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

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

BOROUGH HOUSING NUMBERS

BDBC Full Council meeting of Thursday 20th October The meeting agenda included the following proposal for debate

This Council believes that planning and development control are best served at a local level and that the freedom to make decisions on planning matters in the interests of our communities should remain solely in the hands of locally elected councillors.

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That it is in the interest of our residents that a Local Plan be developed that listens to and resolves to take on board the concerns of our communities. We want a housing target in our Borough that is locally determined to meet need that is established by an objective and robust method, not the Standard Method.

We believe in localism. Local democracy is best served by 'place making' which directly involves communities and we believe infrastructure, the environment, tackling climate change and delivering homes that are built to high quality and are truly affordable to local people must be defined in policy in our new Local Plan.

Council resolves to support this motion and in so doing steer Cabinet in its role to provide before us, as the representatives of the people of Basingstoke & Deane, a Local Plan that we can support embodying these and other principles we espouse in policy which will shape development in our Borough in the future.

Proposer Councillor Tomblin Seconder Councillor Ashfield.

A gathering at the Civic Offices demonstrated support for reducing the housing numbers, support for the proposal and the Council's position to date, but mindful that more than intention is needed.



SUPPORT THIS PETITION TO STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT IN BASINGSTOKE

The SLOW IT DOWN Housing Numbers petition hasn't yet been presented to Council, please continue to circulate and support.

https://www.maria4basingstoke.co.uk/campaigns/slow-it-down-stop-overdevelopment

THE PROPOSAL TO FULL COUNCIL WAS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Leader Simon Bound said that: 'As part of Local Government, we have to operate within the guidelines and the rules we have in front of us. I support this motion but from a very specific position. We have unanimously as a chamber voted to reduce our housing number. We have unanimously agreed that we will do everything that we can. We have unanimous support in this chamber to ask our officers to do everything that they can. But nobody has the magic wand. It will take a huge amount of hard work... and as the Leader of this Authority I appreciate everyone's support with all our activities to do this.' Cllr Jay Ganesh said as Portfolio holder he 'supported the intention of this motion and the central importance of local community in shaping the borough'. 'However all planning process must follow the relevant legislation which includes the right of appeal.'

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY **SERVICES 2022**

Please join us on 13th November at one of our Remembrance Sunday services All Welcome

9.30am Long Sutton 10.45am Herriard 10.45am Upton Grev 10.50am Mapledurwell 10.50am South Warnborough 10.50am Odiham **3pm Nately Scures** (In Loving Memory) 5pm Tunworth

(Remembrance Evensong)

Honouring the service and sacrifice of those who fought in the line of duty





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101 For non-emergency reporting, when nothing will be gained by an immediate response.

999 For when a crime or incident is happening now and immediate attendance is required.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately





Join us at the Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall for

Christmas Wreath Making Saturday, 3rd December

10am – 1pm £55 *

Tel: 07824 982261 Email: thomasnichola jayne@gmail.com

* Includes all materials required to make your Christmas wreath



Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall Team invite you to brighten up the start of the winter by joining us for quizzing at the Village Hall on the 18th November at 6.30pm.

Tickets £15 per person, to include chilli con carne plus veg option/garlic bread & dessert

Tables of 8 (if you need to be put in a team let us know)

Wine/Beer at Bar

Prizes for winning table and best dressed table Raffle

Pre booking needed so we can cater. If you would like to join the fun please order your tickets by 11th November contacting Heather Ramsdale on **07552 506898** or by email to **ramsdaleheather21@gmail.com**

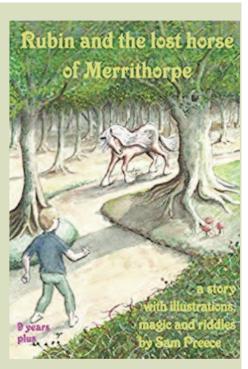
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- 'My grandchildren have had so much fun with the riddles and the sums. They love the story and always want us to read chapters to them at bedtime.'
- '.... in addition to being a very good story, it is educational as it tells the children the meaning of words in the text which they may not know, at the end of each chapter.'



