

The Villager

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

OVERWH-ELM-ED!

Dutch Elm Disease is still with us and it has recently in the space of 18 months put paid to what was a healthy 20ft tree on our boundary. In Up Nately the other day, I noticed many Elms there had also suffered the same fate as ours.

English Elms have been subjected to fungal disease for well over a century. In the 1960s, a much more aggressive pathogen arrived in imported logs – in COVID parlance it could be termed the Canadian Variant!

An Elm's vascular tissues deliver water and nutrients from its roots. When these become infected, the tree's immune system plugs the channels with gum, effectively parching and starving itself. That is when yellowing and die-back of the crown and other branches become noticeable.

Elm bark beetles are the blighters that carry the spores. At this time of the year, they fly into the treetops to feed on the soft tissue and for boys to meet the girls. The healthier the tree, the greater resistance it has to the infection that these insects bring. Once it spreads to the trunk, sadly it is done for.



As the tree dies, the female beetle redirects her attack to the lower bark which by now is drying out. She bores holes in it and her larvae hatch. They overwinter, making channels under the bark and sucking out the last vestiges of the tree's nutrients. Thus the more trees that die, the more beetles there are.

It is really important that our dead trees are felled and burnt. Any logs taken for firewood should be stored with the bark removed otherwise this pesky beetle will come to live in your woodshed.

Many of our native young Elms can still be found, probably growing from suckers, though very few are likely to attain the maturity of their ancestors as there is still no real effective treatment.

However to our delight and to that of the rare Hairstreak Butterflies that were faced with extinction for their dependence on Elms, disease resistant ones have been bred. Hilliers, cultivators of a hybrid named Ulmus New Horizon, is aiming to get as many as possible planted to reinstate our countryside vista.

John Maclean, Tree Warden for Up Nately and Mapledurwell



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

I am pleased to report that we have had no reported crime of note across the parishes in my Area, of concern to the public.

There is however, something further that I do need to report, and that is by the time you have received your copy of this excellent magazine I will have retired from the Hampshire Constabulary and as your local Constable.

Some of you will be aware that I should have retired over two years ago but remained in post. However as with all good things, my service has come to an end and I have left both the Force and the area, moving to Wales. While have tried to visit as many people as possible, it is impossible to speak to everyone that I should have visited, so please accept my sincere apologies. I also wish to thank the many people of have sent cards and emails which my family and I are most grateful.

I was posted here in 2004 from Kingsclere and cannot reiterate enough the absolute pleasure that it has been to serve your community as the local Policeman. You are extremely fortunate to live in a beautiful area with a low crime rate. However, it is you that has kept crime down; the residents that have called in to report suspicious vehicles or people, letting me know when things just did not seem quite right. I have had many successes because of your support and I would very much like thank everyone who kindly helped and supported me over the 17 years that I have been here.

I am unable to name all those that I would like to thank for obvious reasons; however, there are some that I really do need to. I would like to thank all my Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, Rod and Gilly in Mapledurwell, Jack and Su in the Newnham area and Pauline at Water End. Thank you for keeping me updated and likewise passing out information I supplied. I continue to urge residents to please contact them to join and keep up to date with information of criminal activity including scams etc. they really have provided me with an excellent service for many years.

I would like to thank the local Clergy past and present, a group of wonderful people who have done considerably more than people know; for supporting many people who came to my attention but needed that little extra support that I have pointed them towards, thank you.

To the Parish Council Chairmen, June at Newnham and Hugo at Mapledurwell,

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cutting) should
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of the nesting
season.

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along with all your predecessors, and the many past and present councillors, all of whom have always been so supportive. Our local MP Mrs Miller who has supported me in various things across the Parishes, likewise to Elaine our County Councillor, and Borough Councillors, Paul, Sven and Onnalee. Thank you also to people like Richard Fouracre and Nigel Bell for all your input with local knowledge, a huge help, pointing me in the right direction to find landowners, farmers, etc. Thank you very much indeed and to others of similar ilk.

I also need to mention someone who works tirelessly for many parishes, Su Turner. I have known Su since I was posted here and can without doubt state that she works incredibly hard for the benefits of all the parishes in this area. Her organisation for parish council matters and getting things done is amazing. Likewise, for this excellent magazine, thank you Su for all you do. Also to Stephanie, who has been the editor, and I apologize for nearly always being late with articles, thank you for your patience and when I needed to add something after the deadline you agreed and helped fit things in.

