

The Villager

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

www.springpondgarden.com

Spring Pond Garden, Laverstoke
nr Whitchurch RG28 7PD

Please join The Friends of St Michael's Hospice for drinks and canapés in beautiful Spring Pond Garden on **Sunday, 09 June** from 11am to 2pm (by kind permission of Julian and Carolyn Sheffield).

Tickets £30 per person. Please pay by cheque or, if paying by bank transfer, the account no is 01188861 sort code 30-93-32. Please use 'Spring/[your surname]' as reference.

Tickets are also available from the Hospice events website www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk. Please email janelyns@talktalk.net if you would like to attend. Tickets will not be sent out, your name will be on the gate.



D-DAY 80 6TH JUNE

IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS
06 JUNE 1944

See 'from the Pageantmaster' p3
Communities, groups, businesses individuals, are encouraged to light a lamp or a beacon at 9.15pm on Thursday 06 June 2024.

www.d-day80beacons.co.uk



www.lamplightofpeace.co.uk

'The lamp provides a simple and safe way to commemorate D-Day 80 and then to re-use; to be lit for eg at 11am on Remembrance Day.'

D-Day 80 events are being organised in association with:

- The Royal Naval Association
- ABF The Soldiers Charity
- RAF Benevolent FUND
- the Merchant Navy Association
- the Normandy Memorial Trust.

The official Programme for Events includes:

- D-Day 80 Proclamation
- Poem for Schools
- National Fish & Chip Day
- International Tribute
- Lighting of Beacons
- Lighting Ships Lanterns in Pubs
- Pipers
- Town Criers.

The Ivy Club, Old Basing, are running a coach outing on the 28th May to Chichester. Cost is £16 per seat, various pickup points, for more information speak to Sue Wilson on 01256 328196.

Newnham Novels – next book sale Saturday 01 June 2-4pm, Newnham Clubroom. Bring books you are happy to donate; buy others for 50p each. Hundreds to choose from, plus complimentary tea, coffee and cake.

3rd Tuesday every month - @ All Saints Church Odiham
All Saints After School Club

3 TO 4.45PM

Wednesdays Years 4 - 8 - Thursdays Years 7 - 11
Youth Groups @ All Saints Church Odiham

6 TO 7.30PM

SAVE THE DATE

August 5th - 8th Church Field - Upton Grey
for our **Summer Holiday Club**

Mapledurwell & Up Nately



A merry and creative evening by villagers designing their own Easter Flower Baskets to take home. A chance to meet up and work with beautiful fresh spring flowers!

OBITUARIES

Ken Miles It is sad to report that long term Mapledurwell resident, Ken Miles, died on the 17th April after dealing with cancer for the last two years. He was so positive about life and always ready for a chat right up to the end. He was grateful for the extra time he had after the diagnosis. Although Ken was a local man – born in Tadley but raised in Up Nately and Mapledurwell – he had a well travelled career: 15 years in the Royal Navy and, after working for the Post Office and Lansing Bagnell, he spent the last 16 years of his working life with De la Roue in Basingstoke as a security officer which involved more extensive travelling.

Both Ken and his daughter Kay were members of the St John Ambulance Brigade for about 10 years and attended many events together.

Ken was happily married to Pat for 57 years before she died in 2015 and leaves daughter Kay and granddaughter Amanda and her husband Gary.

He felt very lucky that the last years of his life were shared with Avril, whom he had known since he was 13, and lived just down the road from her in Mapledurwell for many years. They became partners in 2018 and joyfully married last October.

Ken dealt with life's problems, especially his health issues, with such good grace that it is a lesson to us all. It was a pleasure to have known him.

Murray Bywater Murray Bywater sadly died on the 4th April, after falling while on the Isle of Wight by his holiday home.

Murray and Pamela lived at Webbs Barn in Mapledurwell for nearly 30 years before moving to Odiham in 2014. They were both great supporters of the church and village life and were much missed when they left. Our condolences go to Pamela and the family.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY Village Hall 7.30pm

This is intended as a social event not a meeting – with wine and snacks – and your opportunity to discuss issues relating to the Parish.

