

The Villager

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

BDBC LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Policy SS3: Sites Allocated for Residential/Mixed Use Development

THE MAPS BELOW are taken from the published *Agenda Reports Pack* for EPH (Economic Planning & Housing Committee) for discussion at the Thursday 9th June meeting 6.30pm - 9.30pm. Meetings can be viewed live or on YouTube see <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/webcast>.



NATURE RECOVERY NETWORKS

From County Cllr Elaine's Still

Having discussed at length with your committed local Borough and Parish Councillors I have requested the Loddon Valley catchment area becomes part of the local Nature Recovery Network.

The Environment Act introduced a requirement for Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRSs) for England to be prepared and published by 'responsible authorities'.

The Strategies will provide the foundation of a national Nature Recovery Network, identify the opportunities and priorities for enhancing biodiversity, and support wider objectives such as mitigating or adapting to climate change.

The Strategies will have a key role in the Land Use Planning System and be an important source of evidence for Local Planning Authorities to use in the preparation of their Local Plans. They are also intended to support the delivery of wider environmental objectives and each Strategy will map specific opportunities for taking priority action for nature recovery and the use of 'nature-based solutions'.

The County Council is a member of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership (LNP) whose aims include creating bigger, better and more joined up places for nature in line with the vision and recommendations of Sir John Lawton's *Making Space for Nature*, and meet regularly with ecologists from the Local Planning Authorities.

Officers from HCC and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) are meeting with BDBC's Natural Environment Team to explore areas of common interest including climate change, biodiversity and the Environment Act.

It is expected that the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, and building on existing successful initiatives, will be an important part of future conversations. A significant advantage in developing the Strategy, will be the detailed Ecological Network Map for Hampshire prepared by HBIC on behalf of the LNP.

Protecting and enhancing the natural environment is also fundamental to our work on tackling climate change.

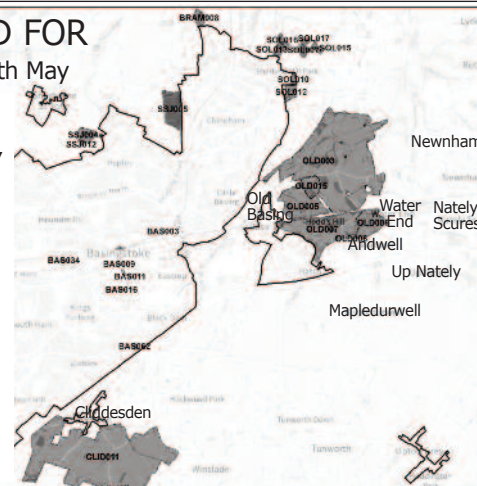
SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR ALLOCATION

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It's received as very good news that the previously shortlisted 006 and 007 sites 'Land North of London Road' and 'Hodds Farm' between Water End and Old Basing - south of the railway to the A30 - aren't presently included though, as expected, the 002 Lodge Farm site is.

Upper Swallick south of Cliddesden continues not to be included.

Public consultation on the allocated sites is scheduled for late summer/autumn.



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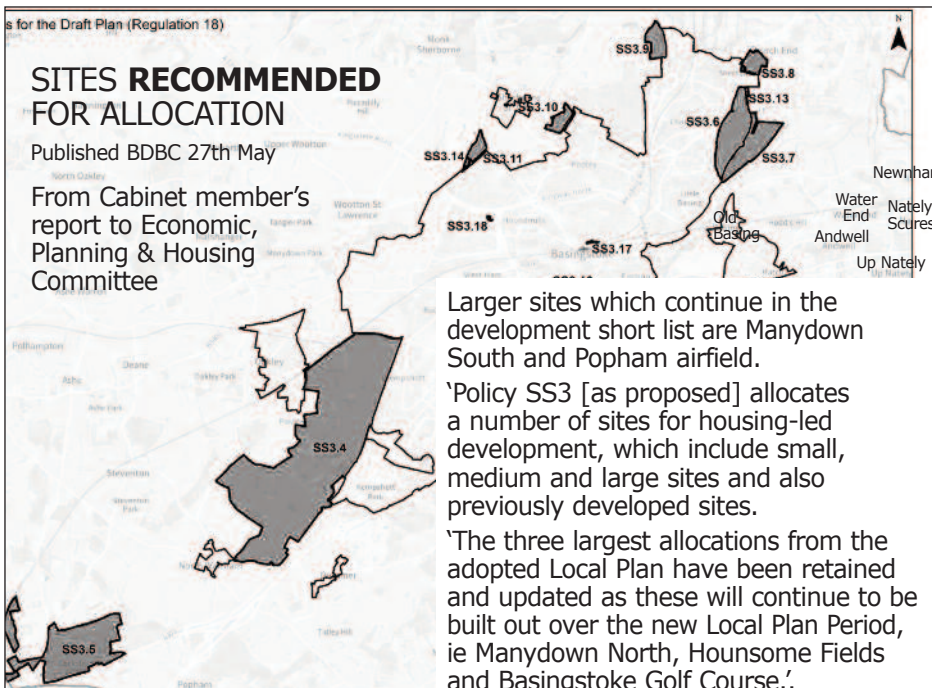
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From Cabinet member's report to Economic, Planning & Housing Committee

Larger sites which continue in the development short list are Manydown South and Popham airfield.