Available from Amazon price £8.99 Publisher Eastrop Cottage Publishing Illustrated edition (14 May 2018), Paperback 66 pages A4 (Age 9 years +)

FROM MAPLEDURWELL

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Sally Irvine died on the 12 October. She will be much missed by her family and many friends. Sally and Keith were popular, active members of our community and its social life since they moved here in 1996. If you would like more information please phone Lorna on 01256 354651.

Next Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council meeting Wednesday 16th November 7pm in the Village Hall meeting room. Everyone welcome.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/02818/ROC (Validated 21 Oct) The Egg Yard, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Variation of conditions 1, 3 and 10 of 20/02124/FUL to allow for revised design and update to landscaping and finishes condition and removal of condition 11 relating to garages.

22/02710/PIP (Validated 17 Oct) Land Adjacent To Blaegrove House, Blaegrove Lane. Permission in Principle for the erection of one new dwelling.
22/02562/HSE (Pending 13 Sept)
Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Proposed new detached garage.

22/02454/FUL (Pending 02 Sept)
Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell.
Erection of a detached dwelling
(following approval of Planning in
Principle 22/01088/PIP).

22/02416/FUL (Pending 26 Aug) Riverview House, London Road. Extensions including creation of an additional floor and a three storey rear extension to provide nine additional one-bedroom flats.

22/02366/GPDADW (Refused 17 Oct) Swan Hill Nursery, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Prior notification for change of use of two storey tractor shed and storage building to one dwelling. Planning application required.

<u>22/02349/FUL</u> (Pending 19 Aug) Land Opposite The Laurels, Heather Lane. One new dwelling with associated detached car port, parking and landscaping.

22/02210/RET (Pending 05 Aug) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 31/08/2032.

<u>22/01433/HSE</u> (Granted 6 Oct) Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Part two-storey part first-floor extension; replacement entrance porch; solar panels.

22/00676/FUL (Granted 14 October, decision of Development Control Committee of 12 October) High Field View, Frog Lane. Bungalow replacing garage at north of land.

Basingstoke & Deane News Release



BDBC COST OF LIVING ASSISTANCE FUND

Grants are available to help towards food and energy costs for eligible households in the borough.

One-off grants are available of up to
• £1,000 for those with a household

- £1,000 for those with a household income of £15,000 or less
- £500 for those on a household income of £15,001 £20,000
- £200 for those on a household income of £20,001 £25,000.

Residents can apply at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/costofliving or call 01256 844844 and speak to the benefits team to arrange a telephone or in-person appointment.

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<u>22/01267/HSE</u> and <u>22/01268/LBC</u> (Pending, 03 May) Blaegrove House. Installation of replacement windows and external doors.

22/00630/FUL (Granted 21 Oct) The Hatch. Erection of external bar servery; partial resurfacing of car park and installation of new gates; replace existing bridge; repaving, new bollard lights and arbors; demolition of garden sheds/structures and erection of new shed; new island patios with festoon lighting to garden; new fencing and associated works.

22/00678/LBC (Granted 23 September)
The Hatch. Minor internal and external alterations; redecoration and repairs to building; new signage & associated works.

22/00212/TDC (Withdrawn 17 Oct)
Nunnery House, Tunworth Rd. Technical Details Consent for conversion of barn to one dwelling as per 20/00009/PIP, plus new vehicular access from south.

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

21/00827/FUL (Pending 20 April 2021) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to dog walking area and off road parking; gate, fence and shed.

TREE APPLICATIONS

<u>T/00445/22/TCA</u> (Validated 19 October) Crosswater Cottage, Frog Lane. T1 Ash: Fell to ground level.

<u>T/00386/22/TCA</u> (Approved 19 October) Sakantha, Frog Lane. T1, Willow, reduce to previous pruning points. T2, Row of conifers reduce in height. T3, Two large conifers to remove.

APPEAL

21/00107/PIP (Refused BDBC 19 April 2022) Permission in Principle for the residential development for a maximum of six dwellings. (Note now officially six as opposed to original nine dwellings.)
Appeal lodged – 22/00042/REF.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS AND SCHEMES

https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/energy-efficiency-loans-and-grants

The Boiler Upgrade Scheme

Ofgem is the administrator or this scheme which will provide homeowners with grants of £5,000 towards air source heat pumps, and £6,000 for ground source heat pumps. It will run for three years - until April 2025.

