

The Villager

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



EXCITING TIMES at Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall



There have been many changes recently to the hall, and more to come...

The whole building underwent a dramatic renovation in 2010, with the addition of new facilities and an extension to the main hall. And we didn't stop there – with new acoustic panels and staging in 2012, and plans for more improvements underway including insulating the hall and looking at more efficient forms of heating.



Take a look at our new facilities (www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com), and see how you can hire the hall and equipment.

There are regular events in the hall every week, from a children's nursery

to keep fit classes. Additionally, the village hall committee holds fundraising events throughout the year, from quiz nights to professional performances.



So whether you're coming to village show, looking for somewhere to hold a regular class, or searching for a venue for a private celebration, the village hall has all the space you need, in beautiful rural location.

The Hall is now soundproofed and it makes such a difference, we also have the committee room as a separate and very useful room which can be rented out separately.

Regular users of the hall include

Gary Fillery – Kingfisher personal training classes held Monday & Thursday

Diary Dates

March

- 4 Mapledurwell Lent Lunch, 12.30
- 5 Rowan Lodge Coffee Morning, 11am
- 8 Up Nately Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon
- 8 Coffee morning, Greywell VH, 10.30
- 12 Teapot Cafe 3pm, Greywell VH
- 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, Village Hall
- 14 Greywell Lent Lunch, 12.30pm
- 18 Lent Lunch, Rectory Up Nately 12.30pm
- 21 MU meeting, 8pm, RAF Church Hall
- 23 Newnham Litter Pick, Green at 10am
- 23 Greywell Coffee Morning/Mobile Library
- 25 Greywell Easter Church Cleaning 11am
- 28 North Wamborough Garden Club

April

- 2 Greywell Parish Council meeting
- 12/13 'The Wedding' Play & Supper, Greywell Village Hall
- 13 Hook Choral Society, St Bede's 7.30
- 13/14 Basingstoke and District Model Engineering Society Steam Rally
- 18 Newnham Parish Assembly & Village Quiz, 7-9pm, Clubroom
- 19 'The Wedding' Greywell Village Hall
- 20 Greywell Church Yard Tidy Up, 9am
- 20 'The Wedding', M&UN VH, 7.30pm
- 20 Whitewater Movies, Greywell VH
- 27 Ceilidh, Greywell VH

evenings 6:30-7:30pm. Contact Gary on 077951 72580.

Alison Howard – keep fit class held on Tuesday morning 10-11am. Contact Alison on 327 014.

Monkey House Nursery school Monday -Friday. Contact Nickie 07778 031 691

The hall is for hire at all other times, as well as glassware, crockery and cutlery, tables and chairs – all available for hire at very reasonable rates.

Please look at the website to see more information and also see how to contact us re bookings, or contact our brilliant caretaker on 474432

www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

STOP PRESS We are also holding a two-hour 'Every Day First Aid Course' in April. This will be at cost price to anyone who wants to come along. First come first served, if it is a 'sell out' then we will arrange another one for later on in the year.

VALUE FOR MONEY AND SERVICE DELIVERY

Recognising the accomplishments of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

COUNCIL TAX, SERVICES & SAVINGS

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's share of the council tax has been frozen at the same level for the third year running – with proposals not to add another penny in 2014.

This means that residents will only

pay an average of 29p per day – £104.44 a year – for the services provided by the borough from April. Despite falling government grant and rising costs, the council has made £7 million in savings over the last five years to help balance the books and focus resources on efficiently run services, such as community safety,

collecting rubbish and recycling and keeping streets clean. It is planning to make over £2 million more savings in the coming year.

The borough's council tax is the lowest in Hampshire and the sixth lowest of all districts in the country. Yet the council spends the highest of

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Baby news Congratulations to Adam and Helen Komrower of Andwell, on the birth of Leo Donald on Monday 11th February 2013, a welcome brother for Caitlin and Abigail and another beautiful grandson for Jane.

The next Up Nately Coffee Morning will be on Friday 8th March from 10am - 12 noon at 'The Boat House', Greywell Road. Do come along if you can to catch up with old friends and perhaps make some new ones! Ring Jenny on 762 741 for more info.



News gatherer for Mapledurwell Sadly Anne Lywood will no longer be acting as news gatherer for Mapledurwell and Andwell. If anyone is willing to take over, please contact Lorna Cuthill on 354 651.

