

The Villager

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



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE FIVE VILLAGES

Please join us for any of these special Christmas services

Saturday December 19th

4.00pm	Carol Service	Newnham
5.30pm	Carol Service	Up Nately

Sunday December 20th

11.00am	Carol Service	Nately Scures
4.30pm	Carol Service	Mapledurwell
6.00pm	Carol Service	Greywell

Christmas Eve

4.30pm	Crib Service	Up Nately
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Nately Scures

Christmas Day

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.30am	Family Service	Mapledurwell
10.45am	Family Communion	Newnham
10.45am	Family Service	Greywell

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year



Seeking future English, Maths & Science teachers

You might be aware from media reports that the supply of teachers in English, Maths and Science is starting to dry up. This is worryingly true. Robert Mays' School has two proposals for you. One is that if you possess a good English, Maths or Science degree, and you feel that your current job is not as rewarding as you would like, please talk to us. We are linked with Thornden School in Chandler's Ford and together we run something called the LEARN Alliance, which is a hub for initial teacher-training. There are some interesting deals for people entering the profession, and you may find that you can learn to teach and be paid for it at the same time. The second proposal is this: if you used to teach English, Maths or a Science subject and you now think that you'd like to get back into teaching again, please get in touch with us. You can telephone the school 01256 702700 and ask for the Headteacher or any member of the Leadership Team, or email info@rmays.com heading up your message with "Teaching".

The Villager would like to thank all contributors and distributors and wish you all a happy festive season

Diary dates

December

- 3 Whitewater School Christmas Fair 5-7pm, Rotherwick Village Hall
- 5 Children's Christmas party 2.30-4pm, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall
- 5 St Swithun's Christmas Market 11am-2pm
- 6 Rotherwick Santa Fun Run 11am, Tylney Park
- 12 Cinderella, Rowan Lodge pantomime.
- 14 Newnham & Nately Scures Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall
- 18 Carols at the Pond, Mapledurwell 6pm
- 21 Children's Christmas Craft Day, 1.30-4.30pm, Greywell Village Hall

January

- 13 Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Meeting 8pm, Village Hall
- 17 Plough Sunday, St Swithun's 11am
- 26 Open Meeting with the Bishop of Winchester, 7pm, St John's Hartley Wintney
- 31 Her Majesty's Royal Marines in concert, The Anvil theatre

Foodbanks

Please don't forget that the five churches of the United Parish are all collecting non-perishable foodstuffs and also toiletries for the local Foodbanks. There is a box in each church (in Greywell once the heating work is complete) and your donations will all be passed on on a regular basis. Thank you

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Next Up Nately Coffee Morning



The coffee morning in December will be held on Friday 11th from 10-12 noon at Netherby Cottage. Contact Rosemary for more information on 760216. January 8th is the first one of 2016, at Eastrop Cottage, phone Liz on 762059 if you need directions or any other information

As always, everyone is welcome at these gatherings, there may even be toys and children's books available for the younger visitors, "Granny's toys" are best!

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Very grateful thanks to all who supported the Appeal again this year. 121 boxes were filled for deprived children in the orphanages in Moldova on the Romanian/Ukraine border. It was intended that the children in the Ukraine would share the boxes but again it was too dangerous for the lorries to enter that country. Special thanks for the gifts, the knitting all year round by Villagers and others, the covering of the boxes, the filling and the great help with transport from Nick, without all this the Appeal could not be successful.

Thank you, Patricia Stubbs

CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S

JOIN US FOR CAROLS AT THE POND

Friday 18th December at 6pm, enjoy home made mulled wine and mince pies. There will be a collection for the Children's Society.

The Christingle Service is on **Sunday 13th December at 4.30**. Do come along to enjoy the Christingle by candlelight.

The Carol Service is at **4.30pm on 20th December** and the Family Service is at **9.30am on Christmas Day**. You are all welcome.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

15/03677/LDEU (29th October) Mapledurwell Barn, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Application for certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the barn as general storage.

