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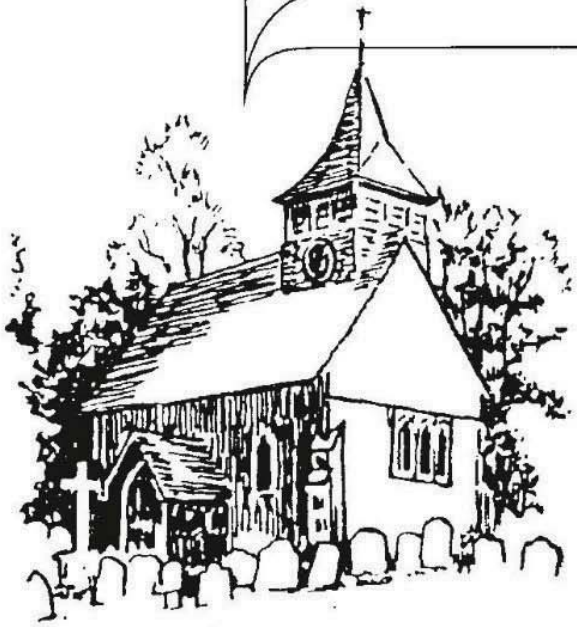

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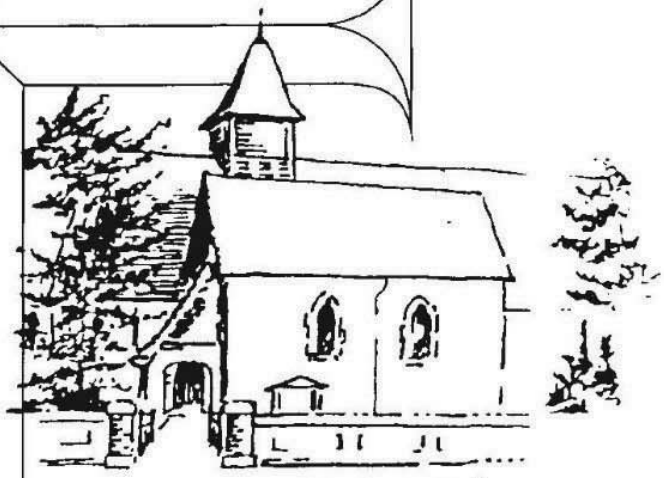

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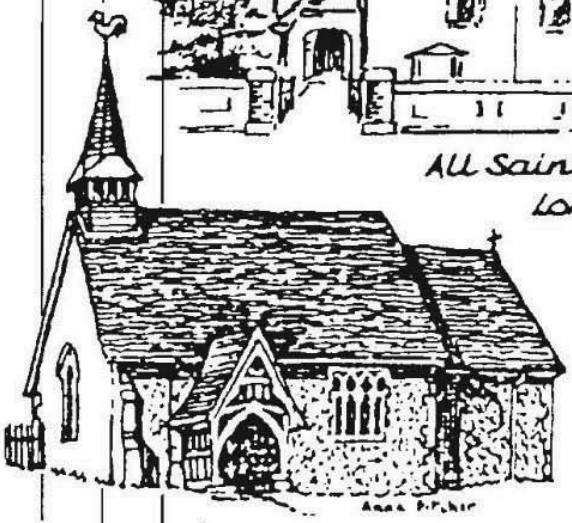

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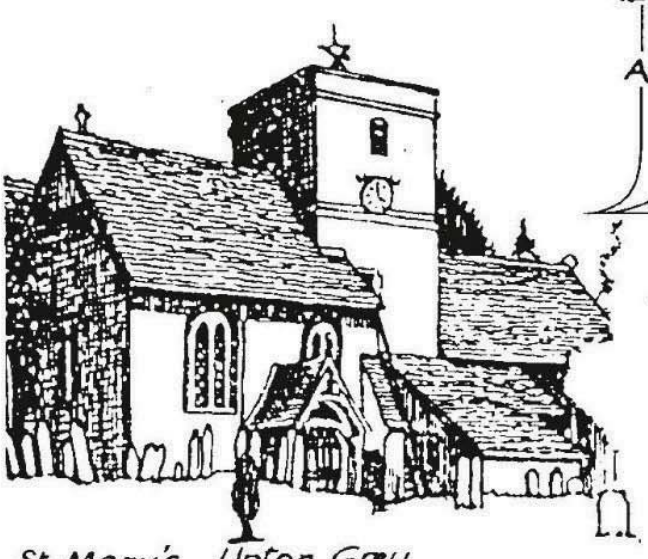

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Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth, Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Happy New Year to you! 2017 is upon us…

At the start of a new year it's traditional to come up with a list of objectives that sound appropriately aspirational but that can at the same time be quickly and easily forgotten about. We call them New Year's Resolutions.

