

# The Villager

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



D-DAY 80TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
COMMEMORATION  
SERVICE

See pages 4 & 5

## Who's responsible?

County, District and Parish Councils  
Landowners  
Path users



## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

LEGAL DUTIES AND POWERS TO  
MAINTAIN

*In considering the list below:*

'Duties' are actions that a body has a legal obligation to carry out.

'Powers' are discretionary entitlements that a body can choose to do; it is up to the individual organisation to decide whether a course of action is necessary or desirable, or justified and achievable.

**Ensure stiles, gates in good condition**

Duty: Landowner

Power: County Council.

**To keep back overgrowth growing in from the side or above**

Duty: Landowner

Power: County, District and Parish Councils, Users.

**To keep down undergrowth, ie vegetation growing up from surface**

Duty: County Council.

Power: Parish Council, Users.

**To maintain bridges**

Duty: Landowner and County Council.

**Maintain surfacing and/or drainage**

Duty: County Council

Power: Parish Council.

**To provide signposting from a road**

Duty: County Council

Power: District and Parish Councils.

**To provide other signposting and waymarking**

Power: County, District, and Parish Councils.

**To authorise temporary diversions**

Power: County Council.

Come and join us for...

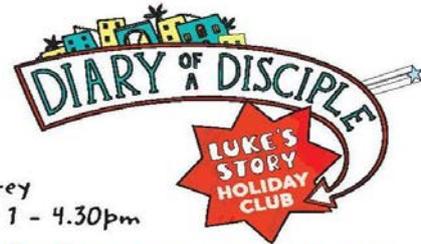
## HOLIDAY CLUB!

Church Field - Upton Grey

August 5th - 8th from 1 - 4.30pm

ART CRAFTS GAMES FRIENDSHIP & FUN!

Book your child's place using the QR code



OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH NEED YOU!!

Could you be part of the Holiday Club team this year?

There are lots of roles available, from leading small groups to helping behind the scenes. We'd love to have you with us! To volunteer, please contact Helen at [youth@moretolife.church](mailto:youth@moretolife.church)

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## Hook Allotment Open Day

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st of July 2024 1pm - 5pm at Hook Allotments, Hook Cross just past B&M Fencing.

Come down & enjoy this rare opportunity to view the allotments & raise money for the National Garden Scheme.

Put the dates in your diary for 20th/21st & make a date to come along to see this wonderful village amenity which also includes:

- Plants & produce stall
- Scrumptious cakes, light refreshments & soft drinks

If you would like to donate plants for the Hook Allotments plant sale in aid of the NGS start planning now & email [info@hookallotments.co.uk](mailto:info@hookallotments.co.uk) for more information.

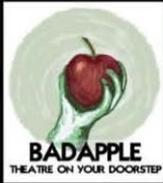


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**SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT 6.30PM (doors from 6pm)**

**Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall**

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**Early Bird Tickets: £20 if booked & paid for before 31st July 2024**

**TICKETS: PLEASE EMAIL [suesmart2001@yahoo.com](mailto:suesmart2001@yahoo.com)**

### UP NATELY COFFEE MORNING

A morning of chat, fun and coffee in Up Nately will take place at Beavers, Heather Lane on Friday 5 July, 10-12. Call Jane for more information 01256 763649.

### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**24/01354/FUL** (Validated 24 Jun 2024) The Gamekeepers. Laying of 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; the hardstanding also to serve as additional parking to serve The Gamekeepers; provision of 4 no. low-level, bat-friendly downlighters within the landscaped margin. (Reduced scheme to 21/01777/RET)

**24/01259/GPDMA** (Validated 10 June) Riverview House, London Road. Application for prior approval to convert of existing building into eight flats

**24/01104/ROC** (Validated 23 May) Paw Paddock, St Marys Church Road. Variation of con 10 of 18/02435/FUL to remove the max two persons per hour and 20 persons per day restriction, and apply in its place a restriction of a max of two cars per visit and four dogs per visit.

**24/01063/ROC** (Validated 09 May) Riverview House, London Road. Variation of Con 1 of 22/02416/FUL to allow design alterations.