15/03759/AGPD (29th October) Hungry Lodge Farm, Down Lane, Mapledurwell. Erection of agricultural barn for farm machinery storage (permitted development).

15/03758/RET (26th October) Hungry Lodge Farm, Down Lane, Mapledurwell. Erection of wall disabled ramp and metal railings (retrospective).

Application pending

15/02829/LBC (11th August) Addisons Farm House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Repair and replacement of downpipes/ guttering and installation of insulation to original part of roof. This application is for listed building consent only.

Application granted

15/03238/FUL (6th November, reg 14th September) Elmwood, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Change of use of land and stables from equestrian to residential garden and store.

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 VILLAGE HALL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Good old fashioned party games and a visit from Father Christmas

Saturday 5th December from 2.30pm to 4pm in the Village Hall

The Elves would like to prepare a small gift for each child before Santa's visit so please contact Janine Fisher on 07947 735225 or janinefish@gmail.com by the 28th November 2015 to reserve your ticket.

Please note that entrance will be by ticket only.

As we are not insured or qualified to be left in charge of your child please make sure you are able to stay as well.



M3 Junction 6 Black Dam – change to planned opening date

From Highways England

Please be advised that we will now be fully opening Black Dam roundabout in March 2016.

We had previously planned a phased opening of the 'half hamburger' arrangement in November 2015. This would have maintained two lanes on most of the approach roads to the roundabout.

However, a phased opening – rather than a delayed full opening – would require further changes to the traffic management layout later, as well as a significant number of off-peak lane closures in the New Year. Traffic signals would need to be on fixed timers initially and substantial numbers of temporary signs would be required. We consider this would be confusing for road users and less safe for road users and the workforce alike.

With shorter daylight hours and the winter holiday season approaching, it was decided with our partners in Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council that leaving the existing traffic management system in place was the preferred option. To minimise the impact of the works on the local economy over the Christmas and New Year period, work will be suspended between Wednesday 23 December and Monday 4 January.

By delaying the opening of the carriageway through the roundabout, we will be able to complete construction of the new traffic lanes, install all signage, traffic signal equipment, new lighting and safety barriers. This will be safer and for all concerned and permit greater junction capacity at all times

Following the full opening of the junction, testing of the new equipment will take place, along with landscaping and minor remedial works.

Details of this project, are available on the Highways England website: www.highways.gov.uk/m3blackdam





POLICE UPDATE

Dear all

We have seen several crimes committed within our area within the past month. Overnight of November 12th and 14th an attempt was made to break into a garage in Andwell Lane, thankfully the thieves did not succeed as the premises are well secured and nothing was stolen. Overnight of November 23rd and 24th 2015 at Up Nately a garage was entered at a house in Greywell Road, by thieves but again thankfully nothing was taken.

We do see an increase in theft and burglary to sheds and outbuildings at this time of year and I continue to urge residents to protect their property. The crimes above also go to show that criminals will and do visit our area but with increased security and vigilance they will leave 'empty handed' as in the Andwell Lane incident.

Not to far away in Hook they have experienced three house breakings and two shed burglaries since October 1st. One of the dwelling burglaries was at Southview Cottages on the Newnham Road on October 27th 2015 between 8am and 11pm. I am asking if anyone was in that area and saw anything suspicious to please give me a call direct.

We are also experiencing several burglaries in the Winchester and Basingstoke area where in each case it has been reported that two young men have knocked the door of a home and then managed to get inside after the occupant has opened the door to them. They have then proceeded to search the

address and steal items before leaving. All occupants have had money and jewellery stolen. One victim has had their car stolen; a silver Volkswagen Golf. None of the victims have suffered any injuries and the incidents have occurred between 6pm and 8.30pm.

The Northern Investigation Team are advising residents not to open the door to anyone they do not know. If you are able to, check who is at the door before opening it and ensure it is someone you know. If it isn't, don't risk it. If the caller has a genuine enquiry they will understand your refusal to engage with them. "We think these people are asking bogus questions in order to get the occupants attention. Ignore them and keep a chain on your door if possible.

