

The Villager

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

WILDLIFE IS EVERYWHERE & EVERYWHERE IS WILD!

Winter is a difficult time for the young of all animals and birds but can be particularly challenging for those at the top of the feeding chain. Whilst small birds are normally well looked after by bird table feeding, raptors (locally buzzards, kites, kestrels, hobbies) and especially owls are very dependent on small mammals and road kill. Severe winter weather can decimate mice, shrew and vole numbers and threaten young owl numbers.

Locally we have good numbers of Tawny owls, a few Barn owls and some Little owls. The Tawny owl is largely a woodland bird, feeding off small mammals, large insects and frogs; distinguished by their distinctive 'Toowhit-twhoo' call and an alarm call of 'Keewick' similar to other owl species. Like most raptors and owls the females are much bigger than the males. Barn owls hunt silently, low over fields for shrews, voles, and mice. They have uniquely shaped wing edges to minimise noise during flight which may alert potential prey.

Little owls, with their typically 'grumpy' looking faces hunt mostly during the day unlike the other local owls. They often are seen sitting on fence posts, silently watching a field for victims which are usually large insects, earthworms, and other invertebrates. Their call is a characteristic 'Keyoo'. They nest in holes and crevices in trees, rocks or even buildings and are less likely than Tawnies and Barn owls to take up the offer of a nest box!

The owls have their young all the way from March through to September/October in the case of Barn owls. The

young may be highly dependent on the parents for many weeks to provide a variety of food, often pre-digested by the parent to aid digestion! By the autumn though, the young owls disperse from the nest to fend for themselves; Tawnies being very territorial have to disperse to find their own territory and mate.



Young Tawny Owl

Diary dates

February

- 3 Rowan Lodge Coffee Morning 11am
- 7 Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra, Anvil, 7.45pm
- 10 Teapot Cafe 3-4pm
- 13 Up Nately Coffee Morning, 10-12
- 17 Maple Tea & Cake gathering, Ashlea, Tunworth Road, 3pm
- 21 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library
- 22 Greywell Village Lunch 1pm, VH
- 26 North W/borough Garden Club,
- 28 Village Quiz & Curry Night, 7.15pm M&UN Village Hall

March

- 3 Rowan Lodge Coffee Morning, 11am
- 6 Women's World Day of Prayer
- 7 Benefice Quiz Night, Cross Barn
- 10 Teapot Cafe 3-4pm
- 13 Odiham Society Speaker evening 7.45pm in the Cross Barn
- 15 Mothering Sunday
- 18 M&UN Parish Council 8pm Village Hall.

So, at this time of year, especially at times of severe weather, keep a look out for distressed or collapsed owl chicks. They will have failed to put on enough weight to hunt and catch for themselves.



Naturewatch have already rescued one young Tawny owl who had either collapsed from exhaustion, or more probably flown into a window or building whilst trying to hunt. We will happily pick up and house any 'collapsed' young owls, feed them up and release them when they are strong enough to go it alone.

PHOTOS: Peter James

Help us to help these wonderful, iconic birds, and keep an eye (and ear) out for any owls in the area. We would particularly like to hear of any Barn owl and little owl sightings in the parish. You could also think about putting up owl (or other bird) boxes so that you can observe your own youngsters develop. Just remember that handling or even going near owls is very closely regulated and should only be undertaken by experienced people. Tawny owls in particular are

actually very fierce and protective of their young; there is one famous occasion when a very experienced bird photographer, Eric Hosking, lost an eye due to an attack by a worried mother Tawny owl.

We would also be interested to know if you also feel there are fewer buzzards around the village since the kites became more common; presumably the larger kite is out-competing the buzzard. Let us know. villagewildlife@live.co.uk

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

A warm welcome to Doug and Claire Ferguson, and two-and-a-half-year-old Charlotte, and another baby due in May. They have moved into Hillside in Heather Lane, we they all will be happy here and join us at village and village hall events.

The next Up Nately coffee morning will be held at Eastrop Cottage on Friday 13th February from 10 to 12 noon, phone Liz for more info 762 059.



Last year's donations of £150 in total have been sent to Macmillan nurses in memory of Anne Cooper.

OBITUARY Anne Cooper On 2nd December 2014 St Stephen's Church was filled to the brim with family and friends who had gathered to say a final farewell to Anne Cooper.

