

The Villager

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

BDBC HOUSING FIGURES: 'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'

The demonstration outside the Council Offices on 2nd September targeting BDBC's Economic & Housing Committee (EPH) meeting was widely reported.

At a follow-up meeting on 16th September EPH Councillors agreed unanimously to 'not support the required housing figure of 17,820 homes'. (To note that, of the 17.820 'required', 10,117 are already committed.)

However the Councillors voted six to five against 'refusing to accept or discuss the contents of the Report including the Site Selection Appendix'. In reality the Report on housing figures and its Appendix continues unchanged.

BDBC, as the Local Planning Authority, is faced with accommodating the housing targets imposed by Central Government according to latest Government 'Standard Methodology'. The message from our MP, Maria Miller, is that it is up to the Local Planning Authority to build their case to contest these figures and prove 'exceptional circumstances'.

Basingstoke in the last decade has been an area of high growth, breeding higher growth (ref the 'South East Diamonds for Investment & Growth' (SEdfIG) Partnership August 2010). Speakers at a Community 'Environment' meeting hosted recently by Maria Miller – from Thames Water and HIWWT – agreed on the pressure on our Chalk Aquifers and the 'very small' river Loddon, a fragile Chalk Stream and internationally rare habitat.

Basingstoke in recent years has over-contributed housing numbers compared to other Local Authorities. It has past reached a stage where these numbers are putting unsustainable and harmful pressure on our river and aquifers.

Please consider writing to our MP to say 'enough is enough'. Protection and the recovery of Basingstoke's Natural Environment – our Chalk Aquifers and Chalk Stream – must come before more housing can be allocated.

Please also urge our MP to support a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for the Lyde and Loddon Valley.

See... <https://naturalengland.blog.gov.uk/2021/08/27/shaping-the-future-of-nature-recovery-developing-local-nature-recovery-strategies/>

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/local-nature-recovery-strategies/>



POLICING PAST

Dear Residents,
In response to last month's article, it appears that there is an interest in

past policing and law enforcement of the area. As such please find below similar details of yesteryear.

It is interesting as some subjects in society do seem to go around in circles. Last month I highlighted the problem with speeding motorists on the now A30. This month we have – albeit not a policing issue – the vaccination of children against smallpox and details for two of many people across the county who went to their local magistrates' court to seek exemptions.

Private summons could also result in people having to attend their local magistrates' court as seen below.

Basingstoke Divisional Petty Sessions on October 7th 1903, Mr Wake of Upton Grey applied to the bench for a certificate of exemption from vaccination in respect of his child, Dorothy Wake. The applicant stated he had a conscientious objection to his child being vaccinated, having lost a child before as a result of – he suspected – being vaccinated. He admitted his child was healthy and did not say that the child died in consequence of being vaccinated.

At the same court Alice Baker also applied for a certificate of exemption from vaccination in respect of her child. She too objected to vaccination on conscientious grounds, believing it to be injurious to the child's health. She had two other children who were not vaccinated. In both cases a certificate of exemption was granted.

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LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (LPU)

National guidance now promotes an 'on-going cycle of plan making and review'; there is a legal requirement to review Plans every five years. BDBC agreed in May 2019 to start the preparation of a Local Plan Update (LPU).

The new Plan period will be extended up to 2039 as national guidance requires plans to look 15 years ahead.

LPU TIMETABLE

Issues & Options consultation:	Completed	Autumn 2020
Consultation on Draft Local Plan (Reg 18)		Spring 2022
The Draft will set out a 'preferred strategy for accommodating growth'.		
Consultation on Draft Local Plan proposed submission version (Reg19)		Winter 2022
Draft Plan Submission (Reg 22) to Secretary of State for examination by a Planning Inspector		Spring 2023
Examination and 'main modifications' examination in public including public hearings		Summer 2023
Adoption		Spring 2024

HOUSING REQUIREMENT

Housing need is now calculated at National level using the 'standard method' reflecting Government intention to boost supply. This gives c900dpa (dwellings per annum) and so based on a longer Plan Period to 2039 the total housing figure would be 16,200 homes (900 x 18 years). Taking account of existing allocations this gives an outstanding requirement of c7,700 homes.

