

The Villager

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



The United Parish of Newnham with Nately Scures with
Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 10th November 10.50am
St. Swithun's Church,
Nately Scures

ALL WELCOME



more+



HEDGES FOR WILDLIFE

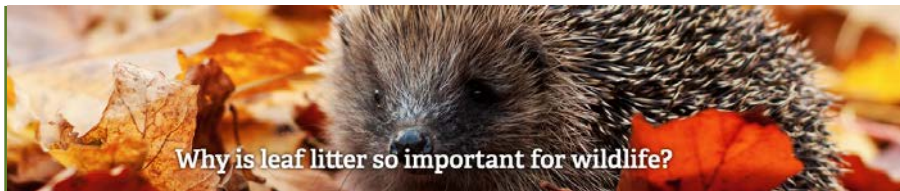
RSPB recommends late winter cuts for berry bearing hedgerows in order to allow wildlife to consume what is a vital

food resource for them. Also... rather than cut all sides of the hedge each year, cutting on a rotation scheme to suit the hedge in question is a much preferred option for wildlife as it provides a richer crop of fruit which helps them through the autumn and winter and provide better nesting habitat.

RSPB's *Gardening for Wildlife* (Adrian Thomas) says: 'Many hedges, bushes and trees will be harbouring insects and their eggs throughout the winter, or will bear all kinds of fruit. These can mean the difference between life and death for many resident birds and winter visitors.

'Even some berries like Firethorn, which are less popular with the birds, will be used as late as February, once the more sought-after berries have been taken. If you can wait until late winter to do the pruning, when plants are dormant anyway, you can give your garden wildlife the best chance at making the most of all that good food before things start coming to life again in the spring.'

See also www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/



Why is leaf litter so important for wildlife?

PHOTO from the Wildlife Trust website

FALLEN LEAVES – The epitome of autumn – carpets of colour underfoot and maybe the precursor for hours spent raking and clearing. If left to itself leaf litter provides warm, safe places to shelter from the elements, supporting a whole range of species, as diverse as butterflies, toads, maybe frogs – and hedgehogs – through the winter.

Hedgehogs use leaf litter to build their nests. They will spend the winter hibernating, surviving off their fat reserves. A few quiet spots in the garden for leaves and log piles can help nature support itself. Birds such as robins and sparrows will be encouraged to visit to forage for worms and bugs in the leaf layer. The RSPB says that: 'where you put the logs and leaves will affect the wildlife that uses it. Try different spots in your garden, with different sized and shaped piles.'

On hedgehog boxes, the Wildlife Trust says they 'can help increase suitable nesting spaces, but natural is always best' and 'research has shown that homemade boxes are preferred by hedgehogs to shop-bought ones' and 'if you do have a hedgehog box in your garden ensure you are providing suitable bedding, ideally fallen leaves'.

By Common Law, fallen leaves belong to whoever owns the land they fall on... It is unlawful to 'return' fallen leaves to someone else's land without their permission, including Highway land. It is unlawful to blow leaves from private land onto the Highway.

Greywell Hill Estate LOGS

SEASONED HARDWOOD LOGS
(ALL SOURCED FROM
ESTATE TIMBER)

Cut when dry
in the summer and
stored in a barn

Delivered in a farm trailer
2.5 cu m (90 cu ft)
and tipped – £350, or

Tractor bucketful
1cu m (35 cu ft)
delivered in a smaller trailer
and tipped – £150

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or Joe 07956 055071

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

'Government's recent consultation on draft changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) could have a considerable impact on the borough, including a significant increase in the housing need figure, if the NPPF is published as per the consultation version. The Council is considering the potential impact of the changes upon the plan-making process and will provide an update position once the new NPPF has been published.'

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/LDS

In its Budget document (30 October) Government said it would respond to the consultation 'before the end of the year to confirm pro-growth reforms to the planning system'.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately



JEWELLERY WORKSHOPS

The Village Hall Committee will be running a couple of jewellery workshops in November. Up to nine maximum in each class so we have booked:

Friday 1st November

Tuesday 12th November.

Each workshop will last 2.5 to 3 hours.

