

The Villager



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

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL WILDLIFE

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This is the first of, hopefully, a regular nature column in the *Villager*. We would welcome interesting observations and contributions.

While some birds, such as Robins, sing throughout the winter, others recommence singing at this time of the year. This is to attract potential mates and to signal to other birds the boundaries of their 'patch.'

In our gardens, listen out for the Great Tit, with its 'tea-cher, tea-cher' call.

Also the Song Thrush, which has musical repetitive phrases and the Mistle Thrush with its tuneful, strong song, often from a high perch, distant from dwellings but willing to sing in very rough weather, giving it the vernacular name of 'Storm Cock'.

In Newnham, look out for two Ravens which have been seen together throughout the winter. They are large black birds, similar in size to a buzzard, with a very large, but not hooked, beak. Their call is very deep and coarse.



As spring approaches, now is the time to think of planting in our gardens. Here, in the south, it is possible to attract up to 22 different types of butterfly. Butterflies like warmth, so choose sunny sheltered spots and nectar rich plants. Good nectar plants



Song thrush

Mistle thrush

include: Aubretia, Pansy, Primrose and Lilac in spring and Buddleia, Honeysuckle, Cornflower, French Marigold and Scabious in the summer. In the herb garden, Marjoram, Mint, Chives and Lavender offer abundant supplies of nectar.

Diary Dates

February

- 3 Coffee Morning, Greywell Village Hall, 10.30am
- 3 Whitewater Movies, *Buried*, Greywell Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm
- 7 Tea Pot Cafe, Greywell Village Hall
- 10 Up Nately Coffee Morning 'Lealands' 10am to 12 noon
- 18 Coffee Morning & Mobile Library 10am, Greywell Village Hall
- 18 Mobile Library, Water End 10.50am, Newnham 11.30am
- 21 Mother's Union meeting, Church Hall, RAF Odiham at 8pm
- 23 North Warnborough Garden Club, Eastbridge Willows, 2pm

March

- 2 Coffee Morning, Greywell Village Hall, 10.30am
- 2 Women's World Day of Prayer, St Mary's Upton Grey from 12.15
- 2 Whitewater Movies, *Russian Ark*, Greywell Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm
- 3 Benefice Quiz, Mapledurwell VH
- 3 Basingstoke Choral Society, Winchester Cathedral, 7.15pm
- 3 Mayor's Charity Concert, The Anvil, 7.30pm
- 6 Tea Pot Cafe, Greywell Village Hall
- 8 Newnham Parish Council meeting 8pm in Newnham Clubroom
- 12 Mapledurwell Parish Council meeting 8pm, Village Hall
- 13 Greywell Parish Council Meeting, 6.30pm, Village Hall
- 16 Basingstoke & Deane Rotary, the Haymarket Theatre
- 17 Coffee Morning & Mobile Library, 10am, Greywell Village Hall
- 17 Mobile Library, Water End 10.50, Newnham 11.30am
- 23 End of BDBC Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation
- 30 Coffee Morning, Greywell Village Hall, 10.30

Any local contributions please email: villagewildlife@live.co.uk

Mobile Library Service

Farnborough Mobile Library – week 2

Sat 18 Feb, 17 Mar, 14 Apr, 12 May, 16 June

10-10.30 Greywell Village Hall

10.50-11.20 Water End Park

11.30-12 Newnham Village Green

Farnborough Mobile Library – week 3

Thur 23 Feb, 22 Mar, 19 Apr, 17 May, 21 June

09.45-10.15 Old Basing, Linden Ave/Spar

Sat 25 Feb, 24 Mar, 21 Apr, 19 May, 23 June

13.19-13.40 Rotherwick near schoolr

www.hants.gov.uk/library email library@hants.gov.uk

tel 0845 603 5631 or 01329 225 391

FUEL POVERTY CANCER APPEAL

DINNER DANCE AND AUCTION

To be held at Audleys Wood in their new garden pavilion which seats 200

There will be an auction and raffles, voice & key trio playing live at the champagne reception, then a three course meal and from 10.30 until midnight, Steve 6-5 DJ.

All proceeds will go to the
FUEL POVERTY CANCER APPEAL. Nicholas Parsons will be holding the Auction.

