

# The Villager

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



**HAMPSHIRE &  
ISLE OF WIGHT  
RIDE+STRIDE  
09 SEPTEMBER**

<https://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

The Ride+Stride day is an opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family.

Any sponsorship money you raise will be used for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

'Taking Part as a Participant' see <https://hihct.org.uk/taking-part/>

**All our five local churches are participating and offering refreshments.**

(St Mary's Mapledurwell has a composting toilet in the churchyard; St Swithun's has the use of the Miller's Ark facilities.)

Or your itinerary can take you to explore the countryside and churches from Sandown to Silchester, Fordingbridge to Farnborough – there are over 400 due to be open.

<https://hihct.org.uk/participating-churches/>

Sponsorship money helps to fund repairs to the historic fabric and features of churches. To donate to the Historic Churches Trust please visit:

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/ride-and-stride-2023>



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm  
Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall RG25 2LS  
£20 including a welcome drink  
Tickets: please email [suesmart2001@yahoo.com](mailto:suesmart2001@yahoo.com)

## THE HOLY LAND TRIP OF A LIFETIME

**Monday 30 September to Thursday 10 October 2024**

### THE LIFE AND WORLD OF JESUS

Have you ever sung *O little town of Bethlehem* and wondered what Bethlehem looks like? Or sung *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* and wondered about *Sabbath rest by Galilee* or the *Calm of hills above*?

Do you want to know the difference between Galilee and Judea? Or how far it is from Nazareth to Jerusalem? Or where the Good Samaritan came from?

**If you do, maybe the moment has come for you to plan to visit the Holy Land.**

Next year from Monday 30 September to Thursday 10th October 2024 Revd Gillian Wilton and her husband Gary are leading a Shoreside Study Tour entitled The Life and World of Jesus, tracing the life of Jesus from his home in Galilee to the birth of the church in Jerusalem – exploring the first century Jewish context in which Jesus lived and helping to bring the *Bible* to life today. The tour is relaxed, fun and informative, suitable for those who are less sure of what they believe and for those who are full of faith. It is open to all members of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice and to your families and friends whether they come to church or not.

The tour will begin with a first night on the Mediterranean coast before travelling north to spend a few days in and around the Sea of Galilee visiting Nazareth and Capernaum. We will then travel down the Jordan Valley, visiting the Dead Sea along the way before spending our last few days in and around Jerusalem, including a visit to Bethlehem.

For many people these 10 days in the Holy Land are a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit the world in which Jesus lived. For many it can be a life changing experience! If you would like to know more, why not contact Revd Gillian via [gillian@moretolife.church](mailto:gillian@moretolife.church) to ask for a brochure including the full itinerary and costs. She will be delighted to hear from you. Gillian is the Vicar at Long Sutton and South Warnborough.

# Mapledurwell & Up Nately

## Camilla's Adventures in Africa

You are warmly invited to join Camilla Douglas and Isobel Tutt-Leppard (Lullaby Africa) for Coffee and Cake

**Saturday 14th October 10-12 noon**

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL

Come and hear Camilla Douglas talk about her recent trip to Uganda and Rwanda, where she teamed up with charity Lullaby Africa to teach 1,500 mothers in rural areas about bonding and brain development



'It was hair-raising travelling to such remote places, along steep deeply rutted tracks that would not be considered safe here.

'But it was a privilege to help these amazing mothers get their babies off to a good start in exceptionally difficult circumstances... no running water, no buggies or modern baby equipment, no toys, cooking every meal from scratch on an open fire and living hand-to-mouth.

An experience I will never forget..'

Donations welcome to support the continuing work of Lullaby Africa

## PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00308/23/TCA (Validated 03 Aug 2023) Elizabeth House, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Group T1: Small dead Elms, fell. T2: Hazel, reduce by 2.5 - 3m to bring back in line with the kerb. T3: Large dead tree, fell. T4: Ash, reduce branches extending over house roof by 3m. T5: Windblown dead hawthorn, fell. Group T6: 8xOaks and 1xSweet Chestnut, all 18-22m tall. Remove deadwood and reduce branches laterally to create a 3m clearance over house roof. T7: Declining hawthorn on steep bank behind house, fell. T8: Oak, remove deadwood and reduce lowest two branches by 2m.