Burglary of homes is very rare in our area, in 2014 we had two and a man was arrested and sent to prison. HOWEVER I ask all residents to take simple steps to maintain their security, leave lights and a radio or TV on, make the house look occupied when you are out. I will be placing 'Lights on' leaflets through doors of homes I see at night without lights on as a gentle reminder when in the area.

In the New Year I will provide a parish update of crimes etc **during 2015.**

I would also like to thank you all for your continued support during the year which is appreciated greatly, and I wish you all a very safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Andrew Reid, Constable
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From a letter by Maria Miller MP dated 7th November regarding the delayed reopening of the Black Dam roundabout

I had a full debrief from the County Council and Highways England last week about Black Dam and the completion date. It's fair say no one has been happy about the progress on this for about six months, least of all me. Something I have made plain to Highways England and the Department for Transport.

You will remember that the funding was secured by the LEP through Government funded 'pinch point' projects because the LEP had an "oven ready" project. My most recent meeting with Highways England affirmed that the problems and delay are due primarily to utility companies' poor mapping of their assets (pipe, cables and wires), a factor not known beforehand.

Black Dam is a real lesson for the Borough Council. Basingstoke & Deane is trying to drive through nine major roundabout improvements by 2019 as part of the proposed Local Plan. If any of these nine projects encounters similar poor mapping then this could have serious implications for the town. Two of the improvements are on the A30 which appears to be the superhighway for our utility companies too.

I think Basing Councillors have a unique perspective on this which needs to be heard. There needs to be a more detailed schedule of works included in the Transport Assessment study detailing when and where roundabout works are needed, and how each works impacts the other cumulatively.

Nine major roundabout reconfigurations to be complete in four years, given our experience in and around Black Dam, is well beyond what Hampshire County Council says is feasible.'

Best wishes, Maria

Social Committee - New Members

We have all enjoyed the events organised by the Social Committee during the past year but these do not JUST happen.

Currently there are only 5 people on the committee and they would love to be joined by a few more.

They meet every 8-10 weeks or as required to plan events and drink wine!

If you think that you can spare some time and are able to help with the organisation of the events and have ideas for future gatherings, please get in touch. We particularly would like to welcome new members from both Mapledurwell and Up Nately, all present members are from Andwell!

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Next Parish Council meeting

8pm Wednesday 13th January in the meeting room in Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall. All welcome

UPTON GREY AUTUMN FESTIVAL

We were very pleased to see so many people from our neighbouring villages attend this year's Autumn Festival. Over 500 people attended the afternoon Festival and over 600 joined the procession to the bonfire & fantastic firework display. The Hoddington Arms managed to provide an evening Festival menu to over 140 people in the marquee and outside garden with 2 bands and a Silent Disco. This was on top of their fully booked, normal restaurant trade.

The prime purpose of the day is to provide a great Autumn event for the families and especially the youngsters of the Upton Grey benefice. We also like to provide a surplus to go to St. Michael's Hospice who provide a dozen volunteers to man the afternoon stalls. This year we were able to donate over £1400.

Photos of the Guy Fawkes and the afternoon and evening events are posted on our web site, www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk together with detailed results.

So be sure not to miss next year's Autumn Festival and put it in your new diaries for Saturday, 29th October, 2016.

Roger Clark.

Newnham & Nately Scures

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New application

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

Approved

T/00377/15/TCA (4th November, reg 5th October) Naishes Barn, Newnham Rd, Newnham. Notice of intent to fell one Scots Pine.

