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

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

What a difference a day makes, or more precisely in my case, what a difference 5 months makes! I could have no clue, as we waved Michael off on his adventure among the penguins, the adventures I would be part of, right here at home in our brand new ‘Benefice of the Future’, while he was away.

Just a few weeks previously, I had listened to Simon confidently quote Esther 4:14 and proclaim that God had been preparing North Hampshire for ‘just such a time as this’; I had stood in trepidation under the gaze of the expectant faithful as I was introduced as the new Youth Pastor, who would be conjuring up a growing and vibrant community of young people within our benefice; I had gone home, slightly overawed, wondering what on earth I’d let myself in for...

Fast forward nearly half a year, and you’ll find me dodging skulking teenagers as I tip-toe round Robert May’s, hiding 350 chocolate eggs among lockers, behind stairs and above doors. Just before the bell rings, we sprint back to a music room next door to the tennis courts, where we welcome over 50 young people to TheSpace: somewhere they can come to feel safe, loved, unjudged and make slime (but more about that in a future piece...) How did I find myself in this position? What price had I paid to be welcomed so openly into this school, as well as all the others within our communities...?

Now, those of you who know me at all, will confirm energetically that my fingers are anything but green. I have a stack of colourful plant pots in my kitchen cupboard which testify to the demise of many a generously-given pot plant, donated in my previous life by an enthusiastic child or grateful parent, which didn’t quite make it through the summer holidays. So, it is with awe and not a small amount of envy that I look onto the immaculate gardens and bountiful fields which surround our homes. It gives me a real spring in my step, when I start noticing the green shoots of bulbs lovingly planted months before in the cold ground by gardeners preparing with

confidence for this time of new life. As I walk between the RAF base and Odiham, I enjoy the changes in seasons demonstrated by how the farmer carefully and diligently prepares the land in various ways to allow for the successful harvest of which he is confident. And as I trudge along the hardened path in that very field, made by the passage of thousands of tiny feet on their way to school, I am reminded of a story Jesus told, which we all know very well, of another farmer who sowed his seed in a field he'd diligently prepared. Now, in this story, much is made of the seed which landed on the path, in the thorns or was gobbled up by the birds, but can I draw your attention to the wheat which thrived? Those seeds which the farmer confidently threw onto the ground he'd lovingly prepared in the months and years that went before? The shoots which pushed up through the soil that was full of nutrients and had been broken up by the plough? The ears of wheat which stood tall and true in the sunshine and indeed went on to produce seeds of their own, which could in turn be sown in years to come?

You see, on this occasion I believe Simon might even have got it right (don't tell him I said so, whatever you do!). Over the past few months, time and again I have seen doors opened, ears reached and hearts engaged in a way no-one could have predicted possible. No-one except possibly the farmer who has been lovingly tending our communities, softening our hearts, putting people where he knows they will be effective in the months and years which have gone before, confidently preparing for 'such a time as this'.

Over the last few months so many people have come and shared how much they want to engage with the children and young people in their communities, how desperate they are to show them they are loved, appreciated and welcomed, so scared, not knowing what to do or where to start. This is my encouragement to each of you, as we witness the miracle of new life bursting from the ground all around us. Be confident, for this ground - our communities, our children and families, our places of work - has already been lovingly tended and prepared for 'just such a time as this'.

Helen Chatfield, Benefice Youth Pastor

From the Registers

Interment

Rocky Petre at All Saints Tunworth on 20th March

Vernon Appelboam at St Mary's Upton Grey on 14th April

CHURCH NEWS

Thursday 10th May is Ascension Day and there is Holy Communion for the whole Benefice at St Mary's Upton Grey at 7.30pm.

On **Sunday 13th May** - Village Rogation Walks.

This year all four parishes will be hosting a village rogation walk. Rogation day originates from the 7th century tradition of walking round the parish thanking God for the productivity of the land and praying God's blessing on both the land and those who work it. This year, walks will begin at 10am at each church except St Mary's Herriard where the walk begins at 11am. Walks will last somewhere between one to one and a half-hours with a stop for coffee, a hymn and a reading at the half-way point. The walks are suitable for all ages and 4 legged friends are very welcome!

The next 10.00am Thursday Holy Communion service in Herriard will be on **17th May**. All are welcome to this informal, friendly and relaxed service, which is followed by refreshments.

20th May – Pentecost Sunday – St Mary's Herriard will host a Benefice Worship Gathering at 6.30pm. This is an informal service of worship, teaching and prayer ministry and is open to all.

Upton Grey's fete will be on **June 9th** and will be held in the garden of the Old Vicarage on Church Street, 2pm start.

