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

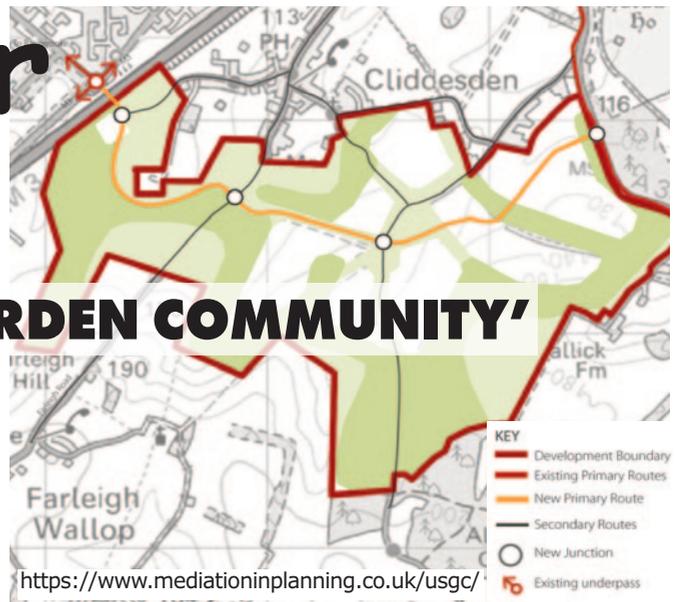
PROPOSAL FOR NEW 'GARDEN COMMUNITY'

Portsmouth Estates has published a concept proposal for a new development of 2,500 houses south of the M3.

'Upper Swallick Garden Community' would stretch from the A339 at Winslade, all around and immediately south of Cliddesden up to the M4 in the west (map attached) covering an area of circa 296 hectares.

The majority of the proposed site is in Cliddesden with the south western fringes extending into Farleigh Wallop, and all in the open countryside. Arguably the proposal will bring the townscape of Basingstoke into the North Hampshire Downs.

The concept map shows a high street, local centres, and incorporates Cliddesden school; the proposal includes 'affordable housing, employment facilities, new school, medical facilities, improved transportation and utility infrastructure, open space, leisure facilities'. It has been submitted for consideration as part of BDBC's Local Plan Update, intended to feature in the initial 'Issues and Options' consultation. The consultation is scheduled for September; a draft document has already been released



and is on the Mapledurwell & Up Nately, and Newnham, Parish Council websites.

An action group – STaNHd: Stand up for the North Hampshire Downs – has already been set up by local people of the view that: 'The proposal represents an attempt to extend Basingstoke southwards and if permitted would represent the start of a process of house building in the North Hampshire Downs area that would continue for many decades and result in the loss of outstanding landscape, agricultural land, and destroy the countryside in Southern England.'

BDBC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Basingstoke & Deane's current Local Plan was adopted in May 2016 and covers the period from 2011 (when the previous Local Plan ended) up to 2029.

However and importantly, national government guidance now promotes the concept of an 'on-going cycle of plan-making and review', reinforced by a legal requirement to review Local Plans every five years.

BDBC has been preparing for its five-year review which will need to take into account changes in national planning policy, including the evolving approach for assessing housing need. It will also extend the Plan Period up to 2039. In preparation, the borough made a further 'call for sites' to update the SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment).

A number of evidence documents are being compiled to inform the Local Plan Update including:

Water Cycle Study (WCS) and Strategic Floodrisk Assessment (SFRA) 'The WCS will assess the capacity of the borough's water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure to accommodate any future growth – and consider the impact of growth on the borough's water environment. The SFRA will identify flood risk across the borough from all sources, including from rivers and surface water.'

Landscape Character Assessment & Landscape Capacity study 'The Character Assessment will identify and describe the variation in character of the borough's landscape, while the Capacity Study will consider the landscape capacity and sensitivity of sites – regarding their relative suitability to accommodate future development.'

Basingstoke Urban Design Framework An assessment of the design policies within the current Local Plan, considering to what extent they could be made more effective and locally specific.

Other updated evidence documents will include the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), Economic Needs Assessment, Transport Assessment, Retail & Town Centre Study, Settlement Study and Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment.

The Borough Council will hold public consultations on the Local Plan Update, the first being an *Issues and Options* Consultation due to be published in September. The proposal for a 'Garden Village' will feature as an option.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

MARION FRENCH

'Marion Margaret French
1930 - 2020 Aged 89

'It is with great sadness that the family of Marion announce her passing on 4th June 2020.