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes https://www.homebuilding.co.uk/advice/boiler-upgrade-scheme

To be eligible you need

- to own your property (a home or a small non-domestic property)
- to be replacing existing fossil fuel systems (such as oil, gas or direct electric).

New build properties will not normally be eligible (unless self build).

The property will need to have:

- an installation capacity up to 45kWth (this covers most homes)
- a valid Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) with no outstanding recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation (unless you have an insulation exemption).

Applicants are encouraged to register their interest with Ofgem and seek a number of quotes from MCS-certified heat pump installers.

The value of the grant will be discounted from the price you pay and the installer will claim for the grant from Ofgem on your behalf. Be aware the homeowner is required to pay the costs that exceed the grant. The installation of an air or ground sourced heat pump isn't just a case of swapping it for the old boiler as they work differently and will also require a heating system upgrade.

Notes - Biomass boilers are also supported in rural areas with populations of 10,000 people or less. Your home must also meet high emissions standards.

- The government has invested funding into hydrogen heating technology, but a decision over the domestic use of hydrogen boilers will not be made until 2025.

Help with VAT

https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027, there is 0% VAT on the installation of energy-saving materials including heat pumps and biomass boilers.

Green Homes grants

https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/energy-efficiency-loans-and-grants www.warmerhomes.org.uk/programme or call 0800 038 573

Green Homes grants for homeowners and private tenants

- Residents with a household income of up to £30,000 or on means-tested benefits and living in homes with an energy performance certificate rating of D, E, F or G can apply
- Up to £10,000 for on-gas homes, with up to £25,000 for homes off the main gas network
- For more information see www.warmerhomes.org.uk/programme or call 0800 038 5737

Improvements could include







Homeowner grants

https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/energy-efficiency-loans-and-grants

The Homeowner Grant of up to £3,000 is available for people who are on means-tested benefits and who are not eligible for a loan, following an assessment by Parity Trust.

- Property must be within council tax bands A to E
- Any energy performance certificate (EPC) rating

The grant can be used for a range of measures including:

insulation - heating systems - double glazing - draught proofing - renewable energy measures

How to apply: To qualify for this grant you must first have an assessment from Parity Trust who can be contacted on 023 9237 5921 or email mail@paritytrust.org.uk.

Newnham & Nately Scures

Obituary: Malcolm Buchan

The Villager regrets having to record the sudden and unexpected death (believed to have been a heart attack) on 11 September 2022 at the age of 92, of Malcolm Erskine, 17th Earl of Buchan.

Malcolm and Hilary came to Newnham House in 1978 with their children Harry, Seraphina, Monty and Arabella and were very committed to the village and the church - Malcolm was a Church Warden from 1993 until the family moved to Bath in 2010.

He had a varied life, after being for a while involved with the tea trade in Ceylon he returned to Britain and worked In the City as well as sitting in the House of Lords. He was also a liveryman in the Grocers' Company.

Hilary used to tell of the occasional problems she encountered when having to explain to foreign immigration officials that, although she began her married life as Mrs Erskine, she was later Viscountess Cardross and later still Countess of Buchan while all the time being married to the same man. Very sadly Hilary died on 10 March 2022 after a long illness. Nigel Bell



Newnham Harvest Supper - Thank you to everyone who contributed to a great evening on Friday 14th October, particularly Trudy Rankin for organising and Sarah & Geoff Hawkes for organising and hosting. It was lovely to meet and welcome some of our new villagers and to be treated to delicious dishes cooked by all comers... always a highlight. We had new ideas and prizes for the raffle this year: painting classes at Colour Wheel, a spring veggie box from Wild Green Acres, Apple Juice from Manor Farm, and some special wines from Caviste and Tesco. A big thank you to all those who donated, and to those who bought tickets and donated to wine and soft drinks: £900 was raised to support the fabric of Newnham Church, our 900-year-old treasure.