Inspector Luchesa has updated various people of the officers who will cover this area in the future, including Police Constable Ross Holdsworth (ross.holds.worth@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) and PCSO Andrew Jones (andrew.jones13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk), both of whom with others will support you well.

It just leaves me to say a big thank you to you all for all your support given to the Constabulary and to me over the past 17 years, it truly has been a pleasure to police your area.

Thank you all once again and my sincere best wishes to you all and your families for a safe and healthy future.

Andrew Reid

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Arthur Brown

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Arthur Brown passed away. He was born in Mapledurwell in 1935 and lived here all his life. He went to Old Basing school and won numerous medals for sport. He went and worked for Mr Stacy Senior when he left school and helped with the family watercress in his spare time.

He bought and rented all the watercress beds in the area. He married Angela and had a son who joined him in the family business. They were best known for selling fresh watercress at the gate, but also they travelled to London markets. The family business grew and they started doing farmers markets for which Angela and Alison made many products from the watercress.

Arthur retired three years ago when his son sadly died. He was hoping to move into the new bungalow in August. Arthur will be remembered for his happy nature and cheerfulness; he will always be known as the Watercress Man who sold watercress at the gate.

A VERY WARM WELCOME

to Sam and Aneta Omonua and their children, Angelia-May, 14; Jamie, 12, and 3-year-old Skye Olivia, who have moved into their newly built home, Bridgeway Mansion, formerly known as Klondyke. We hope you will love living here!

REPORTS FROM APRIL 2021 PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Chairman thanked all who attended – the first and hopefully the last 'remote Assembly'. All Parish Assemblies last year were cancelled due to Covid, so looking back to 2019, thanks to former members of the Parish Council – and particularly chairman Lorna Cuthill who was then handing over. Thanks also to Paul French for his contribution over past two years.

Introducing Parish Councillors, all are to be elected unopposed. The four incumbent members are delighted to welcome Colin Robertson as a new Councillor.

Hugo Cubitt, Parish Council Chairman, also chairs the bonfire committee and leads on Mapledurwell planning matters.

Tom Horsey is a longstanding member of the Parish Council leading on all things Up Nately, and Up Nately planning.

Alison Stent looks after the Village Hall grounds and liaises with VH Committee.

Kevin Rafferty has taken on playground inspections and oversees finances.

Colin Robertson, who has been doing an amazing job at the chalk stream, will now also be overseeing the allotments.

Review of projects of the last two years

1 Fencing a section of Frog Lane by the former Watercress Beds and now negotiating a long term lease with Corpus Christi to enable this area of chalk stream to be managed for environmental benefit as advised by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

2 The allotments have a new parking area, all the allotments now have

tenants. As part of a management plan (again advised by HIWWT) selected trees have been coppiced and the Community Payback team have begun clearing the watercourses – and also done a good job in constructing compost bays.

3. All the grips across the Parish have been surveyed and mapped with a view to getting these on a maintenance rota with Hampshire County Council. Blocked drains and gullies are reported on the Hantsweb online system.

4. Extra maintenance / clearing work has been done at the Village Hall grounds.

5. Agreement for Land by Up Nately Pond to be managed by the Parish Council for 25 years as Local Green Space.

7 Several meetings have been held with the Basingstoke Canal Society concerning the 'last five miles' of the Basingstoke Canal as a walking route.

8 The Parish Lengthman scheme is a useful resource for the Parish, funded by HCC for £1K-worth of man hours per year. Suggestions are always welcome for works that could be done under the scheme to improve 'Village Upkeep' and the appearance and function of the Highway (other than on the 'live' road).

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Elaine Still said she works in close contact with Parishes via the Parish Clerks. Other than for children and adult services which is a statutory requirement County will have some difficult funding decisions ahead.

WARD COUNCILLOR Onnalee Cubitt said the Borough was facing a huge planning problem as Manydown is not yet built out. There is a likelihood that Taylor Wimpey will soon submit a large planning application for the Loddon Valley. SOLVE is seeking to re-form.

PC REID joined the Assembly and presented his report. The Chairman gave the news that PC Reid is shortly to retire to Wales. The Chairman on behalf of the Parish and Parish Council thanked Andy for his 17 years in this community, wishing him well for the future.

