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Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

Firstly, to introduce myself. My name is Revd Debbie Veel. I was ordained in July 2023 when I joined NHDB. I have pastoral responsibility for St Nicholas Newnham, but I am loving having the opportunity to get to know more of you around the benefice. I am married to Chris, and we have three adult children and three small granddaughters and up until a couple of years ago we had two elderly cats. We like going to the theatre, cinema and eating out.



Chris is very sporty – me barely at all! Although I do enjoy dragonboating (think giant 20-seater canoe). We don't watch a huge amount of TV, but we do watch documentaries: mainly history and nature/science programmes, but we do enjoy Pottery Throw Down, Bake-off; Sewing Bee, Design Masters and Glow (the make-up one – Chris doesn't watch these last two).

We are big Apprentice fans too, but my husband frequently says he wouldn't employ any of them! Although this year's batch seem better them previous years!

Jesus had apprentices too, only we don't call them that. We usually call them disciples.

Just as the TV candidates often make spectacular errors so did Jesus's apprentices. The number of times they get it wrong! Peter wants to prevent Jesus from going to Jerusalem because he doesn't understand why Jesus wants to go there if he knows he is going to die and none of them really understand why Jesus chose a donkey not a war horse to ride into Jerusalem.

More apprentice errors: Peter again, initially doesn't want Jesus to wash his feet at the Last Supper. When Jesus explains that he has come to be a servant not a master then Peter wants to be completely washed all over. Peter also denies he knows Jesus three times in quick succession. All the disciples, except John, have deserted Jesus at the cross, possibly through fear – only the women remain. The two disciples wearily walking down the road to Emmaus don't even recognise the resurrected Jesus and Thomas, after the resurrection, doesn't believe the others have seen Him and says he wants to stick his fingers into Jesus's wounds – that is just gross!

You see as apprentices they're not doing a great job.

Alan Sugar's "You're fired!" has become quite a catchphrase.

But unlike The Apprentice we don't get fired as Jesus's apprentices. Jesus doesn't send Peter, or Thomas or Cleopas (one of the disciples on the Emmaus Road) home. He doesn't say, "You're fired!"

No! Jesus keeps on giving them and us the opportunity to improve; to be better people again and again and again. It is called forgiveness and is one of the key ideas in the Christian faith.

Not easy at all, especially if we have been hurt or betrayed.

During this this Easter season I wonder how we can all become Apprentices in learning how to bring in a kingdom of love, gentleness and peace – not war and aggression. Jesus tells us the answer in two simple sentences. "Love God with all your heart, soul and mind. Love your neighbour as yourself." That means everyone, including people we do not like or find difficult to be with.

This is **the** most difficult apprentice task ever.

But take heart because there is room in God's house for all of us and we absolutely **won't** be fired.

Grace and peace to you.

Revd Debbie Veel

Curate, North Hampshire Downs Benefice

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral: Nikolas Hajiantonis at St Mary's Upton Grey on 10th April

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th May 9.00am Tunworth - BCP Holy Communion 10.00am Upton Grey - CW Holy Communion 5.00pm Herriard - Evensong **Thursday 9th May** 10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said) 7.30pm Odiham - Benefice Ascension Day CW Holy Communion Sunday 12th May 10.00am Herriard - Rogation Walk 10.00am Upton Grey - Rogation Walk 10.00am Weston Patrick - CW Holy Communion 6.00pm Tunworth – Evensong **Thursday 18th May** 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said) Sunday 19th May 9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer (with Baptism) 10.00am Herriard - Morning Worship 10.00am Upton Grey - Morning Worship Sunday 26th May 10.00am Herriard - Family Service 10.00am Tunworth - Rogation Walk 10.00am Upton Grey - Morning Worship 5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

CHURCH NEWS

Come and join us for a Rogation Walk

Rogation gives us the opportunity to praise God, give thanks for our food and those who produce it; to pray a blessing on the communities we share together.

Rogation is a time of asking, asking God's blessings on emerging crops. In times gone by when everything depended on the local harvest, this was vital. A failed local harvest meant starvation, so asking God's Blessing at various points was seen as important.