'Policy SS3 [as proposed] allocates a number of sites for housing-led development, which include small, medium and large sites and also previously developed sites.

'The three largest allocations from the adopted Local Plan have been retained and updated as these will continue to be built out over the new Local Plan Period, ie Manydown North, Hounsomsome Fields and Basingstoke Golf Course.'



'5.1 A key role of the Plan is to outline the strategy for meeting the borough's housing needs over the Plan period and ensuring a five-year supply of deliverable sites. The Council does not support national Government's current approach to setting housing need figures and further work is being completed to consider what a suitable housing requirement for the borough may be, based on local circumstances. This will also include a review of the information from the 2021 Census, which will start to be published from the summer onwards, to assess whether there are local exceptional circumstances in terms of the housing needs figure.'

The long-anticipated WATER CYCLE STUDY (May 2022) is published on the BDBC website <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/local-plan-update-evidence>

Mapledurwell & Up Nately



WEDDING IN ST STEPHEN'S UP NATELY

Eleanor and Thomas from Old Basing, waited two years to get married, delayed by Covid, and finally tied the knot on 14 May on a warm and sunny day. The church looked very festive with wonderful flowers white and green, arranged by Jan Minter, Jane Cooper, Rosemary Jenkins and Liz Preece, a happy team working together. The flowers apart from the large arrangement next to the altar, were taken to the reception venue.

The Service was conducted by the Rev Helen O'Sullivan and most of the guests travelled to and from the church in a red double decker bus! We wish the newly weds a happy life together.



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/01433/HSE (Validated 20 May) Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Erection of part two-storey part first-floor extension; demolition and replacement of entrance porch; new solar panels on existing roof.

22/01267/HSE and 22/01268/LBC (Validated 03 May) Blaegrove House, Blaegrove Lane Up Nately. Installation of replacement windows and external doors
22/01088/PI (Validated 12 April) Land to North of Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Permission in principle for the erection of one dwelling.

APP/H1705/W/21/3289616 (Appeal – start date 31 March 2022) 20/01723/FUL Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Eight dwellings with new service road and improved access from highway.

22/00676/FUL (Pending 03 Mar) High Field View, Frog Lane. Erection of a bungalow replacing concrete garage at north of the land.

22/00635/ADV (Pending 25 Feb) The Hatch. Display of one externally illuminated totem sign; one illuminated painted individual letter building sign; two non-illuminated double sided post signs; one non-illuminated single sided post sign, and one illuminated single sided post sign.

22/00630/FUL & 22/00678/LBC (Pending 25 Feb) The Hatch. Minor internal and external alterations, redecoration and repairs to building; new signage; erection of two pergolas including fixed seating and external fire; erection of external bar servery; partial resurfacing of car park and installation of new gates; replace existing bridge; repaving, new bollard lights and arbors; demolition of garden sheds / structures and erection of new shed; new island patios with festoon lighting to garden; new fencing and associated works.

22/00212/TDC (Validated 17 Feb) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Technical Details Consent (TDC) for conversion of an agricultural building to one dwelling as per 20/00009/PIP. New vehicular access from Tunworth Road [south].

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

21/01777/RET (Pending 24 May 2021) Gamekeepers. Hardstanding plus seven downlighters (retrospective).

21/00827/FUL (Pending 20 April 2021) 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 (for DC 8th June Validated 22 Feb 2021) Land to north of Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. One x four-bedroomed dwelling, garage, access etc.

NEXT MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 20 July, Village Hall meeting room from 7pm.

HAMPSHIRE FACTS AND FIGURES

Continued from County Councillor Elaine Still's Annual Report

Hampshire's population is 1,389,200 (2020) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire County Council maintains 5,400 miles of roads, 4300 miles of pavements, 150,000 streetlights, 474 maintained schools for 138,000 pupils, 52 academy schools for 38,000 pupils, 10 residential homes for children and young people, 18 Older Persons Care Homes, 24 Household Waste Centres and 5 Country Parks; 4.8 million books, e-books and magazines are loaned each year.

