The Villager

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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell Up Nately, Newnham, Nately Scures & Greywell

WILDLIFF IS EVERYWHERE & **EVERYWHERE IS WILD**

You may have heard the tawny owls making a lot of noise around sunset recently. This is because the adult owls are re-establishing their territories as their youngsters leave to set up their own. The more neighbours an owl has, the more frequently it calls.



Watch out for Jays gathering acorns, hazle nuts and beech nuts. They bury their food in soil and under leaf litter to come back to, in the depths of winter.

Fieldfares are due to arrive from Scandinavia. You will see them in flocks, descending on hawthorn berries and



on fields & lawns in search of earthworms & other grubs.

RURAL POLICING UPDATE

Neil Taylor, Chairman, Tunworth Parish Council

Firstly may we begin by thanking you for your support and patience during the last six months. In April we met with the Assistant Chief Constable David Pryde and then began the process of formulating a proposal that would enable us to keep a dedicated beat officer for our existing Upton Grey and the Candovers beat area based upon the introduction of private funding for Hampshire Constabulary.

As this was a financial proposal it would be considered by the Police & Crime Commissioner Simon Hayes. Mr Hayes consulted on our proposal before meeting us in July. In the meantime, the introduction of the proposed changes to our beat area from 1st April had been partly suspended.

Since April we have retained our dedicated beat officer – with the compromise that he could also be deployed to incidents within the new wider area and reported regularly to Tadley.

On meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner it became clear that he was looking to reemphasise his commitment to 'equitable policing across Hampshire' which we took as his way of describing his philosophical opposition to privately funded policing.

However, a number of compromises were suggested by him and his staff.

- 1. 'Beat area' is now known as 'neighbourhood area'
- 2. We will have a lead Police Officer for the Upton Grey & Candovers neighbourhood area
- 3. That Officer's default responsibility will be Upton Grey and Candovers but he could be tasked to deal with specific incidents within the new wider area
- 4. Upton Grey & Candovers neighbourhood area will continue to include Newnham and

Mapledurwell & Up Nately.

- 5. When the lead Officer is off duty, the area will be covered by another named Police Officer and two PCSOs (police community support officers). Their names will be made available to all Parishes and community groups so the direct access we have with our existing officer will be extended.
- 6. This revised arrangement will operate for six months on a trial basis without the need for any private funding. The effectiveness of the arrangement will be reviewed at the end of the period and a decision made on future arrangements at that time.

We made it clear that as a compromise this may be acceptable, but that we would discuss it with the wider communities once we had seen it in writing before committing to any specific arrangements.

We have agreed to meet with the PCC on an ongoing basis to provide feedback on the operations of the current arrangements, suggest any possible

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Diary dates October

- Meeting with the Bishop 7.30pm in Maple & Up Nately Village Hall
- 14 Maple Tea & Cake Gathering 3pm
- 15 Mother's Union Meeting
- Holy Rediculous Murder Mystery Let Sleeping Frogs Die, Cross Barn 7.30pm
- 20 Greywell Tea Pot Cafe
- 22 North Warnborough & District Garden Club 2.10pm for a 2.30 start
- 24 Upton Grey Autumn Festival from 2pm, Hoddington Arms
- **Newnham Parish Council meeting** 7pm Clubroom
- 27/28 Covering Christmas Shoeboxes, Ashlea from 2pm
- 30 Filling Shoeboxes, Ashlea from 2pm
- 31 Greywell Coffee and Mobile Library

November

- Greywell Bonfire Night (new date moved from 31st October)
- Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council meeting, 8pm Village Hall
- 7/8 WWI Commemoration events, **Greywell Village Hall**
- 13 Odiham Society Talk on Basingstoke Canal, 7.45 Cross Barn
- 14 Newnham Litter Pick, meeting 10am **Church Path**
- 14 Greywell Village Quiz, 6.30 VH
- 14 Hook Choral Society Autumn Concert 7.30pm St John's Hook
- 15 Basingstoke Choral Society -Handel's Messiah 7pm Anvil
- 17 Greywell Tea Pot Cafe
- 28 Greywell coffee and mobile library
- 28 Autumn Fair, Mapledurwell & Up **Nately Village Hall**
- 28 Robert May's School Christmas Fair 11:30am - 2:30pm

December

- 5th Children's Christmas party Maple & Up Nately Village Hall
- **Whitewater School Christmas Fair** 5-7pm at Rotherwick Village Hall
- 12 Cinderella, Rowan Lodge pantomime.