HART EMERGING LOCAL PLAN

All land in the present 'Local Gap' between Hook and Newnham is shortlisted for housing in Hart's emerging Local Plan. This comprises the large site SLA 173 for circa 730 houses, and the two small fields east of Owen's Farm Lane – SHL 9 (Hop Garden) and SHL 130 – for 43 and 44 houses respectively. Hart is about to release two further documents for consultation up to Monday 11th January: 'Refined Options for Strategic New Homes Growth & Site Allocations' and 'Local Plan Vision & Strategic Priorities'. To receive updates from Hook Action Against Overdevelopment please see their website at hookdevaction.org.uk

BASINGSTOKE & DEANE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

The Inspector's public examination ended on 11th November (see SOLVE report). If the Inspector doesn't accept the borough's agreed (and upwardly revised) housing figure of 850 dwellings per annum, the Plan will have to return to further site selection and consultation.



Newnham Clubroom is for hire

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

Next Parish Council meeting 7pm Monday 14th December in the meeting room in Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall. All welcome

Christmas Market

St Swithun's Nately Scures
Saturday 5th December
11.00am until 2.00pm

Christmas Cards & Gifts • Hot Food & Drinks
Christmas Wreaths & Trees • Cards & Calendars
Stalls around & inside the church • Local produce & crafts

Plough Sunday Service

at
St. Swithun's Nately Scures
on
Sunday 17th January 2016 at 11:00
Followed by Ploughman's Pie & Mash Lunch*
in the Tea Barn at Miller's Ark

All are welcome

*No charge for lunch but numbers needed for catering – please call Monica on 01256 321727 or 07702 096810 or @ monica.wardrop@xerox.com

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union actively campaigns on issues that affect children and family life. Throughout the world women and girls are subject to many different forms of violence and abuse because of their gender. The World Health Organisation estimates that one in three of all women around the world will experience domestic abuse at some time in their lifetime. I'm sure you will agree that is a shocking statistic! At this time of year Mothers' Union supports the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence which runs from the 25th November to 10th December by actively campaigning and by working to raise awareness of this issue. In this Diocese we supported this campaign with a silent vigil outside Winchester Cathedral on Wednesday 25th November.

On a happier note, we were very grateful to Waitrose in Yateley for a cheque for £276 from their green token scheme in support of our Child Contact Centre in Hook. This is our main local project, which enables children of separated parents to have contact with their non-resident parent in a safe and fun environment. This is vital to reduce the trauma of relationship breakdown for these children.

And of course Christmas is approaching rapidly! In December our branch will meet for Coffee and Mince Pies at the NextDoor Bistro from 10 am to 12 noon on Thursday, 3rd December. This is a good chance for friends to join us who find it difficult to come to evening meetings.

Then on 21st January 2016 we are meeting at 8 pm in the RAF Church Hall for our Annual Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer, when we think about Mothers' Union members from around the world, many in very different circumstances from our own.

We hope that you enjoy Christmas and wish you an excellent New Year.

To find out more, please ring our Leader, Sue Murphy, 01252 845011

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2015

Whitewater C of E Primary School
invites you to share an evening of festive fun at our
Annual Christmas Fair
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2015 - 5-7pm
ROTHERWICK VILLAGE HALL

RG27 9BL

Snooker table for sale
Contact kcurtis612@btinternet.com for further details

OLD HOUSE AT HOME UPDATE

With thanks to Dan O'Regan, we can confirm that the Old House at Home has been bought by a national pub operating business with the intention of refurbishment prior to re-opening it as a going concern. We are unclear on the level of investment and when the pub will re-open. We are reaching out to the new owners to offer whatever reasonable and practical support we can to help them re-open the pub as quickly as possible, making it commercially successful and a vibrant part of the community. More news and information after we have been in touch with them.



Charity Event!
ROTHERWICK SANTA FUN RUN!
SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER
START TIME: 11.00 AM
Start and Finish at Tyliney Park, Rotherwick, RG27 9AY

HO, HO, HO!!!
Embrace the silly season and join in the fun this December!
Run, jog, walk, stagger, commando crawl, break-dance, shimmy, hop approximately 3km in your finest "festive wear"! Big kids, little kids, dogs, cats, prams, wheelchairs, grannies, Great Uncle Bob and Aunt Nellie, EVERYONE is welcome!