We still depend on farming today for our food but can draw on harvest from all over the country and beyond. It can be easy to feel disconnected from where our food comes from. Which makes this still a good time to pray for farmers who are at the mercy of the weather. The pandemic has reminded us that farmers are key workers and need our support.

The Rogation Walks for our local churches are: Herriard and Upton Grey at 10.00am on Sunday 12th May, Tunworth at 10.00am on Sunday 26th May. Revd Simon Butler

Coffee & Cake

All Saints Tunworth, St Mary's Upton Grey and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are continuing with their regular coffee/cake sessions. The April events are:

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, All Saints Tunworth, at 10.30am on Thursday 2nd May.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am-1.00pm on Mondays 13th and 27th May.
- Coffee morning at Weston Patrick Village Hall, 11.00am-12.30pm on Wednesday 22nd May.

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





Hi everyone!

If you read last month's KidsZone, you will remember that I promised that I would be spending the next few months talking about something called 'The Fruit of the Spirit'. On the 19th of May, we will celebrate Pentecost in church – basically when God sent us a special helper called The Holy Spirit (who is actually a part of God) to live inside our hearts to help us be more like Jesus (by this time, Jesus had already died, risen again and gone up to heaven). So the Holy Spirit makes us more like Jesus in nine ways – and this month, I want to introduce you to faithfulness!

But what is faithfulness? Imagine you are waiting for a bus.



You have **faith** that the bus will arrive and will get you where you need to be, even though you can't see it yet. (Well, maybe not on the Odiham/Alton road just at the moment..!) So you are **faithful** in the bus. You have **faithfulness**. So faithfulness means having confidence in something.

The Bible says that God doesn't lie. If he says

that Jesus died and rose again so that we can have a brand new start every day, then he did. If God promises that there is nothing that can separate us from his love, then there isn't. If God tells us he will be with us every step of the way, whatever we are going through, he will be. The Bible tells us that God is faithful.

But how can we be sure and how can we be faithful to God? We can't see him, can we? But just like the wind, we can see his effects of his love in our lives, even though we can't see him personally. Next time it is windy outside, go and discover what you can sense because of the wind. *See* the branches moving. *Hear* the wind whistling through the trees. *Feel* the wind in your hair. I wonder how you can sense God's love in your lives? What can you be thankful for?

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So if we can recognise him being faithful to us, how can we be faithful to him? Being faithful to God means believing in him and trusting him, even when our feelings don't want to, even when things are going wrong...

People often say to me, 'I don't believe in God' to which I answer, 'Well that's ok, he believes in you!' God is faithful and will never let us down. Never. How about you?

God Bless and see you next time!



Helen Chatfield Youth Pastor youth@moretolife.church 07540 140228



Farming News

This morning I pulled over at the top of our farm track and admired three Mallard drakes paddling around in a pond. This wasn't the usual pond in the adjacent wood though, but a pond formed in the last five months in one of our wheat fields. I'm sure many of us have muttered 'good weather for ducks' over this winter because it certainly has been. Even the old farmers (I don't class myself as one of those yet but my children do) are saying they can't remember a period of such incessant rain.

This is the second year running now that we haven't rolled any of our grassland because it's been too wet. The grass is now too long to roll and would be damaged if we tried, so we'll have to put up with the unevenness and set the mower cutting height high when we make silage so as not to pick up dirt and stones. As I write, all the cows, heifers and calves are still in the barns because they would trample the fields and ruin the grass if we let them out onto such wet pastures. Fortunately, we have enough straw, maize and grass silage in stock to keep them in a little while longer but many farmers are running out of feed and as a consequence the price of straw has rocketed.

I'm always keeping an eye on feed prices which are so volatile at present due to extreme weather patterns and political shenanigans worldwide. One of our feeds for the cows is rapemeal extract which is the seed pod left after the rapeseed oil has been extracted. This is high in protein and fibre, has good energy content and is a good replacement for soya (that we cut out of our cows' diets years ago because of its negative environmental impact particularly in Brazil and Argentina). I've just ordered our rapemeal to last until summer 2025 as the price was looking good. Since I did this the price has spiked higher so hopefully I've made a good call, which is certainly not always the case.

