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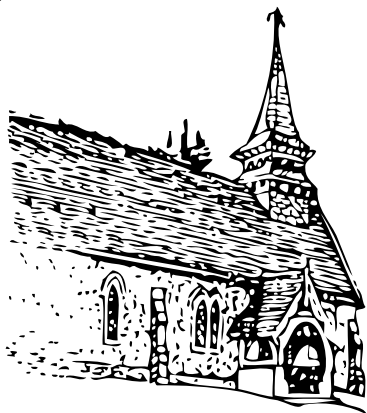
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – June 2024
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

How odd is your Vicar?

An important and satisfying question to ask, I think. The Church of England has a rich history of decidedly odd clergy. Some of whom were odd in a ‘that’s quite quaint’ sort of way and others who were odd in a manner that bordered on criminal or requiring medical intervention. The country Parson is part of the broader tradition of English eccentricity and the desire to disrupt a culture bound by complex rules, or perhaps the desire to find something to do amidst the perpetual drizzle.



Take for example the Rev Robert Hawker. Rev Hawker (1803-1875) had a dual calling to be both a Priest and a mermaid. Never one to neglect his calling(s), however unlikely, he fashioned a wig out of seaweed, wrapped an oilskin around his legs and then, every evening, rowed a boat out into Bude harbour where he sat on a rock and sang.

This unusual behaviour continued for a time until eventually, perhaps out of boredom or due to the increasingly cold weather, Rev Hawker substituted his mermaid song for a stirring rendition of the national anthem, jumped into the water and swam back home.

Having completed his Curacy in Bude, the aquatic clergyman took up the Incumbency of Morwenstow where, devoid of supervision, he could indulge his eccentricity to his heart’s content. Although no longer wearing seaweed wigs, the Vicar was often spotted wearing a bright purple coat, a blue fisherman’s jersey and red trousers. He lived with a collection of ten cats who would follow him into church, until one Sunday one of his feline housemates was publicly ex-communicated for mousing on the Sabbath. If you happen to go to Morwenstow today you can still visit ‘Hawker’s Hut’ – the smallest property owned by the National Trust and built by Rev Robert Hawker, a national treasure.

Or we might look to the Rev Thomas Patten, who also combined two vocations, as a Priest and a smuggler. Vicar of Seasalter near Whistable, Patten was famous for preaching incredibly long sermons which would only end when a member of the congregation offered to buy him drinks in the local pub – at which point he would speak a rushed Blessing, leave the pulpit and head to the bar. Not content with extorting booze from his parishioners, Patten became an informer for a group of local smugglers, who in return for information about the whereabouts of

the local authorities would keep his Vicarage well stocked in fine wine, brandy and contraband tobacco. After 53 years as Vicar of the parish, Patten died, and a memorial to him exists in the church to this day.

Now as I look around the team of clergy and lay readers who support the ministry of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice I am relieved to say that none of us think we are mermaids, preach to cats or are members of local smuggling rackets. We are all, however, from different backgrounds and come with different experiences of life. We are united by a desire to love our remarkable local communities and build up the life of our churches so that increasingly our lives radiate with the love and grace of God.

All of this brings me to an observation, namely this: that God calls the most surprising and varied bunch of people to ministry of all shapes and sizes and that there is no-one that God cannot use in his service. Even the 'rough diamonds' and the outright oddities find a new home in God and a place in which fulfilment in calling can be found. Our two odd clergy noted above were certainly unusual, but, despite their eccentricities and proclivity for illegal importing of goods, they were loved by their parishioners. Probably I suspect because the clergy in question loved them too.

Rev Simon Butler (Benefice Rector)

P.S. – if you do have strong opinions on the original question of 'How odd is your Vicar' it might be best to keep them relatively quiet.

P.P.S. – if you sense God is calling you to ministry then your local Vicar is always happy to chat. Less so if you feel called to be a mermaid.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral: Anthony (Tony) Tilbury at St Mary's Upton Grey on 26th April

Baptisms: Olivia & Leonora Le Flufy at All Saints Tunworth on 19th May

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd June

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

Sunday 9th June

10.00am Herriard – D-Day 80th Commemoration Service

10.00am Upton Grey – D-Day 80th Commemoration Service

10.00am Weston Patrick – Morning Worship

6.00pm Tunworth – Hymns & Pimm's

Thursday 13th June

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 16th June

- 9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

Thursday 20th June

- 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 23rd June

- 10.00am Herriard – Pet Service (Street Croft Farm)
- 10.00am Tunworth – Pet Service
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Pet Service
- 5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

Sunday 30th June

- 9.30am Odiham – Benefice CW Holy Communion
- 11.00am Odiham – Benefice Informal Service

CHURCH NEWS**Coffee & Cake**

All Saints Tunworth, St Mary's Upton Grey and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are continuing with their regular coffee/cake sessions – and, in Upton Grey, a special Afternoon Tea event in the Vicarage Garden! The June events are:

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on Thursday, 6th June.
- Afternoon Tea in **Upton Grey Vicarage Garden** on Wednesday 12th June from 3.00; Coffee & Cake Drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am-1.00pm on Monday 24th June.
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am-12.30pm on Wednesday 26th June.