Herriard will hold their fete on **24th June**.

Pet Services

3rd June Herriard at 11.15am

24th June Tunworth at 9am

1st July Upton Grey at 9:45am

The 2nd Annual Upton Grey Soapbox Extravaganza

Building on the success of last year's race, the Upton Grey Soap Box Extravaganza returns for 2018.

Are you brave enough to take on the high-speed route down the hill on Church Street Upton Grey? Can you navigate the twists and turns and set a time to take you to the top of the leader board? Well, to be honest, even if you're not going to go very fast, it's still a lot of fun!

Sat 1st September 2018:

Racing starts at 9.30am and finishes at 2pm.

Tea, coffee and cake for spectators

Beer and burgers afterwards

For more info and to register for an entry please email:
UGsoapbox@gmail.com

Closing date for entries: 31st July 2018

ST MARY'S CHURCH, UPTON GREY – LAUNCH OF PARISH GIVING CAMPAIGN

Please can you help?

Upton Grey benefits from having a thriving church at its heart. It brings us together as a village at Christmas and Easter and other popular services such as Harvest Festival. It provides a resident Vicar who christens our children, marries our young people, gives thanks for the lives of our departed, and is a focal point for our community life. St Mary's is now asking for increased local support to develop its work within the community and to continue as a place of Christian worship.

St Mary's is self-funding. Our income has fallen short of our expenses for the last two years and this shortfall may get worse next year. We need the help of all who live in our community. Can you please take a moment to read this and respond?

We are asking two things:

- (1) that you consider reviewing and increasing the amount you give or, if you do not already give, consider becoming a regular giver;
- (2) that your future donations be made regularly by direct debit under the Parish Giving Scheme as recommended by the Diocese, which will ease administration for our Treasurer and improve cash flow.

Donations will be collected centrally under the Scheme by direct debit (on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis), gift aid will be recovered more quickly and all amounts promptly remitted to our Church. If your donation is eligible for gift aid, this adds an extra 25% on top of the amount given.

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The Scheme also enables you, at your discretion, to increase your donation annually in line with inflation. You will be notified of the increase one month in advance and will have an option to decline or vary it. More than 60% of money received through the Scheme in other parishes is inflation proofed. This greatly helps in overcoming the problem of static funding where income falls behind inflation over time.

If you currently give by cash in the Sunday collection, please consider joining the Scheme. If you join, you will be provided with tokens to place in the collection instead.

If you can help and have not received our leaflet and Parish Giving Scheme gift form (including direct debit mandate and gift aid form), please contact Sonja Smedley, Benefice Office, tel: 01256 703791, email: nhdboffice@gmail.com. This form should be completed, signed and posted to the Scheme Administrator in the stamped addressed envelope. It will help us if you will tell one of us when you have done so. The amount of your donation will be treated as confidential. The Scheme involves no enduring commitment, so you would be free to cancel or amend your direct debit at any time.

Over the years many people have played a part in the life of St Mary's Church and we are grateful to all those who have provided support in so many ways. We now need everyone to be as generous as they can to ensure that St Mary's continues to thrive.

The Revd. Simon Butler
Rector

Sarah Barnes
Churchwarden

Geoffrey Yeowart
Churchwarden

The Royal Maundy

As far back as the reign of King John there are records of the sovereign washing the feet of old people on Maundy Thursday in remembrance of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. By Stuart times the King had exchanged the foot washing for the giving of monetary alms, and this practice continues today. So on Maundy Thursday this year, by some means I do not fully understand, I had the enormous privilege of being summoned to St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle to be one of the 184 pensioner recipients—92 men and 92 women—to be given purses of Maundy money by our 92-year-old Queen. I was supported by my daughter Jennifer as companion. It was a moving service of hymns, lessons, anthems and prayers, with great pageantry. When we in this country do ceremonial we

do it rather well. Her Majesty was attended by the Yeomen of the Guard in their ancient Tudor uniforms, with roses in their shoes and hats and halberds over their shoulders, by the aged Military Knights of Windsor in their scarlet coats and feathered headgear, and by assorted clergy, some wearing towels as a reminder of the foot-washing. Then there were office-holders such as the Wandsmen, the Keeper of the Closet and the Clerk of the Cheque. At the rear of the royal procession were the Children of the Royal Almonry, four little local schoolchildren bearing posies, chaperoned by an enormous Yeoman Warder. The service was conducted by the Lord High Almoner (whose day job is Bishop of Worcester). Music was provided by the Children and Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal and the Choir of St George's Chapel.

