

# The Villager



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

## WILDLIFE IS EVERYWHERE & EVERYWHERE IS WILD!

Winter is upon us and it's a good idea to spare a thought for our garden birds. Now is a good time to clean out nesting boxes. Many small garden birds use nesting boxes to roost in at night time and on bitterly cold days during the winter months.

Old nesting material can harbour pests and diseases. It's an easy job to open up the boxes and clean them out.

Wrens, not sociable during the day, are known to pack into nestboxes soon after sunset in the winter. Long tailed tits will also huddle together in flocks to conserve body heat. During severe weather, observers have seen 60 wrens packing into one nestbox!



The occupants took between a quarter and a half hour to enter at night and 20 minutes to disperse in the morning. Once inside, roosting wrens



squat up to two or three layers deep with heads facing inwards and tails towards the entrance or sides.

Outside, in the hedgerows, the late frosts last spring and the poor summer have left berries in short supply. Again, we can all help our feathered friends

by keeping bird tables and feeders clean and topped up with food and fresh water.

Place feeders close to a window and in return we will be rewarded by the sight of these cheerful, busy visitors keeping themselves fat and healthy to survive the cold weather.



## 1940 CROWN LANE REMEMBERED



*Prompted by the piece on the front page of November's 'Villager' Dennis Gary, who has lived all his life in Nately Scures, recalls...*

'It was in August 1940 that two bombs were dropped on the railway line in Nately Scures - not at the brickyard but a little further down the line towards Water End. The planes were on their way back from a raid over Coventry. One bomb exploded immediately. As my family lived in 2 Crown Cottages on Crown Lane and my granddad next door at No. 1 we suffered a lot of damage to our homes. I remember a great six foot girder through my granddad's roof and the bedroom ceilings were down - and not repaired until after the war because of the lack of materials!

'The second bomb didn't explode immediately and the soldiers from the Royal Engineers came to defuse it on the Sunday morning. Sadly, as we know, they were unable to do so quickly enough and six of them were

killed in the blast. My brother Norman and I were playing cricket in the garden when it happened and we can both still remember the awful shower of body parts that fell all around the area, in our garden, in the churchyard of St Swithun's and all around. It was terrible. My mum sent me running up to St John's Cottages to call the Air Raid Warden and soon they were gathering up all these body parts in blue bags, loading them into ambulances and they took them to the church at first. Being typical lads we wanted to watch but our mum sent us indoors out of the way! Those brave men may be remembered on a plaque in St Nicholas, and in Hook Station, but it was in Nately Scures that they spent their last living moments, trying to keep us safe.'

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## Diary Dates

### December

- 1 Greywell Coffee Morning/Mobile Library
- 2 Basingstoke Choral Society, Anvil
- 1 Robert Mays School Christmas Fair
- 4 Mothers' Union Meeting 10am
- 4 Rowan Lodge Coffee Morning, 11am
- 4 Tea Pot Cafe, 3pm, Greywell VH
- 6 Hartley Wintney Christmas Market
- 6 Whitewater School Christmas Fair
- 8 Mayor's Charity Christmas Concert St Michael's Basingstoke, 7.30pm
- 9 1940 Memorial Plaque Dedication, 11am St Nicholas' Newnham
- 11 Newnham Parish Council meeting 7pm in the Clubroom
- 14 Up Nately Coffee Morning, The Old School House, 10am - 12 noon
- 14 Coffee morning, Greywell VH, 10.30
- 17 Newnham Carol Singing, 6pm
- 21 Carols around the Pond, Mapledurwell
- 21 Greywell Carol Service, 6pm
- 22 Newnham Carol Service, 4.30pm
- 23 Nately Scures Carol Service, 11am
- 23 Mapledurwell Carol Service, 4.30pm
- 23 Up Nately Carol Service, 6pm
- 28 Coffee morning, Greywell VH, 10.30

### January

- 11 Coffee Morning, Greywell VH, 10.30
- 11 Up Nately Coffee Morning, The Rectory, 10am-12 noon
- 19 Tim Bat Trick Show, 3pm M&UN VH
- 24 N Warnborough Garden Club
- 26 Greywell Coffee Morning/Mobile Library

### February

- 3 Rotary Club 'Help for Heroes', Band of HM's Royal Marines', Anvil
- 9 Benefice Quiz Night, 6.45 for 7pm

**Seasons Greetings**  
to all in the Five Villages  
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# Mapledurwell & Up Nately

**We are gathering for the last Up Nately coffee morning of this year** at



The Old School House, on Friday December 14th, between 10am and 12 noon. Do try and join us, it would be lovely to finish the year with a good crowd. Ring Pam on 762 589 for more info.