Having repeatedly tried to keep NYR's I've decided that this year is going to be a little different for me. I am going to make a change and it is going to stick. Now of course it's not the first time I've said this, but here is why this time it's for real.

This year I've decided that I'm not going to commit to taking up anything new like going to the gym, or being more abstemious and eating less red meat or drinking less beer. Instead, I'm going to do the things I currently do and not do the things I don't currently do but do all of that within a new rhythm of life. And this is going to make a tangible difference to my life and the lives of those around me.

Let me explain…For 2017 I'm going to re-establish a 'Rule of life'.

What is a rule of life? A rule of life is, in the context of the Christian faith, a simple and flexible framework that will help me to live more fully and more authentically as a Christian as I respond to Gods love. It is a series of personal commitments that will direct the way I live my daily life. And in this I'm not alone…

The North Hampshire Downs Benefice, of which Upton Grey, Herriard, Tunworth and Weston Patrick are a part, falls within the Anglican Diocese of Winchester. Across the Diocese countless numbers of people are responding to the Bishop of Winchester's invitation to re-establish a rule of life.

The Diocesan Rule of Life has three strands: Living, Loving, and Serving. Each of these strands represents a dimension in which life is lived

Living is about how I do my life. What are the over-riding features of my day-to-day life? Is my life generous, open, and rooted?

Loving is about how I relate to myself and others. Do I live each day with an active appreciation of Gods love for me and for other people? In what ways do I mirror this love in my interactions and relationships?

Serving is about how I relate to the wider world. Do I take time to notice the needs of others and the wider community? In what ways do I lay down my own preferences and desires in order to serve others?

As I re-establish a Rule of Life I am going to try to ensure that my life is balanced in each of these three areas so that I am living, loving, and serving, fully and wholeheartedly. I've asked a friend to keep me accountable and I'll let you know how I get on…

But what about you? Could a Rule of Life be for you too?
If you'd like to have a think about developing a Rule of Life then have a look at the Winchester Diocesan Website www.winchester.anglican.org and click on 'About us' then 'Strategic Priorities' then 'Rule of Life'. Alternatively you can pick up a short introductory booklet in any of our Churches.

Christmas Thank-you

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the numerous Christmas services and events in Herriard, Upton Grey, Weston Patrick and Tunworth.
Over the Christmas period we hosted an Advent Carol service, 2 Christingle services, 3 Carol services, a Crib service, a midnight communion, and 4 Christmas day celebrations.
To all of the volunteers who lit candles, decorated churches, served mulled wine and mince pies, read lessons, sang in choirs, or cleaned the churches – Thank You. We couldn't have done it without you.
To everyone, whether regular worshipper or occasional guest, I hope and pray that as you've taken part in these services and heard again the story of the incarnation, you have experienced afresh the deep and transforming love of God demonstrated in Jesus Christ.

Rev Simon Butler

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Jane Longrigg on 5th December at Basingstoke Crematorium with a service of Thanksgiving at All Saints, Tunworth

Joyce Maynard on 13th December at Basingstoke Crematorium

NEW YEAR SERVICES

- **Sunday, 1st January.** On **Sunday 1st January,** there will only be one service in the Benefice: **9.45am All Saints Odiham** Benefice Holy Communion.
- The next **10.00am Thursday** Holy Communion Service in **Herriard** will be on **19th January**. Everyone is welcome to this informal, friendly and relaxed service followed by refreshments.