For all this splendour the service was delightfully informal. Between the lessons the Queen, in a deep royal blue coat with black trimmings, walked among the congregation distributing to the recipients the purses containing the Royal Maundy, which she was handed by the Almoner from enormous brass trays carried by Yeomen Warders. She is a tiny figure (she only reached to my shoulders), but she gave me a beaming smile as she placed the purses in my hands. The Maundy comprises a series of specially minted silver coins: a £5 coin (for clothing), a 50p coin (for food), and, for pocket money, 92p made up of tiny 1p, 2p, 3p and 4p coins. Afterwards we moved on to the splendid State Apartments for a sumptuous buffet reception where we chatted informally with other recipients and with officials. The Queen's young Equerry in Waiting explained to me that he had left his horse at home today, but that he was thoroughly enjoying himself as this was his first turn as Equerry. As I understand it each diocese had nominated four recipients, representing the thousands of helpers whose voluntary service keeps our churches active. The Queen herself is surely the greatest volunteer of all, for she has faithfully served her people throughout her long reign. We were told that she genuinely enjoys this annual Maundy service—and she certainly appeared to be enjoying it—and someone suggested that this may well be because the recipients, most of whom were in their eighties or nineties, were all of her generation. It was a precious never-to-be-forgotten experience.

Peter Moore

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: Our next Junior choir practice will be 9am on 6th May with the choir leading worship that day and at the Family Service on Sunday 20th May.

Rogation village walks – Sunday 13th May

Please see the main magazine for details, but on this Sunday, we will be meeting at church at 10am (Herriard 11am) for our annual village walks. All are very welcome to join in!

Sparks next meeting – 10th June!

In May, we have our village Rogation walks and so, as we would love our young people to join in, we will not run Sparks on 13th May. Our next Sparks meeting will therefore be on Sunday 10th June.

Sparks is a group for children aged 3-11 years which meets on the second Sunday of the month in Upton grey Village Hall. Join us for fun, games, crafts and food. Contact Sonja at the Benefice Office nhdboffice@gmail.com for further details.

May is the Month for Bluebells in the Woods: 10 Not so usual Facts about Bluebells to tell the Kids

1. Bluebells are also called 'fairy flowers.' According to an old myth fairies used bluebells to lure and trap people passing by in the woods – especially children.
2. Another myth is that if you wear a wreath of bluebells you will be compelled to tell the truth.
3. Bluebells are poisonous and contain about 15 biologically active compounds to defend themselves from animals and insect pests. But scientists are now researching how these toxic chemicals could one day help treat cancer.

4. The first bluebells are believed to have appeared in Britain after the last Ice Age.
5. In the Bronze Age feathers were stuck on arrows with glue made from bluebells.
6. During Queen Elizabeth I's reign starch was made from the crushed bulbs of bluebells to stiffen their big ruff collars.
7. Bluebells are protected under law in UK. If you dig up and sell a wild bluebell you can be fined £5000 per bulb.
8. It takes at least five years for a bluebell seed to grow into a bulb.
9. Bees rely heavily on the flowers' nectar in the spring but sometimes they 'steal' it by biting a hole in the bottom of the bell.
10. There are rare 'albino' bluebells which are white as they lack the blue pigment.

Many local gardens and woods are open for the public to raise money for charity. Details listed in the Parish Magazine

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Local Police Report

Dear Residents,

I am appealing for anyone who was in Bagmore Lane, Herriard on Monday April 16th between 7 pm and 7.20 pm; between these times a mini car had a window smashed and a handbag visible in the car was stolen. A white man described as of average height and build was seen to run away as the owner approached and get into a green Ford Mondeo and drive off towards Alton.

I am also aware of an incident which took place at 01.30 am on Friday April 13th when a young man was seen standing at the gates of a house in Weston Patrick, he is described as being a white man medium build between 20 and 30 years of age with brown hair. He was wearing an orange hoodie and dark clothing. When challenged he stated that he was 'out for a walk'. I ask if anyone knows who this man was or has any information or CCTV coverage, if they could please give me a call directly, likewise for the theft from the car in Bagmore Lane.

Slightly further afield in Cliddesden, we had an excellent result, on March 29th, a resident reported a car parked in the parish that contained people who smelt heavily of alcohol; Police attended and subsequently the driver was arrested. At the police station he provided a reading of 205 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, the limit being 35.