We have a busy month coming up when we have to empty our slurry lagoon across our stubbles ready for maize planting towards the end of April. The slurry will supply the maize plant with most of the fertiliser it will need. It will be really important to make the best seed bed for the maize so with the wet weather we may have to be patient and plant a bit later than usual. 'A crop well sown, is a crop half grown' as the saying goes. We've always cut grass silage in May but if we have a good spell of weather I reckon it will be earlier than that this year because of the mild winter and good spring growth. Finally, after such a long winter, we will be letting some cattle out of the barns and into the fields to graze. So when the sun finally shines it's going to be all go.

We've had a bit of excitement recently as we've just sold six in-calf heifers to Dubai. The buyers travelled the British Isles buying Holstein (our breed) and Jersey cows which were then loaded onto a special Emirates Airways plane and flown to their new home where they will be very well looked after in a fan cooled cow palace. Apparently the Jersey milk gets used by the royal household, the Holstein milk is for staff and given away as a gift, but their main business is milking 6,000 camels... 6,000! I wouldn't want to milk one. The camels' milk price is about 30 times that of cows' milk so perhaps we ought to look into this as an alternative. This could open up some other possibilities; we could even set up camel racing, now sadly there is no local point-to-point horse racing. If you have any unruly children/grandchildren that I could take off your hands and train up as camel jockeys, let me know! The Herriard Camel Handicap, Prix de l'Arc de Tunworth, anyone?! **Joe Ives**

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 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

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Magazine distribution coordinator

From Jane Hanbury

I have been coordinating distribution of the Parish magazine for nearly ten years and I have decided I would like to step down.

It is not a difficult task and takes only about an hour to count and deliver to the distributors, which I usually do towards the end of each month.

Is there anyone who feels they could take this on please? Please contact me on ajhanbury@btinternet.com

From Susie Vereker

Many, many thanks to Jane for reliably delivering the Parish magazine for ten years, among all the other jobs she does for our village. Three cheers for Jane!

As she says, we are now looking for a distribution coordinator (or two?) to count out and deliver the bundles of mags to the various distributors, from one based in Tunworth via several in Upton Grey to one in Weston Patrick. (Herriard collects from me.) Our new printers often produce the mag early so there is plenty of time before the end of the month. Obviously the distributors need at least a day or two for their work.

So you need a car and you may have a child or grandchild to help you. This is a job that could be shared by two kind volunteers doing alternate months and I will always back you up in a crisis.

Susie 01256 862365

Rogation Walk – St Mary's Upton Grey

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a Rogation Walk with readings and hymns on **Sunday 12th May**. We will meet at the church at 10.00am and the walk will last an hour, returning to church at 11.00am for refreshments. For those who might find an hour walk too much there will be a shorter rogation ramble around the churchyard followed by a short service in church to finish at 11.00am ready for refreshments.

Revd Simon Butler

April Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club winners 1st C Gath (£100) 2nd M Hoyle (£40)

Your invitation to support Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club 2024/5

Now is the time to sign up for another year of our 100 Club. For just $\pounds 24$ for the year you have a monthly chance to win $\pounds 100$ or $\pounds 40$.

The 100 Club is the principle fundraiser for the Village Hall contributing to the maintenance and running costs. If you haven't already joined the 100 Club we encourage you to do so; for those already subscribing, please continue! It's a worthy cause with the chance of winning your donation back.

The 100 Club works like this: all entries are put in a pot every month: half the money goes in prizes, with an award of $\pounds 100$ – hence the name. The second prize is usually around $\pounds 40$. The other half of the money goes towards the running costs of the village hall. You are welcome to buy as many numbers for the monthly draw as you like. Each entry (or number) costs $\pounds 24$ for 12 monthly draws.

You can make payment by cheque to: Upton Grey Village Hall Committee. Cheques can be left at Rowan Croft, Weston Road. If you can pay by Bank Transfer our account is Upton Grey Village Hall Committee Sort Code 09-01-51 Account No 86355505. Please add your name and Post Code. You can also pay with cash to Wendy Stanway or Sam Clough (best to put your details on the envelope!). Thank you!

