

The Villager

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



United Parish Children's Fun Day

Just as the Christmas holidays began, the United Parish held their second Children's Fun Day...or 'Merry Church' session! As the rain came down in torrents and the wind blew relentlessly outside, almost 20 children from around our parish gathered in the cosy and welcoming village hall of Greywell to make last minute preparations for Christmas and to enjoy some festive fun. A whole range of decorations and presents were lovingly created by the children before they turned their attention to that very special birthday, re-enacting the story of the Nativity. Such was their enthusiasm to participate that I think we had two Marys and even more Josephs! The United Parish looks forward to hosting their next 'Merry Church' session in the Easter holidays. More information to follow in future editions of The Villager.

M3 Junction 6 Black Dam Improvement – full weekend closure 5-8 February

Please be advised that we will be fully closing the Black Dam Roundabout from 10pm Friday 5 February to 5am Monday 8 February. During this period, all approaches to the roundabout will be closed with clearly signed diversion routes in place.

This closure will allow all surfacing work to be completed, along with signals, signs, safety barriers and road markings.

Additional tasks including landscaping will be completed using off-peak daytime lane closures and are expected to be completed by the end of February. This will be followed by the seeding of the newly-landscaped areas which is planned for March, when temperatures will have risen to allow germination.

Details of this project are available on the Highways England website: www.highways.gov.uk/m3blackdam. Please subscribe to the scheme to receive email alerts when the information is updated.

Camrose drop-in Centre

There will be collection boxes in our 5 Churches for the homeless during lent (from 14 February to Easter 27 March) for donations of food to help the centre provide breakfast and lunches for the needy in Basingstoke. They are well stocked for pasta and rice at present, but would especially appreciate cereal, sugar, flour (SR and plain), tins of meat (tinned sausages are popular) and other tinned meats to provide a lunch. Please give generously. Thank you.

Diary dates

February

- 9 Greywell Tea Pot Cafe
- 12 Up Nately Coffee Morning
- 17 Lent Lunch - Meddings Farmhouse, Mapledurwell, 12.30pm
- 17 Lent Course, Dower House, Greywell, 2pm
- 18 Lent Course, Jasmine Dean, Mapledurwell, 8pm
- 18 Hedgerow Management Training Course 9am-1pm, Ashe Warren Farm, Basingstoke
- 20 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library
- 24 Lent Course, Dower House, Greywell, 2pm
- 25 Lent Course, Jasmine Dean, Mapledurwell, 8pm
- 25 North Warnborough & District Gardening Club, North Warnborough Village Hall, 2.10pm
- 25 Lent Lunch - The Lodge, Up Nately, 12.30pm

An invitation to attend



Hedgerow Management Training Course

Thursday 18th February 2016
9.00am-1pm

Ashe Warren Farm, Ashe Warren, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG25 3AN

Hedgerows provide food and shelter for many species of wildlife. Hedgerows can also prevent soil erosion, capture pollutants such as fertilisers and pesticides running off fields, store carbon to help combat climate change, and provide homes for predators of many pest species. Two thirds of England has been continuously hedged for over a thousand years, so many of our older hedgerows are a window into our past.

But no hedge stays the same for ever. Effectively every hedge goes through a life cycle, and good hedge management should recognize this. To manage hedgerows successfully we must understand how we can control their natural growth and ageing patterns without subjecting them to stresses which will cause long-term damage to their physical structure.

- This one day course will cover
- How to apply the Hedgerow Management Cycle to determine the most appropriate management for your hedges (recommended by Natural England when applying for CS grants)
 - Managing different types of hedges
 - Wildlife considerations
 - Writing a simple hedgerow management plan
 - What grants are available for hedgerow management under Countryside Stewardship

An indoor session will be followed by a walk around the farm looking at the hedgerows present and applying the theory learnt.

In addition, Ashe Warren Farm is home to Wildflower Turf <http://www.wildflowerturf.co.uk>. James Hewitson-Brown, Manager of Wildflower Turf will be joining us to tell us more about Wildflower Turf and in particular their latest product, Wildflower Earth.