Anne and Gordon moved to Up Nately in the early 1960s, when their new home, which Gordon had helped to build, was finished and both of them became involved in village events; organising various parties in the old village hall (a tin hut in the centre of Mapledurwell) and later on with the building of the present hall. Anne also served on the Village Hall committee and for many years was news co-ordinator for the Villager.

Anne trained as a nurse and as well as bringing up their family, she worked in the hospital and later in a care home. She was a very artistic and talented lady who produced beautiful embroidered, knitted and sewn pictures and clothes. Her flower arrangements in the church where she was in charge of the flower rota were always much admired. Her last display in the church was for Remembrance Sunday 2014, a very special arrangement indeed.

The many Flower Festivals, meticulously thought out and planned by Anne, raised thousands of pounds for St Stephen's. Many visitors who visited the Church also then walked to her home where cream teas were served by the whole Cooper family. Harvest Supper organised by Anne was always a great event, with different dishes each time it was Up Nately's turn – beautifully decorated tables and printed menus were all designed by Anne. It was a joy to work with her on the suppers and flowers; we will all miss her enormously – she is a hard act to follow!

To Gordon, Rosemary, Christine, Philip and the seven grandchildren we send our sincere sympathy and love.

Anne is buried in the churchyard in the village, where we can go and have a chat with her; rest in peace Anne.



VILLAGE QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT 28th February, M&UN Village Hall

7.15pm for 7:30pm food
Quiz to commence at 8pm

Prize for best dressed / decorated table

To book email diseylew@aol.com

£10 per head includes dinner and quiz entrance. Pay for bar (or corkage).

Teams of 8 or fewer. Proceeds to Village Hall Fund



FUTURE EVENTS Call my Bluff Evening 9th May • Family Fun Day 20th June • Rounders & Afternoon Tea 5th September • 80s Disco 3rd Oct • Autumn Fair 28th November • Children's Christmas Party 5th Dec.

TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL contact Caretaker Jayne Norman 474 432 or check out the website: www.mapledurwellvillagehall.com

MAPLE TEA & CAKE GATHERING

We shall be holding the February get-together at Ashlea, Tunworth Road, on Tuesday the 17th at 3pm.



All are welcome, please ring Patricia on 323.324 if you would like to come along and are in need of transport.

Carols at the pond Mapledurwell

The weather was kind, the mulled wine was good and the singing was good too, accompanied by John Maclean on the accordion. The sum of £66.35 will be sent to the Children's Society together with collections from other Christmas services.

Cleaner sought Dear all, having just moved into Heather Lane I wondered if anyone may have or know of a good local cleaner, I am desperately looking for a recommendation, With thanks, Claire CFerguso@its.jnj.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

People with watercourses in their garden are requested to please keep them clear. Blockages are causing flooding in the village. Thank you.

Please think about your visibility when out walking or jogging in the country lanes. At this time of year, it can be difficult for vehicles to see you, even in daylight hours, if you are not wearing high visibility clothing.

Mapledurwell allotments available to Mapledurwell & Up Nately residents. This includes one established plot. Please contact Russell Price on 01256 329 680 for further information.

Soccer Pitch – Dog Fouling There has been an increased incidence of dog fouling on and around the soccer pitch. If you exercise your dog in this area please use your imagination and consider the youngsters who play here. Keep an eye on your dog and clear up properly if they foul the area. Best of all keep them well away from the pitch until they have been, but still keep an eye on them after that. Thank you.

Next meeting Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Wednesday 18th March at 8pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. All welcome.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS New applications

14/03920/FUL (15th January) Priory Farmhouse, Andwell. Extension of the permission for temporary change of use approved under BDB/73417 as Class D1 childrens nursery for the period to 2022.

14/03794/HSE and 14/03795/LBC (16th December) Upper House Farm, Blagrove Lane, Up Nately. Conversion of ancillary garage to a residential annexe.

T/00599/14/TCA Meadow Hill, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Remove branches from Sycamores overhanging drive and stable block.

T/00604/14/TCA Crosswater Cottage, Frog Lane, Mapledurwell. Two Ash by roadside, cut to first main fork; three Ash adjacent to house, fell to ground level; six Willow north of site, fell.

Applications granted

14/02982/FUL (15 October) Andwell Brewing Company Andwell Lane Andwell. Erection of a building consisting a cask, bottle store and distillery with associated catering facilities and function room, administration space and reception following demolition of the existing storage building.

14/03109/HSE (24th October) The Old Orchard Tunworth Road Mapledurwell. Erection of replacement fencing

Farewell to 2014 - Report from Village Hall Children's Christmas Party

This report comes directly from the Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall where once again the Children's Christmas party is about to commence.

