

The Villager

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Newsletter for Mapledurwell, Up Nately, Nately Scures & Newnham

WATER SUPPLY AND OVER ABSTRACTION

Re availability of water supply from South East Water, and the environmental harms of over-abstraction, see page 3 detailing the Environment Agency's refusal (subsequently appealed) to grant SE Water further licence extension to abstract from Greywell, and page 5 illustrating supply and connections within our local water resource zone (Bracknell WRZ4).

HOOK ALLOTMENTS ARE OPEN UNDER THE NATIONAL OPEN GARDENS SCHEME SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 18 & 19 JULY

Hook Cross Allotments, Reading Road Hook RG27 9DB.

Opening 1-5pm; Pre-booking available or turn up and pay on the day. Admission Adult £5, children no charge. Tea, coffee & cake (aid of Hook Allotment Association). Dogs welcome on short leads.

Over five acres of community run allotments showcasing a variety of vegetables, fruit, and flower growing styles, plus a community orchard, wildflower meadow and banks, and wildlife friendly gardening information. Plus learn about soil health with guest display from Soil Ecology Laboratory.

Established on arable farmland in 2010, this community-run allotment site is now one of the largest allotments in Hampshire. With more than 100 plot-holders you can see a wonderful variety of approaches to growing edible produce and flowers including raised beds, no-dig, novel crops, traditional layouts and polytunnels.

Be inspired to try growing your own and talk to plot-holders who will be on hand to discuss their experiences and what's involved.

Vegetables, soft fruit, top fruit, flowers, unusual produce, herbs and scarecrows. The allotments incorporate a number of wildlife-friendly features such as wildflower banks to help beneficial invertebrates, insect hotels, nest-boxes, wildflower meadow and a community orchard. Wildlife on the site includes birds, butterflies and small mammals.

It is usually easy to watch red kites, buzzards, kestrels and skylarks above the plots. Please vote for your favourite scarecrow, and Soil Ecology Laboratory's display of soil health will offer the chance to test soil and see under the microscope what's living in it.



Plants and produce for sale. Parking, picnic area, compost toilet. Please note grass paths and uneven ground, not suitable for wheelchair users.

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3rd - 6th August
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TRUSTEE BOARD VACANCIES AT ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL, ODIHAM

We currently hold a number of vacancies on the trust board for dedicated volunteers, with sufficient time and energy, to play a strategic role in the school's development through supportive governance.

Of particular interest at this time, but not exclusively, are chartered accountants, applicants with a law background, school educators, marketeers and fundraisers.

The Academy Trust will require all applicants to be subject to statutory safeguarding checks, including an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check. For more details or to request the application form and role description, please contact the Governance Professional by email clerk@rmays.com

Anna Rigby, Chair of Trust,
Robert May's School, Odiham

Mapledurwell & Up Nately



Searching for Mapledurwell men's master baker on 14 June at the Village Pond. Sponsored by the Friends of St Mary's, thanks to everyone who helped organise and take part. Congratulations to winner Tim Lewis



VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

The Village Hall Committee will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th September and a Theatre Event on Thursday 22nd October; please save the dates.

REPORTING POTHOLES AND OTHER HIGHWAYS PROBLEMS

'The best way the public can help is to report, ideally with photos, via the County Council website. Reporting via Fix my Street will get to us, but has no two-way communication, no way to update or track progress.'

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NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 15 July at 7pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/01300/PIP (Validated 24 June) Andwell Brewing Company, Andwell Lane. Permission in principle for the conversion of former/disused brewery into 5 no. two bedroom dwellings

26/01159/HSE and 26/01160/LBC (Validated 19 June) Blaegrove Cottage Blaegrove Lane. Install an electric vehicle charging unit on side of cottage.

26/01164/PIP (Validated 01 June) Land South West Of Heather Lane, Up Nately. One x residential self-build home and one x residential self-build garage.

26/00977/HSE (Validated 27 May) The New Farmhouse, Andwell Lane. Raising of roof to existing double garage to form residential annex to main house and new double garage, car port with storage over.

26/00970/FUL (Validated 12 May) Nunnery House Tunworth Road Erection of a detached single-storey garage within the residential curtilage of the dwelling under construction, and approved under planning ref (24/02002/FUL)

26/00717/LBC (Pending 03 April) and **26/00848/HSE** (Pending 24 April) Mapledurwell House, Tunworth Road. Reinstatement and repair the section of collapsed flint boundary wall.

