

The Villager

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


NOTICE OF THE APRIL 2016
NEWNHAM & NATELY SCURES

**PARISH ASSEMBLY & QUIZ
TUESDAY 19TH APRIL**

To be held in **Newnham Clubroom**
Doors open 6.45pm

All residents are warmly invited to this Parish Council's fourth and final Assembly before May local elections

Please bring family and friends to give views and discuss local issues

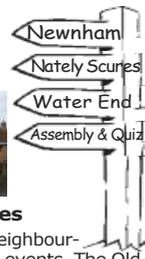
We continue to look for ideas to help us all get more from our Community and Neighbourhood with thanks to all who have organised and contributed to Church/Community events. The Old House at Home is registered as an 'Asset of Community Value' and we await new owners Red Oak Taverns' decision as to whether they will refurbish and reopen. Twelve months on from the 'Save our Local Bobby' campaign, PC Reid can update us on local policing. Now the Black Dam roundabout has reopened we can reassess the present traffic situation and there will be a 2016/17 scheme to improve the A30/Baredown junction. The Parish ditching project will continue with considerable work done so far at the Barracks and some progress at Water End. The Parish Lengthsman scheme will finally be going ahead with a group of other Parishes which will mean some Highways funding for road-and footpath-related village maintenance. The Planning Inspector is due to submit his final report on Basingstoke & Deane's draft Local Plan to 2029 in which most of the Loddon Valley remains green for the time being. And last but certainly not least Hart has shortlisted the 'Local Gap' fields between Hook and Newnham for housing. The outcome of the recent Consultation is due to be published in May and the Parish Council will be preparing its response to the summer Local Plan Consultation which is the next stage in a process with potentially major implications for Newnham. This year the Quiz will have a royal theme in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday

- It will be fun and informal
- We'll have a quick quiz for teams of 2-5
- Children are most welcome
- Refreshments provided

AGENDA

6:45 Refreshments
7:15 Welcome and meeting opened
7:20 Royal theme Quiz to mark Queen's 90th birthday
7:40 PC Andy Reid's presentation
7:45 Public session and guest speakers. Open floor for Q&A with Residents, Local Councillors
PC Reid and Revd Jane Leese
8:15 Meeting closed

Clive Pinder, Chairman



Children of The United Parish
Children's Easter Fun Day
Newnham Village Hall
Tuesday April 5th 2pm - 5pm

The United Parish will be holding their next 'Messy Church' session on the 5th April so please do come along if you are looking for something to do in the Easter holidays. We'll be hunting for eggs, painting, cutting and gluing as well as thinking about the reasons for our Easter celebrations. Further details from Rev'd Jane or Rhona 07799 813821.

Diary dates

April

- 5 Children's Easter Fun Day, Newnham Village Hall, 2-5pm
- 5 Greywell Teapot Cafe
- 8 Up Nately Coffee Morning
- 9-10 Miniature Steam Gala, Viables Craft Centre, 10am-4.30pm
- 14 Maple Tea & Cake Gathering
- 16 Hook Choral Society, Haydn Nelson Mass, St John's Church, 7.30pm
- 16 Greywell Coffee & Mobile Library
- 18 Basingstoke Choral Society, Stabat Mater Dvorak, Winchester Cathedral, 7.30pm
- 19 Newnham & Nately Scures Parish Assembly, Newnham Clubroom, 6.45pm
- 21 Mothers Union "Three cheers for Hadrian and other things you may not know about the Holy Land", RAF Church Hall, 8pm

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Next Up Nately Coffee Morning

The coffee morning will be on 8 April 10-12 at Linbern.

Contact Hazel for more information 762648. We will no doubt admire the new bathroom!



Maple Tea & Cake Gathering

Please come and join us for afternoon tea on Thursday 14th April at 3pm. Venue, Jasmine Dean, Tunworth Road. All welcome but please call Angela Price on 01256 329680 if you would like to attend.

Parish Council elections

To be held on the 5th May this year. The current parish councillors are all willing to stand again.

If anyone else would like to offer him/herself as a candidate please contact our parish clerk, Sue Turner, at clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk for forms etc. Nominations must be handed in to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council between the 30th March and the 7th April.

If no one else applies there will be no election and current councillors will continue in post.

Footpaths

The footpath map displayed on the notice board by Mapledurwell pond is also available to download from our website.