Sam Clough and the Village Hall Committee: ugvh100@gmail.com

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

Upton Grey Tennis Club - New subscription year

Our new tennis season begins on 1st May 2024 and we hope that as many as possible will be joining us again this year. The annual playing fees have not been changed from the past few seasons and are now due: Family £40; Individuals 18 years and over £25; Under 18's £5. Subscriptions can be paid electronically (details below). Please annotate on the transfer 'Annual Subs' and include your name:

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Alternatively, cheques should be payable to 'Upton Grey Village Tennis Court'. Please send your cheque to the Treasurer, 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).

There will be coaching by a professional LTA coach for $3\frac{1}{2}-16/17$ year-olds during the summer (5th–8th August), with morning sessions, and during the Easter 2025 holidays. Thanks to the generous support of the Upton Grey Educational Trust which kindly provides a grant towards the costs of the junior coaching, coaching fees are held to an exceptionally low cost. The children have great fun and learn a lot.

We will have a tennis club mix-in during the second half of June. This normally starts at 6.45pm at the village court. It's a wonderful evening (weather permitting!), and is a great way for members to play with those they don't normally meet on court.

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.

St Mary's Church Fete - Saturday 8th June 2.00-5.00pm

The Upton Grey village fete in aid of St Mary's Church is coming soon. Please save the date for this annual long-standing village event which is both a fundraiser for the church and fun entertainment for all ages. See separate ad for details.

We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Butler-Adams who have kindly agreed for us to use their beautiful spacious gardens at The Old Vicarage. Last year 500 people turned up which is fantastic, but did mean the teas, in particular, were really stretched. If you would like to lend a hand, even for an hour or two, please contact: Dee Chapman email: bobbyden2@btinternet.com. Cake and scone makers – you are needed! There will be a separate appeal nearer the date!

Thank you so much in advance for your support,

Sarah Barnes and Frances Yeowart, on behalf of St Mary's Upton Grey PCC

Garden Stall – Fete 8th June 2024

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: 07774163217. Thank you! **Frances, Julia and Rosie**



<u>Church Fete</u> 2.00pm Saturday 8thJune The Old Vicarage Church Street Upton Grey

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Books for the Book Stall.

Please donate modern novels and children's books – non-fiction does not really sell as people look up 'how-to' books on line. Last year the poor volunteers had to take several car loads of heavy dusty books to the dump/recycling centre. So, if in doubt, dump it rather than donate.

Upton Grey Fete – 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. Here is a picture of one we prepared earlier!



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.

Upton Grey Horticultural Society - Spring and Summer Shows

Rather sadly, our popular March and August shows will be rested for 2024. I retired as Team Lead (after many years) at the conclusion of last year's summer show and, although willing to remain as part of the team, I am no longer willing to be the lead. We are a small team of volunteers and whilst some have other duties within it, none are willing to take on the lead. We are therefore looking in earnest for a willing volunteer to lead the team as well as others to boost the team's numbers to share the roles, or to help on the days leading up to the shows and on show days themselves, so we can come back in 2025. For your information, we are members of the Royal Horticultural Society and as such have to adhere to rules and guidelines, although we have a free rein on everything else not covered.

We thank you for your valued support over the years whether it was entering your lovely exhibits or helping in various ways to make the shows successful. If you would like to see the shows continue into the future, then please do let me know soon if you can help in any way, and especially if you're interested in the role of Team Lead, as we wouldn't like these lovely community events to die. **June Hunt 01256 862719**

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 Ladies Group

Upton Grey Ladies Group meets every month, either for a pub lunch, theatre outing, garden or National Trust visit etc. We usually meet during the first week of the month and most often on a Thursday. We number between 30 and 40 members and would welcome new members to join us.

Viv Anscombe 01256 862455

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The answer is to provide swift nest boxes, and an organisation, Hampshire Swifts, has successfully installed them inside the bell towers in churches around the county. The boxes are made of marine ply and each has a hinged flap on the rear which enables it to be checked at the end of each season to see if it has been used. They are not visible from the outside and swifts are very clean at the nest, with the adults carrying away any droppings. This means that the boxes never need cleaning out. A call player near the boxes is used to play the sounds of Swifts to attract them to the tower. Apparently, the swifts are not disturbed by the sound of bells. Hampshire Swifts have installed nest boxes within 10 feet of the bells in Winchester Cathedral; swifts are quite happily using them for nesting and rearing their chicks.