I am requesting unwanted Christmas gifts for the raffle. Please contact Ann at Kingfisher, Mapledurwell, email annfryer@sky.com

If anyone would like to donate for this appeal it would be fabulous. There are 200 fuel poverty cancer victims in Hampshire and Macmillan can only give them £138. My other guest will be the fundraiser manager from Macmillan. Tickets will be £45 all inclusive. Tel 07789 933 426 Ann

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGER... Thanks to Rowan Lodge Nursing Home, Crown Lane, Newnham, for its sponsorship.



Mapledurwell & Up Nately



Up Nately village coffee mornings It was great to see so many at the January coffee morning, a good start to the New Year. Now keep it up and continue to support the coffee morning. We have decided to donate any money we collect this year to The Parkinson's Society.

The next coffee morning will be held at Lealands on Friday 10th February from 10am to 12 noon. Ring Jane on 762 891 for more info. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you to PC Reid Harry and Marion French would like to express their many thanks to PC Andrew Reid for his help and support after the shock of the theft of all their heating oil on the 5th December.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Successful bid for funding The Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has been successful in its bid for funding through the RDPE (Rural Development Programme for England), receiving the sum of £12,000 to address the acoustics, the lighting, a new stage and a new entrance for the village hall. These improvements will greatly enhance and finish off the two year project of improvements to the hall and recreation ground, which we will hope will bring many years of pleasure to the Parish. The Parish Council would like to thank the RDPE for its help and generosity.

Parish Council Elections This May 2012, we have an election for members of the Parish Council. Two of the existing councillors will be standing down, creating a double vacancy. The remaining councillors will also be put forward for re-election. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please contact either Electoral Services at Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council or the parish clerk, Sue Lefley, for a nomination pack. The clerk will not have these packs until 1st March and nominations cannot be received by B&DBC until 27th March. All nominations need to be in before 4th April 2012.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday March 12th at 8pm in the Committee Rooms at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

North Hampshire Downs Benefice Mothers' Union

In December we had a very pleasant meeting at Next Door at the George drinking coffee and eating mince pies.

The Contact Centre in Hook was one of the chosen charities in the Farnham branch of Waitrose in December, so we are looking forward to receiving a grant from Waitrose, and another from Rotary. We are very grateful for the support of these organisations and feel very encouraged by this support.

Last October you will have heard on national news that there was a summit meeting in Downing Street about the

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee is delighted to report that the Rural grant has been approved in full! Acoustic panels have been installed and also subdued lighting and stage spotlights. The new stage has been ordered and the front entrance is beginning to look smart and nearing completion. In order to make the whole area look prettier, lots of daffodils and crocus have been planted by a small party of volunteers.

Do consider renting the hall for your private parties, now the acoustics have been improved you will find it much easier to have a conversation without straining your ears! Contact the caretaker on 474 432

The committee are planning a fun day to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, 3rd June from midday. Please keep that day and evening free and join in the fun. See March *Villager* for more information.

An inter-village quiz will be held in September.

Up Nately Safari Supper Following on the success of last year's Safari Supper in Up Nately we are having another in 2012 and would love even more people to join in. So this is advance notice that it will be held on Saturday July 7th. Please make a note of the date in your diaries and try to keep it free. Have a word with Rev Jane if you want to find out how it works – more details to follow nearer the time.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

Applications awaiting decision

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

Applications granted

BDB/75524 and 75526 Listed Building Consent, 13th January (reg 29th Nov) Meddings Farmhouse, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Amendment to BDB/74527 to include an additional first floor window in the SW and SE elevations.

BDB/75104 28th November (reg 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 bedroomed dwelling following demolition of the piggery buildings and barn.

commercialisation of childhood. Following this, a new website called *ParentPort* was launched that provides the facility to send a complaint or compliment to any regulator from the one website <http://www.parentport.org.uk>.

A number of other measures have just been announced:

- stricter guidelines by the Advertising Standards Authority on sexual images in outdoor advertising, particularly near schools
- a voluntary ban by the outdoor advertising industry on advertisements near schools for lap-dancing clubs and

similar adult services

- new guidelines preventing children aged 15 and under from being employed to act as brand ambassadors or in peer-to-peer marketing campaigns.

Our next branch meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st February (not our usual Thursday) when we shall celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake evening. As usual, we shall meet in the Church Hall, RAF Odiham, at 8pm and we hope the ceiling of the kitchen will not have too many pancakes stuck to it.

