

The Villager

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

Camilla's Adventures in Africa

You are warmly invited to join Camilla Douglas and Isobel Tutt-Leppard (Lullaby Africa) for Coffee and Cake

Saturday 14 October 10-12 noon, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall



Come and hear Camilla Douglas talk about her recent trip to Uganda and Rwanda, where she teamed up with charity Lullaby Africa to teach 1,500 mothers in rural areas about bonding and brain development....

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and the role of the Abbey.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately



Save the date... CHRISTMAS BONGO BINGO NIGHT! Village Hall Friday 01 December 7 for 7.30pm

Best dressed, dance offs, singing, music and quiz rounds, cat walks, silly and outlandish prizes!

Christmas Cocktail, Buffet & Bar, Tickets £15, Proceeds to charity

REVIEW...

The Bad Apple Theatre
production in the Village Hall
on 24 September.

What a stellar evening! The Bad Apple Theatre Company put on a top class show. Who needs to go to the West End and pay a fortune?

A sweet performance by Ellen Carnazza of *The Land Girl*, written by Kate Bromley, started the evening. It showcased some of the highs and lows of working on the land during wartime, capturing the 'can do' attitude and sense of humour of the ladies who kept Britain fed during WWII.

The second act was *Yorkshire Kernel* written by Danny Mellor

and performed amazingly by Richard Galloway. He absolutely mesmerised the audience with his astonishing ability to depict 10 characters, interacting with each other, with just a change of hat, accent and movement. The characters were all hilarious and spot on and the story line was really strong to the end.

All this plus welcoming drink, ice cream at the short interval, and all in the village hall just minutes from home! Well done the Village Hall Committee researching and enabling this evening and putting in all the work setting up and clearing up.

We need to look out for more from www.badappletheatre.co.uk

UP NATELY NEWS

The September coffee morning was basically a birthday party and those who attended enjoyed smoked salmon and bucks fizz! We can't expect that every time though.

The next coffee gathering will be on Friday 3rd November at Twine Rose Cottage, 10-12. Call Karen for more information 07799 571469

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00402/23/TCA (Validated 20 Sept) Glebe Cottage, Tunworth Road. Black Poplar (T1) Reduce crown by c5m and lateral spread by c3m. Finished dimensions of approx 14m in height by 6m in spread. Ash (T2) Reduce crown by c3.5m and lateral spread by c2m. Finished dimensions of c8.5m in height by 5m in spread. Red Cedar (T3) Reduce crown by c3m to finished height c9m.

T/00308/23/TCA (Approve 13 Sept) Reduction and maintenance various trees see September *Villager* or BDBC website for detail.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02103/FUL (Validated 18 August) Land Adjacent To Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of residential dwelling with garage.

23/01951/HSE (Validated 02 August) Arlings, Tunworth Road. Erection of replacement garage outbuilding (including workshop and storage space). Further application following refusal of 22/03317/HSE on 30 May 2023.

23/01858/HSE and 23/01859/HSE (Granted 02 Oct) Eastrop Cottage, Heather Row Lane. Erection of a single storey extension to East elevation and demolition of end wall.

23/01446/FUL (Granted 14 Sept) Sheraton, Tunworth Road. Replacement dwelling.

23/01236/FUL (Pending 15 May) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable), Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and landscaping.

23/01042/FUL (Pending 18 May) WAT Stacy and Partners. Priory Farm, Andwell. Demolition of two storage buildings/ structures and erection of two new barns.

23/00962/TDC (Pending 10 May) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Application for Technical Details Consent relating to the design, access, landscape, services and scale of the barn in accordance with Permission in Principle ref 20/00009/PIP for conversion of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling.

23/00725/FUL (Granted 19 September) Swan Hill Nursery, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Conversion of two storey tractor shed and storage building to residential annex to main house. Addition of a stairwell on the side of the existing building for access to upper floor.

22/03417/FUL (Granted 12 September) The Egg Yard, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of three dwellings with associated parking using approved access.

22/02416/FUL (For decision Development Control Committee 11 October, recommendation approval) Riverview House, London Road. Extensions including additional floor and a three storey rear extension to provide nine additional one-bedroom flats. [Total 17 x one-bed flats.]

22/02210/RET (Pending, 05 August 2022) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 31/08/2032.

21/00827/FUL (Withdrawn 25 September) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to dog walking area and off road parking; gate, fence and shed.