'The funeral, attended by her family, took place on 23rd June and her ashes will be interred in the churchyard at St Stephen's at a later date

'Marion leaves behind her husband, Harry, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

'Marion and Harry, who were married for 71 years, moved to Heather Lane, Up Nately, from Greywell on Boxing Day 1984.'

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'We were sad to hear of the death of Marion French; she had been unwell for some time, with carers helping daily.

'Marion and Harry have lived in their bungalow for many years. They kept to themselves, but delivering the *Villager* to them each month, gave me the chance to have a chat with them if they happened to be outside in their immaculate garden.

'I well-remember Marion giggling when she told me the special squirrel-proof bird feeder, hanging in an Oak tree, would close up as soon as a squirrel would try get to it and fall off!

'We send our sincere condolences to Harry and his family for their loss.' Liz Preece



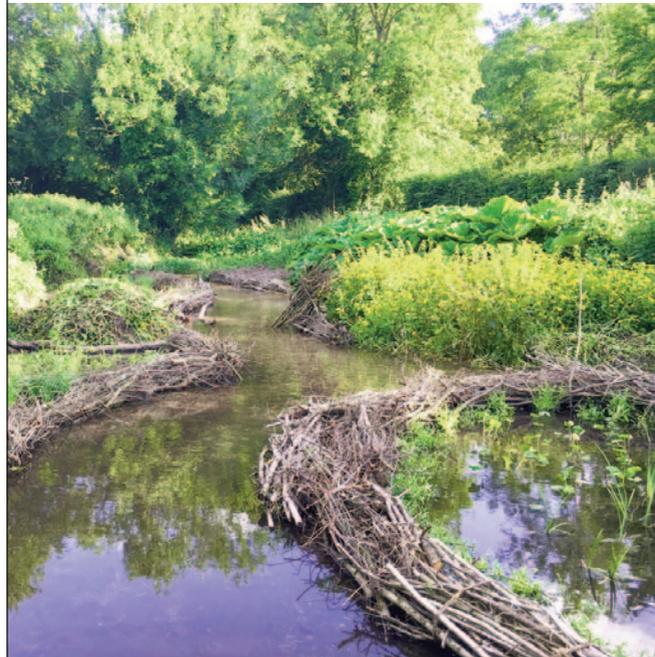
Tennis The lock on the tennis courts will be changed on the 1st July to a combination. Mapledurwell & Up Nately residents who wish to use the courts should please contact hugocubitt@gmail.com for the code.

Allotments The Parish Council is keen to encourage more allotment-holders. If you are interested in taking on a plot please contact parish councillor Paul French, or email clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk

Playground The play area will be reopened from 4th July. Please make every effort to maintain social distancing.

FROG LANE CHALK STREAM

First phase of the replanting



First half of an island planted



Structural reeds uncovered behind the all-pervasive yellow monkey flower ...

... as lies ahead for the Autumn



PHOTOS: Colin Robertson

Planning applications

20/01350/LBC (validated 23 June)
Andwell Mill, Andwell Lane.
Internal wall reconfigurations.

20/01257/HSE and
20/01258/LBC (validated 19 May)
Mead House, Heather Row Lane,
Up Nately. Two storey rear
extension.

20/01107/FUL (pending - 18
May) Ivy House, Tunworth Road.
Replacement field shelter in
existing horse paddock.

20/00901/FUL (pending - 2 April)
The Gamekeepers, Tunworth

Road. Detached double garage.

20/00060/HSE (pending - 03 Mar)
The Farm, Tunworth Road. Single
storey rear extension.

20/00153/FUL (pending - 24 Jan)
Elmwood, Heather Lane.
Demolition of outbuilding and
erection of 1 x five-bed detached
dwelling with associated access
and landscaping.

20/00009/PIP (pending - 03 Jan)
Nunnery House, Tunworth Road.
Application for Permission in
Principle for conversion of an
agricultural building to 1 dwelling.