You each make two silver bangles, with two charms on each included in the price. (More charms are available to buy on the day if people wish.)

Price £95 per person including the silver.

To secure the date we would require a £20 deposit per person.

All jewellery tools and the silver are included in the price.

Please contact Heather Ramsdale on 07552 506898 or mail to onramsdaleheather21@gmail.com for booking and deposit.



JEWELLERY MOVES

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO MAKE YOUR OWN SILVER JEWELLERY?

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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/02372/HSE (Validated 21 October) The Old School House, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Erection of side and rear extension, new front entrance porch, replacement windows / doors and demolition of the existing garage.

24/02283/ROC (Validated 04 October) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Variation of condition 13 of 21/00427/FUL (Erection of four-bed dwelling etc on land to north of Nunnery House) to change from septic tank or cess pit to now discharge foul water via water treatment plant.

24/02002/FUL (Pending 18 Sept) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Demolition of barn and erection of one new dwelling.

24/01821/HSE (Granted 18 Oct) Silver Birches, Wood Lane (of Heather Lane) Up Nately. Erection of a single storey side extension and extension of terrace to rear of building.

24/01354/FUL (Pending 24 June) Gamekeepers. Hardstanding to provide access to the cesspit for the pump-out lorry and to enable the dray lorry to make deliveries clear of the highway; also to serve as additional parking; plus 4x low-level, bat-friendly downlighters within landscaped margin. (Reduced scheme to 21/01777/RET)

24/01259/GPDMA (Decision 24 Oct: Prior approval not required) Riverview House, London Road. To convert of existing building into 8 flats

24/01063/ROC (Granted 24 Oct) Riverview House, London Road. Variation of Con 1 of 22/02416/FUL (Extensions to Riverview House including creation of an additional floor and a 3 storey rear extension to provide 9 additional one bedroom flats) to allow design alterations.

24/00756/FUL (Pending 16 April) Land North of Parrotts, Greywell Road. Four detached dwellings, with garages and associated vehicular access, parking, amenity space and landscaping.

23/02103/FUL (Pending 18 August 2023) Land Adjacent to Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of outbuilding; erection of new dwelling with garage.

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

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H1705/W/24/3347575 (in progress) Brockwell Paddock and Stable, Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and landscaping.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00525/24/TCA (Validated 22 Oct) Field House Tunworth Road. T1 Oak - remove to ground level, too close to property; T2 Walnut, remove to ground level, decay at base; T3 Dead Ivy stump, remove to ground level; T4 Cedar, remove to ground level; T5 Sycamore, crown lift to 5m, thin out crown; T6 Poplar, remove to ground level; T7 Poplar, re pollard to previous pruning points, thin out crown; T8 Beech, crown lift to 5m, thin out crown; T9 Ash, crown lift above cable, thin out crown; T10 Sycamore, crown lift above cable, thin out crown; T11 Dead stump, remove to ground level.

T/00499/24/TCA (Validated 10 Oct 2024) The Old Orchard, Tunworth Road. T1 Ash subject to ash died back, fell; T9 Liriodendron, reduce height by 5m to 12m and spread by 4m to 8m.

T/00445/24/TCA (Pending 19 Sept) Hurdles Tunworth Road. T1 Eucalyptus (Over extending branches on all sides suppressing adjacent trees) – crown reduce by 5m leaving finished height of 10m with a crown spread of 5m.

THE REGALETTES BY THE BADAPPLE COMPANY

Another fun evening was hosted by the Village Hall Committee last month. This was a good old fashioned daft play, hilariously overacted by the two characters Annie and Hilda and their various guises, taking us back to 1938. No angst, no violence, just laughs and music. We are lucky to be able to just travel a mile or two to enjoy such entertainment, amongst friends, in the Village Hall. Welcome drinks and ice cream in the interval, no queuing, no train journeys or car park problems, what a treat.

Thank you Village Hall Committee for all your hard work putting this on.



UP NATELY

COFFEE MORNING

Chats, giggles and coffee at Linbern, 10-12 noon on 8th November, call Hazel for more information, 762648. Everyone welcome, young and a little less young!

