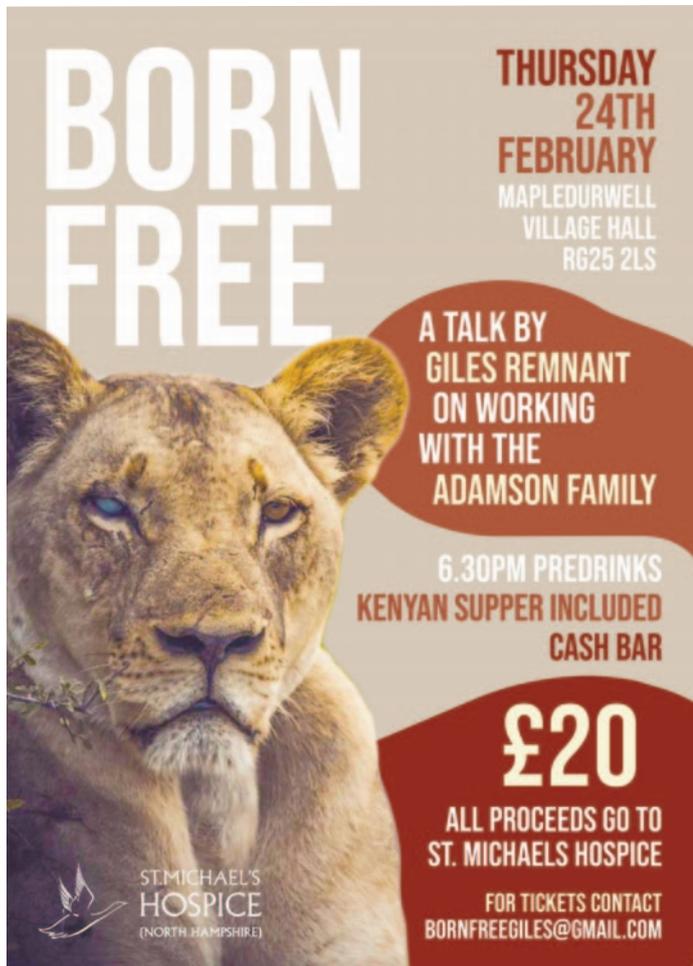


The Villager

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



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**THURSDAY
24TH
FEBRUARY**
MAPLEDURWELL
VILLAGE HALL
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A TALK BY
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ON WORKING
WITH THE
ADAMSON FAMILY

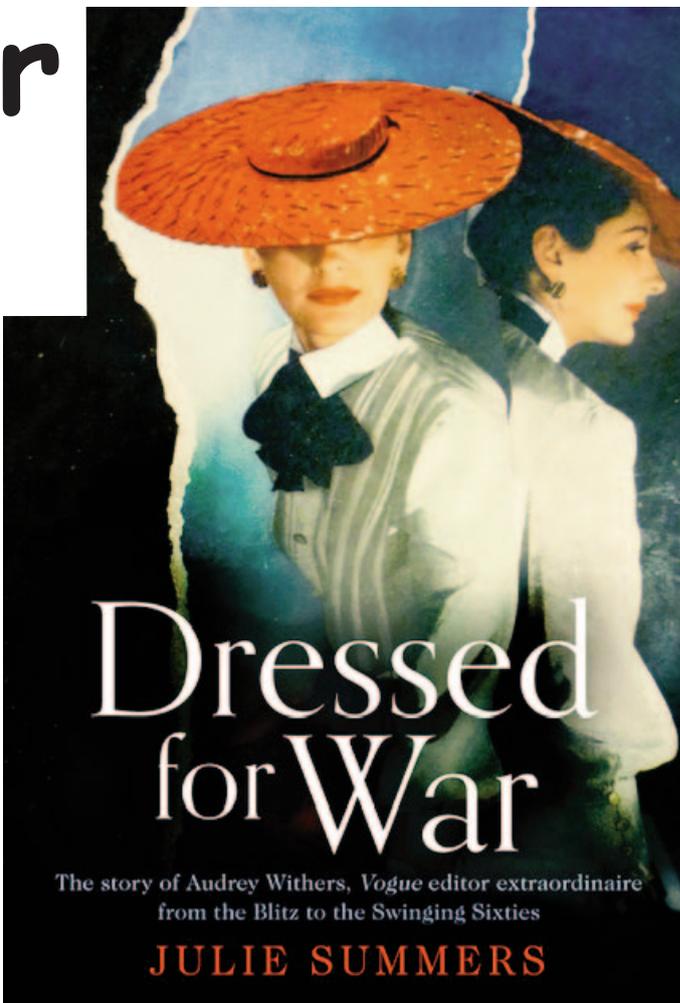
6.30PM PREDRINKS
KENYAN SUPPER INCLUDED
CASH BAR

