

The Villager

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

The Friends of St Nicholas Church, Newnham
in collaboration with St Michael's Hospice
invite you to a fascinating **talk**
by historian and author **Julie Summers**

Dressed for War

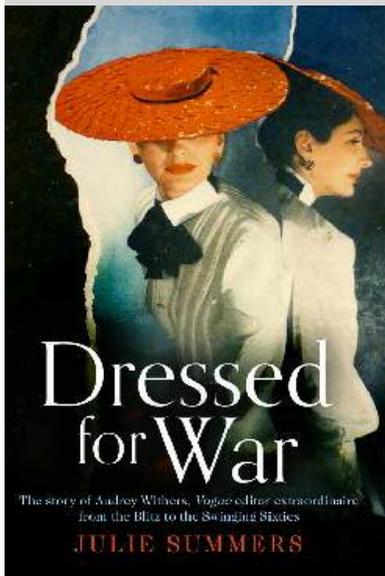
The story of Vogue editor Audrey Withers,
from the Blitz to the Swinging Sixties.

Thursday 12th May, 12 noon
Manor Farm, Newnham, near Hook

£50 per person

includes lunch, tables of 8

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On 25 September 1940, three weeks into the German Blitz on London, 35-year old Audrey Withers stepped into the shoes of her American predecessor as editor of London Vogue. Described during the war by the President of the Board of Trade as the most powerful woman in London, Audrey Withers, kept the magazine going in the toughest of circumstances. The first editions under her role as editor were put together in a bomb cellar in New Bond Street as she strove to bring out the magazine amid the ruins of the capital. As the war progressed, so Audrey's influence over the fate of Vogue grew, drawing it inexorably away from the style and preoccupations of the mothership in New York. Audrey needed her readers to believe that London Vogue had its finger on the pulse of history.

"Summers task ... was to round those pre-existing snippets, along with acres for correspondence into flesh, and she has done it superbly. Dressed for War works on so many levels"
Lucy Davies, The Daily Telegraph

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

FROM UP NATELY

There is no news from Up Nately apart from knowing several residents have offered a safe haven to any Ukrainian refugees, which reminded me of the aftermath of the massive storm on 1st February 1953, I was a little girl living in the Netherlands between The Hague and Scheveningen.

The result was that huge areas in the very Southern islands of the country, Zeeland, were completely flooded by the sea with people sitting on their roofs trying to escape drowning, it has left a huge impression on me, never to be forgotten. We had a 'flood refugee' staying with us for a few days, a young chap who never said a word, he must have been very traumatised and I was warned not to ask questions... I did not understand that at all.

At my school we collected relief items for flood victims and my favourite little cuddly toy roe deer was given for a Zeeland child, amazing how I have never forgotten that.

Thank goodness huge dams have been built since to stop any more disastrous flooding; if ever you drive through that area, take half a day and visit the fabulous information centre of Neeltje Jans, well worth it! It opened my eyes.

Let us make any Ukrainian refugees welcome! Liz Preece

NOTES FROM THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Allotment Apiary agreement signed. Watercress Beds lease prepared by solicitors for signing. Five Lanes End - estimates received for the barrier fence protecting the Beech trees.

Mapledurwell pond - barrier fence has been replaced (with metal somersault bar retained). Sleeper bridge over ditch to Down Lane replaced. Willows have been pollarded by SSE.

Tree Preservation Order request prepared by Warden Ian Maclean for the treeline on Tunworth Road south.

Up Nately Village Greenspace. Work going ahead to clear the site, re-fence and move gates. The pond has been part-cleared by resident.

Parish Lengthsman - HCC funding confirmed for 2022/23.

Playground maintenance - moss removed, needs bark topping up, and cross cutting on one of the balance beams. Tennis - new nets installed.

Jubilee tree as pictured, planted by Tree Warden, John Maclean, and Rod



BORN FREE AT THE VILLAGE HALL!

On Thursday 24th February, a full complement of 80 were entertained to a fascinating and amusing lecture by Giles Remnant. As a young man in Kenya, he had helped with the making of the film 'Born Free - Elsa the Lion Cub.' He showed us some of the memorable moments in the film interspersed with some wonderful reminiscences - both about the lions and the people involved, including, of course, the Adamson family.