Booking is essential. Please email Amanda.ingham@hiwwt.org.uk or telephone 01256 381186 by Friday 12th February.



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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Next Up Nately Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be held on Friday 12th February, 10-12, at Leylands.

Contact Jane for more information 762891



Each year we try to find a village related charity and in the last year, we raised £255, which will be donated to the Children's Cancer Ward in Southampton.

A very warm welcome to newly engaged Sean Stevenson and Charlotte Emmett, who have moved in at 6 St Stephen's Close. They are not entirely new to the village, having rented Gibbs Cottage for some time. Both of them work in Bracknell, Sean is a Business Development Manager at an agricultural and environmental laboratory company and Charlotte teaches dance at a secondary school. They are planning to marry in 2017

GARDEN WASTE

Please do not tip your garden waste (or any other rubbish) into the fields behind your fences.

Please take it to the Council Tip on Wade Road or contact the council (tel 01256 844844) to arrange for it to be collected in green bags. The dell near Mapledurwell Pond is not a waste tip either.

Fly tipping is illegal.

Carols around the Pond

The carol singing around the Pond was a very festive occasion with delicious home-made mulled wine and mince pies, and ably accompanied by John on his accordion, with a very welcome brazier to keep out the cold. It was well supported and £127 was collected for the Children's Society.

Next Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 9th March, 8pm, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall Committee Room. All welcome.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

16/00040/HSE (6th January) Manor Farm Barn, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of rear conservatory.

15/04532/HSE (23rd December 2015) 12 Canal Reach, Andwell. Erection of rear extension and partial conversion of garage to form utility room.

15/04301/FUL (3rd December 2015) Priory Farmhouse, Andwell. Extension of permission for temporary change of use approved under BDB/73417 as Class D1 childrens nursery for the period to 31 August 2022.

Applications pending

15/04036/HSE (12th November 2015) Dell Cottage, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Erection of two storey side/rear infill extension and single storey side extension.

Applications granted

15/03677/LDEU (22nd December, reg 29th October) Mapledurwell Barn, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Application for certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the barn as general storage.

15/03758/RET (9th December, reg 26th October) Hungry Lodge Farm, Down Lane, Mapledurwell. Erection of wall disabled ramp and metal railings (retrospective).

15/03759/AGPD (26th November, reg 29th October) Hungry Lodge Farm, Down Lane, Mapledurwell. Erection of agricultural barn for farm machinery storage (permitted development).

15/02829/LBC (22nd January, reg 11th August) Addisons Farm House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Repair and replacement of downpipes/guttering and installation of insulation to original part of roof.

Appeal

15/02281/FUL (19th January 2016) Land Adjacent To Blaegrove House, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately RG27 9PD. Erection of a dwelling house, access, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

Appeal Ref: APP/H1705/W/15/3140579 (14th January 2016)

All responses made to BDBC for their planning consultation will be automatically forwarded to the Inspector.

Amended or further comments should be submitted by 18th February 2016 directly to the Inspector at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> (Planning Portal) or by emailing CT2@pins.gsi.gov.uk. Alternatively send three copies to: Planning Inspectorate - Team CT2, Room 3/10b, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Heritage and Identity

The Royal Society of Arts is collaborating with the Heritage Lottery Fund to better understand the links between heritage and identity at the local scale. The RSA has analysed over 100 datasets to produce a Heritage Index to help people understand local heritage assets and activities, and access relevant data through a single site. Data ranges from the length of canals and size of protected wildlife sites, through to the number of historic local businesses and the proportion of residents visiting museums and archives.

The Index is designed to stimulate debate about what is valued from the past, and how that influences the identity of its current residents. This can help a place achieve its aspirations to grow and prosper, socially and economically.

Rachel Bebb is a 'Heritage Ambassador' for Hampshire, one of a number of Fellows of the RSA who have an interest in heritage and the local community. If you would like to contribute to the conversation please find out more by visiting this link to the RSA's website and contact Rachel with your contributions directly - <http://tinyurl.com/odb3smw>

Please contact Lorna Cuthill (01256 354651) to purchase copies of VCH history of Mapledurwell available at £5 each



POLICE UPDATE

Dear all

During the period of mid December to mid January we had several crimes reported across the area of this magazine.