PHONE BOX – Apparently being used for target practice, two shattered panes will be replaced asap.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour or any potentially related incidents on the Hampshire Police website.

Search Hampshire Police reporting and this will take you to the link www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ Alternatively, call 101 for non-emergency reporting if nothing can be gained by immediate response. Call 999 when a crime or incident is happening and requires immediate attendance.



OAKDOWN FARM, DUMMER

WAREHOUSING APPLICATION

23/03120/FUL (Validated 19 Dec 2023) Land At Oakdown Farm, Dummer [M3 J7].

Demolition of three dwellings, outbuildings etc and construction of storage and distribution units (use class B8) with ancillary offices and gatehouses, associated infrastructure works (including parking and landscaping), and full details of site levels, access, drainage, tree retention and diversion of underground pipeline. (Phased and delivered across separate and self-contained plots.)

There is very strong opposition from local Parish Councils, local Councillors and Community Groups, plus 344 public objections.

Other statutory consultees are now voicing little outright objection: Historic Environment (Conservation) continue to express concerns; Landscape, Tree officers, Biodiversity, Urban Design, Environmental Health, Hants Highways, National Highways – all indicate that issues raised have been addressed or can be dealt with via condition.

The application is scheduled for decision by Development Control Committee of Wednesday 06 November. Officer recommendation is for Approval subject to Legal Agreement.



PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE NPPF AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM

Excerpts from the Planning Officers Society Response
www.planningofficers.org.uk

The Planning Officers Society (POS) welcomes this consultation as it sets out a comprehensive and considered response to reforming the existing planning system. The planning system is not fundamentally broken, but it has been damaged by ill-considered and misplaced changes made over recent decades. There is a lot to do and the consultation proposals add up to an excellent start.

There are however some areas where POS considers that further thought and discussion is needed.

Resources: Government must acknowledge that resources in public sector planning are in a perilous state. The future agenda for the sector must be reasonable and deliverable within this context.

STANDARD METHOD: POS is supportive of the need for a Standard Method and recognise that all such methods have their faults.

Our worry with the proposed stock-based method is that it is a proxy, it does not relate to housing need in an area, nor a location's ability to grow

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MANYDOWN DEAL SIGNED From BDBC News release 10568, published 21 Oct 2024

'A landmark deal that will kick-start work to create new communities at Manydown has been signed by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council'

The Borough and County Councils took out a long lease on Manydown in 1996, with an option to purchase the freehold. They agreed to the principal terms of purchase in October 2023.

The legal and financial documents to complete the purchase have now been signed by both Councils and the Manydown Company Ltd.

The Councils are in partnership with Urban & Civic, a leading master developer in the UK and part of the global charitable foundation the Wellcome Trust.

Cabinet Member for Major Projects and Regeneration, Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, said: 'This is a key and exciting new development that will combine the best features from Hampshire villages and towns, with contemporary sustainable design, supported by well-planned infrastructure and facilities.'

Urban & Civic can now begin preparation works for construction access, roads and utilities.

The site has Outline planning

permission for a new community of up to 3,520 new homes, a 250-acre countryside park, two primary schools with land reserved for a potential secondary school and other mixed uses including businesses, shops and community facilities.

[17/00818/OUT](#) (Granted 21 December 2021) Manydown, Land off Roman Road and Worting Road.

Residential development of approximately 3,200 homes (up to a maximum of 3,520); local centres; two primary schools; land for one secondary school; open spaces including a Country Park with related ancillary facilities, Neighbourhood Parks, natural green spaces, allotments, outdoor sports facilities and associated amenities, play provision, informal open space and landscaping; indoor sports facilities; primary means of vehicular access from the surrounding highway network; a central street (The Main Street) through the Site; associated secondary means of access, parking, footpaths, cycle links and related transport facilities; provision of five permanent gypsy and traveller pitches and infrastructure works to provide drainage, utilities and associated services.

All matters are reserved except the primary means of vehicular access onto the A339, B3400 and Roman Road.

The Manydown Partnership has been progressing the work needed to begin submitting the further detailed planning applications needed for the development as a whole and the initial phase of design and site access arrangements.