T/00295/23/TCA (Approved 24 August) Mistletoe Cottage, Frog Lane. G1 x 7

Cupressus trees - Fell as undermining garage causing damage. Obstructing farmer from full use of field. Poor specimens out of place within the local environment.

T/00276/23/TCA (Approved 24 August) Mapledurwell House, Tunworth Road. T1 - Paulownia (almost dead), fell. Ts2 - small Elm trees (dead) in boundary hedgerow, fell. T3 - Sycamore: remove lower branch.

T/00266/23/TCA (Approved 15 August, Validated 11 Jul 2023) Little Common Cottage, Frog Lane. Robinia: crown reduce by 2m all round to leave an approx finished height of 8m with a crown width of 4m.

T/00268/23/TCA (Approved 03 Aug, Validated 06 Jul 2023) The Barn, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately. T1 Walnut: fell.

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02103/FUL (Validated 18 August) Land Adjacent To Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of residential dwelling with garage.

23/01858/HSE and 23/01859/HSE (Validated 08 August) Eastrop Cottage Heather Row Lane. Erection of a single storey extension to East elevation and demolition of end wall.

23/01951/HSE (Validated 02 August) Arlings, Tunworth Road. Erection of replacement garage outbuilding (including workshop and storage space). Further application following refusal of 22/03317/HSE on 30 May 2023.

23/01117/HSE (Granted 09 August) The Old Orchard, Tunworth Road. Installation of 25 no. all-black solar photovoltaic panels, using an on-roof mounting system.

23/01446/FUL (Pending 06 June) Sheraton, Tunworth Road. Replacement dwelling.

23/01236/FUL (Pending 15 May) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and landscaping.

23/01042/FUL (Pending 18 May) WAT Stacy and Partners. Priory Farm, Andwell. Demolition of two storage buildings/ structures and erection of two new barns.

23/00962/TDC (Pending 10 May) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Application for Technical Details Consent relating to the design, access, landscape, services and scale of the barn in accordance with Permission in Principal ref 20/00009/PIP for conversion of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling.

23/00833/FUL (Granted 15 August) Addisons Farm House, Tunworth Road. Replace broken front gates, gate posts, and wooden fencing to widen vehicle access and provide separate access; repair and replacement stock fencing and wooden gates (part retrospective).

23/00725/FUL (Pending 21 March) Swan Hill Nursery, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Conversion of two storey tractor shed and storage building to residential annex to main house. Addition of a stairwell on the side of the existing building for access to upper floor.

22/03417/FUL (Pending 28 December 2022) The Egg Yard, Greywell Rd, Mapledurwell. Erection of three dwellings with associated parking using approved access.

22/02416/FUL (Pending, 26 August 2022) Riverview House, London Road. Extensions including additional floor and a three storey rear extension to provide nine additional one-bedroom flats. [Total 17 x one-bed flats.] (Scheduled for Development Control Committee 11 Oct.)

22/02210/RET (Pending, 05 August 2022) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 31/08/2032.

21/00827/FUL (Pending 20 April 2021) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to dog walking area and off road parking; gate, fence and shed.



## ST STEPHEN'S UP NATELY

HARVEST FESTIVAL  
with refreshments  
11am Sunday 24  
September

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, MAPLEDURWELL

The small Flower Team is looking for more supporters. If you have flower arranging skills or would like to learn and have some time to support the fortnightly services at St Mary's on a rota or *ad hoc* basis, please reach out to the church warden via [jules@cresswood.net](mailto:jules@cresswood.net)

## ROAD VERGES OF ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

[www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningand-environment/environment/biodiversity-informationcentre/roadverges](http://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningand-environment/environment/biodiversity-informationcentre/roadverges)

**A small section of verge on the north side of Down Lane going up to Five Lanes End is a Road Verges of Ecological Importance as designated by Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre.**

