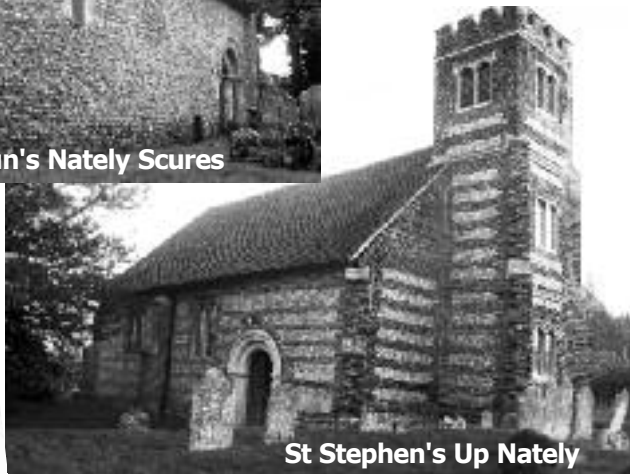


The Villager

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



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St Stephen's Up Nately



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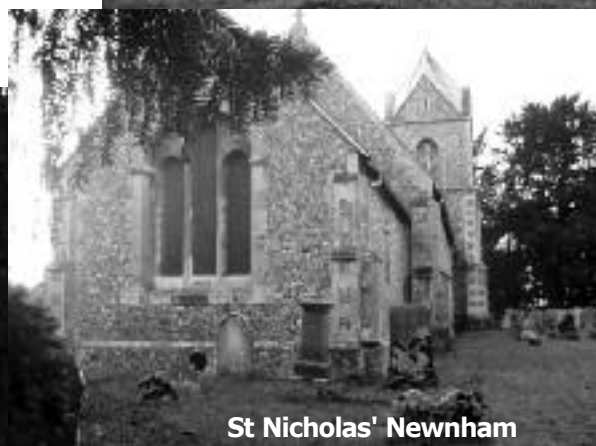
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St Mary's Greywell



St Mary's Mapledurwell



St Nicholas' Newnham

Diary Dates

December

- 3 Greywell coffee morning & mobile library, 10am Village Hall
- 4 'Travels with Granddad', 3pm Mapledurwell Village Hall
- 9 Up Nately coffee morning The Old School House
- 10 Make a professional Christmas wreath 10-12.30, Mapledurwell
- 16 Greywell coffee morning 10.30, VH
- 18 Children's party and carol concert, pm, Greywell Village Hall
- 19 Newnham carol singing from 6pm
- 20 Carols around M/durwell pond 6pm

January

- 9 Mapledurwell Parish Council meeting 8pm, Village Hall
- 10 Newnham Parish Council meeting 8pm, Clubroom
- 13 Up Nately coffee morning, Eastrop FH
- 14 Whitewater Movies supper & film from 7pm

February

- 3 Whitewater Movies 7.30 for 8pm

Events out & About

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Our next meeting is Thursday 26 January, North Warnborough Village Hal, 1.45pm for 2.15 start. The speaker Marcus Dancer will be talking on 'Climbing plants for sun and shade'.

Competitions for January are: 1. Berries, twigs & ivy displayed in a flower pot. 2. A spray of winter flowering shrub. 3. Plate of six brussel sprouts. Visitors are very welcome. For further information please call 01252 62 6524.

Whitewater School Christmas Fair

Thursday 1st December from 6pm Rotherwick Village Hall.

Hartely Wintney Christmas Market

Thursday 1st Dec 4-8pm.

West Green House Christmas Fair & Open Garden

16 November to 11th December, daily 11am to 4pm.

Rotary's Help For Heroes The Brighthouse & Rastrick Brass Band, National Brass Band Champions for the second year running is to perform at the Anvil Basingstoke on the 21st

January 2012. They will be supported by the Romsey Male Voice Choir and the young soprano Rosanne Havel. The concert 'A Celebration of Music and Voice' is being organised by The Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane and all proceeds will go to Help for Heroes and other charities supported by Rotary. The performance starts at 7.30pm Saturday 21st January 2012. A ticket for the concert would make an excellent Christmas gift. Tickets are £20 from the Anvil box office 01265 844244 or www.anvilarts.org.uk.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately



UP NATELY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Remembrance We had a very enjoyable coffee morning on 11th November when we, along with the rest of the country, kept a two minute silence in remembrance of all those who have given their lives in the service of our country, also for all who have returned injured and those still serving us in many parts of the world. At this gathering it was unanimously decided to add the money, so far collected at the coffee mornings, being £100, to the poppy collection taken in the village. It made a grand total of £284.72 in our poppy box. Anne Cooper would like to thank all those who gave so generously. The Royal British Legion is immensely grateful and the money will be put to very good use.