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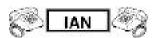
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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

A very warm welcome to...

The new occupants of Twine Rose Cottage, Cheryl & Steve Hart and their children, nine-year-old Mitchell and Ellie who is six.

Tim & Yolande Spencer and their two children Inde and Murphy who have moved to Willow Bank, Mapledurwell. We hope the families will like their new homes and enjoy village life.

Up Nately Pond

'We have a new sign at the crossroads at last next to the pond, rather plain, but at least all visitors will now know which way to go!'

Maple Tea & Cake gathering

Jane Carfrae, Mapledurwell House, Tunworth Road, will host the next Tea Party on Wednesday 14th October at 3pm. All welcome but please let Jane know by calling her on 470 340.

The defibrillator training

on Saturday 12th September was well received. There were 13 adults and two children. It was a useful session. Thanks to Robin Best for organising.

Next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 4th November 8pm Village Hall Committee Room. All welcome.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ROUNDERS SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

Over 40 villagers and their friends aged between two years and gathered on the Sports Field for the



annual Rounders Match. The first innings was the hotly contested *Girls v Boys*. While the girls demonstrated a better understanding of the rules, the boys muscled into the lead winning by an impressive 23½ to 10. Tea and cakes generously provided by the Social Committee followed and, feeling rejuvenated, a second innings was initiated. This time the mixed teams were much more closely matched and the final score was 18 to 24½. There was some excellent play with full rounders being scored in addition to the half rounders for passing 4th base, a number of excellent catches and some very thoughtful dropped catches to encourage the youngest members of the teams! Excellent play, everyone!

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM OF 14TH SEPTEMBER The Annual Report is available on the Village Hall Website.

FUTURE EVENTS

28th November – Autumn Fair 5th December – Children's Christmas party.

TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL Contact Caretaker Jayne Norman on 474 432 or check out the website at www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

Meeting with the Bishop – Parish Contributions to the Diocese

On Tuesday October 13th at 7.30pm in Mapledurwell Village Hall there is an opportunity to gather with parishioners from across our Benefice to speak with representatives of the Diocese about the ever increasing 'Parish Share'. All PCC and VCC members are welcome – also anyone who has a special interest in these financial issues.

THE MAPLEDURWELL REGATTA was once again enjoyed by many. Hours of design and ship building produced some wonderful results! Entries included Viking ships, fantasy flag boats, square riggers, balloon boats and celery rafts to name but a few. The wind was gentle and the finish line helpfully moved towards the racing craft during a couple of races, but all had fun and returned home possibly wetter than planned, clutching their well deserved cups! Thank you once again to all who helped make the Regatta an enjoyable event for our villagers! Lucy Mace



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS New applications

T/00380/15/TCA (6th October) Manor Court, Tunworth Road. Notice of intent to T1 Willow. Repollard to previously pollarded points (various points around crown to 8-10m high).

<u>T/00349/15/TCA</u> (21st September) Manor Court, Tunworth Road. Notice of intent to T1 Robina, crown lift two lowest branches overhanging garden.

15/03238/FUL (14th September 2015). Elmwood, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Change of use of land and stables from equestrian to residential garden &store.

Applications pending

<u>15/02980/HSE</u> (19th August) Kingfisher Tunworth Road. Erection of two storey rear extension

15/02829/LBC (11 August) Addisons Farm House Tunworth Road Mapledurwell. Repair and replacement of downpipes/guttering and installation of insulation to original part of roof.

15/02281/FUL (2nd July) Land Adjacent To Blaegrove House, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately. Erection of a dwelling house, access, landscaping & infrastructure.

Applications approved

T/00330/TCA 8th October (reg 9th September) Meddings Farmhouse, Tunworth Road. Notice of intent to fell one Yew and one Spruce.

