

The Villager



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

NEWSLETTER FROM HELP HOIMA

Thank you for all your support during 2012

Currently we are fundraising to secure the £4k needed to pay for the completed staff accommodation block so vital to recruitment and retention of staff. The clinic has just received HIV accreditation status which will provide the funding to diagnose, treat and counsel patients with the virus through NGOs as well as setting up a prevention programme. The Clinic has an Obstetrics and Gynaecology consultant on a six month placement from BHPH (Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital) and is expecting another consultant and a midwife to arrive in the spring for the same length of time. The Paediatric ward continues to run at full capacity and the operating theatre is working successfully providing caesarean sections and general surgery.

The Mustard Seed Orphanage is in need of sponsors for children, particularly for teenagers: £25 a month educates a child and Help Hoima is also seeking to fund a resettlement programme to allow the older secondary age pupils to move into a supervised hostel or move back into their communities and extended families. This would create places for the most vulnerable age group of children, those five years and under. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, supporting the care of older children or in any Help Hoima project please contact Victoria Mitford 862 812 or Mem FitzPatrick 862 359 or email Help@helphoima.org.uk.

The William Wallis Tree Memorial Fund has received a generous donation allowing the planting of a further 2,500 trees this year to date.

The Maternity Worldwide and Help Hoima sponsored bike ride (50 cyclists maximum) from Kampala to Hoima has been moved to the autumn at Maternity Worldwide's request. Apologies for the change, anyone interested should contact Help@helphoima.org.uk.

Food inflation in Uganda is currently running at 40-50% so there is a lot that can be achieved by working with the local people to create self sustaining projects such as tree planting, cultivating land around the Mustard Seed Orphanage and the support of the children with their education.

Many Thanks from all at Help Hoima. The North Hampshire Downs Benefice



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents
I have circulated the *Policing*

Report for 2012. The Preston Candover beat continues to cover some 78 square miles, thus representing one fifth of the rural divisional policing area of Basingstoke, and I have responsibility for 22 parishes. I continue to maintain close working relationships with colleagues on all my borders from Alresford, Alton and Hook as well as from my own station at Whitchurch. On this beat, 144 crimes were reported, an increase of two on 2011. House burglary fell from 14 to 3, the burglary of outbuildings also fell, but we must not become complacent as individual Parish reports show [see Parish pages].

May I wish you all a belated Happy New Year and also make you aware of an increase in house burglaries since the New Year. Sadly the two houses clearly showed at the time that no-one was home. I can not reiterate enough that during the dark evenings it is imperative that residents try to make their homes look as if someone is in, especially those that are unoccupied for a few days. Please use timer switches for lights, leave a radio on, if possible have a car parked on the drive, please consider having an alarm fitted, burglars will always look twice at a house with an alarm, also consider a sign on your gate 'Beware of the dog', such simple measures do work.

I am also seeking information on a silver/grey hatchback with a registration similar to AD54 PAC seen containing two young men in Axford village at about 10.45am on Friday January 11th. One of the men was of mixed-race, 6ft tall, neatly cut black hair of slim build and wearing a black leather jacket. While we are not sure if this vehicle or young man has any connection, I do need to find out more of him and the car if only to eliminate from the enquiry.

If you have any information please call on any of my contact numbers or ring Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Diary Dates

February

- 3 Rotary Club 'Help for Heroes', Band of HM's Royal Marines', Anvil
 - 5 Rowan Lodge Coffee Morning, 11am
 - 8 Up Nately Coffee Morning 10-12 noon
 - 8 Coffee morning, Greywell VH, 10.30
 - 9 Benefice Quiz Night, 6.45 for 7pm
 - 12 Teapot Cafe 3pm, Greywell Village Hall
 - 21 MU meeting 8pm RAF Church Hall
 - 23 Greywell Coffee Morning/Mobile Library
 - 28 N Warnborough & District Garden Club March
 - 4 Mapledurwell Lent Lunch, Meddings Farmhouse, 12.30
 - 5 Rowan Lodge coffee morning, 11am
 - 12 Teapot Cafe 3pm, Greywell Village Hall
 - 12 Newnham Parish Council Meeting, 7pm Clubroom.
 - 12 Mapledurwell History Project book launch, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 - 13 Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council meeting 8pm in the Village Hall
 - 18 Lent Lunch, Rectory, Up Nately 12.30pm
- ### April
- 18 Newnham Parish Assembly, 7-9pm Clubroom

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

The next Up Nately Coffee Morning

will be on Friday February 8th from 10am to 12 noon at 'Linbern' Heather Lane. Such a great gathering in January, please try to pop in again this time. Ring Hazel on 762 748 for more info.