The next coffee morning in Up Nately will be on Friday December 9th, at The Old School House, from 10am to 12 noon. As it's the last one in 2011 please do try to come along even if you can only make it for a while, we would love to see you. Ring Pam on 762 589 for more info.

The first coffee morning of 2012 will be on Friday January 13th at Eastrop Cottage, Heather Row Lane, from 10am to 12 noon. Let's have a big gathering to greet the New Year and make a final decision on what our next charity will be. Ring Liz on 762 059 for more info.

OBITUARY

Marjorie Stuart Holmes (24th March 1934-14th August 2011). Marjorie and her husband Ronnie and two young children, Gillian and Christopher, came from Old Basing, to live in Ivy House in the mid seventies.

Marjorie soon became involved in many village activities. A keen gardener, she was on the Flower Show committee and a member of the Mapledurwell Garden Club. She also supported the Church in many ways, on the Flower Rota, and the church cleaners group, and was always a willing helper in every activity. She was for many years Secretary and Treasurer of The Friends of St Mary's. After her children were married, Marjorie became a very supportive Grandmother and helped them both whenever called upon.

Marjorie died in August after a long illness borne with great fortitude and is sadly missed by her very many friends and family.



ST STEPHEN'S UP NATELY

St Stephen's welcomes you to any of the services to be held over the Christmas period – but if you can't make any of the services do try and just pop in and look at the decorations, there will be some special ones this year. The flower arrangers hope you will enjoy.

VILLAGE HALL

Bonfire Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall committee thank the wonderful team, led by Terry O'Malley, building the bonfire; what a nice morning that was! A very warm thanks to the Friends of St Mary's for again donating the fireworks, and also thanks to Robin and Jane Stevens for the use of their field; a brilliant job done by the fireworks team under the guidance of Andy Denham, a wonderful event again, thank you! Last but not least, thanks to the helpers who cleared the field of debris, great to have Alan there with his digger!

Committee AGM We held our AGM earlier than we planned because, for the next few months, one or other of our key committee members will be out of the country and we apologise to those of you who might have wished to attend this meeting. The committee was re-elected and consists of Jane Komrower (Andwell) in the chair, Liz Preece (Up Nately) secretary, Hansie du Bruyn (Up Nately) treasurer and members from Mapledurwell, Di Lewis, Pam Pickup, Steve Coull and Ann Fryer – with Alanah Donnel and Terry Nicholson from Up Nately, we are well matched and full of ideas!

The application for a Rural Grant has been approved by Hampshire County Council, we now await the final decision by DEFRA which hopefully we will know by 1st December and, all being well, work to improve acoustics, lighting, staging and front entrance can be done during the Christmas holidays.

Village hall classes and to hire the hall We would like to remind you that keep fit classes are held in the hall Monday, Wednesday early evenings and Tuesday mornings, also from 1st December on Thursday early evenings.

There is also the opportunity to hire tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery for your private parties – for more information contact the caretaker 474 432.

EVENTS: 'TRAVELS WITH GRANDDAD'

Sunday 4th December at 3pm. A show for all the family, from ages 2 to 100+! Entry £5, children £2.50. Contact Liz 762 059.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A New Councillor The Parish Council welcomes Neil Tweed as a new councillor for Mapledurwell & Up Nately. Neil was co-opted in November and will be liaising with the allotment holders as part of his new role.

Happy Holidays The members of the Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Next Parish Council meeting The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th January 2012 at 8pm in the committee room at the Village Hall. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Carol Singing at the Pond on Tuesday 20th December at 6pm. Come to sing your favorite carols, and enjoy a mince pie and a cup of mulled wine at the village pond. The brazier will keep you warm. Collection for the Children's Society.