Onnalee Cubitt, a Borough Councillor for our ward, has a certain amount of funds available for improving the environment. Onnalee appreciates that swifts are under threat, so she has offered to give us a grant to pay for the installation of swift nest boxes and call players at three churches in the benefice: Greywell, Herriard, and Upton Grey.

Hampshire Swifts installed the nest boxes on 28th March. The attached picture shows the nest boxes from inside the ringing chamber; the boxes are not visible from the outside.

However, the whole thing nearly ended in disaster. As the installer from Hampshire Swifts was climbing into the Ringing Chamber, he was startled by an explosion of noise and feathers from a slit window. A kestrel had been nesting there, and Hampshire Swifts said it was likely the Kestrel was just about to lay eggs. They reckon the kestrel would attack the swifts, but



they were hoping the kestrel chicks would fledge before the swifts arrived (which will probably be sometime in May). They said that they would come back next spring and put up a kestrel box somewhere in the churchyard or attached to the church. The slit window is high up in the bell tower, on the right as you look at it, and there is a drainpipe coming out of it. Several residents have now reported seeing kestrels at the top of the village.

So come May, you should be able to hear swifts around the church tower, and if we are really lucky, we may be able to see swifts again. I will let everyone know how we get on.

Paul Birkbeck, Secretary to the Upton Grey PCC

A Hit

Upton Grey's annual Safari Supper held on the 16th March was a great success with 73 villagers taking part and in excess of £1,000 raised for St Mary's Church. The funds are to be used to improve ventilation in the bell tower for the wonderful bell ringers who voluntarily add such a special dimension to our village life.

Thank you to everyone who took part and provided a course. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated and second to none. There were lots of new participants this year. Thank you to those of you who took the risk of trying out the Safari Supper experience and of course to the faithful regulars who continue to come and generously support this event. The evening was full of fun, laughter and delicious food and wine and by the time we met up in the village hall at the end for port, coffee and chocolate bells it felt as if the world was a better place.

We hope to see you next year.

Julia Harker and Viv Raven (Organisers)



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Rogation Walk

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St Mary's Church Herriard with Winslade

ROGATION WALK Sunday 12th May 10.00am



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It has also meant that the Green, which is meant to be enjoyed by all, has become a no go area for some people.

Please help us to reduce the number of incidents of aggression among dogs and their owners by being respectful of dogs on leads. The importance of recall cannot be emphasised enough if your dog is off lead. Some owners of nervous dogs use hi vis coats, or similar, to warn other dog walkers not to let their dog approach.

We would also ask people to please watch your dog if it is off lead so you can be sure to pick up dog mess. This is a continual problem despite signage to clean up and numerous dog waste bins. Please bring bags to pick up after your dog and deposit them in the bins provided. There is a nursery school on the site and the children from here and elsewhere regularly play in the park. Also, the grass edges of paths are mown and encountering dog mess is not pleasant for the children, groundsmen or other walkers. Dogs are strictly prohibited from being inside the play area.

Finally, we would like to urge dog walkers to take note of the Code of Conduct which is on gateposts leading to the pathways.

Please can everyone who uses the Green be respectful of this facility to help ensure it is open, inclusive and enjoyed by all. Thank you.

Herriard Parish Council



HERRIARD GREEN & PAVILION PROCEEDS TO ST MARY'S CHURCH HERRIARD WITH WINSLADE

TUNWORTH NEWS

Coffee & Cake: Thursday 2nd May, 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.

Prayer Hour: Saturday 4th May, 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.

Tunworth Home Group: Wednesday 8th & 22nd May

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. The May dates are Wednesday 8th and 22nd at 7.00pm. If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group, Friday 24th May

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. The May date is Friday 24th May.

Rogation Walk, Sunday 26th May

Our Rogation Walk is on 26th May. Meet at the church at 10.00am. Concludes with coffee.

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett

Following a great Easter Day service with an enthusiastic egg hunt in the churchyard our next services will be Evensong on Sunday 28th April and Sunday 26th May with our wonderful choir and Holy Communion on Sunday 12th May.

Weston Coffee Mornings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, so on 24th April and then on Wednesday 22nd May, from 11.00 am. Please do join us for coffee, cake and chat.

Our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is being held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.00 pm.