The lecture was followed by several authentic Kenyan curries, much enjoyed by all concerned, and just over £1500 was raised for St Michael's Hospice.

Many thanks to Giles, Sue Smart (and her team of cooks), Martin Carfrae (ace barman and projectionist) and to the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to use the venue free of charge. The whole evening was a resounding success. Nick Paterson

THE HISTORY COFFEE MORNING was a great success on 5th March. Thank you Heather and Abbie for the teas, coffees and delicious cakes. The Ukraine donation tub collected £300.

People were very surprised at how much history was displayed in the Village Hall. It was also lovely to meet our newcomers to the parish. Welcome one and all.

If anyone has historical documents or pictures, maps etc they are willing to add to the parish archive please let Lorna Cuthill know.

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JUBILEE EVENT

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Warner. Wrought iron surround and plaque to be purchased. Agreed to order official gas-powered Jubilee Beacon for event at Village Hall.

The VH Committee has achieved funding (HCC's Parish & Town Council Investment Fund) for an Energy Efficiency Audit and Recommended Renewables Report by NFU Energy.

Greywell Road pavement - M3 to A30 - HCC boundary hedge has been cut back. Agreed Parish Lengthsman to

cut back verge twice a year.

Message from Police - again and again - is that all local policing is intelligence led. Vital for the public to report any suspicious incidents including details, number plates etc, to build evidence base for targeted policing and to achieve prosecution.

Hants Constabulary has recently circulated a QR code via which to report crimes, information and anti-social behaviour.

TENNIS The tennis courts have been cleaned, have new net posts, and are ready and waiting to be used. Please all players give the courts a brush over to help keep them clean – new brush provided. The courts are available for all residents of the parish, new players encouraged, please email hugo.cubitt@gmail.com

DIARY DATE – PARISH ASSEMBLY

A 'crisps and wine' evening

Wednesday 18 May 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Please make a date to join the Parish Assembly. This is THE opportunity for the Villages to get together and (after three years away) to hear others and share your views on what is happening in the Parish.

Please let us know of any topic you would like to raise: 07515 777060 clerk.mapledurwell@parish.hants.gov.uk or contact any member of the Parish Council.



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00676/FUL (Validated 03 Mar) High Field View, Frog Lane. Erection of a bungalow replacing concrete garage located at the north end of the land.

22/00635/ADV (Validated 25 Feb) The Hatch. Display of one externally illuminated totem sign; one illuminated painted individual letter building sign; two non-illuminated double sided post signs; one non-illuminated single sided post sign, and one illuminated single sided post sign.

22/00630/FUL and 22/00678/LBC (Validated 25 Feb) The Hatch. Minor internal and external alterations, redecoration and repairs to building; new signage; erection of two pergolas including fixed seating and external fire; erection of external bar servery; partial resurfacing of car park and installation of new gates; replace existing bridge; repaving, new bollard lights and arbors; demolition of existing garden sheds / structures and erection of new shed; new island patios with festoon lighting to garden; new fencing and associated works.

22/00212/TDC (Validated 17 Feb) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Technical Details Consent for conversion of an agricultural building to one dwelling in accordance with 20/00009/PIP. New

vehicular access from Tunworth Road. 21/03571/FUL (Granted 4 March) Lyde Court, London Road. Replacement of open-sided internal ground floor rear 35 space cycle store with a 2-bedroom flat. Transfer of the 35 displaced cycle spaces to external covered secure cycle racks. Associated minor alterations to elevations. 21/01739/LBC (Pending 14 July) Arlings Tunworth Road. Replace windows and exterior doors with new like-for-like. 21/01777/RET (Pending 24 May) Gamekeepers. Laying of hardstanding plus seven downlighters (retrospective). 21/00827/FUL (Pending 20 April) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to secure dog walking area and off road parking; gate and 1.8m fence; replace shed. 21/00427/FUL (Pending 22 Feb 2021) Land to north of Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. One x four-bedroomed dwelling, garage, access etc. 21/00107/PIP (pending 25 Jan 2021) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Permission in Principle for maximum of nine dwellings. TPO REQUEST T/00125/22/TRQ2 (Received 13 March) TPO request for three Yew trees on Tunworth Road (South).

