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



WILL THAT TREE FALL ON YOUR PROPERTY OR ONTO A NEIGHBOUR'S?

In my previous article, we discussed whether any of our trees might be a hazard especially if they were to fall on a public right of way.

Clearly we need to know how tall a tree is in order to determine any risk it may pose to life or property. Actually there are several other occasions when we may need to know tree heights. For instance, the application form to carry out remedial work on a tree in the conservation area asks for

its height and certainly anyone doing the job needs to know how high they might be required to climb!

So here is a rather good method and one that could keep our youngsters busy outdoors for a few moments during the Easter Holidays.

Take a stick and cut it to the length from your chin to the end of your extended arm. Now turn the stick upwards (perpendicularly) in your hand keeping your arm straight out in front of you. Looking along your arm as if you were about to shoot an arrow, line up your fist holding the stick at the base of the tree you are going to measure. Then walk forwards or backwards until the top on the stick is in line with the top of the tree.

Mark your position on the ground, then walk in big strides towards the base of the tree. I like to work in yards and feet, as you need a really big stride to stretch a metre.

Lily Harris is working out the height of the conifer in front of her. She took aim with her fist pointed to the bottom of the tree. She then flipped the stick upright and looked at its top. It came half way up the tree, so she had to walk backwards until both tops were lined up. Bingo!

Striding to its base, the conifer came to 22 metres high – about 72 feet – and certainly not the biggest in Mapledurwell. Are there any trees in our area over 100 feet? Do let me know if you've found our tallest tree!

John Maclean
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United Parish Messy Church News

A Date for your diary-



Please do come along to walk with a donkey from Mapledurwell Village Hall to the Church on Palm Sunday (9th April). We will meet at 8.45am by Mapledurwell Village Hall, setting off on our journey towards the church at 9am. Everybody is very welcome - old and young. We will be met at Church at 9.30am by Bishop Tim for a special Palm Sunday Service.

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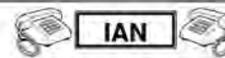
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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Up Nately Coffee Morning



The coffee morning will be a week earlier than usual, Friday 7th April 10-12 at Eastrop Cottage, do come and have a chat and a giggle with your neighbours, children are always welcome! Contact Liz for more information and directions 762059

Tea & Cake Gathering

Maple's Tea & Cake gathering will be held on Thursday, 27th April, 3pm at Meddings Farmhouse, and hosted by Sarah & David Hooper.

Please phone Sarah on 321.838 if you would like to be included. All welcome.

Spring Cleaning

A group of willing ladies will be spring cleaning St Stephens on Thursday 6th April 10-12, if anyone wishes to join you will be most welcome!

Welcome

Welcome to the village of Mapledurwell - Reg and Brenda Fenton who have moved into 5 Oaktree Cottages. They moved to Basingstoke when it was a small town in 1964. We hope they enjoy living in the village with its lovely old church.

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL



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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications

17/00885/HSE (13th March) Burrough Close, Greywell Road, Andwell. Erection of a two storey rear and side extension.

17/00614/HSE (15th March) Hillcrest, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of side and rear extensions, front and side porches, raised roof to provide additional accommodation, replacement chimney and replacement garage with home office/store above.

Applications pending

16/04369/LDEU (10th Feb) Southville, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of mobile home as a dwelling.

16/04585/RET (8th Dec) Pennybridge Farm, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Removal of condition 2 of 13/02230/RET to allow permanent retention of agricultural workers cabin.

16/03715/VLA (6th Oct) 11 Aspen House, The Hollies. Variation of Section 106 agreement to allow sale of property on open market.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Next Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 17th May Annual Parish Assembly 8pm in the Village Hall (preceded by the Parish Council AGM in the Committee Room). All residents of Mapledurwell & Up Nately are warmly invited to attend.

Missing Cat



Have you seen this ginger cat?

He has gone missing from Up Nately, last seen on 18th March.

He is called Sunny, 14 months old, microchipped and neutered and nervous of people he doesn't know.