APPEALS LODGED

23/00055/REF (Lodged 01 Sept) The Gamekeepers. Hardstanding for access to the cesspit, for deliveries and for additional parking; plus lighting.

23/00045/REF / 46/REF (Lodged 24/26 July) Blaegrove Cottage, Blaegrove Lane. Single storey rear extension including excavation works to rear garden and erection of a new retaining wall.

23/00027/REF (Appeal Valid, Lodged 11 May) Land Adjacent To Blaegrove House, Blaegrove Lane. Permission in Principle for 1 no. dwelling.

MINI-FOREST PROJECT HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

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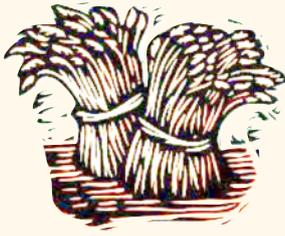
'If you have land that would be perfect for tree planting, we'd love to hear from you.'

'We're looking to plant mini forests across Hampshire. Also called a Miyawaki forest, after the Japanese botanist who invented the technique; they're created using a planting technique that can quickly establish an entire forest ecosystem [c30 different species]. These are usually about the size of a tennis court and so works particularly well in small spaces where there isn't enough room for larger woodlands. We're looking for community groups to partner with us to achieve this.'

Please get in touch to find out more at treeplanting@hants.gov.uk

ST MARY'S MAPLEDURWELL

11am Sunday 15 October



HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Join us for at 10.15 for a
HARVEST BREAKFAST

ST MARY'S CHURCH, MAPLEDURWELL

The small Flower Team is looking for more supporters.

If you have flower arranging skills or would like to learn and have some time to support the fortnightly services at St Mary's on a rota or *ad hoc* basis, please reach out to the church warden via jules@cresswood.net

NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Allotments Sad to see two tenants leave at the end of this season but happily new tenants have arrived. All plots presently allocated but if you are interested for the future please contact Colin Robertson or the clerk.

Chalk stream Some additional clearing further downstream and planting planned for spring

Village Hall playground New provision – considering options and grant funding for new picnic bench and bark pit.

Tennis courts A good take up of registered players; please contact Hugo Cubitt if you live in the Parish and wish to play. Awaiting repairs to fence (recent small vandalism including broken padlock). Request received for courts to be resurfaced.

Mapledurwell pond clearing Thanks and congratulations to the Friends of St Mary's for undertaking and managing this project.

Direction signpost at the pond Question of restoring or replacing the finger signs has again been referred to HCC Highways.

Public rights of way Request submitted to Countryside Services for



MAPLEDURWELL POND

The Friends of St Mary's are delighted to announce that the refurbishment of the Mapledurwell pond is complete (almost). The grass needs to regrow and some Irises will be replanted – in baskets to control their spread.

This is the first refurbishment in over 35 years; it was required as the pond had become overgrown and full of silt, with only a small covering of water. It has been dredged, relined and refilled with spring water.

We would like to thank Tom Stacy for his support, and Adam Andrews from ADS builders for their amazing effort to deliver a fantastic job within budget and on time.

We hope it will be enjoyed for many years to come by the village and its visitors. *The Friends of St Mary's*



their priority cutting service to include Bridleway 21 (Up Natley) from Heather Row Lane eastwards to the Greywell Parish Boundary; FP1 (Mapledurwell) from the end of Kembers Lane to the motorway

Greywell Road pavement M3 to A30 – becomes impassable due to outgrowing vegetation. Referred to BDBC: 'Basingstoke & Deane are responsible for the weed control on behalf of Hampshire Highways. 'Overgrown branches are with the Highway Engineer for inspection.'

Footway upkeep at Hatch /Hollies Old Greywell Road (pedestrianised) between Hatch and Hollies; plus Hollies path to A30 (between Hatch pub and Lyde House). HCC reports indicate: 'work passed to contractor'.

Conclusion of audit notice received from BDO LLP posted on website.

Nature 2030 – Supported by environmental agencies including the Wildlife Trusts. 'Save our Chalk Stream' campaign from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust as featured in August *Villager*. Requesting feedback and stories.

Hampshire Forest Partnership (part of HCC Countryside Services) aims to plant one million trees across Hampshire by 2050. Proposals for creating tree networks along major road routes including the A30, plus Miyawaki Mini Forest projects.

Next Parish Council meeting 22 November – Council Leader and Planning portfolio holder attending to discuss the Local Plan Update.

