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

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HANTS LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

PLEASE TAKE PART IN THE SURVEY SEE PAGE 3

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/nature-recovery-hampshire/hampshire-strategy 'get involved'

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and are both represented on Hampshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Steering Group

'Have your say on Hampshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy. What do you want to see improved for nature locally? Take part in the survey to shape how and where we put nature into recovery across Hampshire. Your voice matters!'



'The survey allows you to select, on a map, an area that you feel could benefit from some sort of nature recovery activity, and gives you the opportunity to tell us your priorities for the Strategy.'



'Different from BDBC's emerging Biodiversity Strategy, the LNRS is mandated in the Environment Act 2021 and delivered at a County scale. It will identify the core of our Nature Recovery Networks and strategically important areas for habitat creation and enhancement.'

You can contact the Nature Recovery team at nature.recovery@hants.gov.uk

RURAL TIMES WINTER EDITION

<https://orlo.uk/adiGZ>

'Sheep across the county will be bearing lambs.... please take care to ensure you are not disturbing pregnant ewes or ewes with lambs.'

'It is so important to keep dogs either on leads or under close control around livestock.'

'If you see a sheep on its back, try to roll it over and raise the alarm with the farmer if this is possible.'

BASINGSTOKE COPS

To keep up to date with Local Policing follow on Facebook

www.facebook.com/BasingstokeCops/?locale=en_GB

BDBC'S REQUIRED FOUR YEAR HOUSING LAND SUPPLY

As from publication, on 22 January, of the Draft Reg 18 Local Plan Update Consultation, BDBC has the required supply of deliverable housing land for its housing policies to be accorded their full weight with immediate effect.

The revised NPPF published December 2023 (para 226) states:

'Authorities with emerging Local Plans will – for the purposes of decision making – only need to demonstrate a four-year housing land supply where the Draft Plan is sufficiently advanced that it has either been submitted for examination or has reached Reg 18 or Reg 19 stage, including a Policies Map and proposed allocations towards meeting housing need.'

BDBC's land supply is presently calculated at 4.6 years.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FUTURE SERVICES CONSULTATION

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation

Public consultation on options to help the Authority meet a £132m budget shortfall by April 2025. There are 13 service change proposals. Consultation to 11.59pm on Sunday 31 March.

Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust IS IT A WAXWING WINTER?

Helen Skelton Smith
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The Waxwing is an undeniably beautiful bird. It's a touch smaller than a starling, with a pleasingly plump body. Its silky feathers are soft hues of grey, brown and apricot, with some stylish accessories. There's a bright yellow band across the end of the tail, white and yellow dashes on the wings, and a black patch on the throat and above the beak, which sweeps back through the eye and up, like the perfect winged eyeliner.

Waxwings are winter visitors, travelling here from Scandinavia when the food supply there runs low, typically residing here until early spring. Another big part of their appeal is that their arrival is never guaranteed. Some winters, we might only see a handful across the country. In others, there can be flocks of hundreds of birds. An influx like this is called an 'irruption'. These years are known as 'Waxwing winters' and they don't come around very often.

It all comes down to berries. Waxwings love them. Poor berry crops in Finland and Sweden have



Photo: Jon Hawkins, Surrey Hills Photography

apparently pushed waxwings much further than usual this year, and with a berry bonanza reported across the country, Britain may be set to enjoy its biggest 'Waxwing winter' for at least a decade.

In Hampshire, Waxwings are not seen every year, they are a rare visitor. One of the largest irruptions in Hampshire was in the winter of 2010 when over 2,000 birds arrived. However, when they do turn up, it might not be where you'd expect.

One of the Waxwing's endearing quirks is that they regularly turn up in urban areas, particularly the car parks of supermarkets and shopping centres. These commercial areas are often planted with ornamental trees with aesthetically pleasing, berry-laden fruit trees – and these always prove popular with hungry Waxwings.