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VILLAGE HALL Tim Lewis spoke as Acting Chairman for the Village Hall Committee which comprises new and established members. Particular thanks to Jane Komrower and to Liz Preece for their many years given to the Village Hall.

The new Committee has been looking to settle in and get the 'basics' in place... a full 'Covid' procedure document needs to be created, also the website urgently needs updating. The Committee will in time be looking for new projects.

REPORT FROM MAY AGM

Hugo Cubitt was re-elected Chairman for 2021/22. He congratulated newly elected Ward and County Councillors: Onnalee Cubitt, Sven Godesen, Mark Ruffell elected to the new Basing & Upton Grey Ward, and Elaine Still re-elected to County, Loddon division.

PC Reid retirement The Chairman expressed the sadness felt by all that PC Reid was leaving his beat area after 17 years' dedicated service. He will be a great loss to the Parish and irreplaceable. On a personal level and on behalf of the Parish, the Chairman congratulated PC Reid on his retirement and wished him every happiness in moving to Wales and for the future.

Email received from Basingstoke Neighbourhood Inspector Hannah

Luchesa that '[PC Reid] will be missed by all of us but rest assured the remaining team will continue to police the rural south area'.

'Many of you will know PC Will Butcher (Countrywatch) and he will continue to work in the rural area, and rural crimes and incidents will be picked up by him. He can be contacted via email at william.butcher@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. PC Ross Holdsworth continues to police the Rural South beat along with PCSO Andy Jones. They can also be contacted by email ross.holdsworth@hampshire.pnn.police.uk and andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk'

Playground Thanks to Kevin Rafferty for routine monthly inspections

Culvert under allotment gateway Investigated by Parish Lengthsman on 30th April, the pipe was found to be at least a metre short of the width of the gateway. Extended with new length of 10inch pipe, fashioned a headwall and dug out a grip from the road. Further work to be done to protect the culvert and grip, and build up the verge.

Parish Planning Statement for review (Drawn up 2014 and updated in 2017 by the previous Parish Council.)

The Parish Council endorsed the Planning Statement as it stands without amendment, see below.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/01441/FUL (Validated 26 April) Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of one single storey dwelling.

21/01095/ROC (Validated 27 April) The Gamekeepers, Tunworth Road. Variation of condition 1 of 19/01351/FUL to amend plan numbers to allow for change from tarmac to gravel parking area.

21/01103/FUL (pending, 25 March) Southville, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell RG24 7NH. Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of one x 3-bedroom chalet bungalow.

21/00827/FUL (Pending, 20 April) Land Opposite Hillside, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Change of use of land to form secure dog walking area and off road parking area for 2-3 cars. Erection of gate and 1.8m fence around perimeter of site. Replacement of existing shed.

21/00839/HSE (Withdrawn 19th May) Wyvol, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Conversion of 2 bed bungalow to 4 bed chalet bungalow with extensions and alterations to the roof including dormer windows to the north and east elevations.

21/00854/HSE (Granted 4th May) Little Common Cottage, Frog Lane. Erection of rear ground floor extension.

21/00427/FUL (pending 22 Feb) Land to north of Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Erection of 1 no. 4 bed dwelling, detached garage, vehicular and pedestrian access, servicing and landscaping.

21/00107/PIP (pending 25 Jan) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Permission in Principle for residential development for a maximum of nine dwellings.

20/03328/FUL (pending 27 Nov) Waterside, Frog Lane. Redevelopment of redundant offices (and light industrial unit) to create two family dwellings.

20/02087/GPDOFF (Prior Approval Refused 25th May) Riverview House, London Road. Change of use from Class B1(a) office to Class C3 residential, for of 8 x one-bed flats. (Revised Flood Assessment Jan 2021.)

20/02124/FUL (Granted 30th April) The Egg Yard, Greywell Road. Two x 3-bedroomed chalet bungalows.

20/01723/FUL (pending 29 June) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Eight dwellings with service road.

20/00009/PIP (Refused 10th May) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Permission in Principle for conversion of an agricultural building to one dwelling.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately
Parish Council

PARISH PLANNING STATEMENT

Guidance for the Parish Council's response to planning applications

Initial document of Jan 2014, revised May 2017, reviewed and endorsed May 2021

The Parish Council is asked to express its view on planning applications which have been submitted to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC). It is important that the response is consistent, sensible and meets the expectations of residents of the Parish.