Please phone 762059 if you see him

Up Nately Safari Supper

This popular event will take place this year on Saturday 10th June 2017. 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.



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

Only one crime of note within the past few weeks, this was overnight of March 20th and 21st 2017 when a flag and pole was stolen from a property next to St Nicholas Church at Newnham. If anyone has any information that may assist please give me a call direct.

I am also appealing for any information concerning this man who we want to speak to concerning an incident in Heather Row Lane on 16th January 2017. If you know who this man is or if it is you please call me direct. He was wearing a distinctive dark blue jacket with logo on the back, can you help?



Cyber security is well in the news at the moment; as such may I provide a very basic guide to help prevent misuse of your computer by criminals:

- Banks and card issuers will never contact you by email to ask for personal or financial details. Never respond to such a message - report to your bank. Any emails from unknown sources should be deleted without opening. Do not open any attachments.
- To report a fraud or online crime contact Action Fraud.
- If actions or words are illegal in the 'real' world it will be illegal online. Just because it has been said online or in a text it doesn't mean you are beyond the law. Saying anything in hate, harassing or threatening could land you in serious trouble with the police and could result in a criminal record.
- When applying for a job, employers will often look at social media profiles to check their suitability.
- Always use legitimate sites when downloading i.e. music, films etc
- Ensure you have anti-virus software installed onto your computer and it is up to date. Install anti-spyware software and always use a firewall.
- If you have a wireless network make sure you password protect it. You can change the user name and password for home hubs to increase your online security. Use a strong password. To make it easy to remember, think of a phrase including letters and numbers such as the first line of your address and remove all of the vowels. You could use the same phrase for every website by adding the first and last letter of the website to the beginning and end of your password respectively.
- Always ensure you update all Apps and operating systems on all internet enabled devices - software producers often send out updates or 'patches'. These are critical for protecting your machines security and online safety.

Andy

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Local Free Range Eggs

Super, free range, organic eggs available from Eastrop Farmhouse, Heather Row Lane, Up Nately.

The eggs are boxed up and ready for sale within 24/48 hours of them being laid.

Most supermarket eggs sold as 'free range' have to reach the shelves by day 8 and cost around £3.

So our box of half a dozen eggs for £1.50 are a real fresh bargain.

It's our children Izzy(14) and Archie(12) who run this enterprising business.



Newnham & Nately Scures

Newnham Clubroom is for hire



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



Litter pick

Our next Village Litter Pick will be held on the 22nd April at 10.00am starting in Church Path.

Everyone is welcome to join in especially the young and the not so young members of the Village.

Any questions, please phone John Broughton on 762490.



Hook Choral Society

DIRECTED BY NICHOLAS WOODS

The Sprig of Thyme John Rutter

A cycle of folk-song settings

Programme also includes:

Mendelssohn *Verleih uns Frieden*
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Rheinberger *Abendlied*
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Lotti *Crucifixus*

with organist Jacquie Harry

7.30 pm Saturday
8th April 2017

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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications pending

17/00619/FUL (17th Feb) Land to the rear of Nately Place, Scures Hill. Erection of a six bedroomed detached dwelling with garage and revised access.

17/00224/FUL (1st Feb) Highview Business Park, The Barracks, Newnham. Erection of one 2-bed, one 3-bed and two 4-bedroomed dwellings, with access and landscaping. Amended scheme to replace that approved at 16/00742/FUL.

16/03282/RET (Amended 20th Jan, reg 15th Sept) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Continued use as a working farm with flexibility to welcome visitors for educational, leisure and therapeutic use (Class D1 and D2) throughout the year with ancillary tea rooms and associated car parking (retrospective).

16/04600/HSE (12th Dec) Well Cottage, Newnham Green. Erection of a single storey side extension and infill front extension, construction of front and rear dormer windows and installation of rooflights.

16/03850/FUL (31st Oct) Land Adjacent To Nately Towers, Scures Hill. Erection of a five-bedroomed dwelling with double garage and creation of a new access.