**The first Up Nately Coffee Morning of 2013** will be at The Rectory on Friday January 11th, 10am-12 noon. Make a New Year's resolution and come to this one if you haven't been able to make it before. We would love to see you. Ring Rev Jane on 765 547 for more info.

The Ladies of Up Nately Coffee Morning would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



**Tree Wardens** are a national force of local tree champions and a key part of The Tree Council's community action programme.

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- Plant and care for trees and encourage others to value them
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## SHOE BOX APPEAL

Very special thanks to the people who gave so generously to fill 110 shoe boxes with inspiring gifts for under-privileged children in Romania, Moldova and the Ukraine, and to our worthy villagers for their hand knits and beautiful teddy bears. Also, for the help in covering and filling the boxes and not forgetting the help with transport. The boxes are now on their way overland and will be delivered in time for Christmas – a very worthwhile project, thank you. Patricia Stubbs.



## VILLAGE HALL

The bonfire and fireworks display was a huge success.

**Many thanks** to Robin and Jane Stevens for the loan of their field, the Friends of St Mary's for donating those brilliant fireworks, also to PC Andy Reid for keeping the lanes free of parked vehicles, the fireworks team led by Andy Denham, the Coull family for the music, and Adam Komrower for the use of his pallets and fencing and enormous help and those who helped to build the bonfire. Please remember for future years, that this is a village event put on by your village hall committee, and village support which was lacking this year with the clearing up, would be very much appreciated.

**Found in the field** One leather lady's glove and one pink child's glove, contact Liz on 762 059.

### NEXT EVENT

**The Tim Bat Trick Show on Saturday 19th January 2013** at 3pm in the hall, fun and juggling for all the family to enjoy. Entry £5 adults and £3 children, please let us know if you plan to attend by phoning Liz on 762 059.

**The hall is available for hire**, please contact the caretaker on 474 432.



St Mary's, Mapledurwell

**Carols around the Pond** We invite you to join us on Friday 21st December at 6pm to sing carols and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies.



There will be a collection for the Children's Society.



## ST MARY'S MAPLEDURWELL

**Carol Service** Also everyone is most welcome to our Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December at 4.30pm.

**New Year change of Service time** As from 6th January 2013, the regular Sunday services at St Mary's will start at 9.30am – rather than 10am as at present – to allow Rev Jane to spend more time meeting the congregation.

Also there will now be a service in St Mary's every Sunday of the month. On the fourth Sunday there will be a short service of Morning Prayer, without hymns, at 9.30am, to which you are all very welcome.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Mapledurwell allotments available** Please contact Russell Price on 01256 329 680 for further information.

**Tree warden for the Parish** If anyone would like to take on tree warden responsibilities for the Parish please contact Lorna Cuthill on 354651. It involves some training initially.

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

**Next Parish Council meeting** Monday 14th January at 8pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS New applications

**T/01087/12/TCA** Rye Cottage, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Notice of intent to fell 2 Witch Elm, 2 Sycamore, 1 small Horse Chestnut, 1 Apple tree, crown lift by one limb 1 Black Walnut and fell 1 Black Walnut sapling.

**T/01091/12/TCA** Webbs Barns, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Notice of intent to crown reduce by 4m group of 2 semi-mature Ash, reduce to original hedgerow height 2m group of 5 semi-mature Field Maple and a mixed hedgerow reduce canopy by 3m.

**T/01179/TCA** Hurdles, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Notice of intent to remove two low limbs 2 Oak, remove one low limb 1 Ash, remove six low limbs 1 multi-stemmed Ash and remove one damaged limb 1 multi-stemmed Ash (removing deadwood is exempt).

**BDB/77185** (30th October) Oaklands, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Vehicular access onto Greywell Road to serve the existing property (part retrospective).

### Awaiting decision

**BDB/77013** (4th October) Ivy House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Conversion of first floor of garage to work room, creation of side door and additional parking.

**BDB/77030** (27th September) Land at Kolkinnon House, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately Erection of detached single storey 2-bedroomed dwelling.

**BDB/76972** (19th September) Ivy House, Tunworth Road. Change of use of land for equestrian use stable block.

**BDB/76203** (11th April) Canalside, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Conversion of existing triple garage to form residential accommodation (retrospective).

### Granted

**BDB/76789** (15th November, reg 21st September) 4 St Stephens Close, Up Nately, First floor rear extension.

**BDB/74968** (28th September 2012, reg 25th August 2011) Klondyke, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of one 5-bedroomed dwelling following demolition of piggery buildings and barn.