15/02274/ROC (9th September, reg 1st July) Andwell Brewing Company, Andwell Lane. Variation of conditions 1 and 8 of 14/02982/FUL to allow amendments to the approved scheme.

... RURAL POLICING

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improvements and to continue to explore the possibility of private funding to secure our current policing arrangements.

The latter becomes increasingly important as we hear of new privately funded police coverage in both Hampstead and Liverpool.

As such, we would like to be kept informed of the operational effectiveness of the current arrangements and the visibility of the other Police Officer and PCSOs within our beat area.'

Finally, we think that this community initiative has gone a good way to securing at least one additional year of the policing model we currently enjoy, so far without the need for any private funding contributions.

This update covers the last six months, including meetings with ACC David Pryde and subsequently PCC Simon Hayes, attended by Upton Grey & Candovers Ward Cllr Mark Ruffell, Edward Belcher and myself.

I'm sure you'd like to join me in adding my thanks to Cllr Ruffell, Edward Belcher and my wife Daphne.

Re the police vehicle... PC Reid had initially kept his marked Police vehicle overnight between consecutive working days. However in August, Chief Inspector Dodds decided this arrangement was no longer feasible and the vehicle has to be returned to Tadley at the end of each working day... These are operational matters under the purview of the Constabulary, not the PCC. The mechanism of a privately funded police vehicle is not possible under current police guidelines.



SHOE BOX APPEAL

It's the time of year for the Shoe Box Appeal, please think about the little gifts to include in the boxes for children in the Eastern European orphanages. We will be covering the boxes here at Ashlea on Tuesday 27th October and Wednesday 28th from 2pm, and filling them on Friday 30th October from 2pm. I look forward again to your support. Thank you. Patricia Stubbs



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents, Two crimes have been reported in my area covered by this

magazine during September. A Honda XR400 'trails' motorcycle registration WU02 UZT was stolen from a garage in Frog Lane, Mapledurwell between September 17th and 20th.

Then, overnight of 28th and 29th September a car which was parked in the layby in Andwell Lane near the brewery was rammed and the bodywork kicked and dented. We believe this happened about 3.50am on the 29th, I ask if anyone has any information or can assist with either crime please give me a call direct.

Further afield a tack room was broken into at 4am in Preston Candover. We are seeing an increase in equine-related thefts and I wish to remind all horse owners to please make sure your equipment is post coded and photographed.

May I also please remind residents to keep a close eye on their dogs after a cocker spaniel was reported missing and found to have been stolen from Brown Candover. The dog has since be recovered by her owners after a kind sole took it to a vets in Eastleigh where she found it. Sadly such dogs do not always have a happy ending and I ask residents to please make sure they can not escape from gardens.

Many thanks as always Andrew Reid, Local Constable 01256 389 050 Mob 07768 776 844 andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

ACROSS UPTON GREY & CANDOVERS

A brief summary of crime and events in Upton Grey & Candovers area for September. I have produced this so residents can gain an overview of crime across the whole of this beat area.

We had 17 crimes reported, comprising three non-dwelling burglaries (sheds, garages etc), seven criminal damages, several vehicles driven across growing crops by poachers chasing deer and hares, three people found in possession of illegal drugs, one public order (shouting and abusive in the street) and three thefts.

During the same period in 2014, 11 crimes were reported, comprising four thefts, one domestic dispute, two criminal damage offences, one assault, one 'other' offence, one harassment and one deception offence.

Newnham & Nately Scures

NEWNHAM BBQ ON THE GREEN 2015

A grand total of £1,015 was raised for St Nicolas' funds, comprising £400 from the BBQ, £415 from the Tombola and £200 from the Parish Council. **Thank you all** – particularly to Carolyn and all who helped and contributed.



Newnham & Nately Scures

Audrey Gary: Audrey died very peacefully on Saturday September 19th at Lavender Lodge Nursing Home in Farnborough, her funeral at St Swithun's on Friday October 9th. Audrey supported her late husband Dennis who was verger and sexton of St Swithun's for many, many years and Audrey was well known in Hook as a Lollipop Lady.