16/00097/OUT (13th Jan 2016) Land Adjacent to Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Outline planning application for three detached dwellings, including access.

Applications granted

17/00230/FUL (21st March, reg 24th Jan) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. Creation of a new access to serve new detached dwelling approved by planning permission 15/04234/FUL.

17/00143/HSE (15th March reg 18th Jan) 3 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road. Conversion of loft to living accommodation with rooflights to the front and rear elevations.

17/00034/FUL (2nd March, reg 5th Jan) Land Adjoining Scures Hill House, Scures Hill. Erection of one detached dwelling and integral garage (amended application submitted to replace approved 15/04234/FUL).

Applications to be appealed

16/02187/FUL (refused 1st Dec, reg 16th June) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. Three x four-bedroomed dwellings and garages including new access onto the A30, and associated landscaping. The 'Grounds for Appeal' challenges the BDBC Guidance on the interpretation of Policy SS6(e) 'locally agreed need'.

16/01315/FUL (reg 26th April 2016) Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/17/3169774 (22nd March) The Old House At Home. Change of Use A4 Public House to C3 Residential Dwellinghouse. Red Oak Taverns have taken the application to Appeal due to non-determination by the case officer. The Parish Council has requested the appeal assesment to be upgraded from the standard 'written representation' to a hearing.

Local Elections

County Councillor elections for our local Loddon Division will be held on Thursday 4th May.

Parish Assembly

Newnham's Annual Parish Assembly will be held in the Clubroom on Tuesday 16th May, 6.45 for 7.15pm.

We'll have a break from the quiz this year, but will have questions and discussion on issues affecting the villages, including the future of the Old House at Home.

Please join us with family and friends, all ages most welcome.

NEWNHAM & NATELY SCURES

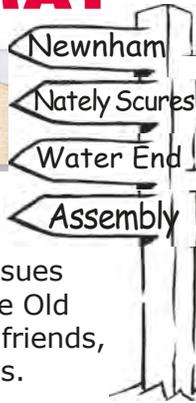


PARISH ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 16TH MAY

To be held in
Newnham Clubroom
Doors open 6.45pm

All residents are warmly invited

We'll have a break from the quiz this year, but there will be questions and discussion on issues affecting the villages, including the future of the Old House at Home. Please join us with family and friends, all ages most welcome. Refreshments as always.



Old House at Home

Many of you will be aware that Red Oak Taverns is taking its planning application for change of use for the Old House at Home to Appeal. Everyone who registered their objections have been contacted by BDBC and told that they have until the 24th April to respond.

Do you need to write again?

If you have new things you wish to say, then you may make a further representation. Otherwise you can just write and say: 'I objected before and wish my previous comments to be taken into account.'

Dale Ingram from Planning for Pubs will continue to represent the Parish Council. Dale has requested that the appeal examination be held at public hearing and we have asked Maria Miller to support this request.

United Parish Easter Messy Church

Easter Egg Hunt / Crafts / Picnic tea

St Nicholas' Church Newnham
Wednesday 12th April 2pm - 4.30pm

All welcome - Free of Charge - for more information and to reserve a place, please contact Rhona on gilesandrhone@greywell.eclipse.co.uk or speak to Revd Linda Scard



Newnham Open Gardens

Sunday 18th June

1.30 - 5pm

Thank you to all who have said they will open their gardens this year. Do let us know if you would like to open or if you would just like to know more about what is involved. Volunteers to help on the day are most welcome!

Think about us when you are busy in the garden. We would be grateful for any plants surplus to requirements for our plant stall. We have always been able to provide a most interesting array of plants.

Any questions, please contact Philippa Heffner (760139) or Jackie O'Regan (762407).

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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Applications

17/00710/LDC Westwood House Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BT. The Construction of four number dormers to the side elevations of the existing Chalet.