# Events out & about

## Christmas Fairs

**Robert Mays School**

Saturday 1st December.

**Whitewater School** 6pm

Thursday 6th December.

**Hartley Wintney** 4pm-8pm, 6th Dec.

## Basingstoke Choral Society

**Handel's Messiah in the Anvil on**

**Sunday 2nd December at 7pm.**

## Mayor's Charity Christmas

**Concert Saturday 8th December,**

**7.30pm.** St Michael's Basingstoke.

Adults £7 Child/OAP £5. Tickets from the Willis Museum or on the door.



## North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

We were all impressed and stimulated at our October meeting on hearing Eve Baker's talk about 40 Degreez, the organisation for young people in Farnham where she works.

**Our meeting on 4th December is Coffee and Mince Pies at Next Door** in the High Street, from 10am,

so look out, Rebecca and James, the Mothers' Union will be invading you with little ones in tow! This gives a chance for people who cannot come to evening meetings to come for fellowship and refreshment just before we are all snowed under with Christmas activities and preparations.

And we wish you all a Happy Christmas!

In January, on 17th at 8pm in the RAF Church Hall, we shall hold the Wave of Prayer Service. Sue Murphy can tell you more 01252 845 011.

## Christmas cards

in support of the hospital are available at both hospital

shops. There are two designs, a seasonal garland (£2.95 per pack of 10) and the three wise men (£3.50). Thank you for your continued support.



## N Warnborough & District Garden Club

would like to you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Next meeting Thursday 24th

January, 1.45pm for a 2.15 start.

Speaker Kelvin Mason will be talking on 'Food metres, not food miles'.

Competitions for January are: 1. A dried arrangement; 2. A spray of a winter flowering shrub. Visitors are very welcome to join us. For further information 01252 626 524.

## A Glorious Celebration of 2012



3:00pm Sunday 3rd February 2013  
The Anvil, Basingstoke

2012-13

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines

## 'Help for Heroes'

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane is again trying to raise funds for 'Help for Heroes' and also this year 'Combat Stress'.



To this end we are organising a show at the Anvil in Basingstoke on the 3rd February 2013, featuring 'The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines', supported by Hampshire Youth Choir and world class trombonist Prof Gordon Campbell. Last year's show raised just over £9,000 for 'Help for Heroes'

## Mobile Library Service

F/borough Mobile Library, week 2

**Saturday 1st Dec, 26th Jan**

**23 Feb, 23 Mar**

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 6th Dec, 3rd Jan**

**31st Jan, 28th Feb**

09.45-10.15 Linden Spar Old Basing

**Saturday 8th Dec, 5th Jan**

**2nd Feb, 2nd Mar**

12.30-13.00 Rotherwick nr school

www.hants.gov.uk/library  
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## POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

As Christmas approaches I wish

to offer two pieces of advice. The first is please make sure you leave lights etc on when going out in the evenings, draw curtains, leave a radio on and make sure your home looks as if there is someone in.

The second is the launch of the annual Hampshire Constabulary Drink Drive Campaign. Last year two people were arrested and convicted of drink driving on this beat area, sadly this year alone four people have been arrested and convicted. We do receive reports of suspected drink drivers in our area which I am most grateful for and I can assure anyone that informs us of drink drivers that we do take their calls seriously and we do act upon the information. If anyone has any information on any drink driver either contact me, or call Crime-stoppers on 0800 555 111, we don't need your name just your information.

Crime wise, there was a theft from within the Country Hotel, but generally crime fell during the past month on previous months, that said I urge all residents to be extra vigilant at this time and especially in the run up to Christmas.

As you may be aware Mr Simon Hayes was elected the new Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Mr Hayes was the former Chairman of the Police Authority some years back. He has at the time of writing not set out his plans, however he will control the budget for the Force and other duties, however his role will not directly concern 'Operational day to day Policing' which will continue to be managed by the Chief Constable. As it is a new role, we wait and see what the future offers.

I have also been asked by a resident to ask runners in our parishes if out in the dark to please wear something reflective or have a torch to make motorists aware of your presence.

May I take this opportunity to wish all residents a truly wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year, and I thank you all for your continued support.

Andrew Reid, Constable

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andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.

## Upton Grey Autumn Festival

Many thanks to all the families and businesses who contributed to the success of our first Autumn Festival and to the nearly 500 people from around the benefice who supported us by attending. We managed over 60 Guy Fawkes around the village, raised £725 for St Michael's Hospice, and Jon Webb of Merlin Fireworks provided a spectacular firework display at the end of the day.

