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

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

Remembrance

106 years ago at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month the hostilities of the First World War came to an end and peace was made after four long devastating years of war. More than $\frac{3}{4}$ million British men and women were killed and countless others were maimed, wounded or emotionally damaged. Each year on Armistice Day and on Remembrance Sunday we remember and honour those who lost their lives in that Great War and in conflicts since, and sadly today we have to remember too those who have lost their life or whose lives will be forever changed in the wars in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and Sudan. At this time of remembrance, we hold silence together to allow our remembrances to help us, if we can, face a little more honestly the truth of what it means to be human, and deepen our commitment to making peace in our own day.



At the Imperial War Museum there is an immersive exhibition which includes a sound recording of the actual moment of the ceasefire at the River Moselle, made from an original graphic document of the time. A barrage of continuing heavy gunfire is heard at 10:58 in the final moments. By one minute past the hour there is silence. The gunfire has stopped. And into that great silence you hear the sound of birdsong, the first remarkable sounds of peace. The war has ended. Peace has come.

From the sound archive are also the stories of individuals who were affected by the end of the war and that boundary between war and peace. One person recounted “Well do you know, strangely enough, we wept, because the silence was so awful. You see we’d been used to the noise of guns, all day long, all day long, all day long... it was so strange to have silence.”

With the incomprehensible loss of life of that Great War, communities back home were in some ways silenced too. Not just by the silence of peace but by the silence of loss: the silence of the Lost Generation, who never returned home to talk and joke, and live and breathe. They were silenced by the grief of so many lost in communities, often because their loved ones had signed up with their friends together,

Kitchener's 'Pals Battalions' from the same factory, or sports team, or village.

Our gatherings today are about holding silence, about remembering but also about our deepest desire to be formed as people who long to live in peace, now and always. We hold silence and remember, not so that we can forget for the rest of the year, but so we can be reminded of a call to speak and recommit to live as peacemakers. And we live the hope of a world where war will be no more.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9). Silence, remembering, and peace-making. In all of this we seek the thread of God's love. We will remember them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Revd Linda Scard

FROM THE REGISTERS

Interment of Ashes: Henry Loder Shelley Bevington ('Loder') at St Lawrence Weston Patrick on 12th October

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd November

9.00am Tunworth – All Saints Patronal BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

5.00pm Herriard – All Souls Evensong

Sunday 10th November

10.00am Upton Grey – Remembrance Service

10.45am Herriard – Remembrance Service

5.00pm Tunworth – Remembrance Sunday Evensong

5.00pm Weston Patrick – In Loving Memory

Thursday 14th November

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 17th November

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

10.00am Herriard – Morning Prayer with Baptism

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

Thursday 21st November

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 24th November

- 9.00am Tunworth – Family Service with Baptism
- 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship
- 5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

CHURCH NEWS**Coffee & Cake**

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

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on Thursday 7th November.
- Coffee & Cake drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am–1.00pm on Monday 11th and 25th November.
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am–12.30pm on Wednesday 27th November.

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

The Table



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

North Warnborough Village Hall

UPCOMING DATES:

10th November

24th November

8th December

22nd December

From

5PM



Please contact Matt to book: matt@moretolife.church





KidsZone

Hi everyone!

I wonder, are you afraid of the dark? Most people are a little worried about being in the total darkness. We're not quite sure what to expect, and maybe our imagination plays tricks on us...

Now, you're probably reading this in November, but I'm writing it way back in October, and last night I had to overcome my fears and head out into our very dark garden in the middle of the night, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. I must admit, I was a little worried! The sky was so clear, filled with stars, but not much happening with the moon. But as my eyes became more accustomed to the dark, it felt like my other senses went into overdrive. My hearing became attuned to rustlings, wildlife calls, the sound of the wind and my own breathing. I began to smell the countryside. I could even feel like I could almost touch the darkness. Owls and bats swooped across my path, I could hear rustlings in the hedge – who knows what that might have been! I wouldn't have been able to experience any of these things in bright daylight.

