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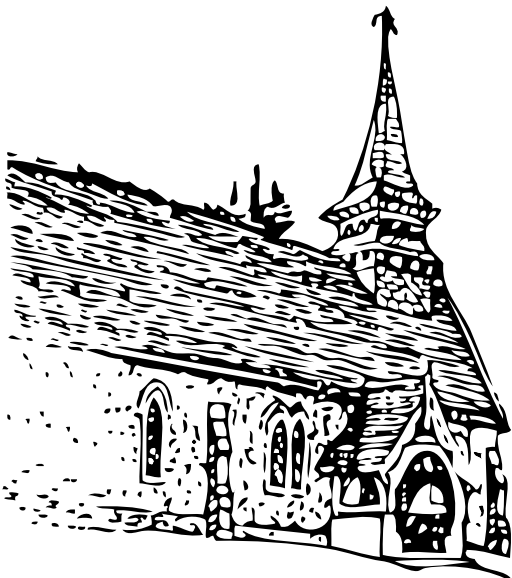
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – May 2022
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

From the Benefice Ministry Team

One of the deeper questions I keep asking myself at the moment is: What causes division? One of the central causes, I would argue, is thinking that difference means less. Perhaps that's why one of the central teachings of Jesus was 'love your neighbour as yourself.' (Matthew 22.39) Every person that is not you is different from you. They are unique, but here's the jam – you are unique. Do you look in the mirror and marvel at the uniqueness of your personality, your gifting and the fact God thinks you're fearfully and wonderfully made? Not in vanity but in appreciation that there is no one like you? God made you for a reason: the world needs you. Everyone is called into creation uniquely, yes, all with limitations, but all fearfully and wonderfully made.



Sometimes when we encounter another we take refuge in the harbour of their similarities. We think 'pew, this bit is like me.' This is helpful for stability and comfort, but often in society (and in church) we end up creating settlements within these harbours of similarity, from which we neither venture nor allow others in. Soon, the fact we are all incredibly different becomes a myth, and what we end up loving in the neighbour is the 'us' we see in them. This doesn't mean we don't need to recognise common ground, however, perhaps we need to ask 'what is the best and most true common ground that should be recognised?' What is true unity?

I believe that the truest unity can be found in God. All God is and does: love, grace, peace, justice, mercy... (the list is inexhaustible) is the truest common ground that we find with one another, and all God isn't: namely evil, that which causes hurt, selfishness, fear and prejudice, is not common ground. We may think that those that do evil have unity with one another, but this is a false unity. In the end, evil results in division and death. Lighten up dude! I end up saying to myself – but yes! The light God shines reveals that which is not united under love and grace – exposing those places where we need to love our neighbour!

So what am I going to do about it? We can start by understanding that difference is more. God is always more, his mercies are new every morning, we discover more about him the more he is revealed in the world. So then, the more difference we encounter, the more is revealed about

God. The more diversity we have in our societies, the more we know the amazingness of each other, and our society is richer only when we come to know unity-in-diversity. So who is missing? Does every unique person have access to all places in our churches, in our villages, in our hearts?

Loving our neighbour is alive and well here in our communities with the amazing work of so many that seek a common ground of love and grace. For example, those who are welcoming and supporting Ukrainian people, those who seek equality for voices unheard, those who support one another in the time of need; there are so many that take risks in stepping out to encounter difference. I'm thankful that everyone (including you) is uniquely created to make and be the difference in the world!

If you'd like to chat or discuss anything on your heart about this or any issue, never hesitate to ask me for a pint or a coffee any time – amber@moretolife.church.

Revd Amber Beresford

Curate, North Hampshire Downs Benefice

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism Ralph Barnes at St Mary's Upton Grey on April 3rd

CHURCH NEWS

A New Vicar for South Warnborough and Long Sutton

I'm delighted to say that after an extended vacancy we are shortly about to advertise for a new vicar for South Warnborough and Long Sutton. The new vicar will work as part of the wider benefice clergy team and have day to day pastoral and mission leadership in the two villages. The role will be housed in the Parsonage in South Warnborough and will be on a 'house-for-duty' basis. In effect this means that in return for housing, the vicar will work Sundays plus two days per week. This has been the structure of the role for many years now. We hope to begin advertising in April and I'd ask you to pray for the process, the two PCC's and for those considering applying for the post.

The Revd Simon Butler, Benefice Rector

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st May

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

4.30pm Upton Grey – Evensong sung by the choir of Queen's College Oxford

Sunday 8th May

9.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

11.00am Weston Patrick – CW Holy Communion

6.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

Thursday 12th May

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 15th May

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

10.00am Herriard – Pet Service at Herriard Green

11.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion (with Baptism)

Thursday 19th May

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 22nd May

9.30am Tunworth – Rogation Walk

11.00am Herriard – pre-fete prayers at Herriard Green

11.00am Upton Grey – Rogation Walk

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

Thursday 26th May (Ascension Day)

7.30pm Odiham – Benefice Holy Communion service at Odiham

Sunday 29th May

No services in the local four churches (the usual 9.30am CW Holy Communion and 11.00am Informal Service at Odiham)

Choral Evensong at Upton Grey, 4.30pm on Sunday 1st May

On Sunday 1st May at 4.30pm we're delighted to be welcoming the Choir of Queen's College Oxford to sing a full Choral Evensong at St Mary's Church Upton Grey. The service is open to all and will be followed by refreshments. Queen's Oxford are joint Patrons of St Mary's Upton Grey. Evensong is a beautiful traditional service and Queen's College Choir are not to be missed! We look forward to welcoming you.