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett will be having a Quiz Night on Thursday 2nd May. Please see the poster in this magazine for all the details.

A further date for your diaries is Saturday 29th June when the Village barbecue will take place.



Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett

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QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 2nd MAY 7.30 PM THE VILLAGE HALL

£15 INCLUDES HOMEMADE SUPPER WITH PAYING BAR AVAILABLE

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL HELP TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR CHURCH

EITHER PROVIDE A TEAM OF 6 OR JUST YOUR NAMES AND TEAMS OF 6 WILL BE COMPILED

> For tickets: <u>lesleydon6@gmail.com</u> 07939201573

Mothers' Union Christian care for families On the first Wednesday of the

contristian care for families On the first Wednesday of the month, members of Mothers' Union from around the diocese meet in the Cathedral for prayers. As the date in April fell just after Easter, the theme of our prayers was 'Resurrection', which were led by members from Southampton. After the short service, we move to the Refectory for coffee and to talk about activities around the diocese.

The next meeting for our local branch will be on Monday 13th May at 7:30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. We hope to be able to put

together packs of toiletries to give to a local Women's refuge as women who have to leave abusive relationships generally arrive at the refuge with very little.

Another of our local projects is the Sunflower café which meets once a week (Wednesdays 2.00-4.00pm at the Old School, London Road, Odiham) to welcome those with dementia and their carers. Some long-standing volunteers at the Café have had to step back, and we would love to have a few new volunteers to support the visitors at the Café. Do let me know if you are interested in helping with this valuable project.

Contact: coordinatorsunflowercafe@yahoo.com if you think you can help.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on suemurphymubranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011.

Basingstoke Choral Society Concert, All Saints' Church, Odiham

A date for your diary: **Saturday 6th July**. The BSC's summer concert will be choruses from the popular Armed Man by Karl Jenkins.

Combined with a selection of spirituals compiled and arranged by Bob Chilcott and traditional English folk songs set by John Rutter, the programme brings something for everyone during the summer months.

Further details will be advertised next month or can be found by visiting. www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk.





Spring-clean your habits !

If you have a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, drinking, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, drugs, etc. - in fact any habit which once might have brought you comfort or fun, but is

now spoiling your daily living – why not try a course called Fresh Start? Fresh Start is a 9-week course run by Harvest Church, Alton. It's based on principles from the Bible and the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by 1-to-1 coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their habits. And it's free and completely confidential. See https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start

After previous local courses, a man tackling a porn addiction said, "I'd like to thank you...for putting on the Fresh Start course and helping me achieve my goals...I am very grateful for the work you did with us." Another, tackling a gambling addiction, said, "I was gambling to excess and constantly worried and anxious over money. I am now happier and am getting my priorities right... I can never say THANK YOU enough times as I never thought I could beat this addiction". A woman now in recovery from alcohol addiction said, "I wouldn't be where I am today, if I hadn't come on Fresh Start".

The next course will start with an Introduction session on Tuesday 30th April 2024, 10.30am-12.00, at Alton Maltings, led by Trevor and Ann.

So if you, or anyone you know, needs a fresh start, register for the calling Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 by course or freshstart@harvestchurch.uk.

Hart Male Voice Choir at St Andrew's South Warnborough Saturday 11th May 7.30-9.00pm

We are delighted that Hart Male Voice Choir have agreed to perform another concert in South Warnborough. This talented local choir will entertain us with a medley of well-known songs for your entertainment and enjoyment.

Tickets, which will include a drink in the interval, are £15 for adults, free for children, and are available from Virginia Farquharson, v.farquharson@gmail.com or 01256 861050.

All profits are for St Andrew's Church.



National Gardens Scheme – Hampshire

More news from the forthcoming NGS, fully funded, Show Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show. One of the outstanding features of the garden is the Shed.

To call this structure a 'shed' is little disingenuous – it will be a place of peace, calm and sanctuary. After its starring role at Chelsea it will eventually move to its

final home as part of the Chelsea Garden which will be reconstructed at the Maggie's Centre (an NGS Beneficiary) at Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge, for use by the gardeners, cancer patients and their families – a place to relax, have a cup of tea and maybe cake! You can read more about the materials and construction on the NGS website (ngs.org.uk) click on the Lifestyle section.

