

The Villager

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



Seasons Greetings

Wishing you a merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year.

Thank you to all contributors and distributors. The next issue of the Villager will be February 2022

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE UNITED PARISH

Sunday 12th December

4.30pm *Christingle* St Mary's Mapledurwell

4.30pm *Tea-time Christingle*

St Nicholas' Newnham (see Newnham page)

Saturday 18th December

4pm *Carol Service* St Mary's Greywell

4pm *Carol Service* St Nicholas' Newnham

5pm *Carol Service* St Stephen's Up Nately

Sunday 19th December

4.30pm *Carol Service* St Mary's Mapledurwell

5pm *Carol Service* St Swithun's Nately Scures

Friday Christmas Eve

4.30pm *Crib Service* St Stephen's Up Nately

11.30pm *Midnight Communion*

St Swithun's Nately Scures

Saturday Christmas Day

9.30am *Family Service* St Mary's Mapledurwell

9.30am *Family Service* St Stephen's Up Nately

10.45am *Family Communion* St Nicholas' Newnham

11am *Family Service* St Mary's Greywell

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Please continue to report all crime and suspicious incidents through the correct process:

For non emergency online – report a crime/ASB to Hampshire Constabulary

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/> or tel 101.

Use 999 in cases of emergency.

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hampshire.pnn.police.uk

CONTACT B/STOKE & DEANE

To report fly tipping on the highway or problems with waste collection

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report>

CONTACT HANTS COUNTY COUNCIL

To report flooding in the road, potholes, obstructions to the highway or to sightlines, please go to:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>



BDBC LOCAL PLAN UPDATE HOUSING FIGURES

From update to Parish Council meeting

Future housing figures Ward Cllr Mark Ruffell argues for BDBC to challenge and reduce Government-imposed housing numbers. New housing delivery in the borough over recent decades has been very high.

Cllr Ruffell's new portfolio – for the Natural Environment and Climate Improvement – is the counterbalance to this: 'We must stand up to protect the natural environment. We must do something about this.'

'The Loddon unites us in a common cause – to achieve acceptance that the River Loddon is a chalk river of major importance whose ecology is under threat – from its aquifer to its river valley beyond the sewage works, it is all interlinked. We cannot keep putting this ever expanding pressure onto one small river.'

Maria Miller is urging us all to build a case for 'exceptional circumstances' which evidence the need for lower housing numbers. The levels of threat to our natural (and built) environments

are such that the housing numbers currently proposed are unsustainable and incompatible with declared Ecological and Climate emergencies.

We urge everyone to write to our three Basing Ward Councillors to give them this mandate to challenge the housing numbers:

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cldr.onnalee.cubitt@basingstoke.gov.uk
cldr.sven.godesen@basingstoke.gov.uk

'EAST OF BASINGSTOKE'

'East of Basingstoke' is land owned by Hampshire County Council (HCC), a site with 450 homes assigned in the present Local Plan (but not yet built).

Report to Parish Council from County Councillor Elaine Still:

Context – BDBC is seeking for HCC to bring the site forward for 900 homes (the promoted capacity of the site) to support local housing supply. HCC is progressing with the preparation of a planning application for 900 homes, subject to the whole site being identified for allocation in BDBC's Regulation 18 version of the Local Plan Update (LPU) to be published for consultation in Spring next year.

Current progress – HCC is proposing to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping application before the end of this year. We also meet with BDBC officers on a regular basis to discuss the project and programme. There is expected to be public engagement and consultation in 2022 but the timings are yet to be confirmed, and will be appropriately co-ordinated with consultation periods associated with the BDBC LPU.

Taylor Wimpey and Kings Fund – The neighbouring site to Land East, known as Lodge Farm, is promoted by Taylor Wimpey on behalf of the Kings Fund. This site – if selected for housing by BDBC – would require access through Land East. BDBC has therefore asked us to share information with Taylor Wimpey. There was a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to do this for the BDBC 'Issues and Options' LPU Consultation but this has not yet been extended to support future working. Land East is being progressed as a stand-alone site which will deliver housing and a quality environment whether or not Lodge Farm is selected for housing.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY BONFIRE NIGHT

What a great show! Well done everyone who worked so hard to make it happen.

Special thanks go to Prilly Brewin who masterminded the project. Thanks also go to Jenny and Jon Harris for the use of their field; Alan Hutton for structuring the bonfire and building it with help from Jon Brewin and Robin Best; Andy Denham for organising the fireworks and training up his team – Matt Smith, Matt Hayward, Robin Best, Felix and Jonty Denham; Paul Viney for setting up the music system; Harry Denham for the music compilation; Henry Read for the opening address; Nick Paterson and Jane Stevens for the mulled wine; Peter Brewin for the lighting and all other health and safety issues; Claire and James Best on the gate; Camilla Read for first aid support.

