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

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

BARN MEET

CountryWatch recently held a Neighbourhood Policing meeting – a 'Barn Meet' the first to be held in Hampshire – for Basingstoke Rural South. (See Report from meeting on page 5.) The Meet is to engage with the community and showcase rural policing.

While administratively Mapledurwell & Up Nately and Newnham Parishes are within Basingstoke East, it's made clear that we are also supported by the Rural South team. (When rural crime crosses into our Parishes, the rural Policing team will follow and distinction of area boundary is neither here nor there.)

The Barn Meets are open to all and details of further meetings held for Rural South will be advertised accordingly. Chief Insp Reeves noted that the Area boundary previously followed the Ward boundary; now the Wards have changed, it remains to be seen whether the Policing Areas will change again.

Sgt Martyn Evans from Yateley East also attended the Meet, and his take was that police officers working in Newnham are more than likely to be from Hart North, as criminals, and criminal activity, follow the B3349 corridor from Reading and the M4, and so on through Rotherwick and Newnham. The next Barn Meet will be organised for Hart.

BDBC DECLARES ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

At full Council meeting of 14th October, a motion to declare an Ecological Emergency was proposed by Cllr Konieczko, seconded by Cllr Harvey and agreed unanimously.

From the Notice of Motion: Council notes...

1. The recent *Dasgupta Review* on the Economics of Biodiversity confirms that our societies and economies are embedded within nature, not external to it.
2. Humanity and the economy depend on the services that nature provides... People also derive a sense of wellbeing from a healthy natural environment.
3. *The State of Nature 2019* highlighted the critical decline in UK biodiversity.
4. The Environment Bill will require the introduction of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Nature Recovery Networks as an aid to planning.

Council resolves to:

1. Declare an Ecological Emergency.
2. Maximise co-benefits from addressing Climate and Ecological Emergencies.
3. Add ecological implications alongside those for climate and sustainability in Committee and Council reports, and embed ecological initiatives within all council work areas, including COVID recovery projects and programmes.
4. Work with local communities, county, regional and national partners to promote landscape and habitat protection, restoration, expansion and connectivity, while devolving greater responsibility to genuinely-empowered community groups.
5. Work with stakeholders to provide everyone, and especially children, with opportunities to learning about and reconnect with nature.
6. Ensure the Ecological (and Climate) Emergencies are strategic priorities for land use planning, planning policies and design guides, and protecting areas for habitat restoration and biodiversity gain. Seek to incorporate biodiversity, nature recovery networks, green and blue infrastructure and ecosystems services into the Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and other initiatives.
7. Create a register of natural assets and estimate the ecosystem services derived from those assets.
8. Recommend to Cabinet that funding is provided for an Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan...

Cllr Mark Ruffell, Cabinet member for Environment, spoke in support: 'Restoring nature is vital to tackling climate change.' Labour group leader Cllr Andy McCormick said: 'I hope... it will crystallize our thoughts. Do not pave gardens, guard the undergrowth, join and support conservation groups.'



Your local Officer PCSO Andy Jones is always approachable by email or work mobile and always grateful for any information or happy to offer advice where appropriate.

Please continue to report crime through the 999/101 telephone nos or alternatively online if not requiring immediate deployment.
www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/
If you report a crime directly to me it keeps me in the office for longer, so giving me less time to be seen out and about.

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POLICING PAST

Dear Residents

We see punishments could be severe as demonstrated when, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Borough

of Andover held on January 26th 1846, three men – James Quail, George Alder and John Seward – each for felony (a serious crime) were sentenced. James Quail was to be imprisoned for one month in Winchester Gaol, twice flogged, once at the beginning and once at the end of the sentence – he having several convictions for theft and other offences. George Alder and John Seward, to be imprisoned for 14 days at Winchester and to be once flogged.

In October 1848, Charles Parris, the landlord of the Red Lion Inn at Water End, was fined 10s (£40.09 in 2017), including costs, for keeping open his house until half-past 12 on Sunday morning, contrary to the recent Licensing Act.

