

# The Villager

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

## POLICE SEEK TO MAKE REPORTING EASIER

Hampshire Constabulary is pleased to be able to share a new QR code for members of the local community to report crimes, information and anti-social behaviour.

Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera and select one of three options: 1. Report a crime; 2. Something you've seen or heard or, 3. Report anti-social behaviour. You can still report an incident via the website link, calling 101 (or 999 if it is an emergency). 'Hampshire Constabulary wishes to thank members of the local community for reporting incidents to us as it helps us build a picture of what is happening in your district.'



## POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Please continue to report all crime and suspicious incidents to Hampshire Constabulary via the correct process:

For non emergency –

use the new QR code, tel 101 or log online at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

Use 999 in cases of emergency.

PCSO Andy Jones B/stoke Rural South  
07775 542021 email: andrew.jones.  
13301@ hampshire.pnn.police.uk

## CONTACT HANTS COUNTY COUNCIL

To report problems on the highway, eg flooding in the road, potholes, obstructions to the highway or to sightlines, please go to:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

If a tree is blocking the Highway email [roads@hants.gov.uk](mailto:roads@hants.gov.uk) or call 0300 555 1388. Outside office hours, phone 101.

For a problem on a footpath or bridleway please report via the HCC interactive map at: <https://hantsrow.esdm.co.uk/standardmap.aspx>

## CONTACT B/STOKE & DEANE

To report fly tipping on the highway or problems with waste collection <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report>

## LOCAL GREEN SPACE A NEW REPORT FROM CPRE

The Local Green Space Policy was introduced in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) of 2012, after CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) campaigned for more powers for local people, and protection for green spaces with 'intrinsic character'.

The policy enables communities to apply for Local Green Space designations which afford the same level of protection as Green Belt or National Park status. Green Spaces valued on account of 'a particular local significance' are deemed suitable, as long as they are close to where people live and not 'extensive tracts of land'.

The Local Green Space designation is unique in protecting land according to its importance to the community.

CPRE has conducted the first study of how and where Local Green Spaces have been created and the impact of the designations.

A total of 6,515 Local Green Spaces have been designated in the decade since their introduction (83% via Neighbourhood Plans). Combined, they total 30,000 acres. The majority of these spaces are not open countryside, but the small, undeveloped patches that provide millions of appreciative people with a daily dose of nature.

However the analysis shows that there is scope for greater take-up. CPRE is calling on Government and local authorities to step up their support for Local Green Spaces and really promote this policy – which could also be a valuable tool for engaging people with the wider planning system.

Over 80% of Local Green Spaces have been designated in part for their recreational value – highlighting their importance for people seeking outdoor exercise so vital to health and wellbeing. The richness of their wildlife was a factor in over a third of designations, suggesting that Local Green Spaces can play a major role in reviving the UK's biodiversity.

CPRE chief executive Crispin Truman argues for every neighbourhood to have a protected place for community wellbeing:

*'It should be a national priority to protect our local green spaces so that everybody, no matter where they live, has access to the benefits of nature.'*

The CPRE report argues that broadening the use of the Local Green Space designation should be seen as a critical part of the government's levelling up agenda and also argues for expanding the criteria for designating a Local Green Space:

'It should be made much clearer that the examples of "local significance" cited in the NPPF – relating to beauty, tranquility, wildlife, history or recreation – do not constitute either a binding or an exhaustive list... local people are best placed to decide what is important to their area.

'Furthermore, with climate-conscious communities increasingly mindful of the role green space can play in reducing flooding (such as Peacock Meadow in Plympton, Devon, and the Lea Brook Valley in Dronfield, Derbyshire), the NPPF must specify that climate adaptation and mitigation can be a reason for designation.' <https://www.cpre.org.uk/news/>

## NEW MEMBER OF THE CLERGY TEAM

I'm delighted to announce that we have a new member joining our clergy team in early March. Matt Bianchi will be licensed on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church Odiham.

All are welcome to attend the licensing service which will be conducted by the Bishop of Basingstoke.

Matt's formal title will be 'Mission Priest', and his role will include pastoral leadership of the parishes of Greywell, Up Nately and Mapledurwell, as well as being a Missioner to the various areas of new housing on the edge of North Warnborough and Odiham and around the benefice.