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

**23/02103/FUL** (Pending 18 August) 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.

### APPEAL IN PROGRESS

APP/H1705/W/23/3326507 & 3326513 (in progress). Blaegrove Cottage. Single storey rear extension incl works to rear garden and new retaining wall.

### TREE APPLICATIONS

**T/00311/24/TCA** (Validated 27 June) Crossways Nursing Home, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Fell cypress tree to ground level.

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 17 July, 7pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.

**MIDSUMMER QUIZ** The Village Hall Committee hosted another very successful and fun quiz night on Friday 28th June. Steve Chapman was a star question master posing a range of challenges to the 60+ villagers (eight teams) who supported the event. A great time was had by all. Thanks go to all the teams involved in making another Village Hall event such a success.

### REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD DAIRY, WHITE LANE, GREYWELL ref...

21/02002/FUL (Granted 16 March 2022) Demolition and replacement of an agricultural building, silo and stores to provide for a wellness centre with flexible rural workspace and ancillary vitality bar, creation of a secondary access road, parking and landscaping.

#### BARNSGROVE – Update from the Butler family

'The Butler Family's new clubhouse is set to open in September. The project has been a long time in the planning and we're grateful for all the support we've had. Our vision is to create a vibrant community of members who have a space to call their own – combining social, work and wellbeing together under one roof.

'We've invested a great deal of thought and care into the project, merging design and innovation with comfort and practicality. Barnsgrove has clubrooms, dining settings, studio, gym and treatment rooms alongside private offices and resident desks.

'There will be openings for employment over coming months, locals will be able to use the treatment facilities and of course become members or come as guests. For job opportunities and membership information, please go to [www.barnsgrove.com](http://www.barnsgrove.com).'

# FROM THE ARCHIVES: MAPLEDURWELL DESTRUCTIVE FIRE 1881

as reported in the Hants and Berks Gazette...

*continued from June Villager...*

During those 50 minutes pending the appearance of the Fire Brigade, the inhabitants of the village gathered together and rendered valuable service, some in removing furniture from threatened houses, and others in conveying and applying buckets of water to the raging element.

There is little doubt that Widow Hockley's cottage (Manor Farm Cottage), though tiled, would have fallen prey to the fire contagion threatened from the west by the flames proceeding from the thatched cottage occupied by Critcher (see below), but for the praiseworthy efforts of Messrs Addison and C Clark, who by means of a short ladder and some buckets of water succeeded – until the Brigade came to the rescue – in preventing the fire from doing any mischief.

At this point of the great conflagration the Brigade commenced their operations, and having worked energetically here for a short space and rendered the adjoining property comparatively safe, the engine was drawn off to the Manor Farm, where the fire had now gained a hold on the house, and threatened its complete destruction. The Brigade here set to work in a gallant manner, and fortunately, having a plentiful supply of water, they speedily succeeded in stopping the progress of the flames, and the damage to the residence was confined to a wing at the rear. For their energy in rescuing so large a portion of Mr Ridgers' residence from total destruction, the Brigade is deserving of the highest praise.

Having got the fire under control at this point, efforts were made to extinguish the flames proceeding from the the hopeless mass of

burning property around with a view to prevent its further spread, - a precautionary measure the expedience of which was suggested by the flying sparks and flakes of burning material which was still being wafted over the village. Fragments of fire were carried by the wind even as far as Ifoulds, (Rye Cottage). Had the wind blown from an easterly direction, instead of due south, there is every probability that almost the whole village would have fallen prey to the flames.

Mr. Thorpe lost the whole of the buildings at the farm where the fire originated (Manor Farm Barns/Am Brunnen). One Cow, some jackdaws, rabbits and a dog were burnt to death. A cottage on the farm tenanted by Mrs. Gary was burnt down; the poor woman losing all her furniture excepting her beds, and the inmates nearly all their clothing. Mrs. Gary also lost a sum of money - some say sixty pounds. There were three ten pound notes, some five pound notes and gold, the whole being part of legacies that her family had recently received. The numbers of the notes are not known by her.