Another benefit of total darkness is that it enables us to see more. Only from a dark location can we begin to get a sense of the vast expanse of space. There are the individual stars that form groups that we call constellations. There is the huge blanket of stars that we call the Milky Way. We may see a meteorite, even a meteorite shower. If we're really lucky, we may catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights. *(Taken by a friend last night over North Warnborough).*



Only by placing ourselves in darkness can we get some sense of how vast space is, and how tiny Earth is in comparison. That's why the Bible says, 'When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and stars that you have set in their places, what is humanity, that you think of him and her, human beings, that you care for them?' (Psalm 8.3-4)

How amazing is that? The God that created the stars in space cares for us...?

This month is the perfect month to get outside at night and really experience the dark. Maybe you can ask to go on a late-night drive into the deep countryside, if you're not already there! Turn off your torch, let your eyes acclimatise, and let your senses experience just how vast God's creation is, and give thanks that He loves us.

God Bless and see you next time!



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming News

Ah, Autumn. The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness! I'll use Keats poem which was inspired by our Hampshire countryside because it rejoices in all that Autumn has to offer and I think we could all do with a bit of a lift at the moment as we read the daily news and look searchingly for good weather (physically and metaphorically) around the corner.

We had a very well attended harvest festival at Herriard this morning, in fact so well attended that we ran out of service sheets. Suzanne told the story of the hungry traveller and his 'stone soup' which he used as a clever way of bringing people together and gaining a nourishing meal for everyone. The reluctant villagers have fun making the soup (as the children did in church) and the tale has a happy ending. So, I'll try and be upbeat in this Parish magazine article and put a positive slant on where the farm is at the present moment.

We've completed our maize harvest in very tricky, wet conditions without damaging the fields too much or dragging too much mud out onto the roads. A big thank you to our neighbours in your Teslas and your Boxsters who greeted my pleas to use another road, as I scraped the mud off with our JCB, with a cheery wave! There is generally a really good understanding in our villages of the pressures we farmers are under at certain times of the year, and we appreciate your tolerance of all the smells, mud, noise and occasional (relentless?) moaning that we emit.

We not only needed to harvest the maize at the optimum time, so the quality is right for the cows feed but also want dry weather afterwards to then plant the wheat. If we damage the soil structure with big ruts whilst harvesting, then our seedbeds will be seriously compromised. We 'mostly' managed this and last weekend cultivated the majority of the maize stubbles and planted the majority of our wheat in the very small weather window we had. A couple of 16/17 hour days for Dan on the seed drill, one of them his birthday (thank you Dan) and we planted the seed in the best possible conditions we could have, given the year. We have one more field to plant which our maize harvesting contractor has nicknamed 'The Somme' for reasons that are obvious when you see the heavy clay and surface water. Hopefully in the next dry weather window we'll have a chance to plant the last of our winter wheat.

The cows are milking well on the forages we have made over the last year. This year's grass silage is of good quality, and we still have a month of last year's maize in stock to use as feed which is good. We would like to have had three months more of last year's maize in stock but given the difficult year we'll take what we have. The milk price is still heading slowly up so that for the first time in 18 months we are now producing milk at a profit.....more reasons to be cheerful!

The milk price is creeping up because Europe is worried about a shortage of milk. There are 7,130 dairy farms in GB according to AHDB (Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board). There were over 30,000 dairy farms in the early 1990s. We've gone from 2.5 million dairy cows to less than 1.8 million today. Correspondingly, milk yield/cow and herd size/producer has gone up. This means a lot less methane produced/litre. We lost 440 dairy farms last year for a multitude of reasons but inflationary pressure on key inputs, high interest rates driving up the cost of borrowing, lack of labour and especially increased regulatory pressure are top of the list. Claire and I attended a dairy conference in September and the outlook for British dairying was encouragingly; 'cautiously optimistic'.

