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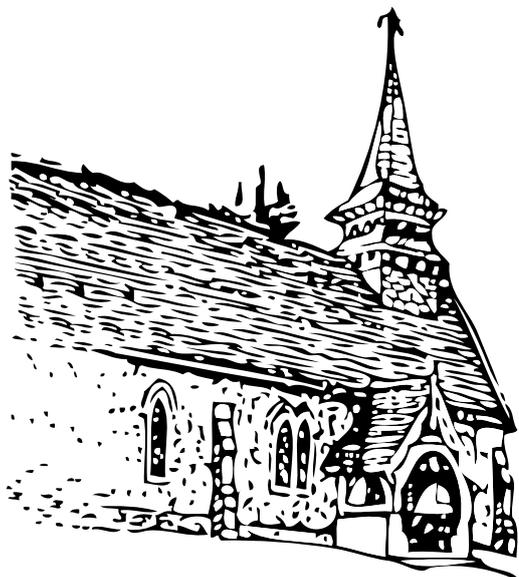
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – December 2017

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

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

I don't know about you but I find it increasingly difficult to find time to write and send Christmas cards. It's particularly time consuming because we usually try to share just a little family news in each card, something that we think might be of interest to the recipient.

With this in mind, last year some suggested we send a round-robin. Well I have to be honest and say that was no easier. It took ages to catch one and reshaping it turned out to be more difficult than I had imagined.

I guess most of us in some form or another take some time at Christmas to renew and deepen connections with family and friends. Either by spending time or by sending a greetings card or the infamous round-robin family update. It's good to do. It is an investment in relationships in an increasingly fragmented society. It reminds family and friends that we have not forgotten them and that we care enough to be in touch. Renewing and nourishing relationships is important.

The notion of renewing relationships is written into the nativity story. We see it in various guises:

The renewal of the relationship between Joseph and Mary after she broke the news of her pregnancy to her fiancé. The renewal of relationship between the young couple and Joseph's wider family in Bethlehem as they take up lodgings in the heart of his family's home. (forget the idea of Jesus being born in a stable – mangers were inside 1st century Palestinian houses). The renewal of relationship between the various visitors to the young family after Jesus was born. Visitors drawn from across social divides that would ordinarily have kept them apart. And finally, the renewal of relationship that Christ would facilitate in his life, death and resurrection. The renewal of perhaps the most important relationship of all – that between mankind and our creator. The one

who the ancient Hebrews knew as Yahweh, or who Christians, like Jesus, call 'Father'.

At the very heart of the Nativity stands an invitation to enjoy a renewed relationship with God. A God who is willing to take the time to communicate himself and his 'family news' to us in a way that we can comprehend and make sense of. A God who wants us to know that he cares and that we are not forgotten.

So, what is your response?

Simon Butler, Vicar & Rector of the Benefice

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you

On the 29th October St Mary's Upton Grey hosted the Benefice Service of Light. It was a fun afternoon where we had around 40 children enjoying craft, games, worship and a short service. My thanks go to all who helped put this together and to Linda, Caroline, Rhona and Monica who prepared and led the service. Do look out in your magazines for details of our service next year.

Simon.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir will meet to practise on Tuesday 5th December at 8pm and then will sing at 9:45am on Sunday 10th December at our Parish Communion service.

Singers for the Upton Grey Carol service

If you would like to join the adult choir for the St Mary's Carol service on 17th December, do let us know. Please either email Sonja in the office on nhdboffice@gmail.com, or call Sarah Barnes on 861164.

Advent and Christmas

Christingle Services - Our two Christingle services this year are both at 4pm at:

St Mary's church Upton Grey on 3rd December

St Mary's church Herriard on 10th December

See the Kids' Zone for details about christingle-making!

Carol Services

Saturday 16th December 5.00pm at Weston Patrick followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

Sunday 17th December 4.00pm at Herriard followed by refreshments in the British Legion club

Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm at Upton Grey followed by refreshments in the church

Christmas Day 11.00am at Tunworth

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Blessing of the Crib at Upton Grey

(See the Children's section for details about our living nativity)

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Weston Patrick.

