The Villager

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

Landscape for metal detecting

Dear Readers,

My wife and I are seeking permission to metal detect any land, farms and or gardens. We are very passionate about history and love walking but the only true way of finding and protecting our past is to hunt it down and record it. The hobby itself has stringent rules and regulations, to that point we always leave the landscape as we found it, you may even feel this may make a worthy bulletin for the newsletter. We would be more than happy to come and see you (we'd have our baby in toe also) respecting social distancing or at another time if more convenient.

We believe that metal detecting allows historical items that would otherwise go undetected and therefore eventually lost forever to be saved, preserved and recorded.

It would be of get honour and indeed help to us if you could help us here? Of course it goes without saying we will only be too happy to share each and every find with you.

The hobby we love but trying to obtain permissions is very frustrating and not always easy to find, therefore we thought that this approach maybe best, we are fully insured and happy to make a donation to charity for anyone who is able to help us enjoy our hobby.

If you have land that we can explore, please contact us at gbhistoryprotectors@gmail.com
Yours sincerely,

Mr Phillips, GB History Protectors

Greywell Hill Estate Greywell Fen

If you have walked up to the Mill recently, you may have wondered what is happening on the area between the Broadwater and The Moors Nature Reserve (the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's land). The simple answer is fen restoration. The area is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and was designated for its fen habitat and associated flora including marsh helleborine, marsh valerian and marsh fern. Once, it would have been kept open by grazing and coppicing but in recent years it has become overgrown and dominated by alder, thus reducing its biodiversity. The work will enable the fen to return to "Favourable Condition" and as spring progresses we hope to see it come alive with wildflowers.

The whole of the Greywell Hill Estate's land was accepted into Defra's Higher Tier Stewardship Scheme at the start of this year. This is a very bureaucratic and complicated environmental land management scheme for farms and forestry which includes incentives to carry out major works that would not otherwise be considered by landowners. The officer from Natural England was very keen that the Fen be restored, especially as the Wildlife Trust had undertaken similar work immediately next door just a very few years ago. We are using the same contractors as the Trust (Alaska Ecological Contracting) and the work is being overseen by the Trust's local warden.

All the alder and poplar are being felled and will be moved off site when ground conditions allow. The end use of the timber will probably be for biomass production, and will probably be processed locally to minimise the haulage. Also, wetlands are extremely efficient at carbon sequestration. We believe that the work should have a positive impact on water levels in the River Whitewater and help to prevent the drying out of fen habitat which would otherwise be a cause for concern.

The site will be cleared completely and allowed to revert to grass and reeds, and will be lightly grazed to control the return of alders. Again, the intention is that this should be managed by the Wildlife Trust.

AND FOLLOWING THE RULES WE CAN CONTROL THE VIRUS STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS AVELUES

From 1st June:

In England, you will be able to meet in groups of up to six people from different households outside - either in parks or now also in private gardens - as long as you remain 2m (6ft) apart.

People in England will also be able to exercise outside with up to five others from different households. That means small groups of sport teams can resume fitness sessions, but social distancing must be maintained.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

TENNIS

We will be changing the lock on the tennis courts on the 1st July to a combination lock.

If you would like to access the courts please contact - hugocubitt@gmail. com - for the code.

Notes from Parish Council AGM

20th May 2020 – Remote meeting via MS Teams, thanks to Paul French for hosting.

Local elections have been postponed to May 2021 due to Covid-19 – all parish councillors will continue in post for a further 12 months.

Parish Council chairman is Hugo Cubitt re-elected for 2020/21.

Year end accounts for 2019/20 agreed and on Parish Council website.

Thanks – To record appreciation and thanks to all those helping neighbours who need to isolate due to COVID-19.

To record appreciation and thanks to Colin Robertson and neighbours for their time, planning and hard work evident in the difference to the old watercress beds site.

The tennis courts at the Village Hall are now open – and the play area gate is open to give access.

The playground itself awaits Government advice on reopening.

The playground equipment has been cleaned in readiness and the picket fence will have new posts and be woodtreated in early June.

Allotments See separate notice.

Maintaining Rights of Way 2020

During the summer HCC Countryside Services Access Group generally has a programme of vegetation cutting on public footpaths across the county. Contractors are tasked with cutting the 'Priority Cutting List' (PCL) of routes nominated as being locally important.

This year, the 2020 PCL contract is not going ahead due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19. Parish Councils can request help from their Lengthsman – and willing volunteers! – to keep footpaths clear underfoot and clear of encroaching undergrowth – long grass, nettles etc. Please let the Parish Council know of any paths that need cutting. Trees and hedgerows overgrowing the paths are landowner responsibility.