*Don't forget for Upton Grey, we have a **website:** www.uptongreychurch.co.uk. Applicable for all parishes, the website carries the monthly Parish Magazine including service times and diary dates, plus details of local groups and organisations and other information relating to the four churches*

Reminder - Revised Church Service Schedule for Upton Grey, Herriard, Weston Patrick and Tunworth

As of January, our services follow a slightly revised schedule, as shown below. Simon and his team hope the changes allow for a well-balanced provision of different types of service across the 4 churches to ensure that different styles and traditions of worship are catered for, and that the mix of services appeals to all ages.

But, you don't have to learn anything new, or commit this new schedule to memory, because, as at present, the Service Timetable at the back of your Parish Magazine will always reflect the service location, start time and service type.

SERVICE PLAN 2017

1st Sunday

8.00	Holy Communion 1662 (said)	Tunworth
9.45	Family Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Upton Grey
11.15	Family Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Herriard
11.15	Matins (sung)	Weston Patrick

2nd Sunday

8.00	Holy Communion 1662 (said)	Herriard
9.45	Parish Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Upton Grey
11.15	Holy Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Weston Patrick
17.00 (18.00 in summer):	Evensong (sung)	Tunworth

3rd Sunday

8.00	Holy Communion 1662 (said)	Upton Grey
9.00	Holy Communion: Common Worship (sung)	Tunworth
9.45	Family Service (sung)	Upton Grey
10.00	Alternate months: Matins or Morning Prayer (sung)	Herriard

4th Sunday

8.00	Holy Communion 1662 (said)	Weston Patrick
9.00	Family Service (sung)	Tunworth
10.00	Family Service (sung)	Herriard
11.00	Café Church	Upton Grey

What are the different service types?

- 1662 Book of Common Prayer - Traditional Language Communion service
- Common Worship Communion - Modern Language Communion service
- Evensong / Matins - Traditional Language Non-Communion service
- Morning prayer - Modern Language Non-Communion service
- Cafe Church - Interactive teaching, informal prayer, and fellowship
- Family Service - Family friendly interactive worship service

The differences you'll particularly notice are:

1. There is a spoken 1662 Book of Common Prayer Communion service at 08.00 each Sunday. This service will rotate around the 4 parishes.
2. Weston Patrick will no longer have a service on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
3. Start times for services have changed ever so slightly.

Looking Ahead to Lent 2017

I know that most of us are not yet over Christmas. Decorations still need to be taken down, the final bits of turkey need to be eaten, and a decision needs to be taken about what to do with the 'unusual' gift from Great Uncle Fred… But, there is quite a lot going on during Lent 2017 in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice, in particular two events for your diaries:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast – All Saints Odiham. 28th Feb. 3pm-7pm.
You are warmly invited to the North Hampshire Downs Benefice pancake feast hosted at All Saints Odiham.
Drop in any time between 3pm and 7pm and eat pancakes to your hearts content.
The event is open to all ages and we'd love to see you.
Pay on the door. £3 per plate – eat all you like!

Benefice 2017 Lent Course starts Weds 1st March and runs for 6 consecutive weeks.
We're going to be following a course called 'Pilgrim'. Written by leading New Testament writer and lecturer Paula Gooder and with input from the Bishops of Chelmsford, Stockport and Sheffield, the course offers a chance to reflect afresh on the questions posed at Baptism services in the Church of England and to thoughtfully consider how our answers are worked out in day-to-day life.

The course is suitable for people of all ages and viewpoints. Whether you are a committed Christian or a thoughtful sceptic we hope that there will be something in each session to stimulate thought and conversation.

T**his year – to cater for as many parishioners as possible - we will run 2 sessions on each Weds of Lent**.
The **lunchtime session** will meet at **All Saints Odiham** at 12.00 noon – 1.30pm and include a simple lunch.
The **evening session** will meet at **Mapledurwell Village Hall** at 7.30 pm – 9.00pm and include a simple supper.

We're asking participants to book a place on the course so that we can make sure we've catered for everyone. There is a suggested donation of £10 per head for the whole course to help cover the cost of food.
To book a place please email nhdboffice@gmail.com or call 01256 861706
Full details of Lent services and events will be released in the February magazine.