Finally, we had a very good night at the UK Cream awards (the only awards solely for the UK dairy industry, not Cream the nightclub!) in September where we picked up two awards. One for Most Efficient AMS Farm (farms milking with robots) and the other for High Performance Dairy Farm. It's a credit to everyone on the farm and ancillary businesses that have contributed towards this. So, thank you Sally, Philip, Ric, Craig, Simon, Grace, Ian, local farmers and of course, all our neighbours for putting up with us!

Joe Ives

UPTON GREY NEWS
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Upton Grey Village Hall – 100 club

Congratulations to this month's winners:

1st Prize (£100) Martin Hume

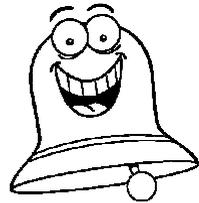
2nd Prize (£40) G Johnson

If you would like to join our 100 club please get in touch with Sam or Wendy at UGVH100@gmail.com

Fancy a go at bell ringing?

The ring of six bells at St Mary's have been ringing out over the village since the 16th Century. Come and be part of this history and bring joy to all who hear them.

Upton Grey ringers practise on Thursday nights at 8-9.00pm, with learners often having their own practice a little earlier. We also ring for 30 minutes for Sunday services twice a month as well as for special occasions.



Frequently asked questions

- Q: Do you need to be strong? A: No, it's all about technique that you'll be taught.
- Q: Do you need to be musical? A: No.
- Q: How long will it take to learn to ring a bell? A: It varies wildly, but a few months should get you being able to ring a bell by yourself.
- Q: Do I need to come to every ringing practice? A: No, but it would be good to attend at least a few every month to make progress – like anything else – the more you practise the better you get.
- Q: Do I need to go to church? A: No, it's up to you – some ringers stay for the service after ringing and some don't.

We would be very happy if you wanted to come, in the first instance, to 'observe' a practice; please contact either Michael Church: 07802 383759 or Rachel Dulai: 07725 811422.

Remembrance

There will be a Remembrance Sunday service at St Mary's on **10th November starting at 10.00am**, with an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial starting at 10.45am.

An Act of Remembrance will take place at the **War Memorial on 11th November at 10.45am**.

Coffee and Cake drop in

Upton Grey Village Hall

Monday

11th & 25th November

11.00-1.00

All welcome



St Mary's Upton Grey
www.moretolife.church

Upton Grey Village Hall and The Amber Trust are thrilled to announce that Derek Paravicini, the Musical Genius, will be playing for us on **Saturday 30th November at 7.00pm**. There will be a pay bar and raffle. Tickets are £25. Please contact ajhanbury@btinternet.com for further information.

Educational Grants available to ALL Upton Grey Residents

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

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

For more information on how to apply and terms and conditions, please visit www.uptongreychurch.co.uk (under Groups & Organisations) or email debbie@debbie-bridle.com. This is primarily open to residents of Upton Grey, but consideration may also be given to applicants from other parishes within the Benefice – funds permitting. Applications must be made by the person requiring assistance and NOT by a parent/guardian or other.

We are very lucky to have this fund and very grateful to the late Ros Mills for establishing it. Please submit your application in writing **by the end of November 2024**, to be in with a chance for the application to be put forward at the December meeting, to The Secretary to the Trustees, UPTON GREY EDUCATIONAL TRUST, Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane, Upton Grey, Basingstoke RG25 2RG or via email to debbie@debbie-bridle.com (requesting a read receipt) – please ensure child written application is attached to the email sent by parent or guardian. (NOTE that any late applications received after the deadline will automatically be carried over to the next meeting).

A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens - Adapted and performed by John Bromley Davenport - Upton Grey Village Hall - Saturday 7th December 7.00-9.00pm

John Bromley-Davenport will be performing his captivating one-man show of, 'A Christmas Carol' on Saturday 7th December at 7.00pm. John has performed his solo adaptation of Dickens' masterpiece for over 40 years, with the acclaimed production enrapturing audiences on both sides of the Atlantic. Tickets (£15 - CASH ONLY) available at Upton Grey village shop or on the door. Mince pies and drinks included and served during the interval. A contribution from ticket sales will be made to St Mary's Church, Upton Grey. The show will start promptly at 7.00pm, so please arrive in plenty of time to take your seats.