Very big thanks to the Friends of St Mary for sponsoring the whole thing. It was a really wonderful village event. Then more thanks to Jenny, Sarah, Teghan and Jane for refilling the holes and sorting out the bonfire remains.

FROG LANE ALLOTMENTS

ALLOTMENT AVAILABLE If you are interested in taking an allotment, now or in the future, please contact clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk to register your interest.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/03352/HSE (Validated 27 Oct 2021) Fieldside, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of two storey front extension, alterations to roof, 2 no. dormer windows to the front elevation and rooflights to the side elevations and changes to fenestration.

21/03028/HSE (Granted 18th Nov) 3 Canal Reach, Andwell. Single storey rear/side wraparound extension and new side door.

21/02747/HSE (Granted 17th Nov) Wyvol, Heather Lane. Convert 2-bed bungalow to 4-bed chalet bungalow with extensions and alterations to the roof including dormer windows to S, W & E. Alterations to access, new sewage treatment plant and soakaway.

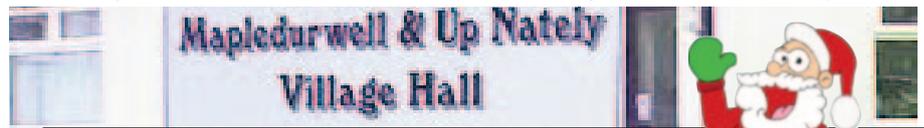
21/02435/HSE (Granted 16th November) Meadows, Heather Lane. Erection of two storey front extension, single storey rear extensions, alterations to fenestration.

21/02279/HSE (Granted 27th October) Meadow Hill, Tunworth Road. Part single storey, part two storey rear extension; new entrance canopy, fenestration.

21/01739/LBC (Pending 14 July) Arlings Tunworth Road. Replace windows and exterior doors with new like-for-like.

21/01951/HSE (Pending 13 July) Elm Cottage, Tunworth Road. Replacement garage and home office with loft room.

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT!

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall Team invite you to start your festive fun by joining us for quizzing at the Village Hall on

Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 per person to include Chilli Con Carne / Garlic Bread (vegetarian option available), mince pies and chocolates

Tables of 8 (if you need to be put in a team let us know).

Wine / Beer at Bar Prizes for winning table and best dressed 'Christmas' themed table **Raffle**

Pre booking needed so we can cater. If you would like to take part please let Heather Ramsdale know on 07552 506 898 or by email on ramsdaleheather21@gmail.com



TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL Contact mandunvillagehall@gmail.com

UP NATELY HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER Up Nately children enjoyed the Halloween Scavenger Hunt, finding lots of treats along the way, thank you Charlotte Stevenson for organising!

UP NATELY HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT 2021

Happy Halloween

<p>Flutter, flutter little bat, How I wonder where you're at? I like to sleep up in a ridge, look closely as you go under the bridge.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Witch's hat so straight and high, look up for it in the sky.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>As you're walking down the lane, don't drink this potion as it may cause pain!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>One large pumpkin, sitting on a wall, tick this off so you have them all.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>I'll spin my web to hold you tight, I'll gobble you up in one big bite!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>I'm a skeleton, boney and white. Don't come too close I might give you a fright!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Look for a candle on this track, look down low as it is short and black.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Creeping up high with it's fingers, tick this one off quickly and don't dare linger!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Little black cat, little black cat. Have a look around and see where i'm sat.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>If you've made it safely up the lane, you'll see this raven looking through a window pane.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>		

SCAVENGER ROUTE MAP

Can you complete this halloween trail, Being brave enough not to fail? Searching high and low, up in every tree, Ticking off every creepy thing you see. Look out for spooky creatures you may meet, And at the final spot, exchange your card for a sweet treat!

START → Heather Lane → On top of Slades Bridge, Heather Lane. → Right down Bridleway, at end of Heather lane → Under the right at Eastrop bridge → Canal towpath → Up to Brick Kiln Bridge, Blackstocks Lane. → Under Slades Bridge → **FINISH** → 6 St Stephens close → Up Nately Pond



THE FALLEN OF MAPLEDURWELL

Illustrations by Mary Turner of Odiham & Researched by John Maclean of Mapledurwell

LANCE SERGEANT ALFRED ECCOTT

'Last year (1915) the 2/8th battalion of Royal Warwicks formed with Territorials like myself. We arrived in France a month ago, with final work-up training in the Bethune area. As a newly promoted Sergeant, I knew my platoon and was proud of them. We camped last night in a large wood with the shells from our guns whistling overhead. Before dawn today, we worked our way along communication trenches in single file to the front. A mile away, we can just make out the village of Beaumont Hamel held by the Germans. We are tasked to sweep through its outskirts and clear pockets of resistance that had escaped our bombardment. Reassuringly we can spot no movement. The pastures are churned up but with no crops in them.



