

The Villager

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



The Parishes share in the grief of the nation following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II.

Following the death of her father King George, Her Majesty succeeded the throne on 6 February 1952, and was officially crowned in 1953. Queen Elizabeth was the world's second longest reigning monarch, serving for 70 years, and much loved and respected.

Mapledurwell & Nately Parish Council
Newnham Nately Parish Council

The Palace encourages you to send messages of condolence online via the Palace website www.royal.uk

Letters may be sent to: Sir Clive Alderton KCVO, Principal Private Secretary to His Majesty the King, Clarence House, London SW1A 1BA

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE WATER CYCLE STUDY

Synopsis of Presentation to Economic Planning and Housing Committee Sept 2022
David George, Subject Matter Expert, Whitchurch Town Council

This provides a preliminary overview of the Water Cycle Study and discusses the implications for the quality of our Rivers and Aquifers.

The statements and conclusions are subject to the outcomes from a meeting between Whitchurch Town Council/Whitchurch Conservation Group and BDBC on the 23rd August 2022. [To note the Water Cycle Study was based on Standard Methodology housing numbers presently rejected by the Borough Council.]



Modelling shows that if the proposed level of development in the Spatial Strategy (Scenario 3) goes ahead, the Loddon downstream of the B/stoke Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) will struggle to avoid Water Framework Directive (WFD) poor status for phosphate, even if the WWTWs at seven locations are upgraded.

Basingstoke WWTW will need to upgrade to a standard very close to the Best Available Technology and therefore would not be able to support further future development, even though there is still plenty of flow capacity available.

Unless there are improvements to treatment technology the Loddon Catchment is incapable of receiving further development without the Loddon downstream of the WWTWs moving into Poor status. The current status is Moderate and with no means of moving to Good. A derogation from the Water Framework Directive will be required despite it previously having a 'Good by 2015' status objective.

As a consequence of this lack of capacity, the Spatial Strategy suggests that 5,500 homes (approx. 6.25 years of BDBC required housing delivery) are

built in the Test Catchment.

A number of the WWTWs in the Test Catchment will need upgrading to receive more flow (65% more for the catchment) with Whitchurch WWTWs taking a pipeline from a major development near Popham and 86% more effluent flow.

The Water Cycle Study (WCS) uses simple 'Standstill' calculations to demonstrate that the increased flows can be treated to a suitable standard... No quantitative assessment was made of the impact of these increased discharges on the assumption that current discharges are causing no harm to the Test or its aquifer.

Unfortunately this approach has a number of innate assumptions which are invalid. All of the WWTWs in the Test Catchment discharge into the Test Chalk Aquifer and not directly to the Test. The aquifer has for many decades received effluents from the WWTWs and protected the River by adsorbing the contamination from the effluent. It is however recognised that the capacity of the aquifer to absorb such contaminants is limited and that once this capacity is exceeded breakthrough may occur. This would result in

increased flux to the Test and damage to the ecology of the river...

In addition the increased flows and changes in treatment methods will result in the mobilisation of contaminants already present in the aquifer causing increased contamination to enter the Test with similar damaging consequences.

The effluent brings with it three categories of contaminants which are of concern; Nitrates, Phosphates and Priority Substances.... For the Nitrates the Test already has high concentrations and Natural England has identified flux of Nitrates from the Test as a potential danger to internationally protected habitats in the Solent....

The Test is particularly sensitive to phosphate it being the limiting nutrient for the Test and many other chalk streams. Although the current WFD status of the Test is currently High for phosphate it is very marginal and a small increase in flux will move it into Good status where damage to sensitive species starts to occur.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately



Mapledurwell and
Up Nately Village Hall
Committee

NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on
Thursday 27 October
7pm at the Village Hall
ALL WELCOME

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

Sharpen the grey
matter and save the
date.... **Friday 18th
November**
details to follow

Coffee and Cake!

New date... Due to popular demand
our Village Hall Committee invites all
Villagers to tea/coffee and cake

**on Saturday
22nd October
from 10am
until midday**



We'd also like to use the event for a harvest
'bring & buy' for Villagers' home grown
produce. If you have any excess fruit & veg
- or eggs or jars of jam or honey - you
would be happy to donate, please bring
along and it will be much appreciated!