The flames and burning material were carried about thirty yards to the farm of Mr Ridgers, and in a very short time the whole of the buildings, implements, &c, in a yard covering more than half an acre was burnt to the ground (the yard and outbuildings were immediately to the north of the Manor Farm house). The house was on fire, but as a result of the resolute acts of the Fire Brigade, its demolition was prevented, though much of the interior at the rear was destroyed.

Mr. Ridger has lost ten pigs, worth about fifty shillings each - their roasted carcasses were lying in what

had been their sty; about thirty fowls, one granary, a nag stable, two large barns, stable for seven horses, all the sheds and cow stalls, piggeries, drill houses, one waggon, two drills, a reaping machine, three scarifiers, a new chaise, a light cart, three dung carts, two pressers (new), a sheep waggon, twelve quarters of barley, several quarters of oats, meal bins and meal, two ploughs, several loads of sacks, three straw ricks, shepherd's house, &c, the residence standing alone among the black and offensive ruins.

Next in the line of smouldering stuff was another farm occupied by Mr Thorpe (this was immediately to the north of Manor Farm, and opposite Manor Farm Cottage, tenanted by Mr Thorpe's cowman named Bunday (could be Munday), was burnt to the ground, the chimney alone standing. There Mr. Thorpe lost a rick of hay, about 16 tons, one Waggoner, a number of cloths, and the cottage furniture is consumed.

The last farm in this black catalogue is occupied by J Addison Esq. (The house occupied by Addison was just to the north of Manor Farm Cottage but was never rebuilt.) The whole of the buildings and a cottage, in which lived a person named Critcher (on the same plot as Manor Farm Cottage), are lying in one black mass, near another cottage (Manor Farm Cottage itself) that must have fallen had it been thatched instead of tiled. The amount of work done by the men of the village, many of whom remained there all night, showed how willing they were to co-operate in the protection of property.

Inspector Rapkins and P.C. Till of Basing, were on the spot soon after the outbreak..... *to be continued...*

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# D-Day 80: St Nicholas' Newnham



**Pictured (from left to right) Richard Fouracre (Churchwarden St Nicholas'), Jeff Ford (Parish Treasurer St Nicholas'), Diana & John Maclean from Mapledurwell, Libbie Bromfield (Churchwarden St Mary's Greywell), Alan Richmond, Revd Debbie Veel**

The United Parish of 'Newnham with Nately Scures with Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell' gathered on Sunday 9th June 2024 to remember and pay respects to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The service was supported by the local communities including Rowan Lodge residents.

Diana Maclean read the second lesson and John Maclean played the organ; Libbie Bromfield read the prayers; Alasdair Mackay (Up Nately) read the Old Testament lesson; Virginia Shuttleworth helped with refreshments and Kate Jefferson and her dedicated flower team ensured the church looked amazing. Thanks also to those who baked and provided refreshments. It was a real community event.

The service was both celebratory and serious. Brigadier Alan Richmond gave a brilliant talk explaining about the D-Day landings, telling us about the magnitude of the operation, the behind-the-scenes logistics, about local people who were involved and about the wider ramifications of how this event continues to affect our lives, in this nation and across the world, and of course how many young men were tragically killed during Operation Overlord.

During the service we lit commemorative votive candles (provided by Newnham Parish Council), and took a collection which raised £396 including Gift Aid for 'Help for Heroes'. Afterwards, being amazingly blessed with fine weather, we gathered outside for refreshments. My huge thanks to everyone who helped. I couldn't have done it without you all and I hope that you felt, as I did, that it was very special to have been able to mark such an important milestone and that we had honoured our brave service personnel.

Every blessing, Revd Debbie Veel



## **United Parish D-Day Service 9 June 24: Address by Brigadier (Retired) Alan Richmond OBE**

*We gather to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the 6th June 1944, the day that one of the largest, most complex and riskiest military operations ever known was launched...*

**What was the Context?** Most of Western Europe had been under brutal German occupation since 1940, with many of its people forced into working as slave labour for their German masters.

Britain and the United States needed to open a second front in North West Europe to relieve pressure on the Soviet Union and as a stepping stone to invading Germany to defeat Nazism.

**Why was it called D-Day?** In plans, the day a military operation is scheduled to commence is referred to as D-Day, in the same way that the exact time an operation will start is referred to as H-Hour.