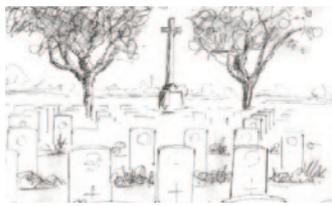
This is Hawthorn Ridge at the exact moment when the biggest ever man-made explosion threw up half the hillside on this, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Sadly few in my battalion will survive to describe the earth-shattering sight that we have just witnessed. For all along their front line, the Hun has sheltered in deep dug-outs. He will emerge into the newly formed shell holes ready to devastate us with his rapid-firing MG08 machineguns.

At 07.20 on that fateful Saturday morning 1st July 1916, our artillery barrage ceases and before our eyes we observe this awesome detonation. Our company commander blows his whistle to move so we climb over the top of our trench. The dust has settled but our advance is disrupted by wire, that should have been shredded under the shellfire yet remains obstinately in place. The Hun has already repositioned himself with a clear field of fire. He picks us off with ease in the morning sunlight.'

Aged just 20 years, Sergeant Eccott like 75% of his battalion comrades was cut down, rescued and taken to the nearest Casualty Clearing Station. He was not selected for transport back to Blighty because his wounds were too severe. He died 12 days later and was interred at the Merville War Cemetery (grave reference VB12).

PRIVATE NATHANIEL PAICE

'It is now July 1918 and the 1st Battalion Royal Hampshires continues to probe the German front line in response to opportunities that open up. For instance, in April we surprised the enemy in a large wood called Bois de Pacaut. They were chattering away happily and we got within 30 yards before they realized what was happening. We killed a lot of them. For the previous couple of months our job has been to continue to make it uncomfortable for Fritz.



We are tasked to send fighting patrols over La Basse canal using our bridges and to deny him the freedom to concentrate any sizeable force on that side. In Pacaut Wood, even though it has been bombarded by artillery, there is cover and summer greenery to make it a real game of cat and mouse. However on one such occasion the enemy spotted our patrol and I was hit probably by a 57mm round from their standard issue rifle. Please tell my wife and two-year-old daughter living in the Old Post office, Mapledurwell, that Daddy died thinking of them.'

Private Paice was recovered by stretcher-bearers and taken back across the canal to Gonnehem where he died of wounds on Wednesday 24th July 1918. His grave is F17 in the Gonnehem Military Cemetery some five miles NE of Bethune, where eight other men of the Royal Hampshires lie.

PRIVATE WILLIAM BARTLETT

'After a brief spell in India, my battalion (4th Hampshires) was deployed to Mesopotamia (now Iraq). It is part of a contingent sent to discourage the Ottoman Empire from seizing vital oilfields in Persia upon which our Royal Navy is hugely reliant. The land between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates is marshy in the winter and a dust bowl in the summer. The towns are dirty, the sanitation is almost non-existent and disease is rife. The Turks show themselves to be fierce and most determined fighters who have no concept of surrender. Engagements with them are generally brutal and merciless. Arab snipers roam the open country and are a menace to the movement of our troops. Almost a year earlier a force of 15,000 men under command of General Townshend set out to take Baghdad. The Turks bottled them up at Kut where they were besieged for three months before surrendering. News has begun to filter through that very few of these men are surviving largely because of inhuman treatment from their captors.'



To avenge this, the 4th Hampshires advanced northwards with the rest of 3 Corps taking advantage of the cooler winter weather. They reached Baghdad on 11 March 1917, marching into the city very much as a military parade. However Private Bartlett became an early casualty. On Tuesday 19th December 1916, he was killed by a bullet fired from a Turkish outpost on the banks of the River Tigris shortly after setting off with his battalion. He was buried in the Amara War Cemetery which was well-tended for many years. Little of it now remains as it has been desecrated following the recent violence and upheavals in the region.

PRIVATE WILLIAM ACKLAND

'I am in 13th Battalion, the Gloucestershire Regiment. Last year, I survived some notable battles such as Menin Road and Polygon Wood. My battalion's job has been to dig reinforcement and communication trenches behind our own front line and to get stuck in to the enemy when things get a bit hot. Since January 1918, we have regularly been supporting and guarding nine miles of trenches West of St Quentin. Here we are facing the biggest attack of the war since 1914. General von Ludendorff's massive spring offensive called Kaiserschlack (Emperor's Battle) is about to throw thousands of fresh troops against us. They come directly from the Eastern Front because of the peace treaty between the Russians and Germans. It is destined to be their last throw of the dice.