There will this year be a presentation from the Basingstoke Canal Society with news of their project to access the Last Five Miles of the canal into Basingstoke. *The Society met with BDBC Officers – Natural Environment Team Leader, Principal Tree Officer and Biodiversity Officer – on 24 April to review potential routes for the Last Five Miles footpath.'*

Please make a diary date, look forward to seeing you.



UP NATELY COFFEE MORNING CHANGE OF VENUE

Coffee on 03 May 10am-12 noon, will be at Lealands and not as previously advertised. Jane will send a WhatsApp message nearer the time to remind everyone. All are welcome, young and not so young!

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY OPEN HISTORY ARCHIVE 27 APRIL

We had a good number of people turning up on Saturday morning to see all the parish history documents in our archive. This is our archive belonging to everyone in the Parish.

Alan Hutton gave a talk on the origins and of the parish and notable historical events, especially relating to the geological structure of the land and the farming and fortunes over the centuries.

If anyone has anything he or she might like to contribute to the archive – memories, photos, documents – please get in touch. All documents can be copied and the originals returned to you. We do not want to lose any of the fascinating history of this parish, large or small, if we can help it.

Lorna Cuthill 01256 354651 or
lornacuthill@hotmail.com



Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall Team invite you to **celebrate Mid Summer** by joining us for quizzing at the Village Hall on **28 June 6.30pm**

Quizmaster – Steve Chapman

Tickets £7.50 per person, to include glass of fizz and nibbles.

Six to eight people per table (if you need to be put in a team let us know)

Cash Bar (wine, beer etc)

Prizes for winning table and best dressed table

Pre booking needed so we can plan. If you would like to join the fun, order your tickets by 21 June.

Contact Heather Ramsdale

07552 506898

ramsdaheather21@gmail.com

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00756/FUL (Validated 16 Apr) Land to the North of Parrotts, Greywell Road. The erection of four detached dwellings, together with garages and associated vehicular access, car parking, amenity space and landscaping.

24/00518/HSE (Pending 06 March) 3 Canal Reach, Andwell. Erection of single storey rear/side wraparound extension and associated alterations (alternative scheme to that approved under 21/03028/HSE).

24/00319/FUL (Pending 14 Feb) Sheraton, Tunworth Rd. Replacement garage.

24/00288/HSE and **24/00289/LBC** (Pending 08 Feb) Mead House, Heather Row. Two single storey rear extensions.

23/03091/FUL (Withdrawn 03 April) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Change of use of garage to ancillary annexe accommodation including new front porch, windows, doors.

23/02653/FUL (Withdrawn 18 April) The Farm, Tunworth Road. One four-bed house with associated garage, car parking driveway and stable.

23/02103/FUL (Pending 18 August) Land Adjacent to Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of outbuilding; erection of residential dwelling with garage.

22/02210/RET (Pending 05 Aug 2022) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 2032.

APPEALS

APP/H1705/W/23/**3326507** & **3326513** (in progress). Blaegrove Cottage. Single storey rear extension incl works to rear garden and new retaining wall.

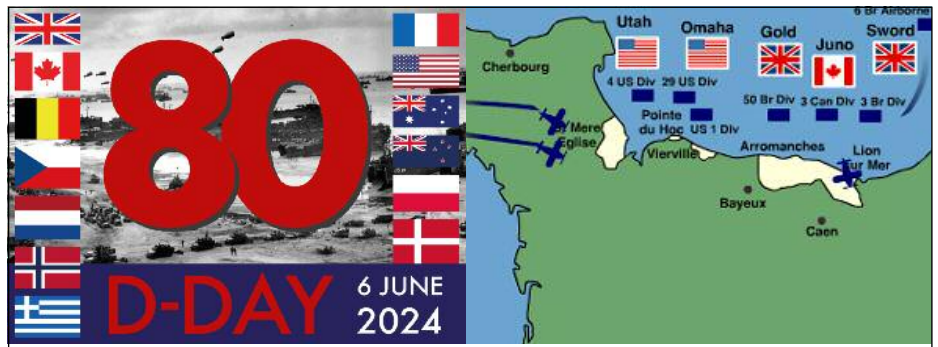
APP/H1705/W/23/**3328799** (Dismissed 03 April) Gamekeepers. Hardstanding for access to the cesspit, for deliveries and for additional parking; plus lighting.