As I sit here children are swarming to the hall, the noise levels building, as the children's excitement grows. Enhanced with homemade cakes, the noise and excitement continues. With the children's skills tested to their Christmas limits through decorating cakes, pinning tails on the donkey and other Christmas games, the children laughter is only subdued when the music stops and it's time to be statues. Eventually calm starts to descend, sugar levels appear to have peaked and tired yet happy eyes look towards their parents. I can see in their eyes questioning whether it's time to go.

But not before one last magnificent hurrah, even as an adult and impartial as my role as reporter a very obvious change in atmosphere has enveloped the room, a mixture of nerves and excitement is the only way I can describe it. The children look quizzically at each other as a warm yet bellowing laugh can be heard from outside the room. A kind of confident strong testosterone filled laugh that says so much about the man outside. The children and mums are frozen with anticipation, as the door flings open, and the familiar figure in red enters the room, his kind eyes, muscular frame and handsome yet knowledgeable features for all to see.

Yes it is him, its Father Christmas, with gifts for everyone.

Father Christmas sits down and goes through the naughty list, tears can be seen rolling down the cheeks of some worried children but it's fine, no children in Mapledurwell are on the naughty list this year, although looking round at the parents this reporter suspects a few parents' names have appeared in the past.



PHOTO: Tats Webster

Father Christmas spends time with each child gaining the knowledge he needs for the big day, and shares some wise guiding words with everyone, and as if that wasn't enough a present is given to every child. Then almost in a flash he is gone, the children know something special has just taken place as they hug their parents and promise to be good until Christmas. This reporter is also left with a feeling of goodwill, and aims to live up to the example set by Father Christmas and knows it will be a happy new year for the residents of Mapledurwell, UpNately and Andwell.

POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

Overall reported crime increased last year across the whole of this beat area by 14 crimes – from 104 in 2013 to 120 in 2014. Below are the 2014 figures for reported crime in the Parishes which are part of my beat area covered by this magazine with the 2013 figures shown in brackets.

- Burglary dwellings 2 (8)
man arrested for 1 and sent to prison
- Burglary non dwelling (sheds, outbuildings) 28 (24)
- Theft 21 (17)
- Vehicle crime (includes theft of/ from, damage to) 6 (11)
- Criminal damage 22 (13)

Parish	2014	2013
Andwell	1	(1)
Mapledurwell	16	(13)
Nately Scures	9	(8)
Newnham	10	(2)
Up Nately	3	(0)

A good reduction in dwelling burglary but again a rise in outbuilding burglary.

The significant increase in criminal damage offences was partially due to an illegal hare coursing (poaching) competition held with a £30,000 first prize across North Hampshire and parts of the Thames Valley Police area. People involved came from as far as South Wales and Lincolnshire to illegally hunt for hares.

The damage occurred when field locks were broken and or vehicles were driven across growing crops looking for hares using a spot lamp or 'night vision' then allowing dogs to be released after the hares. Several people have since been arrested for conspiracy to commit criminal damage and are on Police bail.

As to 2015, there has been no reported crime in any of the Parishes at the time of writing.

I will also keep you all updated on the latest concerning the rural policing re-organisation and how this will effect the policing of our area – talks are still taking place.

Andrew Reid, Constable

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Mobile Library Service 2015

Saturdays 21 Feb, 21 Mar, 18 Apr
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 Newnham Village Green 11.15-11.45
 Rotherwick near Primary School 12:40-13:10

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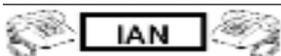
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EVENTS OUT & ABOUT

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Next meeting Thursday 26th February North Warnborough Village Hall 2.10pm for a 2.30 start. Speaker Tim Woodland on 'Planting & Growing Summer Flowering Bulbs'.

Competitions for February are:

1. A Spray of a Flowering Shrub.
2. A Posy of Snowdrops with Greenery.

Visitors are very welcome to join us. For further info tel 01252 843 848.

Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra presents 'Smooth Classics for Spring' on Saturday 7th February 7.45pm in the Anvil

MacCunn's *The Land of the Mountain and the Flood*, Tickets: £12, £17, £21 (includes £1 booking fee); over 65s £2 off; under 16s and full-time students half price. Group booking discount - 8th ticket free.