Newnham & Nately Scures



MIGRATION

Today, September 7, a party of swallows – there may have been house martins amongst them – flew south. It's the time of year when parties of both species can be seen heading for their wintering grounds, perhaps as far as South Africa. The swifts which nested under the eaves at the church have already departed; earlier still our cuckoos went South. I am reminded how in the 1940s the old verse held true:

'In April, the cuckoo comes. In May he sings all day, in June he changes tune, in July he prepares to fly, and in August, go he must'. The cuckoo came again this year, but he hardly lived up to his former reputation, at least in this end of the village.

By the time you read this, it is likely any spotted flycatchers will also have departed. In my youth, the spotted flycatcher was a common bird and there were probably pairs nesting in every 10th garden, but with far fewer insects for them to feed on they have become rather scarce. Blackcaps, chiffchaffs and willow warblers may yet be around, but unless they are singing, they may be missed.

What other migrants might one expect to see here heading south in October? Perhaps a hobby, possibly an osprey, and of course there may be almost any summer visitor from elsewhere in Britain, for example, wood warblers, redstarts, pied flycatchers. And swallows might even be seen in November; by then, the first winter migrants, eg redwings and fieldfares may be with us, and one could be lucky enough to meet golden plover.

Other migrants one might see are red admiral butterflies: they regularly feed on fallen pears and apples – the riper the better – and although a few hibernate in Britain, the majority probably go south and can be seen as individuals, flying in a southerly direction a few feet above the ground: well worth looking out for. Let's keep our eyes skinned. NB

FUNDING APPLICATION FOR NEW BUS SHELTER AT WATER END

Feedback received from local residents is that a new bus shelter is needed at Water End (westbound by Andwell Lane).

Please contact the Parish Council with your views on this and let us know if you support.

The Parish Council understand BDBC's recent Community Infrastructure Fund has been greatly oversubscribed but if necessary the Parish Council will continue to seek other grant funding opportunities.

Please get in touch with any member of the Parish Council or contact the clerk clerk.newnham@parish.hants.gov.uk



PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Are you passionate about local community issues and the natural environment? Do you want to help make a long-lasting contribution? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? Do you have a small amount of time to contribute?

The Parish Council is looking for a new member from any area of – or immediately adjacent to – the Parish of Newnham and Nately Scures. If you think you might be interested, again please get in touch with any of the Parish Councillors or contact the clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting Monday 04 December 7pm, Clubroom

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02220/FUL (Validated 22 Sep 2023)
Access Road The Barracks. Resurfacing of gravelled section of the existing access road

23/02203/TDC (Validated 26 Sep 2023)
Land At The Barracks. Application for Technical Details Consent for the erection of 4 new homes in accordance with Permission in Principle
23/00347/PIP.

23/02077/ROC (Granted 09 Oct) Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Variation of condition 3 (materials) of 21/03830/FUL to amend roof tiles from Sahtas clay tiles to Lifestyles Ashbury hand made clay tiles.

23/01983/HSE (Validated 14 August) Chapel House, Newnham Road. Erection of a new garage, refurbishment and internal alterations to the existing chapel building, and associated landscaping.

23/01683/FUL (For decision Development Control Committee 08 November) Land South Of Western Railways Track OS Ref 470352 153572, Crown Lane. Proposed trackside wifi installation: 6m high street pole and ancillary works.

23/00835/FUL (Pending 31 March) Land adjacent to Mulberry House, Scures Hill. A two-storey detached house with integral garage and loft rooms. New access gates off existing shared private road with new driveway, fencing and landscaping.

22/02097/FUL (Pending 09 Sept 2022) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. New detached house, garage and access.

16/03282/RET (Pending 15 September 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural including farm open days 100 days a year with parking.

ROTHERWICK APPLICATION

23/01904/FUL (Validated 22 September) Beehive Farm, Tylney Lane. Demolition of existing dwelling and associated buildings and erection of a detached dwelling with associated works. Consultation to 16 October. All responses to Hart District Council planningadmin@hart.gov.uk

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



October winners are

£100 – Chloe Morris (67)

£50 – Melanie Christopher (12)

£25 – David Hodson (56)

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Chris Webster for drawing the numbers.

Carolyn Bell

NOTES FROM 02 OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Local Plan Update presentation and discussion from BDBC Cllrs Paul Harvey (Council Leader) and Andy Konieczko, (Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure).