Christmas Day

9.45am Upton Grey Family Service

10.00am Herriard Family service

11.00am Tunworth Family Carol service.

Please note there will be NO service at Weston Patrick on 17th and 25th December.

As usual on the Sunday after Christmas, Sunday 31st December there will only be one service in the Benefice: 10 am at All Saints Long Sutton. It will be a service of Communion and all are warmly invited.

Thursday Holy Communion Service

The next 10.00am Thursday Holy Communion service in Herriard will be on 18th January as there is no service in December. All are welcome to this informal, friendly and relaxed service, which is followed by refreshments.

Date for your diary

On 28th January 2018, we will have one morning combined service in the Benefice. It will be a service of Communion at All Saints, Odiham at 10.30am and we would like to encourage you all to come along as this will be when we launch the Benefice of the Future project in which we will re-imagine our ministry for the next 5 years. In the evening on the same day, 6.30pm at St Mary's Greywell, there will be an informal Benefice Worship Gathering.

Don't forget we have a website: www.uptongreychurch.co.uk. It 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.



Kids' Zone

Junior choir:

Details of the practice for our Carol service (17th December, 6:30pm) will come out directly to JC members in due course. If choir members were free to come to our Christingle service (Sunday 3rd December at 4:00pm), we would welcome them helping to lead the singing.

Christingles

The Christingle-making will be held just before the services, so that the children can make them together (with the help of parents or carers if needed) and then carry them into church. This is a fun activity for the children before they go into the service and oranges, ribbon etc. are provided

In Upton Grey on 3rd December, Christingle-making will be in the village hall and will run from **3.15pm**.

In Herriard on 10th December, Christingle-making will take place at John and Sara Jervoise's house, Herriard Park, at **3:00pm**.

If you are unable to get to the Christingle-making part, we will have some ready-made oranges in church.

Crib service – St Mary’s Upton Grey, 24th December at 4:00pm

This service is great for all the family. This year we will hold a living nativity and we invite children to come dressed up – they can choose from coming as: an angel, a wise man, a shepherd or an animal!

On Christmas day, we have family services as follows:

St Mary’s Upton Grey at 9.45am

St Mary’s Herriard at 10am

All Saints, Tunworth at 11am - Family Carol Service

All of these services are very family and children-focussed.

December Birthdays

4th	Jago Harman	18th	Lucy Rosen
5th	Alex Harris Clio Symington	18th	Oliver Irvine Alexandra Irvine
6th	Thomas Hardy	21st	Alex Harker Eliza Harker
8th	Bertie Wilson		
14th	Hugo Barnes	23rd	Melina James
15th	Stormie Thrussell	28th	Tilly Curtis
16th	Archie Del Mar	28th	Oliver Livingstone Booth
17th	George Hardy	29th	Holly Janaway

If you would like a child’s birthday posted in the magazine and they are not already on the list, please would you send a name and birthday to Katie Goddard at kate.goddard1@virgin.net together with a copy to uptongreymagazine@gmail.com.



FROM THE VILLAGES

Local Police Report

Dear Residents, I start this month with the increase in burglaries of homes all across north and central Hampshire. In our area, we have had four burglaries: between the 29th October and the 31st October at a house in Church Lane, Preston Candover, between 3rd November and the 4th November at a house on the B3046 at Brown Candover. Between 2:40pm and 2:55pm on the 9th November at a house on the A30 at Ganderdown, Dummer and on the same day between 3:14pm and 3:25pm at a house on The Avenue, Farleigh Wallop; also, that day a similar burglary took place in Sherbourne St John and in two of these crimes, shotguns were stolen. We are aware that two young white men were seen at one of the addresses, both wearing dark clothing with short hair and black shoes, as such I am appealing to anyone who may have been in these areas and seen anything unusual or untoward to please give me a call direct no matter how irrelevant you may feel it is.