Tea or coffee, slice of cake, chat. Open to all, very informal, no need to book, just turn up. All ages welcome!

**KidsZone**

Hi everyone!

I wonder, has your mum or dad ever left you somewhere, and as they got in the car called out to you 'Be good!'? We've all been there and, let's face it, we all knew exactly what they meant. They meant 'listen to

what they tell you', 'don't cause trouble', 'be polite'... And, assuming we wanted to make our parents happy, we did these things. We were good.

We are in the middle of learning about the fruit of the spirit, and this month it's all about goodness. So, what is this all about? As Jesus was taken up to heaven, did he lean off the cloud and call out to his disciples 'Be Good!' No, of course not!

This kind of goodness is not really something we can choose to do on our own – remember the fruit of the spirit is the fruit that grows in our hearts the more we get to know God. So, how can we be good?

BE GOOD!



Take a look at this video... It's our favourite Saddleback Kids version of the story of Zacchaeus – you know, the little guy who climbed a tree, to catch a glimpse of Jesus? Can you recognise Jesus being 'good' in this story?

Zacchaeus didn't really have any friends. He wasn't really liked by many people because he didn't do very nice things. He took a lot of money from people when he shouldn't have and this made them unhappy with him.

Even though Jesus was really popular in that town and Zacchaeus really wasn't, Jesus still chose to hang out with him and Jesus made it clear to Zacchaeus that he was his friend! He stopped what he was doing and took time to talk to Zacchaeus. He even wanted to come to his house!

It was because Zacchaeus realised that he was loved by Jesus and saw His goodness that he was able to start loving other people and being kind to them. So he promised Jesus that he would give back all of the money he took from everyone...and even give them extra! He chose to show goodness to others and do the right thing by being very generous!

The same thing happens to us. When we remember all the good things God has done for us, goodness grows in our hearts. When we face a choice of how to behave, we choose to be good. When someone needs us to press pause on our day and help them out, we are ready!



God Bless and see you next time!



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming News

Spring has sprung finally and as I write this, I can see that the Swallows and the House Martins are enjoying the sunshine after making the long journey from South Africa where they spend our winter months. It's always great to see them around and is a sure sign that summer is on the way.

Spring is my favourite time of year, more so this year after the long winter we have had. It is at this time of year that the crops that were planted in the autumn, start to grow again and the spring sown crops are growing away nicely. The fields around the farm have been changing from the colour of soil/mud to different shades of green and it is very satisfying.

Considering the extremely wet winter we've had, the crops have fared well and are responding to the fertiliser that we have been steadily feeding them. This also means that as they grow, we must apply protection for the crops from soil and airborne diseases. We do this in the form of fungicides. This is sprayed on and gives the leaf a layer of protection to prevent these diseases from penetrating the plant. Our aim is to keep the crops as green as possible for as long as possible, which allows the crops to photosynthesize for as long as possible. The longer the crop can photosynthesize, the higher the yield potential will be.

We can see the effect of the fertilisers and sprays on the corners of the field where they haven't been applied. The crops are yellow and stunted where the crops have been malnourished and not protected. Now I know there are movements for a reduction in both fertilisers and sprays within the farming industry, which I am fully for, as it means less expensive inputs for us, but we must be careful not to jump on the band wagon of reducing our inputs to levels which affect our yields. At the end of the day there is a growing population that needs feeding and we certainly won't be able to do that by being organic. To put into perspective, half of the world's food is grown using fertiliser. We saw what food shortages looked like during the Covid pandemic; it is not something we want to see again.

Having said this there are a lot of new technology coming through to help us manage our crops better. For example, both our fertiliser spreader and sprayer are driven using GPS. So, the machine knows exactly where it is in the field and turns itself on and off when required

to minimise overlaps. We also use satellite imagery that will zone fields into areas of better or poorer zones. We will then load this onto the tractor's computer, and we can apply fertiliser only where required on our fields. We also grow modern varieties of crops that are resistant to some diseases meaning we spray less.

