

The Villager

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

PLANTING TREE SEEDS ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

Matt Haywood and I have dug a 40ft X 20ft seed-bed in the Mapledurwell Allotments just off Frog Lane ready for Remembrance Day Planting at 12.30pm on Sunday 11th November 2018. Hopefully youngsters and grown-ups in the village have already made their collection of seeds shed by our trees exactly 100 years after the Great War Armistice.

What – you haven't? Then you will have to dig into my Tree Warden's Bag for a handful. So no excuse for not coming along! This is what you should bring with you:

1. SEEDS YOU HAVE COLLECTED* OR AN UNWANTED SAPLING FROM YOUR GARDEN
2. TROWEL
3. BLACK PLASTIC FLOWER POT (about 9" diameter)
4. SEE-THROUGH PLASTIC BOTTLE WITH STICK TO SECURE IT (Cut at one end, it makes a perfect incubator and seedling protector)
5. REFRESHMENTS/ CUPS / CRISPS & PEANUTS – LETS MAKE THIS A PARTY!

* E.g. Acorns, Beech, Maple, Sycamore, Chestnuts, Conkers, Ash, Conifer, Hazel, Elm, Yew. Also sticks of Willow and Poplar that will root if stuck in the ground.



I will supply extra flower pots, netting and other protection, earth and markers for each pot with the name of the grower. Boys and girls from The Monkey House Nursery School have been invited to sing "I'm a Little Acorn" to encourage tree growth!

Our aim is to have rows of pots – one line for Maple, one line for Conkers etc – all protected from anything that will try and eat the seeds, so they are ready to shoot up in the spring. Our tree saplings will then be transplanted into a suitable site where they can eventually grow onwards and upwards as a memorial to mark this Centenary.

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Diary dates

November

- 4 Anne Lywood memorial, St Marys, Mapledurwell, 9.30am
- 7 Greywell Cafe, Village Hall, 11am-12pm
- 9 Up Nately Coffee Moring, 10-12 noon, Eastrop Cottage
- 11 Remembrance Day Planting, 12.30pm, Mapledurwell Allotments
- 12 Newnham Parish Council Meeting and Superfast Broadband Talk 7.40pm
- 14 Maple & Up Nately Parish Council Meeting, 8pm
- 20 Hart Local Plan Hearing 9.30am, Hart Civic Offices
- 24 Hook Choral Society, Requiem, 7.30pm, St John's Church Hook

Hook Choral Society
PATRON HOWARD GOODALL

John Rutter
REQUIEM

with other beautiful and sacred works

WITH MUSICAL DIRECTOR Nicholas Woods SOPRANO Danae Eleni
AND ORGANIST Andrew Baars

7.30 pm Saturday
24th November 2018
St John's Church, Hook, RG27 9EG

Tickets £15.00 (£12.00 concessions for students and those over 65,
accompanied children under 11 free)

available from Trees Newsagent, Hook or ring 07957 293641

www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk registered charity no. 800686

making music

BBC Rickshaw Challenge for Children in Need is set to pass through Hook on the third day of their trip. It is advised to check timings on their website (<https://pudsey.viewranger.com/>) as these can change at the last minute, however, they are scheduled to pass through on Day 3 of their trip on 11th November.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Up Nately Coffee Mornings

Two hours of chat and laughter at the monthly coffee morning will be held on Friday 9th November 10-12, at Eastrop Cottage, contact Liz on 762059

We have been invited for the last gathering of 2018, to 2 Canalside on Friday 14th December, call Adele on 07967 465784

Anne Lywood

During our service here at St. Mary's, Mapledurwell, on Sunday 4th November, at 9.30, there will be a memorial to Anne Lywood. It would be good for those who have known her over the years and worked with her to join us for this occasion.

Carols At The Pond

Friday 21st December 6pm.

Please join us for singing Carols at the Pond, to enjoy friendship together with home made mulled wine and mince pies, along with a brazier to keep out the cold, accompanied by John Maclean on the accordion. There will be a collection for the Children's Society.

Property Name Change

Please note that Anita & Brian have changed the name of their property from Chimneys & Little Chimneys to Old Church Cottage.

Volunteers needed

Holy Dusters for St Mary's

We are looking for volunteers to help clean St Mary's Church.