The man has been sent to prison for over four months and banned for four years from driving. This is an excellent result and I make no apology in that if you drink and drive we will catch you and you will be prosecuted if over the limit. Would the man above have been able to stop if someone had inadvertently run out in front of his car? Drink drivers kill, sometimes themselves but usually other innocent people. If you know of anyone who drinks and drives please call either me on my direct numbers and as always all calls treated in strictest confidence or crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

I was also reading an article in the Basingstoke Gazette from January 1967 some fifty-one years ago. The article was entitled ‘Police appeal – Don’t make it easy for thieves’ adding “Over 300 burglaries are made every 24 hours against homes, shops and offices. Every five minutes a thief somewhere makes off with cash and valuables which at the end of the year totals an astronomical amount. The advice provided was identical to that which affects us all today and for this reason I have reproduced this article but added relevant parts for the 21st century.

“Housebreakers do not only work at night and that anytime is thieving time”. The article issued a seven-point plan to coincide with a campaign called ‘Don’t Tempt Thieves’. The points were: 1. Close and Fasten – windows and doors. 2: All Ladders – should be securely locked away. If this is not possible they should be secured with a strong padlock and chain to something static. See that tools such as spades, picks and crowbars are locked away, they are often used to break in. 3: In the Evening – see that doors are locked, and if possible bolted. 4: Do not – leave large amounts of cash or jewelry in your home. Make use of banks. 5: Going Away – If going out at night leave a light on, but not in the Hall, in the lounge behind drawn curtains. 6: Never Advertise – Your absence by leaving notes or money for tradesmen. 7: Beware of bogus callers – ask for proof of identity and report all suspicious incidents to the Police. In conclusion the article added ‘Carelessness Causes Crime – Don’t let it happen to you’

Today just as in 1967 ‘Carelessness’ is still the biggest gift we can give to the criminal, and although we have the advantages of CCTV, remote monitoring and alarms, we do need to remain vigilant and alert more so now than ever, please secure your home and outbuildings and sheds and report any suspicious incidents.

Andrew REID Local Constable PC 3746, Rural Beat Officer, Police Office, Preston Candover DD: 01256 389050, HQ:101, Mob: 07768:776844 andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police

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Post Office Opening Times

Please be aware, the village Post Office is now open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.30–3.30pm. As well as the usual postal services, you can use it to obtain cash from your bank account, order foreign currency, buy on-demand travel insurance, and many other useful services.

Educational Grants available to ALL Upton Grey Residents

When the Upton Grey School was sold after its closure in the 1980s, half of the proceeds went to the village and the Upton Grey Educational Trust was formed. The income from the sale proceeds, invested by the charity, can be used 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 over 90 applicants and 15 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.

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

Funds are available and the Trust would warmly welcome any new individual applications - so why not apply!

Please submit your application in writing before the end of May 2018 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)

(NOTE that any late applications received after this deadline will automatically be carried over to the next meeting).

Plant Stall – Fete 9 June 2018

It is always difficult to get the variety of plants needed to make the plant stall a success each year. We have to start early so if you have any herbaceous plants/perennials that you intend splitting up or do not want, please do not throw away – pot up or just pop into a plastic bag and drop on my drive, along with any old plant pots or hanging baskets in good condition. (Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane) or give me a call and I will collect (862705) - Debbie Bridle. We are always very grateful for any plants, pots/troughs, in or outdoor hanging baskets, garden tools or anything garden/plant related. Thank you

Toy Stall, Fete 9 June 2018

Please can you start sorting out any good quality games, toys, fancy dress, bikes and any other suitable items for the Toy Stall? They can be left under the porch by the front door at Glebe Cottage, Church Street (opposite the Vicarage) or please call Ginny on 07970 508077.

TEA@3 - May

David and Sue Scott have kindly invited us to hold our May Tea@3 at their home, Sherborne Cottage, Church Street on Thursday 17th May. Please let Barbara or Sue (862445) know if you would like to come and a lift can be arranged if you need one. Look forward to seeing you!

Barbara 862627, Jill 862131, Viv 862455

Date for the diary!

Upton Grey Harvest Supper, Saturday 6th October, in aid of St Mary's Church.

Much Ado About Nothing, Sunday August 12th, Church Meadow

‘Rain or Shine Theatre Company’ in association with Upton Grey Drama Group Open Air Theatre Production are returning for the third year with their next production *Much Ado about Nothing*. Please save the date – Sunday August 12th. Gates open at 3.00pm for picnics, and the performance starts at **4.00pm in Church Meadow, Upton Grey**. Please bring your own seating, food and drink – there is a marquee if it is wet! More details on tickets will be available soon but for any other information please contact Sarah – email: sajgray59@yahoo.co.uk

UPTON GREY VILLAGE TENNIS COURT

New Tennis Season!

Our new tennis season begins 1st May 2018 and we hope many of you will join us this year. Annual playing fees for the season remain the same as last year:

Family: £30, Individuals: over 18 years - £20; under 18 years - £5.

