

# The Villager

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

## 18TH AUGUST 1940 CROWN LANE, NEWNHAM

On the morning of 18th August 1940 a detachment of soldiers from the 48th Section, 6th Bomb Disposal Company Royal Engineers, arrived at Hook station. An unexploded German bomb had fallen overnight into the brickyard adjacent to the railway line in Crown Lane, reported by the local signal man.

The bomb had to be defused quickly as it was a threat to the main line and holding up trains. But it had embedded itself deep in the ground. Due to the amount of time that had passed since the bomb came down the engineers knew they were in danger.

As they were digging down to it, the bomb exploded, killing the six soldiers. Their NCO, Lance Sergeant Button, was thrown through the air by the blast, but survived. He was later awarded the George Cross.

The following was related by a daughter of the signal man: 'I was 11 years' old at the time and with my sister had been sent up to where the Bomb Disposal Section were working, to give them some sandwiches and tea. As we got to a safe distance our dad stopped us and said they were working and he would pass on the food to them. We talked to my dad and then turned to go home. As we got a bit away there was an explosion. We returned to my dad and found the Section had been killed.'

All six men were later interred at the Aldershot Military Cemetery.

2007432 Driver Fred Gaved 22 years  
2003661 Sapper Arthur Hill 20 years  
1892327 Sapper Ralph R E Moxon 23 years  
2003625 Sapper Douglas A Vince 23 years

2004308 Sapper Fred D Warner 23 years  
2005088 Sapper Arthur White 23 years

As the men were not local their names aren't recorded on the memorial in Hook. Their story was largely forgotten, but came to light in 2007 during research by the Andover based '25th Company Bomb Disposal Royal Engineers Re-enactment Group' which portrays the work of Bomb Disposal units during the war years.



The photograph about show the commemorative plaque now in place at Hook station, from where the men walked down the line to the bomb.

**A new memorial plaque will be dedicated to the Section at the 11am Matins service at St Nicholas' Newnham on Sunday 9th December. This has taken some time to achieve as authority was needed from the Diocesan Authorities in Winchester to erect the memorial plaque in the church.**

**Present at the service will be a small detachment from 33 Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), the modern successors to the 6th Bomb Disposal Company which was almost certainly disbanded at the end of the 2nd World War.**



A.D. 1920  
THIS STONE OF REMEMBRANCE  
WAS RAISED IN HONOUR OF THE MEN  
OF THE PARISHES OF  
NEWNHAM AND NATELY SCURES  
WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES  
FOR THEIR COUNTRY  
IN THE GREAT WAR

The 'Hook' memorial records those from Hook, Newnham and Nately Scures who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

When it was dedicated on 11th July 1920 the Parish of Hook didn't exist and parts of modern Hook fell within Newnham Parish.

It bears the names of 29 local men who fell in the 'great war'.

The names of nine killed in action in WWII were subsequently added on the South side.

Source Hook Parish Council see [www.hook.gov.uk/scrapbook/remembrance.php](http://www.hook.gov.uk/scrapbook/remembrance.php).  
Photos courtesy of Jane Bonnin

## Diary Dates

### November

- 3 Greywell Coffee Morning/Mobile Library
- 3 Mapledurwell Bonfire Night 5.30pm
- 6 Tea Pot Cafe, 3pm, Greywell VH
- 6 Rowan Lodge Coffee Morning
- 9 Up Nately Coffee Morning, 10am-12
- 10 Maple Bonfire Clearing, 10am
- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 12 Maple & Up Nately Parish Council meeting, 8pm in The Village Hall
- 12/13th Newnham Pond Newt Survey
- 14 Self Care Forum 6-8pm, OCH
- 16 Coffee Morning, Greywell VH, 10.30
- 17 Greywell Village Quiz
- 18 Newnham Green Pond Clearing
- 22 N Warnborough Garden Club AGM
- 29-1st Dec, Hook Players 'Calendar Girls'

### December

- 1 Greywell Coffee Morning/Mobile Library
- 4 Tea Pot Cafe, 3pm, Greywell VH
- 9 1940 Memorial Plaque Dedication, St Nicholas' Newnham
- 11 Newnham Parish Council meeting 7pm in the Clubroom
- 14 Coffee morning, Greywell VH, 10.30
- 21 Maple Carols around the Pond
- 21 Greywell Carol Service, 6pm
- 22 Newnham Carol Service, 4.30pm
- 23 Nately Scures Carol Service, 11am
- 23 Maple Carol Service, 4.30pm
- 23 Up Nately Carol Service, 6pm

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# Mapledurwell & Up Nately

The next **Up Nately Coffee Morning** will be on Friday November 9th at 'Lealands'. Try to pop in, even if only for a short while, to have a cup of coffee and chat. We are always pleased to see you. Ring Jane on 762 891 for more info.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Tree Warden for the parish** If anyone would like to take on the tree warden responsibilities for the Parish please contact Lorna Cuthill 354 651. It involves some training initially.