Simon and the Churchwardens of Upton Grey

St Mary's Church, Upton Grey, Donation to the Ukrainian Appeal

The Holy Communion service at St Mary's, Upton Grey, on 10th March was dedicated to prayer for the situation in Ukraine, and it was agreed that the collection would be donated to the Ukrainian appeal. The collection came to nearly £200, which, with gift aid, came to nearly £250. Accordingly, the collection was topped up, and St Mary's has made a donation of £250 to the Ukraine appeal of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

Paul Birkbeck, Secretary to St Mary's Upton Grey PCC

Rogation Walks

There are two Rogation walks on **22nd May**: at **Tunworth**, meeting in the churchyard of All Saints Church at **9.30am**; and at **Upton Grey**, meeting in the churchyard of St Mary's Church at **11.00am**. All will be most welcome at either walk.

Revised Clergy responsibilities

Following the announcement of the new House-for-Duty Vicar for Long Sutton and South Warnborough, revised Clergy responsibilities will be as follows.

Name/Role	Church/area	Benefice-wide ministry
Rev Simon Butler Rector (FT)	Upton Grey, Tunworth, Newnham, Nately Scures	Team Leadership and Vision
Rev Chris Dudgeon Associate Rector (0.75)	Odiham	Alpha courses
Rev Matt Bianchi Mission Priest (FT)	Greywell, Up Nately, Mapledurwell, New housing	Mission and Evangelism
Rev Amber Beresford Curate (FT)	Herriard, Odiham 11.00am	Housegroups and Discipleship
Rev Linda Scard Associate Minister (0.2)	Weston Patrick	Vocations and Training
[Vacant] Associate Minister (0.5)	Long Sutton, South Warnborough	

Online services

Most services from All Saints, Odiham, are live-streamed (and then available online afterwards) – see www.moretolife.church for details.



KidsZone

What's On for Families...

Saturday 18th June WHO LET THE DADS OUT

Venue TBC 10.00–12.00 (including bacon butties!)

Mon 8th–Fri 12th August MORE TO LIFE HOLIDAY CLUB

Church Meadow, Upton Grey

Wednesday 31st August MESSY SUMMER

Venue & Timings TBC

Sunday 30th October SERVICE OF LIGHT

St Mary's Upton Grey 3.00

(crafts for the children, followed by service and bonfire at 4.30)

Monday 31st October LIGHT PARTY

All Saints Odiham 5.00–6.30

youth@moretolife.church



Hi everyone!

Happy International Families Day!

Those of you who read Kidzone regularly will know one of my favourite movies at the moment is *Encanto* from Disney. (Grandparents, if you haven't watched it with the grandchildren – what's taken you so long?!)



Almost the very first thing you hear in the movie is the song 'The Family Madrigal' song. In it, we are introduced to the main characters of the film – a big family filled with people with all different gifts and powers. (If you have a QR code reader on your smart-phone, you can scan this QR code to listen to the song now!)



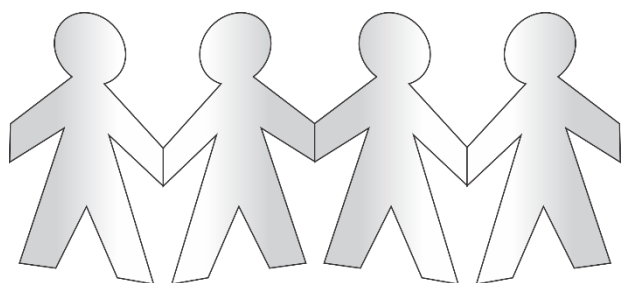
Now, we might not have a family quite like the Madrigals, but we're all surrounded by special people who are good at all sorts of different things. Who's in

your family? Not just your parents and brothers and sisters, but aunts, uncles, cousins... maybe even close family friends feel like family to you!

Sometimes it's really easy to take our family for granted. Assume that Mum will always cook our favourite meal, that Dad will come and play football with us at the park, that our brother or sister will share their toys with us, but maybe this International Families Day we should spend a moment appreciating them... I wonder what is the thing that means the most to you about your family? What do you really love about each of the people in your family.

Let's make a special family chain to help us remember how amazing our family is!

1. Take a piece of paper, and fold concertina-style (as if you are making a paper fan). Keep going until you have folded the whole sheet of paper.
2. Draw a person on the front fold. Make sure the arms and feet reach each folded edge, as this will be how the figures connect.
3. Cut around most of your person, and through all the layers of paper, but remember not to cut out the whole shape! Make sure to avoid cutting where the arms and feet reach the edge of the folds - this keeps them linked.
4. Unfold your paper to reveal a connected people paper chain. Tape or staple chains together to make them as long as you like.



5. Make sure there's a person for everyone in your family and write their name on. Now think about what you love about that person in your family. Do they give special hugs, make you laugh, let you have

pizzas on a Friday...? Whatever it is, draw or write it on the paper chain.

Then show your family – they'll really appreciate it.

God Bless and see you next time!

Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Police Report from PCSO Andy Jones

A resident of Nutley has reported a Burglary believed to have occurred in the early hours of 20th March. A quad bike and a lurcher dog were stolen. Two more Burglaries occurred, also in the early hours of the morning, in the areas of Chilton Candover and Winslade. Again quad bikes have been targeted. Please take the opportunity to harden security and, if you or someone you know has a quad bike, please take every precaution to prevent it from being stolen. Your local Officer is always willing to offer crime prevention advice.

We are all feeling the pinch in relation to fuel bills. Historically, when the price of oil has increased, the theft of the product also increases. A brochure which touches on useful advice in making life difficult for the thief is at https://www.thesombornes.org.uk/upload_docs/695.pdf.

Theft of used cooking oil is also on the increase nationwide and many of the rural pubs and restaurants have been targeted. Police have some lines of enquiry and work is going on in the background.

On 26th March, Police attended Berrydown road in Axford after a horse had an incident involving a car. There is no fault to either party in relation to this incident; significant damage was caused to the vehicle and, sadly, the horse had to be euthanized due to its injuries.

On another note your local Beat Officer has signed up to abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth in aid of Sebastian's Actions Trust. This has been booked for June this year so fingers crossed and, Covid allowing, it should be a challenging day. Given I am currently a prisoner in my own home suffering from Covid, I should have enough antibodies not to affect my event – fingers crossed!

Andrew Jones is fundraising for Sebastian's Action Trust: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrew-Jones213>

Report a crime.

Andy Jones, PCSO 13301

Basingstoke Rural South Neighbourhood Policing Team

email: andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk;

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Superfast Fibre Implementation

There has been talk in the press of Fibre broadband projects being suspended and I have queried this with Openreach.

They have confirmed that this will not affect our implementation and work is still progressing with a target completion of end May 2022.

Roger Clark

Farming News

It felt good to dig my shorts out of the drawer as I did in mid-March when the temperatures rose into the 20's. Not so good to return them again towards the end of the month as the temperatures plummeted and we had heavy frosts and snow: a fools' spring! We did however get the opportunity to finally put several groups of heifers out to grass on 8th April, as the weather turned warmer and the grass started to grow.

These heifers are youngsters and have been in the barns all winter so have never been out at grass. It's a joy to watch them, timid at first and then running and kicking their heels while they explore the boundaries of their new playground. It's one of the highlights of our farming year and signals the true arrival of spring. Before we let them out, we weigh them so we can track their growth rates. They need to gain 0.8 to 0.9kg of weight per day, to enable them to calve down with their first calf at two years old, the optimum age for our Holstein breed, giving them every chance to live a long, productive and healthy life.

Talking of long, productive and healthy lives, you may remember me writing about our oldest cow, Shrek Lady 6 back in March last year. She has now produced 157,000 litres of milk and has reached the grand old age of 14 years but has all but stopped producing now. It's nearly time to say goodbye to her which will be tough for all of us at the dairy – by far the hardest part of our job. Many of her daughters and granddaughters are milking in the herd so her bloodline will continue and flourish.

Field work is full on at this time of year. Hopefully, by the time you read this, our maize will be planted and we'll be getting very close to our first cut of grass silage. Last year's silage wasn't particularly good because of the very wet, cold May we had. The sugar content and the energy levels were down which meant we've had to supplement our cow ration with extra wheat which we've had to buy in. With the appalling situation in Ukraine and, as a consequence, the wheat price rising, this has added three pence per litre on the cost of producing our milk. So we're hoping for a warm sunny May to produce good quality grass silage, as well as, on a humanitarian level, praying for a resolution to the Ukrainian catastrophe.

We've been using straw that we baled last summer for feed and bedding all winter. However, we have not touched the straw in one of our barns because this has provided an ideal home to a beautiful barn owl. We're hoping this will become a nesting site. Barn owls generally lay their eggs late March or early April, with another 30 days before they hatch. It can be a good 10 weeks before the young barn owls are independent, so we'll keep a keen eye on the barn and not touch the straw if there is the slimmest chance she has some young. Let's hope she does! **Joe Ives**

UPTON GREY NEWS

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Thank you from St Mary's Church

We wish to thank most sincerely all of you who regularly give to St Mary's Church for your support. Your generosity greatly helps in providing a predictable source of income essential for financial planning. This has been more important than ever during the last two years.

St Mary's income suffered as a result of Covid. We had to cancel our main fund-raising events, including the church fete, and also lost fee income. Our overall income fell by more than £13,000 in 2020 and by more than £9,000 in 2021, compared to pre-Covid levels.

St Mary's has pulled through these difficulties due to the steadfast support of our regular donors. Donations have continued at the same levels, except in a few cases where donors have died or moved out of the village. Without this support, our Church would have been in even greater difficulty.

St Mary's is now returning to normal and we are planning a full range of services and events this year, including the Church Fete on Saturday 11th June, and the Harvest Supper on Saturday 1st October. The Choir of Queen's College, Oxford, will also be joining us for Evensong on Sunday 1st May, at 4.30 pm, followed by drinks. You are warmly welcome.

Your continuing support is greatly appreciated in enabling us to plan ahead and ensure that St Mary's continues its active role at the heart of our community.

The Revd. Simon Butler
Rector

Sarah Barnes
Churchwarden

Geoffrey Yeowart
Churchwarden

Jubilee Flower Festival, 5th–12th June

The flower team at St Mary's, Upton Grey will be presenting a Jubilee Flower Festival from 5th–12th June to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and honour our Queen's seven decades of duty and service. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement in celebration of a life, a birth or other occasion please contact Wendy Stanway (07771 508763) for more information. If you are creative and would like to help, please give Wendy a call.