25/02579/ROC (Withdrawn 02 July) Bridgeway Mansion, Heather Lane. Relief of conditions – 1 Approved Plans; 3 Details of Materials; 5 Landscaping; 7 Brickworks Docks; 14 Visibility and 16 Front Enclosure – of BDB/74968 (Erection of one dwelling following demolition of piggery buildings and barn).

25/00304/HSE (Pending 26 February) 6 St Stephens Close. Erection of part first floor, two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extensions.

24/00756/FUL Land North of Parrotts. Four detached new dwellings, garages, access, parking, amenity space etc. (Considered by Development Control Committee of 08 April.) DC decision to defer on two grounds: to request further information on flood risk, and re levels of noise from M3. Subsequent investigation by LLFA (HCC Lead Local Flood Authority) requires further information prior to the application being decided – these matters cannot be subject to condition.

PLANNING APPEAL

APP/H1705/X/26/3378064 (Appeal in progress) The Gamekeepers. Certificate of lawful development for the existing use of the Gamekeepers as a restaurant; ref 25/02178/LDEU.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00293/26/TCA (Validated 01 July) The Farm Tunworth Road. 1 x Pine - Fell.

Mapledurwell village direction signs from the Greywell road and at the pond are all now refurbished. All have new fingerboards; the finials have been restored and remounted.



SE WATER ABSTRACTION FROM THE AQUIFER AT GREYWELL

The EA recently refused SE Water's application to a further extend their abstraction licence

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY DECISION STATEMENT

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a1fe84b59fb7a60f827f6b0/Decision_Statement_Refusal_NPSWR043914_1.pdf

Extracts from the Decision Notice...

Summary of the proposal South East Water (SEW) abstracts from wells and boreholes from the chalk aquifer for public water supply from their Greywell Pumping Station. The licence had an expiry date of 31/03/2025 and SEW applied on 27/03/2025 to renew on the same terms. Initially, they indicated for a further two years, but later confirmed until 31/03/2031.

We have assessed the proposal against the three tests for renewal – environmental sustainability, justification of need and water efficiency – and have concluded the environmental sustainability test was not met – re Water Framework Directive (WFD) to achieve WFD Quantitative Status objectives – and have decided to refuse the application.

Quantities 477.34 cubic metres of water (m³) per hour; 6,819.14 m³/day; 2,495,806 m³/year.

Means of abstraction Two wells not exceeding 52m in depth and 2.5m in diameter with adits and pumps. Two boreholes not exceeding 46m depth, 462mm in diameter, each with a pump.

Abstraction period All year.

CASE HISTORY The expectation – following the assessment and conclusion of the Restoring Sustainable Abstraction (RSA) programme and a series of National Environment Programme investigations and an Options Appraisal in Assessment Management Period 5 (AMP 5) from 2010-2015 – was that abstraction under the Greywell Licence would cease (be revoked) in 2020 due to the impact it was having on Greywell Fen Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

However, the infrastructure required to replace Greywell as a supply was not in place by 2020, as originally intended.

[Requests to renew based on various supply-related issues have been ongoing and previously allowed.]

Impact assessment of proposal

The Greywell abstraction is directly linked to the quantitative failure of the Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body. Continued abstraction prevents the groundwater body from achieving 'Good' for Quantitative Status by 2027 – through the impact it has on the supporting Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTE) element achieving its individual objective of 'Good' status by 2027 – as required by WFD objectives and as set out in the 2019 River Basin Management Plan (RBMP).

This WFD failure is specifically tied to the ongoing impact the Greywell abstraction has on the Greywell Fen Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which is also a GWDTE, as evidenced through previous Restoring Sustainable Abstraction (RSA) and Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) investigations.

Statutory consultation The Agency consulted Natural England under the regulations using an Appendix 4 assessment with a 'minded to' decision to refuse the application due to likely damage to an SSSI (Greywell Fen).

Natural England response...

supports the overarching conclusion... that continuing this abstraction will likely cause damage to Greywell Fen SSSI. We agree this operation should not be permitted. The ongoing damage and likely deterioration caused by this abstraction threatens the long-term function, processes and integrity of the alkaline fen, and the rare and / or notable groundwater-dependent species (such as within M9 and M22 plant communities) of which it supports. This SSSI is one of the largest remaining examples of alkaline fen in Southern England.