In June 1846, John Atkinson of Newnham, who was a labourer, was committed to Winchester Prison as a rogue and vagabond and sentenced by Magistrates to 14 days in prison with hard labour.

At Basingstoke Divisional Sessions (Magistrates' Court) on April 8th 1914, William Palmer of Up Nately was summonsed for not having his name and address painted on the side of a wagon which he used on the highway on March 24th. He pleaded not guilty and said to his knowledge it was not a wagon but a dung cart. PC Westbrook said he saw the cart on the highway between Up Nately and Greywell and there was no name or address on the off side. Mr Palmer said he thought it was ridiculous to have a name on a dung cart. The summons was dismissed on payment of 2s costs (£5.90) but he was warned if he didn't have the name and address painted on the side he would be up before the court again.

PC Westbrook obviously had a busy day, as Herbert Marley Thorpe of Mapledurwell pleaded guilty to a similar offence in respect of two carts which PC Westbrook stopped at Up Nately on the same day, March 24th. On one cart the details had been chalked on but the Act stated it had to be painted. The Magistrates imposed a similar sentence of 2s costs.

At the Divisional Petty Sessions on April 30th 1857, James Parent a labourer was brought before the court charged with the theft of monies and other goods from William Clark the shop keeper in Mapledurwell. He was remanded to appear before the Midsummer Quarter Sessions which he did in July 1857 and was sentenced to prison for eight months.

Best wishes as always, Andrew

Mapledurwell & Up Nately



WINE GUESSING & BOOK SALE EVENING

🍷🍷?? With the darker nights and the clock changes upon us, it might be a good time to consider our Book Sale and Wine Guessing evening

Thursday 11th November, 6 to 8pm
at the Village Hall £5 to cover costs

There will be drinks on sale and some nibbles; there will also be tasting for children. Pre booking needed so we can cater.

If you would like to take part please let Sue Smart know on 07495 367169 by WhatsApp or text.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT!

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall Team invite you to start your festive fun by joining us for quizzing at the Village Hall on

Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 per person, to include Chilli Con Carne/Garlic Bread (vegetarian option available), mince pies and chocolates
Tables of 8 (if you need to be put in a team let us know).

Wine/Beer at Bar; Prizes for winning table and best dressed 'Christmas' themed table; Tombola
Pre booking needed so we can cater. If you would like to take part please let Heather Ramsdale know on 07552 506 898 or by email on ramsdaleheather21@gmail.com

TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL Contact mandunvillagehall@gmail.com

ST STEPHEN'S UP NATELY

The following was written in thanks:
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21st October 2021

Dear Congregation of St Stephen's Church, Up Nately,

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of food to The Camrose Centre recently from your Harvest festival collection.

The kindness of people such as yourselves enables Camrose to continue their much needed service to support homeless and vulnerable people in Basingstoke.

Yours Sincerely

Clare Farrow and all the Camrose team
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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/03028/HSE (Validated 23 September)
3 Canal Reach, Andwell. Erection of single storey rear/side wraparound extension and new side door.

21/02747/HSE (Validated 22, September)
Wyvol, Heather Lane. Conversion of 2-bed bungalow to 4-bed chalet bungalow with extensions and alterations to the roof including dormer windows to the south, west and east. Alterations to access, new sewage treatment plant and soakaway.

21/02435/HSE (Validated 03 Sept)
Meadows, Heather Lane. Erection of two storey front extension, single storey rear extensions, alterations to fenestration.

21/02537/GPDOFF (Granted 27 Sept)
Riverview House, London Road. Notification of proposed change of use from Class B1(a) office to Class C3 residential for eight x one-bed flats.

21/02279/HSE (Validated 08 July)
Meadow Hill, Tunworth Road. Part single

storey, part two storey rear extension; new entrance canopy, fenestration.

21/01739/LBC (Pending 14 July) Arlings Tunworth Road. Replace windows and exterior doors with new like-for-like.

21/01951/HSE (Pending 13 July) Elm Cottage, Tunworth Road. New garage and home office with loft room over following demolition of existing garage.