I will compare a variety of wheat to a breed of dog, bear with me on this one. A dog is the species, but the breeds vary quite a lot within the species. A Chihuahua is a very different dog to a Great Dane. Much the same as a variety of wheat that can provide different 'properties' to one another. So, we grow varieties that will best suit us, ones that can fend off diseases but provide quality for milling into flour for bread. This is down to the plant breeders to keep evolving and providing varieties of crops that are less reliant on crop protection whilst still providing us with enough yield to feed our population. There is a happy medium in my opinion where we can take the best 'tools' from our industry to grow food as efficiently as possible.

One trial I have on the go this year is in one of our fields. I have planted four different varieties together. They are all varieties that will be of milling quality but they all have different levels of resistance against disease. The aim is that being grown together the more resistant varieties will help the ones that aren't. We won't know until it has been harvested to see if this has worked and fingers crossed it makes milling quality.

I have just finished watching the latest series of 'Clarkson's Farm'. It has been a brilliant watch and would highly recommend it. Like him or not, he shows off very well the ups and downs of farming with a twist of entertainment sprinkled on top. The great thing is that he can afford to show off the struggle without it financially hurting him unlike other farmers.

On the farm we will be in harvest preparations soon. The combine is being serviced and checked over by John Deere this week and that has made me think we need to get cracking with our other machines. Unfortunately, this also means the pesky job of cleaning grain stores is looming!

Will Cheyney

Three Peaks Challenge to support Long Sutton School

A group of nine local mums of students and ex-students of Long Sutton Primary school are planning to do the National Three Peaks challenge on the 22nd June to help raise funds for our lovely village school. At current times it is hard for small village schools to get more government funds to meet all the extra activities the school would like to offer, so raising private funds is key for the school.

The National Three Peaks Challenge involves climbing the three highest peaks of Scotland (Ben Nevis), England (Scafell Pike) and Wales (Snowdon) and we aim to complete the challenge within 24 hours covering a total walking distance of 23 miles (37km) and a total ascent of 3064 metres (10,052ft). It is a gruelling challenge and we have already walked a lot of miles during our training sessions (if you are an early bird, you might see us walking the countryside early on Sunday mornings rain or shine!) to get our legs ready for the Three Peaks. We are covering all the cost ourselves so that all the donations can go to the school.

Please take a moment to sponsor us via our just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/rebecca-clark-1710869993803> in aid of our lovely little village school. Thanks for all your help!

Bea Sudlow, Nikki Fletcher, Sophie Easterbrook, Tara Morris, Jess Fairhead, Rossella Sharman, Mary Harman, Ania Godbold and Becks Clark

UPTON GREY NEWS
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New Magazine Distribution Coordinator

Sue Naegeli of Upton Grey has very kindly agreed to take charge of distribution for the Parish magazine. Her phone no. is 01256 862420 or contact via uptongreymagazine@gmail.com. By the way, if any of the sub-distributors have too many or too few mags, let her know. If you just have one or two over, you could put them in the Upton Grey Shop.

Calling all Dog Owners, Dog Walkers, Holiday Dog Walkers
- DOG POO

Poo bags - disposal

Please use the black waste bins located at The Shop, near the village pond, at the cemetery and there are two in the playground near the tennis court. There is also your own bin at home of course!

Please be respectful and do not use other householders' bins. Please do not decorate trees with poo bags. I am not sure how or even when culprits think these will be cleared away.

Part of my role is to keep the parish roads, footpaths, and public areas clear of rubbish and as poo bags do not come into the rubbish category, I will not pick these up. They are your responsibility.

Clearing up after your dog

This is your responsibility. Please keep our parish poo-free thus making it a pleasant place for everyone to walk about without fear of soiling their footwear. Now that the weather is getting much warmer, it's even more important that dog poo and poo bags do not become a health hazard.

Thank you for your help.

Gordon Hunt, Upton Grey Parish Lengthsman

May Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club winners

1st Prize (£100), Darke

2nd Prize (£40), S. Livingstone Booth

It's not too late to join in with a monthly chance of winning either £100 or £40, contact Sam at UGVH100@gmail.com to find out how.

D-Day Commemoration service, Sunday 9th June at 10.00am

We will be having a service in Upton Grey to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. This will take place in St Mary's Church, Upton Grey at 10.00am on Sunday 9th June. All ages are welcome to come and give thanks for the bravery and self-sacrifice given for our freedom that day.

Sarah Barnes, Churchwarden

Coffee & Cake drop in

Wednesday 12th June
3.00pm Afternoon Tea
in the Vicarage Garden

Monday 24th June
11.00-1.00 at the Village Hall

All welcome



St Mary's Upton Grey
www.moretolife.church

Upton Grey Golf Day, Thursday 13th June

Calling all golfers! The annual Upton Grey Golf Day is being held this year on Thursday 13th June at Sandford Springs Golf Club, Kingsclere.

The format of the day is as follows:

- 10.30am arrival for bacon rolls + tea/coffee.
- 11.30am 18 holes golf on Lakes/Parks courses - team and individual competitions.
- 4.30pm 1-course dinner, drinks and prize giving.