Save the Date!

- Upton Grey Reels Night - **Saturday 1st March 2025.**
- Upton Grey Safari Supper - **Saturday 22nd March 2025** from 7.30pm.
- St Mary's Upton Grey Fete - **7th June 2025** (2.00-5.00pm).

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 862455

In Memory of Judy Chetwood

Judy who died in early October was a warm-hearted person, a strong mercurial character full of charm and energy. She lived in Upton Grey from about 2000-2016 and involved herself with the church flowers, the magazine distribution and various other good works and charity committees. (In an earlier incarnation, she and Chetty rented our house temporarily in the 1980s.)

Before she married, Judy taught children in the East End of London and then in the 80s worked at the Weston Patrick nursery school. Later she became a skilled semi-professional florist.

Mother of four, poor Judy was widowed at the age of 47 and this made her particularly supportive of other youngish widows like me. Judy was a friend for 45 years and I will always think of her with great fondness, as will many others.

Susie Vereker

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Herriard Garden Club QUIZ - Saturday 2nd Nov at the Herriard Hub
 Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start, £10 each player; this includes a finger buffet. General Knowledge questions, 4/6 or fewer to a team. There are three Large Raffle Prizes, £1 a ticket or £5 a strip. Bar will be open. Please book a table by contacting Gemma on 01256 381354.

**Herriard Festive Christmas Fair****Sunday 17th November 2024****11am to 4pm @ Herriard Hub, King John's Lane RG25 2PG****What3Words: thunder.section.retraced**

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All Souls service: Sunday 3rd November, 5.00pm

Evensong with Remembrance and Prayers for those who are bereaved. Please do come along, and, if you wish to, light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones.

Remembrance Sunday

St Mary's Church Herriard with Winslade

**On Sunday 10th November at 10.45am
we will be holding our moving
Remembrance Sunday service
at St Mary's**



All are welcome



*If you have photos of a relative who has served
in the forces and would like their photo displayed
in the Church for our Remembrance Sunday service,
please let either Fiona (07867 973266)
or Suzanne (07484 162186) know.*

*Alternatively, please bring the photo to
St Mary's at 10.00am on the Saturday (9th)
when we will be preparing for the service.*

Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group

The Lunch Group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30pm at the Herriard Hub, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. **The November date is the 22nd.**

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Macmillian Appeal Coffee Morning at Herriard Hub on 26th September

An amazing amount of £1,092.15 was raised, donated by all who attended and through the Just Giving Page.

A huge thank you to all the amazing cake makers who donated special homemade cakes and all who donated Raffle prizes which encouraged people to generously support this important cause.

To all those that helped set up for the event and spent hours on Thursday serving, selling tickets and clearing up. A lot of time and work goes into these events to make it a successful, enjoyable day, we cannot praise you all enough.

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Thank you to everyone who came along on Sunday to join us for our Harvest Festival - it was so lovely to see so many people. As always the Church look amazing - thank you to everyone who decorated and cleaned and brought along fruit and veg (which pretty much spread across every ledge there is!). The scent as you walked in the Church was absolutely fantastic! Thank you to all the youngsters who assisted Suzanne so brilliantly with her inspired 'stone soup' story. Thank you Suzanne for making it a truly special Harvest Festival service. Thanks also to organist Andrew Hinde for playing so beautifully - adding that special touch to the service.

During the service food donations were brought up to the Altar for the Camrose Centre - thank you to everyone for their contributions - the donations were very gratefully received by the Centre.



Harvest Supper

At the time of writing we have our Harvest Supper tomorrow (Wednesday 16th October) - more about that next month!