**The next Parish Council meeting** is on Monday 12th November at 8pm in The Village Hall. All welcome.

## MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### New applications

**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.

### Awaiting decision

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

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

### Granted

**BDB/76806** (12th October, reg 6th August) The Hatch Pub. Display of one internally illuminated header to existing post sign.

**BDB/76533** (20th Sept, reg 6th June) Glebe Cottage, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of a single storey side extension and the construction of a rear dormer window.

## CAMROSE DROP-IN CENTRE

Yet again our five Villages have shown enormous support for our Harvest appeal for tinned and dried foods for the Homeless and Needy families in Basingstoke. We have a wonderful variety of food, they are very grateful and thank you to all who kindly donated to this. Patricia Stubbs

## VILLAGE HALL

### Saturday 3rd Nov Annual Bonfire Display

Gates open at 5.30, bonfire lit at 6, fireworks at 6.15. Entry £5, under 16s free. Please park sensibly where indicated, or in the Village Hall car park.

**Bonfire clearing Saturday 10th November at 10am. PLEASE come and help!!**

### FUTURE EVENTS

**The Tim Bat Trick Show** 19th January 2013 at 3pm, juggling and tricks to amuse all the family.

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



## ST MARY'S MAPLEDURWELL

### Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on Armistice Day, November 11th. Our traditional service will be at 10.50am at Mapledurwell (not 11.50 as advertised in last month's *Villager*).

**Carols around the Pond** We invite you to join us on Friday 21st Dec at 6pm to sing carols and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. There will be a collection for the Children's Society.

**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 will start at 9.30am rather than 10am as at present. This will allow The Rev Jane to spend more time meeting the congregation.

## Events out & about

**N Warnborough & District Garden Club** AGM Thursday 22nd November, N Warnborough Village Hall.

Ploughman's lunch with glass of wine 12 noon, AGM from 1pm, then 'Gardeners' Question Time'. Tickets £5 at the door but prior notice would be appreciated for catering purposes. For more info please call 01252 626 524. Visitors are most welcome.

**Hook Players are presenting Calendar Girls**, Elizabeth Hall, Hook, 29th, 30th November, 1st December at 7.45pm. All profits to Leukaemia and Lymphoma research. Tickets at £12 from box office 07709 214 679, from Trees newsagent's in Hook or at [www.hookplayers.co.uk](http://www.hookplayers.co.uk).

**Robert Mays School Christmas Fair** Saturday 1st December.

**Whitewater School Christmas Fair** 6pm, Thursday 6th December.

**Hartley Wintney Christmas Market** 4pm-8pm, 6th December.



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

They:

- Plant and care for trees and encourage others to value them
- Act as the eyes and ears for trees in their communities
- Devote two million volunteer hours a year to the UK's trees

Find out more at [www.treecouncil.org.uk](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk) or Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council [nicola.williams@basingsstoke.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.williams@basingsstoke.gov.uk) / [carol.tuxford@basingsstoke.gov.uk](mailto:carol.tuxford@basingsstoke.gov.uk)

The Tree Council's Tree Warden Scheme



## POLICE UPDATE

Dear residents

As the nights draw in please check the lights on your vehicles, and if going out or going away please try to make your home look as if someone is in, leave lights on (perhaps on a timer device) and a perhaps a radio on.

Crime wise, September was busier than normal with crimes reported in several parishes. Several related to farms and farm equipment with two quad bikes stolen and an attempt on a third. In Mapledurwell, the stolen tractor and 4 x 4 vehicle have both been recovered, but this all highlights the point that active criminals are visiting our area and taking the opportunity to steal.

On October 20th at 6.20pm an attempt was made to steal the post box in Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Two young white men with a Toyota Corolla were seen and disturbed, if you can help please give me a call. All information is treated in strictest confidence. We have had a report of the theft of heating oil already, I ask residents who use heating oil to please try to protect your tank, I am happy to advise, just call.