All for just £45.00 per person!

Golfers of all abilities are welcome to what is always a fun day out. For further details, and to register your interest, please contact David Cook: mob 07903 169536, email David.cook1961@btinternet.com.

Upton Grey Pet Service at 10.00am on 23rd June

Tessa Morrish and Paul Birkbeck will be leading the Upton Grey Pet Service at 10.00am on 23rd June.

As is traditional, the service will be held in the churchyard, weather permitting. It will be short, but with a couple of very well-known hymns

accompanied by an organist on a keyboard, and there will be coffee and biscuits afterwards - for adults and children only! Water will be available for dogs, etc.

All pets - of whatever variety and however great or small - are welcome, and each will receive an individual blessing. Children are also very welcome, as are owners of both pets and children.

So do please come and join us and bring your pet for a blessing.

Upton Grey Tennis Club – Mixer, UG Court, 27th June 6.45pm

For members of the club, we are having a Mixer in the week between Queens and Wimbledon. It will be on Thursday 27th June. Just turn up at the village tennis court, from 6.45pm onwards. All abilities welcome, Age 18 & over. It's a great way to meet, play and socialise with other members of the club. Come and enjoy!

Charles Holroyd

Junior Tennis Coaching Week: Monday 5th – Thursday 8th August

Sessions start from 9.00am and are 45 minutes long. The coach will be Andrew Ridgers, who has been leading the tennis coaching for many years. He is very experienced and highly regarded. He makes the sessions fun for all. He also coaches at Odiham tennis club.

The youngest children have the first session, which is 45 minutes and then there are several more groups, largely grouped together by age. The age range is roughly 3.5 up to 16/17 year olds.

The cost is £16 per child, whether your child is able to attend all the days or not. We are able to keep this low due to the continued and much appreciated support from the Upton Grey Educational Trust.

In the event of bad weather, the sessions will be cancelled. Please email Susannah Livingston Booth on: slivingstonbooth@gmail.com with your child/children's name(s), age(s), and your contact details

Payment should be made by the 1st August 2024 by Bank Transfer to Upton Grey Village Tennis Court. Bank Details are Sort Code 30-93-32, Account No: 02410908 or alternatively you can pay by cash to Susannah Livingston Booth at Redwing House, Cemetery Lane, Upton Grey, RG25 2RD.



Church Fete
2.00pm Saturday
8th June
The Old Vicarage
Church Street
Upton Grey

Tombola / Raffle
White Elephant / Garden plants / Books
Cakes / Cream teas / Ice creams
Pimms / Toys
Brass band / Punch & Judy
Children's Games / Classic Cars
Admittance £2 / Under 14 free

Parking on Church Meadow Church Street

Upton Grey Church Fete – Saturday 8th June, 2.00–5.00pm
The Old Vicarage, Church Street, Upton Grey RG25 2RB

Our lovely village fete is now next week! Please invite your friends and families to this fabulous, traditional afternoon of fun and chat in a beautiful garden in the heart of rural Hampshire. Enjoy a delicious homemade cream tea and/or a glass of Pimms whilst the Cove Brass Band entertain. Well-stocked stalls from White Elephant to Plants, to Bird Boxes to Books. Punch & Judy and children's games. We look forward to seeing you!

Entry £2/Under 14s free. Parking across the road in Church Meadow. Please note, this is a CASH event!

Contributions to the Toys and White Elephant stalls very welcome. Please deliver to the appropriate stall in the Old Vicarage gardens during the Saturday morning or contact:

Toys: Mary Harman

White Elephant: Frances Yeowart (01256 861218)

Cake Stall and Teas

If anyone would like to make a cake/scone for the Cake Stall or the Teas, please contact:

Teas: Denise Turnbull, Compton House, bobbyden2@btinternet.com

Cakes: Sarah Barnes, Pond House, pg.barnes@btinternet.com

They would be delighted to hear from you! THANK YOU!

Books for the Book Stall

Please could you very kindly bring donated books to the second-hand bookstall on the day, as we have nowhere to store them in advance. Modern novels and children's books welcome. Out-of-date non-fiction books (e.g. reference, history, how-to) are harder to sell. Volunteers have been obliged to dump loads in the past – quite hard work!

Susie Vereker 862365

Garden Stall

The garden stall takes year-round effort and, as with all other stalls, relies on donations. If you are having a clear-out/spring clean of the shed and have any unwanted garden tools, garden furniture an old wheelbarrow, hanging baskets, terracotta/ceramic garden pots then please don't throw them away. If you have leftover flower or vegetable 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 or deliver to the stall on the day – Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane, Tel: 862705.
Debbie Bridle (debbie@debbie-bridle.com)

White Elephant Stall

If you have any GOOD QUALITY unwanted items, then please do bring them along to the White Elephant stall at the fete where we will be delighted to sell them. We are very grateful for donations, but please, nothing broken or chipped as it is just does not sell and then has to be disposed of.