Hoddington Park is coming under new ownership and, in the New Year, we will approach our new neighbour for permission to use the Park again. If successful, then Lisa, Phil and myself will commence planning next year's event. Any improvement suggestions would be of great help. Richard Anscombe has produced an eight-minute film of the evening events (only) on a disc (cost £10 - all to the Hospice) and has produced a book on the whole event (cost £20, £4 to the Hospice), featuring pictures of all the Guys - profit to go to the Hospice. The book will be on display in the village shop from 22nd November and you can order either of these by contacting Richard on ranscombe1@btconnect.com.



# Newnham & Nately Scures

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## The Garys of Nately Scures,

*'Volunteers in their local community for 60 years or more'*

Dennis and his wife, Audrey, who now live in Heather Row Lane, have served the local community loyally for many, many years.

The Gary family have provided the verger at St Swithun's for over one hundred years – and Dennis was at the church helping his Dad and Granddad from the age of six. He used to help with digging the graves and pumping the organ – as the eldest son that was his duty – and Dennis has always taken duty very seriously. When his father gave up Dennis took on the regular upkeep of the church building and the churchyard, and with Audrey prepared the church for services, tasks which he has continued to do loyally until very recently when Audrey's failing health has made it impossible for him to come to church.

Dennis has also been a key member of the Royal British Legion in the local area since 1976, as part of the Old Basing Branch and then helping to reopen the Hook Branch. He has taken on a number of roles for them, including branch secretary, and has been organiser of the local Poppy Appeal for many years too – a familiar face in Tesco with his poppies every November time and in the parade to the war Memorial on Armistice Day. The British Legion has acknowledged the work that both Dennis and Audrey have done for them with Certificates of Appreciation.

And then Dennis has also delivered *the Villager* in Nately Scures from the very first issue until earlier this year, when once again caring for Audrey meant he had to give that up. He might not have been a willing volunteer in the first place – but once again he and Audrey dutifully and reliably carried out that task for many years, and the *Villager* owes him grateful thanks.

Back in 1979 Dennis and Norman's mother was one of the recipients of the Royal Maundy Money when the Queen came to Winchester Cathedral. Following in her footsteps earlier this year, as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Dennis and Audrey were invited to a special service in Winchester Cathedral to acknowledge the contribution made by people who have volunteered in their local communities for 60 years or more. St Swithun's VCC was pleased to be able to nominate Dennis in gratitude for all he has done for so many years.



## ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM

**Saturday bell ringing practice** at 4-5pm. You need to be 10 years' or over to ring. Why not give it a try? Contact Jeff Ford 762 886.

**1940 memorial plaque** At the 11am Matins service at St Nicholas' on Sunday 9th December we shall be dedicating a new memorial plaque in the church to the memory of the five sappers and one driver who were killed on 18th August 1940 on the railway line close to Crown Lane when the bomb they were attempting to defuse exploded prematurely. Present at the service will be a small detachment from 33 Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Explosive Ordnance Disposal). Everyone is most welcome to attend.



Bespoke charity Christmas Cards

**£5 per pack of 10 cards with envelopes in aid of The Friends of St Nicholas', available to buy in the Church or from Charles Maxlow-Tomlinson, Churchwarden 762 492.**



## NEWNHAM CLUBROOM

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

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Newnham Green Ponds** Grateful thanks to Hampshire Wildlife Trust for their newt surveys and the hard work of the Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers on Sunday 18th of November and to the Villagers who gallantly helped.



**Next Parish Council Meeting** will be on Tuesday 11th December, 7pm in the Clubroom. All welcome.

## Newnham Christmas Services & Events

Please come and join us as we celebrate Christmas in Newnham

### Sunday 2nd December

#### 4.30pm Christingle Service

Everything your family needs to make a Christingle will be available in the church. Collection in aid of The Children's Society.

### Monday 17th December 6pm Carol Singing around Newnham Village.



All welcome to meet outside the Clubroom before heading off around the village in full song! The more singers we have the more houses we can visit, so please do come and join us. Our final stop will be the Old House At Home! All proceeds to The Friends of St Nicholas'.

### Saturday 22nd December 4.30pm 'The Story of Christmas'

**Carol Service** A very special candlelit event at St Nicholas' where the children of Newnham tell us 'The Story of Christmas' and we all join them in singing the carols, followed by mulled



wine and mince pies. We will also be blessing the Crib. Children are encouraged to dress up!

### Christmas Day

10.45am Family Communion Service.

## THE SUSTAINABLE BASINGSTOKE FORUM

Initiated by Maria Miller, MP, at the start of this year, the Forum comprises representatives from various local groups who share this common goal: Basingstoke Transition, Basingstoke Fairtrade Group, Basingstoke Conservation Network, Greening Chineham, Bo-Basing, Basingstoke Alternative Action Group, SOLVE and the BASP Sustainability Group.