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S 100 CLUB

Results of the October draw: £100 - Debbie Cooke; £50 - Melanie Christopher; £25 - The Wilson family. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Penny Richmond for drawing the numbers. The money the Club generates makes a significant contribution to the Church funds and the support of so many is greatly appreciated! Thank you! Carolyn Bell



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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>22/02783/HSE</u> (Validated 11 October) The Cottage Blackstocks Lane. Erection of single storey rear extension.

22/02771/ROC (Validated 10 October) Land On West Side Of Nately Towers, Scures Hill. Variation of condition 1 of 22/01190/FUL to make changes to the approved design.

<u>22/02660/HSE</u> (Pending, 28 Sept) 10 Kingsbridge Copse. Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

22/02643/FUL (Pending, 23 Sept) Land At Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated landscape and parking (replacement applications). 22/02568/HSE and 22/02569/LBC

(Pending, 20 Sept) Newnham Green Farm. Demolition of single storey rear extension and outbuilding and erection of single storey rear extension.

22/02595/TENO (Pending, 16 Sept) Telecommunications Apparatus, London Road RG27 9PE. Proposed installation of steelwork to extend the height of 25m lattice tower by 5m and relocating the existing equipment to new top of tower.

22/02539/FUL (Pending, 09 Sept)
Land At Blackstocks, Lane Nately
Scures. Erection of 1no. dwelling with
associated garage, landscaping and new
access. (Amendment to scheme granted
under 22/00981/FUL.)

<u>22/02097/FUL</u> (Pending, 09 Sept) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. The construction of a single detached house and garage and associated access.

22/02498/HSE (Pending, 06 Sep 2022) Tollgate House, Water End. Part demolition of the existing house/garage, replacement with a three storey side extension with a detached replacement garage with first floor accommodation over, new entrance gates, altered access, new windows through along with internal alterations (amended plan to that approved under 21/02185/HSE).

22/02306/LDPO (Withdrawn 03 October) 10 Kingsbridge Copse. Certificate of lawfulness for a single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory.

<u>22/02256/RET</u> (Granted 11 October) 2 Kingsbridge Copse, Newnham. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden.

<u>22/02189/HSE</u> (Granted 04 October) Heathmorr, Newnham Road. Proposed two storey rear extension.

22/00132/FUL (Pending, 19 Jan) Land off Ridge Lane. Farm workers' dwelling for temporary period. Earth bunds (2.5m max width by 1.5m max height). Permeable surfaced farm access tracks.

16/03282/RET (Pending, 15th Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural to include diversification of farm open days etc 100 days a year, associated parking.

HOOK/NEWNHAM GAP - APPEAL

21/02750/FUL (refused Hart 7th Jan 2022) Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook. A detached four bedroom dwelling following demolition of outbuildings Appeal in progress 22/00024/REFUSE APP/N1730/W/22/3298102

ODIHAM – LODGE FARM

Proposal for warehousing / logistics site. Awaiting outcome of pre-application enquiry to Hart. Obsidian Developments held an online 'consultation' on 28th September, indicating the very earliest a planning application might come forward will be Spring 2023.

OAKDOWN FARM J7 WAREHOUSING APPEAL – PUBLIC INQUIRY

22/00667/FUL Land At Oakdown Farm, Dummer – Refused BDBC 19th May 2022 (DC of 18 May). 22/00023/REF APP/H1705/W/22/3301468 Appellant, Newlands Property Developments LLP (SPV Equites Newlands (B/stoke) Ltd). Public Inquiry at the BDBC Civic Offices from Tuesday 18th October.

The opening days of the Inquiry heard on behalf of the appellant that: 'A requirement for such a centre on the M3 corridor was identified in 2014 and since then agents have been trying to find a plot.' And on behalf of BDBC that: 'The economic need for development does not override the landscape sensitivity and benefits' (*Basingstoke Gazette* 19 Oct). BDBC's Statement of Case defends the

refusal by Development Control Committee, its main grounds for refusal being 'Impact on Landscape and Visual Quality of the Area, including Undeveloped Countryside.'

A second reason is Infrastructure Provision, though noting this may be resolved via legal agreement. Other speakers to the Inquiry described the inadequacy of Junction 7 and made reference to a recent HCC Executive Member Report, *Basingstoke Transport* *Update*, which discusses the need for major reorganisation at M3 J7.