So, if you have an hour free at 10am on the first Tuesday of every month to cleanse the church as well as the soul, we will be delighted to see you.

All are welcome as we have a few 'blue' jobs too!

Refreshments and pastries will be provided.

Tuesday 6th November @ 10am

Thank you in advance for your support – Suzie 0750 448 2838.



MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL



HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL

Contact Caretaker Jayne Norman
on 474432

or check out the website at
www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council

Housing needs survey

A Report on the Housing Needs Survey for Mapledurwell & Up Nately has been made available by Radian Housing. The survey was commissioned by Radian earlier in the year and received a response rate of 33% (8 online, 81 by post). Please contact clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk if you would like a copy of the Report. An emailed file can be supplied free of charge, there will be a charge to cover printing and postage for a paper copy.

Bonfires

Please show courtesy to your neighbours and care for wildlife if considering a bonfire.

Next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 14th November, 8pm, Village Hall meeting room. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Planning Applications

18/01651/FUL (granted by Development Control Committee) Five Oaks and Heather Bungalow, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of two detached dwellings following demolition of existing dwellings, garages and outbuildings. Blocking up of existing access and creation of access to serve house B.

T/00331/18/TCA (granted) Ivy House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. 1 Ash tree, fell.

18/02595/HSE (registered 12 Sept, pending) 1 Blaegrove Cottages, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately. Demolition of existing attached outhouses and construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

18/02435/FUL (registered 22 August, pending) Church Field, Land At OS Ref 468719 150901, St Marys Church Road, Mapledurwell. Change of use of land from agricultural to a dog exercise area, with associated parking and erection of a 1.8m high fence.

18/00830/FUL (registered 26 March, pending) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of two storey garage/office with storage space on first floor, following demolition of existing. Change of use of agricultural land to residential land.

T/00418/18/TCA (registered 22 Oct) Land Adjacent To Crosswater Cottage, Frog Lane, Mapledurwell. Coppice Hazel on the site boundary. Clear fell Ash along the boundary plus 2 Ash trees. Prune back Beech and Oak limbs that overhang property and utility cables to give no more than a 3m clearance.

Old Basing application – Moto Motorway Service Area M3 J6

17/03487/FUL (registered 2nd November 2017, pending) Land Adjacent To Junction 6 M3. Construction of a new Motorway Service Area. Agreed expiry date 31st October at time of going to press.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

If you are interested or would like more information please contact clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk.



Party held without permission

A party was held on the recreation field on the 18th October. The youngsters involved make a lot of noise well past midnight and more importantly left a great deal of rubbish for others to clear up. It included bottles and drinks cans and clothing. The nursery school could not use the field until this was all cleared up, and the football club had to be extra vigilant over broken glass and tent pegs around the goal posts. The tennis courts had to be cleared of broken glass. If this were to happen again the police will be involved. Mapledurwell and Up Nately Parish Council

WW II War Graves at St Stephen's Up Nately cleaned by thoughtful volunteers

Lance Corporal Frank Evans lived at Dell Cottage, Up Nately. He served in The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, Airborne. While on exercises before D-Day a live grenade killed L/Cpl Evans and another soldier. He was killed on 1st June 1943 aged 23 years.

Flight Sergeant Alan Woodbridge lived at Crossways, Up Nately. He served in the RAF as a glider pilot. When landing one day another plane crashed on top of his. He was killed on 18th August 1944 aged 23 years.



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

I start this month with an appeal for any information in relation to an outbuilding being broken into at about 2.30 am on Monday October 22nd 2018 at a house in Ridge Lane, Newnham before the end of the village, thankfully the thieves were disturbed by the alarm activation however still managed to steal various items including a pedal cycle. The thieves made off in an unknown car towards Rotherwick, however if anyone was about at this time or has recently seen anyone acting suspiciously to please give me a call direct.

On Saturday October 20th 2018 at about 3.40 pm in the London Road area near Greywell Road a car windscreen was damaged by a ball bearing projectile being fired at it. If you were in that area around the Conkers garden centre and saw anything suspicious please give me a call direct.

Overnight of October 5th /6th 2018 a garden shed was broken into at a house in Heather Lane, Up Nately and tools stolen. Again if you can assist with any information please give me a call direct. In all cases all calls are treated in strictest confidence.