Inspector conclusions... 'the development harms the character and appearance of the area and fails to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the CA. In my view, that is the prevailing consideration, and the development should be regarded as being in conflict with the development plan when read as a whole.'

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00204/24/TCA (Validated 16 April) The Old Post Office, Kembers Lane. 1 – Reduce height of conifers to below phone line taking them from approximately 14m to 9m. 2 – Yew tree, overall crown reduction by approximately 2-3m leaving an overall finished height and spread of approximately 7m x 5m. 3 – Yew tree, overall crown reduction by 4m leaving an overall finished height and spread of 10m.

T/00130/24/TCA (Approve 05 April) Jasmine Dean, Tunworth Road. T1 and T2 Yew trees: Reduce height by 2m from 12-10m and reduce lateral growth by 2-3m to maintain shape. T3 Yew: Reduce lateral growth over neighbour's drive by 1-1.5m to maintain clearance.



IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS

www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/ www.lamplightofpeace.co.uk

From Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster

The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has witnessed.

In 1944 Operation Overlord saw 4,000 ships and landing craft set down 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

I hope your community will join us. We are asking communities and organisations of all sizes to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at 9.15pm on 06 June in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war, and with an event to commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory.

Your event could be devoted to raising valuable funds for The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, The Merchant Navy Association.

It is our country's opportunity to remember over 209,000 Allied casualties of Operation Overlord.

This includes nearly 37,000 ground forces and 16,714 air forces killed in the invasion of Normandy's Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches, and the long and bloody campaign that followed.

We plan to light beacons on all five beaches to remember those who died or came home wounded. The statistics behind the operation which eventually convinced the Nazi high command that their defeat was inevitable, are both shocking and awe inspiring.

German defence forces were drawn away from Normandy by distraction tactics as resources were secretly built up on the English coast. Nine million tonnes of supplies and equipment were shipped across the Atlantic and 1.4 million American servicemen arrived to join a substantial contingent of Canadian forces. By 1944 over two million troops from 12 countries were in Britain preparing for the invasion.

On D-Day, American, British and Canadian troops were augmented by personnel from Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, France, Greece, New Zealand, Norway, Rhodesia and Poland. Soon after midnight on 6th June, more than 180,000 Allied paratroopers were dropped into the invasion area, and Allied air crews flew 14,674 sorties to support the landings.

BDBC News release 10499, published 21 March 2024

MORE PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE ENERGY-SAVING HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Residents now with a household income of up to £36,000 – living in inefficient homes without gas boilers – can apply for free energy-saving measures from the Warmer Homes Consortium, of which BDBC is part.

The funding is from the Home Upgrade Grant, a government scheme that aims to help people that own or rent a home without gas central heating to make their property more energy efficient. Improvements that can be fully funded by the grant include insulation, heat pumps, solar panels and heating controls.

The scheme closes in November and grants are dealt with on a first-come first-served basis www.WarmerHomes.org.uk

If you'd like to talk to someone first to find out more, please contact the Green Team www.basingstoke.gov.uk/green-team

Newnham & Nately Scures

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



April winners are

£100 - Tatjana Marsden (66)

£50 - Chris and Lisa Bingham (6)

£25 - Kirsten Knell (48)

Thanks to Loo Molloy and Georgie Scott-Kerr for drawing the numbers.

Carolyn Bell



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<https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/>

To book tel 07802 972722 or email bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk

NEWNHAM NOVELS

NEXT BOOK SALE on Saturday 01 JUNE

2-4pm in the Clubroom



Bring with you books you have read and are happy to donate, and / or buy others for 50p.