In this case, there had been so much anticipation and build up for this huge operation that it became so iconic. Thus, 6th June 1944 has been known as D-Day ever since.

In fact, 5th June 1944 was the intended D-Day as it offered the specific conditions required – a full moon for airborne operation, a rising tide at dawn so that landing craft could avoid obstacles planted by the Germans on the beaches.

But Allied weather forecasters received data from the wife of a lighthouse keeper in County Mayo, Ireland. That was the first sign of probable foul weather in the English Channel leading the Supreme Allied Commander, Gen Eisenhower, to delay the operation by 24 hours – a huge decision to make as some ships had already set sail and had to be recalled.

For the troops, who were already embarked on ships and landing craft, this was an extra day of misery waiting for the off.

**Why was Normandy chosen for the landings?** Normandy was not the obvious choice. It was at the extreme range of Allied fighter aircraft and there was no deep-water port needed to sustain a modern army.

But, the Normandy beaches were less heavily defended than the obvious shorter crossing between Dover and Calais. And because it wasn't an obvious choice, it was felt that the Germans could be fooled into thinking that it was not the main landing, but merely a feint.

**What was the plan?** Air supremacy – control of the air – had to be secured in the months prior to D-Day.

On D-Day, firstly, Airborne troops would land by parachute and gliders at both ends of the beachhead to protect the flanks, capture key bridges and open up roadways to the interior.

Then, six divisions (each of about 20,000 men) to assault five defended beaches around dawn on D-Day from the sea; three US divisions onto the beaches codenamed Utah and Omaha, two British and one Canadian onto Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. The initial assault would be at low tide so that beach obstacles would be exposed and could be cleared by demolition teams. Then two more British and one US division would follow up once the assault divisions had cleared the way through the beach defences.



A large beachhead then to be secured to enable a buildup of troops, equipment and stores for a subsequent breakout into Normandy.

The lack of a deep-water port to sustain the Allied force would be addressed by the Allies bringing their own port with them.

#### **How large an operation was it?**

Naval component

- 1,200 Allied warships
- 4,000 amphibious craft
- 700 ancillary craft
- 850 merchant ships.

The largest armada ever assembled in history.

Land component

- 133,000 men landed from the sea by midnight of 6/7 June.
- Plus, over 23,000 airborne troops landed by parachute or glider.
- 156,000 in total
  - 73,000 Americans
  - 83,000 British and Canadians.

Air component

- 11,500 Allied aircraft supported the landings, including over 900 transport planes and 500 gliders in the opening Airborne operations
- Over 14,000 sorties were flown in support of the landings on D-Day.

#### **Why was it so complex?**

It was a **Multinational operation**

While the bulk of the forces were American, British and Canadian, there were contingents from 12 other allied nations involved.

It was a **Combined Operation**

requiring the integration of Air, Land and Naval forces, which is challenging in this digital age, much more difficult with WW2 Wireless communications.

It was an **Amphibious Operation** an attack from the sea by Naval and Landing forces, supported by Air forces.

A monumental **planning challenge** – imagine the synchronisation required

just on this side of the channel.

The act of moving troops from their marshalling areas to the correct embarkation point to meet the correct landing craft at the correct time and that landing craft will take them to the correct part of the correct beach to the correct schedule – in an era before computers and excel spreadsheets.

The **logistics** of supplying a 20th Century industrial-age army across the channel and the beaches of Normandy was a huge challenge. By the time the full force was landed, the Allies would need 20,000 tons of food, fuel, ammunition and equipment every day.

**The German Defences** The French coast was included within Hitler's Atlantic Wall, which stretched from Norway to the Spanish border, construction of which started two years previously:

- Slave labour built coastal artillery batteries, concrete bunkers and machine gun posts and there were radar sites to detect ships and planes.
- The Germans assumed that the landings would come at high tide, so designed their obstacles to be concealed at mid and high tides.
- There were about 40,000 German troops in the area, with infantry divisions manning the coastal defences and more mobile Panzer Divisions inland to act as counter-attacking forces.

