

The Villager

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

Thank you and Farewell Reverend Jane Leese

Thank you for being our Reverend and friend.
We wish you and Roland a wonderful retirement.

With our love, from all in the United Parishes,
the Contributors and Editor of the Villager.

Diary dates

July

- 2-3 Flower Festival, St Stephens
- 2 Lowde Fest, Hazeley Bottom
- 2 Theodora, Basingstoke Choral Society,
The Anvil, 7.45pm
- 7 Newnham Clubroom AGM, 7.30pm
- 7 Mapledurwell Village Hall Committee
Meeting, Cresswood, 16 Canal Reach
- 8 Up Nately Coffee Morning, Eastrop Cottage
- 9 Rev'd Jane's Retirement Weekend Family
Worship & Afternoon Tea, Greywell Hill,
3-5pm
- 10 Rev'd Jane's Retirement Weekend Holy
Communion, St Stephens, 9.30am
- 13 Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council
Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Maple Tea & Cake Gathering & Ann's 90th
Birthday Party, 3pm, Mapledurwell House
- 19 Newnham Parish Council Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Teapot Cafe, Greywell

To all present and former Residents, Worshippers and Friends of the United Parish



THE UNITED PARISH
Newnham with Nately Scures with Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell

REV'D JANE'S RETIREMENT WEEKEND

Saturday 9th July

3.00pm to 5.00pm

You are warmly invited to...

**Afternoon Tea &
Informal Family Worship**

Greywell Hill RG29 1DG
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FUN FOR ALL AGES!

**Bouncy Castle • Swimming
Village Fete games
'Pirates & Princesses' theme
Champagne & Pimms bar**



Sunday 10th July

9.30am Holy Communion

St Stephen's Up Nately



As most of you will be aware, The Revd Jane Leese will be retiring on Sunday 10th July from her role as Parish Priest of the United Parish of Newnham with Nately Scures with Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell.

The United Parish, and the wider North Hampshire Downs Benefice, has been immensely fortunate in having Jane as a Parish Priest - for eight years in the United Parish and before that at Long Sutton and South Warnborough. Her many skills, her knowledge, her care, compassion and dedication are all hugely appreciated. As is Roland's unwavering support, both to the parish and to Jane herself - to say nothing of his own individual prowess on the bell ropes!

We are keen to show our enormous gratitude and give Jane and Roland a fitting send off. There will be two events over their last weekend.

On Saturday afternoon 9th July, a family tea party will be held at Greywell Hill - fun for all ages, incorporating a short informal act of worship, a Champagne & Pimm's Bar, swimming, games and a Bouncy Castle. The theme is 'Pirates & Princesses', and children are encouraged to come dressed accordingly.

Then, on Sunday morning 10th July, we are looking forward to a packed church at St Stephen's Up Nately, where the service of Holy Communion will be followed by coffee, croissants and Buck's Fizz.

You are warmly invited to attend either or both of those events, and we hope that as many as possible present and former parishioners and friends can be there. We very much look forward to seeing you.

To help with catering on the Saturday, it would be appreciated if those expecting to attend the Tea Party can give an indication of numbers to any of the Churchwardens of any of the five churches.

For the Sunday morning, please just come!

*From the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of the United Parish of Newnham with Nately Scures with
Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell*

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Next Up Nately Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be held at Eastrop Cottage, 10-12, phone Liz for more information 762059. Everybody is welcome.



Maple Tea & Cake Gathering and Ann's 90th Birthday Party

Do join us for afternoon tea on Saturday 16th July at 3pm at Mapledurwell House, Tunworth Road. Please let Jane know if you are coming on 01256 470340 or janecarfrae@hotmail.co.uk

Mapledurwell Regatta

Open to children and grandchildren of villagers, to be held at 3pm on Sunday 11th September at the Village Pond.

Flower Festival

The flower ladies are busy planning their displays for the Flower Festival on 2nd and 3rd July in the church, 10-5, this will be followed on the Sunday with Songs of Praise at 6pm, coffee and cream tea will be served at Queens Lace.

Up Nately Safari Supper

The Safari Supper was good fun, plenty of food and drink and many thanks to Hazel and Dick for organising the evening.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications

16/02144/HSE and 16/02145/LBC (10th June) Mead House, Heather Row Lane, Up Nately. Replacement of existing garage with new double garage and play room / hobbies room above.

Application pending

16/01712/HSE (12th May) Kolkinnon House, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately. Construction of open swimming pool to rear of house.