Cheques payable to “Upton Grey Village Tennis Court”. Please send your cheque to the Tennis Committee (c/o Julia Harker, Highfield House, Cleves Lane, Upton Grey, RG25 2RG) or drop it into Highfield House or c/o Charles Holroyd at Gables House, Church Street (opposite the pond behind the yew hedge). Alternatively, the subscription can be paid direct to the tennis court account. Please annotate your name to the transfer so that we can identify who has paid:

Name: Upton Grey Village Tennis Court
 Bank: Lloyds Bank
 Sort code: 30-93-32
 A/C number: 02410908

Bookings for the court can be made by visiting the Village Shop, where the booking diary is available to people wishing to use the court. All sessions are for a maximum of 2 hours.

Summer Tennis Coaching for Juniors. There will be coaching for 4.5-12 year olds in the mornings of the 6th to 10th August. Thanks to the generous support of the Upton Grey Educational Trust which provides a grant towards the costs of the junior coaching, coaching fees can be held to an exceptionally low cost. The children have great fun and learn a lot.

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The club continues to grow and welcome new members. Our membership is just £20 for the year (reduced to account for the time of year you join). In addition to visiting each other's gardens and attending various gardening events, we are also working hard on our allotment welcoming in the sowing season.

In May, members will be visiting Brick Kiln Cottage, a Bluebell filled woodland garden, and in June we will be busy creating a garden hamper to donate as a raffle prize for the Herriard Fete on 24th June.

For further information about HGC contact 01256 381448.

Top jobs for May:

- Begin sowing under glass, crops such as runner beans, pumpkins, squashes to plant out after the last frost.
- Put down a 10 cm layer of organic mulch such as well rotted manure or garden compost in beds and borders to help reduce weeds and retain moisture.
- Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month, or after the risk of frost.
- Apply a liquid fertiliser to spring bulbs after they finish flowering to encourage good flowering next year.
- Put supports in place for herbaceous plants before they are too tall, or for plants like peonies that produce heavy blooms.

Herriard and Lasham with Bentworth WI Report

Our April meeting was a flower arranging demonstration and talk by Gill Hill. She did two arrangements one for a spiral bouquet and another for a table centre. Each arrangement has to be one third container and two thirds flowers and greenery. Both arrangements were raffled at the end of the evening.

We will have had our Coffee Morning by the time this goes to print so hope it was successful. The next meeting is our AGM to be held at Royal British Legion Hall at 7.30pm on 3rd May.

Bluebells in Herriard, Sunday 6th May

Brick Kiln Cottage is opening for the National Garden Scheme to groups of visitors this year with fundraising going to their charities as in previous years. However, Open Day this year is on Sunday May 6th, at Brick Kiln Cottage, The Avenue, Herriard, RG25 2PR for fundraising for The Women's Institute and Denman College in particular. This wonderful resource is open to all WI members for daily and residential courses, entertainments etc

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Alton Abbey Open Days

On Saturday & Sunday June 9th/10th The Anglican Monastery of Our Lady and St John in Beech will be open for visitors from 12noon - 5pm each day. Entrance £3, Teas £3. There will be several stalls selling items such as: Beautiful Stationery, Second hand Books, plants, and Hadeel products from Palestine. There will be lace making, and a display of work. If you have never discovered the beauty and peacefulness of the Abbey come this time; if you have been before, come back to rediscover the joy.

War Requiem – Britten, Saturday, 9th June, The Anvil, Basingstoke

2018 marks the centenary of the end of the Great War and this important national anniversary will be marked with performances of Britten's monumental 'War Requiem' throughout the UK.

On Saturday 9th June over 350 singers, orchestral players and children will congregate from across the county of Hampshire in Basingstoke's purpose built concert hall, the Anvil for this unique event. Britten's timeless message of peace and denunciation of war will be a stirring once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the people of Hampshire to remember and pay tribute to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

“Gloria” by John Rutter

The Jubilee Choir's next concert will take place in All Saints' Church Odiham at 7.00pm on Sunday June 17th, and will include a performance of the ever popular John Rutter, Gloria. Tickets are £15 (free for children under 12) and available from the website www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham, or by ringing 01256 701947 or 01256 702249.

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 24th May in the North Warnborough Village Hall. This is our Annual Plant Sale, which will open at 1:30 PM. The ever-popular Geoff Hawkins who returns on this occasion to talk to us about "Ground Cover" will follow it at 2:30 PM.

Due to the Plant Sale, there will not be any competitions. Visitors are very welcome to join us. We are a friendly Club whose members share an enthusiasm for gardens and gardening. During the growing season, we always have a plant stall starting at 2:10pm.

For further information, please telephone 01252 843848.