All proceeds will go to offset the increased
running costs of the Village Hall.

Join us at the Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall for

Christmas Wreath Making

Saturday, 3rd December

10am - 1pm
£55 *

Tel: 07824 982261

Email: thomasnicholajayne@gmail.com

* Includes all materials required to make your Christmas wreath



FROM UP NATELY

Many of us in Up Nately watched
the Queen's funeral and signed the
Condolence Book, with thanks to
Michael Van der Gucht for arranging
to have the book in St Stephen's.
'RIP your Majesty.'

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/02562/HSE (Pending 13 Sept) Parrotts,
Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Proposed new
detached garage.

T/00386/22/TCA (Pending 13 Sept)
Sakantha, Frog Lane. T1, Willow, reduce to
previous points. T2, Row of conifers reduce
in height. T3, Two large conifers to remove.

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 Rd. Extensions including
creation of an additional floor and a three
storey rear extension to provide nine
additional one-bedroom flats.

22/02366/GPDADW (Pending 25 Aug 2022)
Swan Hill Nursery, Greywell Road,
Mapledurwell. Prior notification for change of
use of two storey tractor shed and storage
building to one dwelling.

22/02349/FUL (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.

22/02178/HSE (Granted 27 Sept)
Wharram View, Tunworth Road. Erection of
double garage to side of dwelling.

22/01545/ROC (Granted 16 Sept) Blaegrove
Barn, Up Nately. Variation of Con 1 of
19/01711/FUL to allow for enlarged dwelling,
changes to fenestration and first floor.

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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 28TH SEPTEMBER

Local Plan Update - Noted: BDBC's
commitment to seek means to agree
a lower housing figure, and for this
reason to postpone the LPU (Reg 18)
consultation on the spatial strategy
(site selection). Also the acknowledged
issue of prolonging the lack of five-
year housing land supply which will
not under present rules be regained
until the adoption of a new Local Plan.

**Petition to slow down rate housing
growth** Agreed Parish Council support.

Up Nately Green behind the pond -
the land has been fenced off from the
canal, the fence behind the pond
removed and a 'light touch'
maintenance schedule begun.

Defibrillators A software update
needed for Parish Council defibrillators
at the Up Nately pond phone box and

at the Gamekeepers. In hand with
thanks to volunteers who monitor.

Village Hall Parish Council fully supports
the Village Hall Committee's energy
efficiency grant application to HCC's
Parish & Town Council Investment Fund.

FIREWORKS THIS AUTUMN

For the sake of the environment
and animals, please consider
attending a public display of
fireworks, rather than purchasing
your own. Gathering in one place
for a bigger display will result in
fewer emissions than lots of small,
private events. It will also lessen
the impact on animals, both
domestic and livestock, who can be
terrified by the loud bangs.

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
2.5cu m (90 cu ft)
and tipped £300, or
- tractor bucketful 1cu m (35
cu ft) delivered in a smaller
trailer and tipped £130

**Tel: Office 01256 703565 or
Nigel 07973 715361**

DEMONSTRATION AT THE CIVIC OFFICES

Thursday, 20th October
at 5.45pm for 45 minutes.

WHY – To show your support for the 'Slow it Down' Housing Numbers petition which will be presented to the Council Meeting.

BDBC has agreed to work to establish a sustainable housing number for the borough. Please turn up to show your support.

This is for all the borough – town, village and rural. The alternative is to allocate more and more greenfield sites. And build higher and higher in town.

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

- 1. Sign the Petition**
- 2. Share the Petition**
- 3. Come and be counted at the Demonstration.**

This evidence of public support will be important in making a case to a Government Planning Inspector. For the petition and the demonstration, numbers really count here.

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22/01433/HSE (Pending, 20 May) Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Part two-storey part first-floor extension; replacement entrance porch; solar panels.

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

22/00676/FUL (rescheduled DC 12 October) High Field View, Frog Lane. Bungalow replacing garage at north of land.

22/00630/FUL & 22/00678/LBC (Pending, 25 Feb) The Hatch. Internal & external alterations.

22/00212/TDC (Pending, 17 Feb) 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.