BBQ ON THE GREEN previous page **NEWNHAM LITTER PICK** The date we have all been waiting for is Saturday 14th November, meeting in Church Path At 10am. Judging by the amount of litter in the Village let us hope we have a good turnout on the day. Any questions Please phone John Broughton 762 490.

NEWNHAM CLUBROOM is for hire Please visit newnhamclubroom.org.uk for info, availability and booking. Alternatively call 07435 782 122.

NEWNHAM OPEN GARDEN FUNDS As a result of the 2015 Open Gardens the Clubroom is donating £750 to the Church as a contribution towards the cost of installing a toilet facility.

ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM 'This project is at an early stage. I have found a suitable supplier who has provided compostable toilets to many rural churches. The advantage of this type of unit is that it is low maintenance and self-contained, requiring no mains water or drainage. The next stage will be to involve our Architect to draw up the specifications and then to check on planning requirements as it will be located in the churchyard. The unit will be housed in an inconspicuous wooden building. It will be disabled user friendly.

'I anticipate installation sometime during 2016 subject to the necessary approvals. The church will be a more friendly venue for occasional functions which fits in with the recommendations of the Diocesan Authorities to make the church more welcoming.' Jeff Ford

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tues 27th October Newnham Clubroom.

ROWAN LODGE We had a fantastic turnout for our Macmillan coffee morning so thank you all for your dedicated support. Autumn is truly with us and we have lots to look forward to in October as we start the build-up to the festive season. Come and join us at any of our coming events, you are all welcome!

Saturday 17th Musical entertainment at 2pm; Tuesday 20th Music therapy session with 'Musica'; Saturday 24th Ian Kimber returns at 2pm; Friday 30th Halloween fun with accordionist Robin.

Staff at Rowan Lodge are rehearsing for our very own pantomime version of Cinderella this Christmas to perform to residents, families and friends on Saturday 12th December.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS New applications

T/00377/15/TCA (5th October) Naishes Barn, Newnham Rd Newnham. Notice of intent to fell one Scots Pine.

15/03251/HSE (11th Sept) Saudian House Newnham Road, Newnham. Erection of single storey rear extension, replacement roof to existing conservatory with plain clay tiles and rooflights. New detached oak framed, timber clad double garage.

15/02851/FUL (12th August) Land at Scures Hill House, Scures Hill. Demolition of existing buildings and structures. Erection of two detached two-storey dwellings with attached double garages; access off the existing shared driveway and associated landscaping and planting.

Applications granted

15/02861/HSE (28th September, reg 10th August) Willowdene, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Installation of an above ground calor gas tank to the front of the property. (1,200 litre capacity, footprint 2m x 1m.) 15/02567/HSE and 15/02568/LBC (listed building consent) (23rd September, reg 6th August) The Coach House, Newnham House, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Proposed new Garden Store / garage with proposed alteration works to existing flat within 15/01949/FUL Newnham Edge, Tylney

15/01949/FUL Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane, Newnham (5th Oct reg 3rd July). Erection of double garage and workshop in association with approved 15/00170/FUL (three bedroom dwelling and change of use of land from agricultural to residential).

Application refused

15/02632/HSE (8th October, reg 17th August) Kimian, Newnham Road, Newnham. Erection of two storey side and rear extensions following demolition of existing garage and garden store/WC.

BASINGSTOKE & DEANE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

The Inspector's public examination opened on 6th October at the BDBC Civic Offices. Hearings are scheduled to end Wednesday 11th November (with a break for w/c 26th October.) The hearing sessions are open to the public as observers. Examination documents can be found at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/Localplan examination and in paper copy at the Civic Offices. The website also details progress of the Examination to date.

HART REVISED (2ND OCT) LOCAL PLAN TIMETABLE

Housing Development Options and Sustainability Appraisal Consultation August-October 2014

'Refined Housing Options Paper' Consultation Winter 2015

Preferred Approach & Sustainability Appraisal Consultation Summer 2016 Draft Plan Published; Legal Compliance & Soundness Consultation Autumn 2016 Submission to Sec of State, Winter 2016 Examination by Inspector, Spring 2017 Adoption (Subject to the outcome of the examination) Summer 2017.