BDBC's priority is to restart the LPU process asap; a tight deadline to reach examination and adoption for summer 2025. Plus need to re-establish a five-year land supply.

When Government launched the NPPF consultation in December 2022, the public message was that changes would be transformational and the Standard Method considered a non-binding starting point. The consultation did not bear this out.

BDBC has commissioned two sets of legal advice, both of the opinion that in reality Local Authorities have no control and the Standard Method continues to apply. BDBC has no exceptional circumstance which would stand up in front of a Planning Inspector. This will remain the case under the revised NPPF.

BDBC supports lower housing numbers but is unable to deliver on this.

Most conversations relate to housing numbers but the LPU is about reviewing all Draft Plan Policies. The new Administration has inherited all

the work done to date; intends to strengthen the policies relating to the climate and ecological emergencies:

1. Raising the standard of build requiring all new housing to be net zero or energy efficient passive. Approval will be for attractive and functional new homes; combining good design and ergonomics; to a new product liability standard.
2. Identify sites for renewable energy.
3. Develop a *Modus Operandi* with water companies, Environment Agency to ensure statutory obligations met.

Housing numbers The Standard Method says 850 new homes per annum during the Plan Period up to 2040. Unable to do anything about the overall number. Have scope to play with the timing of delivery. A stepped trajectory with a lower housing number in the first five years will give a little more time to address infrastructure and water supply. Advocating 700 new homes per annum for five years which will bring us to the next Plan Update point. The figure then will be 950, by that time to be augmented by the Borough's plan for Council house building.

Also gives time to develop biodiversity strategies for the Loddon and Test; developers will be required to comply with the Environment Act.



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NEWNHAM NOVELS'

NEXT BOOK SALE on Saturday 11 November

Bring with you books you have read and are happy to donate, and / or buy others for 50p. Hundreds to choose from.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our book sale with teas, coffees on 30 September when £42 was raised.

Proceeds towards Clubroom maintenance
Charity number: 114212

OLD BASING LICENCING APPLICATION

3/01138/PREMN Fields adjacent to Riley Lane / Newnham Lane / Wildwood Farm, Old Basing. New Premise Licence Application – Neverland Event from summer 2024. Consultation closed. All who responded will have received an email explaining procedure.

The Licensing application will be considered by a multi-agency Event Safety Advisory Group of statutory consultees; ie the 'Responsible Authorities'. These comprise Council Licensing, Environmental Health, Public Health; Ambulance Service; Hampshire Fire and Rescue; Hampshire Highways; Hampshire Constabulary (Licensing and Strategic Planning). The list in the case of licensing application does not include the Parish Council. Hampshire Constabulary is responsible under the Licensing Act 2003 for 'the prevention of crime and disorder' being part of the licence should it be granted.

The applicant will present a draft Event Safety Management Plan to the Safety Advisory Group which subsequently meets with the applicant to consider/ provide feedback/impose conditions on event planning, proposals and safeguarding; also matters relating to waste, Service Industry Authority licensed security, routes to be used, vehicle parking, bus shuttle services.

The email received by consultation respondents is also an opportunity for the applicant to provide answers to issues raised. If concerns are allayed then any objections may be withdrawn. As all objections have not been withdrawn, the application will be considered by the Licensing Sub-committee at a Hearing scheduled for 10am Tuesday 24 October. Those wishing to speak should submit a request at least seven days in advance. Following the Hearing the Sub-committee will consider all evidence and make a decision within five days.



Church Notices

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From the Parish Registers

Funeral: Nicola Franks at Basingstoke Crematorium on 27th September



From the Ministry Team

A Christian Country?

The Times recently published what it claimed was a groundbreaking

survey about clergy attitudes with the headline 'Britain is no longer a Christian country, say frontline clergy'.

Leaving aside the quality of the questionnaire that was used to gather the data that was then interpreted (this Vicar found the questions to be simplistic and lacking in nuance and understanding), the headline makes for interesting reading and raises numerous questions.

According to *The Times*, asked whether they think 'Britain can or cannot be described as a Christian country', only a quarter answered 'Yes, Britain can be described as a Christian country today'. Additionally almost two thirds said Britain can be called Christian 'but only historically, not

currently'. The remaining nine per cent answered with a clear 'No'.

But what indeed is a 'Christian country'? What does calling a country Christian mean or imply, and conversely what does saying a nation is 'not Christian' mean or imply? Can nations be described as religious? And is being a 'religious' nation always a good thing? The Suffragan Bishop of Dorchester made a comparison with Iran as a religious nation and suggested he was quite glad that we are not a religious nation like that!