Wanted: Unwanted/outgrown toys I am collecting any age-group toys for deprived children who don't have any or hardly any toys. Yes, there are many in this position because their parents and single parents are in poor circumstances!! The toys will go to these families or to children who have no parents. You could make these children survive their circumstances with a little smile! Contact mobile 07789 933 426 any time. Ann from Kingfisher, Tunworth Road.

An advance date for your diary – NAFAS Flower arrangement tutor Graham King will be coming to the Village Hall on Friday 14th June.



ST MARY'S MAPLEDURWELL Camrose Drop-in Centre 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. Unwanted Christmas and toiletries would also be gratefully received. Please give generously. Thank you. Patricia Stubbs.

Mapledurwell Lent Lunch Meddings Farmhouse, Monday 4th March 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.

Saint George's Celebration Safari Supper Saturday 18th May 7.30pm.

VILLAGE HALL

FUTURE EVENTS

First Aid course We are organising a First Aid course in the village hall, open to all villagers during April, date to be confirmed, there are just 20 places at £15 each for a two-hour session, please reserve a place by contacting Di Gill on 07717 748 803 or Liz Preece 762059. We expect that this will be over-subscribed and will arrange more sessions as required later in the year.

June Family Fun Day Following the successful Jubilee event, we are holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday 29th June in the field next to the pub by kind permission of Alan Hutton and Phil Costello, games for the children, tug of war, inter village rounders etc.

Other events planned...

cricket afternoon & tea; strictly dancing evening; children's Christmas party.

Do check out our fabulous website and remember the hall is available for hire, please contact the caretaker on 474 432.

www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com



CELEBRATION BOOK LAUNCH OF THE HISTORY OF MAPLEDURWELL

Mapledurwell Village Hall, Tuesday 12th March at 6.30pm, light refreshments



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.

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

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 329680 for further information.

A vacancy for a parish councillor will be arising in May. If anyone is interested in the position please contact Sam Preece on 01256 762059.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications:

BDB/77662 (18th February 2013) The Gamekeepers, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of a single storey outbuilding to the rear of Public House.

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.

T/00100/13/TCA Lanterns, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Notice of intent to reduce back to previous reduction points one weeping willow.

BDB/77622 (8th February) Conkers Garden Centre, London Road. Erection of front entrance portico replacing existing.

BDB/77603 (6th Feb) Crosswater Cottage, Frog Lane, Mapledurwell. Erection of single storey side extension forming granny annex.

Granted

BDB/77343 29th January (reg 14th December) Hillcrest, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of rear conservatory.

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 Free Donations
Leaving Model Engineering Stagnant
Opening Times: 10.00am till 4.30pm
Sponsor for Free: St. George's Church



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

On Saturday February 16th, at about 3.30pm, a

white van was seen to be broken into near Water End Park, the thieves had a small black car, possibly a small Nissan. They were two males, both about 23/25 years of age. The driver had cropped gelled dark hair, dark skin and stocky build. The passenger had curly blond hair cropped hair, was short and of small build. If anyone saw this car or these men in or around the area on that Saturday afternoon, please do give us a call.

Very unfortunately but as per usual this time of year, I write of reports of dog attacks on sheep. We have had several reported across the county already, and this before the lambing season really begins. Last year a dog owner was convicted after her dog was seen to worry sheep. I reiterate to dog owners throughout this beat area to PLEASE keep your dogs on a lead and under proper control when anywhere near farm livestock.

As a last resort Farmers do have the right to shoot dogs caught in the act of sheep worrying. I write this every year and I know that every year I will see the sheer devastation caused by uncontrolled dogs on lambs and ewes. It is fair to say that any sheep worrying complaints that are reported to the Police in this area will be investigated and I will be seeking to prosecute dog owners.

Also a Spring approaches, may I ask everyone to ensure no valuables are left in their vehicles; there is a spate of theft from parked cars which are left while people walk in the countryside around our area. If you have handbags etc please take them with you likewise be aware that criminals are now using equipment to see if laptops etc are in the boot.

And finally in the annual report for the policing of the area, mention was made of a report of two men fighting near to the Red Lion public house on the A30, I am pleased to report that this incident had no relation or indeed reflection whatsoever on the public house, of whom I am not aware of ever having any disorder problems.

Andrew Reid, Constable (Tel 101)
01256 389 050 07768 776 844
andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Events out & about

Cashmere Goose the new homeware, clothing accessories boutique, Hartley Wintney High Street, has a promotional evening on Tuesday 12th March. Come for a browse and a glass of wine, 6-9pm.