The elections of the first Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire will take place on November 15th, a full list of the candidates and what they are intending to stand for can be found on <http://www.choosemypcc.org.uk/> type in Hampshire.

Many thanks

Andrew Reid, Constable 3746  
01256 389 050 07768 776 844

## Fewer Police Constables working in the rural areas of Basingstoke District from April 2013

*Extracts from letter from the new District Commander for Basingstoke & Deane.*

'For Basingstoke and Deane this means the loss of four police officer posts. In reality this means posts will not be filled when officers retire or move, and work will be redistributed. All areas will retain named neighbourhood teams of officers and PCSOs.

'SNT South Basingstoke to lose one PC from early 2013

SNT North Basingstoke to lose one PC from early 2013

**SNT Rural Basingstoke & Deane to lose two PCs from early 2013**

'I am happy to answer queries by email, and I or my managers will endeavour to speak to you face to face and in groups where this can be facilitated.

Steve Wallace, Chief Inspector 22478, Basingstoke & Deane District Commander  
int 621 129 mobile 07901 102 361 email [steven.wallace@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:steven.wallace@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

## News from Odiham Cottage Hospital



Two new initiatives to mention...

**Self Care Week** Firstly on 14th November, Dr Andrew Fernando, Lead GP for Clinical Commissioning for Odiham, Old Basing, Hook and Hartley Wintney, will be hosting an evening at Odiham Cottage Hospital to mark 'Self Care Week'.

The Self Care Forum is a national organisation that aims to help people take care of themselves and to grow old healthily, and works in partnership with the NHS. The focus of the evening will be long term conditions - diabetes, heart disease, degenerative neurological conditions (eg Parkinsons, MS), stroke, COPD and dementia.

If you, or someone you care for, are interested in gaining information, support, advice or talking to a specialist, please drop in between 6 and 8pm. Further details from Community Matron Lynn Aldridge on 704 490.

**Relate** Also we are delighted to announce our new partnership with Relate. Many people who suffer from relationship breakdowns say it has a direct effect on their health. So from Monday 5th November we are launch-

ing a weekly Relate clinic at OCH where anyone can discuss matters in privacy and confidence with a trained counsellor. The service covers relationship counselling, sex therapy, family counselling and young people's counselling. Session costs are subsidised at £15 although young people's counselling is free to those in full time education. Further information is available from Relate on 423 844.



**Have you visited our League of Friends shop in Hartley Wintney recently?** It has had a complete makeover and now with expanded floor space there are even more bargains to tempt you with.

**Christmas cards** in support of the hospital are now available at both two 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. Ginny East, Secretary to the Trustees, 393 603 email [och1@btinternet.com](mailto:och1@btinternet.com)

## TUNWORTH RAVE

Dear Residents

Early in the morning of 30th September, an illegal RAVE was held on land between Upton Grey and Tunworth. We only became aware of the possibility of a rave late in the evening and then only a very snippet of information. By 01.40 we became aware that the incident was likely to be in our area and immediately action was taken.

Upon receiving a call from a concerned resident (which I was most appreciative of) I attended and within a very short time road diversions were put in place in what we call an outer cordon, including all roads leading to the site and especially from the A339 at Hackwood. This action was excellent as many hundreds - and I mean hundreds - of people in vehicles were prevented from getting to the site. As such this allowed colleagues and I to deal with about 100+ young people and almost 50 cars parked on the site.

It became apparent that our efforts to resolve the situation were not gaining results and we have to be aware that the Police only have limited powers at illegal raves and we must act within the law or face the consequences. Environmental Health officers have more powers within this area but then certain criteria have to be in place before action can be taken, it is not a five-minute wonder job.

Extra Police officers were brought in from various areas across the County including Portsmouth and the southern areas and we have to remember that this is a busy Saturday night and resources are stretched to say the least.

Long story short at about 4am the music stopped and the party goers began to disperse, a formidable Police presence being seen in the copse and surrounding areas. A vehicle containing the sound equipment etc was also seized. In-depth enquiries are now in hand to establish the organisers, I personally took every registration number of every car that attended the site, we will now be looking at issuing appropriate enforcement action under legislation.