Rev Dr Ian Paul suggests that unpacking what we mean by a 'Christian country' involves a complex set of questions around our constitution, legal system, inherited social traditions, built environment, systems of governance, ethical and moral assumptions and the contours of stated belief and worshipping practice that define our country. No mean feat, as any such questions would have to tease out the impact of Christian faith across a complex web of formal and informal networks and systems.

Perhaps then, the simplest place to start when assessing whether Britain is a 'Christian country' is to ask how many people in Britain are professing Christians? The heart of the question is how many people in Britain today know Jesus as their saviour – this is after all the starting point for defining 'Christian'.

If this very focussed metric is used, we might be led to a different conclusion – that Britain is no less 'Christian' than it was previously as the proportion of people professing faith in Jesus Christ has been fairly stable. Ultimately it is quite difficult to

accurately gauge this, as even the national census asks an unhelpfully vague question about religious affiliation. However, it might be noted that there are more active churches (of all Christian denominations) in the UK now than there were 10 years ago and that weekly church attendance in the UK has shown signs of growth.

If *The Times* headline has some value, then perhaps it is as a reminder to the Church about the heart of its calling – that of inviting people to know Jesus as saviour – and a reminder to the nation about the many ways in which Christian faith has been a force for good in shaping the institutions and structures of our society and the developing the common bonds that allow society to function well.

Are we a 'Christian country'? I don't know really, I don't know if we could ever really claim that title, but we are certainly a nation and individuals that have been uniquely shaped and impacted by Jesus of Nazareth in a whole variety of ways, some obvious and some less so.

Rev Simon Butler (Rector)

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

August was a busy month! On 9th August we remembered our Founder, Mary Sumner, and we were really delighted that our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, joined us for the celebrations. After prayers in Winchester Cathedral, and a short service outside Sheran laid flowers on Mary Sumner's grave. I was privileged to meet Sheran in Winchester for this ceremony, and in the evening for a supper in Romsey. I was also taken aback and very touched when she presented me with a medal and a gift of Mothers' Union fabric.

Later in August we had our usual stall at RAF Families Day on Friday 18th August. Sadly, the weather in the morning was extremely wet and windy, but at least it improved in the afternoon. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who baked a cake for this event or helped. The service personnel and their families really appreciate this outreach and our stall is very popular. I'm glad to say that we had plenty of cakes to give out this year.

Our next meeting is on Monday 2nd October at 7:30pm at the Chaplaincy Centre at RAF Odiham, and we are hoping to have a speaker. If you want to join us or learn more about what we do, then please contact me.

Sue Murphy, 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk

IT'S HARVEST TIME!

Please come and join us for the final Harvest Service of the year at St Mary's Mapledurwell on 15 October.

As always, any food produce given as a gift will be passed on to Camrose in Basingstoke, which is a drop-in centre primarily aimed at helping homeless and vulnerable people. It offers breakfast and a hot lunch, table tennis and games, advice on housing, employment, drugs and alcohol issues, telephone and computer facilities to assist with job applications, etc. and training in a variety of topics. All donations will be gratefully received.

These services will be an opportunity to give thanks for the work of the farmers in our area and to consider how we can each take better care of the beautiful land we live from and on.



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Helen Chatfield
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KIDZONE

Yeeha! Howdy partners!

I think the 30+ volunteers who helped us run this year's very successful holiday club have just about recovered from the week, so it must be time to tell you all about it!

This year saw a return to our very first Holiday Club in Calamity Creek. The children were different. Many of the youngsters from first time around are now part of our young helper programme, where more than 20 teenagers supported the groups and continued their own journey of faith. Oh, and of course had fun in the evenings!

During the day, we all learnt about how God paid the price, so that we could be forgiven and live our lives to the full. As well as crafts and games, many of us learnt to juggle and line dance (led by the youth!). The day ended with a bang (well, more like a squeal!) with our first annual slip and slide – a real highlight for everyone!

But the journey doesn't stop here! If you enjoyed Holiday Club and want to join in the fun all year round, or if you missed out in the summer, but want to be part of the action, please take a look at 'What's on' at www.moretolife.church or just email me at youth@moretolife.church
 God Bless and see you next time!
 Helen C



WHAT'S ON THIS TERM?