Parish Planning applications

20/01107/FUL (validated 18 May) Ivy House, Tunworth Road. Replacement field shelter in existing horse paddock.

<u>20/00901/FUL</u> (validated 2nd April) The Gamekeepers. Detached double garage.

20/00705/FUL (granted 1st May) Elder House, Holly House, and Aspen House, The Hollies. Replacement of existing two-storey and single-storey oriel bay window structures with new oriel bay window structures.

20/00060/HSE (validated 03 Mar) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Proposed single storey rear extension.

20/00153/FUL (validated 24 Jan) Elmwood, Heather Lane. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of 1 x five-bed detached dwelling with associated access and landscaping.

20/00009/PIP (validated 03 Jan) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Application for Permission in Principle for conversion of an agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling.

MSA J6 M3 - Moto

17/03487/FUL Construction of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA)

This application for an MSA on land south of the M3 at J6 is pending from 2017. Twelve new documents have recently been posted on the BDBC website hence further consultation.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately PC and residents have again responded to express the many reasons for their opposition. This is alongside other Parish Councils south of the M3 plus a response from transport planning consultants engaged by Winslade. On going to press neither HCC Highways nor Highways England have made further comment.

FROG LANE ALLOTMENTS

To aid access and encourage greater use of the allotments, work will start end of June to provide a small parking area. The entrance from Frog Lane will be widened, keeping the old gate, but with the post removed and a second 'pedestrian' gate opening onto it.

Up Nately looked very festive to celebrate VE 75 years and many locals got together, at a distance, to celebrate. Kirstine received this letter of thanks









Dear Kirsty	OF A PERSON
Thank you and the community of Up Natley for your donation of homems. Hampshire Hospital.	ade cakes to Basingstoke and North
Your generous and thoughtful act is most kind and very much appreciated staff morale and thoroughly enjoyed.	d. All such donations are boosting
Again, thank you very much from all of us here at Hampshire Hospitals.	
Stay safe and well.	
Yours sincerely	
My	
Alex Whitfield Chief Executive	

for the cakes we baked for NHS staff at Basingstoke hospital. More cakes will be baked for them soon

FROG LANE CHALK STREAM - PROGRESS UPDATE

Following on from the *Villager* article in March, work has continued on a small upstream section of the former watercress bed in Frog Lane to re-create a more typical chalk stream environment, as shown in the before (right) and then after pictures below.

Overall the narrower channel seems to be running deeper and largely clear of weed (the invasive 'monkey flower' which dominates this section). We are of course still benefitting a little from last winter's rainfall, albeit increasingly less so as a result of the much drier recent period. In any event the moorhens and especially the ducks seem to approve, swimming happily through the channels and sunning themselves on the log bundles!

We have some plants on order now, which should arrive in the next few weeks and we'll hope to get those in pretty quickly so that they can establish themselves over the rest of the Summer to re-colonise the area with a wider mix of native flora. Other than general tidying up, we'll monitor progress thereafter before considering tackling the next section in later Autumn.

Colin Robertson

Former watercress beds 2019



Newnham & Nately Scures

Notes from Parish Council AGM 13th May (remote meeting)

Local elections postponed to May 2021 due to COVID-19 - all Parish Councillors will continue to serve for a further 12 months.

Parish Council chairman is June James, re-elected for 2020/21.

Year end accounts 2019/20 agreed. **COVID-19** To record appreciation and thanks to all those helping neighbours who need to isolate.

Newnham FP3 – To record thanks to HCC Countryside Services for rebuilding the Strings Boardwalk and making this a priority. Thanks also to the Friends of Church Path for support.

Footpaths Warden - Chris Alliston will take on Nigel Downes' role as Footpaths Warden for the Parish.

Old House at Home - Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to submit a new Asset of Community Value application.

The Clubroom storage extension is complete and the interior redecorated.

Newnham Green third cut 5th June.

Hook 'gateway' sign previously opposite St John's Cottages has been moved a half mile down Newnham Road to the edge of the Hook settlement - helping to emphase the 'Gap' between Hook and Newnham. Thanks to Hook Action Against Overdevelopment and Hook Parish Council for supporting and HCC Highways for making this happen.

The Barracks – The ditch cleared by the Parish Lengthsman revealed localised concentrations of oil much above that previously thought. This is Common Land and the watercourse from it ultimately leads to the Whitewater. Despite repeated requests, the Environment Agency have declined to investigate further.

A30 The Parish Council is considering locations for 'Parish Gateway' signs on Scures Hill.