£20

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
ST. MICHAELS HOSPICE

FOR TICKETS CONTACT
BORNFREEGILES@GMAIL.COM

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**Dressed
for War**

The story of Audrey Withers, *Vogue* editor extraordinaire
from the Blitz to the Swinging Sixties

JULIE SUMMERS

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 12th May midday
**NEWNHAM – Lunch and talk by well
known author, historian, biographer,
Julie Summers. Organised on behalf of
The Friends of St Nicholas' Newnham**



LOCAL PLAN UPDATE



BDBC's Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan Update document – previously scheduled to be published for consultation in May – has been rescheduled for (at the moment) publication in August / September. The BDBC website notes that: 'This timetable may need to be reviewed further in due course following future legislative changes to the planning system which will result from the published White Paper: *Planning for the Future*.' See <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/LDS>

Despite minuted agreements that the Economic Planning & Housing Committee (EPH), and Full Council, reject the Government's imposed housing targets, meetings continue to progress the Local Plan Update based on these figures. Planning Officers argue that they have to continue to prepare, if the figures change they will have a draft in place to be modified, there is no merit in doing nothing. Though this also paves the way for the plan to continue as it is.

Borough Council meetings are streamed live and also recorded on YouTube. Links are from the BDBC website 'meetings' page – search on Committees <https://democracy.basingstoke.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1>

The EPH meeting of 6th January discussed the Settlement Study for the rural villages and towns; EPH of 13th January discussed the Authority Monitor Report (AMR) for Planning 2021/21. The AMR concludes (p42) that BDBC's housing land supply at 1st April 2021 was 4.3 years.

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

**Please continue to report all
crime and suspicious incidents
through the correct process:**

For non emergency online – report a
crime/ASB to Hampshire Constabulary
<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/> or tel 101.

Use 999 in cases of emergency.
PCSO Andy Jones B/stoke Rural South
07775 542021 email: andrew.jones.
13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

CONTACT B/STOKE & DEANE

To report fly tipping on the highway
or problems with waste collection
<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report>

CONTACT HANTS COUNTY COUNCIL

To report problems on the highway,
eg flooding in the road, potholes,
obstructions to the highway or to
sightlines, please go to:
[https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/
roadmaintenance/roadproblems](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems)

Mapledurwell & Up Nately



UP NATELY

The village of Up Nately goes into 2022 without two of their long-standing residents.

David Barker died in September 2021 having lived in the village for many years with his wife Janne. David was a welcoming, friendly, and kind man - always ready and willing to help out with village events; in addition to a role as Churchwarden that he held for so many years.

Daphne Kinsella died in December 2021 having moved to Up Nately with her husband Tom in 1979. She was a member of various committees and could be relied upon to do what she said she would do! Daphne was a keen and knowledgeable gardener and an excellent cook. In addition, many an injured wild animal found their way to Daphne's door, knowing full well that they would be cared for to the best of her ability.

Both these villagers will be missed very much by those who remember them.



In early December we had a great start the festive season with a Quiz Night in the Village Hall. It was brilliantly run by the Village Hall Committee with Tim and Sue masterminding and presenting the excellent questions and Heather (and Les) and Abbie orchestrating and working in the kitchen. The food and wine was delicious, the raffle prizes were plentiful, the hall looked festive and everyone had a fun evening. It was lovely to enjoy a village evening together after all this time.

The event supported Citizens Advice and raised £232.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/03571/FUL (Validated 24 Nov 2021) Lyde Court, London Road, Old Basing. Replacement of open-sided internal ground floor rear 35 space cycle store with a 2-bedroom flat. Transfer of the 35 displaced cycle spaces to external covered secure cycle racks. Associated minor alterations to elevations.

21/03352/HSE (Granted 22 Dec) Fieldside, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of two storey front extension, alterations to roof, two x dormer windows to the front elevation and rooflights to the side elevations and changes to fenestration.

21/01739/LBC (Pending 14 July) Arlings Tunworth Road. Replace windows and exterior doors with new like-for-like.