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BASINGSTOKE & DEANE'S DRAFT LOCAL PLAN is published for Consultation to midnight on 04 March. www.basingstoke.gov.uk/lpu SEE PAGE 5

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

NOTES FROM JANUARY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Report from PCSO Andy Jones

Newnham and Mapledurwell & Up Nately (plus Old Basing) to be policed as part of Basingstoke Rural South. This agreed with Sergeant and has received formal approval from authority. Resulting in a yet wider area to cover but there will be some shifting of boundaries to compensate. Areas of urban expansion will be transferred to Basingstoke Town.

Officers are required to prioritise, at any one time 19 jobs in inbox incl 999 calls. Noting Donna Jones' recruitment drive, a problem will be the mass influx of inexperienced officers.

A lot of issues in surrounding areas with lead shot being fired from sling shots/catapults for killing wildlife, criminal damage. Upton Grey at the moment particularly targeted; current Operation focussing resources to counter: all units deployed – traffic, four x fours and drones – also enlisting gamekeepers. But... can't know where offenders will be. Vehicles used often stolen or unroadworthy; can be driven at excessive speeds as no care what happens to them.

Continued request from Police for residents to report all incidents or suspicious behaviour on Hants police website. The more reporting the better; officers not all-seeing, need public to tell us what is going on. On a similar theme, local gamekeepers receive phone calls from dog walkers who come across poaching or damage. This is valuable information. But the gamekeeper has then to report, and be there to pick up in the first place; if a live incident, time is lost; and the job in any case is done twice.

Please report directly to Police; if crime is happening – eg if can see dogs chasing wildlife – call 999 and give what-3-words. Please keep reporting via the proper channels.

If not requiring an immediate response report on-line or call 101.

www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report

Councillor resignation Very sadly for the Parish Council, Tom Horsey has given his resignation. Tom and his contribution to the Parish Council will be greatly missed.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please speak to any of the Parish Councillors or contact the clerk at clerk.mapledurewellupnately@gmail.com

MOTO Motorway service area J6 M3

[17/03487/FUL](#) (Validated 02 Nov 2017) Land Adjacent to J6 M3 Construction of a new Motorway Service Area etc...

'All local parish councils are united in opposing this proposal. The many environmental concerns cannot be argued away....' (Villager Sept 2023)

The Parish Council agreed to sign and promote the new petition from Ranil Jayawardena MP.

www.ranil.uk/MSA

M3 MOTORWAY SERVICES AREA PETITION

The petition of residents of NE Hampshire 'Declares that urgent action must be taken concerning proposals for a new Motorway Service Areas (MSA) at Junction 6 of the M3; there is no need for any additional motorway service area given that the existing services at Fleet and Winchester are only 23 miles apart, which is already 5 miles within the Department for Transport's guidance for the distance between MSAs; the development of any new facilities will be detrimental to the environment, a listed landscape and building and traffic congestion; and the proposal made to date for a MSA at Junction 6 is not acceptable.

'The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges HM Government and all relevant authorities make sure that protection of the environment, the preservation of a listed landscape and building, and the avoidance of traffic congestion are given priority over this unnecessary new Motorway Service Area at Junction 6 of the M3; and to make sure that further investment is encouraged at Fleet and Winchester.'

And the petitioners remain, etc.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

[T/00018/24/TCA](#) (Validated 10 Jan 2024) Willow Bank, Tunworth Road. Eucalyptus: remove overhang limb over highway.

[T/00014/24/TCA](#) (Validated 09 Jan 2024) The Old School House, Up Nately. Tree 1: Oak, dismantle to approximately 9m and maintain as a monolith, large amount of dead wood and unbalanced canopy; Tree 2: Ash, removal due to ash die back and large dead limbs overhang the road; Tree 3: Ash, removal of lower limb interfering with phone lines.

[T/00525/23/TCA](#) (Withdrawn 08 Dec) The Old School House, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Ash tree. Removal of the dead branches overhanging Blaegrove Lane.

UP NATELY COFFEE MORNING

Next coffee gathering in Up Nately will be at Jackdaw Cottage Friday 1st March, 10-12.

Call Helen on 07464 935950 for more information.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

[23/03091/FUL](#) (Validated 15 Dec 2023) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Change of use of existing garage to ancillary annexe accommodation including new front porch, windows and doors.