Simon Butler, Rector  
North Hampshire Downs Benefice

# Mapledurwell & Up Nately

## NOTES FROM THE JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Parish precept** request to BDBC of £10,325 agreed for 2022/23.

**Allotments** are now all taken for the coming year. Good luck and welcome to existing and new tenants.

**Allotment apiary** proposal supported by neighbours, allotmentees and PC.

**Bird boxes** Thanks to Tree Warden for organising new bird boxes – for allotments and Village Hall grounds.

**Frog Lane chalk stream** The draft lease for the former Watercress Beds is being reviewed by solicitor.

**Frog Lane Verges** Agreed for repair work to bolster the roadside north of the allotment gateway, to help protect the area opposite the gate where tree roots are overrun and the road is breaking away.

**Tennis courts** Courts cleaned, new net posts delivered, nets to be fitted.

**Jubilee Tree** A London Plane tree is on order – as requested by the Tree Warden and supported by the Friends of St Mary's. Location for tree agreed (between the football net and the tennis courts). Agreed to purchase wrought iron tree guard and plaque.

**Maintenance contract** renewal confirmed for 2022.

**Mapledurwell pond** In hand to replace fence posts and rail, plus replace bridge / ditch crossing point with new sleepers and mesh.

**Five Lanes End** Tree protection rails. Agreed to obtain quotes and discuss with Friends of St Mary's re replacing the post and rail originally erected to protect the Beech trees.

**Up Nately Village Greenspace** Agreed to go ahead as per quotes for breaking up and removing concrete base from old stable block, fencing by canal side and relocating the gate.

## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7pm Wednesday 16th March, Village Hall Meeting Room, all welcome.

### PLEASE MAKE A DIARY DATE FOR THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 18th  
May 7.30pm  
Village Hall, with refreshment.



## OUR VILLAGE HISTORY COFFEE MORNING

The Village Hall Committee is hosting a **Coffee and Cake Morning** on Saturday 5th March from 9.30am until midday



Also on display will be a feast of historic photographs, archived documents, maps key events and much more!

So if you would like to learn more about our wonderful village history do pop in.

**TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL** Contact [mandunvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:mandunvillagehall@gmail.com)

## THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE WILL BE HOSTING A JUBILEE EVENT ON

**THURSDAY 2ND JUNE** CULMINATING IN THE LIGHTING OF THE OFFICIAL QUEENS JUBILEE PLATINUM BEACON AT 9.45 PM

## FROM THE PARISH TREE WARDEN

In World War II, Fleet Pond provided an excellent navigational reference for German Bombers targeting the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough. The answer to camouflaging was Willow as it takes only a few short months to root and come into leaf. So if you spot a stick under one of the recently pollarded willows, pick it up, put it into a flower pot with lots of damp soil and watch your new tree flourish this summer!



To mark the Platinum Jubilee, a 14-foot London Plane Tree has been planted at the western end of the recreation ground near the Diamond Jubilee orchard. It will feature properly in our village celebration of the occasion in June when it will be adorned by a wrought iron guard and a commemorative plaque.

There are a number trees that have survived their first year in the allotment tree nursery. They are still vulnerable to anything that is minded to eat them, but I am being sent some more plastic guards. Together with added varieties provided gratis by The Conservation Volunteers, there are enough whips for a small woodland or individual planting to enhance the vista along the sight-line of a footpath, road or track. As there doesn't seem to be much scope for this on council land, bids to plant them in the public interest elsewhere would be welcome. The selection includes English Oak, Silver and Downy Birches, Aspens, Beech and Hornbeam, Alder, a few Rowan and Goat Willows.

The winner of the competition on the numbered nest boxes on 15 of the trees in our public spaces is Diana Davidson. She achieved full marks for her answers especially for her ingenuity given that some of the box numbers had been washed off! Her prize is yet another nest box to add to the ones already in her garden.