Application granted

16/01354/HSE (13th June, reg 18th April) Elmwood, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of detached garage.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Polite notice to dog owners

Wherever you are in the Parish please pick up after you dogs including on the footpaths around the fields. It is not pleasant for anyone, but particularly difficult for small children to avoid and a nuisance to clean from their boots.

Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13th July. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Up Nately Coffee Morning for Rev. Jane

Jane Leese's final coffee morning was well attended, not just ladies from the village but also former residents.

We had collected donations of £200 and presented Jane with book tokens, John Lewis vouchers, two pretty bone china mugs and a chocolate teapot! Hopefully Cracker will not get hold of that!



A beautiful cake, a rose to plant in their new garden and a basket with flowers added to the celebration. We will all miss you Jane and wish you and Roland a long and happy retirement!

Traveller Encampments Warning from PC Andrew Reid

On 1st June at 3:55pm a black Nissan Pathfinder GL13 MPV was in Bagmore Lane at Herriard offering power washers for sale. I subsequently sent out an alert concerning this vehicle and have been able to find that at about 3:30pm it was in Upton Grey, at 3.55pm in Herriard and at 4.25pm in Preston Candover.

This vehicle is part of several used by members of the traveller fraternity currently illegally encamped on land at Winchester. I am aware that it was sighted near the recreation ground at Upton Grey, would have passed Herriard Green and has been in Stenbury Drive in Preston Candover.

The report to me was that power washers were being offered for sale by the two male occupants of the vehicle, HOWEVER we also need to be aware that whilst driving around looking for 'customers' these men MAY well have also been looking for a suitable site in which to 'pitch up' upon removal from any existing locations.

At this time of year illegal encampments are prevalent and it is not always large towns that such groups look to in order to set up a camp. I therefore ask all members of the Parish Council to please be aware that albeit I have no intelligence that any encampments are likely in our area, please make sure open spaces under your control and management are made as secure as possible to prevent illegal encampments from taking place by any unauthorised group of people.

Please use good locks on gates, or bars etc, please have the locks checked daily so that in the event of an unlawful gathering a statement can be made to prove that the locks were in good shape earlier that day and criminal damage has taken place in order to gain entry. Please also consider photographing your locks and spaces to show how the site looks just in case someone breaks in or moves onto the open land and causes damage to the grass area's, foliage or any furniture that you may have on it.

Please give me a call if you need any assistance within making things as secure and helpful to us in the event of an illegal encampment.

Many thanks,
Andrew Reid, Local Constable



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

Reported crime appears to have returned to a more normal pace after the recent several shed and outbuilding burglaries across the whole area; however we have had a reported assault in Blackstocks Lane, Up Nately which has been dealt with. I am also aware of 'mini moto's' being used to cause a nuisance to residents at The Hatch Industrial Park, in the event of a 'further visit' I ask that residents please call 101 to report this problem in order that officers can attend, in the event of certain offences being found these items can be seized.

I am also appealing for witnesses to the theft of two caravans from a field near Newnham overnight of 22nd / 23rd June 2016. This was the night of severe heavy rain and thunder storms at about 2.30 am; we suspect these thefts took place before that time. If anyone saw any caravans being moved about late at night or in the early hours of that night please give me a call direct. All calls treated in strictest confidence.

We have however been experiencing an increase in 'suspicious vehicle' reports for which I do thank residents and ask that this continues. On May 27 a Ford Transit tipper lorry with a ladder in the rear was seen calling at homes asking if anyone wanted any 'tree work' done, as a result I am aware that the people involved are active criminals and would have been 'scouting' the area on the look out for things to steal. On June 7th a white Renault Trafic van HK56 TUU was seen with a man looking around stables asking about a horse box for sale but looking around as he did so. There is no current owner or insured person for this vehicle but from research that I have made I am aware that a person linked to this incident has links with others involved in theft of equine equipment. Sadly they may well come back, but at least thanks to residents I have knowledge of their visit in case they do. Please continue to report any vehicle / person that you feel is suspicious, I will never be annoyed at anyone for passing me information of their concerns – suspicions.

You may recall some years back I was able to offer 'Smart Water' to local residents and the Constabulary provided it free to victims of crime. Basingstoke was one of the area's that took up the offer and in this area I provided as much as I was able to get hold of. Sadly we no longer do this which was a partnership deal with the Smart Water Company. However may I make residents aware of a company that allow FREE recording of valuables, the company state:

"By registering their valuables on www.immobilise.com owners can put details of their prized possessions on a national database that police can access and compare against items that have been found or recovered from suspected criminals."