I also reiterate the need for residents to make sure their homes are secure, to try to make out as if someone is in by leaving lights and a radio on, a car on the drive if at all possible and do consider an alarm, they really do work.

Other more local incidents occurred overnight on the 4th and 5th November. Two garden ornaments were damaged in a garden of a house in Church Street, Upton Grey and we continue to have damage caused to crops by poachers driving across fields. Slightly further afield at Dummer, an Elddis Avante 524 4 berth caravan was stolen. Whilst we do not have many such thefts they do seem to come in batches and usually from rural caravan sites where sometimes several will go over a period of months. If your caravan is parked up please try to block it in, or take off wheels.

May I also make you aware of an increase in calls from mobile 0753710067. Calls from this number state there is a law suit against the home owner and could the homeowner call them back. If you receive any calls that you are not familiar with do check the number by clicking on to who-called-me.co.uk a really useful website and you can check to see if other people have had similar calls from that number. Other calls

include that the Police are adding your details to a file at a Police Station and by calling a number they can help, and the usual HMRC scams.

I have received the following request from the Police & Crime Commissioners Office asking for views and completing the attached survey regarding policing in our communities. This is being sent to all areas of the two counties.

The purpose of the survey is for the PCC to identify individuals and groups within the community that they can work with directly to champion their needs. They are particularly keen for this to reach as many as they can, so our assistance in disseminating this through our community contacts would be very valuable to them.

The survey is available until the end of December 2017.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CommunitiesSurvey2017>

As Christmas is again upon us may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year, please make sure your homes, outbuildings and vehicles are secure and as always if you need any home security advice please give me a call direct.

Many thanks for your continued support during the year and if you can assist within any crimes, please give me a call. **Andrew REID**
Local Constable **PC 3746**, Rural Beat Officer, Police Office, Preston
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We've lost the Post Office, please save the shop! Apart from its convenience, the Upton Grey shop enhances community life and even house prices. But nowadays takings there are down and we face losing it. Please help support our village community by shopping there as much as you can. Not just when you run out at the last minute. Fresh goods come in on Wednesdays onwards but there is always a new supply of bread, milk, basics and dry goods, wine etc at surprisingly reasonable prices. The variety in the shop is amazing, from birthday cards to Newlyn's sausages to local honey, cheeses, and, of course, a huge stock of practical items like stationery and cleaning products. Why not buy local? It's in your own interests. You know it makes sense. The shop is open 7am-7pm. Don't forget to pre-order your Christmas goods now. There is an excellent selection and pre-order forms are available in the shop now.

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Village Hall 100 Club November Draw

First prize £100 No 138 Mr. M. Mendoza

Second prize No 35 Mr. B. Glasscock

The 100 club is YOUR village hall's main fundraiser.

If you wish to support this valuable facility please contact Caroline James 01256 862480.

Annual subs are £24 or £2 per month. (Annual preferred)

If you wish to join now it would be £8 to take you through to the next annual start up which is in March. Be lucky.

TEA@3

On Thursday 14th December, we are having our Christmas Tea@3 which this year, will be in the Village Hall. We do hope you will all come along and join us to sing a few carols and have a Christmas themed tea! PLEASE let one of us know as soon as possible if you would like to come, as we need to know the numbers for the catering. If anyone needs a lift we are happy to arrange this so just give one of us a call. See you then! Barbara 862627, Viv 862445, Jill 862131

Upton Grey Autumn Festival

Many thanks to all sponsors, helpers and attendees for making this year's Autumn Festival another great success. Special thanks to Fallon, Chris, Anita and all the Hodd team for their great support, Marcel van Poecke for the use of Hoddington Park, the Janaway family (aka Newlyn's Farm Shop), Michael Churches Bell Ringers and, of course, Linda Webb's amazing (Merlin) fireworks.

The afternoon's events attracted the normal large crowds with over 40 children competing in both the Halloween Fancy Dress and the Silent Disco competitions. The marquee was full again in the evening with Steve Donnelly and partner getting the whole marquee rocking with his great music and 2 very young ladies providing the backing in their Halloween outfits.