21/01951/HSE (Granted 17 December) Elm Cottage, Tunworth Road. Replacement garage and home office with loft room.

21/01777/RET (Pending 24 May) Gamekeepers. Laying of

hardstanding plus seven downlighters (retrospective).

21/01566/HSE (Pending, 7th May) 2 Canalside Cottages, Heather Lane. Two storey rear and side extension, single storey front and side extension, garage and loft conversion. Garden store / office plus cantilevered decking over the canal side.

21/00827/FUL (pending, 20 April) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to secure dog walking area and off road parking; gate and 1.8m fence; replace shed.

21/00427/FUL (pending 22 Feb) Land to north of Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. One x four-bedroomed dwelling, garage, access etc.

21/00107/PIP (pending 25 Jan) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Permission in Principle for maximum of nine dwellings.

TREE APPLICATION

T/00615/21/TCA (Validated: 01 Dec 2021) Manor Farm Barn, Tunworth Road. One Weeping willow: reduce by approx a third.

TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL Contact mandunvillagehall@gmail.com

MAPLEDURWELL AND UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL

OUR VILLAGE HISTORY COFFEE MORNING

The Village Hall Committee is hosting a **Coffee and Cake Morning** on Saturday 5th March 2022 from 9.30am until midday

Also on display will be a feast of historic photographs, archived documents, maps, key events and much more!

So if you would like to learn more about our wonderful village history do pop in.

JUBILEE

THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE WILL BE HOSTING A JUBILEE EVENT ON

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE CULMINATING IN THE LIGHTING OF THE OFFICIAL QUEENS JUBILEE PLATINUM BEACON AT 9.45 PM



POLICING PAST

Dear Residents

William Beard, labourer, and Sarah

Beard, his wife, were charged with assaulting William Alfred Cannings, landlord of the 'Red Lion' public house at Waterend' on Bank Holiday, Aug 7th 1899. It appeared from the evidence that defendants came to the house and quarrelled with a drunken man. When Mr. Cannings asked them to behave, or to go away, the female defendant slapped his face. The male defendant then came to him and struck him a severe blow in the month with his closed fist. Defendants denied the charge and said that someone else struck Mr Cannings. Two independent witnesses supported the charge and defendants were convicted and ordered to pay 10s. (£39.09) each and 10s. each costs.

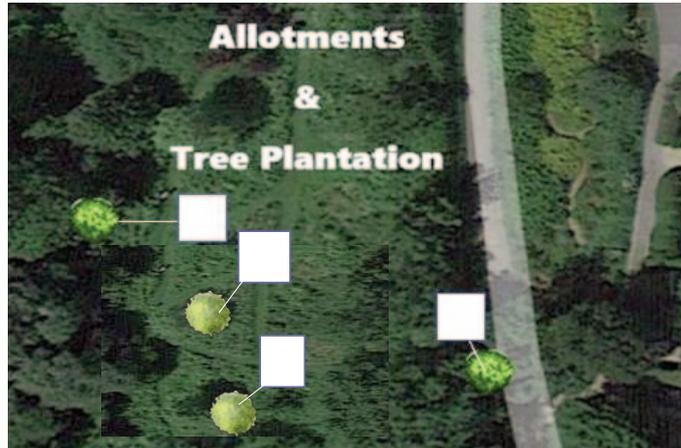
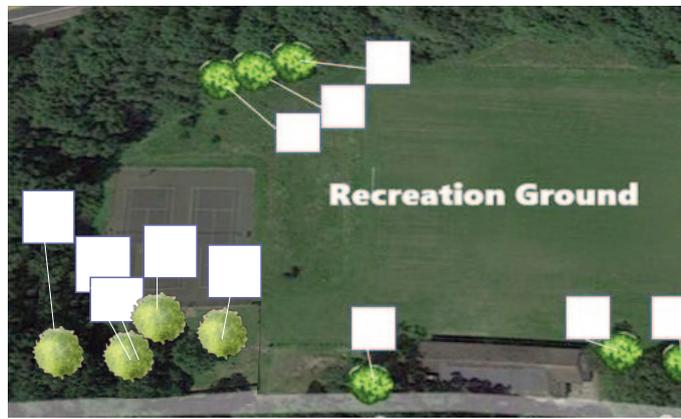
15.09.1900 – Jane Melton Smith was summoned by Mr G Smallbone, Collector of Rates for the parish of Up Nately, for that she, as owner of sandpit and some land in that parish, had not paid her rates, amounting to 10s 4d (£40.39p). Defendant did not appear, but the service of the summons having been proved, she was ordered to pay the amount and costs.