APPEAL LODGED

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



BOROUGH HOUSING NUMBERS PETITION

Letter from Maria Miller MP, 6 September 2022

Dear Councillors and Residents

On 30th August I launched a public petition calling on Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to halve the level of house building in the next Local Plan. I am writing to ask everyone to consider supporting the petition, and join the widespread support for house building numbers to be significantly reduced.

I welcome the fact that Basingstoke & Deane Councillors have rejected continuing to build new homes at the current rate. This petition calls for house building to be cut to a level that better reflects the needs of our own community.

Basingstoke & Deane Borough has more than played its part in housing the nation, building new homes for an extra 150,000 people in the past five decades, double the rate of the rest of the country and putting Basingstoke in a unique situation.

I am pleased that the Council is now looking at how it can use existing 'exceptional circumstances' and 'strong reasons' provisions as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraphs 61 and 11b, to legally justify a significant reduction in house building numbers in our new Local Plan, rather than simply continuing to apply the national formula when Basingstoke & Deane is a statistical outlier.

I strongly believe that development plans should include a costed scheme of essential infrastructure improvements to catch up with the decades of increase in demand, particularly local NHS Primary Care (GPs), dental services and the new Hospital, due for completion in 2030.

Housebuilding needs to be at levels that reflects the growth of Basingstoke's own population, not turn us into a dormitory town for other local authorities who have not delivered the new homes their residents need.

The growth in Basingstoke's population requires around 300 new homes a year to be built, yet the current Local Plan includes over 800 new houses a year, with the actual build rate currently at 1,200 houses a year. We badly need to slow down the rate of building to let essential local services, particularly the NHS, catch up.

I hope that you are able to support this Petition and can vociferously raise these concerns in the upcoming Local Plan Update process.

Residents want a sustainable approach to future house building, which recognises the need to:

- **Protect the natural environment with a comprehensive, long-term Borough-wide plan to protect our green infrastructure**
- **Restrict housebuilding in line with our status as a highly water stressed area, in the upper reaches of the River Loddon, making water supply and waste water disposal a significant limit on house building**
- **Accompany new house building with increased high-quality jobs for Basingstoke residents**
- **Prioritise housing development and regeneration that meets carbon-neutral housing standards, particularly for social housing.**

I do hope that you are able you to support this campaign.

With best wishes, *Maria*

The Rt Hon Dame Maria Miller MP

Newnham & Nately Scures

A WARM WELCOME

to all those who have recently come to live in Newnham, hoping you will be very happy here:

Tracey & Mike Elmer, Elm Cottage
Lorraine & Mick Heath, Railway Cottage
Karen & Dave Bearman, The Gables
Anna & Alex Zychowski, Apple Tree Cottage
Matt and Andie Painter and daughters Millie and Darcy, Tithe Barn Cottage.



HARVEST SUPPER

All residents of Newnham & Nately Scures are warmly invited to the 2022 Harvest Supper at 7pm on Friday 14th October Manor Farm Barn, Crown Lane, Newnham.

Free entry but you are asked to contribute a dish (main, side, or dessert) and bring a place setting (cutlery, plate, dessert plate/bowl). Drinks and glasses will be available for a suggested donation.

Raffle and Auction of Promises with proceeds to St Nicholas church

Please book asap, contact Trudy Rankin 07975 957960 trudy@rankinfamily.com

Hello everyone, I'm Grace Coombs, a local dog walker offering 1-2-1 walks.

I am first aid and canine body language trained and insured. I am also APDT and IMDT trained.

COUNTRY CANINES is now taking bookings with 20% off your first two walks.

Please email walkswithcountrycanines@gmail.com, contact me via 07909014223 or find me on Facebook under Country Canines @walks with Country Canines.

Thanks, Grace

Newnham Parish Council meeting rescheduled for Tuesday 4th October 7pm in the Clubroom. Everyone welcome.



EXERCISE CLASSES

Mondays 6-7pm in the Clubroom. Please join us for a combination of cardiovascular, strength, balance, flexibility and stretch. Contact Anne on 01252 844 109.

HOOK SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

More information about the club can be found on our website, including a Contacts Page at <https://hookscottishdancing.wixsite.com/hookscdc>. New members welcome – it's great fun and very sociable. Valerie Gardner

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/02660/HSE (Validated 28 Sept)
10 Kingsbridge Copse. Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

22/02643/FUL (Validated 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 (Validated 20 Sept) Newnham Green Farm. Demolition of single storey rear extension and outbuilding and erection of single storey rear extension.