Delivery on the day from 10.00am – or by special arrangement if this difficult. 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. Frances Yeowart 861218 or mobile: 07774 163217.
 Thank you! **Frances, Julia and Rosie**

Tombola

The tombola is one of the main features of the fete and is always very popular, a great fundraiser and known as the best tombola in Hampshire! We are always very grateful to the villagers for providing such a great collection of exciting prizes, so thank you in advance.

Rose Sunday, Upton Grey Cemetery, 21st July 10.00am

The Rose Sunday service will be held on 21st July in the Cemetery in Upton Grey starting at 10.00am. This service is held to remember those who are buried here and to thank God for their lives. A rose will be laid on every grave as a symbol of loving remembrance even though not all the graves are marked with a name. These are the people who in times past lived and worked in our village and who loved its beauty as we do. All are welcome to this service which is short. Please feel free to bring roses from your garden if you wish but there will be plenty of roses provided. Any queries please ring me on **862131 Jill Lestrille**.

PS. Please note that there are many rabbit holes in the cemetery and care is needed when walking around.

The Importance of Being Earnest – 3.00pm Sunday 11th August

A date for your diary: the Rain or Shine Theatre Company will again be performing in Upton Grey's Church Meadow on Sunday 11th August. As a break from Shakespeare, they will be performing the ever-popular *The Importance of Being Earnest* – hilarity guaranteed!

The gates open at 3.00pm for you to set up your picnic, and the performance starts at 4.00pm.

Tickets are £15.00 each and available from the Rain or Shine website: https://www.rainorshine.co.uk/summer_tourdates.html

Alternatively, you can phone the box office on 0330 660 0541 (10.30am–7.00pm). We look forward to seeing you there!

Alison Barker, for the Upton Grey Drama Group

The Autumn Festival Expands

With this year's demise of the Flower Show we are expanding the Autumn Festival to include a marquee with a beer Festival and an evening dinner/disco dance.

The marquee will be in the back garden of the Hodd, and the beer festival will commence in the marquee on the Friday and through to the Saturday evening after the bonfire and fireworks. Mark, the very popular DJ who previously entertained us at the flower show dinner/dance, will be with us again and BBQ style food will be available. All the seating in the Hodd will be available for the event and no reservations will be taken for the marquee or Hodd.

It's going to be a great event with our normal Guy Fawkes and Jack O'Lanterns round the village, the beer festival, procession, bonfire, fireworks and then a fantastic evening back at the Hodd.

Why not invite your friends and relatives down for the weekend for this fun event? It's not bookable but put the date in your diaries now – **Saturday 26th October** for the main event.

Roger Clark

Upton Grey Village Shop & Cafe

Upton Grey shop has recently been re-vamped and now includes a lovely area where you can join friends and have a coffee and/or a snack.

The shop also has a good selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, groceries, fresh bread, Cook ready meals, cheese, cold meats, cookery and household items, wine, beer, newspapers and magazines and many other things. If you have not been in the shop before, please give it a try.

There are many villagers who do not use the shop at all and many who only use it to buy one item a week! Obviously, this cannot continue if the shop is to survive. It is very important to me and others who use the shop that this facility is maintained. Please try and make a visit and use the shop as regularly as you can. It would be a huge loss to the village and the community as a whole if the shop were to close.

Margaret Haynes

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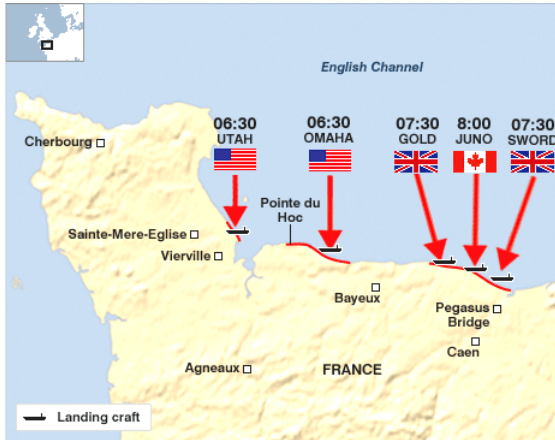
HERRIARD GREEN & PAVILION

PROCEEDS TO ST MARY'S CHURCH HERRIARD WITH WINSLADE

Sunday 9th June 2024 – 10.00am

St Mary's Church Herriard with Winslade

80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings and the battle of Normandy



A service to reflect back on that morning of Tuesday 6th June 1944 when Allied forces began landing on the northern coast, a major turning point in the Second World War. Winston Churchill: "so long as the British and American nations endure, the feats of these ordinary men who, in the face of unbelievable danger, performed extraordinary actions of heroism to liberate Europe, will live for ever in the hearts and memories of a grateful people"

Please join us for this special service to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

After the service refreshments will be served.