Great prizes! (free tipples)
Mulled Wine Mince Pies

Email - rotherwicksantarun@gmail.com to receive your registration form NOW!
Entry Fee: Adults - £5, 6-16 year olds - £3.50, Under 5's - FREE!

Hampshire Superfast broadband

Hampshire County Council is launching the government's superfast broadband Universal Commitment Scheme. The Scheme is intended as an interim solution for premises that are currently unable to access broadband download speeds of at least 2Mbps. It will provide useable broadband service, pending the future availability of Superfast Broadband services in your area. The Scheme will provide a unique code that can be presented to one of a selected number of retail service providers to obtain a satellite broadband service.

If you currently have less than 2Mbps of broadband speeds available to you then you may be eligible for a subsidy code to install a satellite service.

To find out more please visit this dedicated page on our website: <http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/residents/usc/>

where you can also register your interest.

NEWNHAM LITTER PICK

Many thanks to Debbie, Jeff, Karrin, Kate, Matt, Nicole, Nigel and Peter J who all helped on the recent litter pick. A splendid e mail has been received from a new recruit which I hope is worth repeating, saying "I was not expecting there to be so much litter, but, now that I have become a litter picker, I have become rather obsessed and pick it up on a regular basis". Perhaps there is a lesson here for all of us? John Broughton



SOLVE

Save our
Loddon Valley
Environment



Local Plan Hearing

We have just reached the end of the Local Plan Hearing. A paraphrased summary of a letter, from our Local Councillors to the Gazette, follows:-

Imagine a room full of 'suited and booted' executives from house builders and developers, most of whom don't live anywhere near Basingstoke, telling the Planning Inspector about our Local Plan.

The following points do not matter to them -

- However many homes Basingstoke offers to build, it won't be enough. Plans for Manydown aren't enough; they must build more to the East as well.
- Basingstoke and Deane has built more homes than all their neighbouring Councils, they still need to build more.
- Chineham and Basing have seen the bulk of new houses in recent history, but there's plenty of room for more.
- The majority of residents don't want many more homes even though [The Developers'] mate George, from No. 11, promised 'localism'. What he meant to say was 'tokenism'.
- Residents have concerns over infrastructure, support services, water and sewage. These are unfounded. The only way forward is to raise more money by building more homes!

To cap it all, the Taylor Wimpey representative, commenting on the environmental impact on The Loddon Valley, uttered the following incredible comment. Paraphrasing - "If you walk along the River Loddon, you'll see it's not a very attractive walk. Our plans to build 4000 homes will improve not only the environment and bio-diversity, but also the water quality of the river". We kid you not! You couldn't make it up!

However, this contemptuous and self-serving nonsense from Developers must take the biscuit. Let's hope the Planning Inspector doesn't fall for it!

An updated report, including the full text of the letter, will be posted on the SOLVE website <http://www.solveloddon.org/>

Peter Bloyce

News from your Local Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines in Concert at the Anvil Theatre – Sunday 31 January 2016

Basingstoke Deane Rotary club is one of three local Rotary clubs in our area and is actively involved in supporting local charities, along with a limited number of National and International charities. Raising funds for this support is a substantial challenge. One of our main fundraising events is the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines performing in concert at The Anvil, Basingstoke in January. This special Charity Concert, organised by the Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane, will be on Sunday 31st January 2016 starting at 3pm.

All three previous Rotary Charity Concerts by the Royal Marines Band at the Anvil have played to full houses, and those who enjoyed those concerts will recall the wonderfully talented musicians in this Royal Marines Band, the wide variety of music they play, and the range of emotions they bring with their performances. Accompanied by The Royal Corps of Drummers and special guests The Chelsea Pensioners this concert will be a majestic and very memorable event.

Her Majesty's Royal Marines are a proud part of our military history. They recently celebrated 350 years of loyal service to our country, and rightly hold a place of special respect within our armed forces. This memorable concert would make a terrific Christmas gift for someone special in your family. But given full houses for the three previous events please do book early. Tickets are available through the Anvil Box Office. Tel 01256 844244./anvilarts.org.uk.