I do however wish to record my most grateful thanks to a local farmer who attended in the early hours and stayed throughout, providing us with excellent lighting, a rave can be dangerous place especially in the dark and when wearing a police uniform and considerably out numbered, bear in mind most, albeit not all, party goers are either under the influence of drink or drugs (or both) and when we pull the plug, not always happy with our decision.

I was one of the last to leave and at 6.30am saw a small car with a party of three which had broken down, a large amount of litter and rubbish was left behind and people have been on the growing crops.

I and senior colleagues do believe that positive action such as demonstrated that morning does send out a serious message that this area is not a soft touch and we will take positive action, even if it takes an hour or so!  
Andrew Reid, Constable

# Newnham & Nately Scures

A warm welcome to Jane and Jeff who have moved into Elm Cottage. We hope you will be very happy living in Newnham.

Many thanks to the small band of litter pickers who turned up recently to tidy up our village. We would still like to encourage younger members to join in and thereby reduce the current average age of 70! John Broughton.

## ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM



A big thank you to Sarah Laird and all of her many helpers who assisted with the setting up of the hall and provided delicious food and raffle prizes. This made the Newnham & Nately Scures Harvest Supper on the 28th September a most enjoyable evening. Thank you also to the almost 60 people who attended and gave generously.

As a result of bar donations and the raffle a total of £339 was raised towards the repair of St Nicholas' church tower which is hoped will start soon.

**Saturday bell ringing practice** We have moved bell ringing practice night from Thursday to Saturday 4-5pm to make it possible for anyone who gets home late during the week to join the ringing. You need to be 10 years' old 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 December 9th 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.

'Ash Dieback' is a serious disease of Ash trees caused by a fungus called *Chalara fraxinea* (*C. fraxinea*). The disease causes leaf loss and crown dieback – so not so easy to spot in autumn – and it can kill the tree. Suspected cases should be reported – see the Forestry Commission website at [www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara).

## Newnham Green Ponds

Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers with Hampshire Wildlife Trust will be out in Newnham again this November to clear a section of the main pond on the Green and possibly make a start on the smaller pond by Naishes Farm, depending how many Volunteers they have out on the day.

Last year the pond was dry at the start of November which made working a whole lot easier. This year, presuming there will be water in the ponds, HWT will need to carry out a newt survey beforehand to check there are no newts still in there before they disturb their habitat.

**New Dates for the Newt Survey** HWT will come out about 5.30 on the eve of Monday 12th to set bottle traps then again about 8 in the morning of Tuesday 13th, to release any newts. **Working Party on Sunday 18th** If there are still newts in the ponds, the working party will have to be postponed, but presuming no newts are found, volunteers will be here to make a start at about 10am on Sunday 18th November. If anyone would like to lend a hand they will be most welcome.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Looking ahead to 2013/14** Your new Parish Council is getting up to speed with the heavy affairs of state! We've now held three formal meetings since the elections and numerous more discussions with residents and stakeholders, exploring how we can make the most positive impact with minimal resources. We have decided to focus on four main areas.

1. Designing and introducing a Traffic Calming system. Where possible we will use 'visual clues' rather than physical 'pinch points'. We are working closely with HCC Highways and BDBC to design and fund the project.
2. Managing Newnham Green to fulfil its designated purpose as a recreational space for residents while ensuring we retain the natural beauty and ecosystems around the ponds to respect its SINC status.
3. Working with local residents to maintain and enhance our Villages while retaining their rural character.
4. Improving community engagement. At the moment we are upgrading our website and internet presence so we can communicate more efficiently and spread the word about events and activities, as well as issues that may impact residents.

In addition, we must continue to respond to residents' requests, to ensure we all enjoy the lifestyle we expect from living in this special little corner of Hampshire.

Where possible we are looking at innovative ideas to partner with local businesses to provide project specific funding. In addition, given the annual average current cost per household to fund PC activities is approximately £22 per year (about 6p a day), we intend to increase the precept by £2.50 per year for a Band D household. This will ensure we are prepared for unexpected expenses, above and beyond the regular maintenance of our assets and the projects outlined above. We invite you to contact any Councillor to share any thoughts or ideas you have (contact details at [www.newnhamsures.gov.uk](http://www.newnhamsures.gov.uk)). We are especially interested in ideas for community events like quiz evenings, concerts in the church etc. We hope to hear from you.

**Litter Pick** The Parish Council would like to thank John Broughton for his stalwart efforts in organising the Newnham village litter pick, and also those who turn out on the day. Any more volunteers in future will be most welcome.