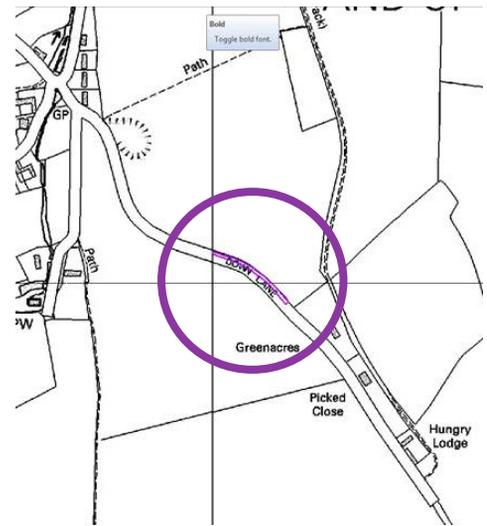
*'The Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) is part of an integrated, multi-disciplinary team offering a range of specialist environmental services to the County Council and other public authorities.'*

**To qualify as an RVEI the verge must support either a notable species and/or a species rich semi-natural habitat.** It is HBIC who select the RVEI sites and say that the rest of Down Lane verges are not considered RVEI quality, although they may be reasonably flowery and attractive to look at.

Verges in general are subject to a standard cutting regime by HCC Highways which is one cut over the course of the summer. The area recorded as RVEI is supposed to be cut April and late September.

The Highways contractors have the details of all RVEIs held on digital maps, so should not have made a mistake. The RVEI designation is definitely still present and should be cut as such from now on. There should be adequate seed in the seed bank to allow the verge to recover from one untimely cut.

HBIC has raised an enquiry with Highways as to how the mistake was made – to prevent it being repeated – and has added the Down Lane verge markers to the list of posts that need replacing, but it is the info in the database not the presence of posts which should determine the cutting.



## PLANNING APPLICATION FOR MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA J6 M3

**17/03487/FUL (Validated 02 Nov 2017) Land Adjacent to J6 M3**

Construction of a new Motorway Service Area to comprise an amenity building, lodge, drive-thru coffee unit, associated car, coach, motorcycle, caravan, HGV and abnormal load parking, and a fuel filling station with retail shop, together with alterations to the adjoining roundabout on the M3 and slip roads to form an access point and works to the highway. Provision of landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.

All local parish councils are united in opposing this proposal. The application was first submitted by MOTO in 2017 and concerns were expressed over Highway safety. Six years on, the applicant has found means to address issues raised by both National Highways and the Hampshire County Council Local Highways Authority.

The many environmental concerns cannot be argued away: the impact on the site itself and immediate environment – notably Hackwood Park, Crab Tree SINC & Local Nature Reserve, the Loddon springs and wetlands. (To draw attention to the comment from Thames Water that: 'Failure to enforce the effective use of



petrol / oil interceptors could result in oil-polluted discharges entering local watercourses.) Plus additional foul water and sewage discharge to the Loddon. The proposal contributes nothing to sustainable development of the town or its existing services.

BDBC declared its Climate Emergency in September 2019, and Ecological Emergency in October 2021. The Borough Council's new administration is seeking to promote

and strengthen its Green agenda.

The planning application is again open to Consultation before going to the Development Control Committee for decision. Please submit a comment if you have a view on this. The Parish Council will submit a further response reaffirming its opposition, and its view that the high environmental cost of this proposal brings no corresponding benefit to the borough to even begin to mitigate the harm.

# Newnham & Nately Scures

## HARVEST SUPPER 2023

**7pm Friday 29 September**

Manor Farm Barn, Newnham

**All residents of Newnham and Nately Scures are warmly invited to the 2023 Harvest Supper.**

As usual, attendance is free of charge but you are asked to contribute a dish (main, side, or dessert) and to bring a place setting (cutlery, plate, dessert plate/bowl). Drinks and glasses will be available for a suggested donation and there will be a raffle. All proceeds will be donated to the Friends of St Nicholas'.

To book your place and for further details please email [trudy@rankinfamily.com](mailto:trudy@rankinfamily.com) or call 07975 957960

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Offers of help to source raffle prizes warmly welcomed.



## ST SWITHUN'S NATELY SCURES

**5pm Sunday 17 September**

HARVEST FESTIVAL  
EVENSONG

followed by English  
Wines & Cheeses



## ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM

**10am Sunday 01 October**

HARVEST FESTIVAL  
SERVICE

Refreshments to follow

### NANCY BELL: Stories from her life

At home in Newnham from 1979 Nancy became involved in Village life. Together with Jill Haines, the Rector's wife, she initiated Christmas carol singing around the village; she helped establish the Harvest Supper, she took her turn with the church flowers, and the latter as recently as in 2022.