The proportion of household waste sent to landfill has decreased since 2011-12 (from 8% to 4%). Ninety six per cent of all Hampshire waste is either recycled, reused, composted or sent for energy recovery. The waste sent to energy recovery produces sufficient energy to power 50,000 homes.

BUDGET – Hampshire County Council approves £2.4 billion spending on local services in 2022-2023

Plans for the next financial year focus on ongoing work following the pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.

The annual council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,390.86, an increase of £0.78 per week, equating to 2.99% of which 1% is for adults' social care. The budget includes £556.2 million of capital expenditure over the next three years to boost jobs, quality of the environment & to tackle climate change.

The proposed capital programme includes: · £109 million in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire · £136 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years · £109 million for integrated transport schemes including over £50 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements · £95 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years following the £33 million for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls that took place in 2021-2022.

CLIMATE CHANGE Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to the impacts of a 2% rise in average temperature and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>

COUNCILLOR GRANTS This year I have supported a wide range of local causes across the Division with grants amounting to £8000.

NOTES FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY OF 18TH MAY

The Chairman welcomed all to the Assembly – parish council, ward cllrs, police and 9 members of the public.

LOCAL POLICING

PCSO Andy Jones will cover our area when he can. But Mapledurwell & Up Nately, as Newnham, is part of the Basing Area and as such comes under policing for Basingstoke Town.

Of note, are recent thefts of high value plant machinery – can be moved out of the country very quickly. Licensed premises are being targeted for cooking oil, used as diesel equivalent once filtered. Rural officers are increasing their use of drones. County Watch is warning that dogs must be under close control, stress can be a factor in sheep deaths as much as injury.

Reporting – please report 999 for any incident happening in real time, units will deploy when they can. For non-urgent still use 101; alternatively, reporting online – search Hampshire Constabulary reporting – will allow you to upload photos and documents.

WARD COUNCILLORS

Onnalee Cubitt and Kate Tuck [& Sven Godesen] are Ward Councillors for all of the new Basing & Upton Grey Ward.

Onnalee noted that PCSO Andy Jones has an impossible task, given the area he has to cover, in trying to help police our Parishes as well. Issues with Local Policing should be sent to Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones.

'A big issue in the Borough is the Update of the Local Plan. But we wish to hear from residents on all issues and concerns, from all parts of the Ward, we are here to work for you.'

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

If the borough continue on the same trajectory for house building we will have an additional 17,800 houses by 2030 – above the sites already planned.

Many Strategic sites in the current Plan which are supposed to have been built have not been, including Manydown. The borough presently has a build rate of 1,400dpa (dwellings per annum), apparently the second highest in the country, but where these are not on allocated sites they not included within our housing figures.

And because strategic sites – the 'official' sites – are not being built out, Basingstoke's housing figures can't show a five-year land supply. This cycle is clearly self-perpetuating – and means that every time a new planning application comes forward it is not assessed according to the full weight of Local Plan housing policies.

Site selection will be discussed by EPH (Economic, Planning and Housing Committee) of 9th June.

We are very lucky to have Kate as a Borough Councillor. As longstanding Chairman of SOLVE (Save our Loddon Valley Environment) she is very knowledgeable on planning and environmental matters, particularly with regards to the river.

Detailed work is going on behind the scenes. As we are three councillors for this Ward including Cllr Sven Godesen we do meet weekly. Kate is working on River Basin Management Plans and Local Nature Recovery networks. See *front page report from Cllr Elaine Still*.

OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

PLANNING

Planning objections Concerns were raised that the Parish Council is not objecting to all planning applications for new housing.

The Chairman said the Parish Council had seen good reason to oppose proposals for larger housing developments in the Parish and had detailed its reasons for doing so.

The Parish Council seeks to consider the merits or otherwise of all planning applications and seeks the views of neighbours directly affected. It seeks to ensure that its comments on applications are relevant in planning policy terms. It is a consultee not the decision maker. It is evident from recently approved applications that the Parish Council's position carries no particular weight above the strength of its planning argument. And that applies to all respondents.

It's also evident that decision makers can differ in their conclusions. Development Control Committee may disagree with the decision of a Case Officer, and an Inspector may or may not agree with either. The reasons for any difference should be explained.

Discussion

- Planning Policies are critical. Going forward with the Local Plan Update, we need all of the 88K or so electorate to engage. It can be a numbers game where politics are concerned.

- Concern that the Parish Council not supporting the Village.

- Also support for more balanced view.

- A small group isn't a necessarily a voice for the majority.