The following points should be borne in mind:

1. The Parish Council has no power to approve or reject planning applications. In general, a BDBC Planning Officer will decide the outcome of an application by applying planning policies and guidance drawn up by the Borough Council and central Government, including the Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan. Local residents who may be affected by the development, and the Parish Council, are informed of the application and invited to comment.
2. The following guidance has been agreed by Mapledurwell & Up Nately PC to assist in determining its response to BDBC consultations.
3. In general, the Parish Council will take a positive view on developments which do not detract from the appearance of that area of the Parish, and do not detract from an amenity enjoyed by other residents. In this context the Parish Council will seek to maintain the character of the Conservation Areas together with the rural and agricultural aspect of the Parish.
4. If an application is refused, the applicant has a right to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. In this situation, the Parish Council, and all those who previously commented, will again be invited to respond.
5. The Parish Council will be guided by BDBC Local Plan policies.

Note: All correspondence received by BDBC relating to a planning application is now published on the BDBC website.

Newnham & Nately Scures

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

of 28th April 2021 (continued from last month)

The Chairman thanked all who supported this year's zoom Assembly.

Parish Assemblies last year were cancelled due to Covid. Two years ago we were looking back to the Old House at Home reopening and Owens Farm appeal withdrawn. (So coming around again...!)

Of note over past two years...

Hook-Newnham Local Gap

Since the withdrawn Appeal for development (700+ houses) on Owen's Farm, the 'Gap' has been promoted via the Friends of Church Path with thanks to all involved. Including Church Path as a Heritage Asset, the Church Path Circular Walk – and the Hook nameplate sign has been moved to the Hook settlement boundary to emphasise the separation.

Boundary changes to bring St John's Cottages into Newnham were discussed, and presented to Hook Parish Council for their support. Conclusions that not practicable until a general Boundary Review.

The Hart Local and Hook Neighbourhood Plans have been adopted, the Hook NP specifically endorsing the Hook-Newnham 'Gap' status.

The Strings boardwalk on Newnham FP 3 has been rebuilt, with thanks to HCC Countryside Services. Dedicated to Nigel Downes, Newnham Parish Footpaths Warden 2009-2020.

A30 'Hatch to Hogget' project. Thanks to Jo Wright for leading on this and County Cllr Elaine Still for her support. Finally resulted in agreement for some speed limit reduction through Water End and Scures Hill. New 60 and 50mph signs now installed.

Old House at Home Following successful start in July 2018, the pub had to contend with Thames Water road closures through Newnham 2019/20 – then Covid just after they had negotiated a new free-of-tie lease. The Parish Council wishes Donna & Chris every success in the coming year.

Covid SEEN grant applied for by the Parish Council and

awarded to Covid PPE project running in the Clubroom.

Green and Ponds Thanks to Manor Farm for the mowing. Majority of the ditches have been cleared. Wayleave request to move telegraph pole by Manor Farm Cottage. The big Willow came down in the main pond, thanks to James Malmesbury for removing. Thanks to Hants and IofW Amphibian and Reptile Group for working parties – to help remove Crassula and debris from Willow. Thanks to Robert Mays students from Newnham Road who planted bulbs this Spring as part of their Robert Mays half term 'energiser project' for community good.

Newnham Village Litterpicks organised with thanks to Alan Richmond and all involved.

Oak bench on the Green repaired, the timber forming the back of the bench replaced (English Oak) and the seat refurbished.

Water End has a new and repositioned bus shelter plus raised bed planters.

Barracks – Ditches by the highway cleared by the Parish Lengthsman. Hedging project for Kingsbridge End boundary.

Flooding at Water End winter of 2019/20 – thanks to Paul Gaskell for his involvement / support. Also road flooding at Newnham Road ponds Christmas 2019.

TPOs served for trees in Blackstocks Lane.

Broadband Fibre brought to properties on Tylney Lane and Ridge Lane as part of Hants Superfast Broadband initiative (2018/19) partnered with Openreach. Live from Summer 2020. Water End included in this tranche, but not yet connected. Community funding application submitted to Openreach Feb 2020 for remaining areas around the Green without Fibre, and extending to part of Newnham Road. Thanks to all involved for organising.

15. Planning Responded to Planning White Paper Consultation and BDBC Local Plan Issues & Options and Promoted Sites consultations.