Preliminary site survey work started in March 2021 to better understand the site, including the precise location of utility supplies, archaeological trenching, drainage tests and further detailed ground investigations.

In April 2023, planning permission was granted for two temporary construction access junctions, a first step in supporting permissions and access needed to start work on site.

[23/00032/FUL](#) and [23/00033/FUL](#) (Granted 09 April 2023) Creation of temporary construction accesses from Roman Way and Roman Road in connection with the Manydown development site.

For more information, see www.basingstoke.gov.uk/Manydown

Newnham & Nately Scures

Sarah Laird: The Villager very sadly records the death of Sarah Laird on 14th October 2024. Sarah, previously with her husband Barrie, has been so much part of Newnham life since moving from Edinburgh over 12 years ago to be closer to family in Hook. She will be missed for her part in the community and by all who knew her. Sarah's memorial service, to which all are welcome, will be held at St Nicholas' at 3pm on Friday 1st November, then afterwards at the Old House at Home.



CLUBROOM HIRE Wifi available
For availability please see <https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/>
To book tel 07802 972722 or email bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk
Supporting the Air Ambulance Service with a recycling station now sited in the Clubroom car park.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

St Nicholas' Newnham

4pm Sunday 1st
December



NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



October draw results are
£100 - Trudy and Jim Rankin (30)
£50 - Kirsten Knell (47)
£25 - Melanie Christopher (10)
Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Richard Wilson for drawing the numbers. *Carolyn Bell*

NEWNHAM & NATELY SCURES HARVEST SUPPER

On Friday 11th October, around 50 people gathered for the annual Newnham & Nately Scures harvest supper. The occasion is a great way to catch up with neighbours and to welcome new people to the village. Many thanks to everyone in the community who contributed to make it such a fun and relaxed evening.

Particular thanks to Geoff and Sarah Hawkes for once again hosting the event in their beautiful barn at Manor Farm. Thanks also to all who contributed delicious dishes to share at the meal, to the local businesses and individuals who donated the amazing array of raffle prizes, to Joanna Bell for her huge efforts in securing the prizes, and to all who purchased raffle tickets. I am pleased to report that £900 was raised for St Nicholas'.

Trudy Rankin



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/02342/HSE (Validated 14 October)
Crown Lodge, Crown Lane. Conversion of detached garage to residential annexe.
24/02271/FUL (Validated 03 October)
Collingwood, Newnham Road. Erection of a 1.8m high closeboard fence on repositioned west boundary and change of use of land to residential.
24/00882/LBC (Pending 16 April)
Nightingale Cottage, Heather Row. Demolition of south entrance porch, changes to fenestration; new porch with access ramp in revised position. Alterations to conservatory, replace glass roof with tiled roof. Various internal / external alterations.

24/00712/FUL (Grant 10 October, ref DC 09 Oct) Land East Of Naishes Barn. Agricultural barn with hard surface apron and extended access track.

23/02722/FUL (Pending 02 Nov) Land East Of Keepers, London Road. Three new detached dwellings with new access, parking, drainage, landscaping.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00521/24/TCA (Validated 29 October)
Jasmine Cottage, The Barracks. T1 Willow: remove dead crossing branches and reduce height by 6m leaving a finished height of 12m.

T/00511/24/TPO (Validated 14 October)
Middlewood, 7 The Baredown. T1 Horse Chestnut: reduction.

T/00474/24/TCA (Pending 24 Sept)
Newnham Lodge Tylney Lane. Acacia tree: fell and remove stump.

T/00417/24/TCA (Approve 01 October)
Elm Cottage, Ridge Lane. Fell one dead/dying Norway Maple.

'RE-ELMING HAMPSHIRE'

The Hampshire Forest Partnership has been successful in achieving a grant from the Nature for Climate Fund enabling it to supply over 300 large standard trees free of charge to communities for public open spaces, and also a stock of smaller 'feathered' trees and whips for landowners, other organisations, groups and individuals.

The standards include disease resistant Elm (*Ulmus*) of three different variants; *New Horizon*, *Rebona* and *Fiorente*. The smaller 'feathered' Elms are *Ulmus Ademuz*.