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The company website address is <https://www.immobilise.com/> and is supported by forty-six UK Police Forces including the Hampshire Constabulary. Please just have a look to see what is on offer if you wish to sign up.

Many thanks,

Andrew Reid, Local Constable

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MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL



HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL

Contact Caretaker Jayne Norman on 474432 or check out the website at www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

Social Events:

Rounders Match - Saturday 10th September – see next issue

Race Night – Saturday 1st October – please see below

Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 3rd December

In October we have a Race Night in our calendar. We have a really exciting evening planned but, as the committee is now down to just 3 members, we cannot run this event without additional help.

Our next meeting is the 7th July at Cresswood, 16 Canal Reach.

Tel; 476876 or email jules@cresswood.net.

If you feel able to help with this event in any capacity, please come along to find out what is involved over a glass of wine. Unfortunately if we do not have volunteers by the date of our meeting then we will have to take the unfortunate step of cancelling the race night.

Up Nately Pond Project

Phase 2 of the pond project was finally kick-started into action by Hampshire Highways installing the kerbing on 7th June. Amazing progress has been made to date with thanks to all those who have contributed their time and efforts.



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Newnham & Nately Scures



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Harry Hayden to climb Kilimanjaro for Cancer Research



Due to a "late mid-life crisis" I will be joining my son Andy and daughter Emma in an attempt to climb Kilimanjaro (Africa's highest mountain at 5,895 metres) on August 26th.

The good news is that my son is a strapping lad and he can always carry me (although he insists he would rather eat his own arm and will simply abandon me - but then he would have to answer to his mum) and my daughter works in mental health, so she should be able to help lift my spirits and egg me on through counselling (although she does appear to believe that I am beyond any sort of earthly help at this stage - so my luck might be out there as well).

We are doing this in aid of Cancer Research and if anyone would like to make a donation, Emma has set up the following page on Just Giving.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Hayden6?>

Newnham Clubroom committee AGM

Newnham Clubroom committee will be holding its AGM on Thursday 7 July 2016 at 7:30pm in the clubroom Newnham Road. All are welcome.

Agenda:-Refreshments, Treasurers report, Achievements and progress so far, Future plans, Election of committee members, Any other Business, Q & A.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications

16/02187/FUL (16th June) Erection of three x four-bedroomed dwellings and garages including creation of new access onto the A30, and associated landscaping. Nately Scures House, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Case officer Anne Wilkinson

T/00201/16/TPO (13 June) Oakhanger, Newnham Road, Newnham. Work to trees subject to a tree preservation order: T1 Ash – prune back from overhead cable to give no more than 0.5m radial clearance; T2 Ash – reduce two lower branches by 12ft leaving the branch length at approx 12ft; T3 oak – prune back from overhead cable to give no more than 0.5m radial clearance.

T/00221/16/TCA (06 June) Cromwells, The Barracks, Newnham. Fell one horse chestnut.

Applications pending

16/01446/HSE and 16/01447/LBC (23rd May) Newnham Green Farm, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of a two storey side extension and a two storey rear extension, following demolition of parts of existing building.

16/01315/FUL The Old House At Home, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Change of Use A4 Public House to C3 Residential Dwellinghouse. Note that the 'statutory expiry date' of 21st June for a decision on this application has been updated on BDBC's website to an 'agreed expiry date' of Friday 12th August.

16/01206/FUL (7th April) Land Adjoining Scures Hill, House Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Demolition of existing buildings and structures, and replacement with one detached two-storey dwelling with attached double garage together with pedestrian and vehicular access off existing shared access off Scures Hill with associated landscaping and planting. (Second of two new dwellings – 15/02851/FUL granted 18th March 2016.)

16/00742/FUL (4th March) Highview Business Park, The Barracks, Newnham. Demolition of existing buildings and erection of four x four-bedroomed dwellings and associated landscaping.

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

Initial Results From Hart's 'Refined Housing Options' Consultation

<http://www.hart.gov.uk/local-plan-housing-options-results-2016>

In summary, responses to the main questions show that 87% were against the 'Strategic Urban Extensions' approach that foresees a large development 'West of Hook'. The approach of a new settlement centred on Winchfield was put as first choice by 59% of respondents.