BSO website: www.bso.org.uk

Newnham & Nately Scures



PHOTOS: Monica Wardrop



St Swithun's Plough Sunday Family Service

St Swithun's Church was again packed to the rafters when a congregation of 73 came together to celebrate Plough Sunday in a short family service. Local farmers and growers brought along a container of soil and their tractors and ploughs to be blessed.

Keeping with our tradition of providing a great musical experience we

had Jo England and Laura Wilcock singing a medley of Old English folk songs as people entered the church, and a contingent from the Sing UP choir helped to do the Hymns, well chosen by Jane, great justice.

Tables were laid for 48 to share a Ploughman's lunch in the Miller's Ark Tea Barn (courtesy of Elizabeth Miller, with thanks) and great food

and company was shared by all.

The raffle and donations for lunch raised £465 towards the St Swithun's much needed building fund and the Church collection shared with the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

The way in which the community of church and farms came together so happily was a greater result than we could ever have expected.



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Important Dates for your Diary...

NEWNHAM PARISH

ASSEMBLY Thursday 23rd April 6.45-8.30pm Please join us again this year to discuss what is happening in the Parish. Free wine, beer and nibbles, all the family welcome.

NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS Sunday 7th June 2015.

More details to follow in next month's Villager. Any queries please contact Jackie on 762407 or Philippa on 760139.



LOWDEFEST Saturday 4th July 2015.

Please come and join us, have a great family day out, see Paul Young and other amazing bands and support a good cause.

NEWNHAM VILLAGE TRAFFIC CALMING

HCC engineers have carried out a further audit of the scheme in the hours of darkness, following some concerns expressed to HCC Highways (Strategic Transport Delivery Team) on the night-time visibility of the traffic management features.

The conclusion is that – as compacted leaf litter and mud etc is obscuring the white lining around the buildouts – additional reflective markers will be added to the posts make the build outs more easily seen at night by approaching drivers.

Further work to be carried out on the scheme therefore includes:

1. Additional reflective markers around the posts on the build outs
2. The removal of signs that are no longer relevant/ needed
3. Additional white lining (wider lines) around the build outs
4. Give way markings at the entrance to Fosters Business Park as requested
5. Renewal of existing white lining.

HCC engineers will notify the Parish Council of the programme of works as soon as dates are known. It is unlikely the white lining will be done before spring as it requires dry conditions and above freezing temperatures.



Rowan Lodge Nursing Home

Firstly if it's not too late already we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year! We had a really busy festive season here at Rowan which was enjoyed by all, full of some great entertainment, carol singing, parties and a good dance! As always it's good to see those of you who come along to our events so thank you for supporting us. We had a raffle at our main party on Saturday 20th December and raised a super £153 for our residents fund...!

Coffee Mornings are always the first Tuesday of the month, for February this is on Tuesday 3rd at 11am, we will be having a cake sale and Comfort Clothing will be here with a half-price sale, so please do please join us.

If there is anybody in the local community who has a job or hobby of interest who is willing to spare an hour of their time to come and talk to our residents it would be super, please contact Lisa Kirrage at Rowan Lodge – 762 757, I would love to hear from you.

We have varied entertainment this month – all starting at 2pm – including:

Peter the guitarist on Saturday 7th

Musica are here with their musical instruments on Wednesday 11th

Leanne who gets people's feet tapping on Saturday 14th

Phil on Saturday 21st and finally Rebecca on the 28th

The doors are always open for you to join us if you fancy it.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

14/03925/HSE (24th December 2014)
Oakhanger, Newnham Road. Erection of two storey side extension, new dormer to roof on rear elevation and conversion of existing garage into a habitable room.

14/03704/HSE (8th December 2014)
Naishes Barn Newnham Road Newnham. Erection of new 5ft high close board fence in re-located position

Application pending 14/02366/FUL (18th August) Heather Row Cottage, Heather Row, Nately Scures. Erection of two storey, four-bedroom dwelling, following demolition of existing barn.

Application granted 14/03447/HSE and 14/03448/LBC (12th January, reg 17th Nov) Tylny Lodge, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Demolition of existing extension, replacement extension and erection of a double garage.

Appeal Allowed Appeal Ref APP/H1705/A/14/2224450 (9th December 2014) Oakfield Farm Court.

1. *The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for new house and garage at Oakfield Farm Court, Scures Hill, Nately Scures, in accordance with the terms of the application 13/01460/FUL (12th August 2013).*

2. *The main issue was whether, with due regard to the development Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework and the BDBC housing land supply, the appeal scheme would be an acceptable form of sustainable development.*

HOOK APPLICATIONS

Application refused 14/02326/FUL
High Ridge House, Owens Farm Newnham Road (12th Dec, reg 17th Oct) New building for nine stables, tack room etc for applicants personal use.