Advent Carol Service

A date for your Diary: on **Sunday 1st December at 6.00pm** we have our Advent Carol Service - everyone is very warmly invited to join us. With its moving liturgy, music and readings both sacred and secular this is a service not to be missed. And as always delicious (and many!) refreshments will be served after the service.

TUNWORTH NEWS

Prayer Hour: Saturday 2nd 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.

All Saints Patronal service: Sunday 3rd November

All Saints Sunday - Patronal Holy Communion service (Book of Common Prayer) at 9.00am with the Revd Chris Dudgeon preaching.

Coffee & Cake: Thursday 7th 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.

Tunworth Home Group

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. **The November dates will be the 13th and 27th.** If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group

The Lunch Group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30pm at the Herriard Hub, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. **The November date is the 22nd.**

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Our Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 13th October with a very well attended service in the church led by Linda Scard and Chris Dudgeon. Our local farmer Peter Cheyney kindly gave an informative and entertaining talk about his farming year.

The service was followed by a wonderful village lunch in the Barn at Manor Farm Weston Corbett courtesy of Guy and Bongo Harrison. We had delicious food provided by brilliant cooks from the village. A really helpful amount of money was made to help keep the church running and we are so grateful to all who took part.

All are welcome to join us for coffee, cake and chat at our Coffee Mornings held on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall. Our next meet up will be on **Wednesday 27th November at 11.00am.**

Our next Evensong service will be on **Sunday 24th November at 5.00 pm** with the wonderful choir.

On Sunday 10th November we will be having a very special 'In Loving Memory' service at 5.00pm. Please see below:

In Loving Memory

If you have someone you have loved but lost, whether a very long time ago or quite recently, we invite you most warmly to join us for a simple service of thanksgiving and remembrance at St Lawrence's church at 5.00pm on **Sunday 10th November**. During this quiet and reflective service the names of those we have lost will be read aloud and a candle lit for each one.

If you know you would like to come along to remember someone, please let me have the name in advance (my contacts are below), or you can let me know before the start of the service on the day. Every blessing,

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Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett's Women's Home Group

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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Carol Service – Odiham

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice are again hosting a festive Carol Service on **Tuesday 10th December at All Saints', Odiham**, joined by Winchester Cathedral Choir and with a reading by Mark Durden-Smith. The service starts at 7.00pm and doors open at 6.00pm for canapés, wine and mince pies. Tickets are £35.00 per person and can be purchased at www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events or from Katherine Jane, High Street, Odiham. We look forward to seeing you.

Charity Trustee Networking Event

Ever thought about becoming a Trustee? Then why not attend Hart Voluntary Action's Charity Trustee Networking Event on **Monday 11th November**, 4.30-7.00pm at The Elvetham Hotel. HVA invite you to join them for a fun evening, at a beautiful venue, to find out more about becoming a Trustee. You will have the opportunity to meet a number of local community organisations who are looking for support and are eager to answer your questions.

To register your interest or to find out more contact: Tania.Skinner@hartvolaction.org.uk

The Jubilee Choir: Petite Messe Solennelle by Rossini, All Saints' Church, Odiham – Sunday 17th November at 6.30pm

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Basingstoke Choral Society presents Songs of the Silver Screen at the Anvil, Basingstoke, 7.30pm, Saturday 23rd November

The choir, conducted by **David Gibson**, will perform songs from West Side Story, My Fair Lady, the theme tunes to Saving Private Ryan, Skyfall as well as classics such as Puccini's Humming Chorus, Barber's Agnus Dei and more. They are delighted to be performing with a wonderful new talent, **Sam Jewison**, recognised for his vocal and pianistic talent who will also compère this exciting evening. Tickets available from <https://www.anvilarts.org.uk/events/basingstoke-choral-society> or choir members.