Mapledurwell Gardening Club Sue Lefley will be teaching us how to make a professional Christmas wreath Saturday 10th December 10am - 12.30. If you would like to join us you will very welcome. There will be a small charge, depending on numbers. Please contact on 01256 476955 or omalleyt@btinternet.com

SHOE BOX APPEAL Special thanks to the supporters of the appeal who helped to fill 92 shoe boxes for deprived young people in Moldova, the poorest country in Eastern Europe, and Romania. Thanks are due not only for the gifts but the covering of boxes and the filling in the Village Hall, and also help with the transport. The shoe boxes are already on their way overland and should arrive in time for Christmas. A very worthwhile project – and thank you for your support. Patricia Stubbs.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Awaiting decision

BDB/75104 (3rd October) Beaumont House, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Single storey rear extension forming an orangery.

BDB/74968 (25th August) Klondyke, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Five bed roomed dwelling following demolition of the piggery buildings and barn.

BDB/73417 (7th December 2010) Priory Farmhouse, Andwell. Temporary change of use from residential to children's nursery for five-year period (retrospective).

Granted

BDB/75184 16th November (reg 28th Sept) Manor Farm House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Listed Building Consent for the conversion of existing out-building to living accommodation, new roof above proposed w/c, lobby area; erection of detached garage.

BDB/74479 16th November reg (25th May) Manor Farm House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Conversion of existing outbuilding to living accommodation and erection of detached garage.

BDB/74928 21st October (2nd August). Land west of Blackstocks Lane. Lawful Development Certificate for garden waste collection, sorting and ancillary storage. Hampshire County Council Decision. BDBC raised no objection (BDB 74929).

News from Odiham Cottage Hospital



As reported last month, work continues towards the reopening of the hospital in the New Year.

We have recently been able to announce that the hospital Trustees are in discussion with the Trustees of Rosefield Day Club – the successful day service for local frail elderly people currently run in Hartley Wintney at Rosefield Court. There are considerable advantages for the clients of the day club for relocating to the hospital – they will have somewhere they can call 'home' and there is potential for the club to expand the hours and number of days of the service on offer. People attend the day club from broadly the same geographic area as the hospital's previous catchment area and most travel by the marvellous Rosie bus which is run by volunteer drivers and escorts.



The club offers sessions fully funded by Adult Services and their approval for relocation is being sought. Some minor building work will be required together with a complete redecoration and this work is being generously supported by the League of Friends. All being well the club will relocate in the New Year.

Meanwhile the community is involved in the development of NHS plans for their use of the hospital through a stakeholder working group. Much progress has been made towards establishing the hospital as a base for their integrated care teams who work in the community and to set up a range of clinics, initially tissue viability, therapy and continence.

Our hospital will once again provide much needed services to people in our community. At this special time of year, our thoughts are with all people and patients who do not enjoy good health, and the people who look after them. Your continued support through these difficult few months is a source of great encouragement Thank you.

Ginny East, Secretary to the Trustees 01256 393603
och1@btinternet.com www.odihamcottagehospital.org.uk

advertisement

REPORTING ROAD PROBLEMS

Everyone is able to report various problems to, or seek advice from, Hampshire County Council through its easily accessed website HANTSWEB.

For example, to report a road problem:

- 1 Access HANTSWEB through websearch
- 2 Click on 'Report a road problem'
- 3 To report a specific problem select from:
 - Potholes,
 - Streetlights, traffic lights & signs,
 - Roads,
 - Trees & hedges,
 - Pavements,
 - Drains & Floodingetc.... and click.
- 4 Go to 'Find on map' then pan and zoom in, using the navigation arrows and + or - signs provided, to identify the road/intersection/area concerned.
- 5 Position hand sign on map to show position of pothole and click (a red balloon appears).
- 6 Finally, fill out the report with name, address and contact details. It is important to do this so that the Highways Area Manager (Keith Holdsworth) can make contact if necessary.



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Newnham & Nately Scures

CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS IN NEWNHAM

Please join us throughout December as we celebrate Christmas in Newnham.

Sunday 4th December 4.30pm

Christingle Service at St Nicholas'

Everything your family needs to make a Christingle will be available at the back of the church before the service begins. Collection for The Children's Society.

Saturday 17th December 4.30pm

Candlelight Carol Service, St Nicholas'

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. We will also be blessing the Crib. Children are encouraged to dress up!

Monday 19th December 6pm

Carol Singing around Newnham

All welcome to meet at Newnham Green Farm for suitable refreshments. Please bring along guitars, recorders, etc. All proceeds to The Friends of St Nicholas.

Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Christmas Day 10.45am

Family Communion at St Nicholas'

Bespoke charity Christmas Cards (£5 per pack of 10 cards with envelopes) in aid of The Friends of St Nicholas' are available to buy in the Church or from Charles Maxlow-Tomlinson, Churchwarden, 762 492.



NEWNHAM CLUBROOM

The new Clubroom is now available to hire: hourly rate is £12, to hire tables £3 each and chairs 50p each. Please contact Rosemary Richardson on 762 369.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

BDB/75302 (31st October 2011) Land west of Ashmead, Newnham Road. Erection of detached dwelling with access from Crown Lane. Demolition of redundant outbuildings and restoration of walled garden.

Awaiting decision

BDB/74529 & BDB/74530 listed building consent (2nd June) Tylney Lodge, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Erection of single storey side extension (part retrospective).

Withdrawn

BDB/75107 10th Nov (reg 22nd Sept) Fairview, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of two storey side extension, part two storey, part single storey rear extension and front porch.

Granted

BDB/74961 8th November (reg 28th September) 1 Crown Lane, Newnham. Erection of timber framed building for bed and breakfast accommodation following demolition of existing shed.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

CASUAL VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

1. As published in the Notice dated 9th October 2011, Newnham Parish Council has a vacancy caused by resignation of a Councillor.
2. The date for the next election of the Parish Council is 3rd May 2012 and as this is less than six months from the date of this notice there cannot, by law, be an election to fill the vacancy.
3. The Parish Council wishes to fill the vacancy by co-option.
4. **Could all electors who wish to be considered for co-option please advise the clerk via email newnham.clerk@btinternet.com before close of business on Friday 9th December 2011.**
5. Information on the role and responsibilities of Parish Councillors can be obtained from the Clerk.
6. If there is more than one volunteer, a special meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6pm on Friday 16th December 2011 (not Tuesday 13th December as previously advised) in Newnham Clubroom to co-opt a Councillor for the period to 3rd May 2012.

Odiham Cottage Hospital The Chairman attended a meeting on 28th October to discuss Calleva's plans for developing OCH. Plans are well advanced for an Integrated Community Team at OCH starting in January 2012. This will offer a number of services aimed at providing community health-care, although 24 hour nursing beds will not be part of the services.

Newnham Green Pond Thanks to Basingstoke Conservation Volunteers who cleared a good section (approximately a quarter) of the *Typha latifolia* (great Reedmace or Bulrush) from the pond, working conditions much improved from last year as the pond at the moment is dry.

Report from the Parish Council meeting of 15th November.

Councillor resignation. The Parish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Sheyne Bauermeister, tendered due to pressures of work. We thank Sheyne for his invaluable contribution over the last three and a half years, and wish Sheyne, Sarah and family the very best for the future.

We now have a vacancy on the Parish Council for the few months up to elections in May 2012 (*see notice above*).

Rural Affordable Housing Jane Rukin, Rural Housing Enabler from Community Action Hampshire, discussed the way forward for rural affordable housing in Newnham Parish. Her role in the first instance will be to assess potential locations and submit a report to BDBC Planning. This will take in the region of two to three weeks but it may take BDBC up to six months to respond, hopefully with a short list of sites they consider suitable. Jane will then put forward a proposal to the landowners concerned - funding is available via HARAH (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing).

Budget and Precept were agreed for the next financial year. The BDBC grant remains at £1,100; the Parish Council voted to marginally increase the Precept for 2012/13 by £100 to £5,300.

A special meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6pm on Friday 16th December should there be more than one applicant for the councillor vacancy. Otherwise:

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 10th January at 8pm in Newnham Clubroom. All welcome.

The Parish Council would like to wish all in the Parish a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Mugs

The Parish Council would like to give Diamond Jubilee mugs to all children living in the Parish of primary school age and under. If you would like to order a free commemorative mug for your child please email the clerk with name, address and quantity of mugs. The clerk can also take orders for mugs for those over 11 years at a cost of £4 each plus p&p. Payment will be requested by cheque payable to Newnham Parish Council prior to delivery.





POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents,
As Christmas approaches I urge you to take extra

security steps to protect your homes and property. If you are going out leave lights on, a radio, make your home look as if someone is in. Sadly in 2011 we saw an increase in both dwelling and non dwelling burglaries where most often theft occurred.