- Decisions on planning applications are made according to Planning Policy. Once policy is in place it limits the scope and reasons for objecting. The most effective way to make a difference is to engage with the Local Plan Update.

- The Parish Council's most tenable position is to present the strongest planning case it can in opposition to planning applications it deems harmful to the Parish; and where Parish Councillors believe in good faith the application will not be on balance detrimental, to say that is the case.

- A reputation for objecting regardless is not always helpful.

'**Precedence**' was cited as a concern.

Discussion

- All planning applications in theory must be decided on their own merit. One individual application cannot set a 'precent' for another unrelated application in the Village.

- There could be a case to object if a proposal would change the nature of the area to the extent that other applications, given the changed context, would be more likely to succeed.

- An example was suggested of a row of similar houses. A change to one may affect the local street scene to the extent that allowing a change to another becomes more likely.

Previously developed land

Case law from some years ago ruled that gardens in rural areas could be considered brownfield. ('Precedence' becoming a material consideration in Planning when it's made Case Law.) See the 'Dartford' case (2015).

Housing design – Planning applications do not always propose good architecture. Could the Parish Council discuss issues of design with applicants? Answer – Good design for the Village has to be a matter of consensus. A way forward would be via Design Guides which can be part of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Report to be continued July Villager.

RESIDENTIAL GARDENS OUTSIDE BUILT-UP AREAS TO BE REGARDED AS BROWNFIELD

The 'Dartford' case (2015)

<https://clplanning.co.uk/residential-gardens-outside-built-up-areas-to-be-regarded-as-brownfield-land/>

A landmark judgement has been made in the High Court in the case of *Dartford Borough Council v Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government* (CO/4129/2015), which has clarified the definition of previously developed land as set out in the NPPF...

The ruling states that only residential gardens within the 'built-up area' are to be exempt from the definition, whereas residential gardens outside of 'built up areas' may be regarded as 'brownfield'.

The judgement is significant in altering the widely held belief that all residential gardens are greenfield.

WARD COUNCILLOR GRANT 2022/23

Ward Councillors will have a grant fund this year of 2K each to which any organisation may apply to a maximum of £1K.

Newnham & Nately Scures



Sheep shearing on 22nd May at Newnham Hill (from the rear)



'DRESSED FOR WAR' TALK AND LUNCH on 12th May was a sellout (seating 67 people) and a great success – as managed by Kate Jefferson, Sarah Hawkes and Joanna Bell, supported by the Newnham Ladies. The event was in aid of St Nicholas' Newnham and St Michael's Hospice, with thanks to the Hawkes for hosting in Manor Farm Barn.

We were privileged to have historian and writer Julie Summers with us for the day to speak about her latest book *Dressed for War* – which tells the story of Audrey Withers, Editor of *Vogue*, keeping the magazine afloat during the War with bombing all around her!

Sarah Laird worked for Audrey Withers as her PA secretary from 1958-60. It was in this context that she and Julie first met, and so Sarah was able to persuade her to come and speak to Newnham – and without her usual fee.

Nigel Bell set the scene by briefly describing the history of 12th Century St Nicholas' Church, built around the same time as the barn.

NOTES FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY OF 11TH MAY

The Chairman welcomed all to the Assembly, parish council, ward cllrs, police and 25 members of the public.

LOCAL POLICING

PCSO Andy Jones introduced himself and gave a little of his background: he began his working life in security, then worked as a prison officer for 10 years. He joined Hants Constabulary 15 years ago, working first in Basingstoke town, then Basingstoke Rural for the past seven years.

During that time Rural South area has much extended, covering 49 Parishes not including Mapledurwell & Up Nately and Newnham. It's appreciated that PC Andy Reid was committed to remaining Newnham's point of contact and there was an expectation that his replacement would do the same.

Equally PCSO Andy Jones appreciates that Newnham (and Mapledurwell & Up Nately) relate to other Rural rather than Urban policing areas. As such he is prepared to assist and patrol when possible, and if possible will respond in an emergency.

But Newnham is part of the Basing Area and as such comes under Basingstoke Town. He has discussed with the Basingstoke Sgt on our behalf and our assigned officers should be:

PC Ren PARMAR

renu.parmar@hampshire.police.uk

PCSO Lucy OLLERENSHAW

lucy.ollerenshaw@hampshire.police.uk

Importance of reporting – Andy stressed again the importance of information, eg about a suspicious incident or vehicle, and so building up a narrative, a hot spot of intelligence which attracts resources.

Police received 24 reports for Newnham Parish (including both crime and non-crime) in the past 365 days compared to 28 reports for the previous year. High numbers can be a good thing if reflecting more people reporting, not necessarily more crime and incidents. 101 is for non urgent cases – where nothing is lost in taking time to follow up the next day.

