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







Sunday 6 July at 5pm Everyone welcome

ST SWITHUN'S NATELY SCURES

Please join us for Patronal Evensong follow by Pimms and Summer snacks



THE RIVER LODDON IS 'RARER THAN A PANDA'?

A talk by Dr Joe Huddart, internationally renowned Aquatic Ecologist with a specialty in Chalk Stream restoration.



Thursday, 10 July, 7-9pm Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall

Tickets £19 www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-river-loddon-is-rarer-than-a-panda-tickets-1376354014909?aff=ebdsshios

Ward Cllrs Onnalee Cubitt, Sheena Grassi, and Kate Tuck invite you to join them for drinks, sausages, and a fascinating talk on globally rare Chalk Streams. This is a Fundraiser to support your local Ward Councillors with their future campaigns and leaflets

ROWAN LODGE CLASSIC CAR EVENT

Sunday 27 July 2-4pm Open to the local community with cream tea refreshments



POLICE ALERT: HARE COURSING Police have already received reports of hare coursing in the rural areas. Please continue to report all incidents of hare coursing, suspicious vehicles, activity and persons. If in progress – call 999 – quoting Op Galileo. If possible give a what3words location. Never approach these individuals, your safety is our priority.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

LINE DANCING EVENING

Mapledurwell Village Hal **Saturday 6th September 6.30pm-9**Dancing starts at 7pm



Tickets £10 (including snacks sausage rolls, crisps)
Cash bar; No previous experience required!
Dress code: Cowboy Hats!

Contact Heather 07552 506989 or Sue 07495 367169 for tickets

UP NATELY COFFEE MORNING

Coffee and chat (the bi-monthly Up Nately rave!), will be on Friday 4th July, 10-12, at Beavers, call 01256 763649, thank you Jane for hosting!



St Stephen's Up Nately: Prior to the Family Service on 22nd June, a lovely breakfast was held in the churchyard

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/01148/FUL (Validated 09 June) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Proposed formation of a new vehicular access onto Tunworth Road, including driveway construction and associated landscaping works for approved newbuild house at Nunnery House.

24/02682/FUL (Pending 28 March) Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Change of use of agricultural land to residential use and erection of a greenhouse (part retrospective).

25/00304/HSE (Pending 26 February) 6 St Stephens Close. Erection of part first floor, two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extensions.

24/00756/FUL (Pending 16 April 2024) Land North of Parrotts, Greywell Road. Four detached new dwellings, garages, access, parking, amenity space etc.

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

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H1705/W/25/**3362558** APPEAL IN PROGRESS Land Adjacent To Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of residential dwelling with garage. (Refused BDBC 25 Feb 2025.)

APP/H1705/W/24/3347575 **APPEAL IN PROGRESS** Brockwell Paddock and Stable, Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and landscaping. (Refused BDBC 18 Jan 2024.)

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00323/25/TCA (Validated 25 June) Hill Cottage, Greywell Road, Up Nately. T1 - Oak prune back lateral branches on the south side only, by up to 4m to suitable growth points.

T/00239/25/TCA (Approve 03 June) Addison Cottage, Tunworth Road. To Leylandii trees: fell.

T/00238/25/TCA (Approve 03 June) The Old Orchard, Tunworth Road. T1 to T5 and T7 Leylandii: reduce to approx 12m with a crown spread of 4m and crown lift over road to 6m. T6 Lawson cypress: reduce to approx 12m with a crown spread of 2.5m crown lift over road to 6m.

T/00156/25/TCA (Withdrawn 15 May) Hill Cottage, Greywell Road, Up Nately. T1 Oak Reduce in height by 5-6m to suitable growth points and shape to balance to leave a finished height of 16m with a crown spread of 12m.

Next Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 16 July 7.30pm, Village
Hall meeting room, all welcome.

VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

IT IS NOT THE JOB OF OTHER LOCAL RESIDENTS TO DO THIS FOR YOU

Nor should Parish precept funds have to be used for CCTV or a dog warden which seems to be the alternatives.

The recreation ground is covered by BDBC bylaws; failing to clean up after your dog is subject to £100 fixed penalty as per the BDBC Public Spaces Protection Order (Dec 2023).



The countryside charity

The **PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE**

BILL is at Report stage in the Commons, where MPs can debate and propose further amendments.