A blue tit, has commandeered Box No 1 (on the tree by the allotment footpath) for its family springtime residence. Have any of our twitchers discovered others already in use? John K C Maclean, Tree Warden, Up Nately & Mapledurwell



## MESSAGE FROM UP NATELY

Careless dog walkers are again leaving full poo bags on footpaths or hanging on fence posts, as well as allowing their dog to foul residents' driveways.

Please take poo bags home and dispose of in your bin and keep an eye on your dog, clearing up after it. Villagers in Up Nately are not impressed with your lack of thought! We assume it is visiting walkers and not locals who cause this irritation.

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00212/TDC (Validated 17 Feb 2022) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Application for Technical Details Consent for conversion of an agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling and new vehicular access from Tunworth Road in accordance with Permission in Principle 20/00009/PIP [Allowed at Appeal].

21/03571/FUL (Validated 24 Nov 2021) Lyde Court, London Road, Old Basing. 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).

21/01566/HSE (Granted 2nd Feb 2022 – amended description) 2 Canalside Cottages, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of two storey rear/side extension, single storey front/side extension; conversion of existing garage to habitable space; loft conversion. Erection of outbuilding for garden store/office.

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.

## TREE APPLICATION

T/00615/21/TCA (Approved 5th Jan, Validated: 01 Dec 2021) Manor Farm Barn, Tunworth Road. 1 Weeping willow: reduce by approx a third.

## POLICE UPDATE FROM PCSO ANDY JONES

Officers are investigating a number of reports of thefts from motor vehicles and have arrested a man.

Between Wednesdays 26 January and 2 February, a number of vehicles were broken into in areas between Burghclere and Beacon Hill. Various items including number plates, Apple AirPods, handbags and clothing were stolen.

On Saturday, 5 February, officers arrested a 47-year-old man from Havant on suspicion of the following offences:

- Theft from a motor vehicle in Whitchurch between Wednesdays 26 January and 2 February
- Theft from a motor vehicle in Micheldever Wed 26 Jan
- Theft from motor vehicle in East Stratton Thur 27 Jan
- Theft from motor vehicle in Dummer Friday 28 Jan
- Three x theft from a motor vehicle at Beacon Hill on Saturday 29 January.

Many other theft from vehicles that have occurred in the Upon Grey & Candovers Area – not to mention two other counties – are also being linked to the individual in question. As of the 15th February it was around 26 offences (but still potentially increasing) which are to be put before the suspect. He has been questioned by officers and released under investigation while enquiries continue.

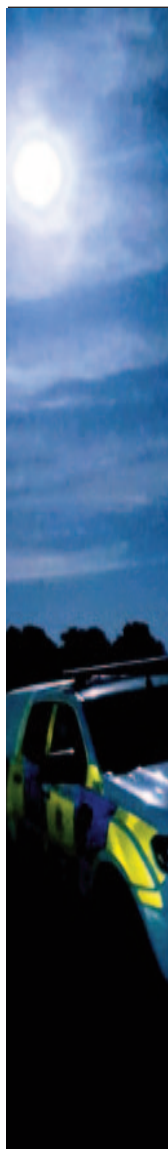
INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE COMMUNITY IS VITAL AND INFORMS WHERE WE PUT OUR RESOURCES AND TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.

We would like to remind motorists to make sure you remove valuables from your vehicle and lock it. Make sure to physically check that doors and window are locked, especially if you have used the remote to lock the vehicle, then look inside again to make sure you've not left anything.

Further information and advice on how to keep your vehicle secure can be found on our website:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

PCSO Andy Jones, 16th Feb 2022



## THE HIGHWAY CODE: EIGHT CHANGES YOU NEED TO KNOW FROM 29TH JANUARY 2022

Rules for all types of road users have been updated in The Highway Code to improve the safety of people walking, cycling and riding horses.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

### 1. Hierarchy of road users

### 2. People crossing at junctions

'When people are crossing or waiting to cross the road at a junction, other traffic should give way.'

### 3. Walking, cycling or riding in shared spaces

### 4. Cyclist positioning in the road

'To ride in the centre of their lane on quiet roads, in slower-moving traffic and at the approach to junctions or road narrowings • keeping at least 0.5 metres away from the kerb edge when riding on busy roads with vehicles moving faster than they are • Cyclists are asked to be aware of people driving behind them and allow them to overtake when it's safe to do so.'