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POLICE UPDATE FROM PCSO ANDY JONES

Report of 16th March

There has been a spike in metal theft in Basingstoke town and rural areas recently. Due to eagle-eyed members of the public a photo was obtained of the individual as well as the registration of the silver van used. The suspect was quickly identified and a marker placed on his vehicle to stop and progress.

Thames Valley police have intercepted the suspect and charged with disqualified driving which is something we were also able to confirm. Unfortunately TVP have not dealt with the thefts in question but we are aware that the individual will be attending a court on a date and time in question.

He will be dealt with for additional offences in the near future – including the theft of a radiator from Cliddesden and bolts removed from a metal fencing surrounding a property in Brown Candover. (It's believed the intention was to steal the supporting metal posts – fortunately these were concreted in.)

A report was received of a theft of a car which had been delivered from an agent selling the vehicle to a property in Brown Candover (cost of £47,425). The car has now been insured in Scotland and so followed up by another force.

At approximately 1400 hours on Saturday 5th March, police were called to Herriard with reports of trespassers on a property. Hunting saboteurs were getting in the way of the organised hunt, disrupting activities of those on the land and intimidating persons by filming them and being verbally aggressive – which ended with some pushing of persons in the process.

On 20th February a report was received of Criminal Damage caused to a wing mirror of a car. The mirror appeared to have been kicked off completely and required a full replacement.

On 12th February police received a report of Hare Coursing in Bradley. The land owner the next morning noticed tyre tracks over the land – no lines of enquiry.

Jubilee Tree – London Plane *Platanus x hispanica*
'Official photo' registered with the 'Queen's Green Canopy' see
<https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>

Newnham & Nately Scures

NEWNHAM LENT LUNCH

A very enjoyable Lent Lunch was held on the 25th March hosted by Trudy Rankin at Tithe Barn and 20 Villagers attended. Our special thanks to Trudy and her helpers for ensuring that it was a successful occasion. As a result £260 was raised which after tax recovery will increase to £325. This will all go to aid Ukrainian refugees.

Jeff Ford

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00754/HSE (Validated 10 Mar)
Snipes Wood House, Scures Hill.
Erection of first floor extension to existing garage to create home office with shower room and sauna.

22/00132/FUL (Pending 19 January)
Land Off Ridge Lane. Farm workers' dwelling for temporary period. Creation of earth bunds (2.5m max width by 1.5m max height). Permeable surfaced farm access tracks. (Part retrospective.)

21/03830/FUL (Pending 19 January)
Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Erection of one dwellinghouse with access driveway and new access on to Ridge Lane. (Replacement for approved application 20/01798/FUL.)

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

21/02135/RES (Pending 25 June 2021)
Land Adjacent Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, ref reserved matters condition 1 of 16/00097/OUT.

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

APP/H1705/W/21/3284682 (Appeal allowed 22 Feb) 21/00038/FUL Land at Blackstocks Lane. One new dwelling.

TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00056/22/TCA (Approved 22 March)
The Old House At Home. Ash tree to be reduced by 3-5 metres all over crown. Trees current height is 16 metres. Finish height to be no less than 11 metres, tree is in car park bordering next door neighbours

T/00051/22/TPO (Pending 06 Feb) The Coppice, Newnham Road. Ash tree in front garden. Repollard taking off 3 to 5m over all to previous pollard cuts.



The Iron Bull defibrillator – purchased with support from Councillor grants – is now installed

Pictured left to right: Paul Ghent from the Iron Bull; Linda Johnson, Water End resident; Ward Cllrs Sven Godesen & Onnalee Cubitt, Mayor; Parish Councillor Pauline Hedges

NOTES FROM THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To ratify decisions of 23rd November Zoom meeting

1. To oppose BDBC Local Plan Update proposal for Newnham to be a Category 4 settlement with a settlement policy boundary

2. Precept of £12,525 for 2022/23.

Public Access Defibrillators (PADs)

As supported by the 2021 Parish Assembly (held online) the Parish Council has purchased two x Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) now installed, with kind permission, at both pubs. The Parish Council received grant funding with thanks to the Clubroom, County Cllr Elaine Still and Ward Councillors. Thanks also to the Pubs for organising installation and wiring for the cabinets.