In the Hook area there have been nine burglary crimes reported, six businesses premises and three houses, (two in Hook and one in Rotherwick); In the Basingstoke area we too have also seen an increase in night time burglaries, I continue to urge all residents to please remain vigilant and especially now the evenings are darker sooner. Please report any suspicious behaviour to the Police.

Many thanks as always

Andy

**Andrew Reid,
Local Constable**

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MAPLEDURWELL AND UP NATELY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Winter Wonderland Party

Village Hall, Sunday 2nd December 3-5pm



This year we have booked a Winter Wonderland themed party (DNA kids).

The party will be suitable for those aged between approximately 5 and 10 years and there will be games and activities, a disco with a snow machine and party food.

Please let me know the names and ages of those attending and of any food allergies they may have as soon as possible so that we can finalise arrangements.

Acceptances to jules@cresswood.net asap, by Monday 19th November (latest)



Newnham & Nately Scures

OLD HOUSE AT HOME

Newnham Green
VILLAGE PUB · FOOD · GARDEN

Christmas Party Menu 2018

Curried Parsnip **Soup** with bread (GF, DF V)

'Baker Boys' **Breads and Olives** with Crondall Rapeseed Oil
Chicken Liver **Pâté** with homemade chutney and toast bread (GF*)

Butternut & Sage **Risotto** topped with toasted pine nuts, pesto & parmesan (GF, V)

Mushroom and Tarragon **Tart** topped with Goats Cheese & pesto (V)

Test Valley Smoked **Trout** with Crondall's tarragon mustard mayonnaise & capers

Traditional Roast **Turkey** & chestnut stuffing, pigs in blankets, brussel sprouts, roast potatoes & gravy

Pan fried fillet of **Sea Bass**, crushed new potato cake, green beans with a saffron & mussel sauce

Pan fried breast of **Pheasant**, dauphinoise potato, spinach with a liquorice & blackberry jus

Ratatouille and **Aubergine Stack**, rosti potato, spinach with a tomato sauce

Baileys & Banana **Crème Brûlée**
X-Mas Pudding with brandy sauce
Raspberry **Frangipane**

Cheese Board

Dorset Blue Vinney & Wookey Hole Cheddar



2 Courses £19.95

3 Courses £23.95

4 Courses £29.50

GF= Gluten Free, DF = Dairy Free, V = Vegetarian
GF* & DF* Gluten/Dairy Free option available, please speak to your server for details

Old House at Home
Newnham Green RG27 9AH
tele 01256 761896

Carol Singing Tuesday 18th December



Meet at Rowan Lodge 6pm, finishing at the Pub. Please make a note now and come along on the night... with your torches! Any questions to Joanna Bell 07757 406 410

Newnham Litter Pick

A big thank you to Matt Guy and all who took part in the Litter Pick.

'Big Wheel' cycle ride

Many thanks to all those people in Newnham who so generously sponsored me for the 'Big Wheel' cycle ride. It resulted in a total of £370 for St Michaels Hospice plus the need for a softer saddle!

John Broughton

Vacancy for a Councillor

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council following the resignation of Richard Wilson. Thanks are due to Richard for his contribution to the Parish Council over the past six and a half years. Expressions of interest are invited from across the Parish. Please contact clerk.newnham@parish.hants.gov.uk.

Parish Planning Applications

18/02678/HSE Roshbearton Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures (granted 16th October validated 11th Sept). Single storey rear extension and replacement garage following demolition of existing.

16/03282/RET Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane (amended 20th Jan 2017, validated 15th Sept 2016, pending). Change of use of agricultural land to educational farm and leisure use (Class D1 & D2) with ancillary tea rooms and associated car parking (retrospective). To be considered by BDBC Development Control Committee. Meeting date tba, earliest possible will be December.

16/00097/OUT Appeal reference APP/H1705/W/18/3201213 (appeal start date 19 September, closed for comment 24 October) Land Adjacent to Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Outline planning application for three detached dwellings including means of access.

Hook Planning Applications

18/01071/FUL (validated 7th June, pending) High Ridge House, Owens Farm. A new building for 11 stables and tack room for applicants' personal use; an agricultural / equestrian hay barn, replacement storage building.

Hart Local Plan Examination in Public

The Hearing will start at 9.30am on Tuesday 20th November, Hart Civic Offices. It is scheduled Tuesday to Thursday for three weeks, the third week in November (as below), and then the first two weeks of December.