Kids' Zone

Our next **Messy Church** is on **Friday 10th February in Upton Grey village hall.** We will start at 3.30pm and finish about 5pm and there will be the usual craft, games and worship and a picnic tea. It is fun and all are very welcome. If you would like to join us, please email Julia Harker to let her know (julia_harker@btinternet.com).

Sparks Sunday Children's Group at St Mary's Upton Grey
St Mary's Upton Grey are re-launching their monthly Sunday morning get together for children and young people aged 3-11. To celebrate we're going to have a launch party on Sunday 12th February in the Upton Grey Village Hall. There will be crafts, games, and food and we'd love you to join us.

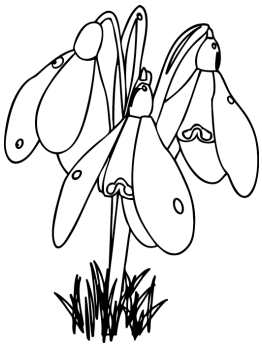
We're going to meet at St Mary's church at 09.45 for the start of the service and then at 10.00 am children and young people will be taken down to the Village Hall. Children can be collected from the hall at 11.00am.

From March **Sparks** will take place every 2nd Sunday of the month and will meet at 9.45am at St Mary's Church before walking down to the village hall.

January Birthdays

1st	Elena Simpson, Rainbow Thrussell
6th	Harry Ebbs
7th	Jai Pearson
8th	Oliver Webster, Theo Chevallier
13th	Charlotte Warfield, Harry Warfield, Alexander Campbell
15th	Dylan Allenby-Ryan
16th	Rose Harman
30th	Joanna Bellamy

If you would like a child's birthday put in the magazine and they are not already on the list, please would you send name and birthday to Kate at kate.goddard1@virgin.net.



Looking Forward to Spring

Snowdrops are one of the first flowers to show themselves after the cold winter.

Here are some facts about Snowdrops compiled by the BBC's Countryfile team.

Medicinal use, Snowdrops and other plants from the *Amaryllidaceae* family have a naturally occurring substance in them called *galantamine.* This is sold as a medication for Alzheimer's disease under the name of "Reminyl". Galantamine was first used, in Eastern Europe in the 1950s to treat memory problems but it wasn't until 2010 that it became widely used in the UK when the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) authorised its use.

A single Snowdrop bulb once sold for a record-breaking £350. It can be a dangerous business growing snowdrops. Bulbs are often stolen from growers, with many estates protecting their patches of the flowers. It seems odd on the face of it but it's easy to see why people go to such lengths to get hold of snowdrop bulbs. In 2011 a single bulb was sold on an internet auction site for £350, breaking the previous record of £265.

Symbol of hope -The flower, perhaps unsurprisingly given its status as one of the first signs of new spring life, has come to symbolize hope and consolation as well as purity. White is classically a colour associated with these traits, but appearances can be deceptive…

They can be deadly - Due to the bulb's likeness to its relative, the onion, it has often been mistakenly eaten, poisoning the unfortunate nibbler. It's a good defence against hungry deer grazing on the flowers or squirrels digging up the bulbs, but a nasty surprise for anyone confusing them for shallots.

Prophetic flower - A superstition has developed around snowdrops. Although very pretty, a single flower indicates impending death and it should never be brought into the house. This is possibly as a result of the poisonous qualities it possesses.

Endangered and protected - Snowdrops, like many plant and animal species, are under threat in certain areas. They are protected under CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) rulings, aka the Washington Convention, and the trading of Snowdrop bulbs is tightly regulated. In most countries it is illegal to collect bulbs from the wild, the exceptions being Turkey and Georgia.

Rare species in the home of Winter Olympics - There are 20 recognised species of snowdrop, the most recent to be found was Galanthus panjutinii (Panjutin's snowdrop). It was discovered in only five places in the Colchis area of Russia and Georgia. One of the sites where they grow, in Sochi, was destroyed during preparations for the 2014 Winter Olympics in the Russian city.

Not great pollinators, Part of the reason bulbs are so valuable is that once you have one, it can and will multiply. As the flowers tend to grow at a time of year when there are few pollinating insects around, the plant has had to develop a different approach to furthering its species. Bulbs will split when dormant and begin to sprout new flowers.