In the 'combined options' with more than one approach taken, the most 'preferred', with 40% putting it as first choice, was a new settlement at Winchfield combined with other smaller developments dispersed across the District. Only four per cent of respondents thought that the best option was to combine all three options of a new settlement, urban extensions and dispersal across the District.

It is clear that 'strategic urban extensions' are considered overall to be the worst option for Hart. It remains to be seen if this is reflected in the Draft Local Plan 'Preferred Approach' and 'Sustainability Appraisal' due to be published sometime this summer.

Hart's Draft Local Plan 2011-2032 will consist of:

Part 1: Strategy and Sites, currently being prepared.

Part 2: Development management and other allocations.

For updates, register with <http://hookdevaction.org.uk>

	Mixed ability Yoga Classes now on at Mapledurwell village hall, Tuesdays 7- 8.15 pm. Build strength and flexibility through mindful movement, breathing exercises and active relaxation. Experience calm and better sleep through the ancient discipline of Yoga. £7 a session drop-in, £6 a session block bookings To book your mat email Marzia@cherryyoga.co.uk , or call 07879 339305 www.cherryyoga.co.uk	
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Queen's 90th "Street Party" on the Green

"On Behalf of the trustees of the Friends of St Nicholas', and the VCC, I would like to thank all who helped to make the day a success by helping in the mowing of the Green, setting up and running of the event and also those who attended and were very generous with their spending.

Special mention must be made of Jackie O'Regan and Carolyn Peck who put so much effort into the organisation of the BBQ and bar, Jane Little for her Tombola and Virginia Shuttleworth who donated the statue that was auctioned.

Proceeds are towards the St Nicholas' tower window repair. The net figures are:

Food and bar	£904.10
Stalls x 5	£318.52
Auction of statue	£110.00
PC Subvention	£200.00

Total raised £1532.62"

With thanks from Jeff Ford

"Vote of thanks also to Jeff as Treasurer who steered the various floats and counted and banked the takings.

The Queen's birthday card was posted by Nigel Bell, with thanks to Nigel and Joanna for organising, and to Charlie Maxlow-Tomlinson, brilliant as always in his photographer role.

Well done to all, was wet, sunny and good fun, all in one day." *from Robin & Linda Dixon*



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Old House at Home – Save our Newnham Pub

The final tally is 82 public objections submitted to the Planning Officer. Dale Ingram from Planning for Pubs Ltd is acting on behalf of the Parish Council and has submitted a formal objection on our behalf. The documents include a planning response document constructed by Dale with a variety of case references and appendices, a viability study produced by Anthony Miller (advisor to Pub is the Hub), a concept business plan outlining an alternative future for the Old House as a Community Pub, and a summary document of all the petition support and comments. The viability assessment of the pub by Anthony Miller was commissioned by the Parish Council (former Chairman Clive Pinder) to counter the 'non-viability' argument put forward by Fleurets on behalf of Red Oak Taverns. Not to be outdone, Basingstoke and Deane has commissioned its own viability report. Raising concerns that the planning officer may be inclined to base his opinion largely on this 'in-house' report, Dale has requested that we have a week from publication of this document to review and challenge its findings. The 'statutory expiry date' of 21st of June for decision-time on the application has been updated on the website to an 'agreed expiry date' of Friday 12th August.



Closure Newnham Lane

Newnham Lane is expected to be closed on 4th and 5th July for surface treatment work, Newnham to Poors Farm Road.

Hampshire County Council Verge Cutting

As part of the response to cuts in local government funding, there will now be only one cut per year of grass verges in rural areas compared to two previously. Having said that the visibility splays – junction sight lines – are still supposed to be cut as required. All problems and requests for work should be reported via the HCC website.

Parish Council Audit

Thank you to Peter Brown for again conducting the Parish Council internal audit (2015/16). Accounts and audit figures, as submitted to the external auditors BDO, are available on the Parish website or from the clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 19th July, 7pm Clubroom. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Progress meeting for the Chineham Treatment Works expansion

County Councillor Elaine Still has initiated regular progress meetings for the Chineham Sewage Works, notably the expansion approved last December for new sludge digestion, methane capture and electricity generation facilities. Newnham Parish Councillor Paul Gaskell attended the first (22nd June) meeting which included representatives from Thames Water (engineering, operations, customer liaison), Costain Engineering (site engineer), the construction company, council planning departments and neighbouring parish councils.