### 5. Overtaking

'You may cross a double-white line (if the road is clear) to overtake someone cycling or riding a horse if they are travelling at 10mph or less • People cycling may pass slower-moving or stationary traffic on their right or left.'

### 6. Cyclists at junctions

'When turning into or out of a side road, cyclists should give way to people crossing or waiting to cross.'

### 7. Roundabouts

'Drivers and motorcyclists should give priority to cyclists on roundabouts.'

### 8. Parking, charging, leaving vehicles

'Ten sections of The Highway Code have been updated, with 50 rules being added or updated. You can find a summary of all the changes in The Highway Code updates list on GOV.UK.'

'You can – read the full updated version free of charge on GOV.UK; download The Highway Code iOS app (£3.49) which will be updated with all the changes in Spring 2022 (an Android version is being developed); pre-order an updated hard copy online (£4.99), or buy at most high street bookshops from April 2022; plus sign up to get email alerts when the rules change.'

Older Drivers Forum webinar – see overleaf

# Newnham & Nately Scures

## NEWNHAM LENT LUNCH

Friday 25 March 12 noon at  
Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane.

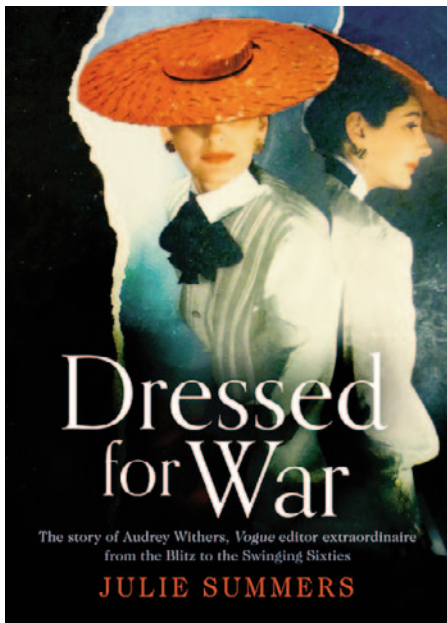
**Please join us for a light  
lunch with donations in aid  
of St Nicholas' Newnham.**

Contact [trudy@rankinfamily.com](mailto:trudy@rankinfamily.com)  
to book a place (numbers ltd).

## ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM MOTHERING SUNDAY

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN  
3pm with Helen Chatfield

followed at 4.30pm by short  
INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE



**SAVE THE DATE** Thursday  
12 May midday Newnham.  
Lunch and talk by author,  
historian, biographer, Julie  
Summers. Organised on behalf  
of The Friends of St Nicholas'.

## NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



The lucky February winners are:

- the Hawks - £100
- the Wilsons - £50
- Carolyn Bell & Edward Clarkson £25

The winners for January were:

- David Hodson £100
- Christopher Symons £50
- Kate and Marcus Jeffersons £25

To make my life easier, I now use an  
online random number generator for  
the draw. It is very fair!



## NEWNHAM LITTER PICK

Sunday 20th March as part of the  
Great British Spring Clean 2022

Our traditional Newnham Spring Litter Pick will  
be at 2pm on Sunday 20th March and will be  
part of the national Keep Britain Tidy Great  
British Spring Clean 2022. Please meet by the  
back gate to Newnham Corner on Church Path  
to receive pickers, bags and instructions. All ages welcome!

Please come and join other #LitterHeroes and show why our local  
places matter, and how we care about our local environment.

Alan Richmond



## DEADLINE REMOVED FOR RECORDING RIGHT OF WAY

Using historical evidence, it is possible  
to apply for long established paths –  
which are not official 'Rights of Way'  
– to be added to the 'definitive maps',  
giving them legal protection.

The Countryside and Rights of Way  
Act contained a provision that any pre-  
1949 paths must be recorded by 2026  
in order to be legally recognised.

Government has removed the 2026  
deadline, a move welcomed by the  
Open Space Society and the Ramblers  
which says it has identified 41,000  
miles of missing 'Rights of Way' to be  
investigated and applied for in England  
as part of its 'Don't Lose Your Way'  
campaign. The Welsh government had  
previously repealed the cut-off date.