Newnham Road - Concerns have been raised regarding heavy vehicles. Investigation shows that the heaviest will be the daily milk tanker. The bulk of heavy traffic is make up of farm and construction vehicles - also some oil deliveries. All these being necessary and some vital to the local economy. The only way around is via Rotherwick and Hook (as evidenced by the SE Water diversion), Crown Lane not being an option. There is no weight restriction on Kingsbridge, and difficult to see a case for a weight restriction on Newnham Road above other local roads. Priority is to reduce traffic speed.

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE CYCLE RIDE

Newnham Villagers have always generously sponsored me in previous years, but sadly the event cannot take place this year. This results in the Hospice losing a dramatic amount of funding – some £50,000. And having done the Hospice cycle ride for the last 20/30 years, I didn't want to break the habit of a life time!

So Chris and I are planning our own sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Hospice which will be 25 miles and planned for the 18th July and if you can support us then that would be great news for the Hospice.

PHOTO: Nigel Bell

BACS, Friends of St Michael's Hospice, Sort Code 30-93-32, Account No 01188861. Reference – your surname and 'C&JBcycle'.

Many thanks in advance, John and Chris Broughton. 01256 762490 cjbroughton@talktalk.net.

NEWNHAM FP3

STRINGS BOARDWALK

With thanks to HCC Countryside Services, the Strings boardwalk has been rebuilt and Newnham FP3 re-opened on 7th May. Suggestions have been made that it be named for VE Day. However it had been discussed and agreed that the bridge be dedicated to Nigel Downes, for many years Footpaths Warden. A formal



HIWARG (Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group)

By Pete West for HIWARG... 'Restrictions have prevented us surveying so far this year but the green light came this week. We put out funnel traps for an hour or so, intended to gives us a good snapshot of what's happening in the pond. The moorhens slipped to the back while we surveyed.

'Good news is we found good numbers of all three newt larvae, and adult smooth and palmate newts. There were large numbers of invertebrates present as well. Although the *Crassula* is an issue to be aware of, it is a great little pond and probably just needs regular small scale management of the Crassula itself to keep on top of it. I'm not sure how the loss of the Willow cover will impact but we'll see... I hope to pop back in a fortnight to resurvey as the larvae will be more developed and we should get better counts.

'I would like to request permission to survey some of the other ponds around Newnham to see what the wider amphibian population is like – probably a basic sample of garden ponds, rather than a full on survey, but based around whatever residents and land owners are happy with. Hoping to hear from anyone in the area with a pond... please contact petewest74@hotmail.com.'

THELLY BOOTH We are very sorry to learn that Thelly Booth, who retired in 2000 from BA after 32 years service, took off for her final destination on 27th April.

Thelly and Roger met in 1995 and moved to Newnham in 1996, where she took an active part in village life, especially focused on the church. She had a lovely voice, as many who sat a pew or two in front could attest, and for several years she was in the choir here.

She also worshipped in others of our village churches and she helped organise the Women's World Day of Prayer. She had an ebullient and outgoing personality as one would expect in an air hostess and later a cabin purser. At home, she was an excellent and regular hostess.

Sadly, and almost imperceptibly, she began to withdraw, which was very difficult for her friends to understand. Eventually it became clear that the Alzheimer's, which closed her life, was the problem. She finished her



days in Hill House Nursing Home at Ewshot, where she was well looked after for most of two years. We missed her as she withdrew from life in the village, and we still miss her. Our thoughts are very much with Roger at this difficult time. Nigel Bell

WATER END TREES

On Saturday May 2nd, about 5pm with no wind and no warning a huge branch fell off the tree and landed access the entrance to the Park. The Site Manager didn't think he could get a tree surgeon out at that time on a Saturday - even if it wasn't Lock Down so I rang 999 for advice.

The Fire Brigade came out to assess, and said it was an emergency as it was the only entrance/exit and there were vulnerable people here. Two appliances arrived and after playing with ropes and a considerable amount of sawing it was moved.

Tree surgeons working here in early March had already identified the tree as dangerous. They'd been removing storm-damaged trees but had to stop because of the initial lockdown. By sheer co-incidence, they returned the following Monday 4th May to complete the work.

They then removed ALL the trees. The stump from the tree nearest the road in front of the bus shelter shows the tree was unsound and could have fallen across the A30. The Park is replacing a fence but at

the moment the car park feels very exposed. PC Andy Reid will visit and advise.

> Water End planters – evidencing the care and attention they receive



'The tree was blocking the entrance so I called the Fire Brigade. They came very quickly and were very cheerful. Bit of excitement on dull Saturday on Lockdown!'