For more information about our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845 011.



POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Residents,
Below is a brief copy of the annual reported

crime statistics for Newnham, Nately Scures, Mapledurwell, Andwell and Up Nately for 2011.

Nately Scures

Reported crime 2010: 3

Reported crime 2011: 10

Sadly, crime rose in this Parish during the year. In one night alone five sheds were broken into in premises alongside the A30. The other five crimes were reported in the Basingstoke Country Hotel where there were two thefts, a theft from a parked motor vehicle, a criminal damage to a door and a burglary dwelling – which was a staff member's bedroom but as he lives there it is deemed as a dwelling.

Newnham

Reported crime 2010: 4

Reported crime 2011: 6

Like its neighbours in Nately Scures, this Parish saw an increase in reported crimes. These consisted of criminal damage caused to builders' vans at the new nursing home, a non dwelling burglary to a shed where a 'Gator' machine was stolen – this was later recovered and two men were arrested, however, there was insufficient evidence to pursue a prosecution. Two containers were also broken into, we had a theft of tools from a vehicle at the new Newnham Clubroom as it was being built and in December an inflatable 'snowman' was stolen from a garden.

Mapledurwell

Reported crime 2010: 18

Reported crime 2011: 17

One less crimes was reported in 2011 in this Parish than the 2010 figures.

In the village we had a theft of farm gates, a burglary dwelling where entry was not gained into the house. Damage was caused to a car outside the public house and to the telephone kiosk.

Sadly, at The Hollies we had a spate of thefts of pedal cycles from the insecure communal sheds (these are now locked following a call to the Housing Association). We had six pedal cycles stolen and one attempted theft. A group of youths were seen in the area and the Police were called, resulting in several men being arrested and charged with theft, possession of drugs and non dwelling burglary. We also had a theft

News from Odiham Cottage Hospital



The New Year is now upon us and is a time of great excitement for the cottage hospital. The builders and decorators and many others are working hard to create a welcoming environment for the new users of the hospital and a re-opening is now scheduled for February.

All hurdles have been cleared for Rosefield Day Club to relocate from its current premises in Hartley Wintney to Odiham Cottage Hospital and we have undertaken building work, effectively re-instating the 'Ladies Ward' for those who remember the pre-1999 layout, to create a huge open plan space for the Day Club clients, staff and volunteers. Decisions on colours and furnishings have been made and we look forward welcoming Rosefield to their new home.



Meanwhile our NHS partners, Calleva and Southern Health, continue to progress their development of the local integrated care team with the appointment of a dedicated Community Matron, Lynne Aldridge. The team is looking forward to relocating to its newly refurbished offices and running a number of medical clinics from the hospital, for the benefit of our local community.

This work has been generously supported by the League of Friends and this has been made possible by your support of the Friends shops throughout the past year. Through donations, shopping and volunteering, your efforts are paying results and are breathing life back into our hospital.

Meanwhile we are grateful to those who have continued to provide financial support to the hospital, most recently generous donations have been received from the Hook Christmas Cracker and the Hook Bowling club. All of these donations represent huge effort by many people and we are grateful to you all. Thank you.

Ginny East, Secretary to the Trustees 01256 393603
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from a vehicle in The Hollies and one from the Hatch public house car park.

At the Conkers garden centre a man and woman were caught leaving the store with a trolley full of items and forgetting to pay for them; the items were recovered as they drove away at speed. We also had a stone thrown at a car on the London Road near to the garden centre causing damage. .

Andwell

Reported crime 2010: 5

Reported crime 2011: 5

This Parish saw the same reported crime level as in 2010 with five being reported. The crimes reported were an allegation of rape in which no support for Police action was provided. Theft of scrap metal from the Fish Farm, a theft of a car computer tool from a unit at Priory Farm, the theft of a set of car registration plates from the A30 and damaged caused to a car window in Water End Park.

Up Nately

Reported crime 2010: 6

Reported crime 2011: 5

For the third year in succession this Parish saw a reduction in reported crime. However, two assaults were reported, one at a Care Home and the other between neighbours where no support was provided for further police action. There was also the horrendous robbery of an elderly man who came from Odiham with a stranger he picked up to take home as a good deed, and was assaulted and had his car stolen. This is still a very active ongoing enquiry. We also had two thefts from the same victim who had 1,000 litres of heating oil stolen from their oil tank over two nights.