22/02595/TENO (Validated 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 (Validated 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.)

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

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



The 100 Club draw (made by Tatjana Marsden) results for September are as follows:-

£100 - Trudi and Jim Rankin
£50 - Sam Horton
£25 - Kirstin Knell.

Congratulations to the winners: Anyone who is not a member and would like to join, please contact Carolyn for details.

'NEWNHAM NOVELS'

Coming soon at the Clubroom...

Donate the books you have read and buy another for 50p each.

All proceeds towards the maintenance of the hall.

TO HIRE THE HALL

You can check availability online at <https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/booking/>
Phone or text 07802 972722, alternatively email – bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk

22/02498/HSE (Validated 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 (Pending, 15 August)
10 Kingsbridge Copse. Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed operation for a single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory.

22/02256/RET (Pending, 16 August)
2 Kingsbridge Copse, Newnham. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden.

22/02189/HSE (Pending, 03 August)
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.

21/03830/FUL (Granted 31 August)
Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Erection of one dwellinghouse with access driveway and new access on to Ridge Lane. (Replacement for approved application 20/01798/FUL.)

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.

ODIHAM – Lodge Farm – Proposal for warehousing / logistics site. An EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) scoping application has been answered by Hart, awaiting outcome of pre-application enquiry. Developer online presentation on 28th September indicated earliest a planning application likely to be submitted will be Spring 2023, possibly later.



AREA POLICE REPORT – RURAL SOUTH

from PCSO Andy Jones

Overview of what has been happening in the Area in terms of crime.

There has been a spike in burglaries end August / beginning of September. Three were reported within 48 hours – from Hoddington, Bradley & Preston Candover respectively – all believed to be linked to another in Alresford from where have some CCTV footage.

Of note the burglaries which occurred in Alresford and Hoddington were both from sites undergoing significant renovation and building work. From the Hoddington site, thieves tried to take a large quantity of cabling – fortunately their tools were insufficient to cut it.

Plant machinery, a 'drive on dumper' was also stolen from a private driveway in Herriard, believed to have occurred in the early hours of 3rd September.

There are obvious suggestions that properties undergoing building work are more likely to be visited by criminals who are continually monitoring the area and note items that are visible and worth visiting again.

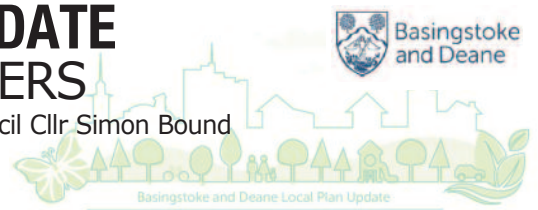
If you have work that is planned – and items such as plant machinery and other valuable, sought-after items are likely to be on site – it is worthwhile making contact with PCSO Andy Jones and requesting a site security survey. He also has driveway alarms available to borrow – working from a battery then relaying the alarm to another unit which can notify the owner of intruders without the suspects being aware. This potentially allows time for the Police to be called and hopefully attending and capturing intruders red handed.

A recent significant increase in catalytic converter thefts has for now subsided but the metals elements they contains continue to bring a high price. This relates in particular to Basingstoke – and in particular by a large margin to Honda and Toyota, then Lexus, VW, BMW.

Responding to a question re oil theft, Andy said there hadn't be another noticeable increase – yet. Regarding previous huge spike cooking oil theft (to be converted to vehicle fuel) – there has been arrests relating to this and some prison sentences. The same for car thefts – culprit responsible for theft of c100 cars also in prison.

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE HOUSING NUMBERS

Update from Leader of the Council Cllr Simon Bound
Wednesday 7 September 2022



Dear Parish and Town Councils

ANNOUNCEMENT ON HOUSING FIGURES AND LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

I thought it may be helpful to have the wording of a statement on the borough's Housing Figure and the Local Plan Update that I made to the Cabinet meeting last night (Tuesday 6 September):

'At tonight's meeting of the Cabinet we will not be formally agreeing the start of a consultation on a Local Plan Draft that includes 17,000 new homes.

'Since the unanimous vote to reject this housing number, created by the Standard Method, Cabinet members have been working hard with Officers on a plan to successfully develop a new sustainable number of new homes.