999 is for Crime Happening there and then, appreciating even 999 doesn't always work as well as it should.

Reporting online shouldn't necessarily take precedence over 101, but has advantages – can complete in own time without waiting, and can also upload documents and photos.

Search via any search engine for Hampshire Constabulary reporting.

Re feedback, yes will just get the generic email acknowledgement. But be assured that when officers next search the system the reports will be there; officers will know which ones to go to and progress.

Question: Andy Reid encouraged us to report door-to-door sellers, is this something you continue to ask?

A: Yes, continue to report. May not warrant 999 unless being aggressive at the door – if call 999 may receive advice to call 101, but much depends on what is happening elsewhere.

Question: How can we achieve more police presence in Newnham? Andy noted that he discussed the issue of Newnham policing with Basingstoke Sergeant. He wants to do more, but already has a large area and only so much he can do. PCC Donna Jones has plans for additional officers.

Onnalee noted that Andy does a great job, and issues with local policing need to be taken up with the PCC; she has said she is committed to tackling rural crime. Please send to Onnalee and she will forward.

WARD COUNCILLORS

Newly elected Ward Cllr Kate Tuck thanked all who voted in the recent local election however their votes were cast. She and Cllr Onnalee Cubitt are here to represent all residents, please get in touch.

BDBC LOCAL PLAN UPDATE & HOUSING NUMBERS

'We have a huge battle ahead of us regarding proposed new housing numbers which are unsustainable. People on the doorstep speak of the value they have for the countryside. We need to support each other and together can make an impact.'

The Water Cycle Study contracted to AECOM has – again – still not been published*, officers reported that the figures are being remodelled.

Question Is the Environment Agency saying that until rivers are cleaned up, they will hold out against development?

Answer 'Nutrient neutrality' legislation only applies to certain rivers, notably those flowing to the Solent – including the Test and Itchen. Larger developers can often 'offset' the impact of development under the legislation by funding environmental regeneration projects.

Question You mentioned a 'battle'. Is there a split between urban and rural councillors with regards to their approach to housing? **Answer** It's more complicated. If the borough is required to build 18K houses it's about where the power base lies.

Question Is the objection to what building or where building? **Answer** Past levels of housebuilding in the borough has meant that further large scale housing development is environmentally unsustainable.

The objection is to the numbers, the goal is to NOT have the Council accept another 18K houses by 2030.

* WCS to be published Monday 30th May

The biggest priority for the whole borough is getting the imposed housing numbers down. As a collective, parishes and all the electors have a strong voice.

BDBC Councillors, at meetings of EPH (Economic Planning & Housing Committee) and Full Council, have agreed not to accept the numbers. But legal means must be found to effectively oppose Government's 'Standard Methodology' for calculating housing numbers.

Major sites have been put forward for housing in the Loddon catchment – on its aquifer or in its valley. Basingstoke, being sited at the source of the Loddon, should not get any bigger, our young river system cannot cope with more abstraction or waste. Large

populations are usually sited further downstream – on larger rivers. Building on the western side of the watershed is no solution as this is the source for the Test.

Sites East of Basingstoke in the Loddon Valley. Taylor Wimpey bought an option on the King's Fund land in the 2000s. It was to be their biggest project in the south east. The 'East Basingstoke' 001 site belongs to County who have a memorandum of understanding with Taylor Wimpey re access to the rest of the valley sites.

Question What happens about infrastructure? The Police can't cope. West Basingstoke surgeries are a catastrophe. **Answer** So often much of the funding promised for infrastructure never follows the development. The borough already an infrastructure funding deficit of well over £100M. Sadly lack of infrastructure is a very strong story for East of Basingstoke.

Social Value in Planning can carry more weight if everyone expresses the importance of a facility to them. Eg the Value to be attributed to Health & Wellbeing if everyone said how much better they feel for being out in the countryside, by the river.

Question What structured action can we take to influence BDBC decision making? **Possible way forward:** Whitchurch – who have the benefit of a Planning Consultant as part of their Neighbourhood Planning Team – are advocating the Chelmer Model for housing calculation using data from the 2021 Census. We need to persuade the Council to delay. Detail will be circulated helping Parishes co-operate – not in opposition to all housing / affordable housing – but in a call to action to reduce the numbers.

Report to be continued July Villager.

NEXT NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wed 13 July, Clubroom.

Parish planning applications overleaf.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

LUNCHTIME APPROX 12.30 - 1PM
CHINOOK FLYPAST on their way home from Buckingham Palace.

CAKES FOR EVERYONE, PLEASE BAKE AND DONATE A 'FAVOURITE CAKE'



for sharing, of any type, size, decoration. Please bring to the marquee for 3pm.