Barn Owl in Newnham
Photo Peter James 26th May

NEWNHAM GREEN PONDS

From Pete West, Hants & IofW Amphibian & Reptile Group 22nd May

'I visited the pond last night... It was a great night with about 30 GCN and a few smooth and palmate newts in the main pond and where it has been wet recently, there were a few in the smaller pond with the reedmace, by the cross roads.'

'Despite how shallow it was I spotted about 15 GCNs including one female egg laying. You can see her back feet folding a leaf over a single egg and gluing the leaf around it.'

GCN: LIFECYCLE PART I
www.arc-trust.org/

'Breeding takes place from around March to June. GCN undergo an elaborate courtship and after mating each female lays around 200 eggs, individually laid and wrapped inside the leaves of pond plants.'



The pond throughout the year: JUNE

Thanks to HIWARG who are helping to organise small working parties (under licence when needed). Thanks to Newnham Green Farm for keeping the path mown.



REVISED OPENING TIMES FROM MONDAY 17TH MAY

Monday Closed

Tuesday to Saturday

Kitchen hours 12-2pm; 5.30pm-9pm

Bar hours 12-3pm; 5.30pm-10pm

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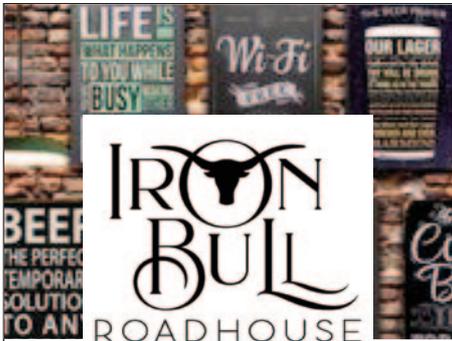
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REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL AGM

of 19th May, due to Covid regulations held out of doors. Welcome to the newly elected Parish Council, all incumbent Parish Councillors were re-elected unopposed. June James was re-elected as Chairman for 2021/22.

Public Access Defibrillators The Parish Council is supportive of purchasing defibrillators, one for each pub, as supported by the Parish Assembly.

A30 HCC is considering proposals for 'Gateway' features.

Owens Farm Latest development proposal for a retirement complex of 160 units etc. Agreed as previously to support the position of Hook Action Against Overdevelopment. The Parish Council will respond regarding the value of the Gap to the rural setting of Newnham and its Conservation Area, Newnham residents' sense of place and rural amenity, amenity value of the public footpath enjoyed by all who walk to Newnham, the value of the route of Church Path and its historical landscape setting as a heritage asset, its value as a wildlife corridor, also providing an area of dark skies between Hook and Newnham.

Local Plan Update BDBC will be working on site allocation this year, the next major public consultation is scheduled for 2022. A Taylor Wimpey planning application for the Loddon Valley is reportedly imminent.

Next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 7 July, 7pm, Clubroom.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/01325/HSE (Validated 18 May) Beech House, Newnham Road.

Creation of a new vehicular access to the west of Beech House and creation of parking using stone gravel base.

21/01230/HSE (Validated 7 April) Plum Tree Cottage, Newnham Road. Erection of a two storey rear extension with side dormer and new roof lights.

21/00332/HSE (granted 6th May) The Pink House, Newnham Lane. Open porch to west elevation.

21/00025/FUL (pending 25th Jan) Nately Place, Scures Hill. Detached dwelling and detached ancillary accommodation, following demolition of existing house and garage. Acoustic fencing to front/road-side boundary and retaining bank inbound of south boundary to allow leveling rear garden.

16/03282/RET (pending 15th Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days (100) days a year etc with associated parking.

TREE APPLICATION

T/00106/21/TCA (Approved 30 April) Cromwells, The Barracks.

THE VILLAGE'S THANKS to all who helped make a success of Operation Newnham Womble on Sunday 23 May in support of the 'Great British Spring Clean' (despite unsupportive weather).

OWENS FARM APPLICATION

21/01048/OUT (Validated 29 April) Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Hybrid application for (a) Outline development (with matters except access reserved) for a retirement care living development comprising up to 160 units (C2 use) and local community facilities, pedestrian & vehicular access, parking and landscaping and (b) change of use of agricultural land to Suitable Alternative Green Space (SANG) with sustainable drainage pond.