'I believe everyone is in agreement that the trend over the last 60 years of extreme housing growth in Basingstoke & Deane needs to slow down in order for local services to catch up and create a much more sustainable future for the borough.

'The Council has been working towards updating its Local Plan to ensure an approach to the future which meets the needs of our residents and visitors – in a way that responds to the climate change agenda, ensures that communities thrive and are sustainable, and our precious environment is protected. Any one of these would have challenges but delivering on all of them within the current planning system is a significant challenge. Commentators who suggest otherwise are in denial over the complexities of the system.

'I would like to thank the Parish and Town Councils, visiting speakers and the councillors on our Economic, Planning and Housing Committee for all their hard work discussing and providing feedback on the preparatory work. While we have been working proactively to move forward with the development of the Plan and its policies, it is clear that there are significant challenges around how we identify the borough's true housing need. It is important to keep the Plan process going but in a way that responds to both local concerns and local circumstances. Some of this work relies on up-to-date data which is not yet available.

'It is very clear that it would not be appropriate to undertake a consultation on a Draft Plan at this stage when such significant concerns around the impact of the housing number remain, and until further and full consideration is given to this issue to ensure the council moves forward with a Plan that is robust, responsive and can be fully supported.

'As Leader of the Council, I have already asked officers to produce a report that clearly states what work and data is still required so that we can identify the true level of local need for housing and support changes to the planning system that give more local say over development in the future. This report will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 27 September, and we will then decide on a way forward.

'Councillors and MPs up and down the country agree that the current planning system is fundamentally broken and needs a significant overhaul to put local decision making back at its heart. We will continue to work with our local government colleagues to make recommendations and suggestions on what these changes should be. I am heartened that everything that the new prime minister has said in recent months indicates that she agrees that local need should be decided locally. It cannot be right that the borough has experienced eye watering levels of house building yet is punished for lack of housing supply.

'We need strong Planning Policies in place, shaped by the people who live here, that protect our borough and its environment from unsuitable development and create the kind of place we want Basingstoke & Deane to be.'

Kind regards, Cllr Simon Bound
Leader of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

The above was endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting of 27th September, agreeing to work towards achieving a sustainable housing number for the borough upon which a sound Local Plan could be based.

This while acknowledging the issue of prolonging the lack of five-year housing land supply which will not under present rules be regained until the adoption of a new Local Plan. Public consultation on the Draft Local Plan Update (Regulation 18) is now timetabled for Autumn 2023.

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: Adele Canty and Stephen Cabrol, 3rd September, St Mary's Mapledurwell.

Wedding: Hayley Hobson and James Hartwell, 10th September, St Stephen's Up Nately.

Funeral: Ronald Nobes, 26th August, St Swithun's Nately Scures.

Funeral: Joanna Jamieson, 2nd September, St Mary's Greywell.

Interment of Ashes: Derek Homer, 26th September, St Nicholas' Newnham.

Thanksgiving Service and Interment of Ashes: Sylvia Maltby, 29th September, St Swithun's Nately Scures.



From the Ministry Team

'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.' So goes the saying.

Catchy though it is, I'd rephrase it: 'When the going gets tough, the tough stay exactly where they are.'

When the going gets tough, the tough resist the temptation to run away. The tough resist the temptation to try to escape to somewhere else. When the going gets tough, the tough face the difficulty because they are committed to the people they live amongst, and because they have placed their trust in a power greater than that which they can summons from themselves.

From what we know, our sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth II, was undoubtedly tough – in the sense described above. For 70 years she steadfastly served the Commonwealth of Nations of which she was Head of State. Carefully, with great wisdom, and in the best of the Benedictine tradition of stability.

In the Benedictine tradition, stability is the 'staying put', the 'refusing to walk away', the 'being committed to those with whom we live' no matter what the cost. Many words have been used to describe Her Majesty's reign, but one of the most common words I have heard is 'stability'. And it has been used, I think, either accidentally or deliberately, in the true sense.

The Queen, in her faith, work and life, embraced and somehow exuded a sense of stability. Based on a deep commitment to both Jesus Christ and the people whom she was called to serve, this sense of stability manifested itself in numerous ways.