Defibrillator demonstration To thank Nick and Penny from Hartley Wintney Fire Station for demonstrations on using a defibrillator and the importance of both early intervention and dialling 999 without delay. The Iron Bull hosted two sessions – with coffee – for total of 48 people – the majority being Water End Park residents, but also from the Andwell Brewery Cafe and Hackwood Business Park.

Newnham Green working party of 9th December with Parish Lengthsman plus Volunteer group from Schröder organised via B/stoke Voluntary Action. To record thanks to all the Schröder volunteers who worked incredibly hard.

Lengthsman cleared sections of ditch with digger. Plus mowed and scarified Triangle by main pond. Work by hand included – ditch clearing; ditch banks opposite pub planted foxglove and cowslip plugs; arisings from Triangle raked and removed; wildflower plugs planted (thanks to Hatch Warren Nature Group for donating); main pond margins cleared; pond by crossroads c60% Willow saplings removed; bluebell and snowdrop bulbs planted between Crown Lane and Church Path;

weed shrubs and saplings cleared.

Metal detecting – see back page

Platinum Jubilee Extended bank holiday Thurs 2nd to Sunday 5th June <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>.

Official beacon-lighting is the Thursday evening (beacons lit 9.45pm) and the 'Jubilee lunch' promoted for Sunday.

Discussion – A Thursday evening event makes sense if people may go away for the weekend. Gas beacon not value for money and arguably not in tune with climate and energy crisis. Consider alternatives. Ideal to have the pub involved. Chairman to discuss options, Clerk to look to grant funding.

Jubilee Tree – Queen's Green canopy. The Parish Council would like to plant trees – need agreement as to location(s). Recently lost a lot of big trees around and in the Parish.

Litter and debris by A30 from Water End and through Nately Scures has increased significantly. BDBC Street Cleansing Manager 'will assess the route this week and arrange for any litter picking to be done asap'.

Newnham litter pick Sunday 20th March – part of the national Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean 2022. Thanks to Alan Richmond for organising and to all who took part.

Bus shelters Lengthsman to clean and maintenance check.

Parish Lengthsman funding from HCC confirmed for 2022/23.

Clubroom update Committee comprises Chris Alliston, Alastair Jeffries, Rosemary Richardson and Leah Stenning. All Covid restrictions lifted, only limit is the insurance maximum capacity of the Hall which is 60. Unfortunately again a prohibition on hire for teenage parties due to a problem incident when a party was gate-crashed. The Clubroom has Solar plus battery storage, and Wi-fi. CCTV also installed; recently the window double glazing units have been replaced.

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The Greening Campaign requires the support of the Parish Council to sign up – but needs the community to lead on and engage with. Idea being that big differences are achieved by multiple small actions. The Expert Advice packages – as funded by HCC – are available immediately.

Road surface repairs A30 recently closed from Water End towards Scures Hill for four nights, repairing cracks in the road both carriageways.

Road signage by the Clubroom traffic calming buildout has been renewed and rationalised under the Community -funded initiative; plus cats eyes and repainted white lines. The posts have been painted white with a rail added to make the buildout more visible, traffic cones removed.

Police message – again and again – is that all local policing is intelligence led. Vital for the public to report any suspicious activity. Noted that Newnham presently not well-positioned in terms of Policing Areas, being between the Candovers, Hart and Basingstoke (officially part of Basingstoke East) and not having a dedicated rural officer.

Tea-time activities for children Sunday 24th April, St Nicholas'

Join Helen Chatfield for activities with children at 3pm and/or the church service at 4.30pm. There will be refreshments and we would like to see everybody. For more details about the activities nearer the time please contact Helen (07540 140 228) to join the Children's Church WhatsApp group.

DIARY DATE – PARISH ASSEMBLY Wednesday 11th May 7pm Clubroom

Please make a date to join the Parish Assembly. This is THE opportunity for the Villages to get together and (after three years away) to hear others and share your views on what is happening in the Parish.