**Tree Warden for the Parish** If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact [newnham.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:newnham.clerk@btinternet.com). The Tree Council provides training.

**Parish Council Meetings** The Parish Council met on Tuesday 23rd October to discuss the new Website, therefore there will be no meeting in November. Next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th December 7pm in the Clubroom. All welcome.



Pond clearing January 2011  
(photo courtesy of Roger Booth)

Conservation guidelines recommend clearing one fifth of the invasive *Typha latifolia* (reedmace or bulrush) per year. The *Typha* provides cover but suppresses broad leaved pond vegetation upon which newts lay their eggs. The pond already has some water forget-me-not, water plantain and marsh bedstraw, so where the *Typha* is cleared a diversity of plants can re-establish to create habitats more beneficial for wildlife.

The pond also has a patch of the invasive weed *Crassula helmsii* which will need to be covered with black plastic to suppress it.

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### New applications

**BDB/77016** (26th September) CCL, Unit A, Highview Business Park, The Barracks, Newnham. Erection of steel framed building.

### Awaiting decision

**BDB/76910** (19th September 2012) The Old Rectory, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Installation of floor standing 3.88kw PV system (retrospective)

### Granted

**BDB/76757** 1st October (reg 7th Aug) Brambles, Newnham Road. Single storey extension to rear of bungalow incorporating a partial second storey within existing attic space with balcony. Single storey extension to front to enlarge garage and porch, plus construction of inglenook fireplace to side elevation.



### CHARITY TREK

It's amazing the things our Parish Councillors will get up to in their 'free' time. Sue Mann is about to embark on a charity trek to Peru to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. She will be walking with a friend, Holly Kemsley, for five days and camping out for four nights – all at altitude while walking the Inca Trail to Macchu Pichu. To read about this trip please visit [www.justgiving.com/SueandHolly](http://www.justgiving.com/SueandHolly). All donations, whatever their size would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks in advance.



### 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.

The Clubroom Committee would like to thank the Hook Girl Guides for planting spring bulbs around the front of the building.



# SOLVE

## Save Our Loddon Valley Environment



Since the end of the holiday season there has been a flurry of activity within BDBC and its committees regarding the preparations for the revised Local Plan (previously referred to as the Core Strategy). Representatives from SOLVE attended several of these meetings and presented our views where appropriate. Our main concern is to protect the Loddon Valley from excessive development. At this time, early November, the following can be reported.

**High Quality Landscape Under the Local Plan 'Landscape Character policy EM1' it was agreed to include the River Loddon and Test Valleys as 'High Quality Landscapes which should be protected', similar to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.**

**Housing figures** The Council Officers recommended that 770 houses a year, up to 2029, be built as opposed to 594 in the original plan. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) now requires net migration to be taken into account in the housing calculations. Their figure also assumed a much steeper decline in household size when all the indications are that this has levelled out. Many Councillors at the Planning and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting (P&I OSCOM) criticised the assumptions on household size and migration which led to the 770 housing requirement. SOLVE calculations take this requirement closer to 600 hpa. The jury is still out.

**In-migration** Several Councillors were uneasy about the prospect of building more houses than the local need, attracting those that want to come

because 'it's a nice place to live' and 'if we build they will come'. The P&I OSCOM Chairman said that 'eventually we will build so many houses they won't want to come here anymore'.

Inhibitors to housing expansion **The P&I OSCOM agreed, by a majority vote, that there were inhibitors to housing expansion in the Borough, in particular the water supply and quality. Unfortunately there is a statutory obligation on the water companies to supply water and say 'yes' when asked if this is possible, even though the honest answer is 'no'. Ridiculous, given that the most heavily populated part of the UK, the South East, is also the driest part.**

**Manydown** The Council's Manydown Executive Committee has recommended that the Manydown land take some 3,200 - 4,000 houses over the life of the Local Plan, 2013 to 2029. Given previous history, these decisions went through relatively smoothly. The Manydown land and its expected yield will now go into the revised SHLAA.

There was continued concern over the infrastructure deficit and it is still difficult to identify a plan as to how this will be addressed or, more importantly, paid for. We continue to face the prospect of building thousands of houses around the Borough with only minimal infrastructure changes.