The Bill would take power away from local planning committees. Instead of including community participation, the Bill could make it easier for developers to back out of, for eg, commitments to build affordable homes or respect local design standards.

Please let our MP know you want local planning committees to be guaranteed a say about the most important local planning issues. alex.brewer.mp@parliament.uk

Newnham & Nately Scures

NEWNHAM GREEN POND WORKING PARTY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 05 July 9.30-1pm, main pond

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN, even if it is just for an hour, it will make a big difference. Facebook link for the event is

https://fb.me/e/2nIaEj8LR



We will be removing a non-native invasive plant *Crassula Helmsii* from an important amphibian pond with an exceptional population of Great Crested Newts. No experience necessary, we will give a full briefing before we start.

Please bring - water/drinks - sensible footwear (boots or wellies are fine; we won't be working in the water - kneepads /mats will be useful - gardening /work gloves - buckets / garden trugs etc for moving small loads of waste.

Due to the invasive nature of the *Crassula* please take care to clean all footwear and tools after use. For more details see *Advice Note 4* www.arguk.org/.../324-advice-note-4.../file

Looking forward to seeing you, Pete West for HIWARG

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S

June draw results are £100 – Nigel Bell (50) £50 – June James (21)

£25 - Sarah Hawkes (18)

Congratulations to winners Carolyn Bell



Newnham Parish Council has one Councillor vacancy. Please send expressions of interest to clerk.newnham@gmail.com

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION – COUNTY PROPOSALS FOR FOUR OPTIONS

www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250616LGRoptions

'Hampshire County Council is preparing to submit its own proposal to Government this autumn, alongside those from other local authorities in the region. While we continue to work with our partners... as well as sharing data, it's important we put forward our own recommendation... In recent weeks we've been reviewing the detail of four options:

(All options include the Isle of Wight as a single independent unitary authority.)

Option 1 Two mainland unitaries.

- **1 North:** BDBC, East Hants, Hart, New Forest, Rushmoor, Test Valley, Winchester
- **2 South:** Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, Southampton.

Option 2 Three mainland unitaries.

- **1 North:** BDBC, East Hants, Hart, Rushmoor, Test Valley, Winchester
- **2 South:** South-West: Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton
- 3 South-East: Fareham, Gosport, Havant,

Option 3 Three mainland unitaries.

- **1 North:** BDBC, East Hants, Hart, Rushmoor, Winchester
- **2 South-West:** Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton, Test Valley
- **3 South-East:** Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth.

Option 4 Four mainland unitaries.

- 1 North-East: BDBC, Hart, Rushmoor
- 2 Central: Test Valley, Winchester, East Hants
- **3 South-West:** Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton
- **4 South-East:** Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth.

'These options will be considered in July by Hants Cabinet and Full Council meetings of 8th July at 10.30, and 17 July at 10.15 respectively.' [Noting BDBC have Cabinet and Council meetings at 6.30pm on the same days.]

If agreed, wider public engagement will begin during the summer.

Cllr Nick Adams-King, Leader, Hampshire County Council

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/01458/FUL (Validated 12 June) Wild Green Acres Farm, Ridge Lane. Change of use of existing agricultural barn to farm shop and cafe (Class E)

25/01269/FUL (Validated 02 June) 1 Crown Lane. Change of use from Bed & Breakfast (C1) to residential dwelling (C3).

25/00554/ADV (Pending 19 March) B/stoke Country Hotel. Regularisation of display of 12 no. signs. Comprising two internally illuminated totem signs; eight internally illuminated post signs and two non-illuminated post signs.

25/00548/FUL (Refuse 06 June) Land adjacent to Blackstocks Lane) Erection of 1 no. dwelling, creation of new access and associated landscaping.

25/00486/HSE (Grant 18 June) Tally-Ho, Newnham Road. Demolition in part of rear flat roof aspect, erection of single storey extension with new crown roof to both, exterior sauna, window replacement, pond, landscaping and exterior hot compost system.

24/02978/ROC (Grant 03 June) Land at Blackstocks Lane. Variation of Con 1 and discharge of Con 4 of 22/02643/FUL (one dwelling with landscape and parking); addition of rooflights, dormer window, additional rooms in roof, changes to elevations & site layout (part retrospective).