BOROUGH HOUSING 'REQUIREMENT' OVER THE LPU PERIOD UP TO 2039

'Need'	
Standard methodology (900 x 18 years from 2021/22 to 2038/39)	16,200
Plus 10% = total...	17,820
Supply	
Commitments (dwellings with planning permission)	4,387
Continuation of small site windfall (50 x 15 years)	750
Remaining allocations in Local Plan (includes 2,000 outside current plan period)	4,255
Remaining allocations in neighbourhood plans	225
Other allocations (Basing View and Winklebury)	500
Total Supply	10,117
Outstanding requirement (sites to be allocated)	7,703

POLICING PAST *Cont from pg 1*

Go further back and we find that Thomas Moody, who was a servant to his Master Mr. Platt of Up Nately, appeared before the Divisional Petty Sessions on June 21st 1847, after Mr Platt took out a summons against him for his misbehaviour whilst in his service. He was fined 10s (£40.09).

Albeit not in our area, on April 9th 1862 the Basingstoke Magistrates heard a case in which a man named Holland, was charged with disturbing, during service, the minister and congregation of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, at Charter-alley, Monk Sherborne, by laughing and talking. He was fined 6s (£17.74) and in default committed to prison for 14 days.

It appears that there was an organised system of disturbance at this chapel, greatly to the annoyance of those who attended. A similar case had come before the Magistrates previously and the offenders were fined.

In the present case a small penalty only was inflicted, the offence not being of a very aggravated character, but the Bench being determined to prevent a recurrence of such disgraceful conduct expressed a determination of dealing with any other offender much more severely.

And finally on September 2nd 1903, George Pithers from North Warnborough, was summonsed for having been drunk at Up Nately. PC Horne from Upton Grey, told the magistrates that he found him lying in the road asleep. On waking him he found he was drunk and quite incapable of taking care of himself and so the officer took him home. The night was very dark. Mr. Pithers was fined 10s and costs of 6s.6d (£25.54).

With best wishes, Andrew Reid

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

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



**MACMILLAN
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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

FIREWORKS With the evenings drawing in, it's not long until bonfire night. 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.

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Village Hall grounds Agreed 10-year contract with Chineham Tigers to enable grants to improve the pitch.

The Village Hall Committee will encourage use of the Old Car Park for those hiring the Village Hall

Public Liability insurance is needed for anyone using the village hall grounds for an 'event' or 'activities' eg BBQs.

Thanks to Kevin Rafferty for monthly playground inspections. The RoSPA annual inspection will be within the next few weeks.

The Village Hall has a good working committee of five. No response to advertising for Caretaker but temporary arrangements are in place. Undertaking full fire risk assessment. In need of a bookings secretary.

Bonfire and fireworks risk assessment revised, insurers notified.

Jubilee 2022 To consider beacon. Also a tree for each Village – to discuss with Tree Warden.

Chalk Stream Additional flow will be diverted into the Stream at the head of the Watercress beds (by allotment south gate). The new island will benefit from dense planting to out-compete the Monkey Flower.

Frog Lane verges Lengthsman has completed shoring up the verge with sandbags by allotment north gate – backfilled with scalping and top soil, seeded. To add a single rail protective fence across the road from the gate.

Mapledurwell Pond Thanks to Denham family for work hand-clearing.

Up Nately Village Green Estimate received for Ground Works.

Phone box Re-painted with thanks to David Bone and Alan Cooper.

Five Lanes End Upton Grey Parish Council have no objection to Mapledurwell repairing the single rail fence protecting the Beech trees.

Pavement Greywell Road M3 to the Hatch / Hollies. Overgrowth is blocking the pavement and a hazard – to log on the HCC website.

Local Plan Update see front page.

Local Policing update Letter of introduction from PCC Donna Jones. Chairman to respond with Parish Councillor's questions.

Thanks to PCSO Andy Jones from the Rural South beat, who is taking an interest in the Parish (and Newnham Parish), advising Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators he his happy to be contacted and kept informed.

Next meeting 7pm, 17th November.

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Please continue to report all crime and suspicious incidents through the correct process:

For non emergency online (report a crime/ASB to Hampshire Constabulary)
<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/> or tel 101.

Use 999 in cases of emergency.



THANK YOU to David Bone and Alan Cooper for the fresh coat of paint

FROG LANE ALLOTMENTS

THERE IS ONE ALLOTMENT AVAILABLE

If you are interested in taking an allotment, now or in the future, please contact clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk to register your interest.

THE VILLAGE HALL is looking for a
BOOKINGS SECRETARY
and a **CARETAKER**.