She returned to work for the NHS as a physiotherapist at Basingstoke Hospital and set up the Community Physiotherapy Unit. As St Michael's Hospice (Basingstoke) was opening in 1991, she established its Physiotherapy Department, then trained as a reflexologist and aromatherapist so the Hospice could offer all-round complementary therapies.

On retiring she became a volunteer therapist right up to 2020 when Covid required volunteers to stay away.

And while involved with the Hospice volunteering she trained in calligraphy and became a regular scribe on Fridays at Winchester Cathedral. She wrote in several scripts – as well as illustrating – with uncials her specialty.

Nancy was always keen to try something new and to go anywhere – though in Newnham this meant mostly by bike. Then there was the St Michael's Hospice Big Wheel bike ride and much to do with the local Churches Ride and Stride.

Many have recalled in letters that she used to cycle everywhere; the lovely designs of her Christmas cards; her calm determination to get things done; her understated dry sense of humour, and the welcome she gave to everyone.



### CLUBROOM HIRE

For availability please see <https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/>  
To book tel 07802 972722 or email [bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk](mailto:bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk)  
Wifi available



### 'NEWNHAM NOVELS'

#### NEXT BOOK SALE

**on Saturday 30 September,**

Bring with you to the sale books you have read and are happy to donate, and buy others for 50p.

Hundreds to choose from.

Refreshments available

Thank you to everyone who took part in our book sale with afternoon tea on 19 August. We made £63, with a much higher attendance than previous sales.

Proceeds towards Clubroom maintenance  
Charity number: 1142129

## NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



September winners are

£100 - Jeff Ford (55)

£50 - Penny Richmond (31)

£25 - Melanie Christopher (10)

Thanks to Philippa Jewitt, Bridget Bell & Chris Broughton for drawing the numbers and congratulations to the winners! Carolyn

## 100 CLUB UPDATE

The 100 Club has been running since December 2020 and there are currently 33 participating households, holding a total of 76 tickets.

The total raised for the church to date is approx £3,000 and donations have been made towards the chancel roof repair and updating of lightning protection conductors.

Following the requirements of the Quinquennial inspection in September 2022, the following areas will require work in the immediate or near future:

- north side of nave roof, investigate possibly loose lead on tower roof
- Electrical safety inspection and in the churchyard removal of dead branches from a large yew tree.

Money raised from the 100 Club will be used to fund some of this work.

New members are always welcome – tickets are £5 per month.

Please contact [carolynbell@live.co.uk](mailto:carolynbell@live.co.uk) to participate or for further information.

## PLANNING APPLICATION FOR MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA J6 M3

17/03487/FUL (Nov 2017) Land Adjacent to J6 M3

(See *Mapledurwell & Up Nately* page for full description and illustrative plan.)

This application from MOTO was first submitted to BDBC in November 2017. It is now being further consulted on prior to a decision, likely to be in the coming months.

The application site is in Old Basing Parish. Newnham Parish Councillor Pauline Hedges attended Old Basing PC's Planning Committee meeting of 22 August. Pauline reported that: 'Old Basing Parish Council have obviously done a lot of work on this application. They are totally opposed to it and are seeking the full support of all surrounding Parishes.'

Newnham Parish Council strongly opposes the application, due to its detrimental environmental impact on the locality, adjacent ecologically sensitive sites, and particularly its great potential for harm to the River Loddon. Also in considering that the proposal brings no sustainable benefit to Basingstoke town or surrounding villages. The Parish Council believes the proposal to be contrary to decisions and actions required by the borough's declared Climate and Ecological Emergencies.

### A NEW BUS SHELTER FOR THE A30?

Following an initial enquiry, the Parish Council has been invited to apply to BDBC's Community Infrastructure Fund to provide for a new bus shelter on the A30.

A new purpose built shelter would enhance the appearance of its locality, provided better comfort for those travelling and better shield them from the road.

The shelter at the Baredown is most in need of replacing, the one at Andwell Lane may be the more used, any of the present locations can be considered.



PHOTO: Example for illustrative purposes only

But is a new bus shelter good value for money, would it be appreciated, is the bus service much used, might this better provision encourage bus travel?

Please contact the Parish Council with your views. We would like proceed with an application IF it has local support. To take advantage of the grant funding a detailed proposal must be submitted by 01 October.