The parish council would like to thank those public spirited people who have been litter picking throughout the year along the lanes and pathways around the parish, not just the Greywell Road.

Would dog walkers please not let their dogs foul these beautiful country lanes and footpaths. Other walkers do not want to have to constantly watch where they put their feet or risk having the unpleasant task of ridding their footwear of obnoxious substances.

Appeal for Wool

Our very supportive ladies, who are busy knitting all year round for the Shoe Box Appeal, are running short of wool. If during your spring cleaning you find any you have no further use for, please get in touch with me and I will be very happy to collect from you. Thank you, Patricia Stubbs, Tel: 323324.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications

16/00320/FUL (3rd March) Greenacres, Down Lane, Mapledurwell. Erection of replacement dwelling and detached double garage. (Amendment to approved planning permission 13/00996/FUL to cover the addition of a basement, porch and removal of a step.)

Licensing application

16/00312/PREMN (29th February) Andwell Brewing Company LLP. Application for a new premises licence (to replace existing licence). To extend the licence time to Monday to Sunday 09.00 to 23.30 (currently Monday to Saturday 10.00 to 21.00, Sunday 10.00 to 17.00).

Application pending

16/00040/HSE (6th January) Manor Farm Barn, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of rear conservatory.

Appeal

15/02281/FUL Land Adjacent to Blaegrove House. New dwelling house, access etc. Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/15/3140579 (registered 14th January). Inquiry date not yet arranged.

ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

Allotments available to residents of the parish of Mapledurwell & Up Nately. Please contact Russell Price on 01256 329 680.

Before lighting bonfires please be considerate of neighbours and aware of wind direction.

Next Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council meeting,

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 18th May. This will be a short AGM at 7.30pm in the meeting room followed by the Annual Parish Assembly in the main hall from 8pm. All residents are warmly invited to attend.

MAPLEDURWELL TEA PARTY ON QUEENS OFFICIAL 90TH BIRTHDAY SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2016 AT VILLAGE POND

An additional celebration of The Queen's 90th Birthday is to have an outdoor tea party around the village pond on its official date - Saturday 11th June 2016. The suggestion is:

THEME	Merrie England Tea Party with Songs, Games and General Party Fun for all ages.
LOCATION	Mapledurwell Village Pond
TIME	4 pm - 7 pm
FESTIVITIES	Adding to Her Majesty's achievement, feel free to include any personal celebrations of your own with the rest of the village!

This is an Early Warning of the event so you can mark it in your diaries. Next month's Villager will give all the details. To be involved in any way, please contact John Maclean jkmaclean1@btopenworld.com Tel 460707.



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POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

We are experiencing a large increase in non dwelling burglaries across our area from Winchester area through to Aldershot area. In the area of this magazine we had a garage broken into at Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell and a shed at Water End Park, both on the same night of March 2nd and 3rd. Between March 12th and 14th 2016 we had a similar burglary in Blackstocks Lane, Up Nately where a quantity of tools etc was stolen. I am appealing for any information concerning any of these crimes and ask if you can help please give me a call direct ~ all calls treated in strictest confidence.

Slightly out of my area but not to far, the Police at Hook have had eight non dwelling burglaries to outbuildings in Rotherwick and two in Hook town and three in Odiham plus a house broken into, within a four week period.

I ask all residents to please be aware of this current increase in reported crime within our area and ask that all outbuildings be kept secure, garages not left open when no one is in or working within them. Please record serial numbers and for expensive machinery please photograph it for your records ~ just in case and photograph expensive property and garden equipment. Please consider shed alarms which are not too expensive and good locks but on good solid doors. Please try to mark your property by scratching in a post code or U/V markers. If you need security advice please give me a call and I will endeavour to assist you.

And finally a plea from local shepherds and farmers asking for ALL dog owners to please keep their dogs on leads and away from fields where sheep are. If you are out walking in our area please do keep your dog on a lead and under strict control, you may have seen the sad event in West Sussex where over 100 sheep, many pregnant ewes died as a result of dogs involved in a sheep worrying incident.

Many thanks for your continued support as always

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MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL

HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL

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



Trawlerman's Supper & Quiz

Over 50 people gathered in the Village Hall for the annual quiz night. The sea-themed evening was hotly contested from the very beginning and the judges had a hard time choosing the best-dressed table. There were many imaginative ideas but 'The Cod Wars' triumphed.