CELEBRATION AT NEWNHAM GREEN

DRESS – ROYAL / PATRIOTIC

From 1pm, Bouncy castle on the Green
From 3pm, Activities for all including for children with Helen Chatfield. plus Brass Band

3.15 'Cake judging' by Tim & Hannah who will donate a Wild Green Acres veggie box for the winner

3.30-5pm, Tea, cake & Pimms

5pm, Best dressed competition.



AT THE PUB

FOOD NOW FULLY BOOKED

Tydney Lane will be closed & tables set up along the road by the pub.

5-6PM – Children's tea (including for parents as needed)

Nuggets & chips £5

5-7pm Bar open Old House at Home

7-9PM – Supper at the Old House
ALL NOW FULLY BOOKED

9.45PM – BEACON LIGHTING
10-MIDNIGHT, SILENT DISCO



SATURDAY 4TH JUNE AFTERNOON

A full peal of bells will be rung to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, this will take around two and a half hours to achieve.



Newnham & Nately Scures cont...

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/01240/LDPO (28 April) Grove Villa, Blackstocks Lane. Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension.

22/01190/FUL (05 May) Land on West Side of Nately Towers, Scures Hill.

Erection of a detached five-bedroomed dwelling and detached garage, repositioning of entrance onto London Road (A30) and extension to footpath.

22/00981/FUL (Granted 26 May) Land at Blackstocks Lane. Erection of one new dwelling, landscaping & parking.

22/00754/HSE (Granted 25 May) Snipes Wood House, Scures Hill.

Erection of first floor extension to existing garage to create home office with shower room and sauna.

22/00132/FUL (Pending 19 Jan) Land off Ridge Lane. Farm workers' dwelling for temporary period.

Creation of earth bunds (2.5m max width by 1.5m max height). Permeable surfaced farm access tracks.

21/03830/FUL (Pending 19 January) Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane.

Erection of one dwellinghouse with access driveway and new access on to Ridge Lane. (Replacement for approved application 20/01798/FUL.)

21/02135/RES (Pending 25 June 2021) Land Adjacent Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill.

Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, ref reserved matters condition 1 of 16/00097/OUT.

16/03282/RET (pending 15th Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane.

Change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural to include diversification of farm open days etc 100 days a year, associated parking.

TREE NOTICE


T/00207/22/DDD (Five day notice) Dead Oak tree to be felled at 1 Manor Farm Cottages, Blackstocks Lane.

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From the Parish Registers...

Baptism Etta Hicks

St Mary's Greywell, 3rd April

Wedding

Eleanor Webster and Thomas Marsh

St Stephen's Up Nately, 14th May

Funeral Jean Miles

St Nicholas' Newnham, 5th April.



From the Ministry Team

I wonder if you remember the iconic 1981 film Chariots of Fire? If

you don't recall the film, then you will almost certainly be able to hum part of the famous score by Vangelis. I'm listening to it as I write this piece and it's making the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end.

There is one part of the film that lodged itself in my memory from a young age. In the scene Eric Liddell's sister is telling him off for neglecting his responsibilities towards God and his calling as he concentrates his focus on competitive running. At the time of the 1924 Olympics Eric paused his preparations to go to China as a missionary and his sister clearly thought he had his priorities in the wrong order. Liddell responds to his sister saying: 'I believe that God made me for a purpose. But he also made me fast, and when I run, I feel his pleasure.'

I find the short exchange depicted in the film interesting for a number of reasons. Firstly because it speaks of God having a purpose for our lives. Secondly because in it we face the sometimes difficult dynamic of how we and those around us understand our purpose and calling. And thirdly, it opens our eyes to the link between our purpose and calling and joyful living.

Briefly then – the notion that God has a purpose for us. It's long been part of the Christian tradition to affirm that God is not disinterested in us. But more than that, that God is actively interested in us, and that he has given to all people gifts, talents, characteristics and experiences, which he invites us to use in his service and in love for the world. In the Christian tradition these God given attributes and experiences are the things that shape our sense of purpose and help

us to explore what God has created us for. I don't know about you, but I've always found purposefulness in life essential to wellbeing.

As we come to understand God's purposes for us, guided and led by our gifts and experiences we can sometimes face a difficult dynamic. We need other people, those who know and love us, to help us in this work of discernment, but sometimes opinions differ about what our priorities should be and how we should live out our calling and purpose. Because purpose and calling is so deeply personal this can be difficult.

Very often our perspective on our purpose and calling can be too narrow. Eric's sister saw only one part of her brother's life as being a calling – we might say the obvious bit, being a missionary – and neglected to see that God had given him other gifts too which also formed part of his calling.