100s to choose from.

Teas, coffee and homemade cakes.

The April booksale made £40.

Proceeds towards Clubroom maintenance
Charity number 114212



Plantlife's annual campaign calling all gardeners and green space managers not to mow during May – and provide a space for nature.

We've lost nearly 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1970s, and along with them vital food needed by pollinators like bees and butterflies. A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can lock away carbon below ground.

www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/

Please register your participation in the #NoMowMay Movement

Plantlife



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

RURAL TIMES SPRING 2024

For latest edition of Rural Times see:

www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/hampshire/advice/rural-times/2024/rural-times---spring-2024.pdf

LODGE FARM WAREHOUSING

23/02242/PREAPP (Awaiting decision, validated 09 October 2023) Lodge Farm, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Odiham Parish. Pre-application enquiry re circa 105,000 sqm GIA of commercial logistics floorspace (Use Class B2/B8) with ancillary office accommodation, associated car parking provision, plus landscaping and highway works.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00882/LBC (Validated 16 Apr 2024) Nightingale Cottage, Heather Row. Demolition of existing south entrance porch, changes to fenestration, and erection of new porch with access ramp in revised position. Alterations to existing conservatory and replacement of glass roof with tiled roof. Various internal and external alterations.

24/00715/FUL (Validated 26 Mar 2024) Land At Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 1no. dwelling with associated garage, landscaping and a new access (Part retrospective).

24/00712/FUL (Validated 26 Mar 2024) Land East Of Naishes Barn) Erection of agricultural barn with hard surface apron and extended access track.

24/00681/LBC (Validated 02 Apr 2024) Cromwells. The Barracks. Replacement of 2 no, rotten timber frame wall posts and ties with new oak.

24/00630/HSE (Validated 18 Mar 2024) Gables, Newnham Road. Proposed erection of replacement detached garage following removal of existing garage.

24/00384/HSE (Withdrawn 15 April, Validated 20 February) Wisteria Cottage, Ridge Lane. First floor extension over single storey ground floor footprint; internal reconfiguration; solar panels on flat roof; demolition of timber shed on front boundary and erection of timber shed on side boundary.

24/00294/ROC (Grant 02 April Validated 09 Feb 2024) Land At Blackstocks Lane. Variation of Condition 1 of 22/02643/FUL (Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated landscape and parking.) Addition of rooflights and additional rooms in roof (part retrospective).

23/03063/ROC (Grant 18 April, Validated 18 Dec 2023) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Variation of condition 12 of 22/01675/FUL (Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated garage and landscaping) to allow a revised Tree Protection Plan to reflect a new site entrance (created using permitted development rights).

23/02722/FUL (Pending 02 Nov) Land East Of Keepers, London Road, Nately Scures. The erection of 3no. detached dwellinghouses together with associated new access, car parking, drainage and hard and soft landscaping.

23/02203/TDC (Pending 26 Sept 2023) Land At The Barracks. Technical Details Consent for the erection of four new homes in accordance with Permission in Principle 23/00347/PIP.

22/02097/FUL (Pending 09 Sept 2022) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. New detached house, garage and access.



AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

OLDSKOOL NEVERLAND FESTIVAL – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Information from HCC Local Highways Authority 08/04/2024:

I can confirm that the Traffic Management Plan was discussed at the recent Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meeting. The County Council as the highway authority gave advice to the organisers on their proposed methods of controlling traffic for the event while managing the needs of the residents. In summary the proposals are:

1. Advance warning signs are to be erected on all approaches to the village two weeks prior to the event informing highway users and asking them to seek alternative routes.
2. A one-way system is proposed to operate along Ashmoor Lane and Poors Farm Road between the A30 London Road and Newnham Lane. It will operate over the Bank Holiday weekend to bring customers arriving by car to the parking and camping areas.
3. Traffic traveling along the A30 London Road either side of the Ashmoor Lane junction will be controlled by temporary traffic signals with lane one (east bound) and lane two (west bound) forming a queuing lane for event traffic to access Ashmoor Lane. These temporary signals are to be manually controlled to ensure minimum disruption within the wider highway environment. Once all customers have arrived the traffic signals will be deactivated and the A30 returned to a dual carriageway. The traffic signals will return at the end of the event to aid egress from the site. The A30 will also be reduced to 30mph between Hatch and a point west of Andwell Lane.
4. The event organisers have stated that once all allotted vehicles are in the car park those vehicles will not be allowed to leave the site until the end of the event unless there are exceptional circumstances.
5. A minibus is being proposed to operate from Basingstoke and Hook railway stations delivering customers to the layby on the A30 east of the Martins car dealership. Pedestrians will then follow an overland route to the event site.
6. **It is proposed that Newnham Lane, Water End Lane, Crown Lane (Newnham), The Street and Bartons Lane, will be closed to through traffic with access for residents only. There are to be traffic Marshalls stationed at each of these points to stop event traffic from rat running.**
7. 'No Waiting' restrictions are to be proposed by the organiser at natural 'pinch points' within the highway to ensure that Emergency Response personnel and vehicles can access the site without restriction should the need arise.
8. A haulage route plan has been requested by Hampshire County Council Highways so that it may understand how event apparatus (Stage) and welfare facilities, catering facilities are to access the site for both the build and breakdown phases.
9. A condition survey is to take place between the event organiser and Hampshire County Council Highways prior to the event to obtain a benchmark on the condition of the highway network. The event organiser has given an undertaking to 'make good' any extraordinary deterioration of highway as a consequence of event traffic.
10. All Traffic Regulation Orders (road closures, one-way systems, temporary speed limit reductions) will be applied for in July 2024.

At this time, the County Council as the highway authority believes that the organisers have demonstrated that they have carefully thought about how their event traffic will be managed whilst balancing the need of the local residents. There will be further refining of the traffic management plan in the coming weeks with another SAG taking place prior to the event.

If you have any comments re the above, please contact Parish Councillors or clerk.newnham@gmail.com.

The Parish Councils have requested sight of the Traffic Management Plan.

BDBC COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/infrastructurefund

This scheme will open again for applications in early Summer 2024

The council recognises the value of community activity and the need to have sustainable infrastructure to deliver this.

Through the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF), community and voluntary sector organisations can apply for grants to make physical improvements to their premises to improve the user and resident experience, increase income generation and reduce costs and make environmental improvements.

This scheme is not designed to fund large new build projects but can provide funding of up to £50K to:

- enable existing facilities to be enhanced, improved, modernised or retrofitted
- support projects that can complete within a maximum of 12 months from funding being agreed

Organisations wishing to apply for this fund will first need to submit a project proposal form giving an outline of the project and explaining who will benefit, what support there is for the project and the approximate project cost. We will also ask about any permissions or surveys that will be needed for your project and whether these have already been received or applied for.

All proposals will be assessed against the scheme criteria and eligible projects invited to submit a full application. Please note that confirmation to move to the full application stage does not guarantee that you will receive funding. It is a competitive process with limited funds available and not all eligible proposals received can be funded.

Timeline for new applications

The expected timescales for the 2024/25 application process are given below. These are subject to change:

- Open for proposals: June 2024
- Deadline for proposals: July 2024 (six weeks from fund launch)
- Eligible applications invited to make full application: August 2024
- Deadline for applications: mid to late September 2024 (six weeks from invitation to apply)
- Decision date: mid to late Oct 2024.

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: Matthew Cameron
at Basingstoke Crematorium
on April 11th 2024



North Hants Downs Mothers' Union

On the first Wednesday of the month, members of Mothers' Union from around the diocese meet in the Cathedral for prayers. As the date in April fell just after Easter, the theme of our prayers was 'Resurrection', which were led by members from Southampton. After the short service, we move to the Refectory for coffee and to talk about activities around the diocese.

The next meeting for our local branch will be on Monday 13 May at 7.30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. We hope to be able to put together packs of toiletries to give to a local Women's refuge, as women who have to leave abusive relationships generally arrive with very little.