As we reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth II, and in the midst of so much turmoil, perhaps we might be inspired and encouraged to pursue the same sense of stability that clearly both guided and anchored her?

Perhaps this is part of her lasting legacy? Something to imitate? Something to hold fast to? Perhaps we too might be a people who refuse to walk away in the face of challenge and difficulty? Perhaps we too will be a people who remain committed to those whom we live amongst, putting down deep roots which help to hold our community together? Perhaps we too will be people who base our stability on deep faith in the plans and purposes of God and our role within them?

In his excellent speech in parliament Boris Johnson asked the question of why so many of us are feeling such a deep and personal sense of loss at the death of our Queen. Why this loss feels almost familial? It's a good question – after all, few of us knew her personally. For almost all of us she was a figurehead, viewed from afar... and yet her loss does feel significant, and deeply so.

I hazard to suggest that this is in part due to the stability on which we are reflecting. That somehow this stability, rooted in a deep commitment to not walk away, connects with us, inspires us, and shows us something profoundly good and, dare I say it, of God. It shows us something for which we long and yet find so difficult to obtain. Someone who is committed to us, who will not leave us or forsake us, who will not turn their back in times of trial and difficulty, but who will remain steadfast and true.

In this, Her Majesty reflected for us something profound about the God of the Church of whom she was defender. The God whom she sought to follow. Perhaps our sense of loss is so keenly felt because in our Queen we have glimpsed something of God's faithfulness and consistency and stability – and, unsurprisingly, this resonates deeply with us.

And so, we give thanks to God for her life. We trust that Queen Elizabeth now rests in peace and will at the resurrection rise in glory and worship the splendour that is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

The Revd Simon Butler
Benefice Rector

LICENSING SERVICE



Licensing of Revd Gillian Wilton

The new vicar for Long Sutton and South Warnborough, the Revd Gillian Wilton, will be licensed by Bishop

David at a service in Long Sutton church on Sunday 16th October at 4.00pm. Everyone in the BENEFICE is invited. There will be 'drinks and nibbles' after the service in Long Sutton Village Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Colin Cohen (colin.cohen@btinternet.com or 01256 862214) so that we have a rough idea of numbers. All are welcome and we would love to fill the church.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

NORTH HANTS DOWNS MU

Mothers' Union ran their usual stall at RAF Families Day on Friday 19th August, and we would like to thank everyone who made cakes. We had a great day serving refreshments to about 3,000 service personnel and their families, and we know this outreach to them is greatly appreciated.

In August we were also able to run our Family Holiday at Lodge Hill in Pulborough after two years when it had to be cancelled because of Covid. We were fortunate with the weather and everyone had a great week.

Mothers' Union has also run two Child Contact Centres in Basingstoke for a number of years. Sadly, we have now taken the decision to close the Contact Centre at the URC church in the centre of Basingstoke because of a lack of volunteers to run the sessions.

However, we will continue to run the Contact Centre at St Gabriel's Church Hall in Popley twice a month. If you are interested in volunteering please get in touch with me.

Sue Murphy on 01252 845011
sue@the-murphys.me.uk





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KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

Every day, as I drive home, I notice it's getting a little bit darker. Before you know it we'll be moving the clocks and putting on scarves!

What do you enjoy about it getting darker? There's one thing I really enjoy about autumn and winter – and that's fire! I love curling up in front of a log burner with hot chocolate and a good book. On a dry autumn evening I love to light a fire pit and toast marshmallows. And I really love clearing the garden of all the dead plants and leaves and having a good old bonfire!

And that's one of the reasons that one of my favourite services of the year is the annual service of light at Upton Grey Church, where we actually go outside, light a fire and toast marshmallows!

But there's a lot more to the service than that! It's a time when we remember that Jesus said 'I am the light of the world'. Why would he say that? What's so important about light? I wonder if you can find all the words about light in this wordsearch – and while you do, have a little think about why light is so important to us... How does a torch help us? Why do we feel better when we have a night light on? What's the point of a lighthouse? And what have all these questions have to do with God? Why don't you come along to Upton Grey from 3pm on Sunday 30th October (short service from 4:30pm) to find out? Refreshments provided (for kids and adults!)