All these trees have been bred to resist Dutch Elm disease and be robust in the face of Climate Change. They also, on achieving maturity, host the endangered White-letter Hairstreak butterfly. In bringing these majestic trees back to the Hampshire landscape the scheme seeks also to help redress tree loss and declines in biodiversity. Newnham Parish Council has requested a standard *Ulmus Fiorente* for Newnham Green.

PROPOSED NPPF REFORMS

Excerpts from the Planning Officers Society Response continued...

and provide the necessary supporting infrastructure. There are some huge anomalies in the numbers that have been published and these will provide further fuel for those areas that are resistant to growth.

POS considers the proposed Standard Method to be a huge mistake. As local planners we need to have a conversation with our communities and politicians about housing our population; it is both an emotional and a technical conversation.

The Standard Method must be based on understanding the quantum and nature of the people who need to be housed in the future and converting that into housing numbers and types. An abstract proxy number of homes does not enable us to do that and will perpetuate the anti-growth problems of the past and result in continued failure to deal with the housing crisis. We therefore strongly urge Government to reconsider its use as it is highly unlikely to deliver the increase in housing supply that is needed.

Fundamentally all such Standard Method tools tend to fall apart technically at the geography of the LPA [Local Planning Authority], and this is compounded because they are applied with no regard for genuine local constraints. Any Standard Method needs to be applied at the strategic scale to provide more choice in how the resulting number is distributed to each LPA, reflecting more appropriately the local opportunities and constraints.

DELIVERABILITY: History tells us that we cannot rely on the private sector housebuilders to deliver the housing numbers that are being planned for. Their business model is not focused on meeting housing need (despite any rhetoric they may advance to the contrary) but is one of making money by selling homes at a price that covers their sunk costs (which includes operational profits) and, ideally, gives them an additional 'risk' profit of around 20%. They increase and decrease output based on what Sir Oliver Letwin (in his *Review of Build Out Rates* in 2018) called the Absorption Rate; their view of how many homes they think they will sell without risking the price. The statistics tell us that for the last 50 years the private housebuilders have had an output that generally oscillates between 100K and 150K homes per year. When that has been exceeded (significantly in the late 1980s and slightly in the early 2000s) it was in response to the economic booms that preceded significant economic crashes (in 1989 and 2007), thereby

embedding the caution that now characterises that sector. The Letwin Review also made it clear that there needs to be much more competition and that would only come if SMEs (especially medium sized developers) are given more/easier access to sites of around 50-150 units. POS is concerned that merely creating the conditions for more planning permissions to be granted (assuming that the planning applications are made), whilst being a necessary precondition, is not sufficient and will not result in delivery.

It is abundantly clear that when we were consistently delivering more than 150K new homes a year, the public sector played a very significant part, often accounting for around half of the output. Without an expansion of public sector investment (converting the £16bn/year spent on construction of around 120K homes/year) the ambition to deliver over 300,000 homes a year, and particularly delivering affordable homes, will remain unmet.

In addition to facilitating housing growth at this scale, there is a need for Government to provide funding for infrastructure to support that growth.

The current system prioritises the funding of infrastructure (via s106 and CIL) over the delivery of affordable housing. It should be set out clearly in national policy that if delivering affordable housing is the priority, there should not be an expectation that infrastructure be fully funded through the planning system.

Devolving funding and infrastructure delivery to the new regional levels, aligned with each area's housing numbers, will be vital so that they can then plan for and support delivery strategically. The statutory undertakers responsible for much of our infrastructure capacity (water, sewerage, electricity etc) need to be held to account for their frequent failures to discharge their statutory duty to plan to meet growth that is clearly planned in development plans.

Continued next Villager

HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP
a legacy in leaves

About us Get involved News and events Contact us

WHAT IS THE HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

The Hampshire Forest Partnership has been set up so communities can get involved in caring for our woodlands and planting more trees. There are lots of ways you can support the countryside, like volunteering or holding your own tree planting event. With your help we're sure to reach our goal of planting one million trees by 2050.

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/hampshireforestpartnership

JOIN THE MILLION TREE CHALLENGE!