Jubilee Weekend on Church Meadow Upton Grey

The Upton Grey Helping Hands Committee would like to invite ALL Upton Grey villagers and their families to:

The Barn Dance, on Friday 3rd June 6.30pm–10.00pm. Gates open at 5.30pm. Please bring your own food, drink and chairs

The Big Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June 12.00–4.00pm. Gates open at 11.45am. There will be a bouncy castle and a fancy dress competition. Please bring your own food, drink, chairs and table

Best decorated house competition. Please decorate your house by Wednesday 2nd June. Prize for best-decorated house!

All these events are FREE because of the support of Upton Grey Parish Council, L Hunt & Sons Ltd and David Janaway

We hope you can come! **The Upton Grey Helping Hands Committee**

Educational Grants available to ALL Upton Grey Residents

The Upton Grey Educational Trust was formed when Upton Grey School was sold after its closure in the 1980s and half of the proceeds were put into the Trust. The Trust can use the income from the investment twice yearly 'for the advancement of education'.

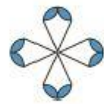
The Trust meets in June and December each year to consider applications for assistance with educational needs, **from any age group and with no means testing**. Since the Trust was set up, it has awarded grants to nearly 100 applicants and 16 groups in addition to Long Sutton School.

For more information on how to apply and terms and conditions, please visit www.uptongreychurch.co.uk (under Groups & Organisations) or email debbie@debbie-bridle.com.

This is primarily open to residents of Upton Grey, but consideration **may** also be given to applicants from other parishes within the Benefice – funds permitting. Applications must be made by the person requiring assistance and **not** by a parent /guardian or other.

We are very lucky to have this fund and very grateful to the late Ros Mills for establishing it.

Please submit your application in writing **by the last week in May 2022**, to be in with a chance for the application to be put forward at the June meeting, to: The Secretary to the Trustees, Upton Grey Educational Trust, Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane, Upton Grey, Basingstoke RG25 2RG, or via email to: debbie@debbie-bridle.com (requesting a read receipt) – please ensure child written application is attached to the email sent by parent or guardian. (**Note** that any late applications received after this deadline will automatically be carried over to the next meeting).



St Mary's Church
Upton Grey



Church Fete
2.00pm Saturday
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Upton Grey Church Fete – Saturday 11th June, 2.00–5.00pm in the gardens of The Old Vicarage, Church Street, Upton Grey (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Butler-Adams)

The fete is back! We are delighted that so many of you have volunteered to run the stalls and serve the teas, which this year will be to the strains of a brass band and set in the beautiful gardens of the Old Vicarage. We have all the old favourites and more, plus ice cream and Pimms to help keep the spirits high. If anyone else is available to lend a hand, even if shifting the tables, then please contact Frances Yeowart: 861218, mobile 07774163217, francesyeowart@outlook.com or Sarah Barnes pgbarnes@btinternet.com

This is a big day for cake eating – Jules Miller will be co-ordinating the teas, so she will be looking for cakes and scones to serve and Denise Turnbull will be running the cake stall, which ditto. Contact details will

be circulated by the village email. We do have two card readers for contactless payments but cash will be the main currency, so please be prepared!

This date is especially significant as it is the Queen's official birthday in this her Platinum Jubilee year. We are looking forward to a really wonderful afternoon which is also a vital fundraiser for St Mary's Church. We look forward to seeing you. Friends and family very welcome. Entry is £1 with under 14s free. Car parking on Church Meadow.

Sarah and Frances, on behalf of St Mary's Upton Grey PCC
White Elephant Stall

Time for another clear out? If you have any good-quality unwanted items which would love a new home, then please do bring them along to the White Elephant stall at the fete where we will be delighted to sell them. Delivery on the day from 10.00am.

If there is anything that is too big to sit on a table or be easily transported, we would prefer to sell this beforehand, so please do ring to discuss. There is also a separate Toy Stall.

Please contact Frances Yeowart 861218 or mobile: 07774163217
 Thank you!!

Garden Stall

Any garden-related items would be gratefully received. If you are having a spring clean of the shed and have any unwanted garden tools, garden furniture, an old wheelbarrow, hanging baskets, garden pots/troughs then please don't throw them away. If you have leftover seedlings, the odd bag of compost, or maybe overbought on your bedding plants, are dividing a hosta or any perennials, surplus rhubarb, the odd indoor plant or anything that could possibly be sold on a 'garden' stall please let me know – I can collect or just drop on my drive (Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane), or deliver to the stall on the day. All donations are much appreciated. Please contact Debbie Bridle: Tel 862705, debbie@debbie-bridle.com

Tombola collection

A collector from the tombola team will be knocking on your door sometime between 30th May and 9th June. Any goodies you can donate will be much appreciated – bottles, jars, tins, confectionary etc. If you want to drop off a donation instead please call Patrick Symington on 07867 537373



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Tickets will be £7.50 per adult; children under 12 free of charge. It should be a good day for all.

Teas will be available at The Old Vicarage. There will be a raffle at Waverley Cottage. Please invite friends and relatives. Car parking will be available, free of charge, at Church Meadow (opposite the church).

All proceeds will go to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
Many thanks.

Margaret Haynes

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Increasing usage of the court

We are very keen to see this happen. If you know of anyone in the village or its outlying areas who might be interested in playing tennis, please encourage them to join.