17/00687/HOU Old Chapel Deptford Lane Greywell Hook Hampshire RG29 1BS. Alterations to roof including the removal of flat roof at rear and the pitched roof at front to be raised and extended to cover the rear. Installation of 2no conservation roof lights.

Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning Saturday 20th May 10.00 am – 12.30 pm



- Plants
- Produce
- Tombola
- Raffle
- Refreshments

Donations of produce, plants and items for the tombola and raffle gratefully received

The hall will be open from 6-7pm on Friday the 19th May (and on the day) for donations – plants, produce and prizes (for the tombola and raffle). Alternatively please deliver to No 3 Dorchester Way

Hart to Home By Cllr. John Kennett

In February we had an extra Cabinet meeting with only one item on the agenda, namely to agree the preferred distribution of houses in the emerging Local Plan.

In addition to the seven Conservative) Cabinet members, there were about ten councillors from other parties, who are not Cabinet members and do not vote, and 40 residents present. We had 2 hours of questions and discussion and ended with agreement on a plan for where the other 4,500 houses we are required to provide should be built. 2,100 will be built on "brownfield sites" at Hartland Village (formerly Pyestock), the old Sun microsystems offices on junction 4a of the M3 and redevelopments in Fleet and Hook.

The major greenfield site is about 1,800 houses at Murrell Green with provision for a new secondary school and then the remainder comprises extensions to most existing villages in the District, including 120 dwellings in Odiham, 25 in South Warnborough and 10 in Long Sutton. There are no new houses planned for Greywell.

There are various questions still to be resolved about some sites and also about a proposed uplift to meet the "objectively assessed need" for more affordable housing. In addition to wanting more information on the uplift members queried the further increase needed to pay for the affordable housing. Existing policy in Hart and most councils in England calls for 40% of houses on larger developments to be affordable and this proportion would not provide the number of affordable houses required.

All in all, the meeting reached a reasonable compromise although it could have gone very badly. Major disagreement would have delayed matters and could have jeopardised the timescale of the Local Plan. If plans are not finalised by the end of the year the Government is making all sorts of threats, including some which could push Hart and other councils into bankruptcy.

If you would like advice on any matter relating to Hart District Council, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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From the Parish Registers...

Funeral Services

March 20th at Basingstoke Crematorium, Margaret Tyler
March 22nd at Basingstoke Crematorium, Jean Blake
May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

March 5th at St. Mary's, Mapledurwell, Imogen Darracott
March 12th at St. Mary's Mapledurwell, Frederick Britcliffe
We welcome these little ones into the family of the Church.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

We next meet in the warm and welcoming home of Lady Nell at The Dower House in Greywell on Thursday 6th April at 11 am. We have a traditional service, with a chance to discuss the gospel reading, to offer our own prayers and then to enjoy coffee, cake and conversation before we go home! We'd love you to join us – and if you would like to hear more about it, or would like a lift, please contact Rev Linda Scard.

Diary dates in April:

- 5th April – Final week of Lent Course
- 7th April – Lent Lunch, Nately Scures
- 9th April – Bishop Tim's visit to United Parish
- 12th April – Messy Church afternoon
- 26th April – Annual Church Meeting at Mapledurwell Village Hall, 8pm.

Church Services

April 2nd

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

April 9th Palm Sunday

9.30am	Palm Sunday Family Communion	Mapledurwell
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This is the only service in the United Parish on this day

April 13th Maundy Thursday

7.30pm	Benefice Service	Odiham
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April 14th Good Friday

11.00am	Hymns and Reflections	Mapledurwell
2.00pm	Walk of Witness	Greywell

April 16th Easter Day

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Family Service	Greywell
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Newnham

April 23rd

9.30am	Family Communion	Up Nately
9.30am	Morning Prayer (said)	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Morning Service	Greywell

April 30th

11.00am	Baptism Celebration Family Service	Newnham
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Special Church Services in April

9th April Palm Sunday with Bishop Timothy Dakin

Join us at 9 am at Mapledurwell Village Hall to walk to St Mary's church accompanied by our Palm Sunday donkey. Or come along to the Family Communion Service which will start at 09.30. Either way, come along to meet Bishop Tim and to hear the Bishop preach on this very important day in the church's calendar.