A website set up for the Examination process will be regularly updated <https://www.hart.gov.uk/local-plan-examination-2018>.

EXAMINATION OF THE HART DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN: STRATEGY AND SITES (2016 – 2032)

DRAFT HEARING SESSIONS PROGRAMME

Week 1	Morning Session: 09.30	Afternoon Session: 14.00
Tuesday 20 November 2018	Inspector's opening and the Councils' opening statement Matter 1 - Legal requirements & the Duty to Co-operate	Matter 1 - Legal requirements & the Duty to Co-operate (cont) Matter 2 - The Vision and Strategic Objectives
Wednesday 21 November 2018	Matter 3 - Housing: the objectively assessed need for housing and the housing requirement	Matter 3 - Housing: the objectively assessed need for housing and the housing requirement (cont)
Thursday 22 November 2018	Matter 4 - Housing: the settlement hierarchy and spatial distribution of new housing	Matter 4 - Housing: the settlement hierarchy and spatial distribution of new housing (cont)



NEWNHAM CLUBROOM has a vacancy for a bookings secretary

Rosemary has enjoyed the post for over 25 years but family commitments are taking up more of her time so she would like to give someone else the opportunity to meet the regular and occasional users. If you are interested please contact Rosemary on 07435 782 122 or 07748 053 071 and she will tell you what it involves.



Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI

We are planning to have a full peal of bells rung at St Nicholas' church Newnham on Saturday the 10th November starting at 10am. The bells will be half muffled and the peal should take a little over one and a half hours to complete.



Newnham's bells (including three new to Newnham), pristine and fully-tuned (July 2010) before being rehoused or newly housed in the top of the bell tower. A peal of five, plus the oldest bell for early services

Harvest Supper of 12th October

Friendly evening with delicious dishes from 40 plus people from across our villages. Particular thanks to Linda Dixon who organised the event (organised everyone and everything), to John Broughton for getting on his bike *again* and getting so many raffle prizes from local businesses, and Sara Allenby for ensuring so many people had the opportunity to join in the raffle which raised in excess of £500.

A great evening! Thank you all for coming and making it a success – and thanks to PC Andy Reid for joining the evening before going back on duty!



Superfast Broadband Presentation

Newnham Parish Council meeting
Monday 12th November
Clubroom 7.40pm

Glenn Pacey from Hampshire Superfast Broadband and Shaun Dale of BT Openreach are scheduled to attend the meeting to explain the Fibre upgrades planned across the Parish for 2019.

Everyone warmly invited to attend.



Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust draft *Woodland Management Plan* for the 'Hook Reserves'

Extracts... 'The SSSIs and SINC's of Bartley Heath, Hook Common and North Warnborough Greens form a relict wood pasture / wooded heath system that would once have formed a vital part of local life, providing grazing, panage, wood fuel and other resources to be gathered by local commoners.

'This historic landscape further extends off of the gravels of the Heaths through the greens proper of North Warnborough Green onto Greywell Moors, where grazing of the fen would have sat side-by-side the industrial mills of the river Whitewater. College Copse Farm and Bassets Mead SANG further extend this

extensively managed landscape to create a significant area of land managed for the benefit of wildlife. Together these sites form a large wildlife corridor within the Loddon catchment...

'In conclusion the Plan seeks to set out how the Hook Reserves can be enhanced, by restoring and maintaining heath, fen and grasslands, ensuring that pulses of scrub are tolerated and that the woodlands are managed to ensure income from timber and maximise their biodiversity value, whilst also seeking to install management practices that enhance biodiversity and make management more sustainable.'



Greywell



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please contact
isabel.pound@hotmail.com or
alibarter@aol.com.

Brigadier Sir Nicholas Somerville, Kt, CBE

Nick Somerville, who died on 9th September aged 94, was a prime and very rare example of a person who touched everyone with whom he came into contact. He was physically courageous (as his military record bears ample witness), intellectually powerful and a natural leader. He set and expected high standards and in all his professional and personal dealings he was always unfailingly charming, immaculately polished and hugely likeable. It was little wonder that, with all these attributes, his time in civvy street after his distinguished military career included an involvement in politics for which he later received his knighthood.