On the next page you will see a poster for the Sunflower Café, one of our local projects, which meets once a week to welcome those with dementia and their carers. **Some long-standing volunteers at the Café have had to step back, and we would love to have a few new volunteers to support the visitors at the Café. Do let me know if you are interested in helping with this valuable project.**

If you want to find out more, please contact Sue Murphy 01252 845 011 suemurphymubranh@outlook.com or

CHURCH SERVICES MAY INTO JUNE

Sunday 05 May 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship with Baptism

Thurs 09 May 7.30pm All Saints' Odiham
Benefice Ascension Day CW Holy Communion

Sunday 12 May 9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)
10am St Nicholas' Newnham, Morning Worship with Baptism

Sunday 19 May 9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion
4pm St Mary's Mapledurwell, Hymns & Pimms
5pm St Swithun's Nately, Scures Evensong

Sunday 26 May 10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion
11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship

Sunday 02 June 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, Songs of Praise



From the Benefice Ministry Team

Firstly, to introduce myself. My name is Revd Debbie Veel. I was ordained in July 2023 when I joined

NHDB. I have pastoral responsibility for St Nicholas' Newnham, but I am loving having the opportunity to get to know more of you around the benefice.

I am married to Chris, and we have three adult children and three small granddaughters and up until a couple of years ago we had two elderly cats. We like going to the theatre, cinema and eating out. Chris is sporty, me barely at all! Although I do enjoy dragon-boatting (think giant 20-seater canoe).

We don't watch a huge amount of TV, we do watch documentaries – mainly history and nature and science – but we do enjoy pottery throw down, bake-off; sewing bee, design masters and glow (the make-up one – Chris doesn't watch these last two).

We are big Apprentice fans too, but my husband frequently says he wouldn't employ any of them! Although this year's batch seems better than previous years!

Jesus had apprentices too, only we don't call them that. We usually call them disciples. Just as the TV candidates often make spectacular errors so did Jesus' apprentices. The number of times they get it wrong! Peter wants to prevent Jesus from going to Jerusalem because he doesn't understand why Jesus wants to go there if he knows he is going to die and none of them really understand why Jesus chose a donkey not a war horse to ride into Jerusalem.

More apprentice errors – Peter again, initially doesn't want Jesus to wash his feet at the Last Supper. When Jesus

explains that he has come to be a servant not a master then Peter wants to be completely washed all over. Peter also denies he knows Jesus three times in quick succession.

All the disciples, except John, have deserted Jesus at the cross, possibly through fear – only the women remain. The two disciples wearily walking down the road to Emmaus don't even recognise the resurrected Jesus and Thomas after the resurrection doesn't believe the others have seen Him and says he wants to stick his fingers into Jesus' wounds.

You see as apprentices they're not doing a great job.

Alan Sugar's 'You're fired!' has become quite a catchphrase. But unlike The Apprentice we don't get fired as Jesus' apprentices. Jesus doesn't send Peter, or Thomas or Cleopas (one of the disciples on the Emmaus Road) home. He doesn't say: 'You're fired!'

Jesus keeps on giving them and us the opportunity to improve; to be better people again and again and again. It is called forgiveness and is one of the key ideas in the Christian faith. Not easy at all, especially if we have been hurt or betrayed.

I wonder how we can all become Apprentices in learning how to bring in a kingdom of love, gentleness and peace, not war and aggression. Jesus tells us the answer in two simple sentences: 'Love God with all your heart, soul and mind. Love your neighbour as yourself.' That means everyone, including people we do not like or find difficult to be with.

This is THE most difficult apprentice task ever. But take heart because there is room in God's house for all of us and we absolutely WON'T be fired.

Grace and peace to you

Revd Debbie Veel

Curate, North Hants Downs Benefice

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KIDZONE



Hi everyone!

If you read last month's Kidzone, you will remember that I promised I would be spending the next few months talking about something called 'The Fruit of the Spirit'.