See notes from Parish Council AGM adjacent. Please give your views to Hart District Council. Thanks to Hook Action Against Overdevelopment for their information and publicity.

<https://hookdevaction.org.uk/>



BDBC LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

BDBC's housing allocation of 850 dwellings per annum is out of date five years from adoption of the Local Plan, ie by May 2021. Under the Government's methodology, the new figure works out as approx 877dpa, but will fluctuate.

Considering that the Adopted Local Plan is up to 2029, and the Plan Update being consulted on has been mooted as at least up to 2038, then 27 x 8 years plus 877 x 10 years = over 9K new houses in addition to present allocations.

During this year BDBC will be considering new sites. Major public consultation is scheduled for 2022.



Disrupting County Lines Drug Dealing The Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults and Children

COUNTY LINES

Hants Constabulary coordinated a week of action (May 17 to May 23) to tackle County Lines drug dealing.

'County lines' describes organised criminal networks exporting illegal drugs out of bigger cities into smaller towns using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of 'deal line'. They exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money, often with coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams engaged with local residents to share information and to raise awareness of child criminal exploitation and how to spot it.

Church Notices

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From the Parish Registers

Funeral 2021

27 April, Ruth Bainton
St Nicholas' Newnham
May she rest in peace

LETTER FROM AN ANCIENT READER



Everything keeps changing these days, and it is hard to keep up. When I was a child I lived in a different world. In the street there were almost as many horses as cars.

When the milkman called, my mother took a jug out to him and he filled it with a ladle from his milk churn. One year we had three different kings on the throne, one after the other. When I went to school I had a penny in my pocket so that if it rained I could come home on the tram instead of walking. When we used the telephone we wound a handle and an operator asked 'Number, please?' People still wrote letters, and stuck a brown penny-halfpenny stamp on the envelope. You could buy a decent sized bar of chocolate for twopence.

The world I'm living in now is no longer the world I knew. Life has accelerated. Blink, and you're too late. I don't think I'm alone in my generation in finding increasingly that I no longer know how to perform what used to be simple functions, and I have to ask silly questions in order to try to keep up to date with laptops and mobile phones and streaming and social media and surfing the net and going online, things which younger people have grown up with and are perfectly at home with.

All this induces a sense of insecurity and instability, unless one has a grandchild on hand to steer one through the maze. Fortunately there is a faith which we can fall back on, a faith which hasn't changed even if it has found new ways of expressing itself and new ways of operating.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews spoke of 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and for ever' (13:8).

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Helen Chatfield
Youth Pastor
North Hampshire Downs Benefice

KIDZONE

Hi Everyone!

Did you know, there are loads of yummy national and international days to celebrate in June? Two of my favourites are 25th of June, which is National Cream Tea Day (do you start with jam or cream?) and 4th June, which is National Fish and Chip Day! Which of these would you prefer to celebrate?

Another really important day the world celebrates in June is World Environment Day on Saturday 5th June. This is a day when we are challenged to do everything we can to look after our environment. This is even more important for Christians, because we believe that God created the world and everything in it. There isn't a particular story in the Bible about looking after the environment, because, let's face it, most of the environmental problems we face have come about quite recently, but it does say that God created the world and saw that it was good, then put Adam (so humans) there to look after it and tend for it. We don't always do such a very good job, do we?

So here is an environment bingo challenge for you. Can you make a line – or even get a full house? Maybe have a competition with others in your family or your friends!

 Count rocks & sort them by color	 Donate items	 Plant a tree or a seed	 Create beautiful art using trash	 Pick up trash near your home
 Help sort recyclable items	 Discover who is Dr. Jane Goodall	 Listen to the birds outside	 Learn two new facts about an endangered animal	 Paint a picture of the Earth
 Share something you've learned	 Look for pictures in the clouds	FREE	 Build a bird feeder	 Start a compost bin for your family
 Go on a nature walk	 Write your name using nature materials	 Turn lights off when leaving a room	 Take a picture of your favorite spot outdoors	 Observe an ant colony at work
 Build a bug hotel	 Practice water conservation while you're brushing teeth	 Create a musical instrument from recyclables	 Hug a tree	 Do something kind or helpful

If you'd like to join with others who are working hard to protect their environment, why not join us in the afternoon on Sunday 6th of June for a litter pick? Venue and exact time to be confirmed, but get in touch on youth@moretolife.church for more information.