Deane Sinfonia Classical Concert – All Saints, Odiham

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The Cardiac Rehab Annual Lecture, Alton Maltings, 26th Nov, 7.00pm

This year the lecture will be given by Kay Linnell, forensic accountant and adviser to the Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance, as featured on TV. Co-lecturer and co-director, Barbara Jeremiah. Held at the Alton Maltings on 26th November, 7.00pm wine and canapes, for 8.00pm lecture - tickets £27.50 from www.cardiac-rehab.co.uk/events.

Hook Choral Society, All Saints' Church, Odiham, Sat 30th Nov

The highlight of the programme will be **Bob Chilcott's** wonderful '**Christmas Oratorio**', which will put everyone in tune for Advent, and for which we will be joined by an organist, a harpist, a flautist, and no fewer than four soloists. The programme will also include the lovely 17th century Peruvian piece 'Hanacpachap Cussicuinin', Elgar's 'The Spirit of the Lord', and Mendelssohn's 'There Shall a Star from Jacob'. All this for £20 (£18 for bookings of 4 or more persons) – so do put this date in your diary.

And while your diary is open, why not put in the date of the ever-popular Christmas Concert – carols and readings and wine and mince pies: which will be given at **St John's Church, Hook on Saturday, December 21st**.

The choir would love to entertain you at both these events. Tickets can be bought at hookchoral.co.uk or by phone from **07957 293 641**



November sees the start of the 16 days of activism for gender-based violence which runs from 25th November to 10th December. This year the diocese will be holding a prayer vigil outside Winchester Cathedral between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm on **Monday 25th November**.

As part of their action against gender-based violence, Mothers' Union launched their 'Rise Up' campaign in 2023 to raise awareness of domestic violence and support those who suffer from it. The letters in

'Rise Up' stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. The statistics about Domestic Abuse are shocking with an estimated 1.6 million women in this country experiencing domestic abuse every year. One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood. Domestic abuse affects people throughout society and at every stage of life. We must do everything we can to support and protect those who are vulnerable.



Our next branch meeting is on **Monday 4th November** at 7.30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com.



Upcoming events

Live at the Vineyard - Comedy Night

Date: Sat 16th November

Time: 18.00 - 22.30

Location: Black Chalk Winery, Cottonworth, SP11 7JX

Christmas Fair

Date: Thurs 14th & Fri 15th November

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Cross Barn Odiham – Film / NT live

November 15th: Miss Saigon: 25th Anniversary Gala Performance

Inspired by Giacomo Puccini's 1904 opera *Madama Butterfly*, the tragic tale of a young bar-girl Kim, orphaned by the war, who falls in love with American GI Chris – but ends with their lives torn apart by the fall of Saigon. 'A thrilling, soaring and emotionally stirring musical with magnificent performances.'

November 22nd Film: Thelma

A feisty 93yr-old grandmother gets conned by a phone scammer sets out on a treacherous quest across Los Angeles, on a motorized scooter, to reclaim what was taken from her. 'A highly entertaining watch from start to finish.'

December 13th Film: The Holdovers

A thought-provoking dramedy about a boarding school's Christmas holiday left-behinds in the 70's, that is as achingly sharp as it is funny. 'A consistently smart, funny movie about people who are easy to root for and like the ones we know.'

January 11th Live: Jazz Night

Welcoming 2025 with a swing

February 21st NT Live: The Importance of Being Earnest

A trivial comedy for serious people! Being sensible can be excessively boring. At least Jack thinks so!

March 21st Film: Macbeth (David Tennant, Donmar Warehouse)

Unsettling intimacy and brutal action combine at speed in Shakespeare's tale of love, murder, and nature's power of renewal.

Doors open 19.00. Start times: Thelma 19.45; The Holdovers 19.30; Miss Saigon, NT Live, Macbeth, Jazz 19.30.

Refreshments: Coffee/tea, wine, ice cream.