Henry Stokes, labourer of Nately Scures, was summoned for trespassing on land, the occupation of Mr Driver, in that parish, in search of game, on the September 1st 1900. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 15s (£58.63p) including costs. In another case, John Carter was charged with like offence of being on land belonging to the Nately Brick & Tile Company. William Watts, gamekeeper to Mr. Driver, found wires set for rabbits and saw defendant come and take a rabbit out. Henry was fined 10s (£39.09) including costs.

Charles Lynch 35, Charles Beard 18, and James Beard about 16, were convicted on the evidence of PC Mills of playing 'banker' with cards in the public road between Waterend and Newnham on Sunday August 20th 1899. The constable who was in plain clothes and riding a bicycle, came suddenly on defendants. Two of them ran away and left on the ground six florins two sixpences, 6½d in coppers and a pack of cards. James Beard only responded to the summons and the case against him was dismissed with a caution, while the other two were ordered to pay 1s (£3.91) each and 6s.3d (£24.43p) each in costs.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for 2022.

Sincere wishes
Andrew



Thanks to John Maclean for his Christmas bird box quiz.

The boxes were made by Harvey Simpson, organised and installed by John, together with Rod Warner, at locations as the pictures attached.

The Easter Quiz will be to identify and record any birds who have taken up residence.



THE
QUEEN'S GREEN
CANOPY

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

'PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE'

The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Her Majesty has launched 'The Green Canopy' initiative, which aims to encourage individuals and community groups to Plant a Tree for the Jubilee. This is intended to create an environmental legacy in honour of the Monarch's 70 years' of service.

Participants will need to source their own tree and plant it during the planting season October 2021 to March 2022. Trees can be obtained from the retail arm of the Woodland Trust, which is also supplying 50,000 trees free of charge to UK schools (queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/communities-and-groups/).

Whether one or 50 trees are planted, you are encouraged to mark your participation by including your tree on the Queen's Green Canopy map online (queensgreencanopy.org/qgcmapp/) to create a digital record of tree planting across the country.

Commemorative plaques will be available later in the year for those who wish to mark the event (queensgreencanopy.org/commemorative-plaques/).

If you don't have a suitable home for a tree you might think about donating a tree that will go towards creating green spaces in deprived urban areas and schools across the country

(shop.queensgreencanopy.org/)

For more information on the Queen's Green Canopy

Website: www.queensgreencanopy.org

Instagram: @queensgreencanopy

Twitter: @QGCAnopy

Facebook: @queensgreencanopy

LinkedIn: @queensgreencanopy

Newnham & Nately Scures



Royal Mail's notice indicates they will be stopping the 4pm collection at Newnham Green.

Change to last collection time

In order to improve efficiency we're reviewing our mail collection arrangements and revising collection times.

From 7 February 2022, the final collection from this postbox will be made no earlier than 9am Monday to Friday and 7am on Saturday. The latest collection time for this area is shown on the postbox notice.

For more information please visit www.royalmail.com or contact our Customer Service Team on 03456 011399.

www.royalmail.com

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/03830/FUL (Validated 19 Jan 2022)
Land Adjacent To Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Erection of 1 no. dwellinghouse partly on the site of a tennis court with formation of access driveway and new access on to Ridge Lane. (Replacement application for 20/01798/FUL approved Dec 2020).

21/03757/HSE (Validated 14 Dec 2021)
Woodlands House, Scures Hill. Single storey extension to rear/side with balcony above, new porch, render/clad external walls.

21/03312/HSE (Granted 11th January.)
Rose Farm Cottage, The Barracks. Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing.

21/00038/FUL (Refused 17th March 2021)
Land At Blackstocks Lane. Erection of one new dwelling. Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/21/3284682

21/02769/HSE (Granted 2nd November)
4 Kingsbridge Copse. Single storey rear extension, demolition of conservatory.

21/02185/HSE (Pending, 29 June)
Tollgate House, Water End. Part demolition of existing house and garage. Replace with three storey side extension, detached garage with first floor accommodation over, new entrance gates, altered access, new windows.

21/02135/RES (Pending 25 June 2021)
Land Adjacent Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Consideration of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to outstanding matters reserved by con 1 of 16/00097/OUT allowed at appeal.