The Chineham Works expansion includes three new sludge digesters which work under pressure so less temperature required and less energy used. The digesters will extract more methane, feeding two new electrical generators (18,000 GWhrs) – along with the existing generators (2,000 GWhrs) – enabling the works to be 'electrically self sufficient' and also feed into the national grid. The improved 'digestion' also means the end product – used in fertilizer – has less weight and volume and so requires less transportation for the same product.

Thames Water says that work is progressing well: 80% of vessels and machinery is in place, the large methane storage vessel (the golf ball), and the flare stack will arrive shortly for installation. The next phase will be to add cables and pipework, construct the access road and build the 'control room' and operations centre. Then site testing and commissioning, with a proposed operational date this coming December.

Thames Waters conducts its own environmental monitoring, supported by routine assessments by the Environment Agency. Methane will be stored and used for power generation under normal operation, the flare will burn during emergencies only, noting that as methane burns with an almost clear flame this will contribute little to light pollution. The outflow into the River Lyde is reportedly to the most stringent standard in respect of the chalk stream's environmental sensitivity. The next progress meeting is likely in January following the scheduled startup. Fwd: Chineham Works - If anyone has any issues regarding the construction activities, please contact the Parish Council.

Note from County Councillor Elaine Still - 'It's really important to have these regularly meetings to monitor progress of works going forward and I am pleased Paul is representing Newnham PC on the liaison panel. As a Chartered Engineer, he has a wealth of experience in this field which is invaluable when asking questions on the operational side.'

Greywell



VILLAGE HALL

To hire the Village Hall please contact isabel.pound@hotmail.com or alibarbar@aol.com. For Marquee hire (Greywell residents only) contact Debbie Scott; Tel 01256 701624; deborahjscott1@gmail.com



Coffee & Mobile Library...

The Mobile Library service has been discontinued, therefore, sadly there will be no further meetings for this event.

THE TEAPOT CAFE



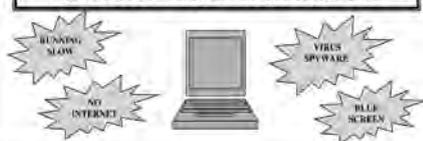
will be open from 3pm on **Tuesday 26th July**

Church Notices for St Mary's

July Family Service is 11am on 24th July for fun and fellowship followed by refreshments.

SPECIAL SERVICE – Summer evening Songs of Praise 6pm on 31st July at St Mary's . Please put in your requests for favourite hymns to be sung either to Linda Scard or one of the church wardens Nick Kavanagh or Libbie Bromfield.

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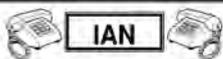
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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Application

16/01626/PREAPP (22nd June) Follow up pre-application for works to ground floor rear extension, additional porch structure to rear, alterations to terrace and landscaping at rear, 1st floor extension to master bathroom and 1st floor alterations to guest bathroom. Southfields The Street Greywell Hook Hampshire RG29 1BZ.

Application refused

16/01116/CON (20th June) Discharge of condition 2 (point 8)- heating details- pursuant to 15/00709/LBC and 15/01294/LBC Conversion of existing farm buildings to 5 dwellings (pursuant to Listed Building Consent 15/00323/LBC) - amendments to include; internal and external alterations to Plots 4 & 5. Manor Farm Buildings The Street Greywell Hook Hampshire

Greywell Open Gardens

Thank you to all who participated in the Greywell Open Gardens/Mini-Fete event on Saturday 18th June. We were delighted to raise £800 for The Friends of St Mary's. Congratulations to Catherine Boyle for winning the 'Design a mini garden in a container' competition with her delightful garden which she entitled 'Dream'.



A very big thank you to all who opened their gardens, provided goods for the stalls, lent and erected the gazebos, manned the stalls, donated Raffle Prizes and last but by no means least, attended on the day. A special thanks to Hook Garden Centre, The Fox and Goose, Auriol Wines, The Mill House, The Derby Inn, Bel and The Dragon for so generously supporting our Raffle.

NEWS FROM ODIHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL



Latest newsletter now available

Our summer 2016 newsletter is just going to print and gives the reader a full overview of the range of health and social care services supported by the hospital charity both at OCH and in the community.

With increasing financial pressure on the NHS and Adult Services it is fortunate that, as a voluntary care service, we are able to fill some of the gaps for local people. We know from anecdotal evidence, how much this is valued by the clients and patients we serve.