**Site Assessments will take place in November/December this year.**

SOLVE and our supporters can take pride in the prominent role we have played in developing a more responsive and balanced plan. Councillors are challenging Officers more and taking notice of residents. More details can be found on our website [www.solveloddon.org](http://www.solveloddon.org) or you can register on the website for updates. Follow us on Twitter @SOLVE2010. Telephone contact Kate Tuck on 324 043.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE

## Rowan Lodge Nursing Home

*November Village Newsletter*



Firstly we would like to thank you for all of your support at our recent events – our October coffee morning which was in aid of MacMillan Cancer Research (we raised a grand total of £132.00 which was fantastic) – and popping in for our Cream Tea afternoon on Saturday 13th October.

**The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 6th November when we will be raising money for the Poppy Appeal.** It's lovely to see you all so please come and join us.

We have recently enjoyed a great trip out on the Alison McGregor boat from Hythe Marina, a boat run by volunteers, geared for people of any age and ability, the sun shone (we were very lucky) residents and staff had a fine day out, we hope to go again next Summer when the weather will hopefully be warmer.

We have many daily activities going on in our home as well as a Bonfire Night celebration, Clothes Sale, Avon parties to name a few, also getting organised for... dare I say it... Christmas!!! We look forward to seeing you soon.

# Greywell



**Coffee Mornings & Mobile Library**  
**November 3rd & 16th**, December  
**1st & 14th**, January **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 6th November**,  
4th December, 8th January. If  
you need a lift please contact  
Jackie Giles on 702 859.



## ST MARY'S GREYWELL



**Remembrance Sunday 'In Loving  
Memory' Service** 3pm on November  
11th (see Church Notices facing page).

**Christingle service** is at 4.30pm on  
Sunday 25th November (note change  
from the service card). Do come along  
to learn about and receive your shin-  
ing Christingle and support the work of  
the Children's Society. All welcome.

**Next VCC meeting** Tuesday 13th  
November 6.30pm at Miss Vining's.

### THANK YOU'S ...

Many thanks to all who supported this  
year's **Ride and Stride**. £311 was col-  
lected of which half goes to Hihct and  
half to the Friends of St Mary's.

Many thanks to all who donated to and  
decorated the church which looked  
beautiful for the **Harvest Festival**. A  
warming Harvest lunch was enjoyed  
afterwards. Gifts donated to the Mead  
and £100+ collected for the Friends.

*Our maintenance programme contin-  
ues on the church and thanks go out  
to the many people involved...*

**The churchyard clear up team** for a  
great set of jobs done on a fabulous  
autumn morning.

Peter Saunders for producing and dis-  
tributing our recent fund raising leaflet  
**Supporting St Mary's Greywell**  
which neatly communicates our cur-  
rent maintenance projects and costs &  
shows how villagers can contribute.

Mick Tott & his team for **maintenance  
and a new top coat of gravel** to the  
path. Thanks go to the Safari Supper  
organisers & diners who kindly provid-  
ed the funds for the work on the path.

Kyle Mossman and his team **for work  
on the churchyard trees**.

**Fence and gate work** is still ongoing.

*Thanks to all who've supported these  
projects without which we wouldn't be  
able to make the improvements to  
keep the church looking its best.*

This is a VERY big thank you  
to everyone in the village for  
sponsoring me on my month  
long expedition. It was a  
great help and allowed me  
to go on the Kenya  
expedition this summer. I  
had a wonderful experience  
while out there. We worked  
on a variety of projects such  
as building a kitchen,  
plastering and roofing a  
house for the Imani  
women's group, restoring a  
waterhole in Tsavo National  
Park and many more!  
Thanks, from Helen



## VILLAGE HALL

### Annual Village Quiz, Saturday 17th November

Only two tables left ....

The teams are to be made up of four per table at a cost of £25 per team.

The doors will open at 7pm and the quiz will begin at 7.30. There will be a cash bar and a light supper will be served during the evening. There will be 10 rounds of questions and also two picture rounds. For those who would like a pre Quiz 'sharpener' we have organized a 'Happy Hour'(!!) in the F&G from 5.30pm that evening.

The first prize is the treasured Village Quiz Cup, currently held by the Annandales and MacAndrews, last year's winners and this year's quiz setters. They have promised a quiz which will appeal to all ages and many different interests. The evening is designed first and foremost to be fun and you do not need to be the Brain of Britain to compete!