They're a natural thermometer, Since the 1950s Kew Gardens have been monitoring the growth of snowdrops. In the mid-part of the 20th century they would generally appear in February, since the 1990's they have been arriving increasingly quickly. These days they are sometimes found as early in the year as January, an indication of the UK's changing climate.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Local Police Report

Dear residents, first, may I wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope you had a pleasant Christmas period.

On November 16th as a result of a call from a concerned resident I attended Upton Grey and spoke with two men in a van cold calling selling fish, I am aware that some fish sellers have been calling for some time and are very good using professional vans with ice boxes and air vents fitted. This particular one did not.

Hampshire Trading Standards have been informed and advise anyone who buys anything including fish from the back of a van to be careful, in

this particular case I was told that the fish was fresh and brought down from Sunderland on a alternative daily basis? However the polystyrene boxes with ice thrown on top may not keep them too cold, to buy is your decision, I have my own opinions of the health and hygiene standards.

Meanwhile in Chilton Candover a white Vauxhall van LM65 ZCZ was offering compost for sale from the back of the van. These 'cold calling' salesmen come from Essex and have been in Weston Patrick and Upton Grey before, again please consider before parting with your money. A question that I frequently ask myself is 'Why would you drive such long distances be it Sunderland or Essex to a nice area where you can go into peoples gardens, up driveways etc. predominately when most residents will be out at work or away during the day?'

Slightly further from this area in Preston Candover a house was broken into and a garden shed at another property and lawn mowers were stolen. Please be aware and keep your property secure.

May I conclude by thanking the excellent neighbourhood watch co-ordinators who send out up to date information to residents, they do an excellent job and I am most grateful. If you have not done so already please sign up by send an email to the appropriate co-ordinator below. It's free and lets you know what's happening in your area at the time as well as allowing you to let me and others know abut suspicious people, cars, and information etc. it really works.

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In next months edition I will update you with reported parish crime figures for 2016, Best wishes as always and thank you for your continued support.

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We hope that you have all had a really good Christmas. We had a great Christmas party at Jo and Patrick's lovely barn in Cleves Lane and our thanks to them and also to Susie Hare who played the carols for us so beautifully and got the party going!

Our next meeting is our **New Year Lunch** We intend to hold it on **Thursday 26th January** – we don't have a venue at the moment, but will be letting you all know where after Christmas. Happy New Year to you all and your families from Barbara, Viv and Jill

Advance Diary Dates - Upton Grey 2017

Jumble Sale - 11th March 2pm to 4pm - Upton Grey Village Hall in aid of Cancer Research. It's that time of year for sorting out cupboards, drawers, attic etc. for any unwanted items. We can collect or you can leave items at 24 Little Hoddington. Call Pam or Brian on 01256 862577

Upton Grey's Safari Supper 11th March 2017 - a sociable and fun way to raise money for the church and a great way to get to know other people in the village. It's not expensive because everyone contributes, and it gives a real feel of sociability and community.

It takes the form of a supper party, in which each successive course is prepared and eaten at a different home. So starting at 7:00 pm, six

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Herriard and Lasham with Bentworth WI

Our next speaker's talk entitled What the Butler Saw! 2nd February. Do come along and join us at 2.30pm, you will be sure of a warm welcome.

On 1st December we had our Christmas Lunch, many thanks to Bill and Maryanne McEvoy for providing such a wonderful feast very much enjoyed by all present. On 8th December, we hosted the Alton Group Christmas Entertainment "YULETIDE TALES" by Chester House Productions, a mixture of readings, poems and seasonal facts. Followed by tea and refreshments provided by our members. Members from Shalden, Alton and Holybourne attended, and all had a good time. On Thursday 12th January at 2.00 pm, we have our Social Afternoon at the RBL Hall. We welcome new members and visitors.

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Herriard Parish Council: Minutes from Herriard Parish Council Meeting on 05/12/2016

Present: Cllr Mike Branigan, Cllr Gemma Hounsell,
Cllr John Jervoise, Cllr Nick White, Gareth Davies (Clerk)
In attendance: PC Andy Reid, Rod Bolt (Roads), David Ball, Geraldine House-Barklie, Ian Lansley-Neale (Comms), Pat Pegg.