21/01777/RET (Pending 24 May) Gamekeepers. Laying of hardstanding plus seven downlighters (retrospective).

21/01566/HSE (Pending, 7th May)
2 Canalside Cottages, Heather Lane. Two storey rear/side extension, single storey front/side extension, conversion of garage to habitable space, loft conversion.

Outbuilding for garden store / office and cantilevered decking over canal side.

21/01503/HSE (pending, 30 April)
Burrough Close, Greywell Road, Andwell. Two storey side extension.

M&UN (planning) continued next page

THAMES WATER SUPPORTS STRATEGY TO RESTORE CHALK STREAMS

From article by Thames Water at <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/newsroom/latest-news/2021/oct/thames-water-supports-new-strategy-to-restore-chalk-streams>

Thames Water partners with Chalk Stream Restoration Working Group to launch a Chalk Stream Restoration Strategy, which calls for chalk streams in England to be given enhanced environmental status.

The Strategy sets out recommendations to protect and restore England's rare chalk streams. It calls for priority status for chalk streams, to drive investment to prevent pollution and over-abstraction, as well as restoring habitats to boost biodiversity.

Thames Water's CEO Sarah Bentley represented water companies at the launch event, which was attended by Environment Minister Rebecca Pow, alongside Environment Agency Chair Emma Howard Boyd, Chair of Natural England Tony Juniper, and senior wildlife and environmental groups.

Sarah Bentley, Thames Water CEO, said: 'I'm passionate about us protecting our precious rivers and streams. At Thames Water, we're lucky to have world-famous chalk streams flowing through our region and are working hard to restore them back to their natural beauty. We're progressing ambitious plans to stop unsustainable abstractions to increase flow and eliminate untreated discharges to improve water quality. While this will take time, we are making progress and the Strategy is an important step

M&UN (planning) continued

21/00827/FUL (pending, 20 April) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to form secure dog walking area and off road parking area for 2-3 cars; gate and 1.8m fence; replace shed.

21/00427/FUL (pending 22 Feb) Land to north of Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. One 4-bed dwelling, garage, access etc.

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

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00474/21/TCA (Approved 21st Oct) The Farm, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. 3 Pine trees: crown reduce all round leaving an approx finished height of 6m with a radius of 5m. 2 Leylandii type trees: crown reduce all round leaving an approx finished height of 4m with a radius of 2m.

T/00525/21/TCA (Validated: Mon 11 Oct 2021) Webbs Farmhouse, Tunworth. 1 Willow: pollard/prune to previous points.



forward that informs and supports our wider restoration plans.'

Charles Rangeley-Wilson, Chair of the Chalk Stream Restoration Working Group, said: 'No other country in the world has anything like England's chalk stream habitat – they're England's Great Barrier Reef or Okavango Delta. There are dozens of actions that could and should be taken to protect them but giving chalk streams enhanced status is a vital next step.'

Environment Minister Rebecca Pow said: 'Chalk streams are both incredibly rare and a hugely important part of our environmental heritage. That's why on behalf of Government I called for the creation of an independent CaBA (Catchment Based Approach)-led working group – the Chalk Streams Restoration Group (CSRG) – last year and welcome its ambitious strategy.

'A third of the strategy recommendations are already being taken forward by Government, regulators and other CSRG members. I look forward to seeing how the work progresses and continuing to work together on ways to further protect and restore this vital habitat.'

Chalk Stream Restoration Working Group partners include Defra, the Environment Agency, Natural England, Water Companies, Ofwat, and eNGOs.

England is home to over 280 chalk streams as well as dozens of smaller waterbodies, which are formed when rainwater falls on chalk hills, filters through the rock, and creates springs of cool, alkaline, mineral-rich water.

Thames Water has recently launched its Smarter Water Catchment Initiatives which go beyond the water industry to identify all the pressures on a river and work with all partners to address them.

Thames Water says: 'We're putting this approach into practice to understand how we can achieve key benefits while working in a more holistic way. The first step on this journey is to co-create a Smarter Water Catchment Plan with key stakeholders who either operate within this environment and / or have a vested interest in protecting and enhancing it. For the period of 2020 to 2025 we're trialling three catchments – the Chess, Crane and Evenlode.