Each year we give the donations left 'in the pot' at our coffee mornings to charity. This year we were delighted to donate £200 to The Parkinson's Society. Next year our 'pot' will go towards Kidney Research.

Mapledurwell History Project (see notice adjoining). The event will be marked by a small ceremony with light refreshments. All welcome.

Macmillan Cancer Support The recent door-to-door collection in Mapledurwell raised a record total of £346.60. Angela Brown and Pamela Bywater thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the work of this important charity.

An advance date for your diary – NAFAS Flower arrangement tutor

On Friday June 14th, Graham King who is a NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) Tutor and Demonstrator, and who we so appreciated when he last came several years ago, is coming to The Village Hall again. So book it in your diary, much more info later.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The new website for Mapledurwell & Up Nately can be found at www.mapledurwellupnately.co.uk.

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

Parish councillor vacancy in May 2013. If anyone is interested in the position please contact Sam Preece on 01256 762 059.

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 8pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

VILLAGE HALL

Many apologies to the families who planned to have an afternoon of fun watching the Tim Bat Trick show, sadly we had to cancel as Tim did not dare to drive with so much snow around.

Our new website is up and running, do have a look at it, there is lots of information and many photos of past events too, including pictures of the new enlarged committee room. www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

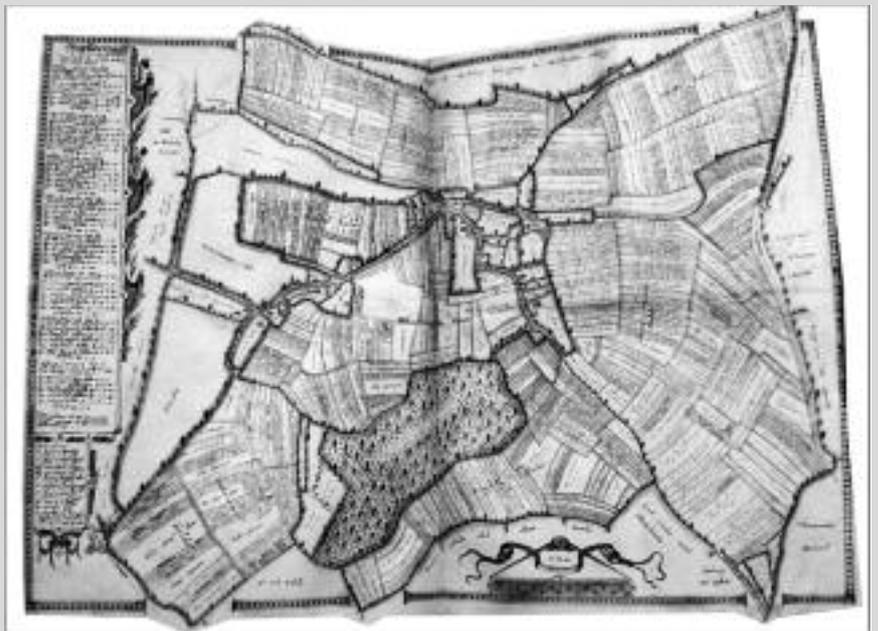
For hire The hall, committee room, place settings, tables chairs are all for hire, contact the caretaker on 474 432.

At Mapledurwell Village Hall

CELEBRATION BOOK LAUNCH OF THE HISTORY OF MAPLEDURWELL

Tuesday 12th March at 6.30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME & THOSE ATTENDING CAN BUY THE BOOK AT A SPECIAL LAUNCH PRICE OF £5



Mapledurwell is the first Parish History to be published by the New Victoria County History of Hampshire group. Since publication of the first VCH account of the Village in 1911, ideas of what makes a good Parish History have been transformed. Our new illustrated history includes much more about the village itself and the lives of ordinary people from the earliest times to 2012. Come and join us to find out more.

ST MARY'S MAPLEDURWELL

Christmas Carols around the Pond in aid of the Children's Society.