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Newnham & Nately Scures

Parish Council Elections May 2012

All six positions on the Parish Council will be up for re-election and three existing councillors will not be standing. Newnham Parish Council therefore requires a minimum of three new candidates to stand for election on Thursday 3rd May. Ideally the Parish Council should have representatives from across the Parish and equal numbers of males and females from a variety of age groups.

Are you interested in standing as a Parish Councillor?

To be eligible to stand as a Parish Councillor you need to be over 18 years of age, a Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Union.

You also need to qualify for one of the four criteria listed below:

- registered as a local government elector for the parish you wish to stand in
- during the whole of the 12 months preceding the date of nomination occupied, as owner or tenant, land or other premises within the parish
- principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in that parish
- during the whole of those 12 months resided in that parish or within 4.8km.

Nomination Packs are available from 1st March from the Parish Clerk, or from Electoral Services tel 845 355 or email electoral.services@basingstoke.gov.uk. Nominations close at noon on Wednesday, 4th April.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Councillor The Parish Council welcomes Clive Pinder as a new councillor.

April Parish Assembly to be held in Newnham Clubroom The main theme of the Assembly will be the Core Strategy and building in the Loddon Valley. This is a major issue facing the Parish. There will be a speaker from SOLVE and also a speaker to evaluate the potential impact on Newnham of the proposed house building in Hook, particularly in terms of the likely effects on traffic and transport.

There will be an informal session with refreshments 7.15 to 8pm, the meeting proper will be from 8pm to 9.30.

Report of the Parish Council meeting of 10th January.

Public Consultation on the BDBC Local Development Framework Core Strategy (closes 23rd March)

Cllr Cubitt commented that Draft Core Policies on water quality and environmental issues have been much weakened from original proposals and, over the summer, statements have been 'watered down' to enable development. It was noted that SOLVE and Country-Watch had also seen evidence of this weakening of environmental safeguards.

The Parish Council is drafting a response to the Core Strategy Consultation which will be on the Parish Council Website when completed.

Maria Miller MP will also be asked to take the argument forward. She has taken a stance for the case of sustainable development; that house building should only proceed with sufficient infrastructure and protection for water quality.

It is very important that Parishioners please submit individual letters in response to the Consultation. Standard forms or direct copies of a standard letter carry little weight with BDBC.

Loddon Catchment Implementation Plan (CIP) Consultation The Parish Council has responded to this Environment Agency consultation based on a critique prepared by the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society.

'We infer that the EA is reasoning that the present phosphate level, which is three times the WFD (Water Framework Directive) requirement, is acceptable because the Upper Loddon has been modified by abstraction and sewage effluent discharge and so is now a Highly Modified Water Body (HMWB). Is this why the EA "signed-off" the very controversial Basingstoke Water Cycle Study? If a low priority has been given to the Upper Loddon's Poor Ecological Status because the river has been "physically modified by human activity" then we cannot agree.'

Full response on Parish Council Website.

Next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 8th March at 8pm in Newnham Clubroom. All welcome.

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.



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Awaiting decision

BDB/75670 (23rd Dec) Balmacara, Newnham Road, Newnham. Erection of single storey rear extensions.

BDB/75611 (15th December) Elm Cottage, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Listed Building consents (alter/extend). Installation of replacement windows and doors.

BDB/75552 (12th Dec) Fairview, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures, Hook. Erection of two storey side and rear extensions and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey element. Construction of chimney and erection of front porch.

BDB/75545 and BDB/75546 listed building consent (12th December) Tylney Lodge, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Erection of single storey side extension (part retrospective).

BDB/75563 and BDB/75564 listed building consent (5th December) Newnham Green Farm, Tylney Lane, Newnham. Erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extension.

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.

NEWNHAM CLUBROOM

The new Clubroom is available for hire at £12 per hour. Please call Rosemary Richardson on 762 369. Table and chairs can also be hired at £3 and 50p each respectively (hirer collects).

Pilates Classes Tuesday 7.45pm Newnham Clubroom call Katie on 07769 708 001.



EVENTS OUT & ABOUT

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Our February meeting will be on Thursday 23rd February at Eastbridge Willows, Pankridge Street, Crondall GU10 5RH (www.eastbridgewillows.com).