Please get in touch with any member of the Parish Councillor or contact the clerk 07515 777060 [clerk.newnham@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.newnham@parish.hants.gov.uk)

### PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Are you passionate about local community issues and the natural environment? Do you want to help make a long-lasting contribution? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? Do you have a small amount of time to contribute?

The Parish Council is looking for a new member from any area of – or immediately adjacent to – the Parish of Newnham and Nately Scures. If you think you might be interested, again, please get in touch with any of the Parish Councillors or contact the clerk.

## Country Canines

### Dog Training Classes

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### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02077/ROC (Validated 15 August) Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Variation of condition 3 (materials) of 21/03830/FUL to amend roof tiles from Sahtas clay tiles to Lifestiles Ashbury hand made clay tiles.

23/01983/HSE (Validated 14 August) Chapel House, Newnham Road. Erection of a new garage, refurbishment and internal alterations to the existing chapel building, and associated landscaping.

23/01683/FUL (Pending 28 July) Land South Of Western Railways Track OS Ref 470352 153572, Crown Lane. Proposed trackside wifi installation: 6m high street pole and ancillary works.

23/00835/FUL (Pending 31 March) Land adjacent to Mulberry House, Scures Hill. A two-storey detached house with integral garage and loft rooms. New access gates off

existing shared private road with new driveway, fencing and landscaping.

23/00347/PIP (Granted 11 August as per Development Control Committee decision of 09 August) Land At The Barracks. Permission in principle for the erection of a minimum of 1 no. and maximum of 4 no. residential dwellings. Amended plans to include access track.

22/02097/FUL (Pending 09 Sept 2022) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. New detached house, garage and access.

16/03282/RET (Pending 15 September 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural including farm open days 100 days a year with parking.

### TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00241/23/TPO (Refused 23 August)) Kiln Cottage, Scures Hill. T1-5: Five English Oaks: Fell.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 02 OCTOBER 7PM IN THE CLUBROOM. ALL WELCOME**

## AN ACTION PACKED TWO HOURS

Our Open Day on Thursday 10th August was a huge success and even the sun came out! Elizabeth Hall in Hook was packed, not only with existing members but also those who were keen to see what we had on offer.

And we had plenty for them to see! Fifty of our groups had set up tables... The Wings and Wheels group went one better and parked a selection of vintage cars and a motor cycle on the grass outside.

There were many comments about the delicious cakes and the welcoming atmosphere. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves even though it was crowded and a rather hot day. We are looking forward to seeing the new members who signed up – over 30 of them – at our groups in September.

Perhaps our new members will join our monthly meeting on Wednesday 06, where we will hear about 'The wit and satire of Gilbert & Sullivan'.

Or take a place on one of our trips which includes *Murder in the Dark*, 14 September in Guildford, and an Opera Gala evening of favourite opera pieces on 14 February 2024 at Cadogan Hall.

If you would like to know more about us, please visit our website. [www.odihamu3a.org.uk](http://www.odihamu3a.org.uk)



### North Warnborough & District Garden Club next meeting

Thursday 28 Sept 2.30pm, North Warnborough Village Hall. Guest Speaker Jim Buttress on his 70 years in Horticulture. Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings.

[www.NW&DGC.org.uk](http://www.NW&DGC.org.uk)



### HARVEST CHURCH FRESH START

Is there something you wish you could stop doing and just can't?

Why not try a course called Fresh Start, which is designed to help you tackle a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, binge drinking, soft drugs etc. In fact any habit which once might have brought you comfort or fun, but is now spoiling your daily living.

Fresh Start is a nine-week course run by Harvest Church, Alton. It's based on principles from the Bible and the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by one-to-one coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their habits. And it's free and completely confidential.

<https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start>

The next course will start with an Introduction session on Tuesday 03 October at 10am, at Alton Maltings, led by Ann and Ruth.

So if you, or anyone you know, needs a fresh start, register for the course by calling Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or [freshstart@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:freshstart@harvestchurch.uk)

## GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PLAN-MAKING REFORMS

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill consultation open till 18 October

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation)

**The Government is consulting on proposals for a 30-month target for Local Plan preparation.** The aim is for Local Plans to be prepared more quickly and updated more frequently so more of them are up-to-date.