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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

A celebration will be held on Newnham Green on the Thursday 2nd June

joining national events co-ordinated for beacon-lighting

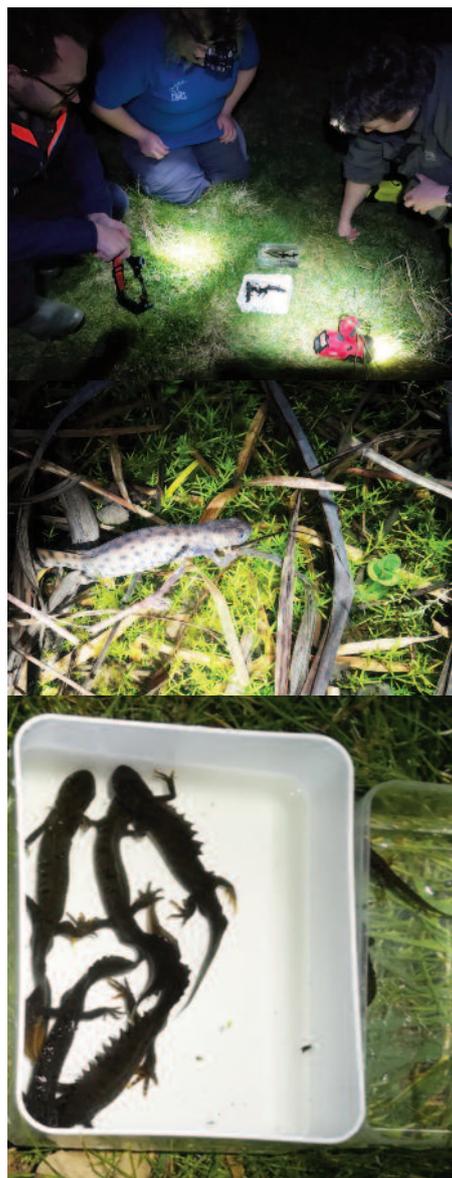


With thanks to Donna & Chris, the Old House at Home will organise and host the catering

- o An afternoon event/picnic for children details tbc
- o Coronation Chicken supper to be ordered in advance (bookings open from now 01256 761896) £15 a head to include a glass of house wine.

Official beacon lighting (planning for a bonfire beacon) is 9.45pm

ALL WELCOME More details to follow



NEWNHAM PONDS

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Amphibian and Reptile Group have been working to remove some of the growth of the non-native New Zealand Pygmyweed (*Crassula helmsii*) over the last couple of years. This is aimed at controlling the growth of this invasive plant and to increase the open water for the protected Great Crested newt.

Last year we trialled the removal of turves of the *Crassula* along a 30m section and made follow up visits to a 15m section to remove all new shoots. So far this seems to be a success and we hope to hit the *Crassula* harder at the end of this year. There are two factors limiting the work we can do; the legal protection of the Great Crested newts mean that we can only work in the water when the newts are not present (although we could apply for a licence, this would be more onerous for a volunteer group) and we need to follow set protocols for removing the *Crassula* which is a prohibited plant under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

As to the Great Crested newt population, we have seen the population grow from an average peak count of 30-40 adults in 2019/20 to 50-80 adults so far this year. The peak counts are only the adults we see at a given time and only for about 70% of the bank which means we are looking at over 100 breeding adults if we carry that figure across for the whole bank. A peak count of 100+ Great Crested newts is considered to be an 'exceptional' population. We are hoping to survey more ponds in the area and I would be keen to hear from residents in the Village and surrounding area if they would allow me to visit after dark to shine a torch in their ponds or waterbodies.

This would allow us to consider the wider population, called a metapopulation, and could possible open up new possibilities for the Parish Council if we can prove a wider exceptional metapopulation. Please email me on petewest@hotmail.com if you would consider allowing me to survey your pond over the coming weeks.

Pete West, Amphibian Officer, HIWARG
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Conservation Through Empathy by Engagement

Newnham Green metal detecting finds – see back page

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FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

As I write this, it is Day 16 of the invasion of Ukraine. Daily we see more

and more distressing images of bombed hospitals, people displaced from their homes, children and adults brutally killed and injured, and already more than two million Ukrainian refugees fleeing the country to Poland and other European countries.

As we look on, it is easy to feel helpless and powerless in the face of such suffering. However, there is one thing we can all do, and that is to pray.