Most recently, during the evening of January 19th/20th three sheds were broken into behind St Johns Cottages on Newnham Road and several tools and chainsaws etc were stolen. We believe that this may have happened at about 11:30 pm and it is possible that the thieves may well have returned back after that time. May I ask if anyone saw or heard anything suspicious to please give me a call direct, possibly about the 11:30 pm time, also at about 3.30 pm on Tuesday 19th a black 'X' registration hatchback was seen in the same area, again if anyone saw this vehicle which may/may not be linked I would be most grateful to know.

Also overnight of January 19th/20th a padlock was cropped at a gate in Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately which allow cattle out of a field and on to the local roads, at one time they crossed over the M3 and were very near the A30. If anyone was in Up Nately that evening and saw anything suspicious please do let me know direct.

Just outside the area of this magazine in Hook there have been since December 30th to January 20th four house burglaries and two shed burglaries. The house burglaries were we believe during the day. I ask all residents to please make sure their homes and property are secured, please consider an alarm and generally please look out for your neighbour.

Elsewhere and within our area overnight of December 17th and 18th a garage was broken into at a house in Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell whilst on the same night in Newnham a wooden gate was driven through and smashed and the doors of a builder's metal container tied to the vehicle which then pulled them open forcing the welded locks to break. In both crimes nothing was stolen. On the same night between 2 am and 3.30 am at the railway bridge in Crown Lane Newnham a Network Rail van had its rear and side doors forced in an attempt to break into the vehicle whilst the railway staff worked on the railway tracks; all three crimes are linked. And on December 12th between 3 and 3.30 am two men were disturbed trying door handles at The Old House at Home public house in Newnham, the men made off when challenged by the resident, on the same night a quad bike was stolen from a farm just outside Old Basing.

Also as I drive around I am noticing that some residents are leaving their garages open, I ask if you are out or the garage is not in use please consider closing the doors down to prevent people seeing what you have inside and perhaps 'calling in'. As Spring approaches we can expect rise in thefts from gardens and garden sheds, please make sure your expensive garden equipment has been marked, record the serial numbers and ideally take a photograph of it just in case.

In the March edition I will provide the yearly update on reported crime in your area. During 2015 sadly crime rose across this beat area, some may be as a result of the Force changing its crime reporting system but others will be as a result of actual crime. I can report that burglary of houses remained low with two homes broken into, whilst this is two more than I would like, the figure is good. Of the two, sadly both were in Upton Grey, one of the two has resulted in several men from London being arrested and charged. However we must not be complacent and remember to make sure our homes look as if we are in even when we are out.

Many thanks as always

Andrew Reid, Local Constable

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Local Opportunity

HOBBY PIGS FOR NEW YEAR

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MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL



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Contact Caretaker Jayne Norman on 474432 or check out the website at

www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

Social Committee

Small though this committee is, it is a very active one and they have put on some great events in the past. Now its 2016 and here is the proposed exciting programme for the forthcoming year. Please put the dates in your diaries and watch this space for further details.

Quiz Night & Trawlerman's Supper

Saturday 12th March 2016, 7.30 pm

- Quiz Night Tables of up to 8, will make groups if needed
- Fish & chips or sausage & chips
 - £10 a ticket
- Prize for best Sea theme table

TO BOOK A TABLE –

Contact :Jules@cresswood.net 476876; tats@websterjt.com or janinefish@googlemail.com

Last years quiz was over booked – so **CALL NOW** to ensure you get a ticket

As the committee is quite small they would really appreciate village help, ad hoc, when needed. Perhaps to man a stall at the spring fete? Please watch this space for more information.

And **IF** anyone is interested in joining the committee, either to help with the social side or the management side, please do contact jane@komrower.com or liz.preece1@btinternet.com

Spring Fete

Saturday 14th May 2016

Rounders

Saturday 10th September 2016

Race Night

Saturday 1st October 2016

Children's Xmas party

Saturday 3rd December 2016

Newnham & Nately Scures

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New application

16/00097/OUT (13th January) Land Adjacent to Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Outline planning application for the erection of three detached dwellings, including means of access.