External representations The application had a statutory exemption from advertising. However, the Whitewater Valley Conservation Society detailed their interest and concerns.

Conservation issues Greywell Fen SSSI is adversely impacted by abstraction, with evidence of species loss and extinction. Continued abstraction would delay recovery and further risk deterioration of the SSSI and associated habitats. Natural England and the Agency agree that 'Favourable Condition' cannot be achieved or maintained under any abstraction regime, even if reduced.

Costs / benefits Refusal represents a cost to SEW through the cost of the refused application and the need to deliver options for the treatment and transfer of existing or alternative water supplies due to the area's demonstrated supply deficit. Benefits of refusal includes the avoidance of continued environmental harm to Greywell Fen SSSI, the recovery of a nationally significant groundwater-dependent ecosystem, and the contribution refusal makes to achieving statutory WFD objectives for the Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body and connected waters.

Re our duties to consider reasonable requirements to water... we are satisfied that the benefits of refusing this application outweigh the costs.

Conclusion and recommendation

Granting a renewed licence for Greywell would not meet the Agency's duties under Regulation 13 of The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 as doing so would contribute significantly to ongoing WFD Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body failures and would be incompatible with achieving WFD objectives for the Basingstoke Chalk groundwater body.

We therefore refuse the application to renew and re-issue the Greywell licence.

Further on page 5

South East Water has appealed the EA decision to refuse further licence extension and so may continue abstracting until the Appeal is decided.

Newnham & Nately Scures

We still have wonderful Summer afternoon / early evening services to look forward to at both Newnham and Nately Scures, so please do come along and support us.

Sunday 5th July, St Swithun's Nately Scures, Patronal Festival Evensong, 5pm, followed by Pimm's and Nibbles.

Sunday 12th July St Nicholas' Newnham, Pet Service, 4pm. Bring your moggies and your doggies and all your pets to our Pet Service...

Rev Debz



St Swithun's, Nately Scures PATRONAL EVENSONG

follow by Pimm's and nibbles

**Please join us
Sunday 5 July
at 5pm**

All welcome



Pet Service

St Nicholas, Newnham



Sunday 12th July 2026 4pm



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/00595/HSE (Grant 21 May) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. Single storey kitchen extension to rear elevation with balcony above.

26/00144/LBC and 26/00151/ROC (Grant 12 June) Newnham House, Ridge Lane. Variation of Con 1 of 24/02797/FUL to amend drawing numbers to allow for alterations to scheme [Coachhouse].

PARISH TREE APPLICATION

T/00210/26/TCA (Approve 01 June) Hunters, Newnham Lane. T1 Silver Birch - Fell

OWEN'S FARM, HOOK

25/02564/OUT (Validated 15 Jan) Owens Farm, Newnham Road, Hook. Outline application for up to 415 dwellings, landscaping, open space, SANG, SuDS, and associated works with access from Newnham Road (principle and access to be considered).

This application continues under consideration, as can be seen on the Hart website. The main issues for debate remain transport and access – particularly the suitability of proposals for Newnham Road at the Hook end and the Kingsbridge junction – and flood risk, drainage and water infrastructure.

Many documents have been submitted to counter or question the proposals, and there are ongoing requests to the applicant for further information. The 'agreed expiry date' showing on the Hart website has been moved from 30 June to 18 September; not known how long the process will take.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Newnham is looking for a new Parish Councillor to join the team. If interested please contact any of the Parish Councillors or clerk.newnham@gmail.com

NEXT NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 21 July, 7pm in the Clubroom, all welcome

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



June winners are
Richard and Fiona Fouracre - £100
Kirstin Knell - £50
Collette Wiggin - £25 (donated to church with thanks)



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SOUTH EAST WATER SUPPLY AREAS