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union The MU is promoting the work done by the Mothers' Union around the world to encourage people to join us in supporting families everywhere. This campaign is called 'Sowing Seeds for Growth' and is the theme for our next meeting, 8pm on Thursday 21st March in the Church Hall, RAF Odiham. Sue Murphy, 01252 840 511.

N Warnborough & District Garden Club Next meeting Thursday 28th March, North Warnborough Village Hall. Speaker Roger Parsons on 'Sweet Peas for Beginners'. Competitions for March are 1. A display of spring flowers; 2. A posy of pansies and polyanthus. For timings and further info please call 01252 626 524.

The Hook Choral Society Choir will perform Mozart's Requiem and Vesperae Solennes de Confessore featuring the internationally renowned English Chamber Orchestra on Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm, St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke. Tickets (£15 or £12 concessions) available from Dawsons Music Festival Place; Trees Newsagents Hook or ring 01256 882 067.
www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk

The Hackwood Art Festival takes place in Tunworth 14th- 16th June. It's a wonderful community family event with over 40 art-based workshops and demonstrations. The festival has been going since 2005 and exhibits the work of up to 80 artists from all over the country including artists from this region. The festival will be raising money this year for St Michael's Hospice.

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all districts in Hampshire per head on its services, seventh highest in the country. Around £134 million a year is spent by the borough council to provide services to residents and businesses but only 5% of this comes from council tax. Property worth £227 million is estimated to generate £15.6 million in rent in the coming year, and investments of £150 million are estimated to generate £3.4 million in interest.

RESIDENT SATISFACTION

The latest residents' survey of over 1,000 people across the borough, carried out at the end of last year, shows three in five people (60%) think the council delivers value for money. Three in four residents (77%) said they were happy with the way the council runs things, including 26% who are very satisfied. The overwhelming majority (92%) of residents were satisfied with their local area as a place to live. Three in four (75%) residents feel that their neighbourhood is a place where people from different backgrounds get along and a large majority (87%) of residents feel that they belong to their local area.

GOOD FOR BUSINESS

And Basingstoke and Deane has also been ranked third in a list of the best places to do business in the country. The Business Location Index, produced by Local Futures, examines a number of indicators that make an area attractive for business investment and a successful business location, based on the most recent economic data.

FACTS & STATS

Around 168,000 people live in the borough's 245 square miles. Less than 8% of the borough is built up — 60% of the population and 83% of borough jobs are located in Basingstoke town.

Home to Watership Down and Highclere Castle, the location for Downton Abbey, the borough has over 40 conservation areas, 1,800 listed buildings and 80 square miles recognised as being an area of outstanding natural beauty.

People in the borough are living longer and are generally healthier than the national average.

Crime has fallen in the borough by 24% since 2005, when Hampshire Constabulary introduced the current crime recording system.

Sara Shepherd
Communications & Media Manager
Basingstoke & Deane BC

Newnham & Nately Scures

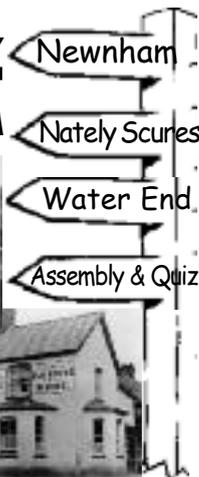
PARISH ASSEMBLY & QUIZ

THURSDAY APRIL 18TH CLUBROOM 7PM



To add some entertainment and enjoyment to the annual Assembly this year we are including a Parish Quiz with questions based on local knowledge past and present. The winning team (of up to five family friends neighbours) will receive a £50 voucher to use at The Old House at Home.

We'll also update you on parish plans including traffic calming, the Green and ponds as well as our finances. Plus there will be some drinks and snacks. It will be a fun evening so please do come along with your family and neighbours. Children welcome.



OBITUARY

Pamela Cecilia Nicol 12th July 1929 - 3rd December 2012

Pamela and David moved to Newnham in 1959 after picnicking on the spot where their bungalow was to be built. She and David had been married in 1949 and had previously lived in Rainham, Kent. Apart from 2 ½ years in Australia, they lived in Newnham until 2006 and then left to move to a smaller property in Fleet.