'Monkey flower' (*Mimulus guttatus*) can look very pretty, but is non-native and invasive and when forms dense stands, can displace native riparian plant communities

Newnham & Nately Scures

Parish planning applications

20/01213/HSE (Validated 23 June) ,
Naishes Barn garden, Newnham Road.
Construction of a domestic swimming pool and associated landscaping

20/01230/HSE (Validated 8 June)
Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane. Erection of a single storey rear extension with roof terrace above and external stairs to garden. Alterations to fenestration to include two new external doors.

120/00596/RET (Granted 24th June)
Roshbearton, Blackstocks Lane.
Variation of conditions 1 and 4 of 19/01832/HSE to allow amendments to approved plans incl change to roof tiles.
20/00457/HSE (Granted 27th May)
Painters Pightle, Blackstocks Lane.
Erection of a single storey side extension and front porch.

20/00283/FUL (Granted 12 June) Land
Adjacent to Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane. Detached dwelling with double garage and store over, associated site access, car parking and landscaping.

19/03224/LDEU (Pending - 29th Nov)
Manor Farm, Newnham. Certificate of lawfulness for the continued siting of a caravan used as farm workers' dwelling.

19/02070/ROC (Pending - 12th Aug)
Land to the Rear of Nately Place, Scures Hill. Variation of condition 1 of 17/00619/FUL to amend plans.

Tree applications

T/00272/20/TCA (Validated 24 June)
Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Acacia tree: crown reduce to suitable growth points approx 4-5m.

T/00232/20/TPO (Validated 3 Jun 2020)
11 The Baredown, Nately Scures RG27 9JT. Area G2: 1 Spruce: fell.

T/00161/20/TCA (Approved 24th June)
Beech House, Newnham Road. Oak (T1) c22m high - reduce by 7m due to excessive shading. Ash (T2) c20m - fell - excessive shading and poor condition/rot. Ash (T3) c21m - reduce by 5m due excessive shading. Ash (T4) c18m - reduce by 5m - excessive shading and proximity to overhead telephone/power lines.

MSA J6 M3 – MOTO

17/03487/FUL Construction of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA). Further consultation on additional documents. HCC Highways have responded 'no objections with conditions'.

REOPENING 4TH JULY



<https://www.oldhousenewnham.uk/> facebook.com/oldhousenewnham/

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE CYCLE RIDE

A reminder that, with the cancellation of this year's Big Wheel event, Chris and John Broughton will doing their own sponsored cycle ride for the Hospice which will be 25 miles and planned for the 18th July. If you can support, then that would be great news...

BACS, Friends of St Michael's Hospice, Sort Code 30-93-32, Account No 01188861 Reference – your surname and 'C&JBcycle'.

Many thanks in advance, John and Chris Broughton.
01256 762490 cjbroughton@talktalk.net



Enquiries please contact 07435 782 122. Future bookings are still being taken, understanding this will be subject to guidance as it unfolds.



Crown Lane Works on the embankment stabilisation

'We will be carrying out Ground Investigation works which involve an element of drilling at track level between 0100 and 0700 on the following three Sunday mornings.

June 28th, July 5th & 12th

'The line closures will also be used to enable maintenance works.'

The Villager



Dear Residents

Most copies of the *Villager* are still being delivered electronically due to COVID-19.

For the future could you please let us know if you would prefer to receive a pdf or printed copy?

Please contact 07515 777060 clerk.newnham@parish.hants.gov.uk or any member of the Parish Council.

In line with the provisions of GDPR (the General Data Protection Regulations), Newnham Parish Council takes the protection of your personal data seriously and we will only use your email address for the agreed purpose and will not pass your details to any third party.

Newnham & Nately Scures

SITES OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

Draft Plan for the Management of Newnham Green

Ref Proposal by Marion Stainton and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre 2005

With reference to the *Villager* article (April 2020): 'Newnham Green is designated a SINC (Site of Interest for Nature Conservation). The Parish Council is looking to achieve a maintenance programme which is compatible with its SINC and its Village Green status, with mown paths and an area for games.'