Charles Holroyd

Attention all Upton Grey golfers! - Annual Golf Day, Thurs 16th June

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***The Recruiting Officer*, Sunday 14th August at 4.00pm in Church Meadow, Upton Grey**

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Herriard Gardening Club

Well, the members of our club certainly don't need to go to the gym!

Veolia very kindly donated five tons of Progrow compost, known as 'Black Gold'. It arrived at our allotment last Friday. It was like a huge black mountain! We soon got a system going, a few muscles on the barrow filling and others wheeling and depositing! The beds look amazing; the compost was still warm which in itself will speed up germination. We have such a deep covering that the amount of weeds will be suppressed. Great news! A huge pat on the back to all who helped.

As it is the best time to put compost on our garden, I thought I would let you have a tried and tested recipe for the best compost. It's one that I have always used in my own compost heap. The original recipe came from Monty Don, so thank you Monty!

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Carbon-rich waste (brown): prunings, hedge trimmings, paper or newspaper (loosely scrunched up is best), cardboard, straw, sawdust, pet bedding, paper towels, paper bags

Also add: eggshells, natural fibres (wool or cotton), wood ash (not too much)

Don't add: diseased plants, perennial weeds, cooked food, citrus (slow to rot and very acidic, which reduces worm activity), raw meat, dairy products, gloss or colour-printed paper, ash from coal fires, cat or dog faeces, autumn leaves – these are best used to make leaf mould

Don't forget to turn the compost now and again, the combination of the above will create a lot of heat, needed for microorganisms to break down the matter. Cover your compost to keep out the rain. When the compost turns brown and crumbly it is ready, normally within six months.

Have fun in the garden and compost heap this month.

Gill Venning. RHS Dip



Herriard with Winslade

SUMMER FETE

&

FUN DOG SHOW

Sunday 22nd May

12.00 noon – 3.30 pm

Teas, Produce, Bric-a-brac, Tombola, Barbeque, Table Top Sale, Herriard Garden Club stall, Display of tractors & vintage cars, Children's games and stalls, Face Painting, Beekeeper display and much more!

(to book a table for the table top stall – limited numbers so please phone Gemma on 01256 381354)

Free Entry

At the Herriard Green & Pavilion

Proceeds to St Mary's Church Herriard with Winslade

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

The Fox and Goose, Greywell – Ukraine Effort

Since the start of the war Chris Makolajewski and her team of helpers have been collecting items at The Fox and Goose, Greywell to go out to Ukraine. So far they have filled four HGVs and several vans. The items go directly to the Medyka border where they are met by volunteer friends of hers. The boxes are all labelled so some go directly to the refugee centres, some to the border where people arrive and some driven into Lviv in Ukraine.

There have been a few issues in Calais with customs that have slowed them down. There is also a shortage of volunteers and the border to help unload. So Chris's friends are sometimes doing 20-hour days unloading assisting refugees.

Chris is still collecting for Ukraine and also starting to put items together for families coming over here to get them started. If you would like to help out, or find out more about what they require, email: foxandogosegreywell@gmail.com

Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy for the Fallen – official MoD Armed Forces Day event 25th June

A reminder that the special convoy coinciding with Armed Forces day will take place on 25th June, and will travel from Southwick to Basingstoke, passing through Lasham some time in late morning (see last month's magazine). More information is available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArmedForcesDayConvoy2022>

Phone 07748 310996, Enquiries email: michael.s.burne@gmail.com

Open gardens in Long Sutton and Well – Sun 19th June 2.00-6.00pm

Seven beautiful gardens have been promised, each one with its own special character. Plants will be for sale in several of the gardens, and Teas at The Manor House. A lovely afternoon is promised with lots to see and plenty of ideas to inspire you.

Adults £5.00 and children free. Proceeds to All Saints' Church, Long Sutton. So keep the afternoon free if you can!

The Vicar of Dibley is coming to Alton! 18th–21st May.

Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society proudly presents a stage play by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter, adapted from the original much-loved TV series. Tickets for 7.30pm performances and Saturday matinee, at the Assembly Rooms, Alton, are available at www.AODS.org and from Qwirky Women, 11 Market St, Alton.



North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

For me, one of the pleasures of belonging to Mothers' Union is the opportunity to meet other members around our diocese who are passionate about supporting others in need and learning about their projects. In our most recent magazine our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, says that 'It is the small things that matter most and, when joined together, they have an enormous impact. It is as simple as using your gift to do what you can; providing a listening ear; welcoming a stranger and reaching out to a refugee family; in whatever way the Spirit leads you, it all adds up.'

In May our branch will meet on Tuesday 17th May, and the following day some of us will take part in the Quiet morning at Wolvesey. Mothers' Union is also closely linked to the prayer initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come' and will be live-streaming a service for Thy Kingdom Come on Facebook and Youtube at 2.00pm on Friday 27th May.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on sue@the-murphys.me.uk or 01252 8450

Chineham and Sherfield Park Scarecrow Trail, 28th–29th May

Come and join Basingstoke and District Disability Forum (BDDF) on 28th–29th May for this fantastic annual community event, to coincide with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Last year, the 500 families that attended enjoyed 68 amazing entries over two trails covering a total of eight miles. This year all scarecrows will remain on display over the Bank Holiday weekend until 5th June, so everyone has a chance to complete the trail.