He settled in Greywell in 1972 and with his lovely wife Jen of 67 years who survives him contributed his heart and soul to the village and neighbourhood. He served as Greywell Church warden and led the amalgamation process of the five parishes which constitute the current structure. For many years he took the annual carol service in the village hall and read the names of the war dead on Remembrance Sunday. He was always to the forefront in promoting and protecting the integrity of Greywell as a village and felt passionately about the danger of over-development. He was an active member of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and served as its local branch secretary. As well as being a devoted family man, he was hugely supportive of the younger generation and was always on hand to provide advice and support. His wise counsel and sound judgement helped to make Greywell what it is today: a friendly community, a quality place to live, a proud village.

Thank you Nick, we will miss you.

Parish Planning Applications

18/02432/CA Weston House The Street Greywell Hook RG29 1BZ. The trunk of the tree (T4 in the schematic) has been split for some time but it has recently worsened by getting longer and wider, possibly as a consequence of the recent storm. It is now about 80cm long and about 6mm wide at the widest point. We have been advised to have the tree felled before it falls onto our neighbour's property and causes any damage to their garage, house or cars. At the same time we need to have the walnut tree (T3 in the schematic) reduced by 50% in diameter, as its branches now significantly overhang the neighbouring property. We already have a number of trees so we do not have any plans to replace the Ash tree.

15/02673/CON Hobbes Dorchester Way Greywell Hook Hampshire RG29 1BX. Discharge of condition 3- bricks- pursuant to 15/02673/HOU Erection of a part two-storey, part single storey rear extension. First floor side extension and replacement garage/car port. Remodelling of elevations including new brickwork and windows, installation of chimney.

18/02227/LBC Church Cottage The Street Greywell Hook RG29 1DA. Proposed works to inglenook.

Greywell Hill Estate

LOGS

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Over 30 Villagers enjoyed a Harvest Tea and Art Competition in the Village Hall over the Harvest Weekend. There were 3 talented winners in the inaugural year. Mya Flatman, Melita Davies-Jones and Jackie Wilson. Donations were shared between the Hall and Friends. The church was also beautifully decorated for the Festival. Thanks to all who came along and all who helped at both events.



Diary Date

This year's Christingle is at 4.30pm on Sunday 2nd December in aid of The Children's Society.

**The GREYWELL CAFE will be open in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 7 November, between 11 am and 12 noon**

and

Thursday, 6 December, between 3 and 4 pm.

**Tea, or coffee, and biscuits will be provided for a small charge
of £1 per person, any profit going to Village Hall funds.**

**We are looking forward to welcoming you for a cuppa and a
chat.**

**Should anyone require transport to the Hall, I am sure we will
be able to arrange it.**

Libbie (702978) and Jackie (702859)

Church Notices

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

From the Parish Registers...

Weddings

October 5th at St Mary's Greywell, Graham Chambers and Emily Burleton

We wish them every happiness in their life together.

Funeral Services

October 2nd at St Nicholas', Newnham with burial at St Swithun's, Nately Scures: Mervyn Foster

October 11th at Basingstoke Crematorium: Dorothy Starling

October 16th at St Nicholas', Newnham: Pamela Kirkby

May they rest in peace.

Church Services

November 4th

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham (on behalf of Nately Scures)
9.30am	Holy Communion (CW) & Memorial for Ann Lywood	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Morning Service	Greywell

November 11th

8.30am	United Parish Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
10.50am	Remembrance Service	Newnham
3pm	'In Loving Memory' Service	Greywell

November 18th

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Matins	Newnham (on behalf of Nately Scures)
11.00am	Family Service	Greywell

November 25th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Family Service	Up Nately
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell

Special Church Services

Ann Lywood Memorial Service. During our service at St.Mary's, Mapledurwell, on Sunday 4th November, at 9.30, there will be a memorial to Anne Lywood. It would be good if those who have known her over the years or worked with her were able to join us for this occasion.

Remembrance Day – Please note CHANGE OF VENUE. Please see below. This is a change to what appears on the 5-month service schedule.

November 11th. There will be a United Parish Holy Communion (BCP) service at Up Nately at 8.30 am.

At 10.50am we have the traditional service, this year being held in St. Nicholas', Newnham at which we shall read out the names of the fallen from each of our villages, lay wreaths and offer prayers and hymns as we commit ourselves to work for peace in the future. This is always a very moving service and is much appreciated especially by the older villagers who remember only too well the reality of being at war. Please do join us.