During their time in Newnham, Pamela was very involved in St Nicholas' church as a worshiper, cleaner and flower arranger. She was buried at St Nicholas' on the 18th of December 2012. The service was attended by her family, old friends from Newnham, new ones from Fleet and volunteers and staff from The Vyne, where she and David had volunteered for the last 10 years.

Pamela was a popular person who will be deeply missed by David, her family and many friends.

3 will each be 164m² (10.25 x 8m) eaves 5m, ridge height 9m. Supporting statement that the larger unit would be used for hay storage and the two smaller units for tractors/hay baler storage.

Hart's recommendation includes a note that 'If the buildings are erected and not used for agricultural purposes then enforcement action will be taken.'

Planning History The buildings in this application are exactly the same as those proposed under 12/02578/AGRIC (14th December 2012), except that the earlier application included an equestrian use. Hart's decision here was that planning permission was required as the use was equestrian not agricultural.

NEWNHAM LITTER PICK

Saturday 23rd March, the date you have all been waiting for! Please meet on the Green at 10am. New recruits always welcome. John Broughton - 762 490.

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.

NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS

The date for the above event has been decided - **Sunday 9th June.**



I know it seems a long way off, but you could put this date in your diaries to plan ahead and then perhaps you will find that your garden is looking good and full of colour as it approaches (they do not have to be perfect) - you may like to open yours and join in the fun!!

New gardens, as you will probably have gathered are always very welcome.

Look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to do so.

Please contact Rosemary Richardson/Chris Broughton on 762 369/762 490.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Rowan Lodge car park Forest Care, owners of Rowan Lodge, have drawn up provisional plans for a permanent car park in the field in the vicinity of the existing temporary car park (though forming a strip along the access road rather than in a block as at present). At a meeting to discuss the plans, the Parish Council, supported by Ward Cllr Sven Godesen, made it very clear they would rigorously oppose any car park on the Greenfield site and requested Forest Care draw up alternative plans to accommodate the 14 additional parking spaces (40 in total) within the Rowan Lodge site.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March, 7pm, Clubroom.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new Parish Applications

Prior notification for a proposed Agricultural Building 13/00024/AGRIC Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook (7th Jan 2013).

Recommendation by Hart District Council It is considered that the proposal is agricultural permitted development under Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General permitted Development) Order 1995 as amended and that the siting, design and appearance of the buildings are acceptable. As such prior approval is not required.

The intended works comprises the erection of three barns constructed from green coloured profiled steel walls and roof.

Barn 1 a 300m² (24.5m x 12.2m, height to eaves 5m, ridge height 10m. Barns 2 and

Rowan Lodge Nursing Home



Spring is almost upon us and an exciting time for everyone at Rowan Lodge. Our final area of the home will be opening its doors for more people to come to live with us on Monday 4th March, so we will finally be fully up and running! Below are details of our March events at Rowan Lodge. You are all very welcome to stop by and join us for any or all of these.

4th Monday Opening of our Lower Ground Floor 11am.

'Wings of Freedom' bird display at 2pm.

5th Tuesday Red Nose Coffee Morning 11am Raffle & Cakes to buy for a good cause.

9th Saturday Be entertained by Phil, our singer for the afternoon, from 2pm.

10th Monday Afternoon Cream Tea get-together to celebrate Mothers Day

18th Monday Trisha Lewis in to entertain us with her 'Keep Smiling Through' Show of the 1940s from 2pm.

23rd Saturday An afternoon of Poetry & Story Telling with Sarah from 2pm.

30th Saturday Easter Party! Join us from 2pm for a Raffle, Troubador Entertainers, Hot Cross Buns and a good helping of Chocolate! Everybody very welcome.

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.



The Loddon River & Valley

Nigel Bell, Country Watch

The essence of our fight to protect the Loddon Valley (which also includes the River Lyde) is concern for the River's quality – vital to the River as a key feature of the ecosystem – essential to the River as the focus of a precious landscape.

The Loddon's Quality

The Loddon is one of two north-flowing chalk rivers in Hampshire (the other is the Whitewater) and is a Salmonid river, ie it supports a natural sustainable population of Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) and other important species like Brook Lamprey and Bullhead.

The Loddon, like the Avon, Itchen, Meon and Test, is designated under the EU Freshwater Fish Directive (78/659/EEC). The Loddon has this designation because it is a chalk stream and meets the upper water quality standard objectives; it is well oxygenated, relatively clear and a consistently cool temperature.