**BONFIRE
FIREWORKS
& MUSIC**

Mapledurwell Field
from 6pm
Sunday 7th
November

**£5 per adult – All gate fees will be
donated to Macmillan Cancer support**

Please no sparklers – no dogs – and there is no parking available

Please come along to the Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Fireworks party, sponsored by The Friends of St Mary's.

PLEASE CONSIDER... For the sake of the environment and animals, please consider attending a public display of fireworks, rather than purchasing your own. Gathering in one place for a bigger display will result in fewer emissions than lots of small, private events. It will also lessen the impact on animals, both domestic and livestock, who can be terrified by the loud bangs.

Newnham & Nately Scures

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CONGRATULATIONS SEPTEMBER WINNERS

The lucky winners have been drawn by Jeff Ford and are:

- Jill Homer £100
- Peter Lumley £50
- Debbie Cooke £25

Congratulations to you all.

To take part contact **07775 994261**
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Profits to Friends St Nicholas' reg charity no 283088

HARVEST SUPPER

We had a successful Harvest Supper 2021 after being denied the opportunity in 2020. We missed many, but hope it was enjoyed by all present.



PHOTO: Geoff Hawkes

The event was generously hosted by the Hawkes at Manor Farm in their lovely barn and Trudy Rankin lead an energetic and enthusiastic Harvest Supper team. Richard Fouracre spoke on behalf of St Nicolas' and thanked everyone involved. The novelty of an Auction of Promises was introduced by Geoff Hawkes and he made it successful and entertaining on the night. Thank you everyone who donated the sought-after opportunities, and others for bidding generously. Sara Allenby ensured that even those unable to come had a chance to participate in the Raffle, and wore her shoe soles down to get around Newnham!

John Broughton, Edward Clarkson and Geoff Hawkes also travelled the roads to give local businesses the chance to show they were back, up and running again after Lockdown 2 (or 3?) by offering something for the Raffle. We had some super prizes. Beautiful flower decorations were organised by Kate Jefferson and her volunteers, and many others contributed by joining in and bringing delicious dishes to share, while Jeff Ford kept us all well watered.

Thank you to EVERYONE for the part you played. Happily we also raised over £2,500 which is certainly a record.



LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

In the next phase of LPU discussion, the Settlement Study report will be considered by Economic, Planning and Housing Committee (EPH) of 18th November

EPH meeting of 4th Nov will discuss Building Fire Safety, 'First Homes' and Transport Strategy Update.



To book the Clubroom please visit <https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/>

Enquiries please contact Chris Alliston bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk
07435 782122.

News from the Committee ... the Clubroom now has Wifi!

OWEN'S FARM RETIREMENT VILLAGE REFUSED

Hart Planning Committee of 13th October considered the application for a 160 dwelling retirement village plus SANG (suitable alternative natural greenspace) in the Hook-Newnham Gap.

Councillors asked why the application had been brought before them as every professional consultee had objected. (Refusal recommendations are not usually brought to Committee, the applicant has right of appeal.)

Answer: the District has need of care facilities like this, several applications of this type are coming forward, the Head of Place is seeking Planning Committee's guidance and views on how this type of application should be assessed. Noting the number of objections, the type of objections, this is a benchmark test, for how members feel about it.

Councillor discussion:

- Settlements close to shops, close to people, is the right place. In this particular case it is in the wrong place. If looking for guidance it is that: 'Right in the right place, in the wrong place refusal is acceptable.'
- Hart's Local Plan is in place, Hook has a very robust Neighbourhood Plan for which it is to be congratulated. If officers want a steer, it's surprise to see this application come forward at all, so many things wrong with it.
- 'Don't have anything positive to say about this application.'

Refusal unanimously agreed. The Chairman thanked the 20 members of public for attending, 'rarely see so many'. The live stream was viewed by 100 plus, double this 24 hours later.

Thanks to Hook Action, Hook Parish Council, Hook Ward Councillors for their input to the meeting, and all who responded, attended and viewed online.