HARVEST THANK YOUS

The Newnham & Nately Scures Harvest Supper held on Friday 2nd October was a huge success with 60 people attending. There was delicious home cooked food, merriment and terrific raffle prizes.

Nicole and Joanna would like to thank

puddings, for participating in the raffle

everyone for the delicious meals and

and for all the help, advice and support received. Altogether over £500 was raised. Particular thanks to our special guests PC Reid, Rev Jane Leese & Rev Linda Scard for joining us. Also to the following people for much needed extras & help before, during and after the event... Doreen Wilson, Nigel & Nancy Bell, Sally Baker; Sarah Laird, Rodney & Monica Wardrop; Kirsty Biddiscombe, John & Chris Broughton – John for cycling far & wide in search of raffle prices – Jackie O'Regan for setting up in the morning, Trudy Rankin for clearing away, Jeff Ford for both these

Master of Ceremonies. (Also to those who contributed but were unable to attend.) Thanks and recognition to the following local businesses for their generous contribution and support:

and his role as wine merchant and

barman - and to Richard Fouracre as

The Falcon Rotherwick, Hook Tandoori Lynne Roberts Floral Design Fleet; Old White Hart Hook; Raven Hotel Hook; Tesco Hook; Tylney Golf Club Tylney Hall; White Hart Hotel Hook. With much appreciation and sincere thanks. Nicole Snow & Joanna Bell

Also, from everyone

a massive thank you to Nicole for the time, effort, style and creativity she brought to this Harvest Supper... to mention in particular the raffle hampers and the harvest decoration – the flowers generously provided and beautifully arranged by Lynne Roberts.

Photos will be on the Newnham website parishofnewnham.org.uk





Greywell

LIBRARY COFFEE MORNINGS



Coffee in the Village Hall 10-11am on Saturdays 31st October & 28th November. The Library van will be outside the Village Hall 10am-10.30.

THE TEAPOT CAFE
will be open 3-4pm on
Tuesdays 20th October & 17th
November. If you need a lift
please call Jackie Giles 702 859.

GREYWELL RINGERS' BEETLEDRIVE POSTPONED

from October 10th due to double booking of the Village Hall

will now be held in Spring 2016. Watch out for a new announcement in the New Year.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS New Applications

10/01670/CON (12th Oct) Manor Farm Buildings. Minor changes to plot 1 ref 15/01305/NMMA and 10/01670/MAJOR (conversion of farm buildings to 5 dwellings and erection of 3 dwellings).

15/02342/HOU and 15/02343/LBC (listed building consent) (29th September) Royal Oak House, Hook Road. Removal of pool house, partial demolition and rebuild of single storey link; erection of a first floor extension, and a garden room within the landscaped grounds, with associated internal/external works and landscaping.

Application Pending

15/01097/PRIOR (7th May) Greywell Hill. Proposed non-load-bearing agricultural building designed in accordance with BS5502 22:2003 plus A1:2013 Agricultural Specification, CE Marked to Execution Class 2.

Application Approved

15/01915/CON (6th August) Cedar Tree House, The Street. Removal of modern lean-to extension. Replacing windows and doors. Repairs to roofing structure. Repairs to roof. (Note listed building consent 15/00915/LBC was granted on 3rd July. Application is to discharge the conditions relating to this approval). Decision – conditions discharged.

Mobile Library Service Saturday 31st October, 28th November, Dec N/S

November, Dec N/S
Greywell Village Hall 10-10.30
Water End Park 10.40-11.10
Newnham Green 11.15-11.45
Rotherwick nr School 12:40-13:10

Tuesday 3rd November, 1 Dec Old Basing Linden Ave

opposite Spar

11.45-12.15

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/library-servicesforyou/mobile-libraries.htm

VILLAGE



PLEASE NOTE... With the Rugby World Cup finals on the 31st October we have had to postpone Bonfire night to Sunday 1st November. Please note your diaries. Financial donations requested and gratefully received. Also please don't forget to book your place at the Quiz.

To hire the Village Hall please contact isabel.pound@hotmail.com or alibarter@aol.com. **For Marquee hire** (Greywell residents only) contact mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk. The Committee also hires out tables, glasses and a spit roast for Villagers' use.