On the 19th of May, we will celebrate Pentecost in church – basically when God sent us a special helper called The Holy Spirit (who is actually a part of God) to live inside our hearts to help us be more like Jesus (by this time, Jesus had already died, risen again and gone up to heaven).

So the Holy Spirit makes us more like Jesus in nine ways – and this month, I want to introduce you to faithfulness!

But what is faithfulness? Imagine you are waiting for a bus.

You have faith that the bus will arrive and will get you where you

need to be, even though you can't see it yet. (Well, maybe not on the Odiham/Alton road just at the moment!) So you are faithful in the bus. You have faithfulness. So faithfulness means having confidence in something.

The Bible says that God doesn't lie. If he says that Jesus died and rose again so that we can have a brand new start every day, then he did. If God promises that there is nothing that can separate us from his love, then there isn't. If God tells us he will be with us every step of the way, whatever we are going through, he will be.

The Bible tells us that God is faithful.

But how can we be sure and how can we be faithful to God? We can't see him, can we? But just like the wind, we can see his effects of his love in our lives,

even though we can't see him personally. Next time it is windy outside, go and discover what you can sense because of the wind. See the branches moving. Hear the wind whistling through the trees. Feel the wind in your hair. I wonder how you can sense God's love in your lives? What can you be thankful for?

So if we can recognise him being faithful to us, how can we be faithful to him? Being faithful to God means believing in him and trusting him, even when our feelings don't want to, even when things are going wrong...

People often say to me, 'I don't believe in God' to which I answer, 'Well that's ok, he believes in you!' God is faithful and will never let us down. Never. How about you?

God Bless and see you next time!
Helen C

WHITEWATER HEALTH PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP UPDATE MAY 2024

Know Your Blood Pressure

High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, but left untreated it can significantly increase your risk of heart attacks, strokes, kidney disease and vascular dementia.

The only way to know if you

have high blood pressure is to have a blood pressure test. It's a simple and non-invasive procedure conducted at a pharmacy or GP surgery.

If you're aged over 40 you can get a free blood pressure check at a local pharmacy (unless you've already been

diagnosed with high blood pressure or a doctor, nurse or pharmacist has already checked your blood pressure in the last six months).

Visit the NHS website at www.nhs.uk/bloodpressure to find out which local pharmacies offer tests.

Or you can use one of the blood pressure machines located in the waiting rooms in the Hook or Hartley Wintney surgeries.

If your blood pressure is high, there are things you can do to treat it with lifestyle changes and/or medication.

Getting your blood pressure checked could save your life.

Mental Health Resources

The PPG has recently produced an electronic information pack which brings

together contact details for a range of organisations providing support to those with mental health issues. You just click on the site and it takes you straight to the provider's website. It focuses particularly on support for young people and their parents, but also has general advice too.

Did you know there's a 'Drop in Service' in Basingstoke open seven days a week? The Safe Haven provides emotional and practical support to adults experiencing a mental health crisis.

You can find the mental health resource pack on the PPG Facebook page and on the practice website at www.whitewaterhealth.nhs.uk Click on the Services tab and then on Mental Health Advice.



Sunflower Café

For people living with dementia, their carers, family and friends

Free refreshments and activities

Wednesdays 2-4pm

The Old School London Road
Odiham, RG29 1AJ

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BASING SINGERS PRESENT...

INSPIRING MUSIC FOR A SPRING EVENING

Basing Singers invite you to join them for an evening of inspiring atmospheric music in St Mary's Church, Old Basing, on Sunday 19 May starting at 6pm.

Celebrating the arrival (we hope!) of Spring, and the 80th birthday year of the composer Karl Jenkins, the programme will include the *Armed Man Choral Suite* as well as a number of his shorter pieces that you may not be able to put a name to, but will certainly have heard – *Adiemus; Elegia; Za Ma Ba*.

If you are not sure, come along and find out! Featuring the voices of the Basing Singers and the wonderful St Mary's organ, the programme will also include three highlights from Mozart's *Requiem*.