Help us reach our goal to plant one million trees and add your trees and hedge planting to our online map.

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Whether you are an individual or a business, please support us to plant more trees in Hampshire and help our wildlife to thrive.

HELP US BRING BACK THE MAJESTIC ELM TREE

We are trialling the planting of disease resistant elms. We can provide you with the trees at no cost, we just ask you to tell us exactly where you will plant them and allow us to monitor how successful they are.

ABOUT US

Find out how we are supporting Hampshire's tree population and making the county a greener place to live.

Find out more

GET INVOLVED

If you're a parish council, business, teacher, landowner, land manager or farmer with land that would be perfect for tree planting, we'd love to hear from you.

Find out more

NEWS

Our forest is always growing. With so much going on across Hampshire, find out more about our latest projects and tree planting events.

Find out more

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: Hector Brown at St Mary's Greywell on October 14th 2024.

Interment of Ashes: Catherine Gillian Swinton-Clarke ('Gill') at St Nicholas' Newnham on October 17th 2024.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

North Hampshire Downs MU

November sees the start of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence which runs from 25th November to 10th December. This year the diocese will be holding a prayer vigil outside Winchester Cathedral between 12noon and 2pm on Monday 25th November.

As part of their action against gender-based violence, Mothers' Union last year launched their 'RISE UP' campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence and support those who suffer from it. The letters in 'Rise Up' stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray.

The statistics on Domestic Abuse are shocking with an estimated 1.6 million women every year in this country experiencing domestic abuse. One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood. Domestic abuse affects people throughout society and at every stage of life. We must do everything we can to support and protect those who are vulnerable.

Our next branch meeting is on Monday 4th November at 7.30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or suemurphybranch@outlook.com.

CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER INTO DECEMBER

Sunday 03 Nov 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship with Baptism.

Sunday 10 Nov 10.50am St Swithun's Nately Scures
United Parish Remembrance Service
3pm St Mary's Greywell - United Parish 'In Loving Memory'

Sunday 17 Nov 9am St Mary's Greywell CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service
110am St Swithun's Nately Scures, 1662 Morning Prayer

Sunday 24 Nov 10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said)
11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship

Sunday 01 Dec 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion
4pm St Nicholas' Newnham, Christingle



From the Benefice Ministry Team

Remembrance

One hundred and six years ago at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, the

hostilities of the First World War came to an end and peace was made after four long devastating years of war. More than three quarters of a million British men and women were killed and countless others were maimed, wounded or emotionally damaged.

Each year on Armistice Day and on Remembrance Sunday we remember and honour those who lost their lives in that Great War and in conflicts since, and sadly today we have to remember too those who have lost their life or whose lives will be forever changed in the wars in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and Sudan.

At this time of Remembrance, we hold silence together to allow our remembrances to help us, if we can, face a little more honestly the truth of what it means to be human, and deepen our commitment to making peace in our own day. At the Imperial War Museum there is an immersive exhibition which includes a sound recording of the actual moment of the ceasefire at the River Moselle, made

from an original graphic document of the time. A barrage of continuing heavy gunfire is heard at 10:58 in the final moments. By one minute past the hour there is silence. The gunfire has

stopped. And into that great silence you hear the sound of birdsong, the first remarkable sounds of peace. The war has ended. Peace has come.

From the sound archive are also the stories of individuals who were affected by the end of the war and that boundary between war and peace. One person recounted: 'Well do you know, strangely enough, we wept, because the silence was so awful.

We'd been used to the noise of guns, all day long, all day long, all day long... it was so strange to have silence.'

With the incomprehensible loss of life of that Great War, communities back home were in some ways silenced too. Not just by the silence of peace but by the silence of loss: The silence of the Lost Generation, who never returned home to talk and joke, and live and breathe. They were silenced by the grief of so many lost in communities, often because their loved ones had signed up with their friends together, Kitchener's 'Pals Battalions' from the same factory, or sports team, or village.

Our gatherings today are about holding silence, about remembering but also about our deepest desire to be formed as people who long to live in peace, now and always. We hold silence and remember, not so that we can forget for the rest of the year, but so we can be reminded of a call to speak and recommit to live as peacemakers. And we live the hope of a world where war will be no more.