'Yesterday was the first day of their big offensive. We are now barricaded in a small hamlet of ruined buildings. Here we have survived hours of intense bombardment. Gas, high explosive, and shrapnel you name it and Fritz threw it all around us! Today, Thursday 22 March 1918 the renewed shelling has just ceased. It is 10.30 in the morning. The first wave of German shock troops has just emerged from the dust and debris and they are about to drive into our make-shift positions. I have my standard issue Lee-Enfield with bayonet fixed and a 10 round magazine of .303 ammo. After that it will be bloody hand-to-hand stuff. We are destined to fight to the death as it is unlikely they will take prisoners.'

Private Ackland's body was subsequently recovered and taken to be buried in the communal cemetery in the old walled town of Peronne on the upper reaches of the Somme.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately *continued*

THE VILLAGE HALL is looking for a **BOOKINGS SECRETARY** and a **CARETAKER**.

If you are interested please email mandunvillagehall@gmail.com

Planning applications continued...

21/01777/RET (Pending 24 May) Gamekeepers. Laying of hardstanding plus seven downlighters (retrospective).

21/01566/HSE (Pending, 7th May) 2 Canal-side Cottages, Heather Lane. Two storey rear/side extension, single storey front/side extension, garage and loft conversion. Garden store / office and cantilevered decking over canal side.

21/01503/HSE (Granted 12th October.) Burrough Close, Greywell Road, Andwell. Two storey side extension.

21/00827/FUL (pending, 20 April) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to secure dog walking area and off road parking; gate and 1.8m fence; replace shed.

21/00427/FUL (pending 22 Feb) Land to north of Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. One 4-bed dwelling, garage, access etc.

21/00107/PIP (pending 25 Jan) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Permission in Principle for maximum of nine dwellings.

Tree application

T/00525/21/TCA (Approved 16 Nov) Webbs Farmhouse, Tunworth Road. Willow: pollard / prune to previous points

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notes from 17th November

Chalk Stream Parish Council lease to be finalised shortly.

Playground Annual inspection undertaken by RoSPA Inspector accompanied by Kevin Rafferty. Most notably extra depth of bark needed and de-mossing safety surfacing .

Bonfire & Fireworks 'A fantastic evening, great success, very impressive,' Thanks to all involved.

Jubilee Tree for Village Hall grounds.

Mapledurwell pond rail Noted some of the post are rotten. Parish Council to arrange repair / replace as needed.

Post and rail at Five Lanes End protecting the Beech trees. Footpaths Warden reported that again some posts are rotten, require replacing, a job for contractor not volunteers.

Up Nately Phone box loss of power. Thanks to David Bone for resolving via Southern Electric.

CPRE AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) proposal. The Parish Council responded in support for including the Parish as a whole.

Lengthsman Funding from HCC should continue for 2022/23.

Next meeting 7pm, Wednesday 19th January, Village Hall, all welcome.

TALES FROM THE CHALKSTREAM and of the Birds & the Bees – read on – views sought!

In the latter half of October we were able to plant out the central island with species including marsh marigold, water forget-me-not, purple loosestrife, penny royal, yellow flag, greater / lesser pond sedge, flowering rush, branched burr reed, common reed, giant reedmace, soft rush and bulrush.

We hope the reeds and grasses will add some different interest and height in the island section, and once they mature hopefully they will out-compete the non-native monkey-flower. In time, the grasses & reeds should also offer a safe hiding place for the resident moorhens and visiting egrets & heron. We weren't able to plant out earlier in the year due to nesting activity, hence the delay until the Autumn, but hopefully this will give the plants a good start to establish themselves over the Winter and into the Spring. Fingers crossed!

OF THE BIRDS Just once, while working in the stream in October, I heard the flight call 'klee -wit-wit' of a bird as it circled above me before landing 100 yards downstream – a Green Sandpiper. One description of this bird in flight is quite apt – 'an oversized House Martin' – dark upper parts and a bright, white rump with broad bars on its tail – the only green element being its legs.



Arriving either solitary (as I have seen) or in small groups, it seems to be mostly a migrant in the UK, and a winter visitor on its way to Southern Europe and Africa. This is however, the second year I have seen one, the last occasion being a few years ago when we had a lot of snow around – then I saw it several times over the course of a few weeks. Sadly, I haven't seen it on any further occasion this year... that said, hopefully, we should see its return in future. Although a wader, it prefers to visit ditches, pond edges and lakesides rather than wide open mud-flats.

OF THE BEES. Potential new beehive at the allotments – your views welcome

The Parish Council is considering an approach to allocate up to 10 square metres of the allotment land for the creation of a (non-commercial) honeybee apiary – initially one hive but possibly expanding to up to three over time. The final location, if we go ahead, is yet to be decided but possibly behind the WWI commemorative garden. Improving the lot for our pollinators seems like a good thing to encourage, if done correctly. The applicant has experience, already abides by the BDBC beekeeping guidelines* and is a member of the local Basingstoke and the British Beekeeping Associations. The apiary would be appropriately screened / secured / insured.