News from St Mary's Primary School, Bentworth

We are delighted to announce the Family Music Festival on Saturday 16th June. There will be bands, story-telling, delicious food and treats as well as arts and crafts. An amazing Father's Day treat! Steve Grey and Kirstan Mullen have been working so hard on it and so it's time to get the date in your diaries. We are selecting bands now, so if anyone has any contacts or is part of a band themselves and would like to perform, please let us know! It would be wonderful to have some home-grown music acts! Also, if anyone knows any quality children's entertainers or could recommend someone they have already seen, please email into school.

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing our teachers' expertise across all the school stages, we surprised the children with a Teacher/Class swap. The children loved it and it created a great buzz around the school. It also really deepened the teachers' understanding of the wider stages of the school. I would like to thank all staff (including Mrs Andersen who moved to Oak for the afternoon!) for their commitment to constant professional development. This was a great idea (thank you Miss Baker!) and we all got so much from it.

We have had some wonderful sporting successes! Well done to our Cross-Country runners. It was so cold, and they never gave up. What Champions! Also, the football team came 3rd in the Alton Football tournament. They worked so well as a team and Ethan was a fantastic captain. Well done to all the boys!

Our Y3's enjoyed a wonderful residential stay in East Meon. The weather forecast looked poor but as soon departure day arrived, it all changed and the sun shone! The children worked and played so well and both Miss Knight (Y3 teacher) and I were so proud of their attitude and behaviour. Well done Year 3 pupils!

From an idea proposed by a year 1 school councillor, the children have contacted Amery Hill School to ask if they could support the spelling focus this year. The children were delighted (!) to report back that Amery will be organising a 'Spelling Bee' competition with cross age teams from the Alton Cluster Primary Schools and St Mary's will be entering a team. The school again opened its doors to our parents with much excitement for 'Bring Your Dad to School' Day. There was so much to experience ranging from Dance with Mr Maliphant to French with Madame Mylward to Minute Maths tests! I know the children were all very excited and so were the Dads! There were lots of games at playtimes too! Thank you to everyone for their support and if you didn't make it this year, don't worry next year could be your year.

As the 'Beast from the East' arrived, we had to take the difficult decision to shut the school and I must thank you all for your understanding and support. Thank you to the families who helped to spread grit/salt. The Alesburys, the McCandlish's and Lucas were brilliant on the school paths. The King's vehicle spreader did a great job, very quickly, doing the car parks. Likewise, for the second round of snow – thank you to Mr Goodsell, Mr Hayward and Felix and their tractors – absolute stars!

Our Rock and Pop musicians held a concert for the children and parents – it is a joy to see so many of our pupils who are passionate about music perform in front of so many people. The children coped with the adrenalin, the concentration needed and the new experience so well and remembered what they had practiced. Well done to them all!

A date for the diary...The Royal Wedding Generation Game on Friday 18th May - come for lunch and/or activities in the afternoon to celebrate this great event! Please let school know if you wish to lunch with us.

We have four job vacancies at St Mary's; 1 current and 3 that are coming up at the start of our new academic year in September. If you know of anyone these might be of interest to, could we please ask you to help spread the word! Details of them all are on the Hampshire Website or on our noticeboard outside the school office. Alternatively, they can be emailed to you.

St. Mary's has also teamed up with Astra Recycling!

We now have a Recycling bank located in the car park! It's available for year-round collections of clothing, shoes, handbags, belts and home textiles to generate vital funds for our school.

Please bring any unwanted items and place them in the new recycling bank. The PTA raises money for every kilo donated and 100% of what's raised goes to our school.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN - The Haymarket, Basingstoke Wed 9 – Sat 19 May 2018 - 7:30 pm, Extra shows Sat 12 & Sat 25 - 2:30pm

Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society brings one of the best-loved musical comedies of all time to the Haymarket. Singin' in the Rain is the hilarious tale of 1920s Hollywood struggling to cope with the introduction of "talking pictures". Among the cast of talented local performers is Bryn Hughes as film idol Don Lockwood - the Gene Kelly role. Don's screen partnership with silent movie diva Lina Lamont, played by Kirsty Bennett, is loved by the film-going public – but in reality they can't stand each other!

Much to Lina's fury, Don falls in love with young actress Kathy Selden, played by Anneke Wass, while Don's best friend Cosmo Brown, played by William Keel-Stocker keeps the laughs coming.