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God' (Matthew 5:9). Silence, remembering, and peace-making. In all of this we seek the thread of God's love. We will remember them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Rev'd Linda Scard

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KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

I wonder, are you afraid of the dark? Most people are a little worried about being in the total darkness. We're not quite sure what to expect, and maybe our imagination plays tricks on us...

Now, you're probably reading this in November, but I'm writing it way back in October, and last night I had to overcome my fears and head out into our very dark garden in the middle of the night, hoping to catch a glimpse of the *Aurora Borealis*, or Northern Lights. I must admit, I was a little worried! The sky was so clear, filled with stars, but not much happening with the moon. But as my eyes became more accustomed to the dark, it felt like my other senses went into overdrive. My hearing became attuned to rustlings, wildlife calls, the sound of the wind and my own breathing. I began to smell the countryside. I could even feel like I could almost touch the darkness. Owls and bats swooped across my path, I could hear rustlings in the hedge – who knows what that might have been! I wouldn't have been able to experience any of these things in bright daylight.

Another benefit of total darkness is that it enables us to see more. Only from a dark location can we begin to get a sense of the vast expanse of space. There are the individual stars that form groups that we call constellations. There is the huge blanket of stars that we call the Milky Way. We may see a meteorite, even



a meteorite shower. If we're really lucky, we may catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights. (Photo taken by a friend last night over North Warnborough).

Only by placing ourselves in darkness can we get some sense of how vast space is, and how tiny Earth is in comparison. That's why the Bible says, 'When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and stars that you have set in their places, what is humanity, that you think of him and her, human beings, that you care for them?' (Psalm 8.3-4) How amazing is that? The God that created the stars in space cares for us...?

This month is the perfect month to get outside at night and really experience the dark. Maybe you can ask to go on a late-night drive into the deep countryside, if you're not already there! Turn off your torch, let your eyes acclimatise, and let your senses experience just how vast God's creation is, and give thanks that He loves us.

God Bless and see you next time! Helen C

The Table

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

North Warnborough Village Hall

UPCOMING DATES:

10th November

24th November

8th December

22nd December

From

5PM

Please contact Matt to book: matt@moretolife.church

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In Loving Memory

Sunday 10th November 3pm
St. Mary's Church, Greywell

- a time to reflect and remember your loved ones

A BIT OF A NIP IN THE AIR?

So wrap up warm! Everyone benefits from fresh air, however for the less mobile of us it can be trickier. So we were delighted to receive an invitation this month to join in with u3a Fleet 'Rollers and Strollers' group.

The Rollers organise trips – next month to Mottisfont's Nutcracker Christmas – using accessible coaches.

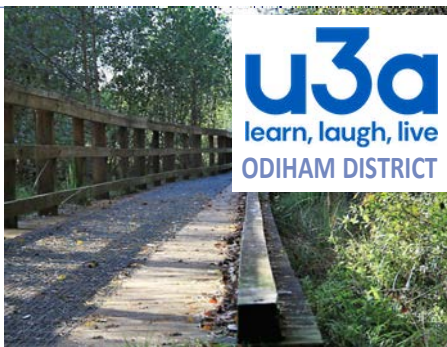
The Strollers have fortnightly walks around Elvetham Nature Reserve; split into two groups, one walk is wheelchair-friendly and the other for those using aids or in need of a slow pace.

We are starting a fourth Book Club but this one will be on Zoom. In fact, the National u3a now offer a huge number of online groups, from armchair archaeology to zentangle to increase accessibility for those at home.



We have brought back Pétanque, replacing our summer season Croquet groups, and we are in the early days of setting up a suite of language groups in French, German, Italian and Spanish. It's quite a challenge to cover the wide range of experience among our members – complete beginner to rapid fluent! Yet another proposed new venture is 'Song Writing'!

We are proud of the number of activities on offer at our u3a – we are all volunteers. If you feel you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. To find out more, please visit our website. www.odihamu3a.org.uk



Dates for your diary....