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Pet Service



Sunday 23rd June

10.00am

at

Street Croft Farm, Herriard

RG25 2PQ

Please do come and join us for this much loved service and please do bring your well behaved and non dangerous pets for a blessing from Lay Minister Suzanne!

Limited parking at the farm - if you are able to please park at the Church and walk across along the footpath

TUNWORTH NEWS

Prayer Hour: 1st June, 9.00am

On the first Saturday of the month, we have a Prayer Hour. We meet and pray in the church for everyone in the parish. If you would like to join us or would like us to pray for a particular matter, then please contact Mark.

Coffee & Cake: Thursday 6th June, 10.30am

On the first Thursday of the month, we meet for Coffee and Cake in the church porch. Please do join us if you are at home and fancy taking a break from online work.

Pet Service: Sunday 23rd June, 9.00am

The Tunworth Pet Service is at All Saints Church on Sunday 23rd June at 9.00am. All pets, with their accompanying adults and children, will be most welcome.

Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group, Friday 28th June

The Lunch Group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30 at the Herriard Hub, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity.

Tunworth Home Group

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly at 7.00pm on Wednesdays at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

Hymns and Pimms (with some canapés)
at All Saints' Church, Tunworth
at 6.00pm on Sunday 9 June 2024



Please send your hymn requests and a few words as to why the hymn is important to you to Gabrielle 01256 356945
gabrielle02@btinternet.com by 5 June 2024

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Weston PCC held an extremely successful and fun-filled Quiz Night where once again the Vicars Team took the cup! Well done Linda and Team. Much needed money was raised to support our beautiful church, St Lawrence.

Our next event run by the Friends of St. Lawrence and the PCC will be on Saturday 29th June when the Village Barbecue will take place at The Old Rectory. Please see the poster below for further details.

Weston Coffee Mornings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, so our next one will be on Wednesday 26th June, from 11.00 am. All are welcome to join us for coffee, cake, and chat.

Our next services will be Morning Worship on Sunday 9th June at 10.00 then on Sunday 23rd June for Evensong with the wonderful choir.

Coffee Mornings

Weston Patrick Village Hall

Wednesday

26th June

11.00-12.30

Then on the fourth Wednesday of
each month

Join us for Coffee & Cake

All ages welcome!



St Lawrence
Weston Patrick
www.moretolife.church



WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT SUMMER BBQ

**IN AID OF THE FRIENDS AND THE PCC OF
ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, WESTON PATRICK**

You are invited to
The Old Rectory garden, Weston Patrick,
on Saturday, 29th June, 2024 from 5.30pm

Family and friends are very welcome, the more the merrier!

Tickets: £20 adults
£10 under 12s
£5 under 5s

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

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**PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE
A.S.A.P. TO ASSIST CATERING**

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS



**North Hampshire Downs
Mothers' Union**

As I write this, I am preparing to attend the Provincial Conference for Mothers' Union in Canterbury Province. We will have time to worship together, and to hear about all the fantastic work undertaken by Mothers' Union around the country.

One of our local projects is the Child Contact Centre in Popley in Basingstoke which runs on two Saturday afternoons each month. This centre allows estranged parents to meet their children in a safe and welcoming environment, and to build loving relationships with them. A relationship with both parents is very important to the long-term mental health and well-being of these children. If you can spare the occasional afternoon to help these families, then please contact me.

The Mothers' Union in this diocese will be holding their Festival Service in St Lawrence's Church, Winchester on Tuesday 20th June at 11am, and everyone is welcome to join us. 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 845011.

New Councillor for the Ward of Basing & Upton Grey

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank you for your support in voting for me in the Election on Thursday 2nd May 2024. It was an amazing result, 1,564 votes from all over the Ward of Basing and Upton Grey. I would also like to thank everyone for the tremendous help over the last few months, which was absolutely appreciated and made a difference to the result. I consider it a huge honour to represent this amazing Ward and shall fight hard for all our community at all times. Please don't hesitate to phone on 07561 060596.



Sheena Grassi, Borough Councillor for Basing & Upton Grey

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

We look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on June 27th at 2.30pm in the North Warnborough Village Hall. We are looking forward to Gillian Taylor joining us to talk about one of her favourite topics 'Roses.' The perfect subject for a June meeting.

We are a friendly club and are always looking forward to welcoming new members. We have a super plant stall each month, and there is the opportunity to share your own successes and failures with the other enthusiastic members before and after the talk.