The Forum is trying to find ways to engage the wider community on a number of key themes:

**School engagement** One possibility being explored is a 'Schools Event'.

**Basingstoke unwrapped** Reducing the packaging of goods.

**Cleaning the River Loddon** both highlighting the plight of our river and finding ways to reduce the pollution

**Natural Basingstoke** engaging with places for nature to be restored.

**Low Carbon Basingstoke** finding affordable ways to heat our homes and power our economy from renewable and low carbon energy sources.

**Parched Basingstoke** paying attention to water quality and finding ways to reduce how much is wasted.

To find out more contact Roger Booth on 01256 762 456 or roger.thelly@btopen-world.com. For info on the national Transitions Network see <http://basingstoketransition.org/>.

## CHARITY TREK COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY

Sue Mann (Parish Councillor) and her friend Holly Kemsley are now back safely after their charity trek.



It was an amazing adventure, starting at a railway station called Km82. We walked uphill through small communities and farmland, past Inca settlements and amazing terraced areas. The campsite for the first night was generally flat which we didn't appreciate until later! Day 2 was the toughest, climbing through a cloud forest up to 'Dead Woman's Pass' at 4,215m. Our pace slowed markedly but we all made it and 'high fives' were abundant!

Day 3 involved a lot of steps, up and down. It was very interesting as we were walking on the original trail, but quite hard work. Towards the end of Day 4, we arrived at the famous Sun Gate and saw the magnificent Machu Picchu from above. We didn't linger and were ready to rename it Thunder gate as a massive storm arrived in the mountains. We walked down to Machu Picchu and could see it in all its glory, with the peak of Waynu Picchu in the background.

In all we walked around 45km and it felt like less than 1km was flat! We walked for approx six hours each day; we climbed past a major landslip, followed narrow paths on sheer cliffs with huge drops, the views and experiences were incredible. The weather was mixed but thankfully never too hot for too long. The scenery was stunning and the flora varied. We even saw a rare Peruvian mountain deer!

So far, we have raised £1,300 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and set a new target of £1,500 we hope to reach by Christmas. If you would like to help please visit [www.justgiving.com/SueandHolly](http://www.justgiving.com/SueandHolly). All donations, whatever their size, would be greatly appreciated.



# SOLVE

## Save Our Loddon Valley Environment



### EXPANDING BASINGSTOKE

The housing numbers debate within the BDBC Local Plan continues. A the Cabinet meeting on 30th October, SOLVE and many others gave presentations and urged the Cabinet to keep a lid on housing development.

Many Councillors at the Planning and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee (P&I OSCOM) meetings during October criticised the assumptions on household size and migration. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of SOLVE and others, the Cabinet approved an interim recommendation of 770 homes per annum over the period 2011 to 2029.

However, the door remains open for a revision of this figure. In the words of the Council Leader - 'this is work in progress'. We continue to question the information used to arrive at 770hpa and will be meeting Planning Officers soon. Let's be clear, if building continues at this pace, all Greenfield sites around the town are in danger of being engulfed by an ever-expanding Basingstoke. We are meeting with Maria Miller MP on 1st December.

A letter in the *Basingstoke Gazette* of 8th November stated that there were 50,000 people in the age group up to 26. It is true we need housing for the young. However, in the 26-50 age group there are 62,300 people (2011 census). Using this as an indicator, it would

appear that there would be enough houses for our young people. The current natural population growth figure, births over deaths, gives just 390 hpa.

### ERNST & YOUNG AUDIT

The Ernst & Young independent audit report of the events over the Manydown debacle is now public. It runs to some 161 pages and can be found on the BDBC website. It shows the background to the activities of some Councillors in their attempts to stop Manydown development and promote building in the east.

Ernst and Young obtained a number of documents and electronic information. Unfortunately some documents 'could not be found'. They recorded interviews with Council Officers and Councillors and it is disappointing that the Portfolio Holder from the time in question declined to be interviewed.

The BDBC Audit Committee debated this report on 7th November. Ernst & Young were criticised for using BDBC lawyers as advisors since this created a conflict of interest. Many members of the public and Councillors were scathing about the legal advice which failed to answer the questions asked by Ernst & Young. Public speakers commented on a number of issues arising and demanded action against leading players; one suggested that some interviewees may have perjured themselves. Controversially, the Audit Committee accepted the report by virtue of the Chairman's casting vote. The report has been sent to full Council after a furious opposition invoked a procedure to force this.