Places which were targeted by thieves and which were unlocked included 6 garden sheds, 2 yards, an office, 2 cars, a house, 3 gardens and a locker in a gym. Most could have been prevented by plain basic security measures or just a little care. If you need home security advice and live on my beat area just give me a call.

We are still experiencing thefts of garden furniture, with 4 being reported. If you have garden furniture, please mark it, I have metal stamps and can stamp postcodes into wood – and bicycles can also be done. If you wish to have property post coded, and again live on my beat area, please call.

I have also received several calls regarding phone scams in various guises, be it supposedly problems with your computer, your internet banking, credit cards, etc, etc. My advice is if it is anything to do with your personal or banking details, tell them to write to you and you will contact them back, (legitimate enquirers will have your address) and I follow this action by replacing the receiver.

On a personal note, may I thank all concerned for inviting me to open the new Newnham Clubroom. It was a great pleasure to be asked to carry out what I consider to be a great honour and privilege for an excellent community, I thank you all most sincerely for a wonderful evening.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish all residents a peaceful, safe and Happy Christmas.

Andrew Reid, Constable
01256 389 050 07768 776 844
andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

SOLVE



Save Our Loddon Valley & Environment

A lot has happened since my last report. A full council meeting on 13th October debated three motions concerning the Manydown site selection. The calls for its re-instatement into the LDF process were defeated narrowly by the ruling Conservatives. Councillors Godeson and Cubitt voted with the opposition in support of their residents. Our thanks go to all those who attended the impressive public turnout. It is most unfortunate that another webcast failure coincided with this debate.

Since then the Basingstoke Conservatives suspended Cllr Onnalee Cubitt from the party for, in her words – 'commitment to serving the interests of my electorate first and foremost'. We understand that Onnalee has received many messages of support. There has also been a massive post bag in support of Onnalee in the Basingstoke Gazette and SOLVE endorses that support.

On the 17th October the Cabinet debated the site selection referral from the Planning & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee (P&IOSCOM). There were 18 public speakers, including Parish and Borough Councillors, and the debate was interrupted many times from the 'floor'. A representative from the Manydown Company, freeholders of this land, stunned the Cabinet by saying that, from their perspective, the Manydown land is 'available' for development. However, the Cabinet ignored everything, including the call to remove Pyotts Hill (BAS121) from the site selection, and approved the next stage of the LDF process.

On 23rd November the Economic Prosperity and Performance (EPP) committee is holding a special meeting



to review the Manydown decision, referred to them by the P&IOSCOM in September. SOLVE will be there.

SOLVE is working behind the scenes on a number of options in order to get the LDF process on a level playing field. Even if successful, we are likely to be faced with defending BAS121, where failure will mean the whole of the Loddon Valley is opened up to housing development. However, we are confident that on a site for site basis, given an independent and impartial assessment, BAS121 will be seen as the least suitable for housing development.

A ruling in Cornwall – a greenfield site on the edge of St Austell, with proposals for 1,300 houses, was the subject of a planning appeal which was turned down by the Secretary of State (SoS) who considered that: 'In this particular case it is important to give Cornwall the opportunity to complete its Core Strategy. Allowing the appeal in advance of establishing the appropriate level of future housing provision across Cornwall would pre-empt decisions that should properly be taken locally.'

This is in line with similar SoS decisions, eg Bartons Farm, Winchester and, with an 18 month breathing space for Councils to complete their Core Strategies, means BDBC has time to correct the Manydown mistake free from developers' appeal threats.

Further details can be found via the SOLVE website or contact Kate Tuck on 01256 324043.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE

Rowan Lodge Nursing Home

After the opening day in October life at Rowan Lodge has truly started to take shape. We have a full month coming up of events and activities in the run up to Christmas, we are always happy to welcome visitors and villagers into our home.

Come along and join us on Saturday 17th December between 1pm-3pm to meet Father Christmas. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

We are trying to source a set of indoor carpet bowls for our residents, if you are able to help in any way, please contact the Pink Ladies Activity Team at Rowan Lodge on 762 757.



Greywell

Bonfire and Halloween Party The mild weather bought out the crowds and made this year's event even more successful than last year. Well over 100 people attended the evening which was a fun night out for all the family and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

A big thank you to all who supported the event, especially those who made a donation towards the cost of the fireworks. This is much appreciated; it allowed us to put on a spectacular display, to cover our costs and even make a (surprise) profit. Villagers enjoyed the children's fancy dress, and a BBQ with real ales and wine, apple bobbing, lucky dip, glow sticks, sparklers, toffee and chocolate apples.