But how might we pray? One of the most well-known prayers in the world, the Lord's Prayer, was taught by Jesus to his followers in the first century, and it's recorded in the Bible in Matthew's gospel:

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, As we forgive
those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*

One of the most striking phrases, which is often overlooked, is this: 'Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

Jesus, the Son of God, included this potent request so that we might ask for something better on earth. And it also raises the question that is often asked: 'Where is God in the midst of all this suffering?' A question that many are asking at the moment.

A recent initiative has been launched called 'Try Praying' (trypraying.co.uk), and the booklet they have produced helpfully explores this question of suffering like this:

'The phrase "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" turns on its head a common misunderstanding. When things go wrong people blame God. When suffering occurs people often think it is God's will. But what Jesus said kicks that into touch. It says God's will is often NOT being done! It's a mess and God is not happy with it. Bad stuff happens – really bad stuff.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL INTO MAY

Sunday 3 April	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am, St Mary's Greywell, Morning Service (with Baptism)
Sunday 10 April	9am, St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said) 9am, St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)
Thursday 14 April (Maundy Thursday)	7.30pm, All Saints' Odiham, Holy Communion with Tenebrae
Friday 15 April (Good Friday)	11am, St Swithun's Nately Scures, Good Friday Reflection
Sunday 17 April (Easter Sunday)	8 30am, St Swithun's Nately Scures, BCP Holy Communion 9am, St Mary's Greywell, Family Service 10am, St Stephen's Up Nately, Family Service 11am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am, St Nicholas' Newnham, Family Communion
Sunday 24 April	11am, St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Service 4.30pm, St Nicholas' Newnham, Tea-time Service
Sunday 1 May	9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am, Greywell Morning Service

CHORAL EVENSONG AT UPTON GREY

4.30PM ON SUNDAY MAY 1ST

We're delighted to be welcoming the Choir of Queen's College Oxford to sing a full Choral Evensong at St Mary's Church Upton Grey.

The service is open to all and will be followed by refreshments. Queen's Oxford are joint Patrons of St Mary's Upton Grey. Evensong is a beautiful traditional service and Queen's College Choir are not to be missed! We look forward to welcoming you.

Simon and the Churchwardens of Upton Grey

'This kind of language makes us realise things are not right. We live on a beautiful planet, but there are serious problems. It is occupied by a flawed human race. At times we all do appalling things that bring suffering to others. In addition, Jesus mentions circumstances and influences that test us and he says there is an 'evil one'. So instead of laying the blame for bad stuff at God's door we should put blame where it really belongs.

'We are invited to pray for God's kingdom to come; something which will make life on earth better. We can ask that things here would change and for God's will to be done instead. God's ultimate purposes will be fulfilled, and he will right all wrongs. Not only that, but he is not uncaring as we face suffering, he is compassionate – which he showed so powerfully by coming amongst us in the person of Jesus and dying for us on the cross.'

May I encourage us all to pray more and more? How about we all as a community commit ourselves to praying this, the Lord's Prayer, each

day, as we lift up to God the people of Ukraine, and pray for peace in that land, and protection and healing for all concerned.

Please do also join us in our regular prayer vigils at All Saints' Church, Odiham – and around the 12 churches in our local network (the benefice) - that we have recently started in response to this conflict. After one of these prayer vigils, someone remarked to me afterwards that they had felt in our midst a real sense of power – overcoming what they had previously felt of being powerless and helpless in the face of such suffering.

As St Paul said to the early Christian church in Thessalonika '...pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.'

Prayer is something we can all do, God tells us to do it, and it changes things!

With best wishes
Chris
Rev'd Chris Dudgeon
Vicar, All Saints Odiham
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Helen Chatfield
 Youth Pastor
 More to Life network of Churches
 North Hampshire Downs Benefice

KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

So what do dog food, nappies and tooth brushes all have in common? This afternoon it was that they were among the mountain of things which six young people from Robert May's sorted into specific categories, before they were shipped off to various organisations working with Ukrainian refugees*.

It was a long evening, and we sorted through a lot of bags. We were all blown away by people's generosity, and it reminded me of a passage in the Bible where God is talking to Christians, and he says:

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the people asked, but when did we do that? God's answer is in this puzzle – can you work it out? Each number represents a letter. See which number represents each letter and unlock the answer (but if that's too hard, I've put it at the bottom of the page!).