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Hampshire Constabulary's first 'Barn Meet' was held on Wednesday 6th October at the Candover Valley Club.

It was organised by CountryWatch, for Basingstoke Rural South area, to include all policing interests – from District Commander, CountryWatch, Neighbourhood Policing to Firearms licensing and Counter Terrorism (re ammonium nitrite).

The meet was for everyone with interest in local policing – landowners and employees, residents, local Councils, Neighbourhood Watch – whether actually part of Rural South or near neighbours.

Much discussion centred on reporting and communication. A Hants 'Disc' community reporting system is to be introduced (Police & Security Community Network Disc system).

Everything comes back to reporting and building intelligence – any sights of suspicious vehicles, licence plate numbers, a quad bike where it shouldn't be... The Police know in many cases who the main perpetrators are, catching them in the act is very difficult. But otherwise providing courts with proof beyond reasonable doubt is also very difficult.

There was unanimous agreement that the event was useful and for similar events to be held on a regular basis.

From the Neighbourhood Policing Team... Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend our inaugural barn meet on 6th October. It was a fantastic turnout and the glorious sunshine helped to showcase rural Hampshire at its very best. For those who were unable to attend, and as a reminder for those who did, here are the key points:



Chief Inspector Matthew Reeves (District Commander for Basingstoke & Deane) outlined the challenges of policing a borough with such diverse urban and rural issues, and introduced members of the rural Neighbourhood Policing Team and Countrywatch.

Firearms Licensing Officer Tony Hill gave an update on firearms licensing and emphasised the need to take security seriously to stop guns getting into the hands of criminals.

Counter Terrorism Security Adviser James Booty spoke about the need to be vigilant and secure fertiliser to help in the fight against terrorism.

Sergeant Stuart Ross from our Countrywatch Team gave an overview of ongoing rural policing operations.

The following Operation names are ongoing: if you believe that one of these offences are taking place, call 999 and refer to the Operation name. Citing the Operation name will activate a trigger plan. [For offences and incidents not currently taking place, report online or to 101.]

- **Operation Galileo** – hare coursing and poaching offences
- **Operation Slid** – theft of ATVs, quad bikes and similar
- **Operation Rebate** – Other rural thefts and burglary from outbuildings.

Also...

- Op Liberal is rogue trader awareness to support the vulnerable who are taken advantage of financially
- Op Signature is to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud eg online or phone call scams.

We are so pleased that there was such strong support for holding more Barn Meets in the future and we look forward to meeting you again soon.

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For more information see: www.hampshirecountrywatch.co.uk

Also see *Rural Times*, for the latest issue search [rural-times-october-2021.pdf](#)

County Lines Intensification Week

62.4g Crack seized	43 arrests <small>(7 of those were aged under 18)</small>	4g Cocaine seized
£50,000+ <small>cash from proceeds of crime seized</small>	plus 3 Rolex watches	
25 warrants	£20,000 Heroin seized	
265 Heroin deals & wraps seized	26 cuckooed address visits	
59 people safeguarded	63 mobile phones seized	
62.4g Heroin seized	35 stop and searches	10 visits to landlords
5 knives seized <small>plus 6 air weapons</small>	269 Crack deals & wraps seized	

POLICE FOCUS ON COUNTY LINES

National County Lines Intensification Week, which targets drug traffickers who often recruit children and vulnerable adults to supply drugs across the country, ran from Monday 11th to Sunday 17th October.

Hampshire Constabulary alongside other forces in England and Wales engaged in operations to crackdown on county lines.

Some good news in relation to our Operation Fortress team. While a lot of this might be related to the Town, so much of it is connected to crimes within the rural community.

'Cuckoo' addresses for example play a big part within the rural community and the money used to buy the drugs often comes from crime, including burglaries and other thefts.

Cuckooing is when a drug dealer or a

gang takes over a vulnerable adult's address for criminal purposes, usually as a base to supply, store or produce drugs. Gangs will exploit an individual's vulnerabilities for profit and to avoid police detection.

The Police can only achieve these figures with your help in feeding information back to the Police or Crimestoppers.