Hart's reasons for refusal: 'It is considered that the proposal exceeds what could reasonably be considered essential for the private domestic purposes of the occupants of a single dwelling.'

The proposed stables by reason of their number, bulk and siting are not been adequately justified in the countryside and would be harmful to the character of the countryside and the Local Gap.

HOP GARDEN DEVELOPMENT

See hookdevaction.org.uk

New application 14/03077/MAJOR (23rd Dec 2014) Land Off Hop Garden Road, Hook. Erection of 48 no dwellings together with associated open space, access and parking.

Appeal Pending Hop Garden Appeal against 14/00867/MAJOR Land off Hop Garden Road, Hook, for 48 residential dwellings. The Appeal will be heard in May 2015.

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AN INSPECTOR CALLS

At the exploratory meeting on 11th December, the Inspector heard a number of excellent presentations backed up by evidence. For once the majority of those present (not counting developers) backed up Councillors and Officers in defending the plan with a number of points including:

- There is a massive infrastructure deficit and the shortage of public funds means there is little money to pay for the changes needed to accommodate over 13,000 additional houses.
- There was much criticism of the Transport Assessment and questions over costs of the roads programme.
- Water quality is already exceeding EU limits. The Water Cycle Study does not cover the last six years of the Plan.
- Sewage processing is at capacity.
- Basingstoke has built more houses than neighbouring Boroughs over recent years.
- Economic growth is not a given, we could end up like Ireland with a mass of unsold houses.

The environmental issues on the Loddon Valley were given a good airing by some speakers, including the Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust. There were also a number of comments on the theme 'Brownfield First'.

We would like to thank Cllr Onnalee Cubitt who, as ever, gave an excellent contribution, and Maria Miller MP for her contribution making a number of strong points about past housing over-supply, the water cycle study, transport and, crucially, the 'tipping point'.

The 'tipping point' is relevant to a higher house building figure, ie at what point are these numbers unsustainable. BDBC indicated it was close to 748 hpa but agreed to consider this further. This is a fundamental question which, to his credit, the Inspector identified early on. The Inspector appeared sympathetic to the need for transport investment, another sustainable development constraint.

Unfortunately the Inspector, by saying he wanted more houses, started on the wrong foot and undermined any pretence that he is independent. He thought the housing allocation of 748 dwellings per annum (wpa) was not enough and indicated that he would prefer 850 dpa. Unfortunately BDBC Officers have since 'folded' in their haste to progress the Local Plan and have recommended 850 dpa.

However, there remain a number of questions:

- The evidence base for 850 dpa

• How sound is the assumption that the economy will continue to grow and debt/deficit reduce?

• Whichever government forms after May, the general forecast is for continued global uncertainty.

• If 850 dpa is a 'policy off' number, it should reduce once 'policy on' factors like infrastructure deficit, water quality, previous housing growth etc are taken into account. Applying 'Policy on' is vital to avoid problems with the infrastructure deficit.

• Has a 15-year Plan has been considered? *See below.*

The Inspector named a number of key points for BDBC to answer and said that a full examination is unlikely before the General Election. The Inspector's letter to BDBC and key points can be found on our website.

Meanwhile CountryWatch and SOLVE have revisited our proposals to reduce the Local Plan period (SOLVE Website <http://www.solveloddon.org/> report for March/April 2014). There are a number of advantages, principally 2,550 houses less in the Plan period and a shorter planning period in these uncertain economic times.

SOLVE continues to work with other groups across the Borough with the aim of setting a realistic housing target, one which takes account of the ability of the Borough's infrastructure to cope with a massive influx of people.

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10th March. If you need a lift please call Jackie Giles 702 859.



ST MARY'S GREYWELL

Christmas thanks to all who helped, decorated, came and sang and gave at all the services over the Advent and Christmas period. The church looked its festive best and despite the broken boiler all were of good cheer. Many thanks to Mick Tott for the loan of some heaters. The boiler has now been replaced so this problem should not be repeated.

The collections for the Children's Society in the Village at the time of writing raised over £360.

Family service on the forth Sunday of the month is now at 11am. This month, that will be 11am on 22nd. This shorter informal service for all will still include refreshments.