The Parish Council has a written contract with the Malmesbury Charitable Trust to 'mow and maintain Newnham Green'. The draft Plan outlined below is based on the Management Proposal drawn up by Marion Stainton in 2005 in association with Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC). While a scaled-back version of the earlier best-practice but labour-intensive proposal, this Plan is hopefully a step in the right direction and can be monitored and modified accordingly. New wildlife areas can be introduced a section at a time if this is found to be working successfully. It should gradually result in less diesel and man/machine hours being needed for mowing and strimming

POND UPDATE

Pete West, North-East Hants Officer & Safeguarding Lead Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG)

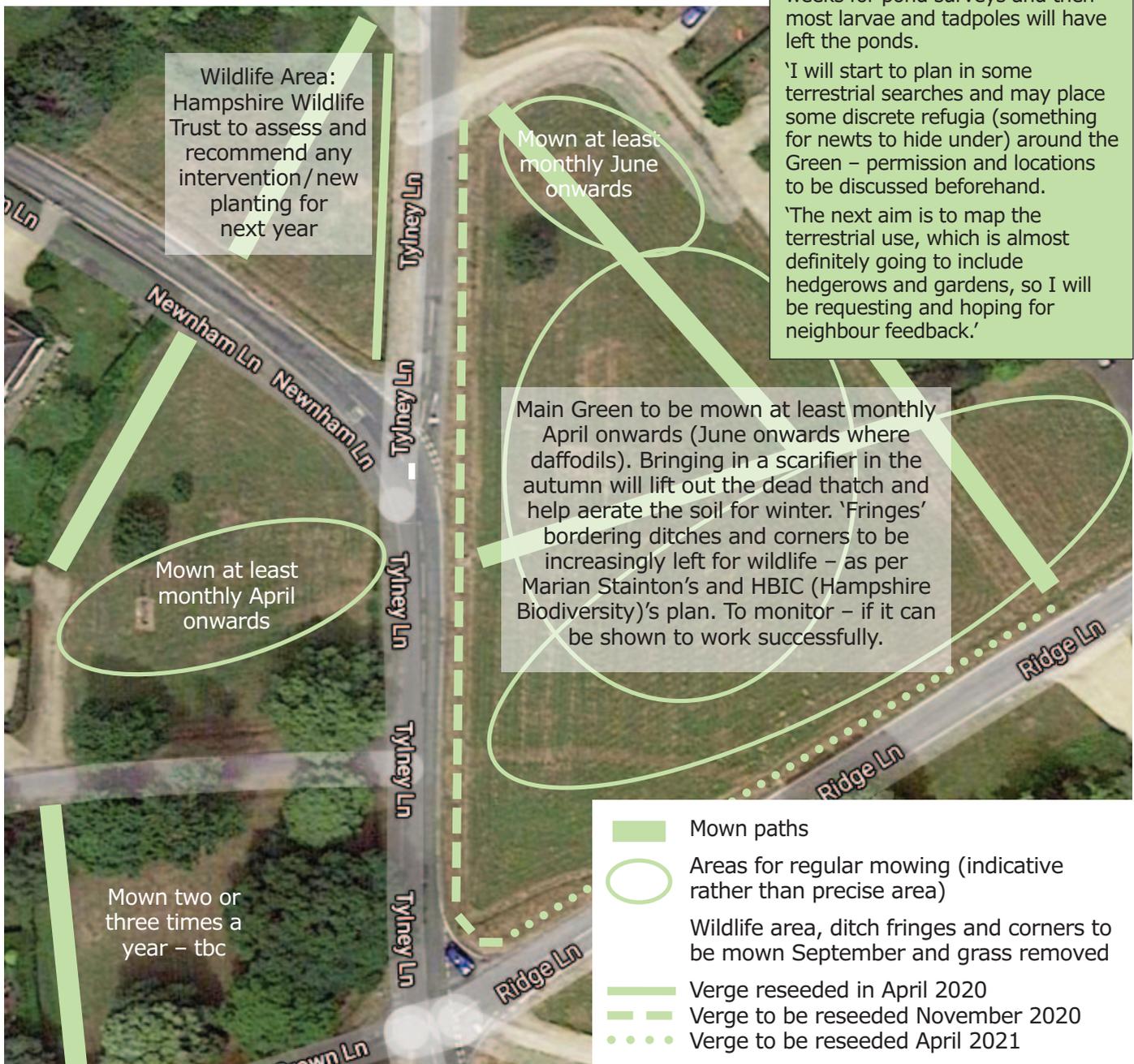
Survey Saturday 27th June

'We didn't survey the whole pond, just one quarter to avoid impacting too much on the *Crassula*.

'The newt larvae are progressing well and some of the GCN larvae were a good size. I think we will have about another three to four weeks for pond surveys and then most larvae and tadpoles will have left the ponds.