The Negative Element

The downside for the River's water quality is the Chineham Sewage Treatment Works (STW). An important paper which used the Chineham STW and the Loddon as a case study is 'South-East Housing Development – The Quest for Sustainability: Water and Sewage Needs', published in the *Water and Environmental Management Journal*, vol 17 November 2003, No 4.

Basingstoke Case Study 2003

Basingstoke's water primarily comes from the aquifers deep in the chalk strata around West Ham and Cliddesden, and this chalk system is the source of water for the Loddon. It could be said to be a finite resource which, if over exploited, will impact upon the quality of the Loddon with knock-on effects for the ecosystem of the river and the valley.

Increased development results in an increase in sewage, as well as contaminated water run-off from roads and car parks. The effluent is treated to a very high standard: 1mg/l ammonia in discharge. However, the total phosphate levels exceed the desirable limits.

The case study considers the matter of flow in the river. It points out that in 1995/98 the flow rate upstream of Pyotts Bridge was 37.30 million litres per day and the discharge at the STW 27.83 ml/d. This shows that approx 43% of the river below the STW is

sewage effluent as a year round indication. However, in low-flow conditions the ratios are 17.7 ml/d of river water to 23.5 ml/d of effluent, so that 57.5% of the river flow is effluent.

Water Cycle Study 2007

The *Basingstoke Water Cycle Study* (Phase 1 Technical Report, March 2007) showed that 'Phosphate concentrations in the Loddon are currently of the order of 35mg/l in the chalk reach downstream from the Basingstoke STW'. This is a factor of six higher than the Common Standard for chalk rivers, and three times higher than the proposed Water Framework Directive (WFD) standard for good ecological quality.

The Water Cycle Study concluded that the housing figures envisaged would not affect the Loddon's WFD 'physicochemical class', with a footnote that there may be deterioration in water quality. This is appalling complacency considering that the WFD requires all rivers to reach a good River Ecology Class by 2027.

Need for up-to-date data

The EA has neglected to measure river flow since 2003. Following a meeting called by Maria Miller, the EA has shown a willingness to re-start measuring water flow. As yet it is probably too soon to draw any conclusions from their work. Furthermore we have no up-to-date information about sewage effluent discharge at the STW.

Sewage effluent contaminants

So far only ammonia and total phosphate have been considered. A Swedish study reported in the *Times* of 15th February 2013 that 'sleeping pills and tranquillisers flushed into waterways are causing fish to become bolder, greedier and less sociable according to scientists... Previously synthetic hormones found in the residues of contraceptive drugs have been linked to collapses in fish populations, but this is the first time that psychiatric drugs have been found to have an influence.'

SOLVE

Save Our
Loddon Valley
Environment



PROPOSED HOUSING SITES FOR THE LOCAL PLAN

The BDBC Planning and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee (P&I OSCOM) has completed three evenings of debate on proposals for housing sites in the Local Plan. Around 30 members of the public and visiting Councillors spoke defending various sites. It was good to see so many objecting to development in the Loddon Valley. The recommendations and comments now go to the Cabinet on 28th February.

Several speakers and Councillors continued to criticise the current proposals to build 730 to 770 houses per annum around Basingstoke. SOLVE gave evidence to the Cabinet for an alternative number much closer to the original locally derived figure of 594 hpa.

SE PLAN FINALLY REVOKED

The good news is that the SE Plan, introduced by the last Government, requiring Basingstoke and Deane to build 945 houses a year is at last being revoked by the Local Government Secretary, Eric Pickles MP.

BAS121 (BASING LODGE FARM, STOCK BUILDINGS AND LAND)

Further information has come to light. Members of the P&I OSCOM, at their meetings relating to Site Selection, may have been given misleading information, probably unintentionally, surrounding the purchase of BAS121 (Basing Lodge Farm, stock buildings and land). A Cabinet Member, as well as a leading Planning Officer, stated on record that BAS121 was bought for the express purposes of development. Since it is essential that Council Members are given the true facts then Councillor Cubitt has since clarified matters for the benefit of the Officers and Councillors.

It is understood that BAS121 was purchased at auction by Hampshire County Council (HCC) in 1953. Sixty years ago this land was open countryside far from any town. It was purchased as agricultural land, not for development.

Further, it is understood that the reason for the location of the Incinerator and the Sewage Works was to avoid being near human habitation and housing development. In the early 1960s the Director of Town Development and the Chief Development Group Surveyor said on public record that 'it would be wrong to site an Incinerator and Sewage Works close to human habitation'. We ask what has changed in 2013 to make BDBC Officers think it is acceptable to house our residents immediately next to the Incinerator and Sewage Works?