21/01325/HSE (Pending 18th May, Beech House, Newnham Road. Creation of a new vehicular access to the west of Beech House, parking using stone gravel base.

16/03282/RET (pending 15th Sep 2016)
Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days etc, 100 days a year with associated parking.

HART PLANNING APPLICATION

21/02750/FUL (Refused 7th Jan 22)
Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook. New detached four bedroom dwelling following demolition of outbuildings.

Old House at Home, Dec 21, and on New Year's Day as reported in the Times



POND UPDATE... BEATEN BY RAIN AND NEWTS

The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG) has been helping the Parish Council with the management of the invasive *Crassula helmsii* (New Zealand Pygmyweed). Over the past year we have been thwarted by regular periods of rain which has maintained high water levels. It is illegal to work in ponds while great crested newts are present, so we've spent a lot of time waiting for the water levels to drop enough for us to start work on the edges. In September we were able to clear a 2m wide strip around the edge. We cut and rolled the *Crassula* like turf, then came back to weed out any new growth which can propagate from a 2mm section and is notoriously hard to eradicate.

But the weather turned and the water rose higher as the year went on. We had to wait until the great crested newts left the pond to hibernate, so it was early December before we were able to have another go. We had planned two more visits before the end of January, but instead of rain we had warmer temperatures that encouraged the newts to return... this effectively stopped our work. We diverted our work party on 8th January to the two smaller ponds near the crossroads as we had not found any great crested newts there prior to the work and we managed to remove some willow from the pond itself and thinned out the reed mace to diversify the habitats. We returned in the evening to survey the ponds by torch, and although we are still very early in the year for amphibians, we found over 20 great crested newts and several palmate newts in the main pond, and nearly 30 smooth and palmate newts in a private pond, which the owners very kindly allowed us to survey.

Our hope is that 2022 will be another dry year like 2020, which will allow us to follow the water levels down removing *Crassula* and bur-reed as we go. Until then, we will continue to survey the pond which has an amazing abundance of wildlife. There are five amphibian species present, several species of dragonfly and damselfly use the pond for breeding and there are a wide variety of water beetles and true bugs as well. Plants present include reed mace, water mint, water-crowfoot, water-plantain, starwort, rush species, duck weed, as well as *Crassula* and bur reed, among others.

You will probably see me around the green after dark, torch in hand and head down in the ponds. Feel free to come over and chat if you have any questions or you can email me on petewest74@hotmail.com.

Pete West, HIWARG



GREENING CAMPAIGN

We all know about the need to reverse climate change – we all have ownership of the measures we can or have time to take to reduce our carbon footprint. So why this campaign?

The Greening Campaign was started in Petersfield by Terena Plowright who wanted to make a difference in her own community. 'The Greening Campaign' is now a Community Interest Group with copyright for the support packages and logo. The Campaign has been run in villages and towns across England, and so this is a tested 'blueprint' to make the administration of the project simple, but also each community is part of a now officially recognised process.

The thing about starting the The Greening Campaign is that it's about making a collective community commitment. Which might seem inspirational? – or really not necessary?

According to the Greening Campaign... By running Phase 1 it will engage ALL the community. The community will feel involved, and this will result in larger numbers taking part in the following Phases.

THEN CAN THE CAMPAIGN MOVE ON 'TOGETHER' TO BIGGER CHANGES...



PHASE 1

Engagement & behaviour change

Using the specialist pack, get everyone in your community to join together and make 5 significant changes to their lifestyle. Find out how much CO² you have all saved together!

<http://www.greening-campaign.org>



PHASE 2

Three Pillars

Using the specialist support packs, work together in your community to protect your local environment, retrofit your homes, and support human health. From here you have the building blocks for a sustainable community.



PHASE 3

Your sustainable community

Make a vision for your sustainable community. Work through the self-assessment toolkit and find your strengths & weaknesses. Then work on sections such as communication, carbon reduction, saving water, ecology, community energy, using the support we offer!



PHASE 4

Adapting to a different climate

A Community Adaptation Toolkit which helps you evaluate the risks climate change will bring to your community. Understand climate, and understand weather. The Packs together lead you to possible solutions so your community can adapt and flourish.

PHASE 1

The idea of Phase 1 is to answer 'What difference will it make if I change the way I live my life?'

Well this Campaign is about demonstrating (and quantifying) how much – collectively – small individual actions make the big difference.

'The power of the individual lies in the community. By acting together, your voice becomes an effective tool – an effective community response to an international problem – both in reducing CO² and also, your £s affecting what products are sold on the shelves.'