Members of the French Resistance and British Special Operations Executive (SOE) gathered intelligence on defences, which together with air photography helped planners build up accurate maps of the beaches, an example of which is on display (pictured previous page).

#### **What was the D-Day Timeline?**

- 0415, 4 June 1944, Eisenhower makes the decision to delay the operation by 24 hours. Ships that are already at sea are recalled.
- 0600, 4 June 1944, the German commander in Normandy, General Irwin Rommel, goes to Germany for his wife's 50th birthday on 6th June, thinking the weather is too bad for the Allies to make a landing.
- Early morning 5th June 1944, Allied junior officers open their sealed orders and find out the location of the landings.
- 0600, 5th June 1944, the first Allied troop convoys begin to leave England's south coast ports.
- 2300, 5th June 1944, Airborne troops begin taking off from bases in England.
- 0015, 6th June 1944, Airborne landings begin.
- 0630, 6th June 1944, is H-Hour, beach Landings begin on US beaches.

#### **How did the day go?**

**Embarkation** The embarkation went remarkably well and is testament to brilliant planning.

These days, even with motorways, if 1,000 families decide to catch the same ferry to Caen you have the mother of all traffic jams.

In this case, you had hundreds of thousands of soldiers and tens of thousands of vehicles converging on southern ports over a five-day period and no traffic jams or delays.

**Airborne Landings** The glider-borne coup-de-main missions, such as the capture intact of Pegasus Bridge were an outstanding success.

The transport planes carrying paratroopers faced heavy cloud cover and intense enemy fire. Consequently, many of the airborne units were dropped outside their target areas. Despite German resistance, and the confusion caused by the scattered landings, the airborne forces achieved most of their objectives.

Consequently, the flanks of the beach landings and causeways leading from Utah beach were secured and German counter-attacks could be held off the vulnerable beachheads.

**Beach Landings** The choreography went well despite some bad weather and strong currents and most waves of crafts landed in the correct order but different landing beaches experienced differing levels of German resistance:

**Utah** – The US 4th Infantry Division landed 23,000 and advanced 6 miles inland losing 200 killed.

**Omaha** – The US 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions on Omaha beach were close to being pushed back into the sea. Air and naval bombardments had failed to knock-out strong defence points and the Germans particularly strong, making the clearance of beach obstacles difficult to achieve. Despite these challenges, they gained a small foothold by the end of the day, landed 32,000 and lost 3,000 killed.

**Gold** – 25,000 troops from the British 50th Infantry Division were landed and an advance of six miles made and a link up with the Canadians to the east, all at a cost of 450 lives. They just failed to liberate Bayeaux, which was achieved the following day.

**Juno** – The Canadian 3rd Division's overcame tides and stiff opposition to land 21,000 men, advance several miles, link up with the Brits from Gold Beach but failed to link with those from Sword Beach. They lost 1,000.

**Sword** – The British 3rd Division was hindered by bad weather and strong German resistance including beating off a serious counter-attack to land 21,000 at the cost of 650 killed. They were unable to achieve their stretch target of capturing the city of Caen that day. *to be continued*

# Newnham & Nately Scures

## NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



The June results are:-

£100 - Nigel Bell (51)

£50 - Christopher Symons (70)

£25 - Geoff and Sarah Hawkes (18)

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Sally and Rosie for drawing the numbers. *Carolyn Bell*

### NEXT NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 29 July 7pm at the Clubroom. All welcome



The second of our 'Summer Occasionals' will be Hymns & Pimms on Sunday 28th July.

The Village Church Committee and I warmly invite you to join us for an evening of singing your favourite hymns and supping a glass or two of Pimms in hopefully summer weather.

We really want your choice of hymns, so if you have a favourite or special hymn can you email me Rev Debz by Monday 22nd July saying what your hymn choice is and a short explanation of why you like it or why it is special. [debbie@moretolife.church](mailto:debbie@moretolife.church)



### CLUBROOM HIRE

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## SOME BRIEF MOMENTS OF CLUBROOM HISTORY

### To Roger Booth – NCR Committee's thanks and best wishes

Roger has lived in Newnham for about 28 years. Having just moved in, he was 'commandeered' by Nigel Bell to be Clerk to Newnham Parish Council. He eventually relinquished that role and became Chair of the Parish Council. Some time later, the fate of the then Clubroom building was being considered. Roger suggested that potentially monies raised by the sale of the land could be used for a social / affordable housing site to incorporate a new Clubroom, and ideally one more centrally located in the Parish.