God challenges us that there are lots of people in the world who aren't as fortunate as us, for example people from Ukraine and other countries who are running away from war and famine. It's really important to God that we look after them and love them, so important that he says it's like doing it to him!

So next time you see someone, on TV or in the street, who needs your help, imagine that they are actually Jesus and whatever you do is like doing the same to God. Will change how you behave...?

God Bless and see you next time! Helen C



* Refugees are people who have had to leave their homes because it isn't safe to stay there any more.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On 8th March we celebrated International Women's Day and the theme this year was #BreakTheBias – a push towards a gender equal world that is free of bias, discrimination and stereotypes against women.

Mothers' Union has worked to promote gender equality for many years, particularly in less-well developed countries around the world.

For example, in many African countries, girls have very limited access to education which makes them vulnerable to exploitation. Mothers' Union organises local literacy groups where women can learn basic literacy and

numeracy skills, and as a result they are able to earn money to support their families.

You can find out about the range of the work of Mothers' Union at www.mothersunion.org.

Our branch normally meets on the third Tuesday of the month, but in April this falls just after Easter and so we will meet instead on Tuesday 26th April. We plan to meet in the church for a social evening including our branch AGM.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk.

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Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

WHAT'S ON FOR FAMILIES...

Friday 15th April GOOD FRIDAY KIDS' WORKSHOP St Mary's Upton Grey 9.30-11am (followed by a short service)

Sunday 17th April EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA St Andrew's S W/borough 3-4.30 (followed by a short service)

Saturday 18th June WHO LET THE DADS OUT Venue TBC 10-12.00 (including bacon butties!)

Mon 8th - Fri 12th Aug MORE TO LIFE HOLIDAY CLUB Church Meadow, Upton Grey

Wednesday 31st August MESSY SUMMER Venue & Timings TBC

METAL DETECTING FINDS – NEWNHAM GREEN

The metal detectorist recently working on the Green with the permission of the Malmesbury Trust has uncovered coins, many being George V, also a large portion of an engraved cow belt. Finds have been reported to the Hampshire Finds Liaison Officer



NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Next Meeting in North Warnborough Village Hall on Thursday 28th April, 2.30pm.

Our Speaker will be Barry Newman on Vegetable Growing.

Competitions 1. Five Specimen Tulips. 2. An arrangement of anything currently flowering in your Garden.

Visitors are very welcome.

<https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

Hook Choral Society Spring Concert



Saturday 23rd April at 7.30pm

Mozart's Coronation Mass & Faure's Requiem

All Saints' Church Odiham RG29 1LZ

Hook Choral Society directed by Nicholas Woods with Organist Andrew Baars Soloists Lily Baars and Matthew Ibbison.

Tickets: £14 (£12.50 for groups of two or more adults) available from www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk or ring 07957 293641 or choir members and also on the door.

www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk



WOMEN'S SECTION ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Spring Sale 9th April from 2 to 4pm, RBL Hall, Old Basing

with the opportunity to have a delicious cream tea, as well as get yourself a bargain. On sale will be jewellery, books, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, toys, crafts – there is a stall selling choco-bombs and lollies – and the chance to win a super prize on our tombola stall.

Entry will be £4.50 including cream tea, £1 for entry with tea or coffee or 50p entry with no refreshments. All proceeds to the Royal British Legion, look forward to seeing you.

14 April - Committee Meeting 7.30pm
28 April - General Meeting 7.30pm

New members very welcome.

Competition a holiday photo.

Sue Wilson, Publicity

THE IVY CLUB – JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE

At a recent bring and buy sale we had a number of jigsaw puzzles left over, and after making a few enquiries, I was surprised how many people during lock-down turned to being puzzlers. So after getting the grey cells working we thought it would be good to start a jigsaw puzzle exchange programme, and if a success open it up to the villages.

How it would work is on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month – ie for April 6th & 20th Club-time which is 1.30 until 4pm – you can bring a jigsaw along and exchange is for one of ours, paying just £1.

Of course if anyone has some jigsaw puzzles they would like to donate to us they would be gratefully received. Let's hope it is a success. Please think about joining us on a Wednesday, the only criteria being 'bring a mug' for your cuppa.

We are also looking to have another 'coach outing' deciding whether it will be Bath or Wells so, as they say, watch this space. Sue Wilson, Chairman 01256 328 96.

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