[23/02753/HSE](#) & [23/02812/LBC](#) (Granted 31 Jan) Rye Cottage. Replacement of a wood burner and installation of flue.

[23/02728/LDEU](#) (Validated 31 Oct) The Old School House, Up Nately. Certificate of lawfulness for existing residential use.

[23/02653/FUL](#) (Validated 23 Oct) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Erection of 1no four-bed house with associated garage, car parking driveway and stable building.

[23/02589/HSE](#) (Validated 17 Oct) Old Church Cottage, St Mary's Church Road. Demolish chimney; replace dormer window E elevation; dormer window on W elevation, replace ground floor window and bi-folding doors; juliet balcony on S.

[23/02518/LBC](#) (Validated 09 Oct) WAT Stacy and Partners, Priory Farm. Consent to demolition of listed building due to fire.

[23/02103/FUL](#) (Validated 18 August) Land Adjacent To Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of dwelling & garage.

[23/01951/HSE](#) (Validated 02 August) Arlings, Tunworth Road. Replacement garage outbuilding.

[23/01236/FUL](#) (Refused 18 Jan 2024) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable), Andwell Lane. Three new dwellings, landscaping.

[23/01042/FUL](#) (Pending 18 May) WAT Stacy & Partners. Priory Farm. Demolition two storage structures; two new barns.

[23/00962/TDC](#) (Pending 10 May) Nunnery House. Technical Details Consent relating to design, access, landscape, services & scale of barn ref 20/00009/PIP conversion. Scheduled DC 06 Mar. Officer recommendation for approval.

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

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H1705/W/23/3321916 APPEAL DISMISSED 02 Feb. Land Adjacent to Blaegrove House. PIP for one dwelling.
APP/H1705/W/23/3328799 APPEAL in progress. Gamekeepers. Hardstanding for access to the cesspit, for deliveries and for additional parking; plus lighting.
APP/H1705/W/23/3326507 & 3326513 (the latter for LBC). APPEALS in progress. Blaegrove Cottage. Single storey rear extension including excavation works to rear garden and new retaining wall.

New Parish Clerk email address: clerk.mapledurwellupnately@gmail.com

THE NATURE RECOVERY NETWORK

The Nature Recovery Network is enacted by the Environment Act 2021. It introduces a new form of plan making to progress from protection to active restoration of natural habitat for all of England.



Key habitats and wildlife rich places are to be supported, expanded and connected by wildlife corridors.

Broad aims are to help counter biodiversity loss and climate change and improve public health.

SPECIFIC AIMS ARE TO

Protect and effectively manage 30% of our land and sea for nature by 2030.

Halt decline in species abundance by 2030, and then increase abundance by at least 10% to exceed 2022 levels by 2042.

By 2042 restore or create at least 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitat, outside of protected sites,

Restore or create 140,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitats outside protected sites by 2028, compared to 2022 levels.

Improve the Red List Index for England for species extinction by 2042 compared to 2022 levels.

Ensure all SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) have an up-to-date condition assessment; and for 50% of SSSIs to have actions on track to achieve favourable condition by 31 January 2028.

Increase tree canopy and woodland cover from 14.5% to 16.5% of total land area in England by 2050, with a new interim target to increase this by 0.26% (equivalent to 34,000 hectares) by 31 January 2028.

Ensure 70% of designated features in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are in favourable condition by 2042. The remainder to be in recovering condition, with a new interim target of 48% designated features to be in favourable condition by 31 January 2028.

Achieve environmental, economic, and social benefits, such as carbon capture, clean water, pollination, flood management, and recreation.

HAMPSHIRE'S LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/nature-recovery-hampshire/hampshire-strategy

The Nature Recovery Network across England is divided into County (or Unitary) Authority-based 'Local Nature Recovery Strategies'.

One Strategy for all Hampshire will be founded upon:

- **a map of the most valuable areas for wildlife**
- **opportunities to improve nature in the future**
- **local priorities.**

The County Council is appointed by DEFRA to be the Responsible Authority for delivering the Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS).