Singin' in The Rain is directed by Ray Jeffery and the musical director is Trevor Defferd. Choreography is by Julie Morris and Karen McCloy. Singin' in The Rain is at the Haymarket, Basingstoke from Wednesday 9th-Saturday 19th May. Performances at 7.30pm with extra 2.30pm shows on Saturday 12th & 19th. All tickets for the opening night are £18.50. For the other performances: £23.50 (adults) £15 (16s and under) - with concessions for students, over-65s and groups. All prices include a booking fee. Buy tickets: www.anvilarts.org.uk Call 01256 844244 or visit the Anvil Arts box office.

Citizens Advice Service for Odiham

The Citizens Advice are now running an Outreach Clinic at the Odiham Cottage Hospital, Buryfields, RG29 1NE on the first Tuesday of every month from 9.30am to 1pm. The service is free, confidential and impartial. No appointment is needed. Please call 01252 878435 or email citizensadvice@hartcab.cabnet.org.uk to make an appointment or arrange a home visit.

Odiham & Old Basing Health Centres – Patient Participation Group

Shingles

Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, is an infection of a nerve and the skin around it. It's caused by the varicella-zoster virus, which also causes chickenpox. It's estimated around one in every four people will have at least one episode of shingles during their life.

The main symptom of shingles is pain, followed by a rash that develops into itchy blisters, similar in appearance to chickenpox. New blisters may appear for up to a week, but a few days after appearing they become yellowish in colour, flatten and dry out. Scabs then form where the blisters were, which may leave some slight scarring and loss of skin pigment.

The pain may be a constant, dull or burning sensation, and its intensity can vary from mild to severe. You may have sharp stabbing pains from time to time, and the affected area of skin will usually be tender. In some cases, shingles may cause some early symptoms that develop a few days before the painful rash first appears. These early symptoms can include: a headache; burning, tingling, numbness or itchiness of the skin in the affected area; a feeling of being generally unwell or a high temperature (fever). An episode of shingles typically lasts around two to four weeks. It usually affects a specific area on just one side of the body. Any part of your body can be affected, including your face and eyes, but the chest and tummy are the most common areas. Shingles isn't usually serious but see your GP as soon as possible if you recognise the symptoms. They'll usually be able to diagnose shingles based on your symptoms and the appearance of the rash. Early treatment may help reduce the severity of your symptoms and the risk of developing complications.

It's not possible to catch shingles from someone with the condition or from someone with chickenpox. However, you can catch chickenpox from someone with shingles if you haven't had chickenpox before, but this is uncommon. The blisters of shingles contain live virus. If a person who has never had chickenpox makes direct contact with an open blister or something with the fluid on it, they can contract the virus and develop chickenpox.

If you have shingles, you're contagious until the last blister has dried and scabbed over. To help prevent the virus being passed on, avoid sharing towels or flannels, swimming or playing contact sports. You should also avoid work or school if your rash is oozing fluid (weeping) and can't be covered. Chickenpox can be particularly dangerous for certain groups of people. If you have shingles, avoid: women who are pregnant and haven't had chickenpox before as they could catch it from you – this may harm

their unborn baby, people who have a weak immune system – such as someone with HIV or AIDS or babies less than one month. Although there's no cure for shingles, treatment is available to relieve the symptoms until the condition resolves. Most cases of shingles last around two to four weeks.

Treatment for shingles can include:

- covering the rash with clothing or a non-stick (non-adherent) dressing to reduce the risk of other people becoming infected with chickenpox – it's very difficult to pass the virus on to someone else if the rash is covered
- painkilling medication – such as paracetamol, ibuprofen or codeine
- antiviral medication to stop the virus multiplying – although not everyone will need this.

As with all symptoms which you don't understand do consult your doctor or your pharmacist. A vaccine to prevent shingles is available but surprisingly the take up amongst eligible people is low. The criteria which has been set by NHS England is a bit complicated but if you are eligible do think about taking advantage of it because shingles can be such a nasty painful condition it is worth trying to avoid it if you can. The vaccine is available on the NHS to patients who are aged 70 or 78 years old. In addition, anyone who was eligible for immunisation in the previous three years of the programme but missed out on their shingles vaccination remains eligible until their 80th birthday. This includes people in their 70s who were born after 1 September 1942 or are aged 79. The shingles vaccine is not available on the NHS to anyone aged 80 and over because it seems to be less effective in this age group. You can have the shingles vaccination at any time of year, though many people will find it convenient to have it at the same time as their annual flu vaccination. It's fine to have the shingles vaccine if you've already had shingles. The vaccine works very well in people who have had shingles before and it will boost your immunity against further shingles attacks.