PCSO Andy Jones

Church Notices

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/02904/HSE (Validated 07 Sep) The Acorns, Tylney Lane. Summerhouse in rear garden.

21/02769/HSE (Validated 24 Aug) 4 Kingsbridge Copse. Single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory.

21/02676/HSE (Granted 20th October) Crown Lodge, Crown Lane. Conversion of garage to form ancillary residential annexe with first floor involving raising of the roof and dormer window to the north elevation.

21/02185/HSE (Pending, 29 June) Tollgate House, Water End. Part demolition of existing house and garage. Replace with three storey side extension, detached garage with first floor accommodation over, new entrance gates, altered access, new windows.

21/02600/HSE (Granted 30 Sept) Balmacara, Newnham Rd. Replacement porch and garage.

21/02135/RES (Pending 25 June) Land Adjacent Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Consideration of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale only pursuant to outstanding matters reserved by condition 1 of 16/00097/OUT allowed at appeal.

21/01325/HSE (Pending 14th April, Beech House, Newnham Road. Creation of a new vehicular access to the West of Beech House and creation of parking using stone gravel base.

21/00025/FUL (Granted 11th October) Nately Place, Scures Hill. New dwelling and detached ancillary accommodation, following demolition of house and garage. Acoustic fencing to front/road-side boundary; retaining bank inbound of south boundary.

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 etc, 100 days a year with associated parking.

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From the Parish Registers

Baptism

17th October, Arthur Sadler
St Mary's Greywell

Interment of Ashes

24th September
Barrie (William) Laird
St Nicholas' Newnham



FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

Hello everyone,
My name is Revd Amber Beresford and I have taken up the post of Curate. I

arrived in the benefice in late July with my husband Toby, our three children, our elderly dog and naughty large puppy. I have been so blessed to meet so many welcoming and encouraging people across the benefice.

Like every human, there are a myriad of facts that might help you know more about me. Not least that I am a child of God and rely on the grace and fresh mercies of God every day! Other things include: a love of potatoes of all forms, a love of the countryside and all nature therein, a love of television. Finally I hope, a passion for equality, justice and the good purposes of God to be fulfilled. I enjoy books of systematic theology, articles on feminism and ocean sustainability.

A perfect day for me would be a good coffee and papers in the morning with my husband, an adventure walk with the children and dogs in the autumn fields, followed by a Roast dinner and board games night with friends. If any of the above has prompted you to want a chat, a catch up or a deeper

discussion, I would love to pop over for a cuppa or join you for a pint of cider (I'm coeliac so no beer!) in the pub. My landline and email are below.

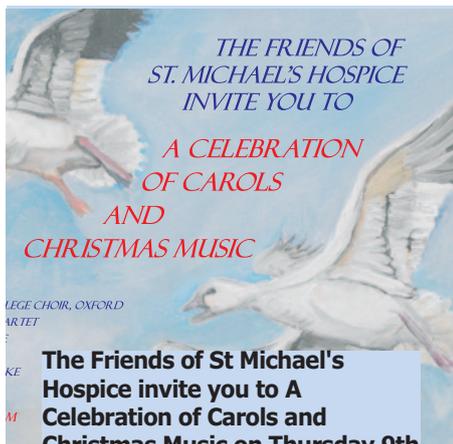
The most important issue for the Church today, in my opinion, is facing toward the world. The mistake has been, in an attempt to want to fix our eyes solely on Jesus and heaven, the Church has, in places, turned its back on the world, thus forgetting that Jesus is at work, through the Holy Spirit, among every person and every situation. To have our eyes opened to the mission of God, the work God is already doing in the world, is to see and value how God is working in everybody. This means engaging in cultures different from ours, not thinking our culture is better in any way, but merely a different culture in which God is equally at work.

God has called and encounters each one of us uniquely through creating us, redeeming us and sustaining us in our own time and place. Yet he calls the whole of humanity as one God to his purposes and so we are united by how we are all called into creation and redeemed, yet we're all different. Valuing this difference in everyone you meet can reveal more about the world God has created and more about his purposes in this world.