With sea shanties and the shipping forecast playing in the background, ditloids, questions on sport, music, sea captains and TV themes taxed the brains of many; the result changed hands on the final round, the shipping forecast map, and the victors were The Starfish.

In total, we raised in excess of £500 for the Village Hall funds. Many thanks to everyone who attended, to all of you who bought raffle tickets and to Phil at The Gamekeepers for his generous raffle prize.

See you all again next year.

Village Hall Social Committee

The committee is sorry to say 'goodbye' to Paul Chamberlain who is moving away from the area; we wish him well in his new home. We are delighted to welcome Charlotte Emmett from Up Nately and Helen Halston of Borough Close on board

Queen's Birthday Weekend Spring Fete Saturday 14th May 2-5pm Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall



Queen's Birthday Cake Competition
Best King, Queen &
Prince/Princess categories
Craft Stalls
Tombolas
Face Painting & Royal Tattoos
Children's Crafts Table
Bric a Brac
Pimms & Afternoon Tea
Children's Races, Tug of War,
Spatt the Rat, Nailing
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For more details and to offer to run a stall, please contact:

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Helen Halston - helenuk@gmail.com

Charlotte Emmett -
charlotteemmett@hotmail.co.uk

Up Nately Safari Supper

This popular event will take place this year on Saturday 18th June 2016. For those of you who have not participated before the idea is a series of dinner parties taking place around the village. Each course is held in a different house, therefore giving you an opportunity to meet lots of people as you move from house to house.

The event will commence at our house Linbern in Heather Lane, where everyone can enjoy some nibbles, drinks and a chat before we all move on to various houses for the next course.

We would welcome any volunteers who would be prepared to host a course (including drinks), usually for 6-8 people including yourselves.

The event is free for those hosting, however for guests there will be a small charge. Recently this money has been donated to charity.

Please contact Hazel Ivory on 01256-762648 or email hazelivory@onetel.com if you are interested in joining us, we look forward to hearing from you.

Newnham & Nately Scures



Newnham Clubroom is for hire

Please visit newnhamclubroom.org.uk for availability, booking and further information.

Newnham Open Gardens - Sunday 12th June 2016

Spring is nearly upon us again and it's time to start thinking about this year's event. Many of those who were kind enough to share their wonderful gardens last year, will thankfully be doing so again. As ever, it would be fantastic to include new gardens. We are not looking for perfection, just gardens that you, your family and friends enjoy. Please do give it some thought. If you have any questions, or are perhaps thinking of helping on the day, please contact Philippa Heffner (760139) or Jackie O'Regan (762407).

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications

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

Applications pending

16/00278/FUL (5th February) Basingstoke Country Hotel, Scures Hill. Internal alterations to provide an additional 21 bedrooms and two offices plus new dormer window and additional window to west elevation.

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

Applications granted

16/00283/ROC (24th March, reg 29th January) Naishes Barn, Newnham Road. Removal of condition 7c of 13/00254/HSE to allow construction of garage on a conventional strip foundation.

15/02851/FUL (18th March, amended 8th March, reg 12th August) Land at Scures Hill House. Demolition of existing buildings and structures. Erection of one detached two-storey dwelling (amended from two dwellings) with attached double garage; access off the existing shared driveway and associated landscaping and planting.

15/04234/FUL (18th March reg 8th December) Land At Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. Erection of one detached dwelling and detached double garage with associated landscaping and new private driveway.

15/03857/FUL (9th March approved subject to legal agreements, reg 2nd November) Land West Of Hunters, Newnham Lane. Erection of three-bedroomed dwelling with access, parking and associated amenity area. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential.

15/04400/OUT (26th February, reg 11th December) Land at Nately Towers, Scures Hill. Erection of a two-storey private dwelling – with access, appearance, layout and scale to be considered.

15/04401/FUL (24th February, reg 11th December) Land West of Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of a three bedroomed dwelling, plus garage/workshop with office/store over and associated change of use of land from agricultural to residential. (Amended from scheme approved under 15/00170/FUL and 15/01949/FUL.)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Newnham Parish Assembly

Notice of the 2016 Newnham & Nately Scures Parish Assembly & Quiz.

On Tuesday 19th April to be held in Newnham Clubroom.