Greywell



VILLAGE HALL

To hire the Village Hall please contact isabel.pound@hotmail.com or alibarbarer@aol.com. For Marquee hire (Greywell residents only) contact mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk.



Coffee & Mobile Library...

Please note, there is no Coffee & Mobile Library in December. Dates for the new year will be advised as soon as they become available.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

15/02790/CA (9th November). Manor Farm Buildings, The Street, Greywell. Fell 16 Willows.

15/02684/HOU and 15/02685/LBC (4th November) The Old Vicarage, The Street Greywell. Replacement of existing garage and garden wall including demolition of the existing garage.

15/02673/HOU (9th November) Hobbes, Dorchester Way, Greywell. 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.

15/02649/FUL (3rd November) 4 Dorchester Way, Greywell. Erection of one new detached three-bedroomed dwelling with associated parking and erection of first floor rear extension to existing house.

St Mary's Greywell

This year's candlelit Carol Service is **6pm on Sunday 20th December**.

Do join us for the blessing of the crib, Christmas readings and traditional carols in the Village Church. ALL MOST WELCOME.

Our **Christmas Day service is 10.45am** Family Service where we join together for Carol singing to celebrate our Saviour's Birth. Do come along with all family and friends.

Greywell's WW1 Commemoration

Greywell's WW1 Commemoration took place at the Village Hall over the weekend of 7th and 8th December.

The events began with a series of well attended talks on Saturday by WW1 expert and battlefield guide, Dave Platt who came over from France to deliver his excellent presentations, including a special educational event for the village children.

Over the entire weekend there was a static exhibition in the hall, with information researched about the men from Greywell who fought in WW1 including items loaned by the granddaughter of one the soldiers. There were also items recovered from the battlefields, contemporary books and films. A display of photographs of the village and its residents taken about a hundred years ago proved a popular attraction, creating much interest from villagers in seeing their own homes pictured around the time of WW1.

Air Commodore Mike Barter CBE dedicated a new stone war memorial at a ceremony on Remembrance Sunday, in front of a large gathering outside the village hall and conducted a moving service of Remembrance to the 'Fallen', with the 'Ode' read by Richard Glover, Last Post and Reveille played by a bugler. Inside the hall, Air Commodore Barter dedicated another tribute to the five Greywell Fallen from WW1, made from five Tower of London Poppies, mounted in a glass case. The stories of the five men were mounted on the wall surrounding the case.

On Wednesday 11th November at 11.00am, the Rev Jane Leese conducted a Remembrance Day service at the village Hall to dedicate and bless the new memorial.

If you would like to read more about the Greywell men in WW1 and to view the photographs, visit the village website www.greywell/info WW1 Commemoration.



THE TEAPOT CAFE

will be open from 3pm on **Tuesday 15th December**



NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

The North Warnborough & District Garden Club does not meet in December; however, we wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year, and we look forward to seeing them again at our meeting on Thursday 28th January 2016.

For further information, please telephone 01252 843848.

Children's Christmas Craft Day

Greywell Village Hall
Monday 21st December
13.30am until 16.30pm



Crafts & Present Making • Baking & Icing
Christmas Cards & Gifts • Nativity Play

Come in Nativity Dress (optional) • Tea for parents at end
Further details from Rev'd Jane or Monica 07702 096810

Greywell Hill Estate

LOGS

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(oak, ash, beech, birch et al)

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Church Notices

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

From the Parish Registers...

Holy Baptism

On November 15th at St Swithun's, Nately Scures: Jacob Walters

We welcome him into the family of the church.

Special Church Services in December and January:

Christingle Services: We begin our round of Christingle services in Greywell on November 29th and follow with one at Newnham on December 6th and Mapledurwell on December 13th – all at 4.30pm.

Everyone is welcome, but especially children, as we remember the love of Jesus the light of the world – with the help of juicy oranges, sweets and raisins and candlelight! The collection at these services will be given to the work of The Children's Society.