Various sites were looked at, in both Newnham and Nately Scures, none proved acceptable to HARAH (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) being either in the Conservation Area or by the A30. Thus Roger was party to the planning and development of the new Clubroom building as it stands today. Some time later again, in 2020, Roger further gave of his time and support in joining the Newnham Clubroom (NCR) Committee.

Roger has now decided to move (not far) away from Newnham to relax... but no doubt will very quickly find himself immersed in something new and interesting.

Roger, from the NCR Committee and many more besides I am sure, we all wish you the best for the future.

**BDBC'S COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND** has reopened with a two-stage process as last year; first round online proposals to be submitted by 19 July. Community and voluntary sector organisations can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to make physical improvements to their premises to improve the user and resident experience, increase income generation and reduce costs and make environmental improvements. [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/infrastructurefund](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/infrastructurefund)

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**24/01107/FUL** (Validated 24 May 2024)  
Land At The Barracks. Erection of a detached dwellinghouse with associated parking and amenity space.

**24/01058/HSE** (Validated 17 May 2024)  
Wisteria Cottage, Ridge Lane Newnham. Erection of a two storey rear extension, first floor extension, front porch, alterations to fenestration and removal of side chimney. Installation of solar panels and 'flat' lantern to hidden part of roof and new roof over existing garage.

**24/00882/LBC** (Pending 16 Apr 2024)  
Nightingale Cottage, Heather Row. Demolition of existing south entrance porch, changes to fenestration, and erection of new porch with access ramp in revised position. Alterations to existing conservatory and replacement of glass roof with tiled roof. Various internal and external alterations.

**24/00715/FUL** (Pending 26 Mar 2024)  
Land At Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 1no. dwelling with associated garage, landscaping and a new access (part retrospective).

**24/00712/FUL** (Pending 26 Mar 2024)  
Land East Of Naishes Barn) Erection of agricultural barn with hard surface apron and extended access track.

**24/00681/LBC** (Granted 05 June 2024)  
Cromwells. The Barracks. Replacement of 2 no, rotten timber frame wall posts and ties with new oak. 24/00630/HSE (Validated 18 Mar 2024) Gables, Newnham Road. Proposed erection of replacement detached garage following removal of existing garage.

**23/02722/FUL** (Pending 02 Nov) Land East Of Keepers, London Road, Nately Scures. The erection of 3no. detached dwellinghouses together with associated new access, car parking, drainage and hard and soft landscaping.

## LODGE FARM WAREHOUSING

**23/02242/PREAPP** (Awaiting decision, validated 09 October 2023) Lodge Farm, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Odiham Parish. Pre-application enquiry re circa 105,000 sqm GIA of commercial logistics floorspace (Use Class B2/B8) with ancillary office accommodation, associated car parking provision, plus landscaping and highway works.

## NEWNHAM'S PARISH ASSEMBLY

will to be held in the early Autumn at the Iron Bull, Nately Scures. Full details next month.



# Church Notices

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## From the Parish Registers

Funeral: Lucy Oppé at St Nicholas' Newnham on June 10th

Baptism: Hugo Sumner at St Stephen's Up Nately on June 23rd



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North Hampshire Downs Churches

LETTER OF 29th May 2024

Dear Friends, We wanted to write to you to let you know about a planned reorganisation in our benefice.

Please do read this letter through carefully as it contains important information on the leadership of our local churches.

### 1. Benefice Background and Current Team

The North Hampshire Downs Benefice was formed in May 2008 from the union of 12 churches: Odiham, Long Sutton, South Warnborough, Upton Grey, Herriard, Tunworth, Weston Patrick, Newnham, Nately Scures, Mapledurwell, Up Nately and Greywell.

Since its formation the Benefice has moved into a new phase of shared life and ministry beyond its parish boundaries, including taking part in a Diocesan initiative 'Benefice of the Future' (BoF) in 2017-20. The ensuing Covid pandemic and 'lockdown' in 2020-21 focused attention on local churches, but lessened the sense of being a Benefice and the benefits that can come from working together.