The prime purpose of the day is to provide a great Autumn event for the families and especially the youngsters of the Upton Grey Benefice. We also like to provide a surplus to go to St. Michael's Hospice who provide a dozen volunteers to man the afternoon stalls. This year we will be donating our profit of £1650 to the Hospice. All our profit is generated by the afternoon's events but the cost of our fireworks display has risen sharply this year – primarily because of the weak pound. Consequently, the fireworks make a loss of about £500, which is supported by our very generous financial sponsors. I am sure costs will further increase next year so I have decided to increase the bonfire & fireworks ticket price next year to £7.50 but with kids still going free. Hopefully this will stem this loss whilst still maintaining a bargain price for such a superb display.

We had at least 36 Guy Fawkes on display around the village and photos of the Guy Fawkes and the afternoon and evening events are posted on our web site, www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk together with detailed results. So be sure not to miss next year's Autumn Festival and put it in your new diaries for Saturday, 27th October 2018.

Roger Clark.

Children in Need Concert 2017 - Pirates Ahoy

Well it has to be said, there were loads of pirates at the concert in aid of Children in Need...big ones, small ones, medium sized ones, noisy ones and tiny little dancing ones who kept swinging around all evening enjoying the fabulous atmosphere. There were great acts from singers and dancers, to boy bands and pirate story tellers (fabulous). The chorus was full of adults and children singing and dancing together in numerous songs that had the audience joining in and even doing silly pirate actions from their seats.

The half time nibbles were scrumptious and washed down by various vintages of sublime wine (?) before the second more adult (ha ha) acts took place with pirate stories of how to be turned to stone, thoughtful yarns about how to get out of the brig free (won by the smartest young lady in the place), antics with a Puffin pretending to be a Parrot, all rolled up with numerous songs about ships n sea n pirates n treasure...and one big Yellow Submarine at the end.

A huge thank you to all the acts for entertaining us, Jan and Rosie's amazing nibbles team, Sarah G for directing us (not easy), Nick for doing the music and programme so well yet again. To all the church folks for letting us completely take-over and pirate the church entirely and finally to all the unsung heroes who helped return the church to normality afterwards in double-quick time...you were all fabulous. I think it goes without saying that we all had a fabulous time...it was maybe the best so far!

On the door, the young bucket ladies managed to shake the audience down for £660.96 in cash, plus one fabulous gift of a £50 cheque. Over the next few days many friends, folks who couldn't be there and family added in another amazing £450.04 making a total to date of £ 1,111.00 ...wow. We are going to gift aid this money, which should add an extra 25% or £277.75 making a total gifted this year to Children in Need of £1388.75.

If we look back over the previous 4 CiN Concerts they raised a total of £ 5,584.35, which with this years £ 1,111.00 is a new total of £6,695.35, which with gift aid comes to a massive £8369.19 that this

village has raised just through Children in Need.... A huge thank you from us all!!!

Bridge Club – Upton Grey

The bridge club is always looking for new members and is a very friendly club, meeting twice a month at the Stables Room, Hoddington Arms at 7.30pm. If anyone is interested then please just turn up, or for further details phone Peter Haynes 862433. The club is free to join and play! A Christmas dinner on Monday 11th December at the Hoddington Arms is also arranged which generally has attendance of 20 and is a good fun evening.

RNLI Concert - Good Old-fashioned Sing-Along 3rd March 2018

Advance warning from Dave and Cas Peace about a new type of concert planned for the 3rd of March 2018.

Cas and Dave are founder members of a shanty group based in the area. They, like many in our area, are members of the RNLI, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and love messing around on the water in all its different guises. To quote Dave, “you never know when a little help will come in handy”. The shanty group sings at various events specifically to raise money for the RNLI to support their sterling work.