However DEFRA is also saying that  
'The Government will take forward  
a package of measures in order to help  
enhance the way that rights of way are  
recorded and managed.

'As well as repealing the 2026 cut-off  
the Government plans to introduce a  
'right to apply' for landowners to  
divert or extinguish rights of way in  
certain circumstances.'

The Open Spaces Society has said it is  
concerned about the right to apply and  
will be lobbying against it.



## OLDER DRIVERS FORUM

The Older Drivers Forum is running  
a free webinar on the new Highway  
Code, to include safe driving tips  
and Q&A. Two sessions running the  
same course – Thurs 10th March  
2pm; Mon 14th March 7pm. (A  
zoom account not needed to join.)

Register for a place at [https://  
olderdriversforum.com/webinars/](https://olderdriversforum.com/webinars/)

## NEXT NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8.30pm Wednesday 30th March  
Clubroom. Everyone is most  
welcome to attend



## POLICING PAST

*This is one remaining story taken over from Andy's article of last month which then wouldn't quite fit in... and refers to the time when Hook – and the Crooked Billet – was part of Newnham Parish.*

Dear Residents

Please find below further example of life within your community of the past.

At the Basingstoke Divisional Petty Sessions, William Champion and his wife Rebecca, landlord and landlady of the 'Crooked Billet', Newnham, were both charged with being drunk on their own licensed premises on November 9th 1900. They were convicted and fined 10s (£39.09 in 2017 equivalent) each, including costs. Mr. Roper, on behalf of Messrs May and Co, the Brewery, informed the Bench that though the license of this house had been in defendant's family for towards 50 years, they had now received a month's notice to leave.

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00132/FUL (Validated 19th January) Land Off Ridge Lane. Siting of farm workers' dwelling for temporary period. Creation of earth bunds (2.5 metre max wide by 1.5 metre max height). Permeable surfaced farm access tracks. (Part retrospective.)

21/03830/FUL (Validated 19 Jan 2022) Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Erection of one dwellinghouse partly on the site of a tennis court with formation of access driveway and new access on to Ridge Lane. (Replacement application for 20/01798/FUL approved Dec 2020.)

21/03757/HSE (Granted 16 February) Woodlands House, Scures Hill. Erection of single storey extension to rear/side with balcony above, new porch, render/clad external walls.

APP/H1705/W/21/3284682 (Appeal allowed 22nd February) 21/00038/FUL Land at Blackstocks Lane. Erection of one new dwelling.

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.

21/02135/RES (Pending 25 June 2021) Land Adjacent Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Consideration of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to outstanding matters reserved by con 1 of 16/00097/OUT allowed at Appeal.

## HIGHWAYMEN IN AND AROUND BASINGSTOKE

Bob Clarke

*Courtesy of the Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society*

Back in the 18thC the area around Basingstoke provided rich pickings for highwaymen. Basingstoke was an important staging point on the Western

Post Road as well as being a significant market town – where it was possible to see who was likely to be leaving the town with money. The town was surrounded by copses and woods from which to spring an ambush, and steep hills that coaches and horses could only climb at walking pace.

Sometime in late 1724, three highway robbers visited Basingstoke market. They saw which farmers were making most money and found out where their farms were. Having decided where their best returns would be, they left the market towards nightfall and hid themselves in a wood by a narrow lane near Ellisfield (possibly at White Hill just south of Ellisfield) to lie in wait for the farmers to return home. There they robbed several farmers and tied them up to prevent them warning others.

One of the robbers told the farmers they were waiting to rob 'the fat farmer with the grey horse'. One of the farmers replied that he would not be easily robbed. So when the fat farmer came into view, instead of telling him to 'stand and deliver', they fired at him without warning. Despite apparently being a large target, they narrowly missed him and he got away. The three robbers were brothers George and Richard Cutler – who also used the surname Miller – and John Winter. They were responsible for a number of highway robberies in the south of the county. One report said that the Cutlers 'belong'd to a Gang that had been guilty of several Murders'. 'They had lived by the Highway many Years.'