More information at [www.solveloddon.org](http://www.solveloddon.org), register for updates, and follow us on Twitter @SOLVE2010. Telephone contact Kate Tuck 01256 324 043.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE

## Rowan Lodge Nursing Home



It's been another very busy month at Rowan Lodge, we've raised a grand total of £64 for the Poppy Appeal, enjoyed a super Bonfire Party, had fun times with Entertainment and been on trips out locally.

Our December coffee morning in is on Tuesday the 4th, we'd be delighted if you joined us for a mince pie (the first of many!), a good morning get together with a raffle raising money for our 'Bench on the Green' appeal.

We have many December events which you are all very welcome to join us for:

- 1st 2pm, Greywell Ringers at Rowan Lodge.
- 4th 11am, Christmas Coffee Morning.
- 7th 2pm, 'A Sprinkling of White Christmas' reminiscent Entertainment.
- 12th 11am, 'Mistletoe & Wine' Troubadour Entertainers.
- 15th 2pm, Festive Guitar Entertainment.
- 19th 3pm, Christmas Carol Service with Jane Leese.
- 22nd 2pm, Robbie Magic, Santa visits, Raffle, & Danny to sing for us!
- 24th 2pm - A Christmas Eve afternoon get together.

We hope to see you all at some of our events this Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout 2012. From all at Rowan Lodge we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** **Withdrawn** BDB/77016 15th Nov (reg 26th Sep) CCL, Unit A, Highview Business Park, The Barracks, Newnham. Erection of steel framed building. **Granted** BDB/76910 13th Nov (reg 19th Sept). The Old Rectory, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Floor standing 3.88kw PV system.

# Greywell



**Coffee Mornings & Mobile Library**  
**December 1st, 14th & 28th; January 11th, 26th.** Dates in bold are Saturdays when the Mobile Library will be outside the Village Hall 10-10.30 and the Coffee Morning will start at 10.15am. Other dates are Friday Coffee Mornings 10.30-11.30am.

**THE TEAPOT CAFE** will be open on at **3pm on Tuesday 4th December, & 15th January.** If you need a lift please call Jackie Giles on 702 859.



## GREYWELL VILLAGE WEBSITE



[www.greywell.info](http://www.greywell.info)



## CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S GREYWELL



'O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord'



**Carol Service** 6pm Friday 21st. Candlelit service of Carols and Readings with a collection for the Children's Society. Please return your Christingle Candle collecting boxes at this service.

**Christmas Day Family Service** 10.45am.

**NB Change from card** 16th December 8.30am BCP Holy Communion.

## Whitewater Movies 2013 Season

We have reviewed the programme and attendance at last season's films and, given the generally low numbers, have decided to try something different...

As the film and supper combination has proved popular the plan is to hold four of these events, rather than have a programme of films. The season will now run from January to December 2013.

The first film and supper will be on **Saturday 12th January** when we will be showing *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* which will be accompanied by a curry supper.

The dates for the other three events (all Saturdays) are: **20th April, 21st September and 16th November.** The titles of the films to be shown will be announced at a later date. As there are only four events it is not practical to have a membership fee and the cost of the film and supper will be £12.

If you wish to attend the January event please contact Sally Noble [sallyofsouthfields@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyofsouthfields@hotmail.com) tel 702 107. (Cheques made payable to Whitewater Movies.)

**Doors open 7pm, supper 7.15 followed by film. To plan catering requirements, tickets must be purchased in advance.**



## VILLAGE HALL

**Successful Grant Application** The Village Hall Committee is very pleased to report the offer of funding from The Rural Development Programme (RDPE) for England to improve the hall acoustics – and provide new catering equipment for the kitchen – and wishes to thank everybody for their support. Once completed, the improvements will make a significant difference to all who use the hall. It is anticipated that the acoustics works will be completed before for Christmas.

**Village Quiz** Last year's winners, hosted the evening and did a great job, devising questions that were challenging and fun. Ali Barter put together a very tasty supper which was enjoyed by a full house. Congratulations to Paul & Viv Harrison and guests who were delighted winners of the Greywell Quiz Trophy. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped to raise funds for the village hall.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

### Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Party will be at the earlier time of 12noon to 2.15 on Sunday 16th December in the village hall. The party is open to all children in Greywell and also grandchildren. Food will be served on arrival followed by an hour of entertainment. In addition there will be Pass the parcel plus arts and crafts tables. There will be a visit from Santa at around 1.45. The cost is £3.50 per child. If you have not received your invitation, please ring Libby Sebborn 703 514.