'10 people putting in renewable energy now, is not nearly as effective as 200 people conserving energy now and later replacing that with renewables. This is not meant to be an eco town running eco events. It is about small changes.'

So... Each Phase contains an Information Pack, on-line resources, videos, and supports you by email. You can sign-up to one Phase at a time... and having achieved, or be *en route* to achieving, Phase 1, the scheme brings access to a wider network of support.

PHASE 2

Phase 2 offers three (funded) specialist advice sets:

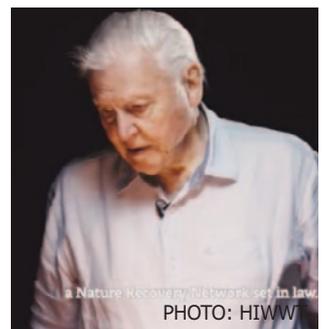
1. 'Rewilding package' supported by HIWWT
2. 'Retrofit' supported by the Sustainability Centre, and
3. on 'Health in Light of Climate Change'.

1. CREATING NATURE RECOVERY NETWORKS

<https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/nature-recovery-network>

'A wildlife rich natural world is vital for our well being and survival. We need wild places to thrive. Yet many of our systems and laws have failed the natural world. We now live in on of the most nature-depleted places on the planet.

'Nature urgently needs our help to recover, and it can be done. By joining up wild places and creating more accross the UK we will improve our lives and help nature to flourish. Because everything works better when it's connected.'



Hampshire & Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust

Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship
God and serve the community'

www.united-parish.org.uk
https://www.moretolife.church

From the Parish Registers Funeral

Daphne Kinsella, Basingstoke
Crematorium, January 11th.

FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM



I'm writing this on the
12th day of Christmas.
Somewhat
disappointingly, I
didn't receive a gift of
12 drummers
drumming from my
true love, although I
have to admit I'm not

sure what I've have done with them if I
had! Our Christmas decorations came
down today – as is the tradition – and
were put away for another year, and
suddenly the house looks very bare.
In the church calendar the Christmas
season lasts until Candlemas on 2nd
February and in many parts of the
world, Christmas trees are left up until
then. I suspect my tree would be
devoid of all needles by then and
looking very sorry for itself!

The 12th day of Christmas falls on the
eve of Epiphany, and the next day, 6th
January, we celebrate the Epiphany,
the revelation of God incarnate in Jesus
Christ. It's a special date in the
Christmas story as it's when we
celebrate how a star led the three Magi,
also known as the Wise Men or Three
Kings – to the baby Jesus, bringing
with them their gifts fit for a King.
Their visit is significant as it reveals
that Emmanuel – God among us in
Jesus Christ – came to be not just King
of the Jews but to be the saviour of all
peoples of all nations. This king, the
Messiah, would bring God's justice and
peace to the whole world, and indeed,

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

November winners:

- Chloe Port £100
- The Bingham's £50
- Peter Lumley £25

Winners of the December draw...

- Jenny Pomroy £100
- Jeff Ford £50
- Bridget Bell £25.

To take part contact **07775 994261**
carolynpeck@btinternet.com

Profits to Friends St Nicholas' reg charity no 283088



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BEFRIENDING SERVICE

New volunteering opportunity for 2022

Odiham Cottage Hospital's Befriending Service is a volunteer-led service run and managed by the Hospital and covers the areas of Odiham, Hook, Hartley Wintney, Old Basing and surrounding villages. Our clients are those who have become lonely and isolated due to living with a long-term health condition, or are receiving palliative care.

The service recruits, trains and supports volunteers who on a weekly basis visit people in their homes, as well as provide befriending via the telephone. All clients are referred to the service through their GP practice, community health team or another medical professional.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to be Befrienders for the service. For just two hours a week, you can make a real difference in someone's life within your local community.

For more information or an application pack, please contact

Una Tilt – Befriending Manager on 01256 393609

or via email at: befriending@odihamcottagehospital.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th February 9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion

Sunday 6th February 11am, St Mary's Greywell, Morning Service

Sunday 13th Feb 9am, St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 20th February 9am, St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion

Sunday 20th February 11am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service

Sunday 20th February 5pm, St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong

Sunday 27th Feb 9am, St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 27th February 11am, St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Service

Sunday 27th February 4.30pm, St Nicholas' Newnham, Tea-time Service.

at the end of Matthew's gospel Jesus commissions his followers to go out and make disciples from every nation.