'I will start to plan in some terrestrial searches and may place some discrete refugia (something for newts to hide under) around the Green – permission and locations to be discussed beforehand.

'The next aim is to map the terrestrial use, which is almost definitely going to include hedgerows and gardens, so I will be requesting and hoping for neighbour feedback.'



HAMPSHIRE & IOW AMPHIBIAN & REPTILE GROUP

Sampling from Newnham Green Pond 28th May

Great Crested Newt



GCN larvae



Smooth Newt



PHOTOS: Pete West

Pete West, North-East Hants Officer & Safeguarding Lead Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG)

HIWARG a non-profit volunteer group actively involved in the conservation of all native species of reptiles and amphibians. We work with over 30 organisations and land managers, such as Forestry England, National Trust, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and local authorities, among others.

We carry out surveys, provide population and distribution data and offer specific advice on habitat management to our land managers. We also take part in habitat management tasks, such as scrub clearance, remedial work or creating new habitats.

I am a licensed surveyor of Great Crested Newts (*Triturus cristatus*) for HIWARG, and I'm currently focusing on Hook, Newnham and Rotherwick, as we have some small and isolated populations scattered across the area.

Great Crested Newts are the largest of the three native species, which also include the Smooth Newt and the Palmate Newt. Great Crested Newts are generally a dark brown to black, with a rough warty skin and their bellies are orange with black spots. In the spring, males develop an impressive

jagged crest along their back and a white 'flash' along the tail.

Great Crested Newts are protected under both UK and EU law, making it a criminal offence to kill, injure, capture or disturb them, as well as to damage or destroy their habitat

I am very interested in surveying as many of the ponds in and around Newnham as possible to get a better understanding of the local population. If you have a pond, or have Great Crested Newts in your garden (they spend most of their life on land, only returning to water to breed) and wish to help us or find out more, please email me at petewest74@hotmail.com to discuss this project further.

I would like to stress that we are not trying to obstruct local development or home improvement, just to focus on the conservation of this iconic species.

Please contact petewest74@hotmail.com

We have a public Facebook group if you'd like to follow our activities, and a website with additional information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/455730808110700/>

<https://groups.arguk.org/hiwarg>

LEGISLATION PROTECTING NESTING BIRDS

'Bird Nesting Season' is officially from February until August (ref Natural England) and it is recommended that vegetation works (tree or hedge cutting) should be done outside of the nesting season. In reality the nesting period may start before this and extend beyond it. The busiest time for nesting birds is from 1st March until 31st July and of course varies according to species, etc.

The attached (right) and below is taken from the RSPB website...

'It will be an intentional act, for example, if you or your neighbour know there is an active nest in the hedge and still cut the hedge, damaging or destroying the nest in the process.'

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is the primary legislation which protects animals, plants and habitats in the UK

About the Act

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, a wild bird is defined as any bird of a species which is resident in or is a visitor to the European Territory of any member state in a wild state.

Game birds however are not included in this definition (except for limited parts of the Act). They are covered by the Game Acts, which fully protect them during the close season.

Basic protection All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is thus an offence, with certain exceptions, to:

- Intentionally kill, injure or take any wild bird.
- Intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.
- Intentionally take or destroy the egg of any wild bird.



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/wildlife-and-the-law/wildlife-and-countryside-act/>

Greywell

GREYWELL CAFE

If anyone feels isolated and would like a chat we are available.

Jackie (702859) and Libbie (702978)

Planning Applications

20/01338/LBC Old Wharf House Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BT. Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached garage with habitable accommodation at first floor. Extension of hardstanding area and relocation of existing retaining wall.

20/01306/HOU Old Wharf House Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BT. Erection of a single storey rear extension and elevational alterations.

20/01307/LBC Old Wharf House Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BT. Internal reconfiguration, relocation of some external architectural features and erection of a single storey rear extension.



NEWS FROM ODIHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL

Although the hospital's doors closed to patients and clients in mid-March, behind the scenes, staff continue to provide services within COVID-19 guidelines, ensuring the vulnerable within our community remain supported throughout these very difficult times.

Age Concern Hampshire staff have used OCH as a base to support their local day centre clients and the wider community through referrals from Hart DC and Adult Services. They have been keeping in touch through wellbeing phone calls and carrying out shopping trips, pharmacy runs and other essential errands. More recently a "sitting service" has been launched to provide a few hours respite to those families whose loved one lives with dementia and this has proved very popular.