### Christmas Carols

Charles Annandale will be leading the singing again this year for Carols in the Village Hall. Starting promptly at 6pm on Sunday 16th December, we will be finished by 7pm to enable everyone to get home in time for Sports Personality of the Year. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served and everyone is welcome.

**Yoga** Wednesday mornings 10-11am, for further details please contact Jane Wilkinson 07880 803 222 [jane@nvigor8.co.uk](mailto:jane@nvigor8.co.uk)

**Pilates** Thursday evenings 7pm-8pm, for further details please 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)

## GREYWELL PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Refused

12/01506/FUL (14th September, reg 18 July) Manor Farm Buildings, The Street, Greywell. Full planning permission for conversion of existing farm buildings to 5 dwellings and demolition of modern farm buildings. Amendment to permission 10/01670/MAJOR\* (for the conversion of existing farm buildings to 5 dwellings and erection of 3 dwellings) to allow the relocation of the 3 new dwellings (affordable homes) on a separate site.

### Granted

12/01507/LBC (14 Sept, reg 18 July) Manor Farm Buildings, The Street, Greywell. Listed building consent as per 12/01506/LBC above.

**NB** \* 10/01670/MAJOR Conversion of existing farm buildings to 5 dwellings and erection of 3 dwellings, approved 21st October 2010.

10/01682/CONAC Conservation area consent for the demolition of existing farm buildings, granted 21st Oct 2010.

10/01681/LBC Listed building consent for conversion of farm buildings to 5 dwellings, granted 21st Oct 2010.

# Church Notices

## From the Parish Registers...

### HOLY BAPTISM

We welcomed into the Church Keir Beau Elvis Hamilton, baptised at St Swithun's Nately Scures on Sunday November 4th 2012 by Revd Peter Murphy.

Sophie Eleanor Smith, baptised at St Nicholas' Newnham on Sunday November 18th 2012.

### RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

We gave thanks for the marriage of Bob and Ros White of Water End as they renewed their vows at St Swithun's Nately Scures on Saturday November 17th 2012.

### Christingle Services

The perfect opportunity to bring the whole family along to church as we celebrate the gospel story with well-known hymns, candle-lit prayers, oranges, jelly tots and dolly mixtures!! Children are especially welcome! The remaining services are:

**Sunday December 2nd at 4.30pm at Newnham**  
**Sunday December 9th at 4.30pm at Mapledurwell**  
PLEASE COME ALONG!!

### Christmas Services

You should find within this *Villager* the regular six monthly Service Card for the five churches of the United Parish and also a smaller card with details of all our Christmas Services.



Please note that children are welcome at all of these services – but especially the Crib Service on Christmas

Eve at 4.30 at Up Nately – when we tell the well-known story of the nativity in a very child friendly manner! PS Grown-ups usually love this service too!!

### Thank you

As always may I give in advance a big thank you to all those who help with our Christmas services – organists, readers, church decorators, church cleaners, flower arrangers, Christmas tree providers, sidesmen, churchwardens, vergers... and probably many, many more. We all love these special services but they need lots of people to make them happen! Thank you to you all!

### Mid-week Holy Communion

There is a monthly celebration of Holy Communion at the Dower House, Greywell, and a small 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 December 20th and (probably) January 17th – both at 11am. Please call Rev Jane for more details, or if you would like a lift.

### Services at St Mary's Mapledurwell 2013

From January 2013 there will be two changes to the Services at St Mary's. First of all, the regular service will be at 9.30am instead of 10am. This allows Rev Jane time to stay and chat over coffee before having to leave for the 11am service at Greywell. Thank you to all the regular congregation for agreeing to this alteration. Secondly there will now be a service in St Mary's every Sunday of the month. On the fourth Sunday there will be a short service of Morning Prayer, without hymns, at 9.30am, to which you are all very welcome.

### SPONSORED BIKE RIDE KAMPALA TO HOIMA EASTER 2013

The 380km ride will take over four to five days, will be followed by two to three days in Hoima, a safari and the possibility of visiting the Mountain Gorillas. The trip will last anything from 10 to 14 days. Contact Duncan Sherlock at [Help@help.hoima.org.uk](mailto:Help@help.hoima.org.uk).

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE STARTING JANUARY

We are running a 'Christianity Explored' course starting on Tuesday 15th January at 7.30 in the Bell Tower at All Saints' Odiham.

'Christianity Explored' takes us on a journey through Mark's gospel to discover who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him. Everyone who attends will learn something new about Christianity.

We are delighted to have Rico Tice, who wrote and developed Christianity Explored, coming to launch our first meeting on the 15th. At 7.30 we will share a simple supper in the bell tower before listening to our speaker.