Aged 8+? Why not come along to All Saints' Youth on Thursdays at All Saints' Odiham. Generally we run from 5:30 – 7. The program can change at short notice, so if you are interested, please email Helen at youth@moretolife.church. We always provide something to eat and tuck shop.

There is Children's Church each Sunday at All Saints' Odiham, as part of the informal 11am service. This is split into various groups, and children of any age are welcome.

Would you like to be part of the team which delivers our exciting Children and Youth work?

Please contact Helen on the above email, and get involved. We have a you-shaped space!



CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER INTO NOVEMBER

Sunday 08 October	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 15 October	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Harvest Festival 5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong
Sunday 22 October	10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship
Sunday 29 October	9.30am Odiham Benefice CW Holy Communion 11am Odiham Benefice Informal Service 4pm Upton Grey Service of Light
Sunday 05 November	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship



UKRAINIAN FUNDRAISING CONCERT

What a magnificent evening on Friday 25 August at All Saints' Odiham, with the London Welsh Male Voice Choir! Thank you to everyone who made up the sold out audience.

The three soloists - Varya Yasko, Iona Yasko and Amelia Yefimenko (all of whom attend Robert May's School) did themselves very proud (check out All Saints Facebook page).

The evening didn't stop when the choir took the final bow, and many thanks must go to The Bel and the Dragon for hosting the choir's shenanigans afterwards (several locals stopped me on the street the next day, to say it was the best evening at the pub they've had in years!) And after that, you still couldn't stop the Ukrainians from talking and laughing over a glass of wine back in church as we started the clean up!

We managed to raise nearly £4,000 and we're already very excited about all of the front-line medical equipment we will be able to send. We will be sending our donations via the small, specialised Ukrainian NGO called NGO Lemberg Patronus.

Thanks must also go to Odiham Parish Council for the use of The Bridewell to allow the choir to change before the performance and The Jubilee Choir for the use of the staging. Catering was kindly donated by Nataliia, as she

starts up her new catering company based in Odiham and the photos of the choir in this post were taken by Oksana (Photoloveson), also based in the Odiham area.

The choir has promised (in response to a lot of emails!) to come back soon, so watch this space!

Helen



THE JUBILEE CHOIR 'MAGNIFICAT'

Sunday 19 November 6.30pm
All Saints' Odiham

Join the Jubilee Choir for a performance of two beautiful Magnificats by Hubert Parry and John Rutter. The choir will be conducted by Oliver Tarney and Thomas Edney, with orchestral accompaniment.

Tickets £15, free for under 18s from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 01256 701947.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE CAROL SERVICE

12 December, All Saints' Odiham
6.30 for 7pm start. Canapes and wine will be served, then mince pies at the end of the service.

This year we have Schola Cantorum of Oxford (they are undergraduate choral scholars from Oxford University Colleges) and by popular request holding a Carol Service rather than a Christmas concert. Clare Balding OBE will take a reading. The tickets are again £30 from Katherine Jane, Odiham High St, or from St Michaels Hospice website

www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events

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NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

The Creative Shrub Garden
by Andy McIndoe

26 October at North Warnborough Village Hall. Visitors welcome

Arrive by 2.10pm, talk starts at 2.30pm, Tea and biscuits to follow
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An exceedingly hot day!

If you braved the heat and visited Odiham Fete on 09 September you will agree it was an extremely hot afternoon!

Well, we invested a lot of time and careful thought when we planned the Odiham Church Fete stand for the Odiham U3a and its Environment and Climate Group, but no-one told us it would be the hottest day of 2023! In fact, we measured 34.2 degrees Centigrade on our stand!

We expected a broad age range for our stand visitors, but we were really amazed to have one senior Hampshire County councillor (Chair of their Climate 2050 Select Committee) and three really experienced Sustainability practitioners as visitors too. One of which was Sustainable Finance guru who had just flown in from the African Climate Summit!



Equally important were the boys, girls and adults of all ages who were all keen to place their green stickers on our Climate Change Worry Chart.

Our Wings and Wheels group were also at the fete; they provided the 11 vehicles lined up on the approach to the Fete entrance. Some of the vehicles were the exotics eg two Aston Martins. Others were cars that many people recognized from their childhood – two Morris 8 and a Morris 1000 Traveller. There was something for everyone!

Above all the day gave us an opportunity to chat to existing and potential members, answer their questions and communicate to everybody how much the u3a is a vibrant part of our local community.

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