Under these proposals, the Local Planning Authorities (LPA) would be required to go through six preparation stages and three mandatory 'gateways' to get their Local Plans in place. At each gateway point, 'assessors' would check that the Plan meets legal requirements and is sound, and would flag up any potential issues. The first gateway 'may' involve assessment by a Planning Inspector, the second and third definitely would.

To help meet the proposed 30-month time frame, the test of 'Soundness', which holds up many Plans at public examination, is set to be changed to 'ensure that the evidence prepared by local authorities is proportionate'. And Plan examinations should take no longer than six months.

**Re the tests of Soundness** the Government is still to undertake work on how the 'alignment' test will replace the Duty to Co-operate, and also consider the test of Deliverability and the test of Meeting Development Needs.

**The Local Plan's Evidence Base** currently includes extensive (and expensive) evidence material to demonstrate the Plan is sound. It will be important for Government to define what evidence councils are expected to produce.

**Involving Planning Inspectors at the gateway stages** has been welcomed in creating greater collaboration between the LPA and the Inspectorate early on. However Planning Inspectors are in short supply; more input by Inspectors could bring more costs and if different Inspectors are involved at different stages, this could cause problems as their approaches may differ.

**'Nationally defined' digital templates would set out 'standardised approaches' to parts of the Plan** However there is concern about how far 'standardisation' should go – councils must be able to customise the documents to cater for the different qualities and challenges of their areas.

**The Government objective of simplifying the Plan-making process** has been welcomed by planners and developers. But concerns have been raised that the proposals oversimplify such that resulting Plans may not be sufficiently 'robust' or 'ambitious', speed being achieved at the cost of quality.

[www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1831982/14-key-proposed-changes-local-plan-making-governments-latest-consultation](http://www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1831982/14-key-proposed-changes-local-plan-making-governments-latest-consultation)

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<http://www.moretolife.church>

## From the Parish Registers

Funeral: Dennis Shefford at Worting Road Cemetery on 18 August 2023.



## From the Ministry Team

One of the pleasures that is offered in the Summer is joining an afternoon tea. For me it is such a

luxury to sit down and eat finger sandwiches, little cakes and scones with jam and cream. Eating the delicious food is one part of the experience but in addition it is a time to relax, chat and put the world to rights with a friend. Recently I had the joy of attending a tea party in the garden of Upton Grey vicarage with people from the village where I was able to enjoy some really delicious home baked cakes and scones.

My role as pastoral care minister in the benefice enables me to spend time with people over cake and a cup of tea. This might be in a coffee morning or afternoon, in the comfort of someone's home or in one of the residential care homes in our benefice. That chat over tea and cake is more than just eating and drinking but a special time to share problems, recall experiences and memories, and pray together.

Recently while stirring my cup of tea I was reminded of how the teaspoon can help us to pray. Of course when people write the word teaspoon they

## FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO AMBER

Over the last two and a half years we have been so fortunate to have our wonderful Curate Amber Beresford as part of the clergy team. Amber has been a joy to work with and has brought her significant gifts and talents to the team and parishes of the benefice. As is always the way, time eventually comes to say goodbye to our curates and so it is with Amber. Amber will be leaving us on September 17th to move, with her husband Toby and children Simeon, Mary and Bernie, to take up the post of Vicar of Ropley, Bishops Sutton and West Tisted in the Diocese of Winchester. We wish Amber, Toby and the children every blessing in this new chapter and will miss them all very much.

Rev Simon Butler (Rector)

rarely write the whole word but use the abbreviation tsp. If we use these letters it can help to frame our prayers if we think t is for thank you, s is for sorry and p is for please.

Maybe in a quiet time as we sit with a cup of tea we could pray to God thanking him for all he has done for us and all he gives to us; we could say sorry for the times when we have made bad choices or behaved as we know we should not have done, and to say please to him as we ask him to help us, our friends and all the difficult situations faced in the world. Sitting quietly with a cup of tea may be a time we can spend in prayer to God.

So next time you sit down with a drink of tea or coffee on your own and stir it with a teaspoon you might recall tsp – thank you, sorry, please and enjoy some time with God .