Tickets: Films at £7.00, NT Live, Macbeth £15.00, Jazz £20.00

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

News from Basingstoke and Deane Disability Forum

BDDF Chronic Pain Support Group

BDDF offer free support and advice to anyone living with chronic pain or disability- a welcoming group with activities and free refreshments. Thursday November 14th from 1.00pm-2.30pm at Proteus Creation Space, Council Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3DH. For more information, please contact office@bddf.org.uk or call 01256 423869

BDDF & Wavelly House Camera Club

No experience or equipment necessary as BDDF provide the cameras

Fun monthly meetings - no costs involved, with planned exhibition for best photos. Tuesday 5th November, Tuesday 17th December. For more information, please contact sanchia@bddf.org.uk or call 01256 423869

BDDF New Free to join Art Club

We are in the process of planning a new art club to be held at Proteus Creation Space, Council Road, Basingstoke, starting in September from 10.30am–12.00pm (arrival from 10.00am). Fun monthly meetings giving an ideal opportunity to meet new people and learn some new skills. Thursday 28th November. To join, email office@bddf.org.uk or call 01256 423869

Save the Date: BDDF Christmas Party 13th December 12-3pm

At Popley Fields Community Centre. RSVP:office@bddf.org.uk 01256 423869



A bit of a nip in the air?

So, what do we do? We wrap up warm!

Everyone benefits from fresh air however for the less mobile of us it can be trickier. So we were delighted to receive an invite this month to join in with u3a Fleet ‘Rollers and Strollers’ group’. As the name implies, the Rollers organise trips – next month to Mottisfont’s Nutcracker Christmas – using accessible coaches. Whilst the Strollers have fortnightly walks around Elvetham Nature Reserve; split into two groups, one walk is wheelchair-friendly and the second for those using aids or in need of a slow pace.

With a view to exercising the grey matter but from the comfort of home, we are starting a fourth Book Club but this one will be on zoom.

In fact, the National u3a now offer a huge number of online groups, from armchair archaeology to zentangle to increase accessibility for those at home.

Talking of new groups we have brought back Pétanque – replacing our summer season Croquet groups.

We are in the early days of setting up a suite of language groups in French, German, Italian and Spanish. It’s quite a challenge to cover the wide range of experience amongst our members - complete beginner to rapid fluent!

And yet another proposed new venture is ‘Song Writing’!

We are proud of the number of activities on offer at our u3a – we are all volunteers. If you feel you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

To find out more, please visit our website.

www.odihamu3a.org.uk



The North Hampshire National Trust Centre

We are one of the *National Trust* supporters' groups and we are based at The Vyne in Sherborne St John. We are looking to increasing our membership. The NHNTC was formed almost 50 years ago. Its first purpose is to provide our members with opportunities to visit NT properties, other historic houses and interesting venues and also to provide talks from experts in their subjects. Its second purpose is to raise funds for the NT - mainly supporting projects at *The Vyne* - and sharing social events.

Visits

Our visits are held in the summer months and are mostly coach trips, but we also have some 'self-drive' outings to more local properties (e.g. Chawton House). Some of our recent coach trips have included Ham House, Kingston Lacey, Wimborne Minster, Greenwich (with a voyage down the Thames), Arundel Castle. Future outings under discussion include Kew Gardens, Hever Castle and a journey on a horse-drawn barge on the Kennett & Avon Canal.

Talks

Afternoon talks are held monthly in the autumn and winter at Elizabeth Hall in Hook. Each event costs just £4 to members (£5 to guests) and include tea and homemade cakes supplied by members. Recent talks have included:

'30 years in Hampshire Constabulary'

'Where do medicines come from?'

'The Post Office Scandal' (Even more scandalous than we realised)

'The Butler's Christmas' (as at Petworth House).

We are an extremely friendly group and organise other activities such as a Christmas lunch in a local hotel, and a spring lunch and August cream tea cream – both in the well-equipped Elizabeth Hall in Hook.

Fund raising

Most of the surplus from our activities is donated to *The Vyne*. Since 1985 over £100,000 has been donated by NHNTC for a variety of projects.