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



Out and about making the most of the sunshine!

Our outdoors groups have, for the most part, been lucky with the weather. They seem to have a happy knack of dodging the rain!

After spending the winter playing Short Mat Bowls in the Odiham & North Warnborough clubhouse, our **Bowls** group has now moved outside to play the full version on the green. They play every Monday afternoon and are always happy to include new members. Equipment and gentle coaching are provided – plus refreshments of course!



Croquet too has also returned for the summer season and our members play at the Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club who has been kind enough to mark out three pitches along their boundary line. The lovely views, in addition to refreshments in the clubhouse, are much appreciated by our members. We have two groups who play weekly on a Tuesday morning and a Wednesday afternoon.

Exploring Towns and Villages have been doing just that! Recent visits have included fascinating guided tours of Reading and Gosport with walks around Wickham and Titchfield lined up. Meanwhile **Walking for Pleasure** had an unexpected bonus when they stumbled across an abstract sculpture which turned out to be outside of the workshop of Adam Roud. Adam is a local artist and probably best known for his sculpture of Jane Austen outside the Willis Museum in Basingstoke.



However, surely the prize for the best fun session outdoors goes to our **Wings & Wheels** group, who got to play on a huge lorry! This was a ‘prop’ brought along by a member who was giving a talk on his family’s haulage company. This lorry was not the most expensive in the fleet, the one with a price tag of £300,000 was left safely at home!

If you would like to know more, please visit our website. **www.odihamu3a.org.uk**



The Friends of St. Michael’s Hospice - Drinks & Canapés 9th June

Please join The Friends of St. Michael’s Hospice for drinks and canapés in beautiful Spring Pond Garden created by Carolyn Sheffield on Sunday, 9th June 2024 from 11.00am to 2.00pm (by kind permission of Julian and Carolyn Sheffield). Tickets are £30 per person.

Please pay by cheque, or, if paying by bank transfer the account no. is: 01188861 sort code: 30-93-32 please use “Spring/your surname” as reference. Tickets are also available from the Hospice events website www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk. Please email janel Lyons@talktalk.net if you would like to attend. Tickets will not be sent out as your name will be on the gate.

Directions to Spring Pond Garden, Laverstoke, RG28 7PD: Turn left off the B3400 down Laverstoke Lane, opposite Bombay Sapphire Distillery, signposted Micheldever Station. After approximately 1 mile, parking will be signed on the left BEFORE you get to the main driveway of the house. For more information about the Garden see the website www.springpondgarden.com

The Jubilee Choir - Summer Concert ‘I Was Glad’ 30th June 6.30pm

Music by Stanford, Parry, Vaughan Williams, Howells, Coleridge-Taylor, and Dyson at All Saints Church, Odiham.

Tickets are £15 and available from www.jubileechoir.com, or Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 07837 571708

Basingstoke Choral Society Concert, All Saints' Church, Odiham, Saturday 6th July, 7.00pm

The choir will return to Odiham for their summer concert with choruses from the popular *Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins, *A Mass for Peace* written to commemorate all victims of war reflecting in this the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Combined with pieces from Eric Whitacre, Ola Gjeilo and Morton Lauridson, the programme brings something for everyone during the summer months. Details of how to purchase tickets will be advertised next month or can be found by visiting www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk.

Cross Barn Odiham – Film / NT Live / Live Music

June 21 NT Live: *Nye*

(Biography, Comedy: Michael Sheen, Sharon Small, Tony Jayawardena)

A surreal and spectacular journey through the life and legacy of the man who transformed Britain's welfare state and created the NHS.

"A mighty, moving piece of theatre" *Financial Times*

June 28 Live Event: *The Great American Songbook*

Classic songs and music from the likes of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Hoagy Carmichael and George Gershwin. Songs and music from the Martin Litton Quartet. Vocalist, piano, saxophone, woodwind, drums and double bass.

July 19 Film: *Wicked Little Letters*

(Comedy, crime. Olivia Coleman, Jessie Buckley, Anjana Vasan, Timothy Spall)

"A deliciously sweary poison-pen mystery, the true tale of a foul-mouthed scribbler in 1920's Sussex is given a nuance by a stellar cast." *The Guardian*

July 26 Film: *Zone Of Interest*

(Drama, history. Sandra Huller, Christian Friedel, Max Beck) Won the Oscar for Best International Feature Film.

"A landmark movie, hugely important, that's unafraid to deal with difficult ideas." *The Times*.

