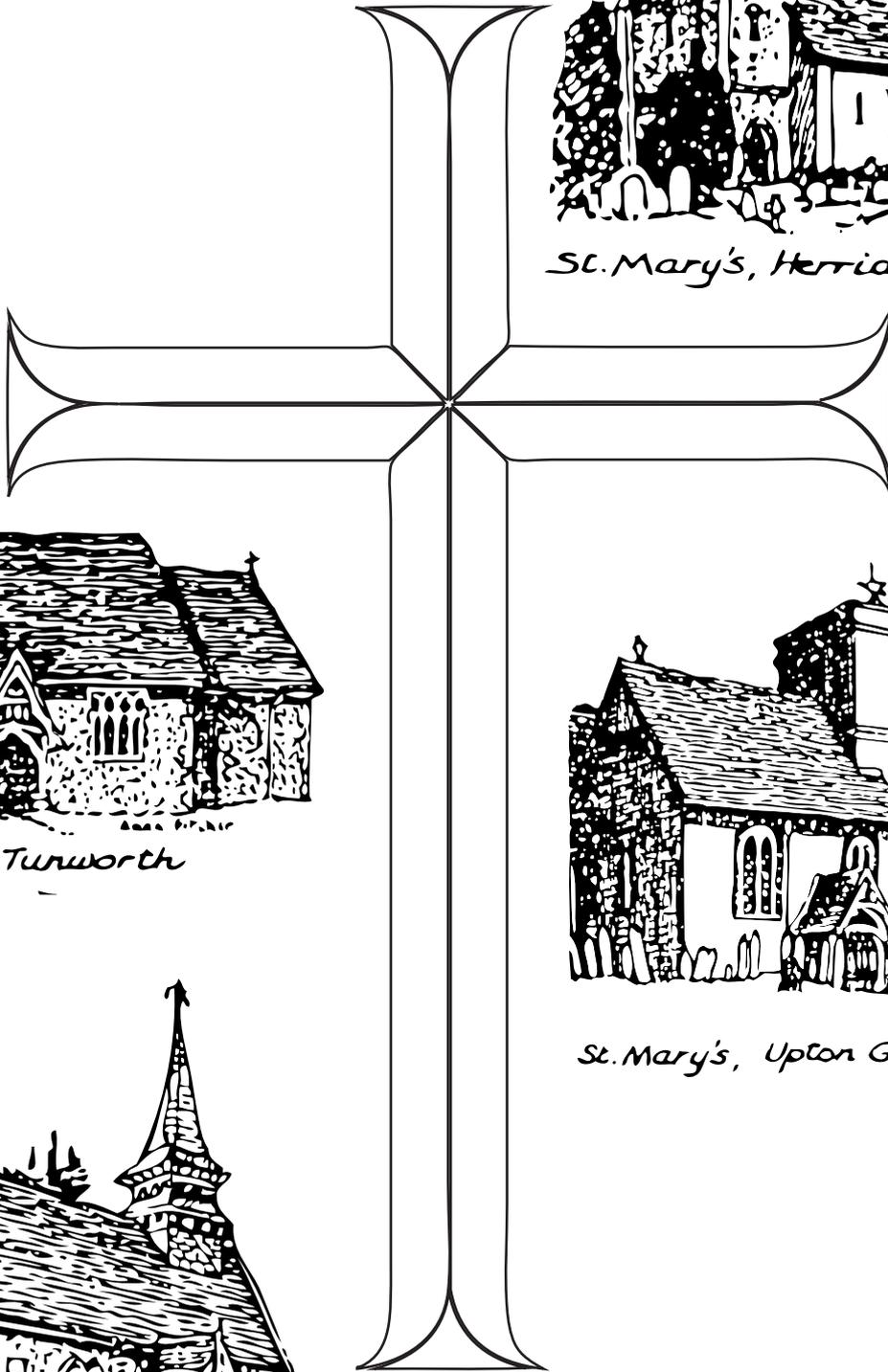


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Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Message from the Editors

These are unusual times and in the present public health emergency we are making a few temporary changes to the May magazine's format.

What changes and why?

We are highlighting helpful new and revised services that have been developed to keep our lives as normal as possible. These range from On-line Church Services, which have brought many folk to YouTube for the first time, to online activities for children and young people and some highly engaging Zoom meetings. Importantly these services include the excellent, social distancing arrangements made by The Upton Grey Shop, The Fur and Feathers and Abby's Happy Farm. Our local suppliers are doing a far better job of keeping us safe than some of their supermarket competition.

Please help us to help others

If you find services that seem helpful to keep us safe then please let us know, or better still send us a short report on them for possible inclusion in the magazine in coming months. We also will try to highlight areas where your individual efforts can make a real difference

For our communities as a whole

Now more than ever we are coming to realise the strength of our communities in quietly offering the friendship, help, practical and emotional support to each other in keeping the vulnerable, shielded, and at risk safe, and in helping with previously simple everyday tasks.

For those suffering unexpected or untimely bereavements

Many of us will have friends and family who have already contracted Covid-19, sadly some of us will have friends and family who have died of this devastating and unpredictable virus. All of us will deal with these worries and losses in our own ways, but hopefully we will all feel that we live in communities that freely offer the help and support we need in these difficult times.

For All Essential Workers

Deliberately not naming any specific group, our heartfelt thanks goes out to all essential workers and volunteers, from wherever you come and for all the things you do in continuing to work, and for putting yourselves and your families at risk on a daily basis to keep us supplied with food and essentials and to ensure we are cared for should we become unwell.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY TEAM

In Chapter 4 of Mark's gospel we read a report of Jesus being asleep. It's the only time in any of the Gospels that we are told about Jesus taking a nap.