We are currently consulting with neighbours, known beekeepers in the village, and other interested parties before any decision is taken. While we do so, the Parish Council is keen to know of any other interest in the village in such an endeavour. In addition, if anyone would like to discuss their views or thoughts more generally, please feel free to contact the writer (details below) on behalf of the Parish Council, or email clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk

* [https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/content/page/45227/Bee Keeping Rules updated June 2016.pdf](https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/content/page/45227/Bee%20Keeping%20Rules%20updated%20June%202016.pdf)

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healthwatch
Hampshire

Heathwatch Hampshire have just launched a survey asking the public to share their experiences of accessing GP

(General Practice) services in the last six months in Hampshire.

We want to hear as many experiences as possible so we can help

the NHS understand what is working well and what could be better. The results of this survey will be shared with NHS Services and organisations to help to shape the way services are delivered in the future.

Share your experiences of using GP (General Practice) services in the last six months. Scan the QR code or click this image for a link to our latest survey



You can read more about the survey and the wider project here:
<https://www.healthwatchhampshire.co.uk/news/2021-11-17/share-your-experiences-using-gp-general-practice-services-last-six-months>

Newnham & Nately Scures

CHRISTINGLE

**Sunday 12th
December 4.30pm**
St Nicholas' Newnham



Children are invited at 3.30pm for a Christmas trail and a Christingle craft (flower pots involved!) before the Service. Refreshments afterwards for adults and children.

CAROL SERVICES

**Saturday 18th
December, 4pm**
St Nicholas' Newnham,
mulled wine and mince pies after.



Sunday 19 December, 5pm
St Swithun's Nately Scures.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Christmas Eve, Midnight
Communion 11.30pm**
St Swithun's Nately Scures

**Christmas Day, Family
Communion 10.45am**
St Nicholas' Newnham.

UPDATE FROM ST NICHOLAS' VCC

After a tough 2020 and first half of 2021 when St Nicholas' Church could open just partially and only limited services could be held, getting together was hard and fund raising opportunities were very limited. However our fixed costs did not disappear. We have to raise £12,000 per annum just to keep our 900-year-old church alive and open. Some of that comes from regular giving by the Newnham community (thank you), from the 100 Club (monthly draw, just £5 per month, anyone can join), from the church congregation by regular giving and collections at church services, and varied fund raising events.

In September this year, we had a successful village BBQ, in October the raffle and auction at the Harvest Supper made significant contributions, and in December we hope to have village Carol Singing (date TBC). Next year, 2022, we have some other events planned: a Quiz and wine tasting in February, a talk by an engaging author of history (March or May), and in July a big street party joining the nation in celebrating the Queen's Platinum (70 years) Jubilee. These events are for anyone and everyone in Newnham to join in, meet and enjoy.

Raising £12,000 is a challenge, and does not include repairs. With an official structural inspection of the church due next year we anticipate that some repairs and so extra funds will be required. Ours is not a rich church and there is no sinking fund, so we would love your ideas, support and input.

The Village Church Committee (VCC) which meets quarterly, would welcome new members (we are now only 5*), to manage the church, patterns of worship, making it more accessible and welcoming, new ideas for fund raising, and using the church for wider activities which serve to bring our community together. Please get in touch, or come and join us as a guest, to see what it is all about. Next meeting 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Contact Jeff Ford 01256 762 886 email jeff.ford@hotmail.co.uk or Richard Fouracre 07909 835 090.

* It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Derek Homer at the end of October. He was a very supportive and valued member of the St Nicholas' congregation and VCC, and will be greatly missed.



NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



CONGRATULATIONS OCTOBER WINNERS

The lucky winners have been drawn by Trudy Rankin and are:

- Joanna Bell £100
- Chris & Lisa Bingham £50
- Richard & Beth Wilson £25

Congratulations to you all.

To take part contact **07775 994261**
carolynpeck@btinternet.com

Profits to Friends St Nicholas' reg charity no 283088

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/03312/HSE (Validated 22 October) Rose Farm Cottage, The Barracks. Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension.

21/00038/FUL APPEAL LODGED – (Refused 17th March, Validated 06 Jan 2021) Land At Blackstocks Lane. Erection of one new dwelling

21/02904/HSE (Granted 10th Nov) The Acorns, Tynley Lane. Summerhouse in rear garden.

21/02769/HSE (Pending 24 Aug) 4 Kingsbridge Copse. Single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory.

21/02185/HSE (Pending, 29 June) Tollgate House, Water End. Part demolition of existing house and garage. Replace with three storey side extension, detached garage with first floor accommodation over, new entrance gates, altered access, new windows.

21/02135/RES (Pending 25 June) Land Adjacent Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Consideration of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale only pursuant to outstanding matters reserved by condition 1 of 16/00097/OUT allowed at appeal.

21/01325/HSE (Pending 18th May, Beech House, Newnham Road. Creation of a new vehicular access to the West of Beech House and creation of parking using stone gravel base.