Around 50 people including children enjoyed a festive occasion singing Carols around the pond on the Friday evening before Christmas. The pond was lit up with lights in the trees and a roaring brazier kept everyone warm. The voices of the adults were oiled with good mulled wine and there was plenty of mince pies for the children. Everyone was in good cheer and we even had a pony there who looked very festive harnessed with tinsel, it all added to the occasion. A collection was taken and thanks to the generosity of the singers, £132 was raised for the Children's Society.

New Year change of Service time

As from January 2013, the regular Sunday services at St Mary's start at 9.30am – rather than 10am as previously – 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.



Camrose Drop-in Centre During Lent we will be giving to the homeless and needy families in Basingstoke. From February 17th until Easter there will be boxes at the back of our five Churches to receive donations of tinned and dried foods that could be used to provide a hot meal for the people who are not so fortunate as we are. Also, if you have any unwanted Christmas toiletries these would be gratefully received. Please give as generously as you possibly can. Thank you. Patricia Stubbs.

Mapledurwell Lent Lunch There will be a Lent Lunch held at Meddings Farmhouse, Mapledurwell, on Monday 4th March at 12.30. A simple meal for which you are asked to make a donation to the 'Help Hoima' Fund. Everyone is welcome but please phone Sarah in advance for catering purposes on 321 838.



PARISH POLICE REPORT 2012

Mapledurwell – Reported crime 2010 - 18; 2011 - 17; 2012 - 18

The 2012 reported crimes included six thefts, four of which were pedal cycles from communal sheds at The Hollies; six non dwelling burglaries; one receiving stolen goods; two criminal damage reports; one assault, and two thefts of motor vehicles, both of which were recovered.

Nine offences were recorded at The Hollies, three at The Hatch Industrial Park, two at The Hatch pub; the remainder in and around the village.

Police were called to The Hatch Industrial Park and arrested four local youths for Criminal Damage; two were subsequently cautioned for the offence. I do have concerns for the state of security at the communal cycle sheds and did contact the Housing Association seeking additional security measures be put into place to stop the theft of cycles and parts of cycles which has been prevalent during 2011 and 2012.

Other incidents reported to Police included three damage road traffic incidents (accidents); five suspicious vehicles/people; one concern for welfare; three domestic disputes; one sheep worrying incident in which a person was convicted at Magistrates' Court, a car seized due to no road tax, three abandoned vehicles; five false burglar alarm activations; one abandoned 999 call, two reports of cows and one of sheep loose on the A30, a horse stuck in a ditch which was rescued by the Fire Brigade and a nuisance complaint.

I also attended the Mapledurwell fire-works display, excellent as always.

Up Natley– Reported crime 2010 - 6; 2011 - 5; 2012 - 5

The five reported crimes included two criminal damages; two sheds broken into, and a theft of heating oil. A criminal damage and non-dwelling burglary occurred at the same venue just outside the village, as did another non-dwelling burglary near to the canal.

Other reported incidents included three neighbour disputes, a lorry jack-knifing, six false burglar alarm activations, two suspicious incidents, a report of possible dog fighting, but not trace was found, a man arrested for a Warrant issued by the Court, one damage and two injury road traffic incidents (accidents), a concern for welfare for a man, an abandoned car, an abandoned 999 call and a report of lost sheep – which were later found.

News from Odiham Cottage Hospital



We are now approaching the anniversary of the hospital's reopening and it is quite amazing to reflect on what a transformation the hospital has seen over the past year.

Rosefield Day Centre provides a vibrant centre to hospital life. Their clients, most of whom suffer from dementia, come for a day of stimulation and fun but perhaps more importantly it provides their carers with a few hours of respite. In this way the day centre aims to support clients and their families in their desire to remain at home for as long as possible.

While limited places are available from Adult Services, privately funded places are available at £30 per day. So come along for a free taster session or pop in for a cup of coffee and see! For further details please contact Rosefield Manager, Lynne Ewing on 393 604.

Meanwhile our weekly Relate counselling clinics continue. Many people suffer from relationship breakdowns – within families as well as traditional partnerships – with Christmas a reportedly stressful time of year. Session costs are subsidised at £15 although young people's counselling is free. Further information is available from Relate on 423 844.

N Warnborough & District Garden Club Next meeting

Thursday 28th February, North Warnborough Village Hall, 1.45 for 2.15pm start. Julie Bell who will be talking on 'Stress Free Gardening'. Competitions are:

1. Floating Hellebores; 2. An Arrangement of Snowdrops with Greenery; 3. A Spray of a Winter Flowering Shrub. 01252 626 524.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

BDB/77343 (14th December 2012) Hillcrest, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of rear conservatory

Granted

BDB/77185 20th December (reg 30th October) Oaklands, Greywell Road, Up Natley. Vehicular access onto Greywell Road to serve the existing property.