The meeting at Eastbridge Willows will start at 2pm and the speaker will be Anna Kirsch who will be talking about garden sculptures made of willow and the growing of willow. Wellies are recommended as we will also be walking in the fields. For further information please telephone 01252 626 524.

Our March meeting will be on Thursday 22nd March at the North Warnborough Village Hall at 1.45 pm for a 2.15 pm start. The speaker will be Patricia Liechti-Clarke who will be talking on 'Unusual Hardy Plants'.

The competitions for March are: 1. A spray of a flowering shrub. 2. A posy of spring flowers.

Visitors are very welcome to join us. We are a friendly club sharing an enthusiasm for gardens and gardening. During the growing season we always have a plant stall starting at 1.45 pm.

Basingstoke Choral Society

Basingstoke Choral Society is performing J S Bach's *St Matthew Passion* in Winchester Cathedral at 7.15pm, 3rd March. This glorious work, widely regarded as one of the masterpieces of sacred choral music, to be sung in the glorious setting of Winchester Cathedral, promises to be an evening not to be missed. Tickets available from Winchester Cathedral Box Office, by phone on 01962 857 275 or online at www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk

Mayor's Charity Concert

Basingstoke Area Youth Orchestras and guests at The Anvil on Saturday 3 March at 7.30pm. A varied evening of music and song showcasing the talent of young musicians from Basingstoke and the surrounding areas. Tickets (£11 adults, £8 under 16s, £28 family ticket 2 adults & 2 children) are available from the Anvil Box Office 844 244.

News from Local Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane

Basingstoke Deane Rotary are having a Night to Remember at The Haymarket Theatre on Friday 16th March, when the Tribute Band 'Take That 2 In Concert with Robbie' are appearing along with the latest choral phenomena, 'Rock Choir'.

SOLVE



Save Our Loddon Valley & Environment

It is unfortunate that the current Borough Council continues to defend its decision to exclude Manydown from the list of potential housing development sites. Residents, Local Groups, and Parish Councils from across the Borough continue to make representations which fall on Council deaf ears.

The latest example was on the 23rd November at the Economic Prosperity and Performance (EPP) Committee which held a special meeting to review the Manydown decision. There were 13 public speakers including SOLVE. The Manydown Company's representative gave a presentation which, among other things, repeated its view that the Manydown land is, and has always been, available.

The EPP Committee referred questions of governance to the 'Audit Governance and Accounts Committee' which next meets on 27th February. A Liberal Democrat request for a second legal opinion was voted down. The proposer asked: 'Who would oppose a second opinion unless they were afraid of what it might uncover?'

There was a lively debate with questions from opposition Councillors. However, this was made one-sided due to the absence of the regular Chairman and Vice Chairman and some Conservative members. Opposition questions and comments were answered on a superficial level by the Officers with very little input from the 'substitute' Conservatives. It was clear that the Conservative substitutes were there to make up the numbers to use their majority to vote through a pre-arranged motion.

This motion was carried by the Full Council on 15th December after the Conservatives used their majority to push it through, effectively kicking the issue into the 'long grass' by requesting that Officers research the 'processes and issues' involved in developing the Manydown land. There is no time limit



and SOLVE is well aware that this is a delaying tactic to ensure the Loddon Valley is developed first.

At the Full Council meeting a more specific motion, proposed by Cllr Biermann, to bring Manydown into the Core Strategy before its adoption, was lost. It was supported by Basing Clls Cubitt and Godeson. Disappointingly, Conservative Clls from Chineham, Paul Miller and Elaine Still, opposed this. Despite his promises of support for the SOLVE aims during his election campaign earlier this year Basing Cllr Stephen Marks also opposed this motion.

SOLVE met Parish Council representatives from the east of the Borough on the 26th November. They gave us their support for a joint approach, with CountryWatch, to begin the Judicial Review (JR) process. As a result we have sent a pre-action letter to the BDBC Chief Executive on 14th December requesting a reply within seven days.

Whatever happens with a Judicial Review and the future of the Manydown land, the Loddon Valley will still remain a target for Developers. However, if Greenfield sites must be developed, we remain confident that given independent and impartial assessment, the Loddon Valley will not be seen as a first choice.