East Region (Sussex): WRZs 1, 2 and 3



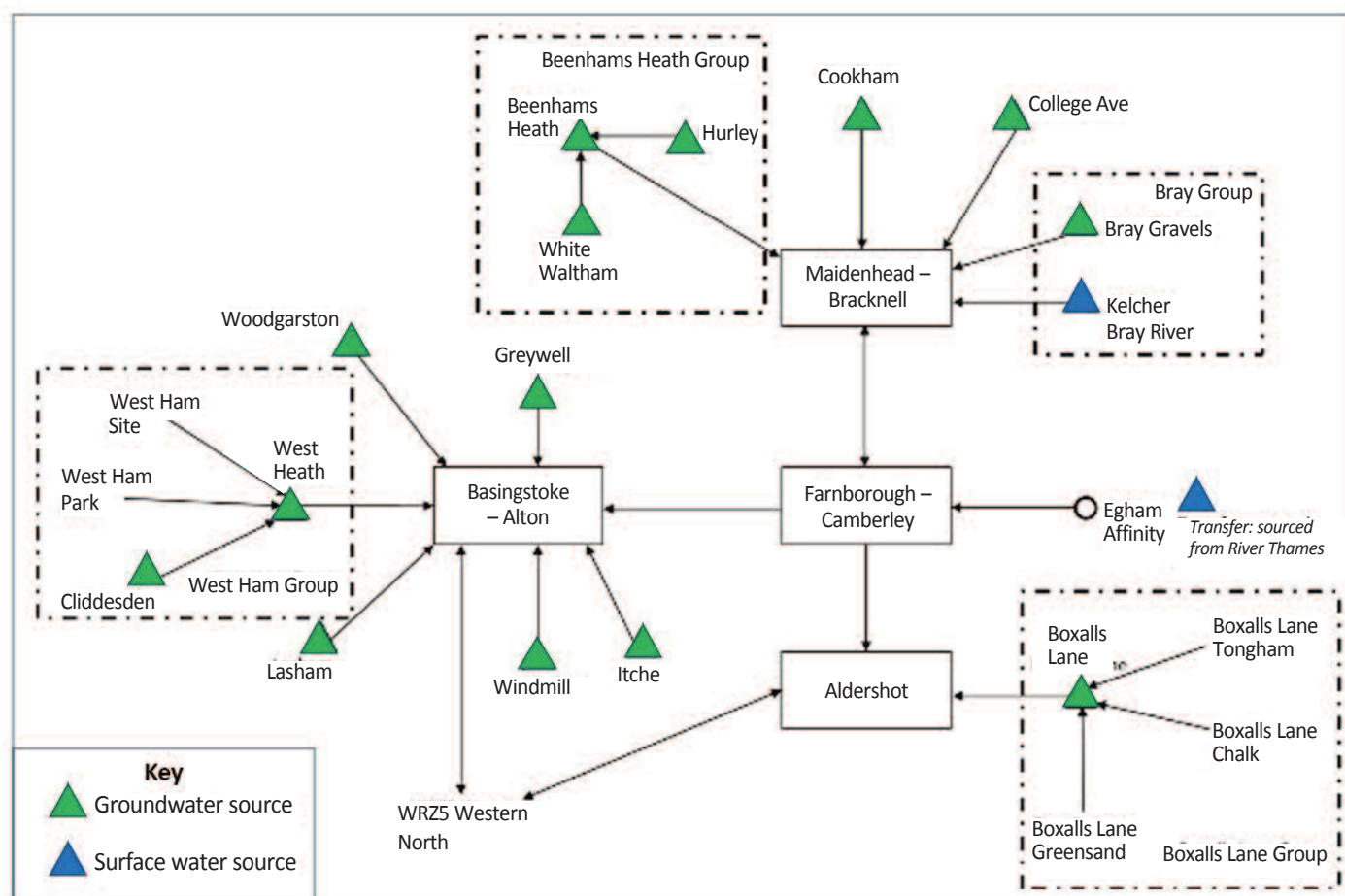
West Region: WRZs 4 and 5



East Region (Kent): WRZs 6, 7 and 8

As illustrated above, public water supplies in north east Hampshire and neighbouring parts of Surrey are provided by South East Water (SEW). Hart District and the eastern part of Basingstoke & Deane are within South East Water's 'Bracknell' Supply Zone – Water Resource Zone 4 (WRZ4).

Below diagram is a summary of supply sources and connections in WRZ4, showing the reliance on groundwater sources.