24/02797/FUL (Grant 02 June) and **24/02798/LBC** (Grant 02 June) Newnham House, Ridge Lane. To form a separate dwelling with extention to the Coach House plus amenity space, car parking etc.

24/00882/LBC (Pending 16 April 2024) Nightingale Cottage, Heather Row. Demolish south entrance porch, changes to fenestration; new porch with access ramp in revised position. Alterations to conservatory, replace glass roof with tiled. Internal / external alterations.

23/02722/FUL (Pending 02 Nov 2023) Land East Of Keepers, London Road. Three new detached dwellings with new access, parking, drainage, landscaping.

PLANNING APPEAL IN PROGRESS

APP/H1705/W/25/**3366255** Collingwood, Newnham Road. Erection of a 1.8m high closeboard fence on repositioned west boundary and change of use of land to residential.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00212/25/TPO (Approve 11 June) Nately Scures House. Fell: G1.2 Maples, 1 Douglas fir,1 Scots Pine,3 small holly, 1 small sycamore,1 small yew.

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

Next Newnham Parish Council meeting Tuesday 15 July 7pm Newnham Clubroom, all welcome.

NEWNHAM 900

St Nicholas' Newnham is part of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice of 12 churches.

We believe there was a Saxon settlement and church at the site which would pre-date the 12th century. However, the definitive evidence for its origins is a Norman arch in the church which has been dated to between 1124 and 1125.

Many villagers of Newnham and clergy from across the benefice joined together to celebrate, along with Bishop Philip, the Bishop of Winchester, who led the service. We had a joyous day, glorious weather, delicious tea, a church filled to the brim with people from near and far.

Local residents were joined by some with long term connections with the church, such as a lady whose parents were married in St Nicholas' and she was baptized there, and others who lived in the village in the past.

It really was an occasion to both 'celebrate the past and build the future'.

Seven residents from Rowan Lodge came to celebrate with us along with their families/carers; we were delighted to see them along with children and young people joining us too. Borough and parish councils were represented by the mayor and chairman respectively.

We had a wonderful service with fantastic singing and beautiful anthems from the choir from Weston Patrick, led by Susan Bright and our organist, Martin Barnes.

Young twins of one of our ministers gave out our Newnham 900 candles at a speed faster than even an Amazon Prime delivery. And two of our older girls took the collection for us and did it brilliantly.

I just want to say thank you to everyone who participated in making it such a wonderful day; full of fellowship and community, with magnificent praise for our glorious God and 900 years of faithful worship in this place.

Amen

Much love and many blessings Rev Debz



Newnham 900 Anniversary Service









I am hugely thankful for all the people who participated and made it such a special day. There were so many teams of people:

- the churchyard mowing team, who were out on the Thursday before and smartened up the graveyard
- the flower/cleaning rota team: who not only made the church spick and span, but beautifully decorated too
- the welcoming team: who had their hands full getting people to their seats and handing out a 100 orders of service
- the tea team and all those who baked: who did an incredible job providing teas for over 100 people with delicious food and sandwiches.

And thanks as always to the Hawkes for use of their beautiful barn.

As usual with a church event, there was more than you could possibly ever eat and lots of people took lots of food home. Quite a few of had pizzas for tea that night, kindly provided by Rowan Lodge.



Pictured above left to right: Revd Chris Dudgeon, Rector of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice; Revd Debbie Veel, Curate; The Right Revd Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester; Brig (rtd) Alan Richmond, Chair of Newnham 900 events committee; Richard Fouracre, Church Warden, St Nicholas' Newnham



Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community' www.united-parish.org.uk https://www.moretolife.church

From the Parish Registers Funeral: Timothy Evans at St Nicholas' Newnham on June 9th 2025.



FROM THE BENEFICE MINISTRY TEAM

900 Years of Faith: A Reflection from

St Nicholas' Newnham

St Nicholas' church in Newnham has been a place of worship for at least 900 years. With a Norman arch dating to around 1125, and possible Saxon roots even earlier, the church has been a sacred constant in the life of this village for centuries. People have been baptized, married, buried here – generation after generation witnessing to the enduring importance of faith in community life.