Doors open 6.45pm meeting starts 7pm. Refreshments provided and this year the Quiz will have a royal theme to mark the Queen's birthday – prior to discussions on more local issues. All residents of all ages are warmly invited.

Hart Housing Consultation

Newnham Parish Council would like to thank everyone who responded to the housing consultation. Hart says it received over 4,600 responses, the outcomes will be published in May and 'will have some influence' on the draft Local Plan consultation to be launched this summer.

Local Elections 5th May

All six Newnham Parish Councillor positions are up for re-election this year, the current councillors having served a four-year term. To become a Parish Councillor – or stand for election if there are more than six candidates – you need to deliver by hand a nomination form and an acceptance-of-nomination form to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council offices between 10am on Wednesday 30th March and 4pm on Thursday 7th April. For more information please contact Susan Turner at newnham.clerk@btinternet.com 07515 777 060, any of the current Parish Councillors, or the Basingstoke & Deane returning officer Karen Widdowson at Karen.Widdowson@basingstoke.gov.uk 01256 845 812.

Hook Choral Society
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North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

At our meeting in February there was clicking of needles as we began knitting various things including "Twiddle Muffs", which are calming, apparently, for people with dementia. The Twiddle muffs have dangly things attached to them, they are worn on a wrist and folk fiddle with these bits. We are also knitting baby jumpers which we hope will be taken out to Hoima in Uganda later in the year.

Several of us went to the Deanery Overseas Service in St. Gabriel's Church in Popley where branch banners were paraded and there was an interesting, informative and moving service led by Linda Scard, with intercessions by Jane Leese. We heard about activities which various branches support and handed in our Branch collections for overseas work.

On 7th March, the Mothers' Union held a Commissioning Service in the chapel at Wolvesey to commission the new board of Trustees for the diocese. Caroline Scull, a member of our branch, was commissioned as the Diocesan President for 2016-2018. She is really excited at having this opportunity to meet members around the diocese and hopes to raise the profile of the Mothers' Union in this area.

On Thursday, 21st April at 8 pm in the RAF Church Hall we shall hear Margaret Bell will be giving "Three cheers for Hadrian and other things you may not know about the Holy Land". Intrigued? So are we! So come along, our Leader, Sue Murphy 01252 845011 can tell you more.

Old House at Home

With thanks to Dan O'Regan for information updates, it seems that new owners Red Oak Taverns intend to do an analysis of the viability of the pub - the intention was by Easter. If they decide it's viable they will hopefully refurbish and re-open, which they have been doing with the other pubs in the group they have purchased. The Old House remains registered as an Asset of Community Value, so if the decision is instead to sell the pub for any reason, the Parish Council will be notified. Please keep an eye on Facebook for any further information.

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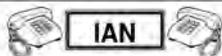
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BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

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Saturday April 16th 2016 at 7.30pm
Winchester Cathedral

Soloists
Erica Eloff
Alexander James Edwards
Diana Moore
Dingle Yandell

Basingstoke Choral Society
Croydon Philharmonic Choir
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Hook Fun Run and Road Race

This year the event is on Sunday 15th May and in our 25th year there are some big changes to our races. We are unable to use the school site due to expansion building works, so we are beginning and finishing our races from Hartletts Park next to the Community Centre in Hook. This means changes to the routes and we have had our longer courses officially re-measured. We have also taken this opportunity to make changes to our races as follows:

10 Mile: The 10 mile Race has a new route

6 Mile: This is changing to a 10K and will now go through Rotherwick & Newnham

2.5 Mile race: Changes to a 2 Mile Race and follows a similar route

2.5 mile fun Run: Changes to a 2 Mile Fun Run and follows a similar route

Details of the routes can be found here www.hookfunrun.com/content/course-details

We need approx 100 marshals out on the courses to ensure that the runners stay safe and motivated. Due to the number of marshals required we are always in need of new marshals so, if you would be willing to help please contact me at owen.sue@btinternet.com.

Greywell



VILLAGE HALL

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



Coffee & Mobile Library... Saturday 16th April

The Mobile Library will be outside the Village Hall from 10am-10.30am. Coffee from 10-11am.

THE TEAPOT CAFE

will be open from 3pm on **Tuesday 5th April**



A date for your diary.....