The OCH Befriending Service has continued to support their patients with telephone calls and follow up throughout the pandemic. Whilst face to face contact has necessarily been suspended, a long-term relationship between befrienders and patients has been invaluable and a life-line to those who are isolated.

Out in the community, the link nurses Liz Good and Jackie Hordle based at Whitewater Health and all members of the local NHS Rural East Community Nursing Team and St Michael's Hospice Community Palliative Care Team, have worked with increasing demands on their limited resources. Although it is generally recognised that the surge in hospital admissions of patients suffering from COVID-19 was not as great as originally planned for, there remain a high number of patients at home who have needed extra nursing care, some as result of the coronavirus.

We do hope that you and your loved ones have been safe and well throughout the crisis, but if you feel we can help, please do contact me.

We are working towards re-opening our shops in Odiham, Hartley Wintney and Old Basing in July, but trading hours may be reduced and there will be new arrangements for donations. Please call your local store to find out more and watch for further announcements.

Ginny East, Manager

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North Hampshire Downs Mother's Union

This summer will be very different for everyone. Instead of looking forward to a holiday, to travelling and exploring other places or relaxing on the beach, I expect many of us will be staying at home!

The biggest project run by Mothers' Union in Winchester is their week-long "Away From It All" family holiday which is run August for families who desperately need a chance to get away from their difficult circumstances. This project has been running since the 1960s, but unfortunately this year we have had to cancel it because of the threat of COVID-19 both to our team members and to the vulnerable families we want to support. We very much hope that we will be able to run the holiday in the summer of 2021.



For the AFIA holiday, our Mothers' Union team takes over the Lodge Hill residential centre in East Sussex for a week, and provides meals and activities for the families, all with a Christian ethos. They run crafts and games for the children to allow the adults to get some much-needed relaxation, and they also organise a trip to the seaside at Littlehampton.

There are many stories of how this holiday has changed people's lives for the better. It has helped to keep families together, and to help people fight their addictions. Back in 2005, Neil Obbard went on the holiday reluctantly at the request of his wife while he was a soldier suffering from PTSD and drinking heavily. His experience of God's love on that holiday changed his life around completely, and he now works for the Church Army as the lead evangelist for a Missional Youth Church in a deprived area of Leeds. He has written a very powerful book about his life (One Shot, One Kill, One Mission) and how that week-long holiday brought him back from the brink of suicide. He is now one of the team leaders for our AFIA Holiday, and is joined on the team by two members of All Saints in Odiham, Claire Lymer and Phoebe Tunstell.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on sue@the-murphys.me.uk or 01252 845011.

Dear Residents,

It has obviously been some months since residents last had a Police update in this magazine, as such I will provide a brief overview of what has been happening within our area.

Overall I was extremely impressed in how the majority of residents acted within the lock-down period, remaining at home, not travelling etc. I did however, receive reports of some who broke the rules by having strangers call on them from outside the district and others meeting up in locations to hold 'business' meetings!!



Crime generally slowed during the lock-down although three of the five months of 2020 have seen a rise in reported crime from the same period in 2019 across the twenty-two parishes covered; that said, I am pleased to report that within that area we have had no reported house burglaries during the whole of 2020. Sadly I cannot say the same for outbuildings, sheds etc. in which we have had forty-four compared to seventeen during the same period in 2019. I continue to urge residents to protect their property, make sheds secure, use alarms and lighting, record serial numbers of equipment and take photographs as well as inscribe your post code to aid recovery if found.

In Newnham several crimes were reported at The Fosters Business Park over several weeks. More recently on June 2nd 2020 tools was stolen from a park works tipper vehicle in Ridge Lane, Newnham. Later the same day a complete catalytic converter exhaust system was stolen from a vehicle parked on the side of the A30 at Nately Scures whilst the owner was working nearby.

At 04:40 am on June 4th 2020, a barn was broken into at a farm outside Newnham in which a black 4x4 was used to steal a stump grinder worth over £20:000. We are aware that the vehicle travelled up Newnham Lane and into Ridge Lane then onward through Rotherwick, if any has any CCTV for the route that may assist please give me a call direct. Overnight of June 26th / 27th a log used to prevent access onto a farm also in Newnham Lane was removed and left in the middle of the road; we are linking both these crimes.