Unfortunately, it's difficult for SOLVE to refrain from political commentary when the Conservative Party is clearly politicising the whole LDF Core Strategy, using its Western dominance of the political map to force through a lobbied 'Anywhere but Manydown' plan. We can only hope our MP does not follow her Conservative Councillors' lead, and rather continues to fight for what is 'Best for Basingstoke'.

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

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE

This concert is being held in support of Basingstoke Hospital Young Diabetes Group & other local & Rotary charities. The cost is £ 20 per ticket available from the Anvil Arts Box office at both the Anvil & The Haymarket, also by phoning 01256 844 244 or at

www.anvilarts.org.uk.

Please support this event and have a great evening! For more information about Basingstoke Deane Rotary Club and details of other charity events please see our website: www.therotaryclubofbasingstokedeane.co.uk.

Greywell

A warm welcome to Sunila and Mandar Jag who have come to live in Hazeldene, Deptford Lane. Sunila is a paediatrician at Basingstoke Hospital and Mandar a ENT surgeon at Winchester Hospital. Mandar plays tennis and both are keen to take part in village activities. We hope you settle in quickly.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Would you like to be involved in organising the Greywell celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee?



A Street Party has been suggested to be held on Sunday 3rd June. Do you have any ideas on how Greywell could make this a memorable occasion for the whole village? If you would like to help organise this event, please contact Vicky Saunders peter&vicky@btopenworld.com or James Pound james.pound@hotmail.co.uk.

Mobile Library Coffee Mornings

The new schedule is shown below.

February 3rd & **18th**

Mar 2nd, **17th**, 30th

April 27th & **14th**

May 25th & **12th**

June 29th & **16th**.



Dates in bold are Saturdays; the Mobile Library will be outside the Village Hall between 10 and 10.30am and the Coffee Morning will start at 10.15am. Other dates are Fridays; the Coffee Morning will be between 10.30 and 11.30am on those days.

Poppy Appeal Julia Annandale would like to thank everyone for a terrific contribution to the poppy appeal in November. Greywell donated £499.17 which is amazing.

Dog Walking Service Are you a dog owner who cannot always provide the required amount of exercise, either on a regular basis or just some days, due to other commitments? I am a dog lover who is available during the day, so to see if I can be of help and for my fee details, contact me at chris.gallop@hotmail.co.uk or call in at Cobwebs, Deptford Lane, Greywell.

Mrs Christine Gallop

THE TEAPOT CAFE

will be open on the first Tuesday of each month at 3pm in the Village Hall (ie 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April and 1st May). If you require a lift please contact Jackie Giles on 702 859.



VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas carol concert, and special thanks to Charles Annandale for leading proceedings. Carol singers enjoyed refreshments of mince pies and mulled wine and were accompanied by the flute, guitar and violin.

A big thank you to Libbie Sebborn for organising and running another wonderful Children's Christmas party for Greywell. Everyone had a great time enjoying numerous craft activities and games – something for all ages. Father Christmas popped in and fortunately all the children in Greywell had been good, so they all received a present from Santa's sack.

New Chairman and Secretary required David Millard has been Chairman of the Village Hall Committee for four years, after originally agreeing to do the job for three years. He is standing down this year, but remaining on the committee, so we are looking for someone who would be willing to take on the role of Chairman. We are also looking for a new Secretary. If you would be interested to find out what's involved, in either role, please contact David for further details, email dmillard@f2s.com.

To hire the Village Hall please contact Rob Caird r.caird@btinternet.com or Helen Sullivan helenjsullivan@gmail.com.

Hire of Marquee (available within Greywell Village) for details and arrange bookings please contact Mike Burnside mike@cmburnside.fsnet.co.uk.

FUTURE EVENTS

May 1st Village Hall Annual General Meeting

May 5th Plant Sale & Coffee morning



WHITEWATER MOVIES 2011/12 Contact Sally Noble for membership 702 107 sallyofsouthfields@hotmail.com. Doors open 7.30, films start 8pm.

Friday, 3 February *Buried* (2010) Ryan Reynolds, José Luis García Pérez, Robert Paterson. 1hr 35 mins. Certificate 15.

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. With only a cell phone and a lighter, his contact with the outside world and ability to piece together clues to help him discover his location are maddeningly limited.