Annual Greywell Quiz A big thank you to everyone who organised and supported the Quiz. The quiz masters this year were Rob & Vivien Caird and David Millard & Helen McCarthy who set an enjoyable balance of testing and fun questions. The winners, Nick & Joy Macandrew and Charles & Julia Annandale will have the pleasure of setting the questions for 2012. Everyone had a great time and the event made a profit of around £375. which is slightly up on last year.

Is anybody missing a cat?

Tabby and white, short haired neutered male, very friendly. If so please telephone 702 098.

This cat is moving up and down Hook road looking for a home to live in, but could come from any of the villages. It has obviously been cared for.

Do you need a babysitter?

My name is Charlotte Tuck and I am 14 years old and live in Greywell. I am a friendly girl and have experience with young children. I am free on weekends and most evenings. I will charge £5 an hour and there is no need for transport as my parents can help with this. Please contact me on mobile 07901 890 271, or home 704 671. Thank you. Charlotte

THE TEAPOT CAFE will be open in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th December at 3pm for a Christmas tea. One of our friends has offered to bring sandwiches and any other donations will be very welcome.

In view of the good attendance last time, could you please let Jackie Giles (01256 702 859) know if you will be coming so that we can ensure that we cater for everyone. All are welcome. If you require transport please contact either Jackie Giles 702 859 or Jane Leese 765 547.

The Cafe will be open again on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, at 3pm in The Village Hall.

VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning & Mobile Library The next date for the village hall coffee morning is Saturday 3rd December at 10am to coincide with the four-weekly visit from the Mobile Library, and then...

Last Coffee Morning before Christmas on Friday 16th December at 10.30am. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS SUNDAY 18TH DEC

The children's party and Carol Concert will be held on the afternoon and evening respectively of Sunday 18th December, possibly outdoors weather permitting. Please look out for details on a special flyer through your letterbox.

We have decided not to hold a Christmas Fair this year as there are already numerous opportunities to get together for coffee in December.



WHITEWATER MOVIES 2011/12

Greywell Village Hall
Please contact Sally Noble for membership:
Greywell Hill, Greywell, RG29 1DG
sallyofsouthfields@hotmail.com tel 702 107
(Cheques made payable to Whitewater Movies)

Saturday 14 January (Supper & Film) *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (1949)

Louis Mazzini (Dennis Price) should be heir to a dukedom but his family, the snobbish D'Ascoynes, have cut Louis off because his mother married badly. Vengeful and hate-filled, he sets out to regain his rightful place by killing everyone in the way. Everyone in the way is played by Alec Guinness. He's every member of the D'Ascoyne family and while each role is quite small, Guinness makes them all memorable. He's helped by Dennis Price's Louis who devises increasingly wild ways for each of Guinness' deaths.

Dennis Price, Alec Guinness, Valerie Hobson, Joan Greenwood
Running time: 1hr 45 mins. Certificate U

Supper is £5 for members and £10 for guests and there will be a cash bar. Doors open 7pm. Supper 7.15pm followed by film. To plan catering requirements, tickets must be purchased in advance.

Friday, 3 February *Buried* (2010) Doors open 7.30, films start at 8pm.

Paul is a US contractor working in Iraq. After an attack by a group of Iraqis he wakes to find he is buried alive inside a coffin. Buried with only a cell phone and a lighter, his contact with the outside world and ability to piece together clues that could help him discover his location are maddeningly limited. Poor reception, a rapidly draining battery, and a dwindling oxygen supply become his worst enemies in a tightly confined race against time.

Ryan Reynolds, José Luis García Pérez, Robert Paterson
1hr 35 mins. Certificate 15

Friday 2 March *Russian Ark* (2002)

Alexander Sokurov's *Russian Ark* is a staggering feat of cinematography. It uses a single, continuous shot that takes you through St Petersburg's Hermitage museum into the dark recesses of Russian history. A contemporary filmmaker (unseen but voiced by Sokurov) is mysteriously cast back into the past where he meets a 19th century foreign diplomat. Together they wander through the Hermitage, admiring the art, eavesdropping on conversations, spying on Russian royalty, and slowly traversing Russian history from the 18th century to the present.

