Thank you to all of you who pray for us, who support our fundraising and if you are interested in visiting with a view to volunteering in the future on a Saturday afternoon now and then please do talk to one of us, Caroline Scull, Sue Murphy, Carol Kirkpatrick, Linda Scard.'

### April events

Instead of our usual monthly meeting, we shall be attending the **MU Diocesan Festival Service** at 11am in Romsey Abbey on Wednesday 17th then on **Wednesday 24th we shall be holding a Coffee Morning in All Saints', Odiham** from 10-12 noon to raise money for the Mothers' Union Family Holiday.

To know more, ring Sue Murphy, MU Leader on 01252 845011.

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Dear Friends,

I am one of those people who are not very good with money. I've been involved with many different organisations and committees over the years, but I've never volunteered for the role of treasurer because budgets,

balance sheets and 'doing the books' are a complete anathema to me! So I've always relied on a good treasurer to keep the parish finances under control and to advise me on how the income/expenditure is shaping up. And in Jon Webster from Mapledurwell the United Parish has an excellent treasurer!

But I do know that the Church is no different to any other organisation in that it needs money to keep going, to maintain its buildings and to enable it to do its work. These days it no longer has the enormous historic reserves that it once had and there is no government provision for the upkeep of our ancient buildings – and so the Diocese of Winchester has to look to the local parishes and benefices to provide all that is needed.

It is relatively easy in our little villages to find those who are willing to support the upkeep and preservation of our church buildings. They are beautiful and historic, they hold the story of the village on their walls and in their graveyards and even those who rarely come to worship in them rightly feel a real sense of ownership and pride in 'our village church'.

But it is less easy to encourage people to give financial support to the on-going work of the church – the regular worship, the pastoral care and the 'hatch, match and dispatch' ministry which is my daily work, week in, week out. Each church has to pay its 'share' of the total ministry of the diocese and that money is used wisely and carefully, mostly to pay for the salaries, pensions, houses and training of the clergy, without who those lovely old buildings would be made redundant, closed, interesting to look at but no longer alive and active in the community.

I know some of you already give very generously, as a response to the many wonderful ways that God has blessed you in your lives – and for that thank you. But I would ask you all to think about how important it is to you that we maintain a living church in your village – a church where God is worshipped, prayers are offered and our families can mark those special life events. Is it as important as your daily paper? Is it as important as a bottle of wine at dinner once a week? Is it as important as your annual membership of the golf club? Would you be prepared to support the church on a regular basis in the same way?

The Parish Giving Scheme makes this really easy to do and your local church will benefit from having a regular income so it can draw up its budgets and plan for the work it wants to do. You might have recently received a letter asking you to help – or you may well do soon – and if you don't know the name of your local village church treasurer or church warden you can contact me or Jon Webster (811 523) and we will point you in the right direction for more information. Please think about this and see if you can help. And thank you!

With love to you all

*Jane*

Rev Jane Leese



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