Our newsletter also gives details of our financial results to the end of 31st March 2016. Over £128,000 has been spent supporting services in the year (more if the benefit of free/subsidised accommodation is included for services hosted at OCH). This has increased from £95,000 in the previous year as the range of services expands. Most of this money comes from our investment portfolio income but even so the Trustees have taken a very positive decision to use some of the charity's capital reserves to support services needed by our community today.

Retail activities make an increasingly important contribution towards our total commitment and we are delighted that both Odiham and Hartley Wintney shops have increased profits for the year and over £5,000 has been raised from our "Give and Grow" scheme (gift aid reclaim). Our new shop in Old Basing has got off to a flying start and we are now reaping the rewards of ebay sales. Thank you to all those who support our shops.

AGM Tuesday 19 th July, 7.30pm at OCH

If you are interested in the work of the hospital and would like to find out more, or show your support, please do join us – all are welcome. Mr David Monkman from St Michael's Hospice will give a brief overview of the partnership between our two organisations and the benefit it brings to our community. Wine and canapes will be served.

Ginny East, Email: och1@btinternet.com, Tel 01256 393600

Church Notices

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

From the Parish Registers...

Funeral Services

June 6th at Basingstoke Crematorium
Audrey Pratt of Rowan Lodge

May she rest in peace

Weddings

Saturday June 11 th at St Swithun's,
Nately Scures, Gemma Barrett and
Stephen Elliott

Saturday June 25 th at St Andrew's
South Warnborough, Amanda
Kingshott and Gary Hunt of
Mapledurwell

*We wish them every happiness in the
life together*

Baptisms

Sunday June 5 th at St Nicholas'
Newnham, Edith and Noah Paterson

Sunday June 12 th at St Swithun's
Nately Scures, Daisy Connelly

Sunday June 19 th at St Mary's
Mapledurwell, Ezra Forward

*We welcome all these little ones into
the family of the Church*

Mid-Week Holy Communion

We next meet in the warm and welcoming home of Lady Nell at The Dower House in Greywell on 21 July at 11.00am. We have 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 Linda (704835)

Diary Dates for July:

**2nd 11.00am wedding at
Newnham**

**2.00pm baptism at Nately
Scures**

**3rd 12.30pm baptism at
Newnham**

4th 6.30pm Nately Scures VCC

**8th 7.00pm Blessing of the
refurbished Pond in Up
Nately**

Church Services

July 3rd

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
6.00pm	Flower Festival Songs of Praise	Up Nately

July 10th

United Parish Service:

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Jane's final service	Newnham
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July 17th

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

July 24th

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

July 31st

United Parish Services:

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
6.00pm	Summer Songs of Praise	Greywell

Special Church Services in July

Sunday July 3rd 6.00pm Songs of Praise at Up Nately

Do come and join us as we bring our village flower festival to a close by singing God's praise and thanking for the beauty of his wonderful world. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday July 10th 9.30am Holy Communion at Up Nately

This will be Jane's final Sunday as our parish priest. Please come and join us for this special service.

Sunday July 31st 6.00pm Summer Songs of Praise at Greywell

Here is another chance to sing your favourite hymns. Please let Revd. Linda Scard know the hymn you would like included in this service.

A New Benefice Rector

It is with great pleasure that we can let you know that a new Rector for the North Hampshire Downs Benefice has been appointed to replace Rev. Peter Dyson who left at the end of January. He is Rev. Simon Butler who is coming from Ashstead in Surrey with his wife and three young children. They will live in The Vicarage at Upton Grey and Simon's licensing is expected to be on August 21st.

Staffing in the United Parish

Jane's retirement means we have a vacancy in our United Parish, these five villages, for a parish priest. The parish profile has been drawn up and once Jane has left the process of seeking a replacement will be able to begin straight away, with input hopefully from the new Rector. But the UP will not be left 'vicarless' because Rev Linda Scard, our benefice curate who has been working with Jane for some time now will continue to work with the churchwardens and lay people to provide Sunday services and pastoral care, weddings, funerals and baptisms. Any enquiries can be directed to Linda on 01256 704835 – or to any of the churchwardens.

Keep up to date with Diocesan News

If you are in touch with the ways of the world today you can keep up to date with all the goings-on in our diocese by downloading the monthly e-news at <http://www.winchester.anglican.org/resources/communications/resources/bulletins> I especially recommend you look at the new Live the Mission section which shares some of the events and projects at other churches around our diocese.