Maps and diagrams sourced from SE Water's Water Resource Management Plan 2024

The reliance on groundwater in WRZ4 means that this supply zone will be especially impacted by groundwater-related constraints including:

- **High nitrate**, which is largely derived from agricultural application of nitrate fertilisers. SEW have been investigating the use of cover crops to reduce nitrate inputs from agriculture at its Woodgarston PWS (public water supply). Nitrate concentrations are

locally high (although not above drinking water limits).

- **Impacts of groundwater abstraction on groundwater-dependent ecosystems.** This is a particular problem at Greywell PWS.
- **Depletion of river flows by groundwater abstraction**, which has adverse effects on water quality, Water Framework Directive classification and other aspects.

South East Water needs to reduce abstraction from existing sources in order to reduce effects on river flows and sensitive ecosystems, with an estimated loss in water available to SEW of up to 136Ml/d (million litres per day) by 2050, including 12.5 Ml/d in WRZ4. In addition, SEW has agreed to reduce the bulk transfer received from Affinity Water at Egham by 10 Ml/d from 2026.

Church Notices

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www.moretolife.church

From the Parish Registers

Funeral: Brenda Strong at Basingstoke Crematorium on June 17th

Interment of Ashes: David Stevens at St Mary's Greywell on June 27th

FROM THE BENEFICE MINISTRY TEAM



'Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes but, when we look back, everything is different?'

So said British author, scholar and theologian CS Lewis.

Surrounded by boxes in the Vicarage as we pack up the various things, big and small, that form the fabric and back-drop to our day-to-day life as a family, I am struck again by the sharp observation behind Lewis' words. He captures something which we know to be true through experience and yet somehow struggle to name. That time passes both quickly and slowly. Ten years to the day since I began as Rector of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice I will step down and begin a new chapter. Our time here has been formative for me as a Vicar and indeed for us as a family.

As I look back on 10 years of ministry in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice I am grateful for so many things.

I'm grateful for the people who make up our villages, young and old, long-standing and new-comers, easy-going and dare I say it some higher maintenance! The people who we live alongside, those who we call friends and those who we pass in the shop or chat to in the pub – these are the people with whom we share our life in this place at this time and who help to shape and form us, and we them.

I'm grateful for the churches and congregations of our benefice. Each one unique with its own particular life and story, but each one seeking in its own way to be a tangible demonstration of the day-to-day difference that following Jesus makes

in life. Groups of people who come together because they find that sharing in worship they are nourished and built up, helped to love others and God, and, through the liturgy and the music, prayers and bible reading, shaped and formed.

I'm grateful for the ministry team here over the 10 years. I can't imagine a better group of colleagues to have shared ministry with. Gracious, gifted, humble and good fun. Colleagues who through their words and actions have consistently demonstrated that truth that you can be serious about things of faith without being sombre, that you can care deeply about the church and the gospel without simply trying to preserve an imagined past. A team who have taken risks, been open to growth and new things and who have led by example, always seeking to be within themselves that which they ask of the churches they lead. Formative and shaping relationships at their best.

I'm also grateful to the God whom I worship and seek to follow. The God who promises to be with us in good times and bad, in seasons of joy and seasons of struggle. The God who, through his Holy Spirit, and through the people with whom we share life, shapes and forms us so that we might come to be more fully human and more contentedly who we were created to be.

The last 10 years then, which have seemed to last a life-time, and yet which have gone so quickly, have been formative years. I know this to be true for me, and I suspect this is true for all of us. We are today not quite the same people we were 10 years ago. We have been shaped and formed by those with whom we share our lives, those alongside whom we happen to live, through our

experiences both good and difficult, through I hope the witness and ministry of the church, and through the ongoing work of God in his world.

So what of the future?

Well, having felt deeply at home in Upton Grey for 10 years, Hannah, Tabitha, Jemima, Kitty and I will be leaving the Vicarage and moving at least 1.5 miles up the road to the hamlet of Well. I will be taking on a new role with the Diocese as the Archdeacon of Winchester. My new role means that I don't have responsibility for any particular parishes day by day, but, alongside the Bishop and Suffragan Bishops, share the responsibility for the smooth running of the whole Diocese.

My new role is pastoral in so far as it involves the care of clergy and congregations; organisational as I take lead role in parish vacancies and recruitment of new clergy, and strategic as I join the Bishop's Staff Team where I will help to shape the vision and direction of the Diocese. When I am collated as Archdeacon I will also be made a Canon of Winchester Cathedral and am looking forward immensely to being part of the ministry of that ancient place of worship.