Cheques to Greywell Village Hall.

Village Quiz

Saturday 14th November Doors open at 6.30pm

Cash bar and light supper £25 (inc supper) per team of four or let us know if you wish to join a table

Please reserve your place with Joy MacAndrew or Giles Blagden (see above).

Please give your contribution to Joy MacAndrew at the Old Chapel, Deptford

Lane or Giles Blagden at 3 Dorchester Way before the 29th October -

The Odiham Society



All events take place in the Cross Barn, Odiham. Talks start at 7.45pm Non-members welcome £3.

Friday November 13th

HEROES AND VILLAINS OF THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL

Speaker Roger Cansdale, Author of guide books on the Canal; also the Society's Press Officer. The talk focuses on some of the people who, for various reasons, good and bad, caused the canal to survive.

Friday, December 4th

Society's Christmas Dinner



Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community' www.united-parish.org.uk

From the Parish Registers... **Holy Baptism**

September 6th at St Stephen's Up Nately: Verity Kate Preece We welcome her into the family of the church.

Funeral Services

September 11th at Basingstoke Crematorium: Pauline June Weston of Rowan Lodge.

We send our love and sympathy to her family.

Diary Dates October

- 12 Monday 6.30pm Friends of St Swithuns' meeting
- 13 Tuesday 13th 7.30pm Church meeting about parish share Maple VH
- 25 Sunday 12.30pm Baptism at Mapledurwell
- 31 Saturday 12 noon Baptism at Mapledurwell

United Parish events...

Monday 21st December Greywell Village Hall December tbc Living Nativity at Miller's Ark

Church Services

October 18th

8.30am Holy Com (BCP) Greywell
9.30am Holy Com (CW) Maple
11am Family Service Up Nately
11am Matins Nately Scures

October 25th

8.30am Holy Com (BCP) Newnham9.30am Morning Prayer (sung) Up Nately9.30am Morning Prayer (said) Maple11am Family Service Greywell

Boxes will remain our Five Churches during October for donations of tinned, dried food, non-perishable items for the Camrose Drop-in Centre – and donations of vegetables and fruit will be gratefully received for May Place House, the 21 bed hostel – both for the homeless in Basingstoke.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

The midweek communion service will be on Thursday October 15th at 11am at The Dower House, Greywell. We share in a traditional service of Holy Communion, with a chance to discuss the Bible reading and to offer our own prayers – and then we enjoy coffee, cake and conversation before we go home! Please do come along. If you would like a lift, or for more information, please call Revd Jane (765 547).

NEWNHAM'S ANIMAL SERVICE SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER



Remembrance

In November we have our usual Weekend of Remembrance, focussing on Sunday November 8th. At 10.50am the traditional service this year is held in St Stephen's Up Nately. We shall read out the names of the fallen from each of our Villages, lay wreaths and offer prayers and hymns as we commit ourselves to work for peace in the future. This is always a very emotional service, much appreciated especially by the older villagers who remember only too well the reality of being at war. Please do join us.

That same day at 3pm we have 'In Loving Memory' at St Mary's Greywell. This is an opportunity to remember before God our own loved ones who have died. All those for whom we have taken funerals this last year will be invited, but if you would like names read out and a candle lit for someone who is dear to you, then please pass the names to Jane in advance of the service.

Mothers INON

North Hampshire Downs

In September we met for our AGM and a bring and share supper, a good time to review the past year and plan for the future.

Next meeting Thursday 15th October when we will hear more about the work of the Mothers' Union in one of our linked dioceses, Kericho, Kenya. We will also collect our knitting for the year. This year it will go to the charity Greenfields Africa which provides ante-natal care for pregnant mothers and supplies for new-born babies. If you have knitting but can't come to the meeting, please contact me and I will arrange collection.

To find out more about the Mothers' Union and our projects, please ring Sue Murphy on 01252 845 011.

From The Rectory

Up Nately, RG27 9PL 01256 765 547 reverendjane@hotmail.co.uk



Dear Friends
As I write in the middle of September, I'm having a very quiet week. I'm not making a silent retreat, at least not on purpose, but I have

been struck down with a bout of laryngitis and for a couple of days have had no voice at all. This is not a happy situation for a Vicar to be in. How do I take services, comfort the dying, chair meetings and sing to the nursery school children without a voice?