See you next time!

Helen

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The 66 books which comprise the Bible span around 14 centuries, but their themes are unchanged and unchanging. With joy we can still draw water from the wells of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). The God of hope still fills us with all joy and peace in believing (Romans 15:13). The Lord has done great things for us, and we are still filled with joy (Psalm 126:3). God still shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

So I can adapt the old hymn and sing: 'Change and too much innovation in all around I see, O thou who changest not, abide with me.' So that's all right. We'll get by.

Peter Moore

Licensed Lay Minister
(formerly known as Lay Readers)



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A residential course for young singers aged 9 to 17 years

The adventure starts here!

After all the restrictions of the past year, and following the success of the vaccination programme, plans are progressing for Morland Choristers' Camp to go ahead this year: a unique blend of music-making and 'summer camp' activities in the stunning countryside of the Eden Valley near the Lake District.

Young people have lost out so much over the past year, but we go forward in hope. We are extremely fortunate that most of the activities take place outside in the grounds of Morland House and that the rehearsals can take place in the beautiful village church or school.

Our all-inclusive residential camp offers children bags of fun, new friends and freedom to express themselves in a safe, supportive, Christian environment with first class care.

The course is open to all singers aged from nine upwards, who may be members of church choirs, or school choirs, or other choirs – or who may just enjoy singing! There are no auditions. The children benefit from first-class choral training in the highest traditions of the Church of England but in the atmosphere of an adventure holiday.

The Odiham Music Foundation was so impressed with the experience of some of the children from All Saints, that it has very generously offered to fund two bursaries for children from the Benefice who otherwise would not be able to attend. The fee is £360.

If your child would like to take part, please visit <https://morland.org.uk/> where it is also possible to sign-up. There is an accompanied train from London (Penrith three hours).

If you would like to discuss any of the above, including the bursary, please contact Frances Yeowart (trustee) at: francesyeowart@outlook.com or 07774163217. I would be delighted to hear from you.



CHURCH SERVICES IN THE UNITED PARISH IN JUNE

	9am	10am	11am	5pm
6 June				
1st Sunday after Trinity			Mapledurwell CW HC Revd Helen O'Sullivan	
Green				
10 June		Upton Grey BCP HC Revd Simon Butler		
Thursday				
13 June				
2nd Sunday after Trinity	Greywell MS Helen Chatfield			
Green				
17 June		Herriard BCP HC Revd Simon Butler		
Thursday				
20 June				
3rd Sunday after Trinity	Newnham BCP HC Revd Simon Butler			
Green				
27 June				
4th Sunday after Trinity			Up Nately MS Revd Linda Scard	Nately Scores ES Revd Simon Butler/ Suzanne Newcombe
Green				

ST MARY'S OLD BASING SUMMER FESTIVAL

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th June



FRIDAY CONCERT Tickets are on sale for the organ concert by Paul Wright which opens our festival weekend on Friday 25th June at 7.30pm.

The concert will be a mix of favourites suggested by you, and Paul invites you to submit any requests to paul.wright@flyingpiano.plus.com.

Tickets are available from Jeanette (jdedwards38@hotmail.co.uk) or Debbie (admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk) at £5 each which includes a glass of Pimm's or fruit juice.

SUMMER FESTIVAL The Summer Festival Team continues to plan a weekend of celebration following Covid guidelines to ensure a safe event.

Displays of 'What Summer Means to people' will cheer the way from Saturday 26th June until Sunday 4th July giving everyone plenty of time to view. If you would like to sponsor a display a form is available on St Mary's Facebook page, website or contact Jeanette Edwards at jdedwards38@hotmail.co.uk.

On the Saturday, a Summer Fete with stalls, refreshments and music will be held if restrictions allow... a paper plane competition, and a natural trail, and much more. Sunday will have a more relaxed feel with the raffle continuing and refreshments.



**Paper Plane Competition at
St Mary's Church Old Basing**

All day from 11 am
Open to All Ages
Saturday 26th June

Come along and make your own paper plane
and see how far you can get it to fly down the Aisle.

A prize for the longest flight down the Aisle
and runner-up prizes.

50p for 3 throws of the plane

Rule:
Planes must be made from one sheet of A4 paper only!

Bring from home or make one in church
where an A4 sheet will be provided.