And so for now, and until I conduct an Archdeacon's visitation, it is goodbye to the benefice which has been a place of such joy and blessing to us as a family. It is goodbye to the folks alongside whom we have lived and ministered and the communities in which we have found a sense of belonging. And it's goodbye to the remarkable and beautiful congregations that worship in our churches.

With love and prayers

Rev Simon, Hannah, Tabitha, Jemima and Kitty

CHURCH SERVICES JULY INTO AUGUST

Sunday 05 July	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship with Baptism 5pm St Swithun's Natelly Scures, Patronal Festival Evensong
Monday 06 July	7.30pm South Warnborough, Licensing of the Revd Yvette Dixon
Sunday 12 July	9am St Stephen's Up Natelly, BCP Holy Communion (said) 4pm St Nicholas' Newnham, Pet Service
Sunday 19 July	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service
Sunday 26 July	10.30am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said) 11am St Stephen's Up Natelly, Morning Worship
Sunday 02 Aug	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Songs of Praise 5pm St Swithun's Natelly Scures, Evensong.

CHANGES TO THE CLERGY TEAM ACROSS OUR CHURCHES

From Rev'd Chris Dudgeon

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a number of changes coming up in our clergy and wider ministry team, here in our group of North Hampshire Downs Churches.

Sarah Barnes, who has been churchwarden and licensed lay minister in Upton Grey for many years, has recently been recommended for training for ordination, and will start her two-year training as an 'ordinand' at Sarum College in September.

Steve Bentley, who worships at All Saints' Odiham with his wife Fyona, has been selected for a one-year course with the diocese called 'Bishop's Permission to Preach', and he will start training for this in September.

Rev'd Yvette Dixon has been appointed as the new Associate Minister in South Warnborough and Long Sutton. Yvette will replace Gillian Wilton who retired last October, and she will move into the parsonage in South Warnborough at the start of July, with her licensing service currently planned for Monday 6th July at 7.30pm. Please do come and join us.

Rev'd Suzanne Newcombe, who is currently serving as a Curate in Herriard and Weston Patrick, has recently been ordained Priest, following her ordination as Deacon last summer. This took place on 27th June in Winchester Cathedral.

Many congratulations to you all - Sarah, Steve, Yvette and Suzanne - on these appointments, and thank you for all you are doing in serving our churches so faithfully.

And finally, Rev'd Simon Butler is moving on to pastures new at the end of July, having been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Winchester. Simon, together with Hannah, Tabitha, Jemima and Kitty, joined our benefice as the Rector 10 years ago in 2016. He has built up our ministry team from five when he arrived, to 16 today, which is testimony to his leadership, his constant encouragement and vision, and his deep love of God and trust in His plans for us. Even though we have travelled through very challenging times as a nation during that time, not



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KIDSZONE

Hi everyone!

As I sit down to write this article, I am looking ahead to a summer packed with sports: Women's T20 Cricket World Cup, Formula 1 British Grand Prix, Wimbledon, Commonwealth Games and European Athletics Championships and, of course, the FIFA Men's Football World Cup (let's hope that by the time you are reading this England are still going strong!)

You may not share in my enthusiasm for sport (watching or playing), but I do hope that you are looking forward to making the most of the (hopefully) fine weather and light evenings this summer by enjoying the outdoors with friends and family.

While playing sports is not for everyone, there is something about being outdoors; running or moving, exploring and playing that is really good for us. God made us that way! And it's not just good for our physical health, but it is good for our mental, emotional and spiritual health too!

The Scottish sprinter, Eric Liddel, who won Gold at the Paris Olympics in 1924 said

'God made me fast and when I run I feel his pleasure.'

I wonder what are the things you do that make you feel fully alive? What are the things that fill you with joy and help free you, even for a short time, from your worries and fears? What would this sentence sound like for you...

'God made me and when I I feel fully alive.'

Playing with others, or even by ourselves, also helps us to deal with our big emotions. Play helps us to express our feelings in a safe way. Whether it is joy, excitement, anger or fear, our feelings need to move so that they don't get stuck in our bodies. You could say that our feelings need playgrounds!