The LNRS will be used to:

- Establish priority areas for allocating funding.
- Guide investment into local priorities for protection and enhancement
- Shape how funding for farming and land management schemes is used
- Map areas of opportunity for the use of 'nature-based solutions' to wider environmental problems like flooding, climate change mitigation and adaptation, or poor water quality
- Guide mandatory biodiversity net gain (BNG) investments
- Provide a source of evidence for local planning authorities, helping to understand locations important for conserving / restoring biodiversity.

The LNRS will NOT mandate any changes to local landowners.

Strength of Community Support for LNRS priorities is important.

'Gathering information on local views, priorities and actions for nature recovery is an important first step in developing a LNRS which aims to restore Hampshire's natural environment for today's and future generations.'

For example the weight of support for protecting our local chalk streams could be crucial. Completing the online survey need only take a few minutes and if you wish you can register online to receive updates

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/nature-recovery-hampshire/hampshire-strategy

The County Council has established a LNRS Steering Group comprising:

- Southampton City Council
- Portsmouth City Council
- **Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**
- A representative of the Local Planning Authorities
- South Downs National Park Authority
- New Forest National Park Authority
- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership
- Natural England
- National Farmers Union
- Country Business and Land Association.

It seems likely that there will be strong and competing interests for establishing local priority areas.



Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/debbie-tann/together-we-must-make-2024-pivotal-year-natures-recovery

'If done well, the LNRS could not only set out an evidence-based plan for where nature is and should be, but could underpin effective, sustainable development for our two counties – easing current challenges for planning authorities and others by front-loading environmental considerations, rather than dealing with them as after-thoughts or obstacles to get around.

'But for this to happen, we do need everyone to believe in the LNRS and its importance and potential. You can have your say...'



Nature Recovery
Hampshire

BASINGSTOKE & DEANE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE 2021-2040

REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION 22 JAN TO MIDNIGHT 04 MARCH: **PLEASE RESPOND**



www.basingstoke.gov.uk/lpu

Please take a look at BDBC's website on the Local Plan Update and respond to the consultation.

The 'Have your say' link provides consultation documents, evidence base documents and response forms to return via email. There is also a facility to respond online.

Paper copies of the consultation forms can be collected from the BDBC offices.

THE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE PLAN-MAKING

National guidance promotes an on-going cycle of Local Plan-making which includes allocating sites for housing and commercial development to satisfy identified local 'need'.

There is a requirement, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to review Local Plans every five years.

HOUSING FIGURES

Local Planning Authorities (LPA) are still required to calculate housing 'need' according to the Government's 'objectively assessed' Standard Method algorithms which apply the contentious 'affordability uplift'.

The housing figure from BDBC's latest *Authority Monitoring Report* is 850 dwellings per annum (dpa) for the Local Plan Period. Projections from the start of this calendar year bring the figure to 830dpa.

HOUSING DELIVERY

The LPA does have some flexibility to alter the timing of its housing delivery. The proposal for this Local Plan Update is to lower the housing number for the first five years to a little under 700 dpa (20% lower). This of course will mean a higher figure for the rest of the Plan period (a little under 1K dpa).

The rationale is that a housing figure of 695 provides for demographic growth; the Plan will be up for review again after five years in any case. Five years of lower growth 'locked in' will give time to negotiate with the EA and Water companies to improve on water quality issues relating to abstraction and sewage treatment, and to plan major sites infrastructure.

SPATIAL STRATEGY

The Draft Local Plan Update includes a 'Spatial Strategy' of allocated housing and commercial sites.

The version of the Draft Spatial Strategy now published for consultation is based on the draft from Summer 2022 but with recent revisions.

Sites removed from the 2022 draft – and so not featuring in the published consultation document – importantly include Lodge Farm in the Loddon Valley, removed on environmental grounds.

The site 'East of Basingstoke' adjacent to Pyotts Hill for a total of 900 homes remains as it is partially allocated in the adopted Local Plan.

Other sites, from the 2022 draft but not in the Consultation Draft, are Land West of Upper Cufaude Farm, and Skates Lane. The former Portals site in Overton has been included and the number of new homes in the town centre increased.