Sergei Dontsov, Mariya Kuznetsova, Leonid Mozgovoy
1hr 40 mins. Subtitles. Certificate U



Mobile Library Service

Farnborough Mobile Library Route week 2

Saturday 10 Dec

10-10.30 Greywell Village Hall
10.50-11.20 Water End Park
11.30-12 Newham Village Green

Farnborough Mobile Library Route week 3

Thursday 15 Dec

09.45-10.15 (Old Basing) Linden Ave opposite Spar

Church Notices

Forthcoming VCC meetings:

- 6 December (Tuesday) 8pm Newnham
- 10 January (Tuesday) 6.30pm Greywell
- 12 January (Thursday) 8pm Mapledurwell
- 1 February (Wed) 6.30pm Nately Scores

Mid-week Holy Communion

The final mid-week service of Holy Communion held at The Dower House in Greywell will be on Wednesday December 21st at 11am. Please call Rev Jane on 01256 765 547 if you would like a lift – or if you would like to know more about the service.

Christingle Services

There are two Christingle services still to come – on December 4th in Newnham and on December 11th in Mapledurwell – both at 4.30pm.

Every child who comes along will receive a Christingle orange, complete with lighted candle and sweets – and we shall all enjoy that wonderful moment as we dim the lights and give thanks for the love of Christ that reaches out to all the world. Do join us – everyone is very welcome.

Christmas Services

There are details of all the Christmas Services with this *Villager*. We always look forward to welcoming lots of you into our churches at this time and there are many other opportunities too to sing carols – remembering the Christmas story and enjoying a glass of mulled wine with friends!

Please note a couple of changes from the recent pattern: the Greywell carol service is on Friday 23rd at 6pm and Up Nately's is on Sunday 18th at 6pm.

Also, if you have small children, do bring them along to the Crib Service at Up Nately on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm – for a special telling of the Christmas story especially for them. Grown-ups are welcome too of course!

And please note too that we have reinstated a second midnight communion service this year, by special request from Newnham.

An army of people will have been busy in the days running up to Christmas, decorating the churches with flowers and Christmas trees, rehearsing music and practising readings and I send my thanks to all.

Please do come along to some of our services and join with the true spirit of Christmas.

Thank you to the Villager Distributors and Editor

The end of one year and the beginning of the next is a good time to say thank you to all those who deliver the *Villager* to the houses of our parish. I always look forward to mine arriving – and I know many others do too. Thank you all for doing that for us.

And a very special thank you too to Sue Turner our editor. She works so hard every month turning the various jottings and pictures that we send her into an interesting and attractive newsletter. And thank you to all those who collect the news and send it in – but please remember that anyone can send an article to Sue – we'd love to read your story!

January 1st 2012

What better way to start the New Year than by worshipping God? As always there will be one service that morning for all 12 churches of our benefice at Tunworth. All welcome.

One Last Drink Before the Holiday Ends

Once again Roland and I would love to invite you to join us for a post-Christmas drink at The Rectory on Monday January 2nd. Please do call in any time between 12 noon and 3pm. Please could you let us know if you hope to come, just to give us a feel for how many sausage rolls we shall need!

DON'T MISS THE 2012 LENT COURSE!

In 2012 our Lent course will take a slightly different and very enticing form. Firstly during the five afternoon sessions we will work our way through a really topical and enlightening course, taken from a book called *Simplicity, Love and Justice*. This looks at how we can go about our lives using the earth's and our own resources in the most responsible and Christian way possible.

For the evening sessions we will meet for acts of Lent worship. Each time the form of service will change, giving us an opportunity to worship together in familiar and also in new and different ways.

Lent is early in 2012 so please block the following Wednesdays in your 2012 diaries now so that you don't miss out:

29 February, 7 March, 14 March, 21 March and 28 March.

The afternoon sessions will be held at the Vine Church in the Old School, London Road, Odiham from 2:15 pm.

The evening worship will be at 7:30pm at St Andrew's South Warnborough.

If you would like further information, please contact Linda Scard on 01256 703 294

Please do come and join us for the afternoon meeting or evening worship – or even better at both! We look forward to seeing you.

January 29th 2012 – United Service for the 5th Sunday

We will be worshipping together at Mapledurwell at 10am and our guest speaker will be Caroline Scull who will be telling us about the Mothers' Union Contact Centre in Hook.

The Next Bishop of Winchester

Our next Bishop of Winchester, Canon Tim Dakin, is being consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday January 25th. A few people from the United Parish will be in the cathedral for that occasion.