Christmas Services: These are all listed on the front of this Villager. Come and join us for traditional Christmas carols and readings.

Plough Sunday: January 17th at 11.00am at Nately Scures (the church by Miller's Ark Farm)

This has become a United Parish tradition now as we bless the farmers ploughs and a pot of soil from their land at the beginning of the year. Hopefully we shall have some ploughs lined up outside for the children to look at and after the short, family friendly service we have drinks and a delicious lunch in the barn opposite. Do join us! Names for catering purposes to either Rev. Jane or Monica Wardrop (321727)

Benefice Services

December 27th: there will be a service of Holy Communion at Weston Patrick at 11.00am to which everyone is welcome.

January 31st at 9.45 at All Saints', Odiham. This will be a family service and our guest preacher will be Pete Maidment who is the Chaplain at Lord Wandsworth College. It will be VERY family friendly and we do hope lots of you will come along.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

The midweek communion service in December will be on Thursday December 17th at 11.00am at The Dower House, Greywell. We share in a

Church Services

December 6th

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
4.30pm	Christingle Service	Newnham

December 13th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
11.00am	Morning Service	Greywell
11.15am	Matins	Newnham
4.30pm	Christingle Service	Mapledurwell

For Christmas services, please see the front page

December 27th Benefice Service

11.00am	Holy Communion	Weston Patrick
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January 3rd

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

January 10th

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

January 17th United Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywell
11.00am	Plough Sunday Service	Nately Scures

January 24th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Morning Prayer (said)	Mapledurwell
9.30am	Morning Prayer (sung)	Up Nately
11.00am	Family Service	Greywell

January 31st Benefice Service

9.45am	Family Service	Odiham
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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! Please do come along. If you would like a lift, or for more information, please call Revd Jane (765547). The dates for January are still to be arranged.

Remembering Loved Ones at Christmas

Christmas can be a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones; the loneliness and memories are especially poignant. We shall be remembering them again this year by writing their names on little tags and tying them to the Christmas trees in each of our five churches. There will be spare tags available for you to write the names of your special people.

Diary Dates in December

- 16 Wednesday 11.00am Carols at Heatherside**
- 17 Thursday 11.00am Midweek Communion at Greywell**
- 21 Messy Church for Christmas**
- 22 11.00am Carols at Crossways
3.00pm Carols at Rowan Lodge**

Diary Dates in January

- 11 Monday 6.30pm Nately Scures VCC**
- 12 Tuesday 6.30pm Greywell VCC**
- 26 Tuesday 7.30pm Deanery Meeting with Bishop Tim**

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Dear Friends

I'm writing this letter on November 5th. I have a quiet week this week – the calm before a storm of activity I suspect –

and so I thought I'd get ahead and put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard) while the going's good! But it's not easy to think forward to a message for Christmas and the New Year when we're still in the heart of the autumn. And what a gorgeous autumn it has been. We've had some rain this week, but the last few weeks have been so mild, often sunny and why travel to 'New England in the Fall' to see the trees when we are surrounded here with the most beautiful display of nature's golden wonder. The trees have been spectacular in their autumnal glory - and right on our doorstep! Roland and I enjoyed a long weekend with friends in Edinburgh a couple of weeks ago; my laryngitis has completely cleared up and I can sing again with gusto; I had a lovely birthday tea at Tylney Hall and was very touched by lots of lovely cards and greetings – yes life has been good!

And so I turn to look forward and to think about the weeks that lie ahead: 'your busy time Vicar' as people so often remind me! For us this Christmas is especially significant because Roland will be retiring fully from work and many of you will appreciate the change of routine that that will bring for us in the New Year. He has worked for the same company for almost 23 years and while I think he may well miss the companionship and banter of the office, I know he will not miss commuting to Hammersmith one little bit! So as these next few weeks roll on he will probably become increasingly 'demob happy' while my work load running up to Christmas builds up day by day.