Overnight of June 6th and 7th a bird scarer used to try to stop pigeons etc. from decimating the crops was stolen from Andwell Drove, Mapledurwell.

The lock-down brought people from outside the area to walk and exercise, whilst the majority were good and stuck to the footpaths, several did not and I received various calls where people have simply walked wherever they wanted through various wildlife habitats and leaving gates open allowing livestock to escape. In one incident, a Basingstoke resident's dog was involved in a sheep-worrying incident in which a sheep died as a result. The person was located and suitable enforcement action has been taken.

I continue to urge all dog owners from all areas, to please keep their dogs under strict control and on leads near livestock. I further add that everyone when walking please stick to the footpaths of which we have many; frequently lawful snares and traps are in use along with lawful poisons for rats etc. as part of vermin control. These are being used lawfully and away from the footpaths on private land and away from public access areas as such they are of no threat, harm or danger if you and your dog are on the footpaths, this is not a scare tactic, it is a fact that walkers need to be aware of.

Away from crime related matters, I wish to thank all those that took time to help and organise support and care for the more vulnerable within our areas, you did and continue to do an excellent job.

And finally as we move into the next phase of COVID19, please remain safe and follow the guidelines and if you have any information in relation to any crime, please give me a call direct.

Many thanks for your continued support

Andrew Reid, Local Constable

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LETTER FROM THE CURATE

Like you I'm sure, I've been involved in many conversations across our villages over the last few months of 'lockdown', where people have described how the big changes that have been taking place have made them feel. Some have reported feeling confused, anxious and uncertain about the future. These are indeed strange and changing times we're living through.

So what is unchanging and constant in our lives today?

I read an account recently of how Handley Moule, when he was Bishop of Durham, had the task of visiting the relatives of 170 miners who had been killed in a mining accident. While he was wondering what to say to them, he picked up a little bookmark his mother had given him. As he held it up, on the reverse side of the handwoven bookmark there was a tangled web. There was no rhyme, no reason, no pattern, nothing. But on the other side it said, 'God is love'.

The world – particularly at the moment – often seems to us like a tangled web. Sometimes we can't work out what's going on or why we're suffering in the way we are. But the claim of Jesus and the Scriptures is that behind it all is the love of God. Even though things may seem very difficult for us to understand now, God is working out his loving purposes in the world.

God can weave a pattern from the threads of our lives – including the suffering, heartaches and even our mistakes, and make something beautiful. As a member of one of our local churches recently reflected in one of our weekly 'encouragement spots', the apostle Paul tells us that 'in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose' (Romans 8:28).

Whenever I've felt unsettled by changes over the last few months, I've found it really helpful to take a moment of quiet, to remind myself of three things. Firstly, as Bishop Moule's bookmark reminded him, God is love, and he wants us to know him and to experience his unconditional love. Secondly, that this love, God's love for us, is unchanging and eternal. In Psalm 136 the writer says 'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.' We can be confident that even in the midst of so much change, God's love for us is constant. And thirdly, that in all the 'tangles' of our new normal, God is working for our good.

So let's take time in the midst of so much change, to pause and to reflect on these eternal truths, that God loves us more than we can imagine, that his love endures forever and is unchanging, and that he is working for our good.

With best wishes,

Chris

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon - Curate, All Saints Church, Odiham - chris@moretolife.church

Reopening Churches

The government and House of Bishops has given permission for churches to reopen for individual prayer only. It is expected that over time permission will be extended to allow a phased return to public worship, weddings, funerals and baptisms.

In the North Hampshire Downs churches we have planned a phased approach to the reopening of churches for private prayer. The requirements for distancing and infection control are, not surprisingly, demanding. Individual churches will let their congregations know of the new arrangements, and the arrangements for all twelve churches will be kept up to date on the website moretolife.church.

Reopening will take time and effort but is excellent news. Meanwhile, the streamed services will continue - usually a "Thought for the Day" at 8.30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, then on Sundays a traditional service at 10.00am and a more informal service at 11.15. Please click on the links to the YouTube channel on moretolife.church or search YouTube for North Hampshire Downs Churches.

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From the Parish Registers

Funerals

3 June Basingstoke Crematorium, Michael Franks of Mapledurwell

4 June St Mary's Mapledurwell, Donald Ridland

9 June Basingstoke Crematorium, Barrie Laird of Newnham

May they rest in peace.