15/04401/FUL (11th December 2015) Land West of Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of a three bedroomed dwelling, plus garage/workshop with office/store over and associated change of use of land from agricultural to residential. (Amended scheme to those approved under 15/00170/FUL on 27th March 2015 for dwelling and change of use, and 15/01949/FUL approved on 9th October 2015 for garage and workshop.)

15/04400/OUT (11th December 2015) Land at Nately Towers, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Erection of a two-storey private dwelling – with access, appearance, layout and scale to be considered.

15/04309/HSE (9th December 2015) Railway Cottage, Newnham Road. Conversion of garage to living accommodation and erection of link extension with pitched roof to replace existing flat roof, plus three dormer windows. (Amended plan received 14th January – the proposed dormer window to the east elevation has been removed and the large dormer window to the west elevation has been replaced with two small dormer windows.)

15/04234/FUL (8th December 2015) Land At Nately Scures House Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Erection of one detached dwelling and detached triple garage with associated landscaping and new private driveway.

15/03857/FUL (2nd November) Land West Of Hunters, Newnham Lane, Newnham. Erection of three-bedroomed dwelling with access, parking and associated amenity area. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential.

Next Newnham Parish Council meeting, Monday 7th March, 7.30pm, Newnham Clubroom. All welcome.

Applications Pending

15/03251/HSE (11th September) 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

15/03669/LBC (11th December, reg 21st October) Tylney Lodge, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Amendment to planning consent 14/03448/LBC for demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension.

Chineham Sewage Works

Application Granted

15/03425/CMA Thames Water Utilities Ltd, Sewage Disposal Works, Whitmarsh Lane, Chineham (17th December 2015, reg 25th September). Enhanced Sludge Digestion Scheme with anaerobic digestion and thermal hydrolysis for the processing of indigenous and imported Waste Water Sludge (Hampshire County Council application).

Decision Notice: 'Reasons for approval'. 'It is considered that the proposal is in accordance with the adopted Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (2013). The proposal will add to a valuable waste water facility in the north of Hampshire and will benefit the sustainable future of the existing waste water treatment works. It will also result in the production of renewable energy, which will be used to help power the waste water facility, with any surplus exported to the national grid... There will be no pollution to the River Loddon due to appropriate drainage management practices and design on site. The proposal is acceptable in highway terms and there is no significant flood risk or surface water increase as a result of the proposal.'

Hart Emerging Local Plan Consultation

From 2pm on Thursday 14th January, Hart District Council stopped the Local Plan Consultation and removed the online response form from the website.

Leader of Hart District Council, Cllr Stephen Parker, said:

'We have found errors in the consultation material for our Local Plan Consultation. In order not to undermine the consultation process and to maintain a fair and transparent procedure, we have taken the decision to stop the consultation and have ceased our online response form.'

Newnham Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended the Village meeting on 6th January, and who responded to and helped others with the Consultation. Hopefully the majority of this effort will be transferable – Hart says 'We anticipate the new Consultation will run from late January and through February 2016.'



Newnham Clubroom is for hire

Please visit newnhamclubroom.org.uk for availability, booking and further information.



The Friends of St Swithun

invite you to a Film presentation and talk with lunch, wine and coffee.

Adrian Fox

"Travels through Ethiopia"

Thursday March 10th 2016 11.45am for 12noon to 3.00pm at the Newnham Clubroom.

This is in aid of the St Swithun Building Repair Fund.

Tickets and information from Maureen Ashworth 01256 762694
Monica Wardrop 07702 096810

LT. GENERAL SIR CHRISTOPHER WALLACE, KBE, DL
3 January 1943 – 7 January 2016

It's curious but nonetheless honest to say that, despite his world travels, when I think of my father, General Sir Christopher Wallace, I can't help but think of Scures Hill. For much of my life it provided the one steady home my family had: he and my mother, Delicia, bought their house off the A30 in 1980 and, though his work subsequently led us elsewhere, including three postings in Germany, we returned whenever we could until, finally, the house was sold in 2006.