If you would like to attend please contact Rev Alison Brown 765 547.

North Hampshire Downs Association

## Quiz Night

**Saturday 9th February**  
At the Cross Barn, Odiham RG29 1JX

Teams of six can be made up on the night

Tickets: £12 from the Odiham Dress Agency or your local Churchwarden. Doors open at 6.45 for a 7pm start.

Fish and Chip Supper included

For a vegetarian or children meal alternatives ring: 765 547

### GENERAL SYNOD VOTE ON WOMEN BISHOPS

**I am writing early in the morning following the General Synod vote which narrowly defeated in the House of Laity the proposals for women bishops. One of the great ironies is that the House of Bishops itself voted in favour of the proposals by a very large majority: 44 to 3.**

**There will be much time for the Church if England to agonise over this decision. It has far more to do with complex voting procedures than with the will of the wider church. In General Synod, 324 people voted for the measure and only 122 voted against, yet the vote was lost. In earlier votes at diocesan level, 44 out of 46 diocese voted for it. In our own Deanery vote, only one person voted against the proposal at all and in our Benefice every PCC was strongly in favour. We have three women priests in our Benefice, as well as two in training to be priests, all of the highest quality.**

**The statistics speak for themselves. This is a day of personal pain particularly for women priests who feel called to use their gifts. It is also, I believe, a grievous day for the wider mission of the church. Of course the church should not just mirror the values of wider society – that simply would void the church of all moral content – but the great majority of Christians that I meet and talk with believe, I think surely rightly, that this issue of Women Bishops is one that is theologically compelling if the church is to be what God calls it to be in our country at this time.**

**Peter Dyson, Rector**

# From The Rectory

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Dear Friends,

The Christmas edition of a magazine I read asked a number of well-known people whether they sent traditional Christmas cards or electronic 'e-cards': 'Do you click or stick?' I was pleased to see that all but one opted for the

traditional version, which is certainly the way we do things! It is expensive these days, with the cost of postage having gone up so much, but as I love to receive real cards and have them to look at and enjoy for the Christmas period, then I must be prepared to send them too.

So as I write in mid-November, Roland has been up in the loft to find the Christmas card box and it is sitting in our bedroom. I will very soon have to go through the list from last year, sadly deleting a few names of those no longer with us, and probably adding a few as well. I never manage to order cards from all the catalogues we are sent, so it will be a hasty trip to the local charity shops. Some just need a brief, but sincere, greeting 'With love from Jane and Roland', some have a handwritten note inside the card, and others receive a letter. And yes I'm afraid I do send a 'round robin' letter to friends and family we don't see very often - for some reason these are much maligned by some but mine usually seem to be well received - and I am delighted to receive them too!

Why do I make so much effort with cards at this busy time of year when there is so much to be done both domestically and in the parish? Well I suppose it is because every person on my list is important to me in some way or another and I want them to know I care about them. St Paul began his letter to the Christians in Philippi with the words 'I thank my God every time I remember you', and it is good to let our special people know we are thankful for their companionship at certain moments of our life. A Christmas card, a stamp and a few moments to write a message is one way of keeping in touch, remembering one another and saying thank you.

Christmas is about God coming into our world as a baby, Jesus, growing into manhood and enjoying the company of his own friends, and now, through his Holy Spirit, being our companion through life. As we send our greetings across the miles we can ask God to bless all those to whom we write. And we can take this opportunity to join the Christmas worship and add our thankfulness and joy to the great songs of Christmas praise.

Roland and I wish you all a very happy Christmas, hopefully spent with some of your special people, and a calm and peaceful New Year.

With love to you all

Rev Jane Leese

*Jane*

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## Church Services

### December 2nd

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11am	Morning Service	Greywell
4.30pm	Christingle/Patronal	Newnham

### December 9th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
11am	Matins	Newnham
4.30pm	Christingle	Mapledurwell

### December 16th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywell
10am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
11am	Family Service	Up Nately

### December 21st

6pm	Carol Service	Greywell
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### December 22nd

4.30pm	Carol Service	Newnham
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### December 23rd

11am	Carol Service	Nately Scures
4.30pm	Carol Service	Mapledurwell
6pm	Carol Service	Up Nately

### December 24th

4.30pm	Crib Service	Up Nately
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Nately Scures

### December 25th

9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.45am	Family Service	Mapledurwell
10.45am	Family Communion	Newnham
10.45am	Family Service	Greywell

### December 30th (Benefice Service)

10am	Family Communion	Herriard
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### January 6th

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

### January 13th

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

### January 20th

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

### January 27th

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