What playgrounds can you offer your feelings? Here's a few ideas to get you thinking... running, chasing, exploring, dressing-up, telling stories, acting, singing, playing music, dancing, writing, drawing, painting or constructing. If you would enjoy doing many of these things with lots of other children, why not join us in August for our Summer Holiday Club at All Saints in Odiham - please see

<https://allsaintsodiham.church-suite.com/events/nu37zls3>

on the moretolife.church website for information and to sign up.

Whatever you do this summer and whoever you do it with, may you find lots of moments of joy, fun and laughter and times when you feel fully alive.

God bless, Paul

least with the Covid pandemic, our benefice has seen growth that is counter to many national trends. Simon, we shall miss you and your family greatly - thank you for your leadership, wisdom and encouragement - but we're very grateful that you'll still be looking after us!

We have now started the process of recruitment for a new Associate Minister to replace Simon in Upton Grey and Tunworth, and I'll provide updates on this shortly.

With best wishes, Chris

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon, Rector
North Hampshire Downs Churches

A word of heartfelt thanks

to Sarah Barnes... for her much appreciated support with services in Greywell. Her steady and joy-filled contribution has been a great blessing to the worshipping life of the village.

As she now begins her formation as an Ordinand, I send her every encouragement and pray that the path ahead will be marked by grace, good companions and deepening joy in her calling.

Revd Luke Augustyn

Assistant Curate, Greywell, Up Nately and Mapledurwell



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North Hants Downs MU

I am writing a few days before the Hartley Wintney Village Festival and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has given me books to sell on our stall. The weather promises to be good and we are looking forward to a good afternoon. In the next issue I will be able to let you know how much we have been able to raise for groups which support women and girls around the world to learn to read and write.

In early June, I was invited to Old Alresford to take part in a recording for Radio 4 which will be part of the Sunday morning service on Mary Sumner Day (Sunday 9th August).

Our branch usually meets on the first Monday of the month. However in July, we will be meeting for a social get-together. On Sunday 9th August at 3:30pm we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary with a service of Evensong in Winchester Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to join us for what I am sure will be a lovely service and for refreshments afterwards.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011 / 07881 828450.

ODIHAM VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP NEEDS DRIVERS

Would you be prepared to join us as a volunteer to support those in several local villages in need of transport to medical appointments?

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A TREASURER for about two hours a week on average

Please contact 07551 587862 if you can help.

VILLAGER DELIVERY

If you can help with *Villager* deliveries for any part of Scures Hill please contact newnhamcllr.walker@gmail.com.

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

On Saturday 18th July at 7pm, at All Saints' Church, Odiham, we present an evening of inspirational music celebrating the hope and joy of community.

Conducted by Jordan Theis, and accompanied by piano and organ... it features Samuel Barber's *Sure on This Shining Night*, Mark Wilberg's *Amazing Grace*, selections from Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs*, Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, and Jacob Narverud's *Wild Mountain Thyme*, all part of a programme of works written or arranged by American composers.

Tickets: £20, under 18s free. A glass of wine or soft drink included in ticket price available from 6pm.

www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk/summer26

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Next meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd July 2.10pm for 2.30pm start; speaker Rosy Hardy on 'Seasonal Perennials'. Usual Plant Stall to which Rosy will add her own array of plants from her Nursery for sale. Visitors welcome to join us for a small fee. www.nwdg.org.uk

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<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/91139326/Police-Force-Merger-Consultation-Have-your-say>

As Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, I am determined to ensure local people have a clear voice on the Government's proposals to restructure policing across England and Wales.

In January 2026, the Government set out plans to merge the current 43 police forces into larger, regional organisations. These are far-reaching changes that could have a direct impact on how policing is delivered in our communities.

An Independent Review is now underway to advise on how these changes should be implemented. However, it is not actively seeking the views of the public. That raises serious questions about whether these proposals truly reflect the priorities of the communities they are intended to serve.

Policing works best when it is rooted in the communities it serves. Local accountability, visibility, and responsiveness matter, and must not be lost in any move towards larger, more centralised structures.

That is why I am encouraging residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to take part in this consultation. Your views are essential in making sure local voices are heard and considered as part of the national conversation on the future of policing.

Your feedback will help ensure that any decisions taken reflect the needs and expectations of our communities.

For more information on the Government's proposals, you can read the White Paper *From local to national: a new model for policing*:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/from-local-to-national-a-new-model-for-policing>

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