Friday 2 March *Russian Ark* (2002) Sergei Dontsov, Mariya Kuznetsova, Leonid Mozgovoy 1hr 40 mins. Subtitles. Certificate U

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 recesses of Russian history. A contemporary filmmaker is mysteriously cast back into the past where he meets a 19th century foreign diplomat. Together they traverse Russian history from the 18th century to the present.

ST MARY'S GREYWELL

Report from
VCC Meeting of
10th January



More involvement is being encouraged in all aspects of St Mary's with rotas for cleaning, preparing for communion, reading and leading prayers being initiated. Worship was looked at, particularly encouraging families and which new hymn books to buy.

Accounts are now just in credit thanks to increased regular covenant/gift aid/envelope giving by regular worshippers. However costs continue to rise so we shall welcome further regular support. We now address the outstanding unfunded works for 2012. Building works circa £6k and urgent electrical work circa £2k. The wardens and treasurer are to meet with the Friends asap to co-ordinate funding and fund raising. Tree surgeons have quoted £2,880 for work on certain churchyard trees. Jane was thanked for the immense

amount of work she does for us throughout the weeks and particularly over Christmas. Mr Holden, Jen Somerville and the flower team were also thanked.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Phone box The Council is pleased to announce that it has bought from BT the telephone box outside the Fox and Goose, and now wants to convert it into something that will benefit the village. If you have any novel or interesting ideas about how it can be used please let David Millard know.

Precept Following a meeting in January, the Council agreed that it can keep the precept from Hart to be the same as in the previous two years.

More about this and other village matters will be discussed at the **Annual Parish Assembly** on 23rd May at 7pm. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Next Parish Council Meetings 13th March and 9th May at 6.30pm, Greywell Village Hall.

Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

HOLY BAPTISM

on Friday 23rd December
at St Stephen's, Up Nately
Freddie Watt from Hong Kong –
grandson of Michael and Nicky
van der Gucht.

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**PCC Meeting Wednesday
February 15th at Mapledurwell
Village Hall, 8pm.** Apologies to
Rev Jane or Anita Gardner please.

Mid-week Holy Communion The
mid-week communion service will
be held on Thursday February 16th
at 11am at The Dower House,
Greywell. Please call Rev Jane (765
547) if you would like a lift to the
service. All welcome.

**The Women's World Day of
Prayer** will be held on Friday, 2nd
March in St Mary's Upton Grey from
12.15 onwards. The country which
has prepared this year's service is
Malaysia and the title is 'Let Justice
Prevail'. Lunch will be available in the
church from 1pm and the service
will begin at 1.45 and be over in
good time to allow for meeting chil-
dren from school. As always, people
are needed to help with the presen-
tation of the service and if this
appeals to you please get in touch
with Jill Walsh (862 131). This serv-
ice is a wonderful opportunity to
reflect on another Christian culture
very different from our own and feel
united with Christians all round the
world. Please note that men are
very welcome to come to this serv-
ice and it would be great to have
them with us.

Benefice Quiz The benefice quiz is
to be held on Saturday March 3rd in
Mapledurwell Village Hall. Our own
'Nately Nutters' from St Swithun's
won the last quiz – so why not enter
a team from your village this year?
Tickets are £12 per person which
includes a fish or chicken and chips
supper. It has always been great fun
and everyone is welcome. Further
details from Churchwardens of any
of the churches, or from Gill Rendall
(762 216).

Diamond Jubilee Service The con-
gregations of our five village church-
es will be gathering to celebrate the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a
special service on Sunday June 3rd
at 10.30am at St Swithun's, Nately
Scures. Please make a note in your
diaries as there are lots of events
being planned for this weekend.

LENT 2012

Please read the leaflet enclosed with this edition of the *Villager* to learn about our Lent 2012 Appeal for Hoima, Uganda.

Ash Wednesday As usual we begin Lent with a service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, at 7.30pm in All Saints' Odiham. Everyone is welcome.

Lent Course This year the Lent course will be in two parts:

In the afternoons we shall be meeting at The Vine School in Odiham at 2.15pm to study themes taken from a book called *Simplicity, Love and Justice* – thinking about ways we can live using the earth's and our own resources in the most responsible and Christian way possible.

The evening sessions will be at St Andrew's South Warnborough and each will be an act of worship for Lent – each one different from the other – an opportunity to worship together in both familiar and new ways.