The group are putting together a night of sing-along shanties, folks songs and assorted songs of the sea to raise money for the RNLI and have a good old-fashioned sing-along together. They have so far managed to encourage several well-known local singers to come along and join the Shanty group for the concert. It will be a great mixture of different songs & music to enjoy.

The concert will take place on Saturday 3rd March starting at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Seating will be informal and there are plans to have a pay bar as well.

So please put the date in your diaries and there will be further notices about the concert in due course.

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

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News from the Fur and Feathers: Rural Oscar Nomination!

Christmas bookings are coming in fast and prime dates are getting filled! So please book well in advance! Please call 01256 510510 for bookings or further info on www.theherriardinn.co.uk. The Fur and Feathers has also been nominated to for a Rural Oscar, an award run by the Countryside Alliance.

Herriard Harvest Supper

We had another terrific and noisy evening in the Royal British Legion Hall and are delighted to have raised £2,200 for St Mary's Church, Herriard. Many thanks to everyone who came and was involved: the brilliant team of cooks and helpers who gave us a delicious supper, to the Ex Services Club for opening the bar, to everyone who so generously gave auction items and then bid for them, and especially to our tremendous auctioneers Adrian and Peter. Pumpkins and Park Farm sloe gin retained their place as the star lots.

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WESTON PATRICK AND WESTON CORBETT NEWS

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North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

By the time you read this, we will have heard all about the Housing Justice project in Basingstoke to help homeless people by providing a warm meal, companionship and a bed for the night. We will continue to pray for the project and the homeless over the cold winter months. We will also be praying for all those who are the victims of gender-based violence. It is shocking to learn that at least one in three women globally will experience some form of gender-based violence in her lifetime. Even in this country gender-based violence is a widespread problem, although it is very often hidden. Mothers' Union members support the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence which runs from 25th November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10th December (Human Rights Day). To show our support and to raise awareness there will be a vigil outside Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 25th November between 12 and 2pm.

After this we will be looking forward to Christmas, and we will be meeting together for coffee and minced pies on Tuesday 12th December at the Red Lion in Odiham.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be a Wave of Prayer service, when we pray for our linked dioceses across the world. That will take place on Tuesday 17th January at the RAF Church at 7:30pm.

I'd like to wish you all every blessing for the Christmas season.

If you want to find out more about us, please contact our Branch Leader, Sue Murphy on 01252 845011.

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

The North Warnborough & District Garden Club does not meet in December. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year, and we look forward to seeing them again at our meeting on Thursday 25th January 2018. For further information, please telephone 01252 843848.

News from St Mary's School, Bentworth

Our children have a rich diet, both from school and home experiences. We love finding out more about these and celebrating their achievements and sharing their challenges and passions.

The Alton Art Society Schools Competition was a fantastic opportunity to show off some of our students' achievements. The standard of art was amazing, and it was wonderful to see preschool, primary, secondary and adult artists displaying their work together. Our pupils' pieces looked incredible and received many compliments about the creativity and detail. Elizabeth Shepherd in Year 2 won 3rd prize in her age group with her Picasso Face and Bella Pagett won first prize with her Glue Resist Pastel Blending picture of a flower inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe. Well done to all who were entered and were placed - the standard was so high! If you would like to see the artwork there is a display in the school office and the library.

We would also like to congratulate Libby, for her triathlon challenges, and Max, for his golf competition! Well done!

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are in preparation for planning and delivering a whole week of thought-provoking activities. Abi and Claudia attended the annual Anti-Bullying Conference with Mrs Bridges. This is such an important area for our pupils to develop and grow a range of strategies for in school, online and in their wider lives and we look forward to hearing their plans.

We would like to thank all the parents who support the PTA, particularly the amazing Mrs Kempton, Mr McCandlish and Mr Alesbury who are leading the team, as they have in previous years. The PTA is a crucial part of school life and it demonstrates to our children how important it is to be part of their community. In these austere times, it also gives the school a much-needed financial boost.