If you are interested please email
mandunvillagehall@gmail.com

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/02747/HSE (Validated 22 Sept) 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 south, west and east. Alterations to access; installation of sewage treatment plant and soakaway.

21/02435/HSE (Validated 03 Sep 2021) Meadows Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of two storey front extension, single storey rear extensions and alterations to external fenestration.

21/02537/GPDOFF (Validated 03 August) Riverview House, London Road. Notification of proposed change of use from Class B1(a) office to Class C3 residential, consisting of 8 x one-bed flats. (As refused application 20/02087/GPDOFF.)

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 existing windows and exterior doors with new like-for-like design.



FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Quiz Night 3rd December
Book Sale/wine/nibbles night TBC

Please get in touch to be included on our mailing list

TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL Contact
mandunvillagehall@gmail.com



A BIG THANK YOU...

Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall Committee wish to thank all those who joined us for the Coffee, Cake and Book Sale as well as those who donated books and baked cakes! A resounding success with a terrific turnout! Together we raised over £500 for the MacMillan Cancer Support.



THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, the Parish Council planted an Orchard of four thriving apple trees on the western end of the recreation ground.

One suggestion for the Platinum Jubilee 2022 is to balance this with a fine tall tree such as a London Plane, growing on the other side of the ground. A young Plane tree is shown in this illustration of the site together with its attractive bark and leaves.

The aim would be to get a specimen around 10 ft high and surround it with a light frame for its protection and for training lower branches. The London Plane is very efficient at capturing carbon. It is fast growing, deciduous, and a popular choice for many large gardens and country parks. In towns the tree is often pruned but where it grows freely, it develops large twisting branches and displays a magnificent crown.

What are *Villager* reader's views on this project? There may be other sites to explore in our respective Parishes. Please send your suggestions including those for any alternative commemoration, to clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk

John Maclean, Tree Warden to Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council
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21/01951/HSE (Pending 13 July) Elm Cottage, Tunworth Road. Erection of garage and home office with loft room over following demolition of existing double garage.

21/01777/RET (Pending 24 May) Gamekeepers. Laying of handstanding plus 7 x low-level, bat-friendly 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, floor plan alterations, associated works.

21/01441/FUL (granted 3rd September) Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of one single storey dwelling. (Replacement application for 20/01675/FUL granted 9th Sept 2020.)

21/01095/ROC (granted 9th Sept) Gamekeepers. Variation of condition 1 of 19/01351/FUL to allow change from tarmac to gravel parking area.

21/01103/FUL (granted 24th Sept) Southville, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. New 3-bedroom chalet bungalow, following demolition of existing.

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 a maximum of nine dwellings.

20/03328/FUL (granted 17th September) Waterside, Frog Lane. Redevelopment of offices to create two family dwellings.

TREE APPLICATION

T/00474/21/TCA (Validated 14 Sept) 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.

Newnham & Nately Scures



PHOTOS: Nigel Bell

HARVEST SUPPER

All residents of Newnham and Nately Scures are warmly invited to The 2021 Harvest Supper 7pm Friday 15th October Manor Farm Barn, Crown Lane, Newnham

Free entry but you are asked to contribute a dish (main, side, or dessert) and bring a place setting (plate, cutlery, bowl)

Drinks and glasses will be available for a suggested donation.

Raffle and Auction of Promises with proceeds to St Nicholas church

For everyone's safety please take a Covid lateral flow test before coming and if you are unwell please do not attend.

Any questions or to book your place please email trudy@rankinfamily.com or call 07975 957960

Please hurry, places are limited



Also please join us at the **HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE** 4pm Sunday 17th October St Nicholas' Newnham
Cake and refreshments will be served after the service
ALL WELCOME



NEWNHAM BBQ ON THE GREEN

After 18 months of Covid and lockdowns and stay at home everything... we got the Newnham BBQ back! AND a lovely sunny afternoon... hurray!!

We all needed a chance to see each other again! No better way than the BBQ – drinks & burgers and lovely salads, AND cakes, and cakes and cakes! Plus the essentia tombola, seeds / plants, entrepreneurs corner...and zorb balls difficult to beat?!

Thank you to everybody who came and joined in, and to all those who made it happen... Carolyn Peck, Chris Bingham, Helen Chatfield and your teams. A spectacular £1,160 was raised towards keeping 900-year-old St Nicholas' Newnham standing and functioning.