'Other Matters and Planning Balance' cited the loss of three dwellings, and notably the loss of 38.7 hectares of Grade 3a agricultural land and 11.2 hectares of Grade 3b land.

NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 4TH OCTOBER

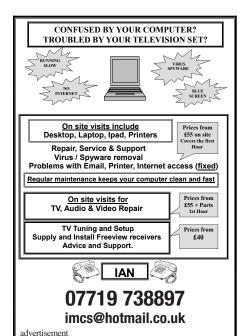
New councillor The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Phillipa Spanner from the Barracks to serve as new Parish Councillor. Pip agreed to be co-opted to take the place of Gareth Wilson who resigned earlier this year.

Energy costs and support The Parish Council discussed the support available to residents, with energy bills and energy efficiency grants. Also considering the lack of support for businesses in noting that the Old House at Home in terms of its business is thriving despite all adverse circumstances, but is facing a crippling increase in energy bills over the next few months.

Local Plan Update – Borough Housing Numbers The Parish Council has a mandate from the 2022 Parish Assembly to fully support Borough Councillors' rejection of the current Standard Methodology housing figure, and to support their commitment to seek means to establish a sustainable housing number for the borough.

Welcome Pack Thanks to St Nicholas' VCC (Village Church Committee) and all who assisted in re-establishing the Newnham 'welcome pack' for all new residents.

Next Newnham Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 29th November 7.45pm in the Clubroom. Everyone welcome.



Greywell Hill Estate

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From the Parish Registers

Baptisms: Annalise Young and Taylor Williams, 2nd October St Mary's Greywell.

Interment of Ashes: Lyndsay Degiorgio, 30th September St Mary's Greywell.



From the Ministry Team

When I was part of the ministry team at St Michael's Church, in Basingstoke town centre, on Remembrance

Sunday the 8am said communion service used to take place in the Memorial Chapel. The names recorded on the walls of that chapel, built to remember those from the town who died in the First World War, represented a personal tragedy to those who loved and knew the men whose names they were.

Harvest Festivals I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to host and organise Harvest lunches and suppers across our Villages. They were all such fun and joyful occasions. I'd also like to thank everyone that contributed to the harvest collections in church. All the produce has been sent on to a variety of local organisations including the various food banks and the Camrose Centre. Rev Simon Butler



Pastoral Care A year ago, I completed my training as a Licensed Lay Minister for the Church of England and joined the North Hampshire Downs Benefice clergy team. I have enjoyed working with the team offering pastoral care across the benefice.

One aspect of my work involves linking with the various tea, coffee & cake drop-in events. These are friendly, welcoming caring communities which offer coffee or other refreshments and a chance to chat among the

people who attend. Anyone is welcome to come along and those attending would love to see new faces.

The November events are listed below.

The Teapot – South Warnborough Village Shop, Tues 1st Nov – 1.30-3pm The Coffee Pot – Long Sutton Village Hall, Friday 4th November – 10-11.30am Coffee and Cake – Upton Grey Village Hall, Monday 14th Nov – 10am-12noon Herriard Coffee Morning – every Thursday in RBL Hall Herriard from 10am Greywell Coffee Morning – The Village Hall, Wednesday 23rd Nov – at 10am

Home Communions – Many people across the benefice are unable to attend our services as they are housebound because of illness or disability. Home Communions are offered to any who would like to receive this.

This simple service is an opportunity to worship in your own home. If you would like a visit, or know of somebody who would like a visit, please contact admin@moretolife.church 01256 703791.

Suzanne Newcombe - Licensed Lay Minister

Usually, on Sundays, before the main services, the choir and ministers used to assemble in the Memorial Chapel. Whenever I stood in that Chapel waiting for a service to begin I invariably found my eyes resting on the name of Herbert Dray. Herbert's sister, Edith, worshipped in St Michael's for many years, and whenever I went to visit her the first thing that would catch my eye would be a large picture of Herbert, in his Naval uniform, hanging on the wall. Edith also lost her fiancé in that war, and whenever she spoke of those events, even in her eighties, it was as if it were yesterday. What happened to those two young men in that war had made an indelible impression on Edith's life. One of the tragedies of war is that so much which could have been added to people's lives is instead cruelly wrenched away, as we see all too clearly now in the tragedy which has engulfed Ukraine.