Please submit your entry and the name of your team to Charles Annandale at the Malt House [CharlesAnnandale@xbzLtd.com](mailto:CharlesAnnandale@xbzLtd.com) and let him have your entry fee of £25 per team.

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**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)

### FUTURE EVENTS

**Christmas Carol Concert** will take place in the Village Hall on Sunday, 16th December and all are welcome. Free mulled wine and mince pies will be served, and we start at 6.30pm. I'm delighted that Charles Annandale will once again be leading the singing.

**Children's Christmas Party** will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 16th December at the Village Hall, with the festivities starting at 3pm. For any queries please contact Libby Sebborn 703 514.

**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).

# Church Notices

## From the Parish Registers...

### HOLY BAPTISM

We welcomed into the Church Emma Mary Harwood baptised at St Nicholas' Newnham on Sunday October 21st

Diary Dates for November

- 5 Monday at 6.30pm, Nately Scures VCC
- 6 Tuesday at 6.30pm, Up Nately VCC
- 13 Tuesday at 6.30pm, Greywell VCC
- 14 Wednesday 8pm, Benefice Council

### North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

We had an excellent Supper and AGM in September and a good discussion about our future ideas and plans. We heard from Caroline Scull that the Child Contact Centre in Hook has been accredited and is going well.

We have two new members and so, on Thursday, 15th November at 8pm in the RAF Church Hall, Sue Murphy will be commissioned as our Leader and our new members will be enrolled. Then we shall hear about work done by the Mothers' Union around the world.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served too. For more info, call Sue Murphy 01252 845 011.

### GREYWELL VILLAGE WEBSITE

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



Since its launch at the beginning of September, the web site has attracted over 1,400 'hits', with forty villagers registering as users and therefore having access to information which is only available to the community. The content is expanding rapidly and now includes news and forthcoming events, planning applications, church services, links to relevant organisations and other items of interest to residents. A small steering group is being formed to manage the development of the site, and it is open to ideas.

Please contact David Millard at [dmillard48@gmail.com](mailto:dmillard48@gmail.com) if you have any comments or would like to find out how to register.

### 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 November 15th and December 20th – all at 11am. Please call Rev Jane for more details, or if you would like a lift.

### Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday actually falls on Armistice Day, November 11th. Our traditional service will be at 10.50am (not 11.30 as in Oct *Villager*) at Mapledurwell.

That will be followed, in the afternoon at 3pm, by the In Loving Memory service – an opportunity to spend a short while remembering our own special people who have died more recently. This will be at St Mary's Greywell. If you would like someone mentioned by name at that service, and a candle lit for them, please pass the name(s), on a piece of paper, to Rev Jane in advance of the service.

### Sing UP

Come and join our United Parish singing group – experience of singing in a choir is not essential – just enthusiasm! The date of the November rehearsal is still tba – but a call to Gill Rendall (762 216) or Rev Jane (765 547) will give you the date, time and place!

### Christingle Services

The Christingle service is 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! Dates and times are

Sunday November 25th at 4.30pm at Greywell

Sunday December 2nd at 4.30pm at Newnham

Sunday December 9th at 4.30pm at Mapledurwell.

PLEASE COME ALONG!!

### Camrose drop-in centre

Yet again our five Villages have shown enormous support for our Harvest appeal for tinned and dried foods for the Homeless and Needy families in Basingstoke. We have a wonderful variety of food, they are very grateful and thank you to all who kindly donated to this.

Patricia Stubbs

## 'I believe...'

On 2nd May 2013 the Bishop of Winchester will be visiting our benefice for a Confirmation service. This is an opportunity for anyone from the United Parish over the age of 11 years to take part in a series of confirmation classes with a view to being confirmed on that occasion.

### What is Confirmation?

Three things happen at Confirmation

1. You make for yourself the promises that your parents and godparents made for you at your baptism and declare publicly your faith as a Christian. If you haven't yet been baptised that can happen at the same time as, or just before, your confirmation.

2. For his part God confirms or strengthens you with his blessing of the Holy Spirit to help you live your life in accordance with your faith.

3. Having been confirmed you will be a full communicant member of the Church of England and share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

**Who can be confirmed?** We welcome anyone over the age of 11 who feels ready to express their own faith and trust in God. You don't have to understand everything to be confirmed, or to know all the answers: it is enough to come with a simple belief in God and a wish to get to know him better.