He is being 'enthroned' and welcomed into Winchester diocese on Saturday April 21st at 2.30pm. If you would like tickets for that service please pass your name to Jane Leese (preferably by email or on a piece of paper) by the end of December. 765 547

Parish Quiet Day

I have booked 20 places for a Quiet Day at Alton Abbey on Tuesday February 28th – early in Lent.

The day begins with a communion service at 9am and finishes with tea at 4pm. You are asked to bring a packed lunch. There will be one address from Bishop Timothy, one of the monks there and then the day will be yours to spend reading, walking in the grounds, or however you like. The cost is £23 per person.

If you are interested in coming please give your name to Jane 765 547 asap – it will be first come first served!

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Dear Friends

If I asked you to think of a place where you always felt uplifted and at peace I wonder where your mind would take you. Perhaps a place of special memories, somewhere beautiful, somewhere you feel comfortable and at ease. Quite often it's to do with the feel of a place, its atmosphere,

or perhaps the people that you encounter there.

At Christmas time we decorate our homes and try to create a special atmosphere. We want it to be festive and magical, full of Christmas spirit, welcoming and hospitable. Many of us follow a traditional style: our children love to see the same old decorations coming out year after year and, even though they are all adults, are most upset when something changes!

Advent is the time when we think not only about creating the right atmosphere in our homes, but in our hearts too. We want an atmosphere that reflects the real meaning of Christmas and provides a good environment for the Christmas message to take root and grow in our lives. We are celebrating the birth of a baby – and any birth is worthy of a good celebration! But this was a very special, extraordinary child who, as he grew, was to have an enormous impact on the world, influencing hearts and minds for generations to come.

And so when we decorate our homes and prepare our hearts for his coming we are saying ‘Thank you!’ to God for coming into the world as this human baby – revealing himself to us in the only way we could understand – as one of us, showing us how to live a life of love and forgiveness.

The Christmas decorations at The Rectory are not very grand but amongst the holly and the ivy, the Father Christmases and the crackers, I always include a nativity crib scene. I usually stand it on the hall table, at the centre of the house, where it can be seen by everyone who comes into our home. And I like to hang angels on the Christmas tree – singing God's praises at this wonderful event.

I hope that our home is welcoming and friendly to everyone who calls on us at Christmas time. We always have the family with us for some of the time and we invite friends and neighbours in too. Just like everyone else we love opening our presents, we always seem to eat and drink far too much, and we enjoy some friendly rivalry playing board games and quizzes. And in the midst of all that the little crib scene is there as a reminder of the time that heaven came to earth in Jesus, creating an atmosphere of love and humility, peace and joy.

I do wish you all a very happy Christmas and I hope you will have special people to share it with. And in spite of all the busy things there will be to do in the next few weeks, getting ready for the festive season, be sure to leave a little time and space to prepare your heart so you are ready to welcome the Christ child once again this year.

With love to you all

Revd Jane Leese *Jane*

Church Services

December 4th

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11am	Morning Service	Greywell
4.30pm	Christingle/St Nicholas	Newnham

December 11th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
11am	Matins	Newnham
4.30pm	Christingle	Mapledurwell

December 17th (Saturday)

4.30pm	Carol Service	Newnham
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December 18th

11am	Carol Service	Nately Scures
4.30pm	Carol Service	Mapledurwell
6pm	Carol Service	Up Nately

December 23rd (Friday)

6pm	Carol Service	Greywell
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Christmas Eve

4.30pm	Crib Service	Up Nately
11.30pm	Holy Communion	Newnham
11.30pm	Holy Communion	Nately Scures

Christmas Day

9.15am	Holy Communion	Up Nately
10am	Family Service	Mapledurwell
10.45am	Family Communion	Newnham
11am	Family Communion	Greywell

January 1st

Holy Communion for the North Hampshire Downs Benefice Tunworth 10.00am – everyone is welcome.		
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January 8th

8.30am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Up Nately
10am	Family Service	Mapledurwell
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
11am	Matins	Newnham

January 15th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywell
10am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
11am	Family Service	Up Nately
11am	Matins	Nately Scures

January 22nd

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Matins	Up Nately
10.30am	Family Service	Greywell

January 29th United Service for a 5th Sunday:

10am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
<i>Preacher: Caroline Scull speaking about the Mothers' Union Contact Centre in Hook</i>		

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