I have been warned not to force it once my voice does start to come back, because I risk damaging my vocal chords. And as one who loves to sing, that is a scary prospect. I've always taken great pride in being told over and over again 'I can hear every word you say' after a church service and 'you give such a good strong lead with your singing'. It is rather ironic then that the first time I can ever remember having to arrange cover for Sunday services because of illness it is my voice that has been the reason for it! Pride cometh before a fall...

Leaving my health concerns to one side, I also want to tell you all that I am going to be retiring next summer and Roland and I will be moving from the parish into our house in Basingstoke. I think many of you know that Roland retires fully at the end of this year and we have been planning that he will spend the first six months overseeing work on the house before we move, probably in July. We will both be nearly 66 then, I will have been ordained for 20 years and the time seems right to move to the next phase of life, with more time to spend with our family, friends and one another.

The Diocese will in time be advertising for a replacement for me but Linda will of course be able 'to keep the show on the road' during a vacancy. But we have a lot of work ahead to make sure that all the good work that has been done, all the relationships that have been built and the progress that has been made is not wasted – and there will be many opportunities for you to be involved in the many projects that we have planned for the coming years.

I hope it goes without saying that I shall miss you all very much – but I am looking forward to finding new ways to serve God and being open to his call once again. But in the meantime it is business as usual... at least once my voice comes back again!!

With all my love Revd Jane Leese



A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE BISHOP

There are always concerns about the ever-increasing sums that Parishes are asked to contribute each year to the Diocese through the Parish Share. This is the fund from which the church pays for the ministry of its clergy, their stipends, pensions, housing, and training and supports the work of the church in the parish in many different ways. On Tuesday October 13th at 7.30pm in Mapledurwell Village Hall there is an opportunity to gather with parishioners from across our Benefice to speak with representatives of the Diocese about this, to hear about it from their point of view and to let them hear your concerns. All PCC and VCC members are welcome – also anyone who has a special interest in these financial issues.

VILLAGER TREASURER

The Villager is looking for a new Treasurer to take over from Charlotte Ridgwell who kindly took on the role in 2009. The role requires – Arranging for monthly payments to the printers for 11 issues and twice-yearly 'honourarium' to the editor – Producing annual accounts and requesting contributions from the three Parishes and the Church sufficient to meet outgoings. Also monitoring and accounting for small amount of advertising revenue. If you could help, please contact the editor Sue Turner (contact details above).

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Events notices

North Warnborough & District Garden Club Next meeting Thursday 22nd October Village Hall, 2.10pm for a 2.30 start. Speaker Victoria Ennion on 'Foliage in Design'. Competitions: 1. A Display of Dahlias; 2. A Vase of Michaelmas Daisies; 3. Three Dessert Pears. Further info tel 01252 843 848.

Upton Grey Autumn Festival

Saturday, 24th October, Hoddington Arms. Starting at 2pm, a family-oriented event in which all local Villages are invited to participate. Free car parking in Church Meadow, RG25 2RA. Newlyn's Farm Shop BBQ throughout the afternoon until 6pm pre fireworks. Please help add to the success of the afternoon by providing entries for the festival, eg, photos or carved pumpkins.

Hook Choral Society Autumn

concert 7.30pm Saturday Nov 14th at St Johns Church in Hook. Directed by Nicholas Woods: Haydn's *Missa Brevis: Sancti Joannis de Deo;* Stanford's *Three Motets*; Esenvalds – *Amazing Grace* and *Stars;* Gabriel Fauré's *Requium.*Tickets from Trees Newsagent's or call 01256 882 067 (£15, £11 concessions, accompanied children under 15 free)

Basingstoke Choral Society – Handel's MESSIAH 7pm Sunday, 15th November at The Anvil. Orchestra – Ars Eloquentiae, Conductor David Gibson. Tickets available from Anvil Box Office 01256 884244 or www.anvilarts.org.uk.

Robert May's Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November 11.30am-2:30pm, Robert Mays School.

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