Although the Incinerator is currently working well, with few incidents, the debate in the country continues. There are numerous technical/scientific reports supporting both sides of the argument and some of you may remember the Greenpeace protests in 2003. Whatever the pros and cons it seems, when asked, no current Council member would volunteer to live close to this site.

www.solveloddon.org You can register on the website for updates. Follow us on Twitter @SOLVE2010. Phone contact Kate Tuck on 01256 324 043.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE

Greywell

Coffee Mornings & Mobile Library



Friday March 8th Coffee Mornings 10.30-11.30am. Saturday 23rd 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 12th March**. 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.



ST MARY'S GREYWELL

Church Electoral Roll forms Please return any Electoral Roll forms to one of the Church Wardens.

Mothering Sunday service on 10th March 11am at which all Mums receive a posy of flowers.

Lent Lunch in aid of Help Hoima to be held at Shenton on Thursday 14th March, 12.30pm Please let Judy know if you will be able to attend 704 120.

Morning Service for Palm Sunday on 24th at March 10.30am when palm crosses are distributed.

Easter Church Cleaning on Monday 25th March at 11am. All help, however much time you can spend, gratefully received.

Good Friday Services 29th March, 11am Reflections at the church, and Walk of Witness starting at the Waterworks at 2pm.

Easter Day Sunday 31st March at 11am Family Holy Communion.

Spring Church Yard Tidy Up Saturday 20th April from 9am.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Thank are due on behalf of the Parish Council to James Pound for the time he put in taking on the role as Clerk.

New Parish Clerk Julian (Jules) Stanley has taken over as Parish Clerk julian.stanley2@btinternet.com.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd April.

VILLAGE HALL

Yoga – EARLIER TIME – 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.

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 have a number of dates for your diary. If you have any suggestions for future events for the village hall, please email helenjsullivan@gmail.com or talk to a member of the Village Hall Committee.

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

Whitewater Movies
Saturday 20th April

Ceilidh Saturday 27th April

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 December
Children's Christmas Party
Carols in the Village Hall

Holy Ridiculous presents



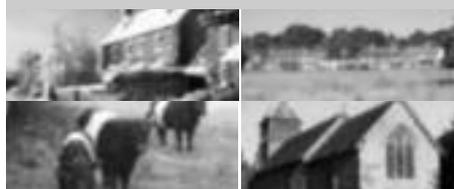
The Wedding
by Sylvia Wimpenny
a play with music and song

You are invited to a wedding reception

Fridays and Saturdays in April:
12th & 13th and 19th & 20th
All performances at 7.30
Greywell Village Hall 12th, 13th, 15th
Wapitokewell Village Hall 19th

£15
(including Wedding Breakfast)
Tickets from:
Odiham Dress Agency
Odiham Opticians
or 07772 611969

GREYWELL VILLAGE WEBSITE



www.greywell.info

Mobile Library Service

F/borough Mobile Library, week 2
Saturday 23th Mar, 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 28th Mar, 25th April
09.45-10.15 Linden Spar Old Basing

Saturday 2nd, 30th Mar, 27th April
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

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Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcomed into the church Austin Graham Samuel Preece at St Stephen's Up Nately on February 10th.

FUNERAL SERVICES

We said farewell to

Audrey Sawyer of Hook, but who used to work in Greywell, on January 22nd

Bob White of Water End Park on February 15th

Myrtle Clarke of Rowan Lodge on February 20th.

These services were all at Basingstoke Crematorium.

March Diary dates

- 1 Friday, 10.30am, Women's World day of Prayer Service at St Andrews South Warnborough
- 4 Monday, 12.30pm, Lent Lunch at Mapledurwell
- 5 Tuesday, 8pm, Newnham VCC
- 11 Monday, 6.30pm, N/Scures VCC
- 12 Tuesday, 6.30pm, Up Nately VCC
- 14 Thursday, 12.30pm, Lent Lunch at Greywell
- 16 Saturday, 3pm, Wedding at Up Nately
- 18 Monday, 12.30pm, Lent Lunch at The Rectory
- 30 Saturday, 4pm, Wedding at N/Scures

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who supported The Rectory coffee morning last month for the Mothers Union holiday scheme for needy families. A wonderful £294 was raised!