For many of us the 1st January is the day to make New Year's resolutions, but I've long abandoned this. All too often the commitments I made were all around chocolate and calories and I would cave in after about three weeks. Some years ago I wondered if it would be more meaningful if I were to wait until Epiphany when all the hustle and bustle of Advent and Christmas is over and the fridge is emptied of all the delicious Christmas and New Year leftovers. I wondered if I'd then have the space and time to think about some more meaningful resolutions: resolutions not centred on me but centred on my commitment as a disciple of Jesus in my day to day living, and centred on how I can use my time and whatever talents God has entrusted to me to play my part in making the transforming love of Jesus known to others.

Epiphany may be just the time to bring to God the gift of a renewed commitment to our lives lived in Christ. At our first Sunday service after Christmas we said together the Methodist prayer – said each year at a special Covenant Service – which celebrates all that God has done for us, and we in turn affirm

that we give our lives and choices to God. The prayer is a wonderful way to commit ourselves afresh at the start of a new year and is an important part of my Epiphany (rather than New Year) resolutions:

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing,
put me to suffering *;

let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,

exalted for you,
or brought low for you;

let me be full,
let me be empty,

let me have all things,
let me have nothing:

I freely & wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

* Note that in this prayer the word
'suffering' is used in the sense of
'patiently enduring' – the opposite of
'doing'. We're not inviting God to inflict
pain on us.

Happy New Year to all. May God bless
us richly in 2022 and in turn may we
may be a blessing to others.

Reverend Linda Scard



Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor
More to Life network of Churches
North Hampshire Downs Benefice

KIDZONE

Kidzone

Hi everyone! I don't know about you, but the Christmas holidays is always a great time to snuggle up with a hot chocolate and watch movies! My favourite one this winter was Encanto, the new Disney movie. Have you had chance to see it yet?

I don't want to give out any spoilers, but it's about a huge family in Colombia, and each of the people in the family have a special gift. On the outside,



everything looks perfect. They are a happy family and everyone gets on with doing what they are good at. But then comes my favourite song, under the surface. Luisa has the gift of being super strong, and on the surface always seems to have everything sorted and in

control. She even sings: 'I'm the strong one, I'm not nervous, I'm as tough as the crust of the earth is.' But underneath the surface it's a different matter. She thinks people only love her because of what she does and because she is so strong. She even sings: 'I'm sure I'm pretty worthless, if I can't be of service.' And this puts so much pressure on her shoulders, because she thinks she has to live up to who everyone else thinks she should be. Why don't you take a moment to scan this QR code and hear the song for yourself?



I'm aware some Grandparents share this piece in the Parish magazine with Grandchildren and have asked me about these QR codes... just open the camera on your phone or tablet and point it at it – hey presto! (Though possibly some older phones may need a QR code reader.)

We all sometimes worry we're not good enough... worry we won't be clever enough to pass our test, fast enough to get into the team... it's natural. But worrying about not being good isn't good for any of us. It can make us anxious, sad and full of doubt. In the Bible it says being full of doubt and worry is like trying to walk through stormy waves – you'll never get anywhere! There's a saying that says 'a worry shared is a worry halved'. So why don't we think about how we can share any worries we have?



Obviously, one good way of sharing your worries is to find an adult you trust and tell them what you're worried about – they can give you advice and be there for you. Another great way of doing this is to make yourself a worry jar.

- Find a jar or any container, and decorate it if you like.
- Write your worries on pieces of paper. Fold them up and put them in the jar, and close the jar.
- Choose a time with a trusted adult (not just before bed!) when you open the jar and share your worries.
- Set a 10-minute timer and when it finishes, close the jar to put your worries away.
- When you've stopped worrying about something, enjoy ripping that worry up and throwing it away!

Hope this works for you – and remember you can always get in touch with me at youth@moretolife.church if you want to chat about something that's worrying you!

See you next time! Helen



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

NORTH HAMPSHIRE DOWNS MOTHER'S UNION

Mothers' Union has a theme for each year, and for 2022 our theme is: 'Transformation Now!' After the restrictions of the past couple of years, Mothers' Union nationally has had to change the way it works and support those in need that we are aiming to support.