Suzanne Newcombe  
Pastoral Care Minister



## IT'S HARVEST TIME!

**Please come and join us for our Harvest Services which for September are in Natley Scures and Up Natley. Newnham is 01 October.**

As always, any food produce given as a gift during the services will be passed on to Camrose in Basingstoke, which is a drop-in centre primarily aimed at helping homeless and vulnerable people. It offers breakfast and a hot lunch, table tennis and games, advice on housing, employment, drugs and alcohol issues, telephone and computer facilities to assist with job applications, etc. and training in a variety of topics. All donations will be gratefully received.

These services will be an opportunity to give thanks for the work of the farmers in our area and to consider how we can each take better care of the beautiful land we live from and on.

## THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE CAROL SERVICE

12 December, All Saints' Odiham With Schola Cantorum of Oxford (undergraduate choral scholars from Oxford University Colleges) and by popular demand this year we are holding a Carol Service rather than a Christmas Concert.

We have Clare Balding, OBE, taking a reading.

The doors open at 6.30pm and the service will start at 7pm. Canapés and wine will be served, and mince pies at the end of the service.

The tickets are again £30 per person and can be purchased from Katherine Jane, High Street, Odiham or from the St Michael's Hospice website

[www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/-events](http://www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/-events)

or should you wish to pay directly into the Friends' account please email [henriettamogg@hotmail.com](mailto:henriettamogg@hotmail.com)

## CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER INTO OCTOBER

<b>Sunday 03 September</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship</b>
<b>Sunday 10 September</b>	<b>9am St Stephen's Up Natley, BCP Holy Communion (said)</b>
	<b>10am St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 17 September</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service</b>
	<b>5pm St Swithun's Natley Scures, Harvest Evensong</b>
<b>Sunday 24 September</b>	<b>10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion</b>
	<b>11am St Stephen's Up Natley, Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Sunday 01 October</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10am St Nicholas' Newnham, Harvest Festival</b>
	<b>11am St Mary's Greywell, Harvest Festival</b>



## JOIN THE CAMPAIGN FOR NATURE RECOVERY

<https://campaigns.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

### Call on councils to act now and reverse nature loss



#### 'Ask your council to declare a nature emergency and restore nature for local people with woods and trees'

'England is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. We rank a tragic 228th out of 240 countries on the Biodiversity Intactness Index.

'We are seeing alarming declines and 13% of species are threatened with extinction.

'Yet only an estimated 15% of councils have declared a nature emergency.

'Under the 2021 Environment Act, local authorities must soon produce new strategies for Local Nature Recovery. It's essential these plans are bold and ambitious if they're to create the change we need for nature and people.

'The Woodland Trust's recent report shows the important role trees can and must play in nature's recovery. Trees provide homes and essential food for wildlife. They reduce the risk of flooding, improve air and water quality, boost mental and physical wellbeing.'

**'Councils can take effective action now by putting trees back into the places we live, so people and nature alike can thrive on the benefits they bring.'**

**'The nature crisis demands a bold approach. Tell your council to take action today.'**

Basingstoke & Deane declared an Ecological Emergency in October 2021. So arguably in this respect is ahead of the curve.

**The Woodland Trust suggests a template letter to send to BDBC Leader Paul Harvey** via the Woodland Trust website or contact [cllr.paul.harvey@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.paul.harvey@basingstoke.gov.uk)

#### TEMPLATE LETTER

Dear Councillor Harvey

As a resident of Basingstoke & Deane, I urge the Council to take action to restore our local wildlife.

England is one of the world's most nature depleted countries, a tragic 228th out of 240 countries on the Biodiversity Intactness Index. It's not too late to increase and improve habitats across our area and help nature recover.

The Woodland Trust's report, *Trees and Woods in a Nature Recovery*, highlights 10 priorities to help local councils focus their efforts where they'll have the most impact. Recommendations include declaring a nature emergency and embedding native trees and woods into Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Many places could benefit from action. For example, buffering and connecting existing woods, retrofitting trees into housing estates and ensuring 30% canopy cover in new developments.

Bringing nature back with trees will benefit local residents. Accessing green space can make a huge difference for people's mental and physical health. Trees also reduce flood risk, improve air and water quality and so much more.

The nature crisis demands a bold approach. I hope you will do everything in your power to reverse the decline and create a brighter future for us all.

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/publications/2023/06/trees-and-woods-for-nature-recovery-in-england](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/publications/2023/06/trees-and-woods-for-nature-recovery-in-england)

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