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CHURCH SERVICES (please also see the weekday services under “Regular Events”)**6 May – The 6th Sunday of Easter**

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

10 May – Ascension Day

Benefice Holy Communion	7:30pm	Upton Grey
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13 May – The 7th Sunday of Easter / Rogation Day

Rogation Village walk*	10:00am	Tunworth
Rogation Village walk*	10:00am	Upton Grey
Rogation Village walk*	10:00am	Weston Patrick
Rogation Village walk*	11:00am	Herriard

*Rogation village walks – meet outside each church at the time indicated

20 May – Pentecost

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
Benefice Worship Gathering	6:30pm	Herriard

27 May – Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Weston Patrick
Family Service (sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Café Church	9:45am	Upton Grey
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard

3 June – The 1st Sunday after Trinity

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

10 June – The 2nd Sunday after Trinity

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)	6:00pm	Tunworth

17 June – The 3rd Sunday after Trinity / Father’s Day

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

24 June – The 4th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:00am	Herriard
Pet Service (sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Café Church	9:45am	Upton Grey
Holy Communion (CW sung)	11:15am	Weston Patrick

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – May 2018

This Month

3rd May	Thu	AGM, Herriard and Lasham with Bentworth WI, RBL Hall	7.30pm
6th May	Sun	Bluebell Garden, Brick Kiln Cottage, Herriard	12noon- 5pm
24th May	Thu	Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	10.30am

Advance Dates

8th Jun	Fri	Cystic Fibrosis summer drinks The Old Rectory Tunworth	7.00pm
9th Jun	Sat	Upton Grey Summer fete	
9 -10th Jun	Sat/Sun	Alton Abbey Open Days	12noon – 5pm
16th–23rd Jun		Winchfield Festival	
16th Jun	Sat	Summer Music Festival, St Mary’s School, Bentworth	
24th Jun	Sun	Celebration of 150 years since the re-consecration of St Lawrence, Weston Patrick	
28th Jun	Thu	Upton Grey Tennis Club Mix-In	
6th-10th Aug		Junior Summer Tennis Coaching, Upton Grey Tennis Club	
11th Aug	Sat	Summer Disco & Dinner Party, Church eadow	7.30pm
11th Aug	Sat	Summer Show - UG Horticultural Society.	
12th Aug	Sun	Much Ado About Nothing – Church Meadow	4.00pm
1st Sep	Sat	Weston Patrick Village Summer BBQ	
6th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Harvest supper	
27th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	

Regular Events

Each Mon		Prayer Group, 4 Little Hoddington	9.45am
Each Wed		Upton Grey Toddler Group	10.00am
Each Wed		Dementia Support plus Carers, Sunflower Café, Odiham	2.00pm
1st Thu		Herriard WI	7.30pm
1st Thu		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 - 4th	Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club at The Hodd	7.30pm
3rd Thu		Holy Communion, Herriard Church	10.00am
Last Thu		Herriard Village Supper at Fur and Feathers (check first)	7.30pm
4th Thu		Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	10.30am

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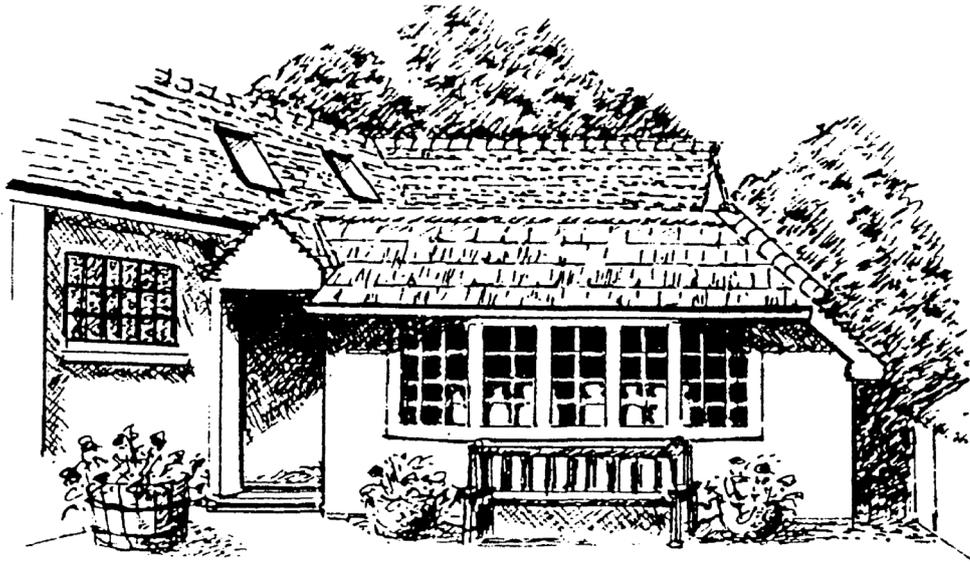
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