BDB/76972 28th November (reg 19th September) Ivy House, Tunworth Road. Change of use of land for equestrian use stable block.

BDB/77013 27th November (reg 4th October) Ivy House, Tunworth Road. Conversion of first floor of garage to work room, creation of side door and additional parking.

Our marvellous team of community nurses, led by Matron Lynne Aldridge continue to care for their busy caseload

with professional expertise and compassion. They support the community based patients of the Odiham, Old Basing, Hook and Hartley Wintney GP surgeries as well as providing clinics for a range of medical conditions at the hospital.



Other services include the St Michael's complementary therapy clinics which have expanded to provide care in the community to those too unwell to attend at the hospital.

Our Monday lunch club has proved hugely successful and new activities are planned for 2013 – watch this space for more details!

Ginny East, Secretary to the Trustees
Email: och1@btinternet.com

North Hampshire Downs Benefice Mothers' Union

Good news first from our Child Contact Centre in Hook which has received grants from the Fleet Waitrose Green Token scheme and from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation, both for £250.

We shall be meeting at 8pm in the RAF Church Hall on Thursday, 21st February, to start our knitting project. This year we are supporting the charity Children in Distress, a small UK charity started by a church in Barkingside in 1990 to help children abandoned in Romanian orphanages and institutions, often with HIV/AIDS. The charity has expanded to support children in Romania and other Eastern European countries suffering from all types of incurable or terminal illnesses.

Their motto is: 'To cure, sometimes; to help, often; to comfort, always.'

In many rural areas the poverty is so extreme that families cannot provide enough warm clothing to send their children to school in the bitterly cold winters. Children in Distress sends out knitted items which will hopefully enable children to get an education and help them to climb out of poverty. They welcome clothes for all ages (toddlers to teenagers) and anything from scarves and hats to jumpers and knee rugs. If you want to know more about them, see www.childrenindistress.org.

Lastly, our branch is now on Facebook! Do look at our page (called North Hampshire Downs MU) and like us or send us a comment.

For more information call Sue Murphy, 01252 840 511.

Newnham & Nately Scures



PARISH POLICE REPORT 2012

NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL IS ON FACEBOOK!

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 – log in or sign up and post your pictures and comments.

Newnham, Nately Scures & Water End Parish Council | Facebook



Newnham Parish email service Please send an email address to junejames.ontheedge@virgin.net to receive latest news events information

The Parish Council website Is being relaunched at www.parishofnewnham.org.uk

NEWNHAM GREEN PONDS

Work was undertaken w/c Monday 21st January on Newnham Green to improve the appearance of the ponds.

On behalf of everyone in Newnham, the Parish Council would like to thank Colin Lewin of Manor Farm who very kindly offered his staff, equipment, knowledge & enthusiasm for the job.

Conservation and wildlife bodies have been consulted and their advice followed. Spoil from the ponds will be left by the ponds until the weather permits its removal, together with any repair and replanting work.

Working parties w/c 28 Jan

are being organised by Peter Brown to clear the surface of the water and remove any remaining debris from the pond. If you would like to help please contact Peter at pbrown129@btinternet.com

Ongoing work There will be more working parties as spring advances, and all help much appreciated. For further information please contact June James junejames.ontheedge@virgin.net

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday March 12th at 7pm in Newnham Clubroom.

The Newnham Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 18th April in the Clubroom from 7-9pm.

There will be refreshments from 7pm, a short quiz and brief presentations from the New Parish Council. All residents of Newnham Parish – Newnham, Nately Scures and Water End – are warmly invited to attend to hear about and discuss projects and events in the Parish.



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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

BDB/77520 14th January, Bridleway, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of single storey rear extension.

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

Nately Scures – Reported crime 2010 - 3; 2011 - 10; 2012 - 6

The six reported included two thefts, both from the Basingstoke Country Hotel and two men stopped and found in possession of drugs. We also had a domestic assault reported plus a deception – men offering ‘gold’ for sale for money for petrol (!).

Other incidents included a dog bite, three loose dogs on the A30, one deer, three injury and one damage road traffic incidents (accidents), two domestic disputes, one abandoned 999 call, three reports of debris in the A30 carriage-way, two reports of dangerous driving on the A30, two reports of concern for welfare for people, an insecure house, a report of a person receiving abusive text messages and an abusive driver.