Tony Maunder was a much loved and devoted friend of Greywell and St Mary's. He served as Parish Clerk for over 30 years and as a Eucharistic Assistant in the church. His cherry tree has been moved to the top of the church path where we hope it will flourish and be enjoyed by residents and visitors for many years to come.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application withdrawn

14/02940/AMCON (13th January, reg 10th Dec) Manor Farm Buildings, The Street, Greywell. Application to vary approved plans condition on 10/01670/MAJOR to substitute previously approved plans 091013-100 Rev A and 091013-101 with plans 130901-102 and 130901-21 Rev C to allow for following minor material amendments to Plot 1: • Rear extension • Increase in number of bedrooms • Internal reorganisation, and • Minor amendments to door openings and windows.

Application granted

14/02526/HMC (17th December, reg 22nd October) Whitewater, Deptford Lane, Greywell. Erection of single storey rear extension. (Following previous granting of permission (13th August) for single storey rear extension 14/01321/HMC.)

GREYWELL VILLAGE HALL

My Yoga Club

Monday Evenings 8-9 pm (except Bank Holidays)

Greywell Village Hall

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VILLAGE LUNCH

Sunday 22nd February 2015, 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall.

Please come and join us for Sunday lunch with friends and neighbours from the village: Includes main course (casserole) vegetables and pudding*

Adults £12.50; Children under 12 £7.50. Cash Bar.



Spring plant sale

Saturday 9 May, Village Hall.

Please join us for this popular annual event. A good variety of plants will be available to buy, as well as the usual stalls and refreshments.

Village Hall AGM

Thursday 14 May, Village Hall.

Please come along to hear more about the Village Hall Committee's work for the preceding year, including event highlights and financial management.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Safari Supper Saturday 13th June
- Curry Evening Saturday 19th Sept.

To book the Village Hall contact

isabel.pound@hotmail.com or alibarber@aol.com.

Marquee hire

mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk.

The Odiham Society

Established 1978



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Speaker evening Friday, Feb 13th, 7.45pm in the Cross Barn. Non-members £3. Two for one tonight...

All about Fleet, why the town developed as it did. Speaker: Phyllis Railton MBE. **The history of Fleet pond.** Speaker: Colin Gray.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VIEWINGS OF THE EMBROIDERY

The Odiham Embroidery is to be unveiled for the Magna Carta Festival in May – in the library in the historic Bridewell. So, we are looking for volunteers who would enjoy working in the library environment, meeting people and enabling visitors to view our splendid embroidery. There will

be free leaflets about the embroidery available as well as postcards, brochures and other items to purchase. It is expected that volunteers would work in pairs on two hour shifts at times to suit.

If you think you would like to be part of a volunteer team, please email volunteers@odiham-society.org or put your name, address and telephone number into an envelope marked 'Odiham Embroidery, c/o Barbara Igra' and send to Kingston House, 126-132 High Street Odiham. There is no commitment at this stage but we would hope to have a rota in place before the unveiling so we are starting to collect names now. Please mention this to friends and neighbours as well! Thank you.

Church Notices

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

ALL SAINTS, ODIHAM

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH

SOUP, BREAD AND FELLOWSHIP AT 12 NOON

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YOUR CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK...

Your Parochial Church Council is giving thought to how it can best serve the people of our Five Villages. It would be really helpful to have the views of those who attend church less frequently or perhaps not at all. Do you have a minute to respond to the following few questions?

Please send your thoughts to our Curate, Rev Linda Scard, at linda.scard@btinternet.com or to Adams Farm, The Street, North Warnborough, Hook, RG29 1BL. Many thanks, *Jane* Rev Jane Leese.

Questions

1. What do we do today that we should continue doing?
2. What don't we do today that we should start doing?
3. What do we do today that we should stop doing?
4. For what, when and how often do you use the church?

Any other comments?..... Name (optional)..... Village.....

Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

Holy Matrimony:

Saturday December 13th at St Mary's Greywell: Kelly Tott and Gareth Sainsbury

We offer them our warm congratulations.

Funeral Services:

Tuesday December 2nd at St Stephen's, Up Nately: Anne Cooper

Monday December 22nd at Basingstoke Crematorium: Eileen Steele of Crossways Nursing Home

Tuesday December 23rd at St Stephen's, Up Nately: Belinda Waldner (nee Came)

Thursday January 8th at Basingstoke Crematorium: Winifred Higgs of Rowan Lodge

Thursday January 29th at Basingstoke Crematorium: Rita Davies of Crossways Nursing Home

We are sorry too to hear of the death of Peter Elgar of Greywell. A service of thanksgiving for his life will be held on Friday February 6th at 2pm in Rotherwick church.