Before the main road to London was diverted across Hook Common in the 1780s, it passed through Newnham. The steep slope of Crown Lane made it an ideal spot for highwaymen to ambush their victims. Early in the morning of 17 October 1728, three highwaymen, two with long guns and one with a long stick, robbed several coaches coming from the west at Newnham Hill. They took £8 14s from the passengers in the Exeter Coach. In November 1747 a 'well-mounted highwayman' robbed a draper of four guineas 'on the Hills between Basingstoke and Newnham' as he was returning to London from Andover, and two highwaymen robbed a Quaker on Newnham Hill in November 1750. It is not known how many other robberies took place on that spot that were never reported in the newspapers.



21/01325/HSE (Granted 4th Feb) Beech House, Newnham Road. A new vehicular access to the west of Beech House, parking using stone gravel base.

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.

## TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00056/22/TCA Old House At Home. Ash tree to be reduced by 3-5 metres all over crown. Tree's current height is 16 metres. Finish height to be no less than 11 metres, trees location is in the middle of the car park bordering the next door neighbours.

T/00051/22/TPO (Validated 06 Feb) The Coppice, Newnham Road. Ash tree in centre of front garden. Work to be carried out is a re pollard of ash tree. Taking off roughly 3 to 5 meters over all. Taking back to previous pollard cuts.

<b>CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER? TROUBLED BY YOUR TELEVISION SET?</b>	
<b>On site visits include</b> Desktop, Laptop, Ipad, Printers Repair, Service & Support Virus / Spyware removal Problems with Email, Printer, Internet access ( <b>fixed</b> ) <b>Regular maintenance keeps your computer clean and fast</b>	Prices from £45 on site Covers the first Hour
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<small>imcs@hotmail.co.uk</small>	

# Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'  
www.united-parish.org.uk  
https://www.moretolife.church



## FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

Hi everyone.

My name is Matt Bianchi, I'm married to Amy

and we have three wonderful children.

I am originally from the North East, though the accent seems to have mostly disappeared now. I was born in Country Durham, but spent most of my childhood in Washington, Tyne & Wear, before studying at Durham Uni.

After that, Amy and I moved to Southampton to be youth workers for a church in the suburbs of the city. This involved running a large youth group, with services, small groups, one-off events and much more.

After seven years of this, I felt called on to wider church leadership and spent three years in Oxford training to be a priest. It was such a privilege to spend some time in such a great city. It felt like there was a great historical story behind almost every brick you could see.

After this, we moved to Hartley Wintney for curacy. I'll be honest that, having lived in the south of Hampshire for several years, this part of the county was unknown to me. I hadn't even heard of Hartley Wintney before it was suggested to me, and we have really enjoyed living in such a beautiful part of the country. Living in Hart has been a real joy; as a family we've really loved living in this leafy, peaceful part of the country. And when the lockdowns came, we were massively grateful for all the brilliant places to explore.

It's been great to have had the opportunity to live in different places throughout the UK, getting to meet different people and hearing their stories. While so many moves has had its difficult elements, I always enjoy seeing how new communities work and



## NORTH HAMPSHIRE DOWNS MOTHER'S UNION

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Tuesday 1st March is Shrove Tuesday, so we are planning to meet together to enjoy a few pancakes and each other's company.

Later in the month, on Thursday 17th March, Mothers' Union members from around the diocese will meet at St Gabriel's Church in Popley, Basingstoke, for our Diocesan Information Day.

In Popley we also plan to have a bring and buy stall to raise funds for our Away From It All Family Holiday. After two years of having to cancel this event because of the pandemic, we are delighted that in August we will be able to run our usual week-long family holiday at Lodge Hill in Pulborough, West Sussex. This holiday is a real lifeline for many struggling families who would otherwise not be able to go on holiday.