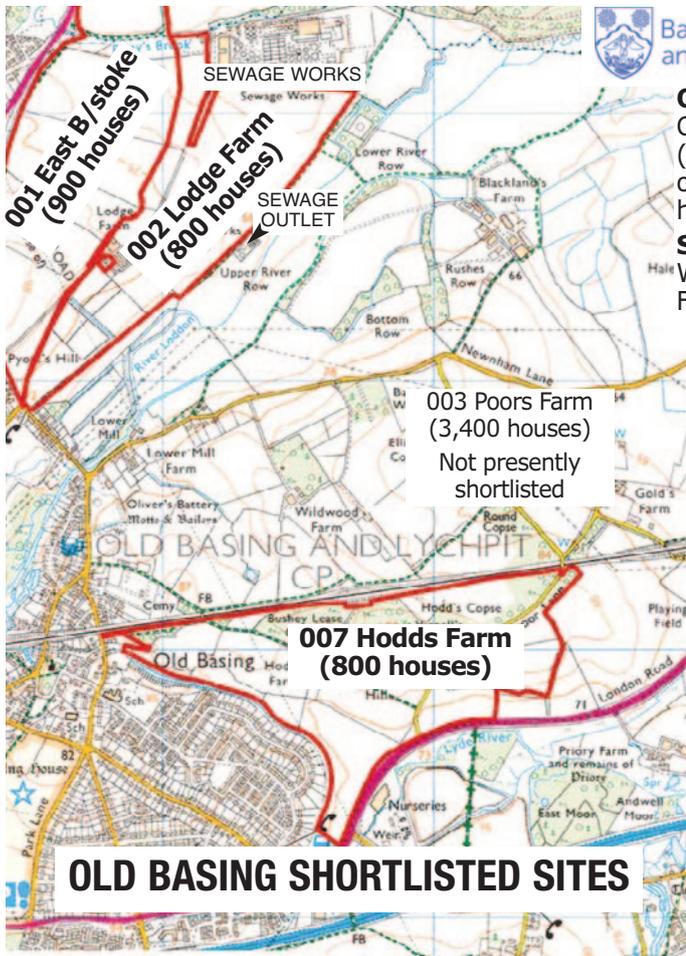
I'm glad to say that our local Mothers' Union projects are still active. We held a Christmas party for our Sunflower Café families in the Elizabeth Hall in Hook, when we were entertained by a Ukelele band. We also provided Christmas gifts to each of our families, which was greatly appreciated. We are now delighted to be back in the Vine Church now that its refurbishment is finished.

Both of our Child Contact Centres in Basingstoke are now open for face-to-face sessions although with COVID precautions and reduced numbers of families. We are still running occasional Zoom sessions for those families who cannot attend in person (perhaps because they have to isolate).

Further afield, we were asked to provide 40 Christmas presents for prisoners in Winchester Prison to send to their children. This contact is important for both the prisoners and their families, especially after a time when family visiting has been so restricted.

We expect to have a meeting on Tuesday 15th February, but the details of this have not yet been finalised.

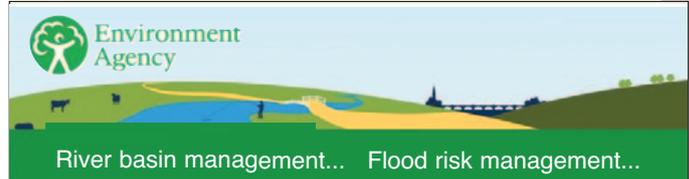
If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on sue@the-murphys.me.uk or 01252 845011.



Old Basing Parish Council has appointed Planning Consultants to help prepare a rebuttal of Local Plan Proposals (shortlisted sites) for OLD001 East Basingstoke (900 houses of which 450 already allocated), OLD002 Lodge Farm (800 houses) and OLD007 Hodds Farm (800 houses).

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OLD BASING SHORTLISTED SITES



RIVER BASIN & FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CONSULTATIONS

The Environment Agency (EA) invites you to respond

Draft River Basin Management Plans

~~Draft Flood Risk Management Plans~~
 (the Draft FRM consultation is now closed)

These are strategic plans for 2021-2027. The draft River Basin Management plans (RBMPs) are for protecting and improving the water environment. The draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) have measures (actions) to address surface water and river and sea flooding. The EA has worked to produce them with Lead Local Flood Authorities and other risk management authorities.

Your responses to these consultations will help find different and more ambitious ways of protecting people, the natural world and our precious water assets.

HOW TO RESPOND For RBMPs, go to <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/draft-river-basin-management-plans> before 22 April 2022.

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