Even then, my father maintained strong ties with the area from a new home down the A30. For a number of years, he was a churchwarden for St Swithun's, Nately Scures, and he not only remained an active member of the PCC, but also represented it on the Deanery Synod. His characteristic frankness regarding more business-associated proceedings was, by all accounts, ably compensated for by his often irreverent wit, especially when acting as compere for the biennial Greywell Hill carol party, and he was never less than generous with his time when offering advice or sharing knowledge of local history and affairs.

This allegiance to the district that offered him a home for quarter of a century was greatly indicative of his character. After studying at Boxgrove and Shrewsbury schools, where he developed his love of sport, particularly golf – which, at his peak, he played off a handicap of one – he joined the army shortly after his 18th birthday in 1961, and remained fiercely true to his calling as an officer until his retirement in June 1999, two years after receiving his knighthood. He earned a reputation as a demanding but diligent, dependable leader, and his final job, which initially saw him implement Britain's first Permanent Joint Headquarters, but culminated with him becoming its Chief of Operations, called upon all his skills as a committed commander and taskmaster.

Afterwards, when most military types would have settled for a little R&R, he won the post of Commandant of the Royal College Of Defence Studies (2001-2005). He also served on the board of the Imperial War Museum (1999-2002), and became its Deputy Chairman of the Trustees (2006-2008), as well as Chairman of the Trustees of the Royal Green Jacket Museum (1999-2015) and the Winchester Military Museums (2006-2016). Additionally, he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Hampshire in 2004, and wrote three military history books whose subjects again underlined his loyalty, this time to his former regiments, the Royal Green Jackets and the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Remarkably, amid all this, he was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Though he sometimes struggled to juggle these roles with his work, his devotion to his family was unquestionable, and his eagerness to share his hard-won wisdom and magnificent sense of humour remained indisputable. It's a great comfort to those who loved him to know that, following his courageous struggle with Amyloidosis, his final resting place will be St Swithun's Church, so close to a place I often think of as home.

Wyndham Wallace



Plough Sunday

St. Swithun's celebrated another very successful Plough Sunday on 17th January with over 70 adults and children attending a very moving service. Local farmers and growers brought along soil from their land to be blessed and we had four tractors and ploughs parked outside which received the traditional blessing. Being a very cold day we warmed up with a glass of mulled cider followed by a lovely hot lunch where we sat 48 in the Millers Ark Tea Barn. With the raffle of prizes donated by local tractor dealers and merchants together with a surplus from the meal donations we have been able to add just over £200 to the much needed building fund. The church collection that day has been shared with The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Sincere thanks goes to Elizabeth Miller, Mole Valley Trading, Oakes Bros, R Hunt, Mike Garwood, Lister Wilder and the people of The United Parish for their support.

Greywell

County Chit Chat

Congratulations to Hampshire County Council, which is now placed as the top authority in the national county council rankings. Countryside rights of way maintained by HCC, have been rated the best in the country by the National Highways and Transport Survey.

The county has a large network of 7,000 paths (nearly 3,000 miles of rights-of-way) with over 80 sites managed by Hampshire County Council.

Hampshire Emergency crews responded to 95 calls of flooding and removed 18 fallen trees across Hampshire in one weekend alone.

The County Environment Service arranged extra crews, extra tankers, and extra arboriculture teams out round the clock dealing with water on the roads and fallen trees as a result of the weather.

At the same time Hampshire has been working on its green credentials and has exceeded the ambitious target of reducing carbon emissions by 20% to more than 30,000 tonnes over 5 years. Figures just released show these reductions to have delivered a total saving of 22.8%, which means Hampshire has avoided having to pay out nearly £3 million in energy costs over the past 5 years.

I would also like to congratulate our recently-retired Chief Executive, Andrew Smith, who received a CBE award in the New Year's Honour List. The honour is in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public services over the last 40 years, which has made a real difference to the community and resulted in Hampshire becoming one of the highest performing local authorities in the country. His innovative thinking has led to major change and transformation in Hampshire, and ground-breaking partnerships being developed with both the private and public sector, to improve and sustain public services for the future.