13th April Maundy Thursday

As always, we worship with our sister churches across the Benefice with a service of Holy Communion at All Saints' Odiham at 7.30pm. A very good way to begin the Easter weekend.

14th April Good Friday

We offer two quite different services for this most sombre and holy day of the church year. At 11.00am at St. Mary's, Mapledurwell, there is a service of hymns and reflective talks, while at 2.00pm we shall be making a Walk of Witness in Greywell. We meet by the waterworks on Deptford Lane and end with a prayer and reflection in the church.

16th April Easter Day

Each of our churches has a service to celebrate Easter. Do join us!

30th April Baptism Celebration Family Service

Do come along to a United Parish Baptism Celebration Family Service at Newnham.

The Annual Church Meeting will be on Wednesday April 26th 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 preparing for the changes that lie ahead for our benefice. Do join us. Coffee will be served from 7.45pm.

From Reverend Linda Scard

As I type I'm looking at a beautiful bunch of yellow daffodils and white tulips in a jam jar wrapped in blue tissue paper, and to boot the sun is shining through the window behind me and feels really quite warm on my back. Can spring be around the corner? I just love this season of new life, fresh growth and the promise of long days to come.

The flowers were given to me at the end of a baptism on Sunday. Although traditionally we don't have flowers in church during Lent, the 40 days when Jesus was in the desert being tempted by the devil, we saw no harm in allowing these lovely little signs of spring and new life for our family service. After all, a new life being welcomed into fellowship with Christ is what baptism is all about.

Most of us were baptised as babies, of course, and it was our parents and godparents who committed to the baptismal promises on our behalf. For our Lent Course this year we're thinking about a different one of those promises each week. Lent is a period when Christians take time out to reflect on their relationship with God as we prepare for Easter – it isn't only about giving up chocolate and wine! – and it's no bad thing to think afresh about these baptismal promises now that we're adults.

In baptism we're called out of darkness and into God's marvellous light. A lighted candle is given to the child (via a parent!) to represent the light of Christ and we all pray that the child will walk in this light throughout life and shine as a light in the world.

As you might expect, this doesn't come out of nowhere. At Christmas we probably all heard the reading from St John's Gospel that describes the birth of Jesus. John called Jesus the Word of God made flesh, coming to live with us. He also spoke about the Light that enlightens everyone coming into the world, a light that shines in the darkness, and that cannot be extinguished. When Jesus was preaching, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12).

Leading up to Good Friday people tried very hard to extinguish that light. At one point it even looked as though they'd succeeded, as darkness covered the earth and Jesus died on the cross. But as we light our Easter (or Paschal) candle on Easter Sunday we proclaim his resurrection. Jesus is alive, and is the light for all people.

But Jesus also said, 'You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others ...' (Matthew 5:14, 16). As we reflect on our baptismal promises this Lent, perhaps we can also reflect on how we can shine as the light of Christ in the communities in which we live. May we be a light to one another.

Revd Linda Scard



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All children of (or linked with) our United Parish are
most welcome to join us for

Easter Holiday Messy Church

Outdoor Egg Hunt (bring wellies if wet!)
Picnic Tea

Crafts and making Easter decorations
Songs and Easter activities

Newnham Church – St Nicholas'
Wednesday 12th April 2-4.30pm

(Just in time to make last minute decorations for Easter weekend!)

Free of charge and picnic tea provided

Please let us know if you'd like to come along by emailing Rhona on

gilesandrhona@greywell.eclipse.co.uk

Or speak to Revd Linda Scard



Also ... Don't forget you can come along and join the Donkey procession on
Palm Sunday (9th April) – meet at Mapledurwell Village Hall anytime between
8.45am and 9.00am when we will set off towards St Mary's Church
(Mapledurwell), following our own little donkey!