Newnham – Reported crime

2010 - 4; 2011 - 6; 2012 - 9

The nine reported comprised damage caused to a car; four thefts consisting of the theft of lead, scrap, a wheelie bin and a garden trailer; a theft of a vehicle from the Fosters Business Park; a deception which is still ongoing, and a non-dwelling burglary of more lead.

We also received reports concerning four fallen trees; removal of cabling from the railway which was found to be in order; debris in the road; three damage, one deer and one injury road traffic incidents (accidents); three concern for welfare calls; a car blocked in on the Fosters Business Park, two abandoned 999 calls and some lost dogs.

On an evening in May I saw a car parked in Tylney Lane; as I checked, I heard shots being fired near to the old house [Beehive Farm]. I parked to stop the car as it left and it pulled over, but as I approached, the vehicle made off at speed and drove down Ridge Lane. I followed and found the car a ditch, the driver and passenger had both ran away. Despite a search by the police helicopter and dog handlers the men were never traced and the car was scrapped.

Water End (plus Andwell) Reported crime

2010 - 5; 2011 - 5; 2012 - 3

Three reported were theft of a wheelie bin; a windscreen broken on a car on the A30 by a stone, and the theft of tools from a van parked at Priory Farm.

Other incidents included a report of a drink driver, a suspicious vehicle, a report of two men fighting near The Red Lion P/H, a road traffic incident (accidents) involving a deer, an injury and damage only road traffic incidents (accidents), reports of sheep and another of goats on the A30.

SOLVE

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Report from December

HOUSING SITES – EAST OF CHINEHAM (BAS121)

Following representations from Ward Councillors Sven Godesen and Onnalee Cubitt, HCC (the Landowner) has reduced the proposed maximum yield on the Pyotts Hill site, east of Chineham (BAS121), from 900 to 450 homes in the 2014 to 2029 Local Plan. Much of the evidence presented was supplied by SOLVE and Countrywatch.

We would like to thank our County Councillor, Elaine Still, for her help in progressing this with HCC. We believe the same arguments (ie Park Pale Boundary protection, the Incinerator proximity, flooding, infrastructure and environmental concerns) apply equally to the case for removal of BAS121 from the Local Plan altogether.

Any development on BAS121 opens the door to development of Lodge Farm and Poors Farm with 9,000 houses.

HOUSING FIGURES 2014-29

Disappointingly the current proposals for 770 homes per year, approved by BDBC Cabinet remains a threat to all Greenfield sites around Basingstoke.

It remains our aim to reduce the total housing numbers in the coming Local Plan as, in common with other groups in the Borough, we do not believe there is any immediate prospect of improve-

ment to our already overloaded infrastructure and water supply/quality.

The Environment Agency is now monitoring the River Loddon flow rate. Since they have not monitored this since 2003, the results – which should provide evidence whether the Loddon is coping with pollution levels now and in future – will not become apparent until 2018. We believe that this, and the uncertainties over Net Migration and Household Size, could leave the Local Plan open to serious challenge.

In our discussions with Maria Miller MP on 1st December she supported our concerns over water, infrastructure and building rates in neighbouring Local Authorities and suggested that the Council take a 'Precautionary' approach to our housing requirement.

Report from January

HOUSING SITES

The coming months are critical for SOLVE as we seek to defend our green fields. At the time of writing, BDBC Planning and Infrastructure Committee (P&I OSCOM) are in the middle of discussing Officers' recommendations for new housing sites.

At the end of January the Council Cabinet will decide on which sites to take forward into the Local Plan. The good news is that Officers have removed Lodge Farm (BAS102) and

Poors Farm (BAS103) from the recommended sites. The bad news is that they are recommending that Pyotts Hill, east of Chineham (BAS 121), takes 900 houses. This is against the wishes of the landowner, Hampshire County Council, who are promoting 400 houses in this local plan. Officers are also recommending 150 houses on Redlands (SOL002) immediately to the north of BAS121.

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

The draft Local Plan will be published in March with further P&I OSCOM meetings during March. The public consultation begins on 15th April. Details of all these meetings are available on the BDBC website. They are open to the public and you can also input via your Ward Councillors. Ultimately this year will determine whether Basingstoke remains a 'nice place to live' or expands into another dormitory town swamped with housing and clogged up roads.