If you would like to enhance the enjoyment which you derive from your National Trust membership, why not join us? Membership of the NHNTC costs just £8 per annum (or £13 for a joint membership). You don't have to be a member of the NT to join the NHNTC. Please visit our website www.nhntc.com where you will find an application form to join us.

Odiham Music Foundation / Morland Choristers' Camp

For many years, *Odiham Music Foundation* has supported local children living in the benefice to enable them to attend *Morland Choristers' Camp*. This year, a bursary was awarded to Dima Lavrentiev, 14, from Ukraine, who used to live in Upton Grey and now lives in Hook with his mother and sister. This is the second time that Dima has attended Morland Camp thanks to the generosity of the Music Foundation, and he and his mother were thrilled that he could attend again. The Camp gives young singers a breadth of musical immersion and expert tuition that is second to none. Added to this, is the simple joy of singing in a fantastic 100-strong choir, the freedom of camping in a beautiful rural village in the idyllic Eden Valley and the amazing outdoor team activities based in the beautiful gardens of Morland House. One of the strengths of this long-established Camp is that it has a tried and tested programme with superb organisation, pastoral care and constant activity!



Dima wrote: *Morland is a place where people from all over the world come together, compete, sing, make friends, learn and have fun. Morland is feelings and emotions that leave memories for the rest of the year, making you look forward to the next trip with bated breath, waiting to once again find yourself surrounded by beautiful landscapes, music and amazing people. This week always flies by so quickly, but always remains in our memories for many years. I brought a lot of wonderful memories of Morland. What I enjoyed the most (like usual) was the construction of the dam, along with the incredible dedication and hard work of the staff. Thank you, Morland! Thank you so much to Odiham Music Foundation for making it possible for me to attend.*



Odiham Music Foundation - Supporting Music in the Community

If you would like to join in the work of the Odiham Music Foundation by becoming a member or hear more about its current projects, do please contact the chairman, **John Markham (Tel: 01256 702789)**.

Morland Choristers' Camp -The Adventure Starts Here! Sunday 27 July to Sunday 3 August 2025

The all-inclusive residential course offers young singers fun, friendships and freedom to express themselves in a safe, supportive Christian environment with first class care. The course is open to all singers aged from 9 upwards, who may be members of church choirs, or school choirs, or other choirs – or who may just enjoy singing! There are no auditions. The course fee is £450 inclusive, and bursaries are available. There is an accompanied train from London, just a three-hour direct journey to Penrith. See www.morland.org.uk, or for a brochure please contact **Frances Yeowart (Trustee): francesyeowart@outlook.com**

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 – NOVEMBER 2024

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

NOVEMBER DATES

2nd Nov	Sat	Herriard Garden Club Quiz, Herriard Hub	7.30pm
10th Nov	Sun	The Table, North Warnborough Village Hall	5.00pm
15th Nov	Fri	Film <i>Miss Saigon</i> , Cross Barn, Odiham	7.00pm
17th Nov	Sun	Herriard Christmas Fair, Herriard Hub	11.00am
17th Nov	Sun	Jubilee Choir, All Saints' Church, Odiham	6.30pm
22nd Nov	Fri	Film <i>Thelma</i> , Cross Barn, Odiham	7.00pm
24th Nov	Sun	Deane Sinfonia Classical concert, All Saints, Odiham	7.00pm
30th Nov	Sat	Derek Paravicini, Amber Trust & UG Village Hall	7.00pm

ADVANCE DATES

7th Dec	Sat	A Christmas Carol, UG Village Hall	7.00-9.00pm
10th Dec	Tue	Hospice Carol Service, All Saints, Odiham	6.00pm
1st March 2025		Upton Grey Reels Night, UG Village Hall	
22nd March 2025		Upton Grey Safari Supper	7.30pm
7th June 2025	Sat	St Mary's Upton Grey Fete	2.00-5.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Each Mon/Thu		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each Sat		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each Mon		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	10.00am
Each Tues		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00pm
Each Thurs		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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