Quiz Night

This year's Benefice Quiz night was held in an absolutely jam-packed Cross Barn in Odiham on Saturday, 9th February.

Twenty one tables competed to win the much prized Quiz Champions trophy. Congratulations go to the two Herriard tables whose aggregated scores made them overall winners this year. South Warnborough entered a team for the first time and came a very close second. We are expect high things from them next year!

The table prize was won by the Herriard group pulled together by Ian Lansley-Neale, who was very ably assisted by Mike, Tish, David, Alison, Neil and Roger. Runners-up were Lynn, John and Claire Lymer, and Carol, Kirsty and Alison Bennett on one of the Odiham tables.

Many thanks to all who came along for making this such a fun evening, which netted £1,118 for Benefice funds.

This was the fourth Benefice Quiz night and so far the winners have been Upton Grey, Nately Scures, Odiham and now Herriard. Which village is going to take the trophy away from Herriard next year? Lewis Scard

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 this month on Thursday 21st March at 11am. Please call Rev Jane to confirm details, or if you would like a lift.

Lent Lunch 2013

You are all invited to a Lent Lunch at The Rectory, Up Nately, on Monday March 18th from 12.30pm. Come for a simple bread and cheese lunch and in return you will be asked to make a donation to the work of Help Hoima, supporting projects for mothers and children in Hoima, Uganda. Please let Jane know if you would like to come (765 547).

The Lent course continues at Mapledurwell Village Hall on Wednesday evenings and at The Vine Church, Odiham on Wednesday afternoons - March 6th, 13th and 20th. Father Timothy Bavin from Alton Abbey is speaking about the Psalms. All are welcome.

Camrose Boxes

There will be boxes in each of our churches during Lent to receive dried and tinned food goods for the Camrose Centre in Basingstoke. Please do pick up an extra item or two when you are shopping and pop it in the box.

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.

From The Rectory

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Dear Friends,

Here we are as I write to you in the middle of February, and I don't think I am alone in being fed up with the rain, with being cold

and with so many grey days. I am fed up with my little dog having a permanently muddy tummy that he shakes all over the kitchen floor and my car being constantly splattered in muddy puddles. I long to see and feel the sun for more than just a few consecutive hours and I long to be able to re-visit some of our favourite country walks without risking life and limb slipping and sliding with every step I take! I don't want to wrap up in countless layers of clothing and I would love to walk in shoes other than wellies!!

But just to make up for that miserable rant, let me tell you that I do love the snowdrops that have graced our gardens and hedgerows and churchyards since the beginning of the year and generously share their brilliant whiteness on the gloomiest of days; I love to see the catkins and pussy willow just beginning to appear, and I am so grateful for the lighter mornings and evenings as the days lengthen and the hope of Spring is in the air around us. Our weather may be following its own sweet way, but there is still a faithful, underlying pattern to the seasons of the year.

And that takes me very conveniently to the church season of Lent, with its sombre, penitential overtones and the pain of Holy Week, but always with the promise of the new life of Easter in the air around us. We are challenged in Lent to give God rather more thought and attention than we usually do, to carry out a spiritual audit and consider how we might redirect our lives according to his will. That can be an uncomfortable process if we are really honest with ourselves - and I certainly have no intention of telling you the many ways that I fall short of perfection - that remains between me and God! But as we do so we become only too aware of just how grubby and splattered we are - how our lives are far from brilliant snowdrop white and just what a major clean up job is required!

And so we thank God for Holy Week and Easter and their promise of his faithful forgiveness and love. C.S. Lewis wrote that God has 'the bathrooms all ready, the towels put out and clean clothes in the airing cupboard' - all waiting to clean us inside and out and to welcome us home. That promise brightens the darkest of days and pierces the deepest of sadness and gives us all hope.

But I certainly hope Spring comes soon!!

With love to you all

Rev Jane Leese

Jane



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Church Services

March 3rd

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

March 10th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.30am	Moth. Sun. Service	Mapledurwell
11am	Moth. Sun. service	Newnham
11am	Moth. Sun. service	Greywell

March 17th

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

March 24th

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

March 28th – Maundy Thursday

7.30pm	Benefice HC service	Weston Patrick
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March 29th – Good Friday

10am	Family Service	Up Nately
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(UP services)

11am	Hymns and Reflections (UP)	Greywell
2pm	Walk of witness	Greywell

March 31st

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Newnham

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