The P.T.A. are very excited to announce that they will be putting on a Summer Music Festival at our school on 16th June 2018. The festival will have a couple of music stages, retail stalls, children's shows, workshops, food and drink, health and wellness and so much more. Festivals are a staple part of the British summertime and involve so much of the local community, and we are hoping ours will do just that. Plans are in full swing... but we are stuck! We can't do anything without a name. We are holding a competition in which we will be looking for a name for our Summer Music Festival. Details and entry forms will be available from the school office and we ask that over this next week you all get your thinking caps on!! We are looking for something snappy, original, fun and perfect for our Summer Music Festival!

Update on our Library Project! We've started on our library uplift! The PTA has purchased new shelving and seating for the library and it should be in place after half term. Many thanks to Mr. Paterson for picking the furniture up from IKEA!

Calling all sewing buffs! The PTA is making crafts again out of second hand uniform to sell at our own school Christmas Fayre on the 8th of December and also to sell at the local Beech Village Christmas Bazaar on the 26th of November. If you're interested in helping us make up some crafts (very simple sewing – no advanced skills needed), please let Kirsty Barttelot know through the school office and we'll

provide you with materials/ instructions. Help Needed – Christmas Fayre Planning We desperately need volunteers to help organise the Christmas Fayre. If you can help (and we have jobs that are big and small), please let Debbie Kempton or Mrs. Ayres know.

Women's Breakfast.

Organised and hosted by the United Parish, we met in All Saints Church in late November. About 25 of us were treated to a delicious breakfast, with a great choice of cereals and fruit, cooked options including scrambled egg accompanied by smoked salmon, and a great variety of pastries and toast. (We managed to set off the smoke alarm with the toast). Thank you, Monica, for a real treat. The chat level reflected the pleasure of the meal.

We then had a talk from Rev. Lynn Power on her experiences as Chaplain at Treloars College. Starting with the history of the founding by the Lord Mayor of London of a home for “little cripples”, we heard the history of how changing demands and the pressure for a similar place for girls led eventually to the building of the new purpose built school and college we now have in Holybourne. 170 children aged from 2-26 with a wide range of disabilities live there, and are offered education to A level and university for those who are able, but with immense individual support, range of activities and therapies for those with more severe disability. Lynn's talk finished with a video of some of the smiling children talking to us, some of the sports activities for wheelchair users and the declared ambition of one such to be an Paralympian.

It was a happy social gathering with an excellent talk and the most delicious food, altogether a very pleasing occasion. There are plans in process for 3 or 4 such breakfasts a year.

Carol Kirkpatrick

Odiham & Old Basing Health Centres: Patient Participation Group

Polypharmacy

Polypharmacy is not, as Monty Python would have it, a chemist for parrots, but is defined as the use of multiple drugs or more than are medically necessary at any one time.

As we grow older and develop more and more adverse medical conditions our kind doctors and consultants give us more tablets to help overcome our ailments or cope with pain. Taken on their own to treat a specific condition they can work very well but research has shown that 50% of older people are taking a multitude of tablets for lots of different conditions and the problem is that, sometimes, these medicines can work against each other and make us feel worse rather than better.

The moral is – if you are taking five or more different tablets per day and are not feeling particularly well then ask the pharmacist to check that they are all working well together. If, at any time you are prescribed additional tablets and don't feel better after taking them tell your doctor who can often prescribe an alternative.

Odiham & Old Basing Health Centres

You will have read some of the horror stories about surgeries in different parts of the country offering very long waiting times for appointments or, in some places closing altogether. We are very fortunate in this rural area to have surgeries which continue to provide an excellent service despite an increasing patient list as more people come to live here. You may be interested in an updated list of the professionals who work at our Health centres. We have seven permanent GPs:

Dr Assadourian
Dr Andrews
Dr Heywood
Dr Pizzotti

Dr Bates
Dr Williams
Dr Zaki

Following Dr Shand's retirement we also are using locums. We are also joined by registrars and trainees who join us as a part of their training rotations. Dr Weaver undertakes a mainly administrative and training role leading up to his retirement next year.