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



## CHURCH SERVICES MARCH INTO APRIL

### Sunday 6th February 9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion

Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm All Saints Odiham Ash Wednesday Holy Communion  
Thursday 3rd March 7.30pm All Saints Odiham Licensing of the Revd Matt Bianchi

### Sunday 6th March 9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am, St Mary's Greywell, Morning Service

### Sunday 13th March 9am, St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said) 9am, St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)

### Sunday 20th March 9am, St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 5pm, St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong

### Sunday 27th March (Mothering Sunday) 9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, Family Service 11am, St Mary's Greywell, Family Service 11am, St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Service 4.30pm, St Nicholas' Newnham, Tea-time Service

### Sunday 3rd April 9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am, St Mary's Greywell, Morning Service

interact, and I look forward to being part of this benefice and getting to know many of you here.

I am really excited to join the team here as Mission Priest. My role includes a mixture of things. On a Sunday you'll find me leading services around the benefice, but most regularly at Greywell, Mapledurwell and Up Nately. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the church family in these places, celebrating communion and exploring God's word together.

A major part of my role is also focused outside of the walls of our church buildings; to get to know the local community and to find out how we as a church we can serve you best.

I know it's been a challenging few years for us all over the course of the pandemic and community life has been such an important support for us all in different ways. It would be great to

## LENT COURSE

**When words run out...  
pathways to prayer in the  
everyday.**

This year's Lent course will be at All Saints' Odiham, Tuesdays from 8th March to 5th April 7.30 to 9pm. (Coffee included)

continue to work together and get to know one another.

Please do introduce yourselves when you see me out and about, as I always enjoy meeting new people. I can't wait to get to know you all better.

God bless

Matt Bianchi  
Mission Priest  
North Hampshire Downs Benefice



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

# KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

Deserts are really fascinating places...

I'm sure you've all heard of the Sahara desert and maybe even the Gobi desert, but did you know, for example, that the largest desert in the world is actually in Antarctica? Plenty of water – in the ice – but hardly any snow or rain each year.

The Aralkum Desert is known as the youngest desert of our planet. This desert in Asia was formed by the former eastern basin of the Aral Sea in Uzbekistan. It formed in the 1960s when irrigation projects for the huge cotton plantations in the area drained the waters from the Aral lake. Yes, those are boats you can see in the picture!

The hottest desert in the world is, of course, the Sahara. It's huge and gets to temperatures of 50°C. Sadly, it has grown more than 10% in the last century due to climate change and other natural climatic variations. Billions of trees are being planted each year to try to combat this desertification – this is called a green wall.

Why am I talking so much about deserts? Well a time called Lent starts on 2nd March (the day after Pancake Day) and it's a time when we get ready for Easter by remembering Jesus' 40 days in the desert. He gave up food and drink and spent the time thinking and praying about what God wanted him to do in his life. This is why some people give up things they really enjoy, like chocolate or sweets, so they can imagine what it must have felt like. This was the very start of the time Jesus spent teaching and healing – which is the part of his life we hear about in the Bible.

At the end of this 40 days, Jesus was tempted. Watch this video to find out more about that story! Have you ever been tempted to do the wrong thing? To take something which isn't yours, or say something which isn't true? Sometimes it takes real strength and courage to do the right thing, when it would be so much easier to do the wrong thing.

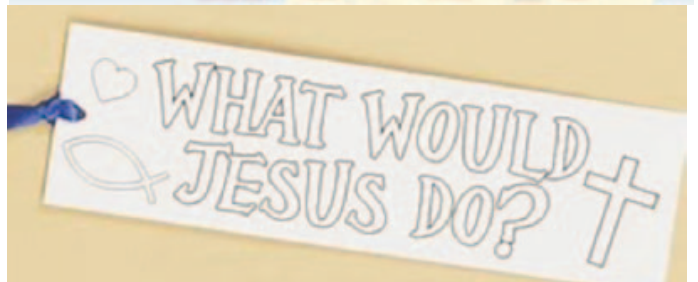


Whenever I'm tempted and not sure what to do, I always ask myself: 'What Would Jesus Do?' Sometimes that helps me to make the right decision. Some people even make a bracelet or bookmark to help them remember to do this. Can you design a bookmark to help you remember how to make good decisions? I'd love to see your designs – just send them to me on youth@moretolife.church.

God Bless and see you next time!