Greywell Open Gardens
Saturday 18th June

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications

16/00613/HOU (8th March) Anscar Hook Road Greywell Hook Hampshire RG29 1BT. Single storey Side Extension Utility Room.

Pending Applications

16/00399/FUL (16th February) 4 Dorchester Way Greywell Hook RG29 1BX. Erection of a new 3 bedroom dwelling (attached to No.4) with parking and first floor rear extension to existing house (submission of 15/02649/FUL)

15/02342/CON (11th February) Royal Oak House Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BU. Discharge of conditions 2- details of internal and external surfaces- 3- window details- 4- details of flue and vents- and 5- landscape protection pursuant to 15/02342/HOU and 15/02343/LBC Removal of existing pool house, partial demolition and rebuild of single storey link; the erection of a first floor extension, and a garden room within the landscaped grounds, with associated internal/external works and landscaping.

15/03062/HOU (16th February) 8 Dorchester Way Greywell Hook RG29 1BX. Erection of a single storey rear extension.

15/03063/HOU (16th February) 8 Dorchester Way Greywell Hook RG29 1BX. Erection of a replacement outbuilding.

Applications granted

15/02851/CON (20th November 2015) Manor Farm Buildings The Street Greywell Hook RG29 1DB. Discharge of condition 2- materials- 3- external surfaces- and 5- flue details- pursuant to 15/01294/LBC Conversion of existing farm buildings to five dwellings (pursuant to Listed Building Consent 15/00323/LBC). Amendments to include; internal and external alterations to Plots 4 & 5.

15/02850/CON (20th November 2015) Manor Farm Buildings The Street Greywell Hook RG29 1DB. Discharge of conditions 2- materials- 3- external surfaces- 5- flue details- Pursuant to 15/00709/LBC Conversion of existing farm buildings to five dwellings (pursuant to Listed Building Consent 15/00323/LBC). Amendments to include internal and external alterations to Plot 3, and external alterations to Plot 2.

River Bank Works

Following on from the huge success of the Boardwalk upgrade from the Churchyard to the Mill House, the next section from the Mill House along the Broadwater was also recently upgraded with the quagmire which often existed during wet periods scraped back to the core, a membrane laid and tons of crushed stone dropped and compacted. The result: a hugely more user-friendly footpath which should be accessible in all seasons. A massive thank you to Greywell Flyfishers for their volunteer labour, to Steve and Clive Tuck for their professional attention to detail and overall quality of the end-product and to Hampshire County Council for their grant towards the cost of the works.



Church Notices

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

Mid-Week Holy Communion

We next meet in the warm and welcoming home of Lady Nell at The Dower House in Greywell on April 21st at 11.00am. We have a traditional service, with a chance to discuss the gospel reading, to offer our own prayers and then to enjoy coffee, cake and conversation before we go home! We'd love you to join us – and if you would like to hear more about it, or would like a lift, please contact Rev Jane (765547)

Special Church Services

Bishop of Basingstoke Visit

On Sunday April 17th we are delighted to welcome the Bishop of Basingstoke, Bishop David Williams, to our three morning services. So that he can meet as many people as possible I have slightly adapted the usual programme and would ask the regular Up Nately family service congregation to come along to the Pet Service in Alan Hutton's barn in Mapledurwell at 9.30am. Lots of fun and room for everyone! I wonder how the Bishop deals with dogs and horses! There will also be a traditional early BCP communion and a service of Matins at 11.00am.

All PCC members and their partners are then invited to drinks at The Rectory from 12.30 and then Michael and Nicky van der Gucht have kindly offered to host a light lunch for Church wardens and their other halves at about 1.15pm.

Celebration of St George

Following the success of last year's family service for St George in Newham, this year we are going to hold one in Greywell – on April 24th at 11.00am. Please do come along – and once again we would love to see children dressed appropriately, as dragons, St George – and indeed last year we even had a princess!

The Annual Church Meeting will be on Wednesday April 13th at 8.00pm in Mapledurwell Village Hall. All villagers are welcome to attend. We shall be electing our churchwardens and PCC members for the coming year, reviewing the past year's activities, hearing about the progress that is being made on the projects that are part of our church mission plan, and also preparing for the changes that lie ahead for our benefice. Do join us. Coffee will be served from 7.45pm.