In November too we have the Feast of All Souls, a time to remember all those who have died and whose lives and love have made an indelible impression on our lives, whose dying has been a cause of sadness quite simply because their living has been a source of joy; their living which has added much to our lives.

At All Saints' tide, we remember those who have, through their faithful following of Christ, left behind them an impression, not just of themselves as good people, but have impressed on the people of their generation that to follow Christ is to have allowed him to impress himself on their lives to such an extent that they have left behind them the unmistakeable impression of what Christ is about. The Saints are those who, by asking Christ to be a plus in their lives, have been a plus to all life; their living has lit up the world.

When I was little, at this time of the year, each evening I would be taking down the shoe box which held my small collection of fireworks and counting them out and anticipating the display they would make on Guy Fawkes night, when we would have a bonfire at the bottom of the garden and my father would light the blue touch papers and retire.

In the November night those fireworks showed up against the darkness; so too the lives of the Saints have shone out with the light of Christ even in the darkest times. Maybe it's appropriate that, as the clocks go back and the nights get longer, we remember lives which have shone out against the darkness, and give thanks for the impression which they have made on our lives and pray that we may be people who make not so much a good impression as an impression for good.

Alan Hoar, Licensed Lay Minister

CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER INTO DECEMBER

Sunday 6 November 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion

11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship

Sunday 13 November 10.50am St Mary's Mapledurwell

United Parish Remembrance Service

3pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, In Loving Memory

Sunday 20 November 9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion

11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service

5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong

Sunday 27 November 10am St Nicholas' Newnham BCP, Holy Communion

11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship

Sunday 4 December 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion

11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship



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

KIDZONE

Hi Everyone! One of my favourite things to do in November is to go for a long Autumn walk, and, if you're anything like me, while you walk along you find bits and pieces which interest you – maybe a feather or a particularly orange leaf or even a shell, if you live near me! And what I really love doing with these things when I've collected them is creating some art! In nature, possibly my favourite kind of art

is called a mandala – I wonder if you've ever made one?

This is one made from leaves and a stone, but you can literally use anything! All you do is start from the middle and work your way out, making sure you make a symmetrical pattern (That basically means it's the same, whichever way you look at it!)

I find mandalas very satisfying to make, because they just go on and on and on – and I guess that's why they've always been used in Christianity too: because Christians believe God's love for us goes on and on and on. That it never finishes.

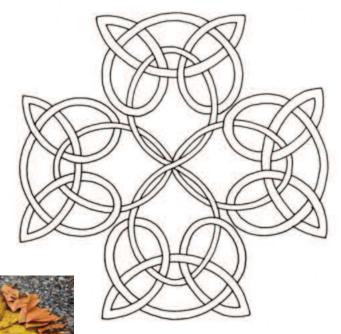
Many years ago, when Christians first came to Britain, they also made a kind of mandala pattern, when they designed Celtic crosses like this one. Not only is it the same whichever way you look at it – it is even made from one continuous thread, to help us remember that God is at the beginning and the end of everything.

WHAT'S ON

If you are in years five to eight, why not come along to Younger Youth at All Saints' Odiham on Thursday evenings between 5.30 and 7pm? Games, chill out zones, crafts, table tennis and tuck. Get in touch with Helen for a full term card.

Or if you are aged 11+, come along to United Youth, where we meet with other young Christians around the area every month at a different venue to have some fun, eat lots of snacks and find out a little bit about God!





I wonder if you can carefully colour in this mandala? If you take the time to make sure you use symmetrical colours it looks even more impressive! Next time you go into church, why don't you look around and see if you can spot some other mandalas? I

suggest looking at the stone (especially around the font) and the windows... If you find some, why not send me some pics at youth@moretolife.church? Happy hunting and see you next time! Helen



THAT'S HELEN!