As I write this there are still tickets available for our Bonsai Experience Garden in Fleet.

Streamside Trees Bonsai Experience, 43a Basingbourne Road Fleet

Visitors can enjoy a guided tour around the 140-ft wildlife garden with bonsai nursery, then enjoy an informal bonsai demonstration from Julia, an enthusiast who also holds 'Create a Bonsai' hands-on experiences and is a member of bonsai societies. Finally relax with refreshments and Q&A. Starter trees will be available to purchase.

Tour & Demonstration: Thursday 9th May 10.00am and 1.00pm: Sunday 25th May 10.00am and 1.00pm: The tours starts promptly at 10.00am and 1.00pm. Admission: £20.00 per adult. Pre-booking Limited tickets available. Price includes refreshments. For any clarification contact streamsidetrees@gmail.com.

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.

As I write this, we have just had three gardens cancelled due to flooding - hopefully this will not be the case in May/June. Best Wishes to you all, **Pat Beagley, Head of Publicity**

Pat Beagley, Head of Publicity National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

Garden opening for charity

A private garden will open to the public for the first time in mid May, to raise funds for Alton heart charity Cardiac Rehab. The gates of 3 Timbercroft Close, Four Marks, GU34 5BB will be open between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on Sunday 12th May, allowing visitors to enjoy this wonderful spring flowering garden, with ornamental features and village views. Entry costs £7.50 to include a cup of tea and piece of cake; children go free.

You can admire mature shrubs and vibrant colour from acers, rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias, on a quarter of an acre. Also peonies and diverse perennials. Plant stall. For details/tickets see: cardiac-rehab.co.uk/events. The charity also supports older people wishing to stay well, those recovering from cancer or strokes and people awaiting joint surgery.

Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale

Join us at our annual Plant Sale on **Saturday 11th May**, Treloar College, Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4GL, from 10.00am to 12.30pm. This year, we're excited to host the event in the Horticultural Area and Greenhouse at Treloar's, offering ample parking right by the event.

Explore a beautiful variety of annuals and new selection of perennials grown by Treloar's students. Don't miss our bring & buy plant stall, where you can receive expert advice. Plus, we're thrilled to have Phoenix Perennial Plants joining us. Indulge in delicious treats at the cakes and produce stall and try your luck at our raffle.

Admission is free and all proceeds will go towards supporting the young people at Treloar's!



Spring in our steps!

There might have been a bit of rain around, but it hasn't dampened our ing laughing and living!

u3a members' enthusiasm for learning, laughing and living!

In our newsletter, Pam's corner has an enticing selection of NGS gardens all within 25 miles of Odiham including:

- Vann Garden, south of Godalming, partly designed by Gertrude Jekyll
- *Chilworth Manor*, which will have a plant sale following the Chelsea Flower Show visits must be booked.
- Twin Oaks, a stunning water garden in Chandlers Ford.

Meanwhile our creative writing groups' contributions had a spring theme, focusing on activity in our gardens. One story entertained us with the antics of a squirrel on a bird feeder and a second told of the confusion of a male pigeon unable to attract his lady love and the busyness of a bee fly!

The Family & Social History group watched a webinar from The National Archives which provided valuable pointers on how to navigate their vast repertoire of records when researching relatives who

served in the First World War. They were also fascinated by the story of how the start of the tax year came to be on April 6th and that until 1752 New Year's Day used to be on March 25th. This inevitably gave rise to the thought that spring may be a better time of year to celebrate the new year rather than mid-winter!

Wings and Wheels group's guest presenter is already well-known to the folks of Upton Grey, the Rev'd Simon Butler. However, for a very entertaining two hours Simon talked of his life as the 'Racing Reverend' and his love of cars and racing.

Finally, our Environment and Climate Change group will be busy

this spring as they consider the potential impact on our local environment of the proposed Logistics Warehouses and expected 1000 vehicle movements per hour, operating 24 hours a day at Junction 5 of the M3.

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

Weird and wonderful plant names

Plants can have many names. An individual plant may be known by a common name (of which there may be several) along with its Latin name (which is unique to each plant). These names are frequently descriptive, and can also be quite simple or just totally bizarre.