I do love Christmas. I enjoy every carol I sing (and that's a lot!) and every nativity play I see; I enjoy writing and receiving cards and giving and receiving presents. I especially love having my family together, meeting friends, and worshipping in our lovely churches with so many of you. I don't like the commercial bonanza that has grown up around this holy festival, nor do I like the pressure that that puts upon people to buy more and eat more and achieve 'the perfect Christmas' whatever that might be. And I know

of course that for many people Christmas is etched with sadness and memories, that it can be a lonely time, even when you are in the midst of lots of other people.

Christmas is above all a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. We focus our thoughts on a baby – and babies are guaranteed to warm the heart and bring a smile to our faces. It is a birth well worth celebrating because the man that he grew into brought us a whole new way of relating to God and knowing his mercy and love. I am sure God wants us to enjoy Christmas and that he delights in our happiness and joy, in our worship and in our fellowship with one another. But he is also there by our side when we feel alone, sharing in our sadness and offering his peace.

2016 will be a very significant year for Roland and me and we look forward to new opportunities and more time together. It is my prayer every Christmas that all those who come to worship with us won't leave the baby Jesus lying in a manger but will follow his story and come to know him as he grows up. Perhaps for you 2016 will be significant; the year that you not only turn to him for comfort and for strength but also face the challenge he brings of a new way of living and looking at your future.

I do wish you all a very happy Christmas and many blessings in the New Year

With my love

Revd. Jane Leese

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Revd. Peter Dyson

I expect many of you will have heard by now that Peter Dyson, our Benefice Rector has been offered and has accepted the post of Rector of St Saviour's on the island of Jersey. His last service will be on January 17th and he will be welcomed into his new post on February 27th.

Peter has been the priest working primarily in Upton Grey, Tunworth, Weston Patrick and Herriard for the past eleven years and he has been Area Dean for the last five. He has been a popular and extremely energetic 'Vicar' and a very warm and affirming colleague for the other clergy in the benefice. We shall miss him very much but wish him and Nicola all the very best in their new home and parish.

Peter's departure will mean that Rev. Linda Scard, our parish curate, will be spending some of these next six months working in Peter's patch, especially taking Holy Communion services and weddings, funerals and baptisms as they arise. She will be back in the United Parish no later than June 1st so that she and I (Rev Jane) can have a smooth handover before my retirement in July. Linda will be holding the fort here from July 10th until my replacement is appointed – so you can see she is a very able, versatile and willing lady to have as part of our team!

If you would like an opportunity to say goodbye to Peter there will be a Benefice gathering on Sunday January 10th at 12.30pm in Odiham – for exact venue please contact Rev. Jane nearer the time.

Lent 2016

Advance Notice of our 2016 Lent Course

Next year Lent and Easter are very early, so please make a note now of the dates for our 2016 Lent course. We will meet in small groups during the weeks beginning 15, 22 and 29 February, and 7 and 14 March. There will be afternoon and evening groups on a range of different days in the hope that all who wish to join us will find a convenient moment to come along.

The 2016 Diocesan Lent Course is made up of five sessions looking at how we can live the mission of Jesus in our daily lives, and how that is rooted in the Gospels and in Acts. The course aims to give us help in articulating what we believe, and also help in understanding how we can express that to others.

If you would like to be part of a group, please contact Revd Linda Scard on 01256 704 835 or email linda.scard@btinternet.com.

Lent Quiet Day at Alton Abbey: Tuesday February 23rd from 9.00am - 4.00pm. Please let Rev Jane know if you would like to go.

Food Collection during Lent: once again we shall be collecting dried and tinned foodstuffs for the Camrose Centre during Lent. There will be a box in each church. Please be generous.

An Open Meeting with the Bishop of Winchester

If you would like to hear from our Bishop how his plans for our Diocese are taking shape and what has been achieved so far, please come along to St John's Hartley Wintney on Tuesday January 26th, refreshments from 7.00pm, meeting starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.