1. **Police Report.** PC Reid presented his report covering September to November 2016. Main element was number of incidents on A339; an injury accident, two dangerous driving allegations and motorbike nuisance complaint. In the area there was a possible drink driver, an elderly man. In 2016, there have been 43 complaints about motorbike nuisance compared to 10 in 2015.
2. **Update on Roads and Traffic.** Michael Lane, the new Police and crime commissioner for Hampshire, has not yet agreed a date to meet and discuss the continuing abuse of our village roads by some of the motorcycling community. Cllr Branigan will write to progress the request. PC Reid reported that several local Parishes had decided to purchase speed reminder signs. This is something we could consider for 2017? Action: Rod Bolt

3. **Update on Police reorganisation.** Cllr Branigan reported that there was no specific news on this issue but it was understood that the new Police and Crime Commissioner was planning to hold a meeting with local representatives in the near future. Cllr Branigan will investigate. Action: Cllr Branigan /Clerk
4. **Rural Bus services.** As proposed at the last meeting in September, up-to-date information on the number of residents in need of public transport is required. Geraldine House-Barklie had produced a draft questionnaire to collect this information which she passed to Ian Lansley-Neale to develop into a flyer for the Parish Magazine. Action: Ian Lansley-Neale/all
5. **Herriard Housing Project.** Cllr Branigan reported that initial layouts produced by The Ralph Ross Partnership had been reviewed and several changes suggested. New visualisations are expected before the end of the year. Action: All
6. **TAG Farnborough Air Space Change Application** - opposition remains strong and widespread. Further feedback report expected from TAG before the year-end.
7. Open Forum. (Responses and questions from the floor during previous agenda items are noted above). The Clerk confirmed that he would step-down from coordinating the **Herriard Play Area** management at the end of March 2017. The PC were therefore seeking someone to take over this task which primarily involves reviewing weekly B&DBC inspection reports and liaising with retained contractors regarding any required repairs. The Clerk will draft a note for Ian Lansley-Neale to publish in the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers. Action: Clerk.
8. Next meeting. **7.30pm Monday February 6th.**

…AND OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

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North Warnborough & District Garden Club
Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 26th January 2017 in the North Warnborough Village Hall at 2:10pm** for a 2:30pm start. The speaker will be Trevor Jackman who will talk about "Cacti".
The competitions for January are:
1. An Evergreen Arrangement.
2. A Spray of a Flowering Shrub.
Visitors are very welcome to join us. We are a friendly Club whose members share an enthusiasm for gardens and gardening. During the growing season, we always have a plant stall starting at 2:10pm. For further information, please telephone 01252 843848.

What's On at Basingstoke Discovery Centre: January 2017

Special Events for January
Meet the Author: Adele Parks
Saturday 28 January / 2pm / £5
Come and enjoy some book banter with one of the leading ladies of fiction.

With 15 novels over 15 years, Adele Parks is one of our bestselling authors. She has written a wealth of compelling stories: vivid, powerful and lasting. Her forthcoming novel 'The Stranger in my Home' is

already out on eBook and the paperback is due to be launched in early February with advance copies available for sale on the day.

Tickets for Adele's talk can be purchased by telephone (01256 478670) or online:www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home at the Discovery Centre, Festival Place Basingstoke RG21 7LS

Miniprofessors
These 40-minute classes are especially tailored for young scientists aged 2-4 years old. Experiments – Singing – Stories – Interactive – Come along and nurture a lifelong passion for science.

Monday 9 January – Monday 3 April
(NOT Monday 20 February) 9.40am (Ages 2-3), 10.40am (Ages 3-4), 11.40am (Ages 3-4). Cost £78 for a 12-week course

Thursday 12 January – Thursday 6 April
(NOT Thursday 23 February or Thursday 23 March) 9.40am (Ages 3 - 4) & 10.40am (Ages 2 - 3). Cost £71.50 for an 11week course.
Tickets for these courses can be purchased at the Discovery Centre, by telephone (01256 478670) or online:www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home

Regular FREE events:

Rhyme Time Wed. & Thur. 10.30am Thirty minutes of songs, rhymes, rhythm and action for young children.	**Spanish Rhyme Time** Thur. 3.30pm Learn through music, singing and fun. For children of all ages and all languages!
Story Time Fri. 10.30am	**LEt's GO Construction Club** Sat. 2pm – 4pm. Ages 3+
Discover Board Games Ages 3+ Saturday 14 & 28 January / 10am – 1pm	**Children's Crafts** Ages 3+ Saturday 7 January/ from 10am /
Painting for Fun Thur. 5 & 19 January 2.30pm–4.30pm. Informal group of painters who share tips and conversation in Coffee shop area	**Chatterbooks** Ages 8-11 Mondays 9 January / 4pm – 5pm Books, Puzzles and Games

Wonderful Wordsmiths Age 8 - 13 Wednesday 18 January 4pm – 5pm Creative Writing group.	**Board in the Library** Sat. 7 January 11am–4pm, Wed. 11 & 25 January 2pm – 6pm Bring out your competitive streak with games like Splendour and Carcassonne. Or working cooperatively – try a game of Pandemic to help save humanity!
Family Chess Coaching Saturday 28 January / 10am – 1pm (drop-in)	**StreetPass** Saturday 21 January / 11am – 4pm Social Gaming – drop-in

Drop-in Sessions for Help & Advice

Baby Clinic Tue. & Fri. 9.30am – 11.30am	**Disability Signpost Service** Tue. 3 January 10am - 12noon
Basingstoke Disability Connections Tue. 3 January 12.30pm – 2.30pm	**Drop-In Surgery with Local Councillor** Sat. 7 January 2pm – 3pm
Memory Box Project Friday 13 & 27 January / 10.30am – 12.30pm	**Family History Drop-in** Tue.17 January 10am – 12noon

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall for hire from £7 per hour. Functions, meetings, parties, private and commercial. Full kitchen facilities, central heating and sound system, chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery available. Contact Brian and Pam Dixey for further information, 01256 862577.

The Royal British Legion Hall, Herriard Available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables and chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. Key holder 01256 381403 or email hall bookings to herriardrblhall@aol.co.uk

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New Year – New Challenge!
St. Michael's Hospice needs volunteer befrienders

This Befriending service operates in the Odiham, Hook, Hartley Wintney, and Old Basing areas and is looking to recruit volunteers.

Our volunteer befrienders provide social companionship to patients who are lonely and isolated and living with long term and or life limiting illness. By building a trusting relationship they help to restore the patient's emotional well-being, confidence and feelings of self-worth.

If I want to become a Befriender what is expected?

For just 2-hours a week, you can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community. Relevant training, as well as regular and on-going support will be held locally at Odiham Cottage Hospital. The next training course will be held in the spring of 2017.

If you would like to join this enthusiastic and vital team please contact:

Maria Bryant, Befriending Coordinator on: 01256 393609
Email: och.befriending@stmichaelshospice.org.uk

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CHURCH SERVICES (please also see the weekday services under "Regular Events")

1 January – The 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Benefice Holy Communion (sung)	9:45am (for 10.00 start)	Odiham

8 January – The 1st Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of Christ

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Herriard
Parish Communion (CW sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Holy Communion (CW sung)	11:15am	Weston Patrick
Evensong (sung)	5:00pm	Tunworth

15 January – The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Upton Grey
Holy Communion (CW sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Matins (sung)	10:00am	Herriard

22 January – The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Weston Patrick
Family Service (sung)	9:00 am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Café Church	11:00am	Upton Grey

29 January – The 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (CW sung)	9:00am	Upton Grey

5 February – The 4th Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Tunworth
Family Communion (CW sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Family Communion (sung)	11:15am	Herriard
Matins (sung)	11:15am	Weston Patrick

12 February – The 3rd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Herriard
Parish Communion (CW sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Holy Communion (CW sung)	11:15am	Weston Patrick
Evensong (sung)	5:00pm	Tunworth

19 February – The 2nd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Upton Grey
Holy Communion (CW sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Morning Prayer (sung)	10:00am	Herriard

26 February – The Sunday next before Lent

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Weston Patrick
Family Service (sung)	9:00 am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Café Church	11:00am	Upton Grey