Chineham Christ Church will host us on Saturday 28th with a community café, where you can get your trail map, raffle tickets and a cup of tea and cake. On Sunday, Sherfield Park Community Centre will host and we will be joined by local charities offering lots of fun activities for the whole family. If you are unable to visit at the weekend you can download a copy of the map at www.bddf.org.uk, or collect a copy from Chineham Christ Church.

We are a small charity and rely on the support of our volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please contact suzi@bddf.org.uk. We are still able to take stalls on Sunday 29th May and are looking for volunteers for the weekend.

For more information, please visit www.bddf.org.uk, telephone 01256 423869 or follow us on social media.



National Garden Scheme, Hampshire

I think we can safely say that it is here – SPRING of course! It is my favourite time of year, especially in the garden, seeing all those treasured plants poking their heads up, having survived the winter and commiserating about those which didn't make it.

It seems that we have to keep our eyes peeled for yet another unwelcome visitor to our shores. As yet it is in small numbers, and would be especially problematic to our fruits and vegetables, should it become widespread. It goes by the name of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug. To the untrained eye it looks just like our common green or brown shield bug. You can find more information on Google – particularly the Natural History Museum site.

Now to some stunning gardens to visit in your area:

Brick Kiln Cottage, The Avenue, Herriard, Alton, RG25 2PR

Opening: Saturday 7th and Sunday 15th May. Also by arrangement April to June, Admission: £5.00 children free. Card payment available. Refreshments: home-made teas.

Bluebell woodland garden in two acres with a perimeter woodland path incl treehouse, pebble garden, billabong, stumpery, ferny hollow, bug palace, waterpool, shepherd's hut and a traditional cottage garden filled with herbs. The garden is maintained using eco-friendly methods as a haven for wild animals, butterflies, birds, bees and English bluebells. New feature – children's reading area. Truly a garden for wildlife, in a former brick works.

Selborne, Caker Lane, East Worldham, Alton, GU34 3AE

Opening: Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th May, 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Admission: £4.00 children free, card payment available. Refreshments: available.

Described as a 'happy garden', this much-loved half-acre mature cottage-style garden provides visitors with views across farmland and surprises around every corner. Productive 60-yr-old orchard of named varieties, densely planted borders, shrubs and climbers, especially clematis. Metal and stone sculptures enhance the borders. Containers. Bug mansion. Enjoy tea in the shade of the orchard. Summerhouses and conservatory provide shelter. *N.B. This garden is also open during July, combined with East Worldham Manor.*

A visit to an NGS garden is a win win occasion – a great afternoon out, tea and cake and the knowledge that you are supporting some extremely worthy charities. Happy Garden Visiting

Pat Beagley (Publicity) pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk
National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

Basingstoke Choral Society – A Celebration of English Composers

For Basingstoke Choral Society's Summer Concert on Saturday 25th June at 7.45pm at The Anvil, we shall be celebrating some of the best in English choral and orchestral music. To mark the Platinum Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen, the programme includes pieces performed at the Coronation in 1953: *Zadok the Priest*, by naturalised Englishman, George Frideric Handel, and Sir Hubert Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens* and *I was glad*. The choral repertoire for this concert is completed by Ralph Vaughan-Williams' *Fantasia on the Old 104th*, and the first performance of *Dover Beach*, a setting for chorus and orchestra of the well-known 19th-century poem by Matthew Arnold, composed by David Lucas, a long-standing member of the choral society.

No programme of English music would be complete without including a work by Sir Edward Elgar. The two orchestral pieces in this concert are his Cello Concerto, and *Crown Imperial*, composed by Sir William Walton for the coronation of George VI in 1937.

The choir's musical director, David Gibson, will be conducting the concert and the choir will be performing with the New London Sinfonia. Tickets are available from the Anvil Box Office: 01256 844244 or from boxoffice@anvilarts.org.uk

Jubilee Choir – Hayden Nelson Mass and Handel Coronation Anthems, Sunday 8th May at 6.00 pm, All Saints' Church, Odiham

Now in aid of the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, join the Jubilee Choir for a performance of the stirring Nelson Mass and, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the wonderful Coronation Anthems, which include *Zadok the Priest*. The choir will be joined by professional soloists and the Nova Foresta Classical Players, and all profits will go to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Tickets are £20.00 and available from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High St, or Lynn Lymer on 01256 701947.

North Warnborough Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be held in North Warnborough Village Hall on Thursday 26th May. It will start at 1.30pm with our annual plant sale. Then, at 2.30pm, the ever popular Marina Christopher will join us and, on this occasion, her talk will be called 'Fancy Carrots for the Herbaceous Border'. Visitors are very welcome to join us.

For further information about our club, please see our website at <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>



May - Reducing our carbon footprint!

In April, the United Nations latest report on Climate Change has restressed the absolute necessity of the world acting urgently to mitigate climate change. In view of this, it is perhaps timely to highlight the three initiatives we are supporting, to try and reduce our carbon footprint locally.

As was mentioned in our last u3a article, we are joining in with the national u3a target to plant 100,000 trees by the end of 2022. Our Climate Change group is collecting donations from members to gain the benefit of bulk buying. Members have been buying trees to celebrate birthdays and weddings and also to remember important events. If you are not a member but would be interested in this project, please send your tree donations by bank transfer to: Climate Change Group of Odiham u3a, Sort 30-95-96 A/C 31932260. Please add your name as a reference.