We have a team of four practice nurses, two health care assistants and a phlebotomist. There are also two midwives who see patients from the surgeries.

There is no article in December and so the PPG takes this opportunity to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

News from Odiham Cottage Hospital

The hospital continues to expand its range of services and now hosts a foot health professional on Wednesdays. Ian Bruce will offer advice on a range of podiatry care and appointments can be made on 07799 877609.

Join our Steady and Strong class, which meets on Friday afternoons: Through a range of exercises, the class aims to improve balance and co-ordination and thereby reduce the risk of falls. Further details are available from Julie Hewson on 07849 248846.

Our befriending service continues to go from strength to strength and new volunteers are always welcome. Thorough training and support ensure that our volunteers offer a professional service to isolated and lonely patients in our community. Please contact Maria Bryant on 01256 393610 if you can spare 2 hours per week and would like to join us. If you need respite from caring for a loved one, come and chat to Lynne who manages Rosefield Day Centre at OCH on 01256 393604.

OCH is now benefiting from Hart Lottery, which supports local good causes. Tickets are only available online and 50% of all ticket revenue comes directly to the hospital. A further 10% goes to other local good causes. Tickets cost £1 per week and you could win £25,000. To start supporting please go to www.hartlottery.co.uk and search for Hospital. Good luck.

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall for hire from £7.00 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, and 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 herriardrbllhall@aol.com

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SMALL ADS

NEARLY NEW Sale of Children's clothes, sports equipment and toys at Greywell Village Hall, 2nd December 2017 from 10.00 am to midday Please come along and bring your friends. 20% of proceeds in aid of RNLI

DEMING CAR SERVICES offer their famous WINTER SAFETY CHECK for only £49.95 until 22nd December - including free membership of the Deming Car Safety Club. Free collection and delivery to and from your village. 01256 359994
www.demingcarservices.com

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CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Bespoke Traditional Christmas Wreaths created with natural materials. Made to order (last orders 10th December). Please call to discuss your requirements, local delivery can be arranged. Contact Debbie White 01256 381459 (Herriard).

CHRISTMAS TREES AT WEST GREEN FRUITS, West Green Road, Hartley Wintney RG27 8LP. Open November 25th – December 22nd, while stocks last, 9.00am to 4.30pm DAILY. Locally grown Trees, Wreaths, Decorations etc. For information please call 01252 845772 or visit www.westgreenfruits.com.

Please don't email any advertising queries to Susie Vereker at her old.fsnet address as this address has now closed. Please contact Susie via the general editors uptongreymagazine@gmail.com

Answers for the Christmas Word Search

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

3 December– Advent Sunday

Holy Communion (1662 sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Communion (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Holy Communion (CW sung)	11:15am	Weston Patrick
Christingle (sung)	4:00pm	Upton Grey

10 December – The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion (sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Holy Communion (CW sung)	11:15am	Weston Patrick
Christingle	4:00pm	Herriard
Evensong (sung)	5:00pm	Tunworth

16 December – Saturday

Carol Service (sung)	5:00pm	Weston Patrick
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17 December – The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (CW sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Carol Service (sung)	4:00pm	Herriard
Carol Service (sung)	6:30pm	Upton Grey

24 December – Christmas Eve

Crib Service (sung)	4:00pm	Upton Grey
Midnight Communion (sung)	11:30pm	Weston Patrick

25 December – Christmas Day

Family Christmas Service (sung)	9:45am	Upton Grey
Family Christmas Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Family Christmas Carol Service (sung)	11:00am	Tunworth

31 December – The 1st Sunday of Christmas

Benefice Holy Communion (sung)	10:00am	Long Sutton
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7 January – The 1st Sunday of Epiphany / Baptism of Christ

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

14 January – The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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

21 January – The 3rd 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

28 January – The 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Benefice Holy Communion Service (sung)	10:30am	Odiham
Benefice Worship Gathering (sung)	6:30pm	Greywell

NB There are only two services throughout the Benefice on Sunday 28th January and all are warmly invited.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – December 2017