2016 will no doubt bring its share of good and happy times as well as moments of trouble and difficulty. The County Council, along with other southern counties, is facing a very difficult financial settlement but at least, due to past prudence and efficient management, we can face those difficulties as well placed as any of our neighbours and better than most.

The next county council surgery is at Inclusion Hampshire, Dickson House, London Road, Hook, this month on Saturday 13th February between 2pm and 4pm.

Jonathan Glen

Chairman, Hampshire County Council
County Councillor for Greywell

Greywell



VILLAGE HALL

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.



Coffee & Mobile Library... Saturday 20th February

The Mobile Library will be outside the Village Hall from 10am-10.30am. Coffee from 10-11am.

THE TEAPOT CAFE



will be open from 3pm on **Tuesday 9th February**

Greywell Parish Council News. Local Plan Consultation.

Following the cancellation of Hart's Local Plan Consultation exercise, the parish council is monitoring the situation closely. We have made representations to the District Council protesting at the waste of time and effort and requesting that changes are made to the questions asked, if and when the consultation is resurrected.

In the meantime, many thanks to all those who responded to the consultation.

NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th February 2016 in the North Warnborough Village Hall at 2:10 PM for a 2:30 PM start. Our speaker will be Cherrill Sands who will talk about "Medieval Gardens".

The competitions for February are:

1. Floating Hellebores.
 2. A Posy of Snowdrops with Greenery.
- Visitors are very welcome to join us. We are a friendly Club whose members share an enthusiasm for gardens and gardening. During the growing season, we always have a plant stall starting at 2:10 PM.

For further information, please telephone 01252 843848.

February at St Mary's

No Family service this month as 6th March is Mothering Sunday service at 11am. So the 28th Feb service is an 11am Morning service.

Heating

Shortly before Christmas we were delighted to experience heating in St. Marys for the 1st time in a year. A new boiler in January 2015 revealed leaky and corroded pipework throughout the church. We looked at a number of different solutions for heating this ancient and uninsulated building and during the spring and summer we sought advice from various heating engineers, the Diocese and our architect. Following approval from the diocese work began in October to replace all the old cast iron pipework and radiators with new pipework and an increased number of larger, more efficient radiators and new controls. The first phase was completed in November and we have been able to enjoy warm, comfortable services ever since. The work will be completed by the addition of 4 x trench radiators installed into the central floor channel and the making good of the floor at the rear of the church.

We are most grateful to Lamberts Installations Ltd. for the heating work and to Steve Tuck of CNC Carpentry & General Building Ltd. for adjusting and re-assembling all the pews. Thanks also to the Village Hall and others who provided alternative accommodation for services during the work and in early 2015 when the church was too cold to use.

The project was jointly funded by the church restoration fund of the Friends of St. Marys and the sale of Charifunds held by St. Mary's Village Church Committee. Grateful thanks also to all contributors to these funds over the years which enable us to afford this and other restoration projects and enable us to maintain our church and make it comfortable and welcoming.

Greywell Hill Estate

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North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

It's the start of a New Year, and also for Mothers' Union the start of a new triennial. Within the Winchester Diocese, the President and the Trustees are elected for a period of 3 years and we have said goodbye to Stella Roberts as Diocesan President and welcomed Caroline Scull, one of our own members. Later this year MU members from the rest of country will be coming to Basingstoke for their National AGM – so we are expecting this year to be exciting!

In February we will start our knitting project for the year. Last year we knitted baby cardigans for Greenfields-Africa, which provides ante-natal care and also a bag of essentials for new mothers in Kenya and in other parts of Africa. We received a lovely thank you letter from them, telling us how much they liked the clothes we sent, and that it helps the families they support to feel loved and valued. This year we are continuing to knit baby clothes to go out to Africa, but we also plan to support projects nearer home by making beanies for the homeless. If you want to join us for this meeting or for any of our other meetings you would be very welcome. We will meet at the RAF Chapel on Thursday 18th February at 8pm.

To find out more, please ring our Leader, Sue Murphy, 01252 845011

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Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'
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From the Parish Registers...