Planting trees is but one step. We are also supporting Odiham Parish Council's initiative, the Greening Campaign. This is a community-led initiative, involving 20 councils in Hampshire, which encourages people to make small-action changes that together help reduce a community's carbon footprint. If you would like to know more about the Greening Campaign have a look at their website <http://www.greening-campaign.org>

Last but not least, a u3a member has just received a grant to start up a Repair Cafe! See below for further details.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>

Don't Bin it – We'll Fix it!!!

We all waste so much stuff. Broken things go to landfill, or get incinerated and replacement items simply pump out yet more greenhouse gases, adding to our climate emergency. We all know that. But did you also know that, in our area, householders can at last do something about it?

RepairCafé.org is a well-established global organisation that invented the idea of a Repair Café to mend household goods in order to minimise domestic waste. They meet each month with a team of volunteer repairers to help you mend your broken household items, where possible, in exchange for a voluntary donation to just cover running costs. The good news is that Hampshire County Council has just awarded us a generous grant for the start-up costs for a Repair Café in our area! Thank you, HCC!

The Repair Café North Hampshire will cover Odiham, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Sherfield-on-Loddon and surrounding villages. We'll do our best to repair small household electrical appliances, some IT

equipment, toys, clothing, furniture, garden tools, etc. We already have four intrepid volunteer repairers, but we need more. If, like me, you enjoy DIY and fixing stuff at home, then we'd love to meet you. We're especially looking for clothing and electrical repairers.

Please can you all tell your friends and family that the Repair Café North Hampshire will meet on the last Saturday each month, starting with:

- 28th May, Library room, Odiham, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- 25th June, Edward room, in Victoria Halls, Hartley Wintney, 10.00am to 12.00noon.
- 30th July, Garden room, Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall, 10.00am to 12.00noon.

Please help us to build something that our local communities can be really proud of... If you have any ideas, please do get in touch.

Dr Derek Prior, 07799 073401
repaircafenorthhampshire@gmail.com

Following on with the Theme of the Uses and Exploitation of Wood!

This month it is the Cypress Tree *Cupressus sempervirens* which comes into focus!



Cypress Tree in Iran,
4,000 years-old!

Common Name: Mediterranean Cypress.

Distribution: Eastern Mediterranean region.

Tree Size: 20-30 m tall, 0.6-1 m trunk diameter.

Average Dried Weight: 33 lbs/ft³ (535 kg/m³).

Colour/Appearance: Heartwood is a pale yellowish or reddish brown. Narrow sapwood is paler and usually clearly demarcated from the heartwood.

Common Uses: Boatbuilding, utility timber, fence posts, musical instruments, furniture, and turned objects like bowls and dishes.

In the Book of Genesis, we encounter Noah, one of the Bible's first woodworkers. God revealed his plan to destroy a humanity by flooding the earth. He gave Noah a 120-year project to build an Ark, giving him and his three sons precise instructions and dimensions. The Ark was to be 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high, approximately (450' long x 75' wide x 45' high). The vast structure was to be built out of cypress wood.

Jesus, of course, was also a carpenter. Carpenters at the time of Jesus, were called upon to make or repair ploughs, threshing sleds, or to cut a beam for a roof. New doors and door frames would have been required. On occasion they might be asked to make smaller items, such as a cabinet to contain Scripture rolls. Jesus would have learnt these woodworking skills from his adoptive father Joseph.

In an effort to encourage young people to become involved in woodworking and wood craft, next month's insert will focus on our involvement in the Upton Grey Church fete and how we will invite young people to become involved, by the construction of a simple box with various applications.

The Southern Fellowship of Woodworkers meets on every fourth Thursday evening of the month, in the winter, spring and autumn, in the Cross Barn, Odiham. Information is available from the SFWW secretary Tim McGinn at secretary@sffww.org.uk **Arn Huddy**

Getting Wild About Gardens – Hampshire & IofW Wildlife Trust

The buzz of a bee... the sweet scent of honeysuckle... the splash of a frog hopping into a pond... chattering birds in a hedge. These precious moments are not only delightful to experience in our gardens, they're vital if we're going to protect, restore and reconnect UK wildlife.

Since 2013, The Wildlife Trusts have partnered with the Royal Horticultural Society on our Wild About Gardens initiative – encouraging everyone with a garden to provide food and shelter for wildlife. In fact, you don't even need a garden to get involved: window-boxes, a bee brick in your wall, or flower-rich balconies can all make a difference.

So, why is it so important for us to dedicate our own patch to wildlife? Well, almost 90% of UK households have a garden. This equates to over 20 million gardens, which, incredibly, covers a larger area than all 2,300 Wildlife Trust nature reserves combined. With many UK species in decline, using these spaces means we can collectively make a huge difference to wildlife. It doesn't even have to involve lots of time and money because letting nature take its own course is often the best way.

We're dedicating this year's Wild About Gardens to our high-flying summer visitors – swifts, swallows, and house martins. Swifts and house martins were recently added to the UK's Red List for birds, meaning they have suffered severe declines and require urgent action.

The simplest thing you can do is let a patch of grass grow long, or plant a colourful wildflower border – both will encourage insects in your garden, essential food for these birds. Creating a boggy garden patch will provide mud that swallows and house martins use to build their nests. To encourage nesting, consider installing a swift box or brick.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust can offer free personal advice on how to make your spaces wilder to benefit you and nature. For more details, visit hiwwt.org.uk/request-gardening-consultation

Jake Kendall-Ashton, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
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SMALL ADS APRIL

F2 Cockerpoo puppies – due 17th March. Both parents are F1 cockerpoos with lovely personalities. Please contact Sally on 07803 585582 for further details. Will be ready to go to their new homes mid/end May with first jabs, wormed and microchipped.