We now have a staff team which has grown significantly over the last two years, with enormous potential, a wide variety of gifts, and different responsibilities. Our clergy team includes Simon Butler (Rector, plus Upton Grey, Tunworth, Herriard and Weston Patrick); Chris Dudgeon (Assistant Rector, plus Odiham); Matt Bianchi (Mission Priest, plus Mapledurwell, Up Nately and Greywell); Gillian Wilton (South Warnborough and Long Sutton);

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## From the Benefice Ministry Team

One of the things that brings me great joy is when the leaves open out on the trees

and announce Summer is on the way. The countryside now is bursting with life as the hedgerows and verges are crammed with wild flowers and the gardens are also full of flowers and new growth. At this time of year many of our churches have a Rogation walk when the congregation walks along the lanes and fields, enjoying the countryside and praying for God's blessing on the homes, families and crops. Recently we had our annual Rogation walk and service at Herriard on a lovely sunny Sunday morning and the views out over the local area were breathtaking.

When walking amongst the beautiful creation of the countryside the words of the hymn 'How great thou art' come to mind: 'When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.'

The life and variety in nature call us to worship God in the outdoors and I believe we do this on three levels. Firstly we can enjoy the sheer abundance of colours, patterns and textures and vow to be good stewards of the creation that God allows us to share. The weekly Winchester newsletter gives examples of the many projects across the diocese with a desire to look after the environment. We should each evaluate how we can be good stewards in large and small ways in our lives.

Our second response is to give thanks to God who created such a wonderful world. The psalms have the language to do this when we struggle to find the correct words ourselves.

*The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders, where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. Psalm 65:8*

Finally when we see creation it calls us to recognize the awe and majesty of the creator, not just of all we see, but the vast array of stars and planets beyond our exploring.

*'Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place.'* Psalm 8

Why not take some time to sit and look at our world wherever you are considering the words 'O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand has made' and respond with the words 'Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee, How great thou art!'

Suzanne Newcombe  
Licensed Lay Minister

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

### North Hants Downs Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union aims to raise awareness of gender-based violence and to support those who have suffered from it. At a recent meeting in Basingstoke, we heard about the work of the charity Stop Domestic Abuse, who run refuges for women who have had to leave their homes, and support both the victims and the perpetrators to reduce the harm caused by domestic abuse. When women are forced to leave their homes and move into a refuge, they can take very few belongings with them, so one of our branch projects this year is to help them by supplying bags of toiletries.

On Mon July 1st we are planning a social event, and we will not meet in August.

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

## CHURCH SERVICES JULY INTO AUGUST

<b>Sunday 07 July</b>	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 14 July</b>	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 10am St Nicholas' Newnham, Morning Worship with Baptism
<b>Sunday 21 July</b>	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Patronal Evensong
<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship 4pm St Nicholas' Newnham, Hymns & Pimms
<b>Sunday 04 Aug</b>	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship

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Linda Scard (Weston Patrick); Mark Ruffell (Tunworth), and Debbie Veel (Newnham). Our LLMs (licensed lay ministers) include Suzanne Newcombe (Herriard), Alan Hoar (Nately Scures), and Sarah Barnes, and our youth pastor is Helen Chatfield. A new curate, Luke Augustyn, joins the team in July.

**2. Proposed Changes in Clergy Roles**

To fully realise this potential – the ‘next chapter’ for us as a Benefice – there is a need to co-ordinate the team around a refreshed vision and plan, and to structure the team to deliver co-ordinated ministry around both the needs and aspirations of each church and the wider benefice vision. To enable this, we propose the following changes to the clergy team:

**Simon Butler** will step down from the role of Rector, and spend half his time providing ongoing pastoral oversight of Upton Grey, Tunworth, Herriard and Weston Patrick (assisted by Mark, Suzanne and Linda), and half working with the diocese on rural ministry.

**Chris Dudgeon** will take on more of an overall leadership role, becoming Rector of the Benefice, and will therefore hand over his role of pastoral oversight of Odiham.