Funeral Services

December 3rd at Southampton Crematorium: Barbara Stevens of Up Nately

December 14th at St Stephen's, Up Nately: Edna Salter of Crossways Nursing Home

January 6th at Basingstoke Crematorium: June Martin of Rowan Lodge Nursing Home.

Friday January 15th at All Saints' Odiham: Patricia Moore, wife of Peter, one of our benefice Readers.

Wednesday January 27th at Basingstoke Crematorium: Betty Munns or Rowan Lodge and The Baredown, Nately Scures

Thursday 28th at St Swithun's, Nately Scures and Basingstoke Crematorium: Lt. General Sir Christopher Wallace.

May they all rest in peace – and we send our love to their families.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

We shall be continuing our monthly mid-week Holy Communion service during 2016 and we are delighted that we are still able to meet in the warm and welcoming home of Lady Nell at The Dower House in Greywell. The next service will be on February 18th at 11.00am. It is a traditional service, with a chance to discuss the gospel reading, to offer our own prayers and then to enjoy coffee, cake and conversation before we go home! We'd love you to join us – and if you would like to hear more about it, or would like a lift, please contact Rev Jane (765547)

Diary Dates in February:

- 3rd 8.00pm: PCC meeting**
17th 12.30pm: Lent Lunch at Meddings Farmhouse, Mapledurwell
18th 8.00pm: Mapledurwell VCC
23rd 9.00 – 4.00: parish Quiet Day at Alton Abbey
25th 12.30: Lent Lunch at The Lodge, Up Nately

Church Services

February 7th

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell

February 10th

7.30pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday	Odiham
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February 14th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.30am	Family Service	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Morning Service	Greywell
11.15am	Matins	Newnham

February 21st

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywell
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Family Communion	Up Nately
11.00am	Matins	Nately Scures

February 28th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Morning Prayer (said)	Mapledurwell
9.30am	Morning Prayer (sung)	Up Nately
11.00am	Morning Service	Greywell

Special Church Services

North Hampshire Downs Benefice Service: January 31st at 9.45 at All Saints', Odiham. This will be a family service and our guest preacher will be Pete Maidment who is the Chaplain at Lord Wandsworth College. This will be a service for all the family to enjoy and we do hope lots of you will come along. The theme will be Candlemas – and, if you don't know what that is, come along and learn all about it!!

Wednesday February 10th at 7.30pm: Ash Wednesday

As always this will be a benefice service of Holy Communion to mark the beginning of Lent. Please do come along.

Lent 2016

We have an early Easter this year and so Lent begins early too! In the United Parish we shall be marking this very special and thoughtful season of the church year in several ways:

Quiet Day at Alton Abbey: Tuesday February 23rd. The day begins with Mass (communion service) at 9.00am. That is followed by coffee and conversation before we settle down for the day. I hope we shall have one address by a member of the community which always leaves us with lots of food for thought and then time to read, walk, draw, sew, pray.... whatever it is that helps you to quieten your mind and draw close to God. Please bring a packed lunch and a warm jumper! We usually each make a donation to the Abbey of about £20. Please let me, Rev Jane, know if you would like to join us.

Gifts for the Camrose Centre:

During Lent the contents of our food boxes in each church is given to the Camrose Centre in Basingstoke, a drop in centre for the homeless and vulnerable of the town. Please do give as generously as you have in the past. Our gifts are very gratefully received.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The service this year will be held on Friday March 4th at All Saints', Odiham. A light lunch will be served from 12 noon and the service will begin at 1.30pm. More details will appear in each church – but everyone is welcome to come along.

From The Rectory

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Dear Friends

We have an early Easter this year (Easter Sunday is on March 27th) and so Lent starts very early too. We shall only just have finished up the Christmas cake and the mince pies when it will be time for pancakes and Lent Lunches! Our son, Daniel, unmarried and not much of a cook, loves pancakes and so we always have a tea time visit from him somewhere around Shrove Tuesday, which is on February 9th! I'm not complaining – what mother doesn't love to feed her son – even if he is not too far off 40!