Finally, and this is possibly the most important bit, any sense of God given calling and purpose should bring us joy. I love Eric Liddell's response as he reminds his sister that when he runs he feels God's pleasure because he is doing something that God created him to do. Of course that should be the case. Discovering God-given calling and purpose is about understanding how we are made and allowing that to shape what we do with our most precious resource – our time on earth. Christians believe that God created us for joy and not duty and so discovering our purpose and calling should lead us into fuller and more joyful living.

I recently spent a couple of days away working with a small group of CEOs and Entrepreneurs helping them to think through purpose and make some plans for the future. Whenever I talk to people about discerning their calling and purpose one of the first things I ask is 'what brings you joy?' or 'when do you feel most fully alive?' – as Eric Liddell suggested, the answer to these questions often gives a pretty good steer on where our calling and purpose is to be found.

So what became of Eric Liddell? Having won the 400m at the 1924 Olympics he went to China where he served as a Christian Missionary until his death in an Internment camp in 1945. He served the rural poor in China and attempted to share God's love with them, often at great personal cost. Even whilst he was a prisoner he selflessly ministered to and looked after those around him as he gave his all for the Gospel.

His last words, written in a letter to his wife were: 'It is all surrender'. Throughout his life Eric Liddell had sought to surrender himself to God's calling and purpose in all its forms, and in doing so he found freedom and joy. Now there is a thought...

Rev'd Simon Butler, Benefice Rector




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

KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

I wonder what you think makes a good friend? They make you laugh? They like the same things as you? They have their birthday on the same day? I wonder if your friend asked you to go with them to the beach for the day – would you go? How about if they asked you to come round to their house... to help you clean out their stinky guinea pig cage? Sometimes it is much easier to be a good friend when things are going well and we are enjoying ourselves than when things aren't going well or times are hard.

I wonder if you have any examples of times when friends have stuck by you. Read these examples of friendship below and

 if you think someone has been a good friend give them a thumbs up, otherwise give a thumbs down.

Mark was really sad at school one day because his hamster had died. His friend Seb asked if he could sit next to him that day and told him a joke to cheer him up.

Karen was invited to Saira's birthday party, but she couldn't go because her family was visiting her grandma that day. Saira got upset with Karen and said she wasn't going to talk to her any more.

Joel and Sam were playing with Joel's football. Sam kicked it so hard it went over the fence. Joel got really angry with Sam and stormed off home.

Gordon noticed that another girl was always picking on and laughing at his friend Dawn. Gordon decided to tell the teacher about what was happening.

There's a story in the Bible about a really good friend. Her name was Ruth. Scan the code to see her story.

In this story, Naomi was going through a really hard time. Her husband had died, she had left her home, she didn't have enough money or food. At her lowest point, Ruth stuck by her. It might not have been easy, but she decided to be a good friend, even though it meant making sacrifices, and God blessed her.

By the time you read this, you might notice some new faces in your school. Some guests from Ukraine are joining our community for a short time, while it's a bit too dangerous to live at home. Some of them might be having a tough time. They've had to leave their friends, their home and maybe even some of their family. Right now, what they really need is good friends. Remember what you said made a good friend right at the beginning? Can you be that friend for someone in your school who is a long way from home? What can you do to help them feel welcome and at home?

God Bless and see you next time!
Helen C

WHAT'S ON FOR FAMILIES...

Monday 8th to Friday 12th August MORE TO LIFE
HOLIDAY CLUB Church Meadow, Upton Grey
Wednesday 31st August MESSY SUMMER




Church Fete
2.00pm Saturday
11th June
The Old Vicarage
Church Street
Upton Grey

Tombola/ Raffle/Classic Cars
White Elephant/Garden plants/Books
Cakes/Cream teas/Ice creams
Pimms/Woodworking
Brass band/Punch & Judy
Toys/Children's games
Admittance £1/ Under 14 free

Parking on Church Meadow Church Street

Church Street, Upton Grey, Hampshire, RG25 2BB www.uptongreychurch.co.uk



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

North Hants Downs MU

In May I attended the Mothers' Union Provincial Conference with Diocesan Presidents from other parts of England. The main focus of this conference was Domestic Abuse, and how we might support victims.

We heard two speakers give their personal stories of coercive control and financial abuse, and both made the point that their partners made them feel that they were in the wrong – that they weren't victims and were to blame for the situation.

Over the coming months, Mothers' Union will be looking at ways in which members can help to raise awareness and give support.

More locally, Mothers' Union in this diocese will be holding a Festival Service in the Quire of the Cathedral on Thursday 9th June at 11am, and everyone is welcome to join us. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk.