PHOTOS: Joanna Bell

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – DRAFT SETTLEMENT STUDY

NEWNHAM SETTLEMENT POLICY BOUNDARY

The Local Plan Update Issues & Options Consultation held at the end of last year included questions on Part I of the Draft Settlement Study which detailed the 'hierarchy' of settlements within the borough.

Newnham was not, and has never been, included in the settlement hierarchy – being considered a hamlet and, in planning terms, as all in the Open Countryside.

BDBC Planning has subsequently reconsidered, and included Newnham as a Category 5 settlement (small village). It will be published as such in the next draft, Part 2, of the Settlement Study.

BDBC's response to Parish Council's initial questions is...

'Following the Issues & Options consultation, the LPA [Local Planning Authority] reviewed the process by which settlements were scoped into the study. This took into account settlement size (population), facilities and services, and proximity to facilities and services in other settlements.'

'The threshold for Category 5 (small village) is that it has a population of 150 residents, and services and facilities within the village that provide at least two of four identified 'key' facilities – community, retail, education, social. If the settlement contains only two of these functions, a third must be accessible within 5km.'

'The population of the village was determined using the Hampshire County Council Small Area Population Forecast (including adults and children) and based upon the village's main built up area. The facilities and services identified are the village hall and the Old House at Home, with a primary school and retail facilities identified within 5km (in Hook). For this reason, the settlement has been included as a 'small village' in the draft study.'

BDBC has invited comment on its draft outline for a Settlement Policy Boundary (SPB) as illustrated. The Parish Council is responding to challenge Newnham's inclusion as a Category 5 settlement and to dispute the boundary.



The Settlement Study is due to be discussed at Economic, Planning & Housing Committee (EPH) on November 18th.

The present Local Plan Policy SS5 imposes a housing allocation on Category 5 Settlements of at least 10 houses (in one development inside the boundary or in developments of at least five outside and adjacent to the boundary). This is in addition to 'windfall' permissions of less than five houses.

Newnham hasn't been given a housing allocation for Part 2 of the Study; this will likely change in time, perhaps at the next five-year review.

POND CLEARING SEPTEMBER 2021

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG)

We have been surveying Newnham Pond since 2019, mainly due to the presence of Great Crested Newts (a protected species), but also because the pond contains a good population of all three native species of newts.

The pond is also home to a large assemblage of invertebrates, with several species of dragonfly and damselfly, mayflies, a good range of water beetles, several different families of aquatic true bugs, at least two families of spiders associated with wetland (long jawed orb weavers and otter/pirate spiders) and the more commonly found water slaters and freshwater shrimp. Not forgetting your mating pair of resident moorhen who sit at the top of the food chain, the sheer diversity of the pond make it one of the best 'village' type ponds that I survey in the Hart and BDBC areas.

Plants... there is a good selection of native aquatic plants, *but* one species which is not welcome, is the highly invasive, non-native *Crassula helmsii* (New Zealand Pygmyweed). It is a fantastic oxygenator but forms a dense, tangled growth of stems underwater, sometimes creating large mats on the water surface, eventually suffocating the pond.

As the Summer starts to wind down

into Autumn, HIWARG begins to look at management tasks we can take on for the land managers of our survey sites. Earlier this year we agreed we would work on reducing the growth of *Crassula* as the water level drops. The presence of Great Crested Newts (GCN) means that we can't work in the pond itself (in the water) until November, which can often be too late.

Eight HIWARG members turned up to dig out 'turves' of *Crassula* to expose the seed bank and encourage other native plants to grow next year. We removed roughly a 2m strip of *Crassula* around 60% of the pond margin, avoiding plants in the deeper water due to a possible presence of GCN.



Great Crested Newt larvae (tadpoles) about to change into miniature adults who will then leave the pond for two to three years before they mature

Did we succeed in beating back the *Crassula*? Unfortunately not! Fragments will and some roots will remain but it will be significantly weakened. We are planning 'Crassula Bashing the Sequel' to hit the rest of the growth and also the Bur-reed in November.

I'll also be back from time to time spot checking for regrowth.

If you see me loitering around the pond, please feel free to come over and chat if you have any questions.

Pete West HIWARG

THANK YOU also to the Old House at Home for free lunch time refreshment

PHOTOS: Pete West

Newnham page continues overleaf...



ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE BIKE RIDE

A big thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the St Michael's cycle ride. Normally we collect around £300+ but on this occasion it was a massive £1,020. Special thanks to Carolyn for organising PayPal for us and to one sponsor from 5,000 miles away who helped us break the £1,000 barrier! The net is widening!

Team Newnham
John, Chris, Joanna, Angela

NEWNHAM PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

21/02731/AGPD (Approved 16th Sept) Land at Wild Green Acres Ridge Lane. Erection of an agricultural portal frame building.

21/02676/HSE (Validated 16 August, 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, London Road, Water End. Part demolition of the existing house/ garage, replacement with a three storey side extension with a detached replacement garage with first floor accommodation over, new entrance gates, altered access, new windows.

21/02600/HSE (Validated 06 August) Balmacara, Newnham Rd. Replacement garage, entrance porch.

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

21/01848/FUL (Granted 17th Sept) Land to rear of Nately Place, Scures Hill. Erection of one x 6-bed dwelling with associated garage and access.

21/02159/PIP (Granted 10th September) Land on West Side of Nately Towers, Scures Hill. Permission in Principle for one dwelling.

21/01670/FUL (Refused 22nd September) Land at Blackstocks Lane. Erection of one dwelling.

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 (pending 25th Jan) 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 in bound 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.

OWENS FARM APPLICATION

21/01048/OUT (Pending 29 April) Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Application for (a) Outline development for retirement care living development of up to 160 units etc; (b) change of use of agricultural land to Suitable Alternative Green Space (SANG) with sustainable drainage pond. Agreed expiry date 31st October.

Church Notices

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From the Parish Registers

Wedding 11th September
Christian Thing and Anna Standage
St Mary's Greywell.

Funerals
17th August Flora Macphee
St Nicholas' Newnham

24th August, Steven Jacob
St Nicholas' Newnham

9th September, Chris Pomroy
St Nicholas' Newnham

24th September, David Barker
St Stephen's Up Nately

29th September, Dawn Stanley
St Mary's Mapledurwell.

Interment of Ashes

7th September, Caroline Row
St Swithun's, Nately Scures

8th September, Constance Stocks
St Stephen's Up Nately.

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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.stmichaelhospice.org.uk



North Hampshire Downs Mother's Union

We had a great time at RAF Families Day on 14th August serving refreshments to service personnel and their families, and I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed cakes for this event.

We are also delighted that in September we were able to reopen our Child Contact Centre in the centre of Basingstoke. This project supports families where the parents are estranged, and allows the children to meet their non-resident parent in a safe and welcoming space. Unfortunately, because we are short of volunteers at the moment we can only open the centre once a month on a Sunday afternoon. We would love to be able to run sessions twice a month (as we did before COVID) and our aim is to ask volunteers to help about once every six weeks as one of a team of four or more people. If you are interested in helping us with this project, then please contact me and I can tell you more about what is involved.

By the time to read this, we will have met in church for the first time for 18 months to enjoy a bring and share supper. We hope to continue to meet in person in All Saints Church in Odiham, and our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th October at 7:30pm. For more information please contact me.

Sue Murphy, 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk.





FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

The last 18 months of the pandemic have been very strange times. It is only now that most of the restrictions have lifted and some elements of 'normal life' have resumed, that we've been able to see how much has changed.

Aside from the tragic loss of so many lives, one thing that seems to be widely felt is a sense of confusion and disorientation that the pandemic has brought about. It has been easy to lose our sense of what is most important in life, and even what life is all about.

Across our Benefice Churches at the moment we are wrestling with just this issue. We're spending some weeks looking at the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, and much of the book reflects on these questions. The writer is struggling with the issues: he says: 'meaningless, meaningless, all is meaningless... What do people gain from all their toils under the sun?'

Ecclesiastes raises the questions that the New Testament answers. Meaning is found not 'under the sun' but in the Son, Jesus Christ. It is through him that we can truly know God and be known by Him, and this is where we find meaning, and the hope of abundant life now and eternal life beyond.

Jesus said: 'This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent' (John 17:3). A few days ago a friend of mine posted online this remarkable photo of a mountain goat.

He mentioned that there is one thing he loves about this image. It's not the fact that this mountain goat is about to make a massive leap, that if done wrongly could alter the rest of his life... It's not the fact that he even had enough faith to do so!

What he loves is that the goat's eyes are focused on one thing only - his final destination. He's not looking down wondering if he is going to fall to his death. He's not looking behind him regretting the decision he made, wondering what would happen if he took a different route to his final destination.