I have been really pleased with the way we have developed our observance of Lent in the United Parish over these last seven years. Traditionally there have been three strands to this observance - prayer, fasting and almsgiving – all aimed at helping us draw closer to God and to think about the way we live our lives as Christians as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter. To be honest we're not very good at fasting: the Lent Lunches which began life as frugal meals have become gourmet delights of various homemade soups, delicious breads and a variety of cheeses, but I know some people do individually still try to give up perhaps wine or chocolate as at least a token gesture of self-discipline. But we score well on alms-giving as our food boxes for the Camrose Centre are always very generously filled and the Lent Lunches usually produce a good donation for our chosen charity. And when it comes to prayer and our relationship with God the Quiet Day at Alton Abbey offers a lovely opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection in the most conducive of settings.

And then there are always the Lent Study Groups which help us deepen our faith and understanding in a very friendly and non-threatening environment. This year we are once again following the material put out by the Diocese of Winchester which is called iWitness and which over five sessions will help us to become more articulate about our faith and to have a better understanding of how we should live as Christians. There are more details about this, and all our Lent initiatives, elsewhere in this Villager. I do hope lots of you will take this opportunity to join

one of the groups and come prepared both to share from your own experience, however meagre you might feel that to be, and to learn from the experience of others.

We live in a very indulgent, consumerist society that is rather at odds with the ways of the church and if it isn't easy for many of us to spend six weeks thinking about our relationship with God and his world, it's perhaps even harder to admit that we're trying to do so. I hope that within the range of opportunities we are providing in the United Parish you will find something that will help you to strengthen your link with God and to reach out for his sake to our needy world.

But enjoy your pancakes first!!

With my love

Jane

Revd. Jane Leese

2016 LENT COURSE – COME AND JOIN US!

The Lent course starts the week beginning 15 February and last for five weeks. The sessions are aimed at growing our confidence to witness to the Gospel in all its fullness. Rooted in the Acts of the Apostles and Luke's gospel, it will help us to explore how living the mission of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit means we are people are communities who:

1. Steward faithfully
2. Act justly
3. Serve sacrificially
4. Teach effectively
5. Proclaim boldly

We have two sessions running each week in the United Parish:

Wednesdays, 17 and 24 February and 2, 9 and 16 March at 2 pm at the Dower House in Greywell. If you would like to join this group please let Revd Jane Leese know on 01256 765 547 or reverendjane@hotmail.co.uk.

Thursdays, 18 and 25 February and 3, 10 and 17 March at 8 pm at Jasmine Dean in Mapledurwell. For this group please contact Russell Price on 01256 329 680 or russell.price46@btinternet.com

There are other groups around the Benefice so if you can't make either of these two and would like to know when and where they are, then please look out for the full information on our church noticeboards or contact Revd Linda Scard on 01256 704 835 or linda.scard@btinternet.com

North Hampshire Benefice News

This is a reminder that our benefice is in the midst of change at the moment. Rev Peter Dyson has moved now and will be welcomed into his new parish in Jersey at the end of this month. Rev Kathy O'Loughlin is on study leave until Easter. This means that our priestly resources are somewhat stretched and Linda Scard, our curate, will be spending much of her time taking services and working in the Upton Grey group of villages until the end of May. Please think and pray for us all at quite a difficult time and also for the panel of seven church wardens that has been charged with the responsibility of seeking a new benefice Rector to replace Peter.

Lent Lunches

There will be a series of Lent Lunches during these six weeks at which, in return for a soup and bread and cheese type lunch, we ask you to make a donation to Help Hoima, our linked charity in Uganda. The lunches, all at 12.30pm, are being hosted by:

Wednesday February 17th
Sarah and David Hooper
Meddings Farmhouse
Mapledurwell
01256 321838

Thursday February 25th
Johnny and Juliet Wauchope
The Lodge,
Blaegrove Lane,
Up Nately
01256 768800

Tuesday March 1st
Deborah Glover
Church Cottage,
The Street,
Greywell
c/o 01256 702978 (Libbie)

Wednesday March 9th
Sally Baker
Owen's Farm
Newnham Road
Newnham
01256 762524

Friday March 18th
Monica and Rodney Wardrop
Lodge Farm,
Pyott's Hill,
Old Basing
01256 321727

Please let the hosts know if you would like to attend.