16/03282/RET (pending 15th Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days etc, 100 days a year with associated parking.

NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

of 23rd November

Present, Parish Councillors & Clerk, Ward Cllr Mark Ruffell; report received from County Cllr Elaine Still (see pg 1)

Local Plan Update Newnham's inclusion within the Settlement Study and as a 'small Village' with an SPB (Settlement Policy Boundary) is opposed by the Parish Council who will speak at the EPH (Economic Planning & Housing committee) of 13th Dec.

Community Access Defibrillators have been purchased for installation outside the Old House at Home and Iron Bull Roadhouse.

Newnham Litter Pick Thank you to the Richmonds for organising and all who took part, a large quantity of litter gathered for BDBC to dispose of.

Newnham Community Broadband Thank you to all involved – and to County Councillor Elaine Still for troubleshooting – to make this next phase a step closer to delivery.

Newnham Green All being well, weather permitting, and with thanks to Basingstoke Voluntary Action for facilitating, there will be a volunteer working party on the Green on 9th December with the support and guidance of the Parish Lengthsman.

HART PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/02750/FUL (Validated 17 Nov 2021) Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook.

New detached four bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing outbuildings. (Consultation to 9th Dec.)

Solar Farms – Hart's Planning Committee of 10th November approved 49.9MW solar farms at:

1. Chosley Farm, North Warn. opposite RAF Odiham, 95.47ha (236 acres).
2. Bunkers Hill Farm, Rotherwick, 105.49ha (260 acres).

In both cases a recorded vote was taken. Only Councillors associated with Wards involved abstained or voted against.



FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

Upheaval, displacement and loss have become the dominant narrative of the last two years. In a variety of ways, different

people have experienced one or more of these life changing intrusions. And not just because of the pandemic. Upheaval, displacement and loss occur daily due to political instability, changing weather patterns, war and famine. Indeed mass displacement of people due to these combined threats is predicted to be one of the greatest challenges our world leaders will face over the coming decades.

A couple of 1,000 years ago a young couple faced their own journey of upheaval and displacement. At the whim of the ruling powers a man and his heavily pregnant young wife were instructed to leave the comfort and safety of their home and make a 90 mile (ish) journey. The journey would lead them through dangerous open country and would take them many days to complete, all so that they could be counted and added to the Imperial balance sheet.

Joseph was a carpenter, a strong and tough man who knew how to look after himself and his wife, and thoughts of her safety must have occupied his mind as they prepared to leave home. Eventually, with preparations made and having been through an unexpectedly strange series of events involving angelic visitations and dreams, and a promise that the child Mary bore would bring salvation to Israel, Joseph and Mary set off.

I find myself wondering about their state of mind as they started the 90 mile walk. What pre-occupied them? As someone whose second daughter was born in the back of the car, I can forgive Joseph for worrying about

whether he would have to deliver the baby on the side of the road...

What of Mary? So many promises, so much to think through, and yet all of a sudden everything was up in the air. Upheaval, displacement and loss were the order of the day.

I also wonder if they encountered God in a new way as they walked? I wonder if the upheaval and displacement and loss opened their hearts and minds to a greater awareness of God's presence with them and a deeper assurance of his purposes for them? In my experience times like this tend to send us one of two ways, either towards God or away from him. We rarely remain where we are, spiritually speaking, when the pressure builds.

We read in the Gospels that they eventually arrived in Joseph's home town of Bethlehem. Greeted by family and friends and given a room in the family home, they must have arrived slightly different people to who they were when they set off. Long and uncertain journeys often change us.

Mary and Joseph's journey culminated in the arrival of a boy, Jesus of Nazareth, who was born in the safety of Joseph's family home, surrounded by love and joy and celebration. In Jesus' birth, and subsequent life and death and resurrection, a sign was given that no matter what journey we find ourselves on, even if it involves upheaval, displacement and loss, God is with us in the most profound and intense way imaginable.

In Jesus we are shown and told that God walks through the dirt and dust of life as we do and that our human frailties and struggles are not alien to him. This is the wonder of Christmas and the joy of Immanuel - which means literally 'God is with us'.

If the last two years have been tough, if life is tough right now, if we have experienced more than our fair share of upheaval, displacement and loss, the Christmas narrative

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From the Parish Registers Interment of Ashes

28th October, Ann Christine Hay,
 Jessica Huntley Hay and
 Martin Huntley Hay
 St Nicholas' Newnham.

Funerals

15th November, David Laycock,
 St Mary's Mapledurwell

24th November, Derek Homer
 St Nicholas' Newnham.

reminds us that we are not alone, that God is with us - Immanuel.

And like any journey, easy or hard, full of joy or sorrow, we are changed as we walk it. And, like the young couple 2000 or so years ago, my prayer is that we might draw closer to God, trust him more fully and let the assurance of his presence wash over and change us as we celebrate the arrival of Christ.