LOCAL PLAN POLICIES

Again, much work on Policies for the Local Plan Update is inherited from the earlier 2022 draft. However work has been ongoing and Policies in the following areas strengthened.

1. Improving energy efficiency standards and build quality.
2. Improving the water quality of our rivers and aquifers.
3. Liveability: raising standards for building design and quality; good ergonomics improve quality of life.
4. Community facilities – protection and provision – schools, allotments village halls, churches, pubs...

The Draft LPU also requires a Transport Plan to be in place before a major planning application is agreed.

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REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

Public consultation, as required by Reg 18 of the Town & Country Planning Act, gives residents the opportunity to have their say. The flip side is the strong input to the Consultation that will come from developers and their planning agents and barristers; all seeking to reduce Policy requirements.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The Draft LPU Policies for energy efficiency go beyond building requirements, said to be leading edge policy, the EUI (energy use intensity) approach is aligned with industry best practice. Other LPAs are doing this but no one is presently proposing higher; consultants advise policies are pushing as far as can be to be viable and succeed at Inspector examination.

For strong Policies to succeed with the Inspector, strong support from local residents will carry weight.

'Please make a point of giving your views whether negative or positive; also please tell us where you think proposed Policies are not strong enough, don't go far enough, or you believe something has been missed.'

WATER QUALITY OF OUR AQUIFERS AND RIVERS

Responsibility lies with the Environment Agency to monitor river quality and to compel water companies to meet standards.

It is not within the remit of the Local Plan to address failures of the regulatory regime. But Policies can seek to support improvement.

River water quality is assessed according to band status. The Water Framework Directive (UK) does not permit the impacts of development to cause water quality to drop to lower band status. But a direct effect on rivers which causes water quality to deteriorate from good to poor within band is allowed.

Expert advice received has so far been against including a Policy which does not permit any deterioration. And so such a Policy is not included in this Consultation Draft of the Plan. BDBC is seeking community feedback. If you believe that development should not be allowed to cause any deterioration in river water quality, please include your support for such a Policy to be included within the Local Plan Update.

Church Notices

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

www.united-parish.org.uk

<https://www.moretolife.church>

From the Parish Registers

Wedding: Kirstine Jackson and Matthew Cameron, 9th December, St Stephen's Up Nately



From the Ministry Team

Mr Bates versus the Post Office

For many of you this will be your first Parish Magazine of 2024, so on behalf

of the ministry team may I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

For a number of Sundays last autumn our congregations around the Benefice were invited to reflect on how we might live out our lives as Christians, not just on Sunday mornings in church but also from Monday to Saturday, wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are. Our time together as a Christian community on a Sunday morning, as we pray, sing, listen to and reflect on scripture, is vitally important for our nourishment and growth as disciples of Christ. Equally important is how we live that out once we leave church and go back into the communities in which we live.

The Church of England has 'Five Marks of Mission', developed as a way of understanding what contemporary mission is about. One of these is: 'To respond to human need by loving service'. In recent times there have been numerous instances of us all coming together as community to support the needs of others: welcoming into our villages our Ukrainian friends, setting up the Foodbank in Odiham, setting up the Book Exchange when the library closed, inviting people to share in a hot meal twice a month in North Warnborough Village Hall, and so much more. Whether the lead is taken by the church or by other groups in the community, we come together to respond to human need.

Another of the Five Marks of Mission is: 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.' As we took down our Christmas trees and decorations many of us will have

CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY INTO MARCH

Sunday 04 February	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship
Sunday 11 February	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 10am St Nicholas' Newnham 1662 Morning Prayer
Wednesday 14 Feb	7.30pm All Saints' Odiham, Ash Wednesday Benefice Service
Sunday 18 February	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 11am St Swithun's Nately Scure,s 1662 Matins
Sunday 25 February	10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship
Sunday 03 March	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship with Baptism

watched the TV programme, *Mr Bates versus the Post Office*. I counted at least four people I know personally represented on screen, and that will be true for many of you too. If ever there was an 'unjust structure of society' which merited transformation, it is these events, stretching over 20 years when 700 or more sub-postmasters and mistresses were prosecuted by the Post Office for false accounting and theft.