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Dear Friends,

I can't believe this is the last time I shall be writing to you all through the pages of The Villager! Of course there have been many months when I have sat in front of a blank computer screen, with an equally blank mind, and no idea what I would write. But something has always come to mind and you have patiently read the stories about my family, our life here at The Rectory, our holidays and some of the issues of parish life and the Christian faith. Thankfully, you seem to have liked them! I've always loved both writing and receiving letters, especially the old fashioned kind that arrive with the postman

and have interesting stamps, and I had several pen-pals when I was a child. The lovely kind comments which many of you have made in response to my Villager letters have been very welcome replies to my ramblings!

The Church of England 'vicar' in any parish is in a very privileged position as we are called to serve the whole community and not just those who choose to go to church. Everyone has a right to be baptised, married and indeed buried in their parish church and our little ancient churches hold so much of the history of our villages. My strategy for my ministry, in so far as I have had any such thing, has always been very simple: to get to know as many of my parishioners as possible and to make myself known to them. I don't know you all by name (although I know a fair few!) and so this letter has been the one way I have had of speaking to every household. I hoped you would feel that you knew me, at least a little, so that if you were ever in need of me, you might feel comfortable about picking up the phone or emailing me.

I suspect a vicar never really retires – the clerical collar is never cast aside completely – but I shall be escaping from all those aspects of parish ministry that are the least fulfilling. No more rotas of Sunday services, no more marriage returns to complete and send to the Registrar's Office, no more attendance statistics to work out, no more worries about fundraising or the lack of young people in our churches. I shan't really miss any of those concerns and chores! But I shall miss our wonderful little churches, even when they have been icy cold in the middle of winter, because it has been such a privilege to be the first woman to lead worship in them Sunday by Sunday, to preach my sermons and celebrate the Eucharist as one in a long line of God's servants in this place.

And most of all I shall miss all of you. When we came to the United Parish in 2008 the prospect of having to get to know five different villages, the foibles of five little churches and ten churchwardens was quite daunting. But very soon you became dear friends and Roland and I have loved living among you and being part of each of your villages. I have always thought I have the best job in the world, as much of the time I am drinking tea and listening to people's stories which are always fascinating! This last fifteen years of country life and rural ministry were our mid-life adventure, first of all in Long Sutton and South Warnborough and then in the United Parish. Now we are looking forward to our 'Adventure of the Third Age' (to coin a phrase!) and to finding out what blessings God has in store for us next!

We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and your love for us. It will stay with us always and we shall remember you with the greatest affection.

One of the most privileged roles I have as a priest is to proclaim God's blessing on the people I serve. Sunday by Sunday our congregations are sent out into the world with God's blessing ringing in their ears. I bless the very young as they come to be baptised, joyful couples being joined in marriage, I bless the very elderly in their homes and in the nursing homes, I bless those who are at the end of their lives and I bless those who are grieving, anxious and in pain. And so I bring this letter to an end with God's blessing for all of you:

God's love surround you

God's joy fill your lives

God's peace be in your hearts

And God's blessing be with you all this day and always. Amen

With my love

Jane

Revd. Jane Leese

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN AT 90 WITH SPECIAL MEMORIES

We had a very happy service at Newnham on June 12th to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. A highlight was hearing the thoughts and reflections of some of our own nonagenarians - some nearer 100 than 90! Sir Nick Somerville reflected on the vows he had made in his life, at confirmation, within the armed services, and at his marriage and he compared these to the vows that the Queen has made and kept so dutifully throughout her long life. Raymond Tapp shared his remembrances of the very young Queen flying off to Kenya, waving goodbye to her father, King George, who she would never see again, and then seeing her again at her coronation, taking on the enormous responsibilities of state and Commonwealth. And Helene Gray, reflecting on her own experience of being (well!) in her 90s says that the greatest impact for her was losing her unblemished driving licence at the age of 92, thus losing her freedom, independence and the ability to participate in the intellectual activities that had been an integral part of her life. That, with her reduced mobility added to the feeling of closing horizons. But at the same time she is appreciative of her family, now with 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren to give her much joy, and the generous support of cherished friends. And she is fortunate in still having good memories that take her back to childhood: the muffin man with his tray balanced on his head, the ice cream man on his bicycle, the rag and bone man with horse and cart and the organ grinder with his monkey. Oh happy days! It was a privilege to listen to these dear folk and each one was applauded warmly.

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