On behalf of the whole of the ministry team in the North Hampshire Downs Network of Churches may I wish you and your family, and all those who you love, a joyful and Christ-filled Christmas. A Christmas full of the assurance of God with us, no matter what journey we may find ourselves on.

Revd Simon Butler, Benefice Rector



The Friends of St Michael's Hospice invite you to A Celebration of Carols and Christmas Music on Thursday 9th December at All Saints Church, Odiham at 7pm with doors opening at 6.30pm. The carols and music will be performed by Magdalen College Choir, Oxford and the Tippett String Quartet.

Wine and mince pies will be served and we very much look forward to you joining us for a festive evening.

Tickets are £30 available from Katherine Jane, High Street, Odiham or on the events page at www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER

Sunday 5th	9am	St Mary's Mapledurwell	CW Holy Communion
	11am	St Mary's Greywell	Morning Service
Sunday 12th	9am	St Stephen's Up Nately	BCP Holy Communion
	4.30pm	St Mary's Mapledurwell	Christingle
	4.30pm	St Nicholas' Newnham	Tea-time Christingle
Saturday 18th	4pm	St Mary's Greywell	Carol Service
	4pm	St Nicholas' Newnham	Carol Service
	5pm	St Stephen's Up Nately	Carol Service
Sunday 19th	9am	St Mary's Greywell	CW Holy Communion
	4.30pm	St Mary's Mapledurwell	Carol Service
	5pm	St Swithun's Nately Scures	Carol Service
Friday 24th Christmas Eve	4.30pm	St Stephen's Up Nately	Crib Service
	11.30pm	St Swithun' Nately Scures	Midnight Communion (BCP)
Saturday 25th Christmas Day	9.30am	St Mary's Mapledurwell	Family Service
	9.30am	St Stephen's Up Nately	Family Service
	10.45am	St Nicholas' Newnham	Family Communion (CW)
	11am	St Mary's Greywell	Family Service
Sunday 26th	No services in the benefice		



Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor
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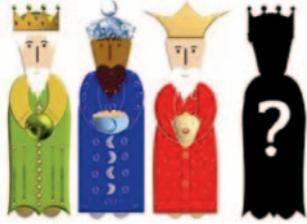
Hi Everyone!

I'm sure you've heard the story of the three wise men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus, but one of my favourite Christmas stories is of the fourth wise man, called Artaban. It's not a true story, but it is a lovely legend, which teaches us a lot about Jesus.

You see, Artaban was a star gazer and a doctor from Persia, much like the other three wise men, and when they saw the special star, they made a plan to follow it and find the Messiah. They went their separate ways and promised to meet in 10 days to start their journey. Artaban went and sold all he had, but it was worth so much gold that he couldn't carry it all, so he bought 3 precious stones: a sapphire; a ruby and a pearl. As he rushed off to meet his friends, he came across a man who was sick. He couldn't just leave him, so he took care of him, took him to an inn and used the sapphire to pay for them to look after him. He quickly carried on his way, but this had held him up and he was late – his friends had already left. He jumped on his camel and tried to follow them.

He had to travel through the scorching desert, and try as he might, he just couldn't catch up with them. He finally made it to Bethlehem, but he had no idea which house to go to. Suddenly he heard a baby cry. He knocked on the door, just as a group of Roman soldiers barged past. Herod was worried about this new king and wanted to kill all the babies – including the one in front of him. He begged the soldiers to turn a blind eye to this child and offered the soldiers his ruby. They took it, turned around and left the house. This baby was safe...

Artaban then went on to spend many years looking for the new messiah. He travelled far and wide and listened to news from people everywhere he went, until his



name was changed to Simon – the listener. Eventually Simon heard of a man named Jesus, who others were calling the king of the Jews. He took his final pearl and rushed to Jerusalem to find him. When he got there, he heard some terrible news – Jesus has been arrested and was to be put to death.

He sat and wept – maybe he could use his pearl to buy Jesus' freedom? Then he noticed a girl being dragged from her home – her family couldn't pay their debts, and now she would be sold into slavery as punishment. Simon took out his final pearl and paid the price, so this girl would be freed.

He heard shouting and weeping – a man was carrying a cross up a steep hill, to where he would be killed. 'Who is this?' he asked. 'Jesus, the king of the Jews', he was told. Simon ran towards him and took the cross on his own shoulder.

As he lifted the weight, Simon caught Jesus looking him straight in the eye, and in those moments, when their eyes met, Simon knew that he found the one he had been looking for. With tears streaming down his face he said: 'Oh, my Lord, I am so sorry I am so late. I'm so sorry that I have no gift to help you.' It was then that Jesus reached out and touched Simon on the arm. 'You have come just in time, Simon, and that is gift enough. You have given yourself. That is all the gift I have ever wanted.'