God Bless and see you next time!
Helen C



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| SUNNY | GLOWING | RADIANT |

CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER INTO NOVEMBER

Sunday 2 October 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Harvest Festival
11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship (with Baptism)

Sunday 9 October 9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)
9am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said)

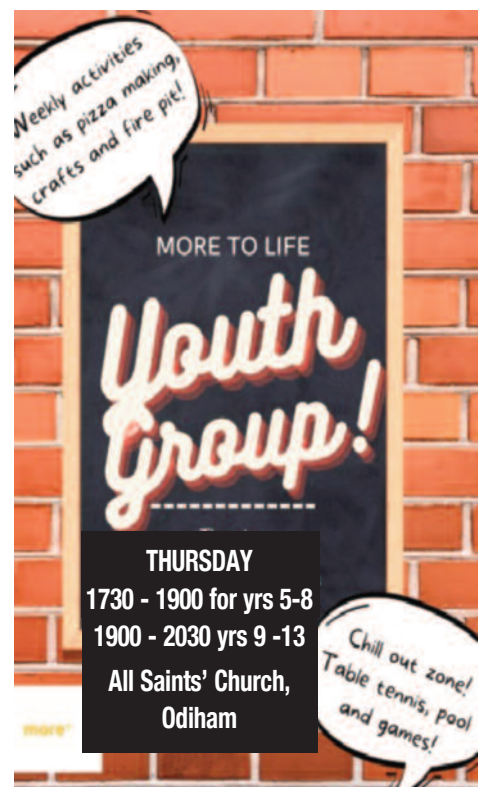
Sunday 16 October 10am St Mary's Greywell, Harvest Festival
11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Harvest Evensong

(To note – the St Swithun's harvest evensong was due to be on September 18th, but that day's service pattern was changed to reflect the Queen's funeral the next day.)

Sunday 23 October 11am St Stephen's Up Nately Morning Worship

Sunday 30 October 9.30am Odiham Benefice CW Holy Communion
11am Odiham Benefice Informal Service

Sunday 6 November 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship



The monthly meeting is one key feature of the u3a but at its heart are the 50+ groups. Following our Open Day we have added two new activities, Backgammon and Scottish Dancing plus – to meet demand – a fifth wine group based in North Warnborough.

Another innovation is that our group for Members on their Own (MOTO) organised a very successful holiday for some of their members in Montenegro. They had a great time and it really met a need. They will certainly be looking to organise another trip next year.

Our local theatre group is now back in full swing with toe-tapping visits to see 'The Illegal Eagles' and 'The Jersey Boys' in September. The organisers have now extended their programme with an additional five theatre visits to keep up with demand! Two groups, 'Climate Change' and 'Science & Technology' are getting together at the end of the month to hear a presentation on 'Offshore Wind' by Matthew Henderson.

Meanwhile our Walking for Pleasure group have been sampling the climate first hand with walks at Chawton and the Lower Wild. Apparently well-behaved owners may accompany their dogs!

If you would like to know more and maybe join us, please go to our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>



27th October RBL Hall Old Basing.
7.30pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, including committee elections.
Competition: A scary mask for Hallowe'en. All Welcome

The RBL Women's Section are holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November from 2pm in the RBL Hall, Old Basing.

Many stalls – jewellery, christmas gifts, books, puzzles, tombola, craft, refreshments – with of course a visit from Father Christmas.

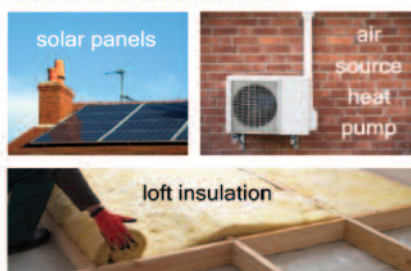
We do still have some stalls available, cost £15 per stall, please contact Sue Chewter on 07986 574303 or e-mail her on susan.chewter1@ntlworld.com
Sue Wilson, Publicity, 01256 328196

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Improvements could include



NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Meeting **Thursday 27th October**
2.30pm – North Warnborough Village Hall. Speakers Angela & Graham O'Connell on 'The Perils and Pleasures of Garden Opening'. Angela & Graham are the Assistant County Organisers for the National Garden Scheme in Berkshire.

Competitions

- A vase of late colour from your garden.
- Three stems of Michaelmas Daisies

Visitors welcome
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