Tickets: Film £7, NT Live £15, Great American Songbook £19

Doors open: 19.00

Start times: NT Live and live band 19.30. Films 19.45

Refreshments: Coffee/tea, wine, ice cream

Tickets: Purchase online at <http://www.thecrossbarn.org.uk>



National Gardens Scheme – Hampshire

Asian Hornets: I wrote an article on these pests a few years ago. The problem is not going away. As gardeners we should be very aware of this invasive species and the harm they can do to our wildlife, and what we should do if we come across one. Asian Hornets are destructive to Honey Bees with one being able to destroy 60 of our native bees a day. The number of confirmed nests has increased significantly over the last few years, especial in Kent and the Southern Counties. To read the full report on this simply go the NGS website - ngs.org.uk - then click on Lifestyle and page down to the article on Asian Hornets. The more people who are aware of this problem the better chance we have of at least decreasing the numbers. Doing nothing should not be an option. To this end, please pass this information on to all your and family and friends.

If you missed visiting the Mill House in Sherborne St John last year (a mere 20 minute drive) you really should try to include it this year in your garden visits. This garden boasts a fully working restored/rebuilt watermill which provides the electricity for the house, besides being a very tranquil place to relax.

Mill House, Vyne Road, Sherborne St John, RG24 9HU

Opening: Thursday 27th & Sunday 30th June 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Admission: £5.00, children free, Cashless payments available.

Refreshments: Home-made teas.

Set in a private valley, these three acres of domestic fruit, vegetables, wildflowers, and casual planting are arranged around a power generating watermill. Sustainability and low maintenance lie at its heart, to fit with modern life. Open views, set with mature trees and livestock, give a tranquil sense of space, with moving and static water framed in an undulating landscape.

Povey's Cottage, Stoney Heath, Headley, GU35 8LR

Opening: Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th June 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Admission: £5.00, children free, Cashless payments available.

Refreshments: Home-made teas.

Herbaceous borders, trees and shrubs, a small orchard area, greenhouses, fruit cage, vegetable garden and a small wildflower meadow area. Beehives in one corner of the garden and chickens in another corner. A feature of the garden is an unusual natural swimming pond.

Best Wishes to you all,

Pat Beagley, Head of Publicity, NGS - Hampshire

SMALL ADS - JUNE

The Petfood Kingdom Odiham (Fountains Mall, behind Katherine Jane) and Hartley Wintney (High Street). Whether you have a dog, cat, fish, small animal, or just feed the wild birds, we have you covered! We are a stockist of a wide range of pet food, treats, toys, grooming products & accessories. Odiham 01252 983981 Hartley Wintney 01252 843972

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £12 per hour. Tables and chairs are also available to hire. There are kitchen facilities, including china, cutlery & glasses, central heating, sound system, stage and disabled access. If you don't know the hall, we would be happy to show you round. To book, or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Hanbury 01256 862681 email: ajhanbury@btinternet.com.

The Herriard Village Hub, 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, please see booking form found at www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk or email bookings@herriardvillagehub.co.uk.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – JUNE 2024

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

JUNE DATES

2nd Jun	Sun	Summer Fete and Dog Show, Herriard Green	12.00–3.00pm
8th Jun	Sat	St Mary's Upton Grey Village Fete	2.00–5.00pm
9th Jun	Sun	D-Day 80th Commemoration Service, Herriard	10.00am
9th Jun	Sun	D-Day 80th Commemoration Service, Upton Grey	10.00am
9th Jun	Sun	Hymns and Pimm's, All Saints Tunworth	6.00pm
13th Jun	Thu	Upton Grey Golf Day, Sandford Springs, Kingsclere	10.00am
23rd Jun	Sun	Pet Service, All Saints Tunworth	9.00am
23rd Jun	Sun	Pet Service, Street Croft Farm Herriard	10.00am
23rd Jun	Sun	Pet Service, St Mary's Upton Grey	10.00am
27th Jun	Thu	Upton Grey Tennis Club Mixer, UG Tennis Court	6.45pm
29th Jun	Sat	Weston Patrick Village BBQ, Old Rectory WP	5.30pm
30th Jun	Sun	Jubilee Choir, All Saints Church, Odiham	6.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

6th Jul	Sat	Armed Man concert, All Saints' Church, Odiham	7.00pm
21st Jul	Sun	Rose Sunday, Upton Grey Cemetery	10.00am
5th–8th Aug		UG Summer Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00–12.45
11th Aug	Sun	<i>Importance of Being Earnest</i> , Church Meadow, UG	3.00pm
26th Oct	Sat	Autumn Festival	6.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Each Mon/Thu	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
Each Thu	Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, Hub, Herriard	10.00am
Every 1st Thurs	Coffee & Cake, Tunworth church porch	10.30am
Every 1st Saturday	Prayer Hour, All Saints Tunworth	9.00am
2nd & 4th Monday	Coffee Morning, Upton Grey Village Hall	11.00am
Every 4th Wed	Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	11.00am

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