**Matt Bianchi** feels called to a new area of responsibility, taking on a bigger role benefice-wide, and will take on pastoral oversight of Odiham.

**Luke Augustyn**, will take on pastoral oversight of Mapledurwell, Up Nately and Greywell.

**All other clergy roles** will remain the same as they are currently. We sense that these changes will build on momentum that already exists in the Benefice, and provide the impetus to realise much of the potential and next steps to enable the flourishing of both the wider Benefice and each local church, as discussed above.

**3. Next Steps** The Bishop, Archdeacon, Patrons, and benefice Churchwardens are all supportive of these changes, and we have discussed them with all of our PCCs. The next steps are for interviews to be carried out for the key clergy roles, and for a gradual transition to take place over the summer. If the proposed changes receive final approval, we propose holding a service on 24 September at 7.30pm to bring together the whole benefice for the licensing of the new Rector, and the new pastoral leads in Odiham and Upton Grey.

In the meantime please do contact us, or your local minister, should you wish to discuss these planned changes.

With best wishes, *Simon and Chris*

Revd Simon Butler  
Revd Chris Dudgeon

**YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION**

Dear Reader

If you no longer have full-time commitments and are looking for new interests and the opportunity to make new friends, then this invitation is very much for you.

**Odiham District u3a is holding an Open Day at Robert Mays School on Wednesday 14th August from 2-4pm.**

**We would love you to come along. (No booking required)**

Odiham District u3a which covers Odiham, Hook and the surrounding villages is part of a national movement where members help members to stay active and meet friends while learning, laughing and living.

Our Open Day is a unique opportunity for members and non-members alike, to come and see what our u3a is all about, to see the wide range of activities we offer, and to meet socially over tea and cakes.

We have over 50 groups, which are the ‘beating heart of our u3a’ and they will all be there, with ‘stalls’ which will both showcase their activities and above all provide an opportunity for you to talk to them and learn about what they actually do. So, if you are interested in getting more exercise, or satisfying your creative talents, or discovering new interests, or exploring literature or just want to socialise there could well be something which catches your eye.

If you are interested then please accept our invitation and just come along. We look forward to welcoming you on August 14th.

[www.odihamu3a.org.uk](http://www.odihamu3a.org.uk)



**POLICE & CRIME PLAN  
2024-2028  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

Following her re-election in May, Hants Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones has opened a new public consultation on Local Policing priorities to inform her next Police and Crime Plan. The survey will be open for 10 weeks from June 10 – August 19. The results will be published in the autumn.

<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90719383/PCP-Public2024>



**HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY'S  
RURAL TIMES**

*‘Early Summer edition of our E-magazine now available:*

[www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/hampshire/advice/rural-times/2024/rural-times---early-summer-2024.pdf](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/hampshire/advice/rural-times/2024/rural-times---early-summer-2024.pdf)

‘This edition focuses on some of the seasonal crimes impacting rural communities in the summer, including fish poaching. Poaching does not just involve the theft of fish, or individuals fishing illegally, it also sees hardworking riverkeepers threatened, assaulted and harassed.

‘The magazine shares advice and information around growing trends of GPS thefts from farm vehicles, large scale thefts of cable and metal from industrial sites, and wildlife crime incidents we have been dealing with.

‘We also have input from the Hampshire Ornithological Society, an article from the RSPB highlighting risks of wildfire in nature havens, and input from the CLA about the impact of rural isolation on the farming community.’

**CROSS BARN ODIHAM  
FILM / THEATRE**

[www.thecrossbarn.org.uk/whatson.shtml](http://www.thecrossbarn.org.uk/whatson.shtml)

July 19: Film *WICKED LITTLE LETTERS*

July 26: Film *BACK TO BLACK*

Films start 7.45pm, doors open 7pm

**North Warnborough & District  
Garden Club meeting on 25 July**

N Warnborough Village Hall: Speaker John Baker on Heavenly Hostas.

Visitors welcome. Arrive by 2.10pm. Talk starts at 2.30pm. Tea and biscuits after the talk. A plant stall each month. [www.nwdgc.org.uk](http://www.nwdgc.org.uk)