Our love and prayers are with those who grieve.

Diary Dates in February

- 3 **Tuesday 8pm PMap committee meeting at Lodge Farm**
- 5 **Thursday 8pm Mapledurwell VCC**
- 11 **Wednesday 8pm PCC meeting**
- 16 **Monday 7.15pm SingUP rehearsal at Up Nately**
- 18 **Wednesday 2pm and 8pm Lent Groups**
- 18 **Wednesday 7.30pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday at Odiham**
- 24 **Tuesday 9am - 4pm Parish Quiet Day at Alton Abbey**
- 23 **Monday 12.30pm Lent Lunch in Mapledurwell**
- 25 **Wednesday 2pm and 8pm Lent Groups**

A Christmas Thank You

It seems a very long time now since Christmas but this is my first opportunity to say thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas festivities in our five village churches. We always love seeing the churches decorated so beautifully, to hear the joyful singing of carols and to welcome the wider community to join with our celebrations. These things don't happen without a lot of people giving their time and their skills at what is already a very busy time of year. So THANK YOU from Rev Jane!!

Mid-Week Holy Communion

We are continuing our midweek communion services in 2015 and welcome you to join us at The Dower

LENT 2015

There are several ways in which our churches are marking Lent this year and we invite you to join with us in any of them:

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and this year it falls on February 18th. We shall be having a joint benefice service as usual at Odiham church at 7.30pm. Our guest preacher will be Dom Anselm Shobbrook from the Benedictine Communion at Alton Abbey.

Study Groups

The Diocesan Lent material this year is based on the Rule of St Benedict and introduces us to the idea that a Rule of Life is not just for monks and nuns (and Vicars!) but that we can all benefit by introducing some sort of spiritual routine into our lives, no matter how small, to help us become more the sort of people God wants us to be. We are planning to have two groups meeting in the United Parish to talk and think about this:

They will both meet on Wednesdays February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th and April 1st

An afternoon group will meet from 2-3.30pm at the home of Jane Stacey, Hillcrest, Tunworth Rd, Mapledurwell

The evening group will meet from 8pm -9.30 with Nicole and Steve Snow at Hunters, Newnham Lane, Newnham. Please contact Revd Jane (765 547) if you want more information about the course.

Lent Quiet Day

There will be another Quiet Day for

House, Greywell on Thursday February 10th at 11am. We share in a traditional service of Holy Communion, with a chance to discuss the Bible reading and to offer our own prayers - and then we enjoy coffee, cake and conversation before we go home! If you would like a lift, or for more information, please call Revd Jane (765 547).

Mothering Sunday

This always falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent - this year that is March 15th. Once again this year our church collections will be given to support the work of Help Hoima in the Mustard Seed Orphanage. Please give generously.

the United Parish at Alton Abbey on Tuesday February 24th. We arrive for Mass at 9am and leave at about 4pm. We shall hopefully have one address by a member of the community and the rest of the day is yours to read, walk, pray, paint, sew... just to spend time quietly with God. Please let Rev Jane know if you would like to attend. You will need to bring a packed lunch. The cost for the day is £23.

Camrose Appeal

There will be boxes again in each of our churches during Lent to collect dried or tinned foodstuffs for the Camrose Centre for the homeless in Basingstoke. They are always so grateful for the things we give them so please do be generous.

Lent Lunches

There will be a Lent Lunch in each village - a simple soup and bread and cheese lunch in return for a donation to be given to charity. This year we are supporting Christian Aid. Please let the host know if you would like to attend their lunch.

Monday February 23rd, Mapledurwell
Sara Paterson Manor Farm Barn, Tunworth Rd, Mapledurwell 479 814.

Tuesday March 3rd Greywell
Henrietta Mogg, Cedar Tree House, The Street, Greywell 704 189.

Monday March 9th, Up Nately
Michael van der Gucht, Plume House, Greywell Road 768 453.

Friday March 27th, Nately Scures
Monica Wardrop, Lodge Farm, Pyotts Hill, Old Basing 321 727.

Newnham: To be arranged.