THE JUBILEE CHOIR

Petite Messe Solennelle by Rossini
All Saints' Odiham, 6.30pm, Sunday 17th November

Join the Jubilee Choir for a performance of Rossini's wonderfully operatic which is neither short nor solemn. Tickets are £15, free for those under 18 and are available from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 07837 571708.

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

presents *Songs of the Silver Screen*
The Anvil, Basingstoke, 7.30pm, Saturday 23rd November

The choir, conducted by David Gibson, will perform songs from *West Side Story*, *My Fair Lady*, the theme tunes to *Saving Private Ryan*, *Skyfall* as well as classics such as Puccini's *Humming Chorus*, Barber's *Agnus Dei* and more.

Tickets from choir members or www.anvilarts.org.uk/events/basingstoke-choralsociety

HOOK CHORAL SOCIETY

presents *Christmas Oratorio* by Bob Chilcott, and other choral works

All Saints' Odiham, 7.30pm, Saturday 30th November

We will be joined by an organist, a harpist, a flautist, and four soloists. The programme will also include the lovely 17th century Peruvian piece *Hanacpachap Cussicuinin*, Elgar's *The Spirit of the Lord*, and Mendelssohn's *There Shall a Star from Jacob*.

Tickets £20 (£18 for four or more) 07957 293 641 www.hookchoral.co.uk

Christmas Concert – carols and readings and wine and mince pies

St John's Hook, 3.15 for 4pm Saturday, 21 December

CAROL SERVICE – ODIHAM

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice are hosting a festive Carol Service joined by Winchester Cathedral Choir and with a reading by Mark Durden-Smith.

All Saints' Odiham, Tuesday 10th December Doors open at 6pm for canapés, wine and mince pies. The service starts at 7pm

Tickets are £35 per person from Katherine Jane, Odiham High Street, or www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events



Basingstoke & Deane welcomes new District Commander

Hants & Isle of Wight Constabulary is delighted to welcome Chief Inspector Hayley O'Grady as the new District Commander for Basingstoke & Deane. Chief Inspector O'Grady replaces Chief Inspector Scott Johnson, who has become the new District Commander for the New Forest.

Ch Insp O'Grady said: 'Basingstoke & Deane is an exciting place to police. The district has its complexities with a large town and a vast rural landscape, but I see that as a huge opportunity to make a positive impact to a large number of different people.

'I feel I have the experience which will enable me to hit the ground running. I have spent 21 years working a variety of roles in Southampton and have gained invaluable experience over the past 27 months as the District Commander for Test Valley.

'Now, my role is to ensure we are targeting and responding to the biggest risks in Basingstoke and

Deane and my priorities are to tackle serious violence, sexual offences, domestic abuse and rural crime.

'I want to ensure that we continue to have a cohesive district policing team working in tandem together, including those from Neighbourhoods, Response and Investigations.

'I was pleased to see that we already have well-established links with relevant partners and I'm excited about growing these relationships to ensure we are all singing from the same hymn sheet.'

Ch Insp O'Grady added:

'Please continue to report any incidents to us, so we are aware of what is occurring in the areas in which you live. If you haven't already completed a Let's Talk survey, please take a moment to do so.

'Let's Talk' is our community survey initiative that aims to understand the needs of our local communities and enables you to share any concerns with our officers.

'It's a really important tool, which is already helping us to better understand the public's concerns, and subsequently work with partners to effectively address the issues raised.

www.hampshire.police.uk/police-forces/hampshire-constabulary/areas/campaigns/lets-talk/

CROSS BARN ODIHAM FILM / THEATRE www.thecrossbarn.org.uk/whatson.shtml

Friday 15 November Miss Saigon (25th Anniversary Gala Performance) 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) Tickets: £15, 187 minutes (incl interval), Stage musical, Rating15; Jon Jon Briones, Eva Noblezada, Jonathan Pryce, Alistair Brammer, Brett Sullivan, Laurence Connor. Director Brett Sullivan.

Friday 22 November Film: Thelma 7.45pm (doors open at 7) Tickets: £7; 98 minutes; Rating 12A; Genre: Action, Adventure, Comedy