As part of our Newnham 900 celebrations, we've explored the Church's role across history – from the Norman conquest to the Civil War. Throughout these periods, the Church wasn't just a building – it was the heart of life. Faith shaped how people lived, thought, and related to one another. It was central and essential. Of course, the Church has had its failures, including one Hampshire example in the Civil War where horses

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were slaughtered and stacked to block attacking troops and more recently with the failing of the institutional church to recognise and act upon abuse, abandoning the most vulnerable.

But the Church has always stood as a place of sanctuary too, symbolised by Winchester Cathedral's shattered stained-glass window, later reassembled into a beautiful mosaic. Like our lives, faith holds together the broken pieces and transforms them into something meaningful.

So why, after 900 years of relevance, has the Church become unimportant to many? Often, it's a question of proof. People say: 'I can't see God, so I can't believe.' But belief in unseen things is not unusual. We accept the existence of atoms, bacteria, red blood cells, and distant galaxies without ever seeing them ourselves. We trust the testimony of those who've studied and recorded them. The Christian faith is built on similar testimony. The Gospels provide eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life and

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ministry recorded by his disciples. These are not second-hand myths but the reflections of those who walked beside him. And many lives have been changed by this witness.

Science and faith are not enemies. Faith isn't a rejection of intellect – it's a decision to trust evidence passed down by those who have seen and known.

Today, the Church is not a rich institution. It's more like the NHS: under pressure, overstretched, and trying its best with limited resources. Many ministers serve without pay, or with housing alone. Our rural churches are struggling, not because faith is less real, but because regular attendance and support have faded. If local churches are to survive, they need more than money – they need people to come, to commit, and to believe.

In a world full of uncertainty – political unrest, war, division – faith remains one of the few things that offers something solid. God's love is constant. Worship reminds us of eternity, of purpose, and of the deep truth that we are loved.

We are invited into relationship with God – not through pressure, but through love; love in, with and alongside Jesus Christ; part of a Christ-centred heritage leading to a Christ-centred future...

So if you've ever dismissed faith as outdated, think again. Nine hundred years of Christian belief in Newnham tells us this isn't a passing trend.

It's something deep, real, and lifechanging.

Come and see. Come and believe. Come and be changed. Amen.

Revd Debbie Veel St Nicholas' Newnham & St Swithun's Nately Scures

CHURCH SERVICES JULY INTO AUGUST

Sunday 06 July 9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am, St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship

5pm, St Swithun's Nately Scures, Patronal Evensong

Sunday 13 July 9am, St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 10am, St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer

11.30am, St Swithun's Nately Scures, Morning Worship with Baptism

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

11am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service

Sunday 27 July 10am, St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said) 11am, St Stephen's Up Nately, Patronal Morning Worship

Sunday 03 Aug 9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion

11am, St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 5pm, St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong.

KIDZONE



Paul Dadd Children and Youth Pastor

Recently I went walking in the Forest of Bere for the

first time. At the entrance of one of the walking tracks was a sign with the heading: Forest for Wellbeing. I read on. 'Spending time among trees and really noticing nature, is scientifically proven to help us boost our physical and mental health.' Along the track I found a number of other signs and panels that encouraged me to stop and pay attention to what was around me. By the end of the walk, I found that I felt a little bit lighter and more calm and steady in myself. Christian tradition teaches us that God is always calling us into the present moment. We can so

easily get lost in our regrets of the past and our worries about the future, but right here and right now is the only moment that truly matters. This is what prayer is for; connecting with God and with ourselves in the here and now, and allowing space for God's life and love to come through into the present.

As we enjoy the summer and get out and about, I really encourage you to take some time, either by yourself or with the people you are with, to slow down and pay attention to what's around you – to connect with nature, yourself and with God. Here's a simple idea that I found on the walk at Forest of Bere which you might like to use:

As you walk take time to notice:

- 5 things that you can see....
- 4 things you can touch...
- 3 things you can hear...
- 2 things you can smell...
- 1 thing you can taste.

This type of practice is not just good for our physical and mental health, but it is good for our emotional and spiritual wellbeing as well.

So, what things will you do this summer that will help to nurture your whole self and connect you with the things that matter most? Every blessing

Paul



HOLIDAY CAMP 4th-7th August

All Saints' Odiham

This year we have exciting news! We are moving to a new location – All Saints' Odiham...