Church Services

February 1st

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Nately Scures
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Mapledurwell
11am Holy Communion (CW) Greywell

February 8th

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Up Nately
9.30am Family Service Mapledurwell
11am Morning Service Greywell
11.15am Matins Newnham

February 15th

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Greywell
9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Mapledurwell
11am Matins Nately Scures
11am Family Communion Up Nately

February 18th Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Holy Communion Odiham

February 22nd

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Newnham
9.30am Morning Prayer Mapledurwell
9.30am Morning Prayer Up Nately
11am Family Service Greywell



From The Rectory

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Dear Friends

Last night as I write, Roland and I went to the cinema to see *The Theory of*

Everything, the film about Stephen Hawking and his relationship with his first wife, Jane. I don't even begin to understand Hawking's theories about the world, the universe and time – but his quest was to find 'one exquisite equation' that would explain the creation of the universe. He is a professed atheist, seeking for answers in his science: for me, I am content to assign that mystery to God, even though I have no equations and theorems to prove it.

And I write the week after religion was seen in its worst form in the awful killings in and around Paris. We all deplore the tactics of extremism – of course the right to freedom of speech is sacrosanct in democracy – but I also do not like the way a few people show a complete lack of respect for and understanding of the deeply held beliefs of some faiths. Just because we have the right to express our opinions doesn't necessarily mean we should.

And this morning the newspaper included an article with the headline 'Archbishops warn of urgent battle for new worshippers'. This is reporting on a paper that will go to General Synod next month warning that the Church of England will not be able to continue in its current form unless its dwindling membership is reversed with the consequent implications for finances and the number of priests. This isn't new news – our Bishop of Winchester highlighted these problems and has been encouraging Parishes to address them for a couple of years now – but it does remind us that this is a serious issue and not one that will be addressed by tinkering at the edges of institution. Things need to change in a big way.

All these – and probably lots of others news stories this week – speak of the gap that seems to exist now between faith communities and wider society. The Church is accused of not being relevant to the world today and there is a deep ignorance of what she stands for and what she teaches, but as we get older the world seems to become harder to understand and impossible to keep up with! The groups that will be meeting during Lent this year will be looking at material that asks us to listen: to listen to God, to listen to one another, to listen to the wider community and to listen to ourselves.

Through our listening we shall find ways to deepen our own faith and draw little closer to God, to share our questions and our experiences and to encourage one another as we go.

We'd love you to join us – to tell us what God means to you – or just to listen and learn!!

With my love and blessing

Revd. Jane Leese

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Benefice Quiz Night

Saturday 7th March, 6.45pm
for a 7pm start
at Cross Barn, Odiham



Everyone is very welcome. Tables of six people can be either prebooked or made up on the night but to assist with catering please buy your tickets now.

Tickets £12.50 per person including a fish and chips supper. (chicken or vegetarian option by request in advance)
There will be a pay bar for wine and soft drinks.

To organise your tables and order your tickets please contact Sian Taylor

All Saint's Odiham Administrator & Secretary.
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or email admin@allsaintsodiham.org.uk

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROJECT 'HITTING THE COLD SPOTS'

'Hitting the Cold Spots' Advisors can give detailed advice and practical support including home visits. This can lead to the provision of emergency heating, access to funding for repairs and replacement heating or hot water systems as well as small grants to help cope with winter emergencies.

'Hitting the Cold Spots' will also provide practical support with debt, financial advice and benefits as well as assistance with switching energy providers.

Home Safety visits offering carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors are also available.

Freephone 0800 804 8601 or email
staywarm@environmentcentre.com
www.hants.gov.uk/cold-spots

NHS BRACKNELL URGENT CARE CENTRE

<http://www.bracknellurgentcare.co.uk/> tel 01344 551 100

'A couple of Sundays ago my son injured his hand playing rugby and the first aider recommended we to go to the Bracknell Urgent Care Centre for an xray.

I would second her recommendation, we were almost the only people there, were dealt with very quickly and efficiently, xray done, no bones broken. Though this was on a Sunday evening and I can't vouch for other times when apparently it gets much, much busier. But this is the closest Urgent Care Centre to us. (Sue Turner, Newnham)

From the website...

'Use the Bracknell Urgent Care Centre (UCC) if you need medical treatment or advice which does not need a visit to A&E. The UCC is a nurse-led unit supported by a GP who is onsite at all times.

'8am - 8pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.'

'The Centre will treat most injuries and illnesses that are urgent but not life threatening. For example sprains and strains, broken bones, minor burns and scalds, minor head injuries, bites and stings, persistent coughs, severe sore throats, rashes, infections and sudden worsening of long term conditions.

'You don't need to book an appointment – just turn up and you will be seen promptly by either a doctor or nurse. If you are not sure where to go talk to NHS 111 or call the Centre before you walk in.'