Likewise, it is important to remember that we each have limitations in body, mind and spirit. All of us are limited in one way or another. Once we admit and fully realise this, we can grow closer to those whose limitations in body, mind and spirit, have been chosen by our culture to be a disadvantage. We can see how our community or church might be restricted for some. We can learn to be welcomed and valued for who we are in the presence of God.

I hope to be meeting you soon in the community or at church. Again, if you would like to share some tea (and chocolate!) or go for a pint, my details are below.

Revd Amber Beresford, Curate
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The Friends of St Michael's Hospice invite you to A Celebration of Carols and Christmas Music on Thursday 9th December at All Saints Church, Odiham at 7pm with doors opening at 6.30pm. The carols and music will be performed by Magdalen College Choir, Oxford and the Tippett String Quartet. Wine and mince pies will be served and we very much look forward to you joining us for a festive evening.

Tickets are £30 available from Katherine Jane, High Street, Odiham or on the events page at www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	9AM	10.50/11AM	5PM
Sunday 7th November	St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Communion	St Mary's Greywell Morning Service	
Sunday 14th November		St Stephen's Up Nately Remembrance - 10.50	
Sunday 21st November	St Mary's Greywell CW Holy Communion	St Mary's Mapledurwell Informal service	St Swithun's Nately Scures Evensong
Sunday 28th November	St Nicholas' Newnham BCP Holy Communion	St Stephen's Up Nately Morning Service	
Sunday 5th December	St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Communion	St Mary's Greywell Morning Service	



Helen Chatfield
 Youth Pastor, More to Life network of Churches
 North Hampshire Downs Benefice

KIDZONE

Hi Everyone!

Did you manage to get a chance to carve a pumpkin this year? I wonder what design you carved into it... In October, some of the young people in the local churches had a go, at the same time as learning about how we are a lot like pumpkins!



God picks you from the patch and brings you in – God chooses you, because he thinks you are perfect!

So, first of all, we chose our pumpkin. They were all different shapes and sizes, but we chose the one which was perfect for us!

At Easter, Jesus died on the cross and then rose again, so that He could take away all the bad things we have done, and we could start afresh!

Then we cut the base off the pumpkin and scooped out all of the seeds and stringy bits. That was a bit yucky, but we had to do it before we could make our lantern... This reminded us of how we are full of things that stop us being the best person we can be – things like the seeds of hate and doubt and unkindness. We sometimes call those things sin, and they can stop us being friends with God. He scoops all those things out of us too!

Our next job after that was to carve a design into our pumpkins. We decided to make our faces happy and friendly, to help us remember that God makes us into a brand-new person, full of his love and joy.



Finally, we added a candle. In the dark, the light shone out through our pumpkin lanterns, and people could see the happy faces we had carved really clearly. In the Bible, we are told to shine brightly in the world, by being the best people we can be, and that when we do, people will see that, and know God is great!

One of the ways we can shine out in the world is by being generous. Patch is a Pumpkin hero, who tells us all about why God thinks it is so important to be generous. Scan this QR code with a phone or tablet to watch a short cartoon about Patch the Pumpkin Hero!



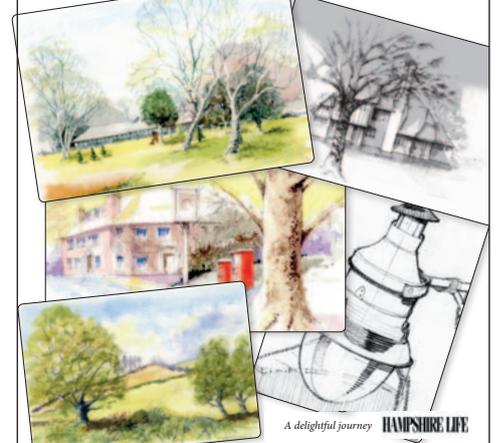
If you'd like to join with others your age who enjoy fun activities while learning about God and our place in His world, why not join us on the first and third Sunday of the month (most months) in South Warnborough or the second Sunday in Newnham? Get in touch on youth@moretolife.church for more information.