In some instances, what added to the distress for those concerned was the reaction of their local community. There was little time over four episodes to reflect the reaction countrywide, although a clear impression was presented of both positive and negative extremes.

James Arbuthnot was our MP at the time and he took up the cause of Jo at South Warnborough. Jo was supported by a forensic accountant, resident in our Benefice. The then Vicar of St Andrew's church, just across the road from the shop and Post Office, went to court in Winchester to give a passionate character reference, accompanied by so many people from the village that the judge passed comment on the level of support for Jo.

What was not covered in the drama series was the massive support, practical and emotional, given to Jo at the time by the people of South Warnborough who were doing what they could about this unjust situation.

This was a real example of a community in action, and indeed the whole campaign spearheaded by Mr Bates represents the power of community action in terms of commitment, participation, use of skills and talents, and love and kindness to others. It has taken far too long to resolve this miscarriage of justice which had such devastating consequences for so many.

Happily the TV dramatisation seems to have catapulted this to front of mind of those who have the power to put

EXILE, TRUTH, AND THE LONGING FOR HOME.

A Lent Course based on the film *The Man Who Knew Infinity*

Join us over four weeks of Lent as we explore some significant Christian themes raised by the acclaimed film by Matt Brown which explores the contrasting lives of two Cambridge mathematicians GH Hardy and Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Using the film as our base we will explore Biblical themes of faith and exile, friendship with God, the longing for home and the nature of truth.

All Saints' Odiham. 7.30pm - 9pm
Feb 27, Film Night

The Man Who Knew Infinity

Mar 05, Life in a foreign land

Mar 12 - What is truth?

Mar 19th - Bridging the gap and homeward bound

To book a place please email sam@moretolife.church or joanna@moretolife.church or call the benefice office on 01256 703791

right the injustices, and we can hope now that the right thing will be done in a short timeframe. Sadly there are some who are no longer here to be compensated but their families will hear the good names of their loved ones restored.

Jesus said, 'Love God' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. May 2024 be the year in which the neighbours in Ukraine and Russia, and the neighbours in Israel and Palestine, find a way to live alongside one another in peace. May 2024 be a year when our communities continue to come together to 'respond to human need by loving service' and 'to pursue peace and reconciliation'.

The Revd Canon Linda Scard



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

KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

I wonder, what does the word 'love' mean to you? Do you think of husbands and wives on their wedding day? Or maybe your Mum or Dad? Maybe you think of your best friend? Or even your pet! There are so many different kinds of love, aren't there? And there are just some people (or animals!) who we find it just so easy to love...

But there are also people who aren't so easy to love, aren't there? I wonder, out of these 3 pictures, who you would find it easier to love?

Why do you think that is? Maybe one of the pictures, the person was being too mean, maybe one of the pictures they didn't look like you, maybe you felt sorry for some people, maybe one group was just like your friends from school...

This month, we think a lot about Love - well, it's Valentine's Day after all, isn't it! Jesus thought a lot about love too. In fact, the word 'love' appears over 700 times in the Bible. God's love for us. Our love for him. Our love for on another... Did you know, that when Jesus was asked for a Super-quick version of the God's law, he just said LOVE! That is: Love God and love your neighbour. The problem is, who does he mean by neighbour?




Have another look at the pictures. Who do you think is your neighbour here? The bully? The person being bullied? The person from Africa who is hungry? Your friend from school...

Jesus also says that it's really easy to love people who already love us, or who are kind to us. Everyone can do that! But your big challenge, he says to us, is to love those who we don't know or who it's hard to love. That's real love!

So, my challenge to you is to show real love this month - and to help you, here's a 'love your neighbour' bingo card. Can you fill in the whole card before the end of the month? Good luck!

See you next time! *Helen C*

Bonus question: How many times can you see the word love in this article?