This will allow us to cater for more children, including children with additional needs, have better accessibility to catering and toilet facilities and protection from the

elements. But don't worry - we are collaborating with local sports clubs and schools to allow the children amazing access to an even more varied selection of outdoor spaces and sporting opportunities.

The times have not changed (Monday-Thursday, 1pm-4.30), and we will still be looking into offering a football camp before we start, for those who want to (more details to follow). And the price still hasn't changed, it remains £20 for the week, payable in advance.



Our theme is 'The Guardians of Ancora', a popular Christian computer game from Scripture Union, and the children will be learning about Jesus' life through loads of different media and exciting activities.

Please use the QR code.

Or the link to book is https://allsaintsodiham.churchsuite.com/events/c1tguulg

Helen C

WELCOME TO REVEREND SUZANNE NEWCOMBE

We are anticipating a wonderful celebration in Winchester Cathedral on Sunday 29th June, at the ordination of Suzanne Newcombe.

Many of you will already know Suzanne who has been ministering across our Benefice for a number of years as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) – what used to be known as a 'Lay Reader'). Suzanne has done wonderful work leading pastoral care, worship services on Sundays, home visits and communions, and much more besides.

In her new ordained role, she will be providing pastoral oversight and local leadership in St Mary's Herriard, and (alongside Revd Linda Scard), at St Lawrence' Weston Patrick, where she has already been involved for the last few years.

Suzanne, we are so pleased to be able to celebrate with you on 29th June, and we will be praying for you and John as you settle into your new role.

Welcome!

Chris Dudgeon, Rector, North Hampshire Downs Benefice

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION

Odiham District u3a is holding an Open Day at Robert Mays School on Wednesday 13th August from 2-4pm



We would love you to come along (No booking

required). We have over 70 groups and they will all be there, with stalls which will showcase their activities and provide an opportunity for you to talk to group members and learn about what they actually do.

If you are interested in getting more exercise, or satisfying your creative talents, or discovering new interests, or exploring literature or politics, or just want to socialise, there could well be something which catches your eve.

Our u3a covers Odiham, Hook and the surrounding villages and is open to everyone of any age who has the time and interest in staying active and engaged. It's an organisation run for its members, by its members, and you will have the opportunity to meet many new faces, as well as old friends.

Please accept our invitation and just come along, and bring a friend perhaps. We look forward to welcoming you on August 13th. If you would like to know more, please visit our website www.odihamu3a.org.uk

Ian Green, Chairman, Odiham District u3a

Mothers' Non Christian care for families

N Hants Downs Mothers' Union

I am writing this a couple of days before the Hartley Wintney Village Festival and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has given me books to sell on our stall – and are currently stacked around my house! We are helping to raise money for groups which support women and girls around the world to lean to read and write.

Mothers' Union also runs projects locally, in particular our Sunflower Café which we run jointly with the Vine Church on Wednesday afternoons and our Child Contact Centre which supports children in families where the parents are estranged. We would welcome more volunteers for either of these projects.

Our branch usually meets on the first Monday of the month. However in July, we will be meeting for a social get-together before having a break in August. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on suemurphymubranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011 / 07881 828450.

PS We made a total of £158.20 on our Hartley Wintney stall selling books – and I am hoping to find other occasions to sell more.



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JULY 18 FILM: SMALL THINGS LIKE

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JULY 25 CELEBRATE SUMMER An evening of joyous, upbeat jazz: New Orleans, Dixieland and Swing...

... with the Pete Rudeforth Band: trumpet, clarinet, tenor, saxophone, trombone, banjo, double bass and drums, and plenty of vocals.

Tickets: Film £7.50; Jazz £20 Doors open at 7pm Jazz starts at 7.30, Films at 7.45pm.

Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available. Purchase tickets online at www.thecrossbarn.org.uk

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY presents

a Summer evening of Mozart

Saturday 5th July, 7pm All Saints' Odiham

Conductor: Ben Cooper accompanied by professional soloists and organ. Programme: Mozart Requiem, Mozart Solemn Vespers.

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NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting Thursday 24 July at 2.30pm in the North Warnborough Village Hall. Start 2.10pm, plant stall; talk at 2.30pm, Anthony Powell on 'Planting for Autumn Colour'.

Visitors are always welcome, entry £3. www.nwdgc.org.uk