A widespread and common plant with an amusing name is the Fat Hen (Chenopodium album). This plant grows in gardens, arable fields,

Fat Hen: Philip Precey







roadsides, hedgerows and many other habitats. It is so common that it is often considered a weed. The Fat Hen flowers from June to October with spikes of whitish flowers rising from diamond shaped leaves. Before the introduction of spinach, it was often served boiled and buttered alongside meat. These days, it is considered a good food source for birds and insects. Fat Hen also goes by several other obscure names, including Bacon Weed, Dirty Dick, Goose Foot, Lamb's Quarters (USA) and Pig Weed.



Creeping Jenny: Richard Burkmarr

Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia nummularia) is a low growing perennial plant found it wetlands, riverbanks, ponds and wet woodland. Flowering from May to August and most prevalent in Southern England, the Creeping Jenny has a sunshine-yellow, cup-like flower crowning stalks that branch off a main stem. Its name derives from how the plant will 'creep' or spread through wet

habitats with its spreading mats of long stems. A hardy plant with evergreen leaves and an attractive flower, it is a popular plant for gardeners to grow alongside a pond or water feature.

One of the strangest plant names is the Moschatel Town Hall Clock (Adoxa moschatellina). Firstly, the 'moschatel' part comes from the flower's musk-like scent. As for the 'Town Hall Clock' part, that refers to how the flowers face out in four different directions 90 degrees to each other sitting on top of an erect, slender stem. Each stem has five flowers with the fifth facing upwards. This plant can be seen flowering between April and May and is widespread through most of the UK. It prefers shaded, moist habitats and is often found in deciduous woodland.



Moschatel Town Hall Clock: Mike Read

Visit the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website to discover more species with unusual names: www.hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife-explorer.

Helen Skelton-Smith, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Helen.Skelton-Smith@hiwwt.org.uk, 07880 888577

SMALL ADS - MAY

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

Driver Wanted

We are looking for a driver for occasional evenings mostly to London and Esher. There could also be the occasional day trips to airports and other venues (optional).

The idea is that you will be driving our car. We live in the Upton Grey/Weston Patrick area. The job would suit a semi- or fully-retired person. Should you be interested please call mobile 07831 647175.

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 – MAY 2024

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

MAY DATES

2nd May	Thu	Quiz night, Weston Patrick Village Hall	7.30pm
11th May	Sat	Treloar's plant sale, Holybourne	10.00am
11th May	Sat	Hart Male Voice Choir, South Warnborough church	7.30pm
12th May	Sun	Herriard and Upton Grey Rogation walks	10.00am
12th May	Sun	Charity garden opening, Four Marks	2.00pm
20th May	Mon	Herriard Annual Parish Council meeting, Village Hub	7.00pm
26th May	Sun	Tunworth Rogation walk	10.00am

ADVANCE DATES

2nd Jun	Sun	Summer Fete and Dog Show, Herriard Green	12.00-3.00
8th Jun	Sat	St Mary's Upton Grey Village Fete 2	.00–5.00pm
13th Jun	Thu	Upton Grey Golf Day, Sandford Springs, Kingsclere	2 10.00am
29th Jun	Sat	Weston Patrick Village barbecue	TBC
6th Jul	Sat	Armed Man concert, All Saints' Church, Odiham	
5th-8th Au	g	UG Summer Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00-12.45
11th Aug	Sun	Importance of Being Earnest, Church Meadow, UG	3.00pm
26th Oct	Sat	Autumn Festival	Evening

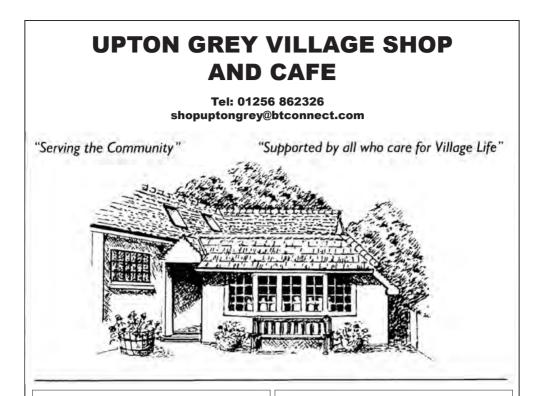
REGULAR EVENTS

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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