HOUSING FIGURES

SOLVE met with Cllrs Still and Jayawardena on 20th December who confirmed their support for lower housing numbers. The Cabinet has agreed to hire an independent person to look closely into the population/housing statistics. Cabinet members will be contributing to the independent assessment and they agreed to input SOLVE ideas.

Like a number of Councillors, Elaine Still and Ranil Jayawardena, believe that concentrating on reducing the housing figures is the best way to defend many Greenfield sites.

ERNST AND YOUNG AUDIT

At the full council meeting on 13th December, members of the public sought clarification about the Ernst and Young (E&Y) Governance and Audit Report on Manydown. In particular why the legal advice, from a QC chosen by BDBC, did not answer the questions put to them by E&Y.

The reply from is best summed up by Harry Mansfield from Country Watch who wrote in the *Gazette* on 27th December: 'We were treated to a lengthy response, with little content, by the Chair of the Audit, Governance and Accounts (AGA) committee which amounted to a smoke screen of epic proportions.'

Opposition amendments were passed which should ensure an independent Public Law expert answers the E&Y legal questions. Anyone interested in this debate should look at the Council Webcast for that day.

The SOLVE website www.solveloddon.org. You can register on the website for updates. Follow us on Twitter: @SOLVE2010. Telephone contact Kate Tuck - 01256 324043.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE

Rowan Lodge Nursing Home



Even though we find ourselves in February already, all of us at Rowan Lodge would like to wish you are very Happy & Healthy New Year! Hopefully all the winter coughs and colds are gone and you are all looking forward to snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses after the snow.

Christmas seems like a while ago now but we enjoyed a really busy December and festive period supported by many of you who joined in with our parties and events which was great. We celebrated the New Year with a bagpipe player in true Scottish style who surprised, played requests and went around the whole home visiting everybody playing as he went (we're sure most of Newnham heard him!).

January gave us a good covering of snow to disrupt our lives but didn't it make Newnham look beautiful?. Countryside under a blanket of the white stuff is lovely to look at from a warm lounge! We have so far in 2013 already enjoyed a clothes party and entertainment including a violinist so we're off to a great start.

Remember our monthly coffee morning – Tuesday 5th February, 11am and every first Tuesday of the month, pop in with us for a little winter company.

Greywell

Welcome Some of you will already be aware that a new family has arrived in Greywell. Christopher and Lisa Bingham have moved from Silchester into Cedar Tree House, The Street, which they are renting from the Moggs. Christopher and Lisa have two children, Josh 9, and Ben 8. The Bingham's are already friends with a number of people in the village, and Chris is a regular participant in the Monday night football (along with John Pocock, Richard Hindley and James Pound). We hope they will enjoy their time in Greywell.

If you have new neighbours, please email helenjsullivan@gmail.com so that we can introduce them in the *Villager*.

Coffee Mornings & Mobile Library



February 8th, **23rd**. 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 10am. Other dates are Friday Coffee Mornings 10.30-11.30am.

THE TEAPOT CAFE will be open on at **3pm on Tuesday 12th February** and 12th March. If you need a lift please call Jackie Giles on 702 859.



Whitewater Movies

The 2013 Season got off to a great start on 12th January. We were treated to a wonderful curry supper followed by the showing of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. As a newcomer to the Film Club, I had a most enjoyable evening and will be looking forward to finding out what the next film/supper will be on April 20th. John Simons



ST MARY'S GREYWELL

Many thanks to all who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas. Funds were raised for the Children's Society. If there are any Candle collecting boxes wanting to be handed over please call Libbie 702 978.

Family Services before Easter

24th February 10.30am Family Service.
10th March 11am Mothering Sunday Family Service.

VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas events and contributed to their success. The children's party was organised by Libby Sebborn with contributions from Pete and Vicky Saunders. Twenty children attended and had a great time, being entertained by a magician, craft activities and a visit from Father Christmas. Charles Annandale led 35 people in the carol singing, including 10 children, with instrumental support from Julia Annandale and two friends.

The Village Quiz raised £485 for the Village Hall.

Yoga EARLIER TIME - Wednesday mornings 9.15-10.15am, for further details please contact Jane Wilkinson 07880 803 222 jane@nvigor8.co.uk

Pilates Thursday evenings 7-8pm, for further details please contact helenlvarcoe@gmail.com

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

Marquee hire (within Greywell Village) please contact Mike Burnside 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, please email helenjsullivan@gmail.com or talk to a member of the Village Hall committee.