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – January 2017

8th Jan	Sun	Herriard Gardening Club@Di's/The Allotment, Nashes Green	11.00am
16th Jan	Mon	Upton Grey Golf Meeting, Hoddington Arms, UG	
17th Jan	Tue	Wave of Prayer, RAF Church, Odiham	
26th Jan	Thu	North Warnborough Gardening Club - Talk on Cacti	2.10pm
29th Jan	Sun	Band of the Royal Marines in Concert, The Anvil, Basingstoke	3.00pm

Advance Dates 2017

2nd Feb	Thu	What the Butler Saw! WI Talk at RBLH, Herriard	2.30pm
6th Feb	Mon	Herriard Parish Council meeting	7.30pm
12th Feb	Sun	Sparks Sunday Children's Group Launch UG Village Hall	10.00am
24th Feb	Fri	Messy Church, UG Village Hall	
28th Feb	Tue	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast – All Saints Odiham	3-7.00pm
1st Mar	Wed	Benefice 2017 Lent Course Odiham or Mapledurwell	12.00 or 7.30pm
10th Mar	Fri	North Hampshire Downs Benefice Quiz in Odiham	6.45pm
11th Mar	Sat	Jumble Sale – Upton Grey Village Hall	2.00 – 4.00pm
11th Mar	Sat	Safari Supper, Upton Grey	7.00pm
6th Apr	Sat	Spring Show Upton Grey Village Hall	1.30pm
10th Jun	Sat	Upton Grey Church Fete Sherbourne Cottage	2.00 – 5.00pm
12th Aug	Sat	Summer Flower Show Church Meadow Upton Grey	1.00pm
28th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	

Regular Events

Each Mon	Prayer Group, 4 Little Hoddington	9.45am
Each Wed	Upton Grey Toddler Group	10.00am
Each Wed	Dementia Support plus Carers, Sunflower Café, Odiham	2.00pm
1st Thurs	Herriard WI (except Jan 2017!)	7.30pm
1st Sun	Junior Choir Practice in Upton Grey Church	9.15am
2nd and 4th Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club at The Hodd	7.30pm
3rd Thurs	Holy Communion, Herriard Church	10.00am
Last Thurs	Herriard Village Supper at Fur and Feathers (check first)	7.30pm

Copy deadline: The deadline for articles and items is 15th January for the February issue.

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If your item is time-critical, please also email next month's editor is Tess Chevallier - tess.ugmag@gmail.com

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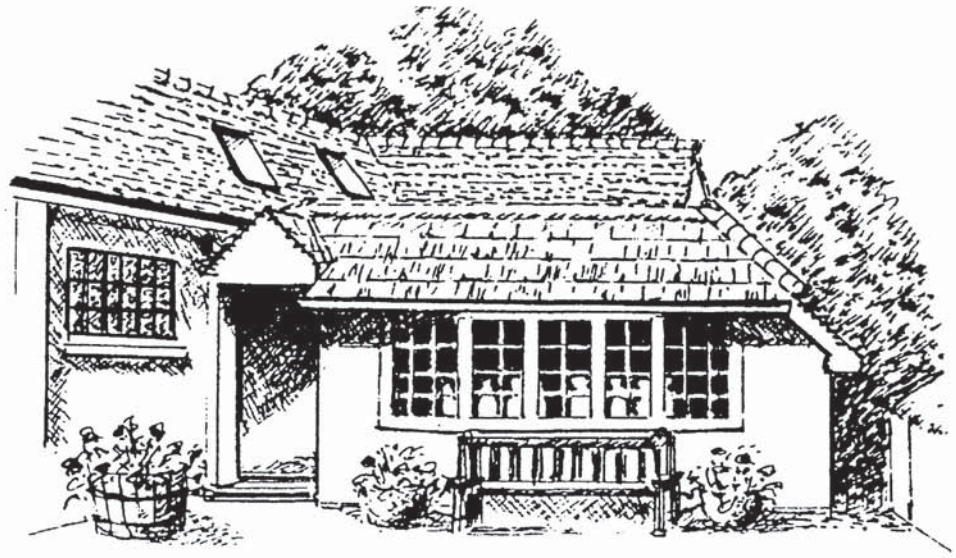

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