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £10 per hour. It is also possible to hire it for a morning/afternoon/evening at a cost of £25 per session (Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon inclusive) or £35 per session (Friday evening to Sunday morning inclusive). There may also be additional discounts for regular hirers. The hall can be used for functions, meetings and parties. There are kitchen facilities, including crockery and cutlery. Central heating and sound system. Tables and chairs can be hired, but must not be removed without permission of a member of the committee. To book, contact Jane Hanbury (01256 862861, email: ajhanbury@btinternet.com).

The Royal British Legion Hall, Herriard, available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, and events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables, chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. To reserve, contact Tracy Crawford on 07769 220390 or email bookings.herriardrblhall@gmail.com.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – May 2022

NB: All Church Services are listed under CHURCH NEWS near the front of the magazine

MAY'S DATES

1st May	Sun	Queen's College Choral Evensong, Upton Grey	4.30pm
7th May	Sat	Open Garden, Brick Kiln Cottage, Herriard.	12–4.00pm
8th May	Sun	Jubilee Choir concert, All Saints Odiham	6.00pm
15th May	Sat	Open Garden, Brick Kiln Cottage, Herriard.	12–4.00pm
18th–21st	May	<i>Vicar of Dibley</i> , Alton Assembly Rooms	7.30pm + mat.
22nd May	Sun	Rogation walk, All Saints, Tunworth	9.30am
22nd May	Sun	Rogation walk, St Mary's, Upton Grey	11.00am
22nd May	Sun	Herriard Fete and dog show, Herriard Green	12.00noon
28th May	Sat	Repair Café, Library Room, Odiham	2.00pm

ADVANCE DATES

3rd Jun	Fri	Jubilee weekend Barn Dance, UG Church Meadow	6.30pm
5th Jun	Sun	Big Jubilee Lunch, UG Church Meadow	12.00pm
5th–12th	June	Jubilee Flower Festival, St Mary's, Upton Grey	
11th Jun	Sat	Church Fete, The Old Vicarage, Upton Grey	2.00pm
12th Jun	Sun	Open Gardens, Upton Grey	2.00pm
16th Jun	Thur	UG Annual Golf Day, Sandford Springs Golf Club	
19th Jun	Sun	Open Gardens, Long Sutton and Well	2.00pm
19th Jun	Sun	Platinum Promenade, Upton Grey	4.00pm
23rd Jun	Thur	UG Tennis Mix In	from 6.00pm
25th Jun	Sat	Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy	
25th Jun	Sat	Repair café, Victoria Halls, Hartley Wintney	10.00am
30th Jul	Sat	Repair café, Garden Room, Sh. on Loddon VH	10.00am
25th Jun	Sat	Summer Concert, Bas. Choral Society, Anvil	7.45pm
8th–12th	August	UG Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00am
14th Aug	Sun	<i>The Recruiting Officer</i> , Church Meadow, UG	4.00pm
1st Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Harvest Supper	
3rd Oct	Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club recommences	
29th Oct	Sat	UG Autumn Festival, Bonfire, Fireworks	6.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

2nd & 4th	Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club (Not summer)	7.30pm
Each	Mon/Thur	Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each	Sat	Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each	Mon	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	10.00am
Each	Tues	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00pm

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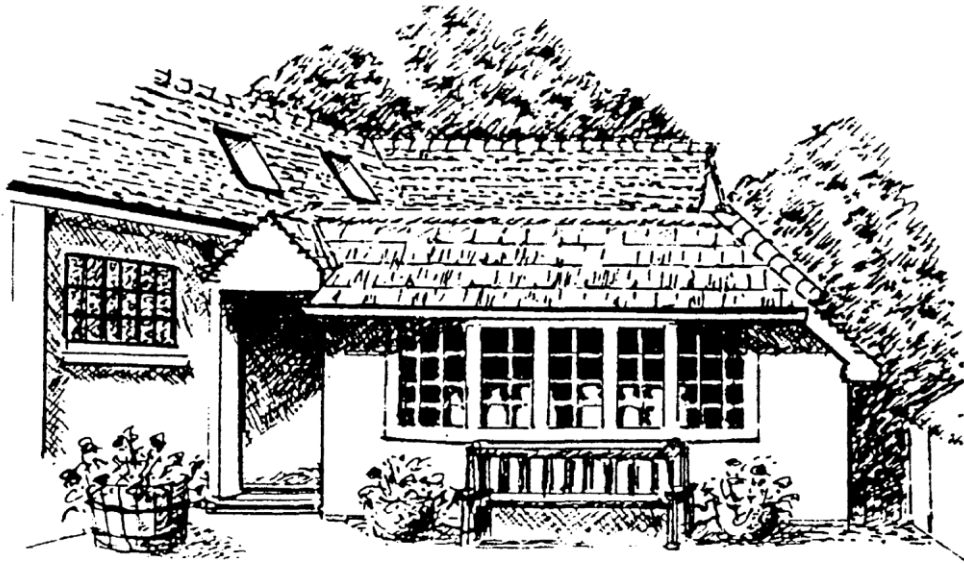
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