Church Services

April 3rd

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW) Patronal	Greywell

April 10th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Morning Service	Greywell
11.15am	Matins	Newnham

April 17th - The Bishop of Basingstoke is with us all morning

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywell
9.30am	Pet Service	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Matins	Nately Scures

There will be no family service at Up Nately church. Please come along to the Pet Service at Mapledurwell. See notes about special services.

April 24th - United Parish Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
11.00am	Family service celebrating St George	Greywell

Looking ahead

Celebrations for the Queen's birthday

As Her Majesty the Queen is Supreme Governor of the Church of England churches are being asked to celebrate her 90th birthday this year with special events during the weekend of June 11th/12th. Please watch the Villager for details of our plans for this very important occasion.

Jane's Final weekend

Please 'save the date' July 9th/10th which will be my final working weekend! I really hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us at some point over the weekend – more details to follow!

Lt. General Sir Christopher Wallace K.B.E. D.L.

There is to be a Memorial Service for Christopher Wallace at Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday April 19th at 2.30pm which everyone is warmly invited to attend. You are encouraged to register your intention of attending by sending an email to Lt. Col. Jan-Dirk von Merveldt at london@the-rifles.co.uk giving your name, email address and association with Christopher i.e. Parishioner, neighbour, friend or Regiment etc. As much as anything this will help Delicia know how many cups of tea need to be provided!

Diary Dates in April:

4th 6.30pm Nately Scures VCC

5th 2pm – 5pm at Newnham Club Room Easter Messy Church Fun Day

13th 8.00pm Mapledurwell Village Hall Annual Church Meeting

24th 2.00pm Baptism at Greywell (Benjamin Graham)

Diary Date for May:

1st 12.30pm Baptism at Mapledurwell (Ellie Gallie)

From The Rectory



Dear Friends,

One of the things I like to do from time to time in this monthly letter to all my parishioners is to give you a little insight into life at The Rectory and occasional stories of family life. I suppose you mostly hear the good things - trips away, success stories - but of course life doesn't always go the way you want it to! And during this past month I have felt unusually despondent and fed up!!

The reason for my miserable mood is all connected with the house we shall be living in once I retire in the summer. We had such a good plan: our tenants moved out at the end of January which gave us six months to have a new kitchen and bathroom put in as well as several other smaller projects; we had saved the rental from the last three years so had what we thought was a reasonable pot of money to pay for it all; Roland was free to project manage it and I would be able to move in to this lovely new home with the minimum of fuss and bother!

The best laid plans... eh? Having lived in church property for 15 years we are rather out of touch with all these things! When we have had a problem with the roof or water coming into the living room, we phone the diocese and they sort it out and pay for it! But we have discovered that builders and builders' merchants are very busy and it can take quite a while to get designs drawn up and quotes issued and then it can be months before they can actually do the work. We have also come to realise that our pot of money will not go anywhere near as far as we had anticipated! So perhaps I won't have the de-misting mirror in the bathroom or the wooden stable door in the kitchen or the built in furniture in the bathroom! And it's beginning to look as though we might well move into a building site rather than a show house!!

Yes, I had been so excited and now I feel disappointed! I have to learn more

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lessons about being patient and not too materialistic, about being thankful for what I do have, which is so much more than many, many other people. And I must try harder to trust that God will make sure we have all that we need, even if that isn't what I think I want! That has certainly been my experience during the 20 years I have been ordained and following his call - and I don't suppose he will abandon us now!

To those who have been on the receiving end of my moans and groans in these last few weeks - I am sorry! And watch this space for updates on our progress with the house and on my progress in counting my blessings and trusting in God's goodness and love!

With my love

Jane

Revd. Jane Leese

Benefice staffing

Our search for a new Rector for the North Hampshire Downs benefice is well under way, the post has been advertised and as I write we are hoping and praying for a good response to that advertisement. Revd Linda Scard, our United Parish curate is making sure that everything continues to run smoothly in the parishes that Peter Dyson had care of and with the help of visiting clergy and wonderful lay people, Sunday services are running according to plan too.

We have recently heard however that Revd Kathy O'Loughlin, House for Duty priest in Long Sutton and South Warnborough will also be leaving the benefice in a few months' time. She is taking up a new post, working for the Methodist Church in a training and development role. With her curate, Revd. Lynn Power coming to the end of her training in May and also moving on, this really does herald a new chapter in the life of our benefice. Please pray for us all during this unsettling time.

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