His focus is on one thing only – the other side.

And this is so true in our own lives. We find meaning once again as we fix our eyes on God. Not distracted by looking down or behind or around, but focused on him.

As we come out of lockdown, one of the best ways

of fixing our eyes on God, is by worshipping him in church each Sunday. I know from my own experience that the lockdown has meant that we have become out of the habit of meeting together to worship on Sundays. But I've heard so many people over the last few weeks reflecting that as they have come back to church, so they have re-discovered God's love for them, they have found a fresh purpose and peace in their lives, and the confusion of the pandemic has receded. So if you're not already back in the habit of church on Sundays – why not give it a try now! Across the benefice, we've got a wonderful choice of services – both informal and traditional – check out our website for more info www.moretolife.church/calendar.

With best wishes, Chris.

Revd Chris Dudgeon, Vicar, All Saints' Odiham chris@moretolife.church

COME AND TRY ALPHA...

There's never been a better time to do Alpha!

We will be starting a new Alpha course on **Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm at 43 High Street, Odiham**, and we'd be delighted if you'd like to join us. Why not come for the first session and see what you think.

To book a or for more info please contact Chris and Pauline Dudgeon on 01256 702918, email chris@moretolife.church

Further info at moretolife.church/alpha

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Do join us for the intro evening on **Wed 6th October, 7.30pm at 43 High Street, Odiham**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss the Christian faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment.

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We start with coffee (or supper when we're face-to-face, followed by a short video, and a time for questions.



CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

DATE	9AM	11AM	4PM	4.30PM	5PM
Sunday 3rd October	St Mary's Mapledurwell Harvest	St Mary's Greywell Harvest			
Sunday 10th October	St Stephen's Up Nately BCP Holy Communion			St Nicholas' Newnham Tea Time Service Helen Chatfield	
Sunday 17th October	St Mary's Greywell CW Holy Communion	St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Newnham Harvest		St Swithun's Nately Scures Evensong
Sunday 24th October	St Nicholas' Newnham BCP Holy Communion	St Stephen's Up Nately Morning Service			
Sunday 31st October	All Saints' Odiham Benefice Service CW Holy Communion				
Sunday 7th November	St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Communion	St Mary's Greywell Morning Service			

NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

We are hoping to hold our Meeting on Thursday 28th October, North Warnborough Village Hall, 2.10pm for a 2.30pm start.

We are delighted to be welcoming Sandy Worth as our Speaker on 'A Passion for Poppies'.

The competitions will be:

- Five Stems of Michaelmas Daisies.
- A Vase of Late Colour from Your Garden.

Club Information and News can now be found at our new website:

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

Visitors are very welcome to join us.

We are a friendly Club whose members share an enthusiasm for gardens and gardening.

For further info call 01252 843848

PROPOSAL FOR A NEW AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

This began as a proposal for 'Valued Landscape' status to help counter the Upper Swallick garden village concept. It is now gaining strength as a CPRE proposal for a 'linking' Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to join up the protected areas of Chalk Downland. As the maps below – the North Hampshire Downs lies between the AONB North Wessex Downs and Surrey Hills – then on to the Kent Downs and High Weald – 'the Big Chalk'.



Indicative boundary for the proposed North Hampshire Downs AONB

This boundary line is a rough guide only (drawn with a mouse on a screen). It has been subject to a number of changes with the potential to change again.

A version of the Proposal was submitted to BDBC Full Council meeting of March of this year where it failed to gain the support of Councillors whose Wards are outside the proposed Area. Hampshire CPRE and STaNHd however are continuing to promote the concept. The Parish Council Chairmen of Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Winslade have written a joint letter to all other Parish Councils within the suggested AONB seeking their support.

As the map stands at present the M3 is the dividing line from J5 to J7. Up Nately and the majority of Mapledurwell would therefore come within the AONB (as would Greywell) while parts of Andwell and all of Newnham Parish would not.

The Parish Councils welcome your thoughts and comments on the proposal. Please email clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk or to clerk.newnham@parish.hants.gov.uk, as applicable.

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'MORE POLICE, SAFER STREETS' POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

Hants Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones has a consultation on Priorities in her 'More Police, Safer Streets' Police and Crime Plan. She invites everyone to share their thoughts through the survey at:

<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90375152/Police-Crime-Plan-Survey>

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