That same day, at 3.00pm, we have 'In Loving Memory' in St. Mary's, Greywell. This is an opportunity to remember before God our own loved ones who have died, and all are most welcome. All those for whom we have taken funerals this last year will be invited, but if you would like any names read out and a candle lit for someone who is dear to you, then please pass the names to Linda in advance of the service.

Confirmation, Winchester Cathedral, 7.30 pm on Saturday, 24th November

We have several people from around the Benefice, including the United Parish, who will be confirmed at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday, 24th November. This is a particularly beautiful and moving service so please do come along to support them.

Informal Service for all ages at St Mary's Upton Grey, 4.30 pm on Sunday, 25th November

In September St Mary's Upton Grey introduced a new informal service for people of all ages at 4.30 pm on the fourth Sunday. This was so well attended and appreciated that this will now become a regular feature. October's service was a Service of Light, complete with bonfire, sausages and marshmallows to heat up and mulled cider (and soft drinks, of course!), a service to talk about the light of Christ rather than the darkness of Halloween. Please do come and join us in November. We'll let you know the theme once this has been decided.

United Parish Quiet Day, venue to be confirmed, 27th November

The theme for our pre-Advent Quiet Day will be "Waiting for God" and will involve guided session and times of prayer and reflection, a wonderful time for prayer and contemplation before the Christmas rush begins. Please let Linda or Helen know if you'd like to take part and we can make sure to let you have details of the venue and start time, etc.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

We next meet in the warm and welcoming home of Lady Nell at The Dower House in Greywell on Thursday 8th November at 11 am. 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 Scard.

Letter from Rev'd Mary-Beth Hawrish

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and we'll be joining millions people from around the world commemorating the end of the first global conflict.

Many of us will be praying for peace, for 'the war that was meant to end all wars' didn't live up to this description. Another terrible global war started 21 years later and we've had countless smaller conflicts since then. Our daily news programmes feed us information of armed conflicts occurring all over our world today.

Commemorations of the First World War began four years ago, on the anniversary of the start of that war. At each major stage of that conflict, we've had the opportunity to learn more about those who were involved and the suffering and loss that they endured.

Many accounts were of horrendous conditions on the battlefields and, often, the senseless loss of life.

And yet, there have also been very different stories -- they revealed an enduring sprit of faith and compassion and which surfaced from time to time on both sides of the battlefield.

A German pilot flew over the British lines and dropped a packet containing a letter. It had details of a British pilot who'd crashed and was safely evacuated from his burning plane by enemy pilots. His relatives were very grateful for this news.

And the Germans established a military cemetery near Cambrai, in France, for those who were killed from all sides. Each one was accorded the same memorial cross. In the center of the cemetery was a large memorial stone inscribed with the following words:

The sword divides but the Cross unites.

It is easy to become disillusioned about the prospect of world peace. But when we encounter words like these, we should feel heartened. The peace which comes from the cross is a peace which transcends the world. Like that memorial stone, it stands as a hope for the future. And we must always live in hope.

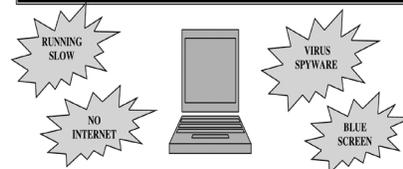
Rev'd Mary-Beth Hawrish,
Vicar

All Saints Long Sutton and St Andrew's South Warnborough

Diary dates in November:

- 4th November at St Mary's, Mapledurwell, Anne Lywood Memorial as part of CW Holy Communion service
- 14th November, 7.30 pm at The Shoot Lodge, Tunworth: Session 3, Autumn School of Theology
- 15th November, 7.30 pm at Odiham: Deanery Synod
- 21st November, 7.30 pm at The Shoot Lodge, Tunworth: Session 4, Autumn School of Theology
- 21st November, 8 pm at Mapledurwell/Up Natley Village Hall: PCC meeting
- 24th November, 7.30 pm at Winchester Cathedral: Confirmation service
- 27th November, time and venue tbc: United Parish Quiet Day
- 28th November 7.30 pm at The Shoot Lodge, Tunworth: Session 5, Autumn School of Theology
- 29th November, 8 pm at Oak Cottage, Newnham VCC

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