Kevin Curtis
 Carpenter & Joiner 

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Leave a nice note for your sibling to find.	Invite your sibling to play a game with you.	Let your sibling borrow something of yours.	Help clean up after dinner.	Share a treat with a sibling.
Help put the groceries away.	Teach a sibling how to do something.	Tell a parent something you really like about them.	Help make dinner.	Leave a nice note for a parent to find.
Invite your sibling to play in your room.	Help your sibling pick up his or her room.	Draw a picture for someone in your family.	Let your sibling pick which TV show to watch.	Do someone else's chore for them.
Get someone else a drink.	Compliment whoever made dinner.	Say yes when your sibling asks you for help.	Read a story to or with your sibling.	Help clean up the yard.
Give someone a hug.	Make a snack for someone.	Compliment a sibling on something they did well.	Make a homemade gift for someone in your family.	Tell your sibling you love them.

THE JUBILEE CHOIR

Fauré Requiem

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH ODIHAM

SUNDAY 17 MARCH AT 6.30PM

Join the Jubilee Choir for a performance of the wonderful Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Fauré. Tickets are £15, free for those under 18 and are available from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High St or Lynn Lymer on 07837 571708.

CROSS BARN FILM / THEATRE

Feb 16 National Theatre Live: *Dear England* (Joseph Fiennes). 'Absolutely incredible! Joseph Fiennes delivers an impeccable Southgate, alongside a standout Will Close as Harry Kane, though the entire cast were faultless with their attention to detail and effortless portrayal of England's finest.' – *Evening Standard*

Feb 23 Film: *A Haunting in Venice* (Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Yeoh). 'Stark and spooky, Branagh's third Poirot movie successfully adopts a whole new atmosphere. It's less exotic and edgier, more haunted; it's a tense, thoughtful, and satisfying mystery.' – *Common Sense Media*

Mar 15 Film: *The Miracle Club* (Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, Laura Linney, Agnes O'Casey). '...gently humorous, mildly sentimental, but, thanks to its excellent cast, contains moments of real dramatic tension' – *Irish Independent*

Mar 22 Film: *Napoleon* (Joaquin Phoenix, Vanessa Kirby). 'An awe-inspiring achievement' – *BBC Culture*

Apr 19 Film: *One Life* (Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham Carter, Lena Olin, Jonathan Pryce). 'A remarkable WWII story' – *Time Out*. 'With riveting performances by the extraordinary Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter and Johnny Flynn plus every supporting actor, it moved me beyond words.' – *IMDb*

Doors open at 19.00. Performance starts at 19.30. Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available at all events.

Film £7, NT Live £15. Purchase tickets online at www.thecrossbarn.org.uk

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!



At Odiham District u3a our members now organise for other members nearly 60 different groups. A new group for Pétanque (boules) has just started at Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club despite the chilly weather. After a good dose of fresh air, members are very happy to return to the clubhouse for a warm up around the log fire and a hot cuppa!

Creative Writing has been so popular that we have just started a third group; the groups share their stories and poems in our monthly newsletter.

The Jamming Session group only started in January of last year but decided to jump in at the deep end and perform their first gig just before Christmas. Toe-tapping members really enjoyed their show at The Old School in Odiham.

Meanwhile the Music for All group prefer to listen, or watch, others perform. They take a different theme each month which has ranged from listening to Elgar to a piano recital given to an elderly elephant in a jungle setting!

And, as if having five wine groups wasn't enough, our Science & Technology group decided to find out about wine making. They listened to a talk about the start of the Itasca Wines business, their wine making and the creation of the vineyard and winery in Crondall. Needless to say this culminated in sampling three wines, all in the interest of scientific discovery of course!

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



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

For the past few years, Mothers' Union has supported prisoners in Winchester Prison by buying gifts for their children at Christmas time.

This Christmas we provided selection boxes to be handed out to each of the children who attend the Families Day organised by Spurgeons during December. The prisoners and their families were very grateful for these gifts, which help to bring a bit of normality to the lives of the children.

In January we met for our usual Wave of Prayer service, and on Monday 05 February we will meet for our AGM.

We will be losing one of our most active members, Jane Seymour, as she leaves us to move to New Zealand, and wish her all the best in her new home.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011.

NORTH WARNBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting Thursday 22 February N W/borough Village Hall 2.30pm.

Talk by Pip Bensley entitled 'China'. Feb competition: A posy of snowdrops.

Visitors are always welcome <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

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