Newnham Clubroom

The Clubroom will be closed until further notice for groups, classes and social events. Any other enquiries please contact 07435 782 122. Future bookings are still being taken, understanding this will be subject to Government quidance as it unfolds.

Rights of Way Cutting Schedule

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Parish planning applications

19/01977/FUL Granted 22nd May (Development Control Committee of 20th May) Land Adjacent to Nately Towers, Scures Hill. One 5-bed dwelling with double garage and new access. 20/00766/RET (Granted 15th May) Highview Business Park, The Barracks. Retrospective application for Variation of Condition 1 of 18/00126/FUL to alter the position of the western boundary and changes to private driveways and fences. 20/00596/RET (Pending - 16th Mar) Roshbearton, Blackstocks Lane. Variation of conditions 1 and 4 of 19/01832/HSE to allow amendments to approved plans incl change to roof tiles. 20/00457/HSE (Pending - 28th Feb) Painters Pightle, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of a single storey side extension and front porch. 20/00283/FUL (Pending - 4th Feb) Land Adjacent to Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane. Detached dwelling with double garage and store over, associated site access, car parking and landscaping. 19/03224/LDEU (Pending - 29th Nov) Manor Farm, Newnham. Certificate of lawfulness for the continued siting of a caravan used as farm workers' dwelling. 19/02070/ROC (Pending - 12th Aug) Land to the Rear of Nately Place, Scures Hill. Variation of condition 1 of 17/00619/FUL to amend plans.

Tree applications

T/00161/20/TCA (Validated 24 Apr)
Beech House, Newnham Road. Oak (T1)
c22m high - reduce by 7m due to
excessive shading. Ash (T2) c20m - fell excessive shading and poor condition/rot.
Ash (T3) c21m - reduce by 5m due
excessive shading. Ash (T4) c18m - reduce
by 5m - excessive shading and proximity to
overhead telephone/power lines.

T/00143/20/TCA (Approved 13 May) Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane, Newnham.

Newnham & Nately Scures cont...

CLUBROOM HUB DURING LOCKDOWN

In late March, Hook-based teacher Molly Moffitt asked if she could use the Clubroom to help her support home education. As the schools went into 'lockdown' she has been creating exercise videos for online classes.

Secondly and working separately with synchronised use... As from 17th April 17th the Clubroom became a local hub for the assembly and distribution of PPE full face masks.

A team of two (Caroline Herdman-Grant and her partner) work Saturdays and Sundays during the day and each weekday evening at the Clubroom – receiving the output from volunteers with 3D printers capable of reproducing face shield parts in plastic from a 3D design. They assemble the masks and package them for forwarding to a distribution point in Oxford and have so far (at going to press) supplied 3,421.

How the project began... source https://www.3dcrowd.uk/

'James Coxon, a Palliative Medicine doctor with an interest in technology, after learning that UK hospitals, medical practices and social care organisations were in dire need of protective face shields to protect frontline staff, felt that those with

3D printers would be able to help.
'As more volunteered, they started

'As more volunteered, they started 3DCrowd UK – a community of 3D printer owners who are volunteering to print these face shields themselves.

'From hobbyists to professional 3D printers, 3DCrowd UK now coordinates a community response, printing, collecting and distributing the face shield parts made by volunteers up and down the UK.

'Volunteers across the UK with access to a 3D printer can sign up to help online via the 3DCrowd UK website. They are provided with instructions and requirements on how to produce the face shield parts themselves.

'The 3D printers create the headband part of the shield, the parts are bagged up and sent to the closest hub where they are assembled, a clear plastic film is placed on the front and elastic attached to the back to hold it in place.'



SSEN's Community Grant, intended in support of those in society most vulnerable to Coronavirus, has pledged £2,000 to fund the ongoing packaging and transporting costs of the Clubroom's PPE hub.



Greywell

GREYWELL CAFE

If anyone feels isolated and would like a chat we are available.

Jackie (702859) and

Libbie (702978)

Planning Applications

<u>20/01185/CON</u> Church Cottage The Street Greywell Hook RG29 1DA. Discharge of condition 3 (barge boards) pursuant to 19/00638/LBC - Proposed replacement roof structure of existing dwelling and associated works including rafter repairs and replacement of barge boards.

<u>20/01102/LBC</u> The Old Cottage The Street Greywell Hook RG29 1BZ. External repair works including removal of paint work, repointing of brickwork, repairs to timber frame, replacement door and windows and new porches

<u>20/01101/HOU</u> The Old Cottage The Street Greywell Hook RG29 1BZ. External repair works including removal of paint work, repointing of brickwork, repairs to timber frame, replacement door and windows and new porches.