Helen Chatfield  
 Youth Pastor

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## WHAT'S ON FOR FAMILIES

- Fri 15th April Good Friday Kids' workshop  
St Mary's Upton Grey 9.30 to 11am  
(followed by a short service)
  - Sun 17th April Easter Eggstravagnza  
St Andrew's S Warnborough 3pm - 4.30  
(followed by a short service)
  - Sat 18th June 'Who Let the Dads Out?', venue tbc  
11am to 12 (including bacon butties!)
  - Monday 8th to Friday 12th August  
More to Life Holiday Club  
Church Meadow, Upton Grey
  - Wed 31st Aug Messy Summer, venue and timings TBC
  - Sun 30th Oct Service of Light, St Mary's Upton Grey  
3pm (crafts for children followed by  
service and bonfire at 4.30pm)
  - Mon 31st Oct Light Party, All Saints' Odiham 5pm - 6.30
- youth@moretolife**

## THE IVY CLUB

After what seemed like an age, The Ivy Club started up again at the RBL Hall on the 2nd February with everyone's favorite – BINGO!

**It is great that on a Wednesday afternoon we can now get together for a good chat, catch up and a nice cuppa and cake.**

**New members are always welcome, you don't have to live in Old Basing.**

We meet every Wednesday from 1.30pm until 4pm, in the Royal British Legion, Old Basing – playing Bingo every other week with board games and a quiz on the alternate weeks – along with speakers, bring and buy sales and of course coach outings.

For your £2 entry fee you get a cuppa, cake or biscuits and a raffle – a bargain! – as well as lots of interaction with your fellow members.

And if you feel you would like to join The Ivy Club as a helper, again you would be more than welcome. Give us a try, its a great Club.

Contact Chairman Sue Wilson 01256 328196



## Old Basing & District Branch of The Royal British Legion

Women's Section meetings are at 7.30pm on the 4th Thursday every month February to November in the Jack Morris Hall, Crown Lane, Old Basing RG247DN

**24th March - RBL Women's Section General Meeting 7.30pm in the RBL Hall, Old Basing, new members very welcome.**

Competition: Tell us about an unusual pet you have had, perhaps provide us with a photograph and how you came to be the owner of such a pet.

Contact Sue Wilson (Publicity) 01256 328196

**FLOUR POWER! HOST A  
CAKES4CANCER EVENT THIS  
MARCH AND RAISE DOUGH  
TO SUPPORT LOCAL PEOPLE  
LIVING WITH CANCER**



**WESSEX  
CANCER TRUST**

# Cakes4Cancer

**If baking takes your (fondant) fancy, Wessex Cancer Trust would love you to host a Cakes4Cancer event this March and raise money to support local people living with cancer.**

Rolling out across Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight between 1st and 31st March, Cakes4Cancer is a simple way to come together with friends, family or colleagues – either in person or virtually – and 'bake' a difference by asking for a donation in return for a cuppa and cake. Sally Hillyear, Wessex Cancer Trust's Head of Fundraising, said:

*'We're passionate about community at Wessex Cancer Trust, and believe everyone living with cancer should be able to get free and local emotional support whenever they need it.'*

'Cakes4Cancer is all about people coming together to enjoy something delicious for a great cause. Your event can be as big or small as you want, either in person or virtual. You could put on a coffee morning at work, host an afternoon tea with friends or arrange a virtual bake-along. Whether it's faked or baked, every cake sold could help change someone's life for the better. It really is a piece of cake!'

**The charity has put together a free kit containing everything you need to host your own event, including lots of event ideas, cake toppers, posters, bunting, recipe cards and a gift aid form. Sign up at Cakes 4 Cancer – Wessex Cancer Trust**

For more information – Sam Bradley, Wessex Cancer Trust  
023 80672200 sam.bradley@wessexcancer.org.uk

## 2023 BOUNDARY REVIEW SECONDARY CONSULTATION

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/>

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is holding a secondary consultation from 22 February to 4 April on its proposals for new parliamentary constituencies as part of the 2023 Boundary Review.

BCE is required by Parliament to undertake an independent and impartial review of all constituencies in England, to rebalance the number of electors in each constituency.

Residents and communities can respond to the consultation in writing or speaking at a public hearing and local councils are encouraged to have their say on the proposals.

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