The concert will start at the earlier time of 6pm and will include a short interval, during which refreshments will be available. Tickets, £10 for adults, £1 for children, are available from members of the Basing Singers, from Carol on 01256 850415. Do come; it promises to be a very special evening.

In need of new homes... electric piano and wheelchair

Electric piano currently stored at the RBL, free to a good home (or you can make a small donation to the RBL)

Please contact Tracey on 07437 016815, or call in the RBL to view

Fully operational electric wheelchair with many extras, including a spare battery, three years' old in excellent condition, can be viewed at the RBL. No unreasonable offer refused.

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Hart Male Voice Choir

Songs in Springtime

St Andrew's Church
South Warnborough

Saturday May 11th

7.30 pm

Tickets £15, including an interval drink
Available from v.farquharson@gmail.com

Proceeds go to The Friends of St Andrew's (FOSTA).
Preserving and maintaining our historic village church and churchyard

SPRING IN OUR STEPS

There might have been a bit of rain around, but it hasn't dampened our u3a members enthusiasm for learning, laughing and living!



In our Newsletter, Pam's corner has an enticing selection of NGS gardens all within 25 miles of Odiham including;

- Vann Garden, south of Godalming, partly designed by Gertrude Jekyll
- Chilworth Manor, which will have a plant sale following the Chelsea Flower Show – visits must be booked.
- Twin Oaks, a stunning water garden in Chandlers Ford.

Meanwhile our Creative Writing groups' contributions had a spring theme, focusing on activity in our gardens. One story entertained us with the antics of a squirrel on a bird feeder and a second told of the confusion of a male pigeon unable to attract his lady love and the busyness of a bee fly!

Family & Social History watched a webinar from The National Archives which provided valuable pointers on how to navigate their vast repertoire of records when researching relatives who served in the First World War. They were also fascinated by the story of how the start of the tax year came to be on April 6th and that until 1752 New Year's Day used to be on March 25th. This inevitably gave rise to the thought that Spring may be a better time of the year to celebrate the New Year rather than mid-winter!

Wings and Wheels group's guest presenter is already well-known to the folks of Upton Grey, the Rev'd Simon Butler. However, for a very entertaining two hours Simon talked of his life as the 'Racing Reverend' and his love of cars and racing.



Finally, our Environment and Climate Change group will be busy this Spring as they consider the potential impact on our local environment of the proposed Logistics Warehouses and expected 1,000 vehicle movements per hour, operating 24 hours a day at J5 of the M3.

If you would like to know more, please visit www.odihamu3a.org.uk

CROSS BARN ODIHAM FILM / THEATRE

www.thecrossbarn.org.uk/whatson.shtml

May 17 Film: *The Holdovers* (Comedy, Drama: Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph) A strict boarding school classics teacher is forced to chaperone the students with nowhere to go for Christmas. '...a consistently smart, funny movie about people who are easy to root for and like the ones we know,' *Rogerebert*.

May 24 Film: *Napoleon* (2023) (Biography, Epic: Joaquin Phoenix, Vanessa Kirby) 'Ridley Scott's biopic an awe-inspiring achievement,' *BBC Culture*.

June 21 NT Live: *Nye* (Biography, Comedy: Michael Sheen; Sharon Small, Tony Jayawardena) A surreal and spectacular journey through the life and legacy of the man who transformed Britain's welfare state & created the NHS. 'A mighty, moving piece of theatre,' *Financial Times*.

June 28 Live: *The Great American Song Book* Classic songs and music from the likes of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Hoagy Carmichael and George Gershwin with **Tony and the Martin Litton Quartet**.

July 19 Film: *Wicked Little Letters* (Comedy, Crime: Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley, Anjana Vasani, Timothy Spall).

July 26 Film: *Zone of Interest* (Drama, History: Sandra Hüller, Christian Friedel, Max Beck).

Doors open at 19.00, films start at 19.45. Coffee / tea, wine and ice cream available. Tickets Film £7, NT Live £15, Great American Songbook £19.

Please purchase tickets online at www.thecrossbarn.org.uk

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