Lent Lunches We shall be having a Lent lunch in each of our five villages – a simple meal for which you are asked to make a donation to the Lent Appeal for Hoima.

Friday March 2nd Jackdaw Cottage, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately
Linda Carter 767 774

Tuesday March 6th Ashlea, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell
Patricia Stubbs 323 324

Wednesday March 14th Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane, Newnham
June James 763 196

Thursday March 22nd Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill, Nately Scures
Maureen Ashworth 762 694

Monday March 26th Shenton Cottage, Hook Road, Greywell
Judy James 704120

You are welcome at all or any of these lunches – which are always very pleasant, sociable occasions – but please contact the host in advance so they know how to cater.

Camrose Centre for the homeless in Basingstoke Once again there will be a box in each of our five churches throughout Lent (February 22nd until Easter) for donations of food for the Camrose Centre so the clients can enjoy a home-cooked hot meal. Tinned and dried foods are very welcome, also fresh vegetables. Our gifts last year were greatly appreciated. All you need to do is pick up an extra item or two when you are shopping and drop them into the church box. Thank you.

Parish Quiet Day in Lent I have booked 20 places for a Quiet Day at Alton Abbey on Tuesday February 28th. 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 asap – it will be first come first served!

OBITUARY Nick Maude (10/10/53 - 25/11/11)

Nick died suddenly in November after a short illness. He had been assisting Jane here in the United Parish as a Reader for about a year especially in Newnham and Nately Scures at Matins.

By profession he was an accountant and lived in Upton Grey. His first association with Greywell was helping to lead an Alpha course here about 10 years ago. He undertook Reader training after this and helped out in the wider Benefice. A particular achievement was reciting St Mark's Gospel by heart at the Edinburgh festival. Always keen to act out his faith he recently went on 'Walk Wessex' and was a street pastor in Basingstoke.

A keen cricketer, sailor and cyclist, last year he took part in the public stage of the Tour de France in awful conditions.

All Saints' Odiham was filled with relatives, friends and colleagues celebrating his life at his Memorial Service held on 16th January.

We send our deep sympathy and prayers to his wife Ali and daughter Belinda.

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Dear Friends

My first letter to you in 2012 – and although Christmas seems a long time ago I hope it is not too late to wish you all a very peaceful and happy new year. As always I am very grateful to all those who worked very hard in the run up to Christmas, preparing for all our services,

and it is always lovely to welcome everyone at that special time of year. As I've chatted to some of you over the last few weeks I get the feeling that it has been a fairly gentle Christmas: no harsh weather to make travelling difficult and not too many coughs and sneezes to spoil the fun! I'm sure you, like Roland and me, have much to be grateful for – not least the love and companionship of family and special friends.

You may remember that back in November I wrote to you about the trip I had made to Hoima in Uganda and the powerful impression that experience made on me. As we enjoyed our Christmas festivities – such an abundance of food and drink and presents all too easily taken for granted – I couldn't help thinking of the children in the Mustard Seed Orphanage and the families of the school children we had met, whose celebrations would have been on a very different scale to ours. On my return I had really hoped that I could encourage people in the United Parish to support the charity Help Hoima once again and so I was delighted when the PCC of the five churches agreed to promote a Lent Appeal for them. We would love to raise £2,000 to provide living accommodation for one of the midwives in the Azur Maternity Clinic. You can read more about this in the leaflet that should be included with this edition of the *Villager* – but if yours is missing please call me and I will bring you another.

I quite unashamedly ask you all to support this appeal as generously as you can. The Azur Clinic offers the mothers and babies of Hoima a good standard of care, hygiene and treatment to give those little ones the best start in life – but that really does depend on being able to maintain a well-trained and committed staff. The charity is already sponsoring the salaries of some of the nurses and midwives and would love to provide accommodation for them too. Perhaps you would like to make a donation as a way of saying thank you for your own children or grandchildren – whose safe arrival in the world we rather take for granted too.

The appeal will run through February and March, right up to Easter – most of which time falls in the season of Lent. Please take this opportunity to read the leaflet and play your part. In Hoima a little makes a big difference – but the more we can give the more we shall be able to do.

Thank you

With love to you all

Revd Jane Leese

Jane

Church Services

February 5th

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11am	Morning Service	Greywell

February 12th

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

February 19th

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

February 22nd

7.30pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday	Odiham
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February 26th

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

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