Now, you and I do not have gifts like gold, or frankincense or myrrh, nor do we have sapphires, rubies or pearls. So, what could we give him during these days of Christmas?

Scan this QR code and listen to this famous carol for a clue (the answer is in the last verse!)



Have a great Christmas and see you next time!, Helen

NORTH HAMPSHIRE DOWNS MOTHER'S UNION



As I mentioned last month, from 27th November to 10th December, Mothers' Union is part of the campaign to raise awareness of gender-based violence. It is shocking that 1 in 3 women worldwide experience domestic or sexual abuse. Cases of domestic violence have increased during lockdown and the pandemic and so there is more need than ever to join together and say "No more 1 in 3".

In Odiham, we are supporting this campaign by offering coffee to those walking past our church around 9am on Friday December 3rd and Friday December 10th (Human Rights Day). Do come and visit us on one of those days to find out more.

In January we look forward to our Wave of Prayer. Mothers' Union is based firmly on prayer for our work locally, and also for members in other parts of the world. Mothers' Union divides the year into 3-day periods when we pray for the members and projects of a particular group of dioceses. Winchester diocese has its turn between 12th and 14th January along with Mauritius, Nandyal (South India), Kericho (Kenya), Katsina (Nigeria) and Kumasi (Ghana). We plan to hold a Wave of Prayer service in January 2021 but the details for this have not yet been finalised.

If you want to know about our branch or the Mothers' Union, please feel free to contact me.

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CHURCH SERVICES JANUARY

Sunday 2nd	9.30am	All Saints' Odiham	Benefice CW Holy Communion including the Commissioning of those who have completed the Bishop's Commission for Mission training, followed by Brunch before the 11am Informal Service
Sunday 9th	9am 4.30pm	St Stephen's Up Nately St Nicholas' Newnham	BCP Holy Communion Tea-time Service
Sunday 16th	9am 11am 5pm	St Mary's Greywell St Mary's Mapledurwell St Swithun's Nately Scures	CW Holy Communion Informal Service Evensong
Sunday 23rd	9am 11am	St Nicholas' Newnham St Stephen's Up Nately	BCP Holy Communion Morning Service
Sunday 30th	9.30am	All Saints' Odiham	Benefice CW Holy Communion



CLIMATE CHANGE

TOOLKIT BDBC has launched its new climate change toolkit.
<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/climate>

BDBC BUDGET PROPOSALS

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HOOK CHORAL SOCIETY

Christmas Concert is on Saturday 18th December at 4pm, St Johns Church, London Road Hook

Doors open at 3.30pm for mulled wine and mince pies included in ticket price of £8. Free for under 11s. A popular event with a selection of new and old carols and readings.

Tickets are available online at www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk from Trees Newsagent in Hook or ring 07957 293641, or on the door.

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

<https://www.nwdgc.org.uk/>

No December meeting, we are planning to meet on Thursday 27th January, North Warnborough Village Hall at 2.10pm for a 2.30 start.

Rosamunde Wallinger will be talking about 'My Gertrude Jekyll Garden in Upton Grey'.

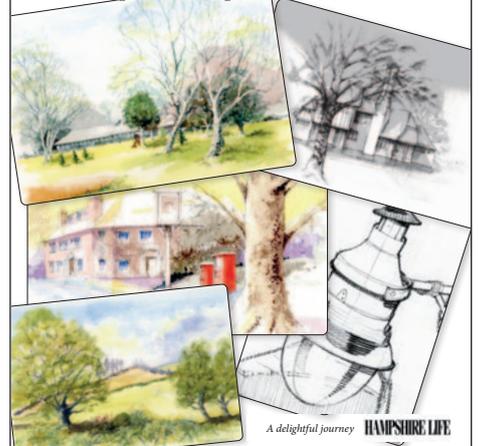
The competitions will be:
- An Evergreen Arrangement.
- A Spray of a Flowering Shrub.

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Season's Greetings to all our Members

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RIVER BASIN & FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CONSULTATIONS

The Environment Agency (EA) invites you to respond two consultations open from 22nd October 2021 on

Draft River Basin Management Plans Draft Flood Risk Management Plans

These are strategic plans for 2021-2027. The draft River Basin Management plans (RBMPs) are for protecting and improving the water environment. The draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) have measures (actions) to address surface water and river and sea flooding. The EA has worked to produce them with Lead Local Flood Authorities and other risk management authorities.

Your responses to these consultations will help find different and more ambitious ways of protecting people, the natural world and our precious water assets.

HOW TO RESPOND

For RBMPs, go to <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/draft-river-basin-management-plans> before 22 April 2022.

For FRMPs, go to <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/fcrm/draft-second-cycle-flood-risk-management-plans> before 21st January 2022.