Saturday 23rd March – event to be confirmed

Saturday 27th April – Ceilidh

Wednesday 8th May – 7pm Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting

Saturday 11th May, 9.30-11.30am – Spring Coffee morning with Plant and Produce Sale

early June – Safari Supper

Saturday 14th September – Curry Night

Saturday 2nd November – Bonfire and Fireworks

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

Sunday 15th December – Children's Christmas Party, Carols in the Village Hall

GREYWELL VILLAGE WEBSITE



www.greywell.info

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Parish Councillors As you may know from articles in *Villager*, both Veronica Mander and Vicky Saunders have stepped down as Councillors. They have been replaced by Ruth Coombs and Nick MacAndrew.

Therefore the Parish Council now comprises the following Councillors:

James Malmesbury (Chairman)
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David Millard (Vice-Chairman)
dmillard@f2s.com

Ruth Coombs 703 174
ruthacoombs@gmail.com

Nick Kavanagh

Nick MacAndrew 702390
nick@themaandrews.com

New Parish Clerk James Pound is standing down as Clerk, to be replaced by Julian (Jules) Stanley
julian.stanley2@btinternet.com

Mobile Library Service

F/borough Mobile Library, week 2

Saturday 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 28th Feb

09.45-10.15 Linden Spar Old Basing

Saturday 2nd Feb, 2nd Mar

12.30-13.00 Rotherwick nr school

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

Odiham Voluntary Care Group

Being a driver for Odiham Voluntary Care Group only involves a couple of hours a month and can make a real difference to people's lives.

OVCG provides transport for all medical appointments to local surgeries, clinics and hospitals for those in our area who have no other means of transport. We also provide transport to and from the local shops.

To learn more about becoming a driver call 703 468.

To contact our organizer to organize a journey ring 0755 158 7862

Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

FUNERAL SERVICES

We said farewell to:

Keith Walker of Kempshott on November 26th at Basingstoke Crematorium

Jim Smyth of Greywell on December 7th at St Mary's Greywell

David Hossack of Mapledurwell on December 17th at Basingstoke Crematorium

Pamela Nicol previously of Newnham on December 18th at St Nicholas' Newnham

Colin Roche previously of Mapledurwell, burial of ashes at St Mary's on December 19th

Jim Cooke of Basingstoke on December 20th at Basingstoke Crematorium

Barbara Wooldridge of Greywell on January 4th at St Mary's Greywell

Irene Munday of Heatherside care Home, Nately Scures, on January 8th at Basingstoke Crematorium.

February's meetings

- 6 PCC meeting at 8pm at Mapledurwell VH
- 10 Benefits Sunday across the churches – focussing on the benefits of being part of our Benefice
- 12 Greywell VCC at 6.30pm at Dorchester Cottage
- 13 Ash Wednesday Service at 7.30pm at All Saints Odiham

Mid-week Holy Communion

There has been a monthly celebration of Holy Communion at The Dower House, Greywell for some time now 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 February 21st and March 21st – both at 11am. Please call Rev Jane for more details, or if you would like a lift.

Church services 2013 at St Mary's Mapledurwell

Please note that from January 2013 there have been two changes to the pattern of service at St Mary's:

1. The regular service is 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 – the coffee has been very welcome!

2. There is now 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.

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

Coffee and cakes at The Rectory, Up Nately on Thursday February 14th from 10am - 12 noon. This is to raise money for the 'Away From It All' holiday scheme run by the MU in the Winchester Diocese, providing holidays for needy families. Everyone is welcome – please do come along.

North Hampshire Downe Benefice

Quiz Night

Saturday 9th February

At the Cross Barn, Odiham RG29 1JX

Woman's world day of prayer

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' Friday 1st March, St Andrew's South Warnborough, 10.30am start.

Everyone is invited – men, women & children – to attend our benefice-wide annual service this year prepared by the women of France.

The service starts at 10.30am with croissant and coffee in the lovely old church of St Andrew in South Warnborough. During the refreshment time a DVD will be shown giving some background to the content of the service which is called "I was a stranger and you welcomed me".

For further information please contact Eve Baker on 01256 702565

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE KAMPALA TO HOIMA MOVED TO AUTUMN 2013

The Maternity Worldwide and Help Hoima sponsored bike ride (50 cyclists maximum) from Kampala to Hoima has been moved to the autumn at Maternity Worldwide's request. Apologies for the change, anyone interested should contact Help@helphoima.org.uk.