CHURCH SERVICES JUNE INTO JULY

Sunday 5 June	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Communion 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Service
Sunday 12 June	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 9am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 19 June	11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 4pm St Mary's Greywell, Pet Service 5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong
Sunday 26 June	11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Service 4.30pm St Nicholas' Newnham Tea-time Service
Sunday 3 July	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell Morning Service

JUNE – busy and planning ahead for next year

The u3a follows the same yearly pattern as schools, colleges and universities and so we shall soon be packing up for the summer holidays. However, behind the scenes we are hard at work planning for the 2022/23 year which begins in September. At the moment we are putting together next year's Annual Programme which details all our activity groups ready for online enrolment which opens early in July. If you are interested, keep an eye on our website. If you are no longer working full time or are getting close to retiring here's a date for your diary– **August 17th** – in the morning of when we will hold our Members' Morning at Robert May's School and our groups showcase their activities. There will be more details next month but it's a great opportunity for anyone to find out more about how the u3a can help members to keep both their minds and bodies active at this stage of their life.

That's not to say that u3a life is about slowing down! It's the exact opposite:

- Our Local Theatre Group has been busy organising their next set of visits, roughly two a month through to the end of February 2023;
- The MOTO group, Members On Their Own, have also sorted out a number of trips including a visit to the National Trust rose garden at Mottisfont, an afternoon tea at the Riseley Village Tea Room and a coach trip to the Christmas Cracker with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Cadogan Hall;
- We have a Study Day coming up in July led by Paul Atterbury from the Antiques Road Show;
- Eight members are going to 'take a giant step for mankind' and commence their Nordic Walking basic technique walking course,
- and there is also talk of an ebike taster day!

Now where's my diary..? <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>

WOMEN'S SECTION ROYAL BRITISH LEGION OLD BASING

23 June 7.30pm, General Meeting Competition 'a brooch'. All welcome.
Sue Wilson 01256 328196

THE IVY CLUB OLD BASING

Every Wednesday in the RBL Hall, Old Basing from 1.30 - 4pm costing £2 incl refreshments and a raffle.

Jigsaw exchange – 15th and 29th June, just £1, donated to charity, anytime between 2 and 4pm.

Events The Dogs Trust from Newbury are visiting us on the 1st June and we have our seaside trip to Weymouth on the 19th July.
Sue Wilson 01256 328196

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

A Celebration of English Composers FOR OUR SUMMER CONCERT on **Saturday 25th June at 7.45pm at The Anvil**, we shall be celebrating some of the best in English choral and orchestral music. To mark the Platinum Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen.

Tickets are available from the Anvil Box Office 01256 844244 or from boxoffice@anvilarts.org.uk

LONG SUTTON & WELL OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 19th June, 2-6pm.
Plants for sale, and teas at The Manor House.

Adults £5 and children free.
Proceeds to All Saints' Long Sutton.

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME OPEN DAYS – JUNE

<https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/>

FROYLE GARDENS
Saturday 11th June, 2 - 5.30pm
£10 entry for adults

TYLNEY HALL
Sunday 19th June, 10am - 5pm
£5 entry for adults.

(Free entry to the Tylney grounds for RHS Members at all other times.)

SEARLES LANE GARDENS, HOOK
Friday 24th June, 2 - 5pm
£6.50 entry for adults

DUMMER HOUSE ROSE GARDEN
tour Wed 15 June, 3pm for a 3.15pm start, followed by tea & cake. Tickets £20 per person email hannahhoustonlacey@yahoo.co.uk
All proceeds to CPRE Hampshire
<https://www.cprehampshire.org.uk/news/rosegardentourandtea/>

From your new Ward Councillor...

THANK YOU TO ALL who voted in the election, and however you cast your vote it is an honour to represent you. Please do contact me, no issue is too small...

You have all told me that you value access to nature and green space – in the town centre and our countryside. All are under threat like never before and I need your support as we work through the Local Plan Update over the next few months. A huge 'Thank you'.

People and places matter – not politics!

Kate Tuck, newly elected councillor for Basing & Upton Grey Ward

Cllr.Kate.Tuck@basingstoke.gov.uk
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RSPB HAZELEY HEATH

A recent reptile survey on the RSPB part of Hazeley Heath has shown adders are now doing well despite the fires last year.

In recent years there has nationally been a dramatic decline in their numbers due to habitat fragmentation, so this shows how valuable the heath is to them. To avoid any unwanted contact with humans or pets, we advise that walkers keep to the footpaths where the snakes can easily retreat into the heather or gorse, and to keep dogs on a short lead/under close control on the footpath.

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