**What next?** If you would like to talk this through further – or if you feel sure this is the way for you – please make your interest known to Rev Jane. The classes will probably begin in the new year and as we look at some of the basics of the Christian faith you will be able to decide if this is definitely for you or not. You do not need to make a firm commitment until the end of the course.

If you have not been confirmed you might like to give this some thought.

### SPONSORED BIKE RIDE FROM KAMPALA TO HOIMA EASTER 2013

In aid of healthcare in Hoima, Uganda, four charities including Help Hoima are participating in a sponsored bike ride from Kampala to Hoima. The 380Km ride will take over four to five days and will be fairly flat for the most part and on 90% tarmac. The ride 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. If you are interested please contact Duncan Sherlock at [Help@helphoima.org.uk](mailto:Help@helphoima.org.uk) for further details.

# From The Rectory

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Dear Friends,

Some of you know that I enjoy watching the BBC programme *Who do you think you are?* in which well-known people are helped to research their family history and in the process discover all sorts of interesting

characters and often find that their own lives reflect those of their ancestors in a variety of different ways. I occasionally receive enquiries from people researching their family tree for information from the church registers and if possible I try to help. It is interesting to see how those who lived in our villages in the past have descendants living around the world and how much they appreciate being able to trace their roots and feel a sense of belonging to our tiny communities.

Of course many of the celebrities that feature on the programme are keen to find out about the wartime activities of their predecessors and there have been tales of both heroism and tragedy in this current series. It has been quite moving to see their reactions to these revelations – which were often not spoken about but were deeply traumatic. One father returned from war unable to express any love for his sons and was quite abusive to his wife. When his son discovered the things his father had survived and knew that he actually suffered from shell shock he was able to understand and forgive his cruelty. Female relatives have often been widowed and thrown into poverty by the war – and some found brave and ingenious ways to survive. It all makes me keen to research my own family background – but that might have to be a retirement project!!

I always call November my month for remembering. This year Remembrance Sunday falls on November 11th – Armistice Day itself – and our service of remembrance will be at Mapledurwell Church at 10.50am. The veterans of World War 1 are no more, and increasingly few people have personal knowledge of the Second World War – but we know a little of the bravery and the tragedy that both these acts of conflict saw, and it is right that year by year we continue to remember. We honour too those who have died in more recent conflicts – and we pray for peace.

I remember reading in the newspaper a few years ago of one celebrity whose family history was deemed 'too boring' to make a good television programme! And if truth be told that's would probably be the case for many of us! But on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday we are pleased to gather in church to remember all the 'ordinary' members of our families who have died more recently, because whatever their stories, however mundane their daily existence, each and every one of them is special to us. At Greywell Church, at 3pm on November 11th we shall light a candle for each person you would like named; please let me have those names written down in advance of that service.

Roots are hidden underground and easy to forget, but without them plants would die for lack of water and nutrition. Family roots are important too for a sense of belonging and identity. Remembrance Sunday is a good time to step aside, to look back for a while and remember with love and thanksgiving.

With love to you all

Rev Jane Leese

*Jane*

## Church Services

### November 4th

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11am	Morning Service	Greywell

### November 11th *United Services*

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
10.50am	Service of Remembrance	Mapledurwell
3pm	In Loving Memory	Greywell

### November 18th

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

### November 25th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Matins	Up Nately
4.30pm	Christingle Service	Greywell

## Advance notice of Christmas Service Dates

### Carol Services:

6pm	Friday December 21st	Greywell
4.30pm	Saturday December 22nd	Newnham
11am	Sunday December 23rd	Nately Scures
4.30pm	Sunday December 23rd	Mapledurwell
6pm	Sunday December 23rd	Up Nately

### Christmas Eve

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

### Christmas Day

9.15am	Holy Communion	Nately
9.45am	Family Service	Mapledurwell
10.45am	Family Communion	Newnham
10.45am	Family Service	Greywell

## Mobile Library Service

F/borough Mobile Library, week 2

**Saturday 3rd Nov, 1st Dec, 26th Jan, 23 Feb, 23 Mar**

10-10.30	Greywell Village Hall
10.45-11.20	Water End Park
11.30-12	Newnham Green

F/borough Mobile Library, week 3

**Thursday 8th Nov, 6th Dec, 3rd Jan, 31st Jan, 28th Feb**

09.45-10.15 Linden Spar Old Basing

**Saturday 10th Nov, 8th Dec, 5th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd Mar**

12.30-13.00 Rotherwick nr school

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