Odiham District

u3a learn,
laugh,
live

Odiham District u3a was launched in September 2010 as a result of the enthusiasm of members of the local community to pursue new interests together, make new friends and to enjoy learning at their own pace. This works as a learning and leisure co-operative to share interests, knowledge and skills: whether none-at-all or extensive! In other words there are no formal qualifications needed to join – just an open mind!

Odiham District u3a now has over 500 members, mainly from Odiham and surrounding villages, who are no longer in full time employment. There is neither a lower nor an upper age limit to membership though most are retired, and no qualifications are required or given. What makes u3a unique is the fact that everything is done by members. <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>

Dates for your Diary

wed Jun 2nd	Malcolm Nelson - The History of Smuggling
wed Jul 7th	Colin Hobbs - War Comes to the North Atlantic



THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative – to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 – which invites people from across the UK to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.'

Everyone, from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees from October, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, The Queen's Green Canopy will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

CAR BOOT SALE – SATURDAY 26TH JUNE – ST MARY'S UPTON GREY

9am - 11am, Church Meadow

A golden opportunity to rid yourself of those unnecessary treasures that have been taking up valuable space at home during lockdown – and have some fun at the same time!

If you don't fancy becoming a trader, you are most welcome to donate your goods to the St Mary's Church Stall by delivering them to the field on the day (sorry, NO BOOKS).

Your choice: donate your proceeds to St Mary's/a charity of your choice/ your next holiday.

RAFFLE – EVERY STALL HOLDER TO DONATE A PRIZE

Field opens 8am for set-up (car and driver plus one passenger) Gate opens 9am Adults £2 Children 50p. £15 per car PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Email francesyeowart@outlook.com Tel 01256 861218

All unsold goods to be removed from the field at 11am.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ELECTED COUNTY AND WARD COUNCILLORS

Elaine Still re-elected to County, Loddon division.

Borough Councillors: Mark Ruffell, Sven Godesen and Onnalee Cubitt elected to the new Basing & Upton Grey Ward. Paul Gaskell is elected to Oakley & Candovers Ward. As Deputy Mayor for the past two years, Cllr Onnalee Cubitt is now Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane.

VILLAGER CONTACT Susan Turner 07515 777060 su.newnham@btinternet.com News contacts Up Nately Liz Preece 762059, M/durwell Lorna Cuthill 354651

PLUS...



Talk to the Hedge: come and join our Hedge Talks celebrating National Hedgerow Week

Hedge Talks is a series of free webinars spreading the word about all that our unsung hedgerow heroes do for us and the environment. We have collected some of the brightest minds in the world of hedges to speak about everything from insects to hedgelaying, birdsongs to hedge books – there's something for everyone!

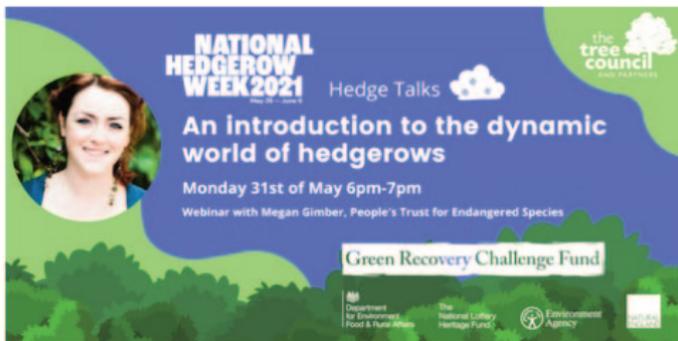
NATIONAL HEDGEROW WEEK 2021

This is the first National Hedgerow Week organised by the Tree Council. The initiative aims to highlight the immense contribution the unsung hedgerow makes in the fight against climate change, biodiversity loss, and urban air pollution.

The first talk is on Monday 31st May an 'Introduction to the dynamic world of hedgerows'. Booking information and details of other talks can be found at

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/national-hedgerow-week-webinars-hedge-talks/>

Book your free tickets below to join us.



An introduction to the dynamic world of hedgerows

An introduction to hedgerows to kick off our first National Hedgerow Week! Megan will introduce us to why we have hedgerows in the first place, what we mean by hedgerows and why it matters, how hedgerows benefit a range of our favourite animals and how we humans benefit from them too!

Book your tickets