This Month

2nd Dec	Sat	Nearly New Sales Kid's Stuff, Greywell Village Hall	10:00am
3rd Dec	Sun	Christingle Service, St Mary's, Upton Grey	4:00pm
4th Dec	Mon	Herriard PC Meeting, RBLH	7:30pm
8th Dec	Fri	Christmas Fayre, St Mary's School, Bentworth	
9th Dec	Sat	Advent Concert - "Ne Timeas, Maria" Alton Abbey	2:00pm
10th Dec	Sun	Christingle Service, St Mary's, Herriard	4:00pm
12th Dec	Tue	Carol Concert, Jenny Agutter All Saints' Odiham	6:30 for 7:00pm
16th Dec	Sat	Carols Service, St Lawrence Church, Weston Patrick	5:00pm
17th Dec	Sun	Herriard Carol Service	4:00pm
17th Dec	Sun	Upton Grey Carol Service	6:30pm
24th Dec	Sun	Christmas Eve - Blessing of the Crib at Upton Grey	4:00pm
24th Dec	Sun	Midnight Communion at Weston Patrick	11:30pm
25th Dec	Mon	Christmas Day Family Service at Upton Grey	9:45am
25th Dec	Mon	Christmas Day Family Service at Herriard	10:00am
25th Dec	Mon	Christmas Day Tunworth Family Carol service	11:00am
31st Dec	Sun	Only Service in Benefice, All Saints, Long Sutton	10:00am

Advance Dates 2018

18th Jan	Thurs	Thursday Holy Communion Service, Herriard	10:00am
28th Jan	Sun	Combined Benefice Service, All Saints, Odiham	10:30am
28th Jan	Sun	Benefice Worship Service, St Mary's, Greywell	6:30pm
3rd Mar	Sat	RNLI Concert, Upton Grey Village Hall	7.30pm
16 th Jun	Sat	Summer Music Festival, St Mary's School, Bentworth	TBD
27th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	TBD

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	7:30pm
1st Thurs	Tunworth Coffee morning, Tunworth Church,	10:30pm
1st Sun	Junior Choir Practice in Upton Grey Church	9:00am
2nd Sun	Sparks Sunday Club, Village Hall, Upton Grey	9:35am
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

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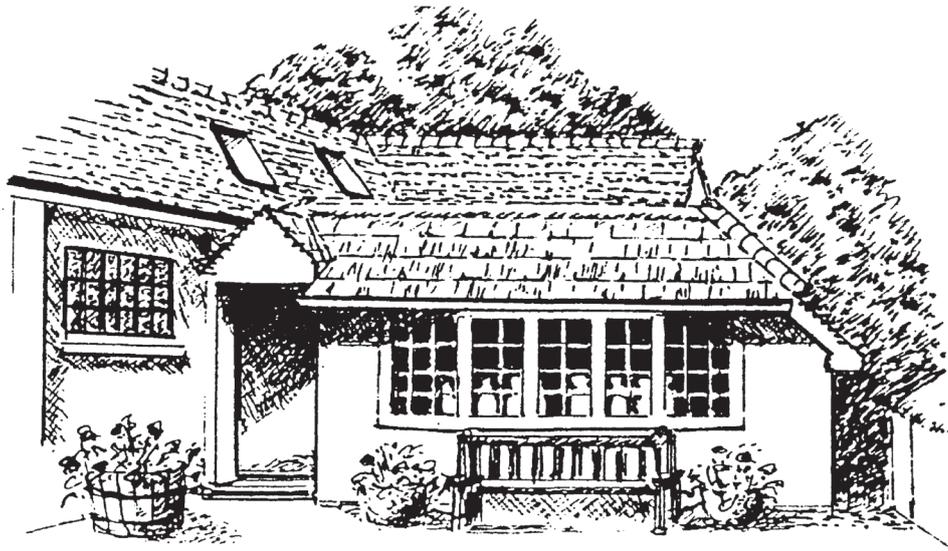
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