See you next time!
 Helen

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NORTH HAMPSHIRE DOWNS MOTHER'S UNION

In September we met together as a group in church for the first time in 18 months for a Bring & Share Supper, and it was a real celebration. Our October meeting focussed on our plans for the future of Mothers' Union both as a branch and in the diocese.

We are planning our November meeting to be on Tuesday 23rd November in All Saints Church at 7.30pm, when Revd Amber Beresford will be speaking to us. It is possible that we may have to change our plans at short notice so if you are interested in joining us, please contact me to check the situation.

November also sees the start of the 16 days of activism for gender-based violence, and there will be a vigil outside Winchester Cathedral on Thursday 25th November between 12 and 2pm to mark the start of this period. We would welcome more people to support this vigil, so do feel free to come along. Domestic abuse, and other forms of violence against women and girls have increased significantly during the pandemic, and it is more important than ever to raise awareness of this issue.

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TOWN CENTRE FUTURE

Earlier this year BDBC consulted on what residents, groups and businesses would like to see in the town centre in the future. From feedback received, consultants have created 'Early Vision and Masterplan' principles. These include:

- Opening up the town centre to make it more accessible; creating opportunities for more community and cultural activities and more green spaces.
- New high quality and low carbon urban communities for those wanting to live, work and play in a central area, with facilities and activities on the doorstep, including shops, parks, community space and transport links.
- Reimagining the existing Malls building to open up the area, creating opportunities for uses in addition to retail – for community and cultural use, space for entrepreneurs and education. Modernising shopfronts at the Top of the Town while celebrating the borough's rich heritage.
- Making the town centre more walkable and cycle-friendly by introducing new traffic zones, two-way traffic on New Road, creating a new bus interchange at Churchill Way and a new multi-storey car park in New Road.

The Vision is to create a 'greener' feel through new open spaces in Church Street and in the Top of the Town as well as new planting to improve the area's biodiversity.

You can view the results of the public consultation as well as the suggestions for the future of the town centre at www.talkbasingstoketowncentre.co.uk

We are encouraging residents, visitors, community groups and organisations and businesses to share their views on the ideas being put forward through a survey which is available until Friday 12 November.



River basin management... Flood risk management...

RIVER BASIN & FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CONSULTATIONS

The Environment Agency (EA) invites you to respond two consultations open from 22nd October 2021 on

Draft River Basin Management Plans Draft Flood Risk Management Plans

These are strategic plans for 2021-2027. The draft River Basin Management plans (RBMPs) are for protecting and improving the water environment. The draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) have measures (actions) to address surface water and river and sea flooding. The EA has worked to produce them with Lead Local Flood Authorities and other risk management authorities.

Your responses to these consultations will help find different and more ambitious ways of protecting people, the natural world and our precious water assets.

HOW TO RESPOND

For RBMPs, go to <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/draft-river-basin-management-plans> before 22 April 2022.

For FRMPs, go to <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/fcrm/draft-second-cycle-flood-risk-management-plans> before 21 January 2022.



Your chance to shape the future of the town centre.

As part of our work to develop a long-term strategy for the town centre, we want to hear your views on ambitious ideas put forward.

Share your views online at www.talkbasingstoketowncentre.co.uk

by Friday 12 November



Your feedback will be key to the success of this project and will be used to create our Draft Vision & Masterplan to help shape our work with partners.

Thank you for your support.

J7 WAREHOUSING APPLICATION REFUSED BY BDBC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

At the DC Committee meeting of 27th October Councillors voted 9 to 2 with one abstention, to refuse the Amazon warehousing application at its second presentation (following previous decision and officer recommendation for approval).

20/02586/FUL Land At Oakdown Farm, Winchester Road, Dummer.

This time environmental and ecological concerns were given more weight.



The application has been opposed by Dummer Parish Council, the action group CAGE (clean air green environment) and the Change.org petition to 'Stop the destruction of 67 Oak and 3 Beech trees on Oakdown Farm'. It is likely the developers will appeal.

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