<u>20/00569/LBC</u> Old Pound Cottage Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BU. Erection of a barn style shed and replacement of old white picket fence bordering Hook Road with new white picket fence

<u>20/00568/HOU</u> Old Pound Cottage Hook Road Greywell Hook RG29 1BU. Erection of a barn style shed and replacement of old white picket fence bordering Hook Road with new white picket fence

Thank you

The Friends of St Mary's would like to thank Judy James and Gini Maishman for holding their wonderful (socially distanced) Plant Sale from Judy's garden in May. We know that both had spent weeks if not months preparing for this fund raiser. In fact, Judy tells me that she is already making preparations for next year!!

Judy and Gini have chosen to split the incredible £730 raised between St Michael's Hospice and The Friends of St Mary's.

We are extremely grateful for all your hard work and are delighted that the Hospice will benefit from your efforts too in these challenging times.

Hi everyone!

Another month, another inbox full of amazing examples of how resilient our young people are and how they are making the most of this unprecedented situation. I'm so proud of how hard you are working, guys, to keep up with your online learning, mastering new skills and generally finding ways to stay happy and in touch with friends and family.

We may not have been able to get together in person, but we've been having lots of fun online!

Some pictures from May's Messy Church: LIVE! An opportunity to get crafty outside in the sunshine – and also that way I didn't get into trouble with Mums for messy church getting just a little bit too messy!



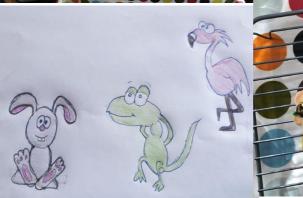




The youth have been gathering every day for Fun@4 – a different Zoom activity each day. We've learnt to sketch animals, say The Lord's prayer in sign language and even cook for our families!



This month we will be having a Big Sleep in (The annual Big Sleep out in Winchester has been cancelled) in aid of Odiham Food bank.



Thank you to everyone who has been in touch to let me know how their lockdown is going and I've especially loved spending time with some of you through our online activities. If you or someone you know would like to get involved in anything that's on offer, please do get in touch via youth@moretolife.church.

In 1902, just before he wrote Peter Pan, J M Barrie wrote a very successful West End play called The Admirable Crichton, the story of a wealthy aristocrat, the Earl of Lome, his family, and his lowly butler Crichton. In Act 2, the entourage were all wrecked on a desert island, where Crichton proved to be the only member of the party to have the necessary practical skills to enable them to survive, and he gradually assumed complete control of them all, so that the roles of Earl and butler were reversed.

In the extraordinary circumstances in which we find ourselves today the same sort of situation is starting to emerge (save for the final reversal of control). Social position, wealth and business acumen now count for nothing. What our literal survival depends on are the practical skills and expertise of an immense number of people we have hitherto tended to regard as among the least significant members of society—and we have marked our assessment of their worth by the wages we have paid them. So this topsy-turvy situation is perhaps teaching us something we didn't previously realise about true value.

I certainly don't want to minimise the tragedy and pain and devastating loss which this fearful virus is causing throughout the world, but just as the last war (which I am just old enough to remember) brought out the best in people, so does Covid-I9. We are seeing daily acts of selfless kindness, generosity and service from ordinary people, looking out for the vulnerable and helpless, and bringing relief. Why does the worst galvanise the best into action? Are we naive in seeing in this the hand of God, working through countless ordinary people to ensure that ultimately good will overcome evil? Paul listed the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self control. Aren't we seeing these fruits all around us now?

It has all happened before. In 1665 when bubonic plague was ravaging London, a parcel of cloth accidentally containing a germ was sent to the little village of Eyam, tucked away in the Derbyshire Dales, and 260 villagers died. But, organised by the vicar, the remaining villagers self-isolated themselves. They put money on a rock outside the village, and people from neighbouring villages left food there, and the plague was successfully confined to Eyam, which, at great cost, beat the plague. So can we.

By the way, Eyam is pronounced Eem. I know it well. It's a lovely village of honey-coloured stone cottages.

One day we will be able to sit back and prayerfully work out why and how this has happened. The important thing is that we learn the lessons that there will certainly be, remember who has seen us through the troubles, and don't just forget it and go back to our old ways.

Peter Moore

From the Parish Registers: Funeral

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26 March at Basingstoke Crematorium, Isabel Hudson
30 April at Basingstoke Crematorium, Gwendolene (Gwen) Jacobs
7 May at Basingstoke Crematorium, Iris Kendrick
13 May at Basingstoke Crematorium, Thelma (Thelly) Booth

May they rest in peace.