GROWING IN NOVEMBER

This year the u3a has been celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Nationally, we are all working to create the u3a 40th Anniversary Woodland as a growing and lasting memento. This new woodland is situated on the England/Wales border in the Brecon Beacons National Park. The original target for planting 5,000 trees was quickly passed and we now aim to plant 10,000 trees!

Our local branch, led by the Climate Change group, has successfully collected donations to buy, plant and maintain over 50 trees, sufficient to establish our own small copse. As we approach Christmas, when trees are often felled to decorate our homes, why not donate a tree to be planted for yourself or as a gift for someone



else? Importantly, to support bio-diversity, all the trees will be native, suited to the locality. If you are interested in adding a tree to our copse, please contact the Climate Change group on climatechange@odihamu3a.org.uk.

We are also establishing more groups - we have another new activity, 'The Jamming Session'! This will be an opportunity for U3A members who play a musical instrument to meet on a regular basis and play an eclectic selection of popular tunes... The organisers are keen to hear from any enthusiastic musicians or singers who would like to join this group which will meet in the newly refurbished Vine Church, Odiham. The new main hall is equipped with a state-of-the-art music system including a



sound deck, all set up to plug and play. 'The Jamming Session' group starts early January 2023 with a free taster session. Non-u3a members may attend but must join the u3a if they wish to continue. For more information, contact gillhardenu3a@gmail.com or Bo Nightingale by WhatsApp or Text message on 07745 262658.



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NORTH HANTS DOWNS MU

November sees the start of 16 days of activism for gender-based violence, and there will be a vigil outside Winchester Cathedral on Friday 25th November between 12 and 2pm. We would welcome more people to support, so do feel free to come along. Mothers' Union has recently joined forces with Women's Aid to help end Domestic Abuse. Together the two organisations will be able to raise more awareness, dispel myths and create safe spaces. The statistics about Domestic Abuse are shocking with an estimated 1.6 million women experiencing domestic abuse every year. 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.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk.

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT **ALL SAINTS' ODIHAM SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 6PM**

Join the Jubilee Choir for a wonderful programme of Christmas readings and music, including A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten. The choir will be conducted by Oliver Tarney and Thomas Edney, with Ben Cunningham playing the organ.

Tickets are £20, free for under 18s, and are available from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 01256 701947.

WOMEN'S SECTION ROYAL BRITISH **LEGION** OLD BASING



24th Nov RBL Hall Old Basing. 7.30pm OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY (bring a plate of nibbles) Competition a decoration made using Holly. All welcome

> Do come and visit our **Christmas Fayre on the** 26th November 2 till 4pm at the RBL Hall, Old Basing.

Lots of goodies to be had including the odd Christmas present purchase and of course a chance for the children to meet Father Christmas.

There are still a few stalls available at a cost of £15 per table, if you are interested please call Sue Chewter on 07986 574303 or email her on susan.chewter1@ntlworld.com. Sue Wilson, Publicity, 01256 328196

I am given various items from time to time to raise money for charity (on this occasion the benevolent fund of the RBL)

I have 10 A4 paperback music books of various artists which all have the full music score sheets as listed below:

- Melissa Etheridge Anthology, piano, vocal, guitar
- Hans Gal Suite, Alto Sax & piano
- Westlife, turnaround Mandy, Obvious, When a woman loves a man etc. etc. - piano, vocal
- Savage Garden, Affirmation, **Rough Cut music 12 songs for** piano and vocal
- REM automatic for the people -12 songs piano, vocal
- Delta Goodrem, second hit album, piano, voice and guitar
- Delta Goodrem, selections from 'innocent eyes', piano, voice & guitar
- Steps Spectacular 14 songs, 10 top TV great hits arranged for piano, vocal and guitar 15 all time greats arranged for piano & vocal
- (the best) The Beatles Complete, piano, organ, vocal edition

Looking for a donation, if interested please call 01256 328196

NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Meeting **Thursday** 24th November will commence with a Lunch for Members at 1pm, for which tickets must be purchased in advance. This will be followed by our AGM. At 2.30pm, a florist from Moutan

will demonstrate seasonal arrangements. Visitors are always welcome to attend our talks, new members especially welcome. https://www.nwdgc.org.uk