Lent Lunch 2013

Rev Jane and Roland will be hosting a Lent Lunch at The Rectory, Up Nately on Monday March 18th at 12.30pm, to which parishioners from across the five villages are warmly invited. This will support the work of Help Hoima. Please give Jane a call (765 547) to let her know if you are able to come.

Food Collection for the Camrose Centre

Once again there will be a box left in each of our churches during Lent (February 13th through until Easter) to collect items of food (dried or tinned please) for the Camrose Centre in Basingstoke. This Centre provides a warm meal and essential items of clothing for homeless and vulnerable members of our society in Basingstoke. Like so many charities they are struggling in these difficult financial times and rely heavily on voluntary donations such as ours - so please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

2013 Benefice Lent Course

Father Timothy Bavin of Alton Abbey (Formerly Bishop of Portsmouth) Back by popular demand

Father Timothy last took a Lent course for us five years ago based on the Benedictine Rule and what he said was both thought-provoking and challenging. By the last session over 60 people from around the Benefice came to hear Father Timothy talk.

We look forward to welcoming Father Timothy back again this year. This time his talks will be based on the Psalms, starting with the

Benefice Ash Wednesday (13 February) service at 7.30pm at All Saints Odiham when he will preach on 'regret'.

Wednesday evenings of Lent

7.30 pm at Mapledurwell Village Hall, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell

On the Wednesday evenings of Lent, starting on 20 February, Father Tim will speak on anxiety, depression, indignation, gratitude and nostalgia.

Wednesday afternoons of Lent

2.15 pm at The Vine Church, The Old School, London Road, Odiham

The first session on 20 February will be led by Rev Alison Brown. After that, Father Tim's talk of the previous Wednesday evening will be shown on video, with the last session in Holy Week on Wednesday, 27 March.

A Lent course is a real opportunity to help us reflect for a moment in our busy days on where we are in our lives. All are welcome – do come and join us.

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Christmas 2012 fades into history, leaving some of you I know with memories of family illness, while others had to cope with sadness and grief. I do hope most of you enjoyed the company of family and friends.

As always I do want to thank everyone who was involved in organising church services during the busy Christmas period. The flowers and decorations were splendid in every church, enhancing our music and worship and giving great pleasure to all the people who worshipped with us. I received lots of appreciative comments.

2013 has begun on a bright note for the Leese family as just before Christmas our daughter Katy announced her engagement to Ben. Having taken rather a long time to reach this point they are keeping the momentum going and plan to marry just after Easter in their parish church in Manchester. We are delighted – and particularly as they are organising it all themselves! And perhaps even more wonderful, especially for me, is that Katy also heard just before Christmas that she has been selected for training for ordained ministry in the Church of England. So, in due course, there will be two of our family sporting dog collars! 2013 will be an exciting time of change and opportunity for her and Ben and we shall watch their progress with great interest and pleasure.

We are also looking forward to another red letter day in the summer of this year when Roland and I reach our 40th wedding anniversary. I know many of you have been married far longer, but it feels like quite an achievement – a testament to patience, tolerance and forgiveness as well as love (!) – and therefore worthy of celebration. I expect we will gather our nearest and dearest for that occasion as they are the ones that have been with us through life's ups and downs and have really added to the richness of our life together.

So for us, after a couple of years of family bereavements, it is good to look forward to some happy times. So many of you were kind and thoughtful in expressing your condolences as we went through the sadness, that I know you will share our happiness too. The Church is often likened to a family; at its best it is a loving, supportive, caring body of people, bound together by a shared Christian faith that expresses itself in practical and thoughtful acts of kindness and consideration. In my experience, Villages at their best are just as good at loving and caring and, although he might not be identified as such, God is at the heart of all that goodness.

I do hope that 2013 is for you a year of joy and delight, of love and friendship. Whatever happens in your life this year I hope you will be surrounded by good friends and family – and that you will be a good and thoughtful friend to others.

With love to you all

Rev Jane Leese

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Church Services

February 3rd

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwel
11pm	Morning Service	Greywell
11pm	Family Communion	Newnham

February 10th

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

February 13th

7.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion	Odiham
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February 17th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywel
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwel
11pm	Family Service	Up Nately
11pm	Matins	Nately Scures

February 24th

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

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