What is slightly surprising about Jesus sleeping is the time and place that it occurs – in a boat, on a lake and in the middle of what seems to be a fairly significant storm. The storm is wild enough for the disciples (several of whom are experienced fishermen) to worry that they are about to sink and drown.

The wind howls, the waves crash ... and Jesus snores (maybe). In the midst of the storm the disciples, full of fear and seemingly with genuine concern for their lives, shout out to Jesus above the noise of wind and waves.

Listen to what they said: "Teacher, don't you care if we perish?" What do you notice? In the midst of the storm, the disciples hung on to faith, they seemed to assume that Jesus could do something to help them if only he was awake. But in the words of Pope Francis "They think that Jesus is not interested in them, does not care about them..." and this unleashes storms in their hearts.

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues, we find ourselves in the midst of a storm of sorts. All of us, rich or poor, married or single, surrounded by family or on our own. We are in the same boat, and like the disciples we need to row together. There are wonderful stories of 'rowing together' from across our communities as people help and support one-another practically and emotionally.

The storm that we find ourselves in exposes the fragility of the systems and structures which we have created and which have made us feel invincible. The storm batters and overwhelms the certainties in which we have placed our hope and trust. The very things that claimed to have the power to save are exposed – are themselves swamped and overcome by the storm.

In the midst of this storm perhaps we find ourselves shouting with the disciples "Lord, do you not care if we perish?" Jesus's reply to his disciples is brief, challenging and strangely comforting: "Why are you afraid? Do you have no faith?"

His disciples had faith in so far as they believed he existed – after all he was right there with them. But in the midst of the storm their trust in Jesus to save them was shaken. And it is to this that Jesus speaks, wanting his disciples to realise that because he has the power to save, with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because, to quote Pope Francis once more, "This is God's strength: turning to the good

everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.”

As the storm rages, Jesus calls us to faith. Not simply to believe that he existed but to trust that he can save. In the words of the Old Testament Prophet Joel “Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord”.

Faith begins when we realise that we are in need of God’s saving help. That by ourselves we cannot do it and that we need Jesus ‘in our boat’. Jesus’s invitation is to hand our fears over to him so that he can conquer them and understand that with him on board there will be no shipwreck.

Rev Simon Butler, Benefice Rector

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral Jack Reeves at St Mary’s Herriard on March 11th

CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2020

Services are streamed on Sundays and on some key dates in the Church’s year such as Ascension Day. They may be found on YouTube (“North Hampshire Downs Churches”). After streaming, these services usually remain available for at least several days. The dates in May 2020 are:

Sunday 3rd May	10.00am Traditional Worship Service 11.15am Informal Worship Service
Sunday 10th May	10.00am Traditional Worship Service 11.15am Informal Worship Service
Sunday 17th May	10.00am Traditional Worship Service 11.15am Informal Worship Service
Thursday 21st May	7.30pm Ascension Day Service
Sunday 24th May	10.00am Traditional Worship Service 11.15am Informal Worship Service
Sunday 31st May	10.00am Pentecost Traditional Worship Service 11.15am Pentecost Informal Worship Service

Morning Prayer is streamed every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8.30am on Facebook (again “North Hampshire Downs Churches”). Again the services usually remain available for at least several days.

Please see the News page of the website moretolife.church for any changes.

The diocese are also broadcasting Sunday services - details can be found on the diocesan website: www.winchester.anglican.org.



KidsZone

From Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor

Hi everyone! As I'm writing this, life certainly isn't as I'd expected it to be a month ago! We're all having to cope with not going to school, not playing with our friends, not even getting to eat what we normally enjoy! But is it all doom and gloom? In this article, I am listing some of what's going on, and I asked some of my friends from around the local area what they thought...

Charlie's lockdown

Hello my name is Charlie and I am 9 and I have been on lockdown for two weeks. I am living with my family, my 2 brothers and my mum and dad.



Charlie eating chocolate brownie he baked during a Youth Zoom meeting.

I know the government and NHS are trying their hardest to make sure you are very safe and secure. At the moment there is not enough food at the supermarket and toilet paper.

I'm very confused at the moment because people like me haven't had this yet, and people are dying of it, and we are not having school and I am sad. So that's why we are staying at home doing home school. That's why we were not allowed to see our friends.

When the coronavirus finishes, I would like to go camping with my family and meet my friends again.

Charlie, Odiham

Efa at Home



Being on lockdown for the first couple of weeks has made me feel anxious, fearful, sad and worried. I felt this way because of the constant rise in deaths as well as the uncertainty of not knowing who has the virus. All the feelings mentioned above were also brought on due to the fact that I could not go outdoors or play with my friends.

As a result, I have had to speak to friends from a distance; this was not something I was used to.

On the other hand, it has been a joy spending quality time with my parents and aunts, who were not able to leave England due to this lockdown. Another great benefit is the fact that my youth pastor (Helen Chatfield) has put together lots of fun activities and Bible discussions to keep us motivated and filled with peace.

I've also been able to watch live streaming of North Hampshire Downs churches, which allowed us to pray together not only for our communities, but for all countries.

Efa, RAF Odiham

Tabitha's home-school



We are really enjoying home-school. I love it because I get to do lots of research and projects which I find really interesting. It is nice to see more of my family and not have to rush in the morning. It is amazing not having to wear school uniform!

We all love to bounce on the trampoline for our PE and I have learnt to do a cartwheel. It's great fun playing games on the trampoline with my sisters. My sister Jemima can bounce the highest! On Monday we decided to paint outside because it was the holidays. I am really pleased that the weather has been amazing, because that means that we can go on lovely walks and play outside. We also did an art lesson last week and made the best salted caramel ice cream in the world! My family and I always look forward to seeing church on the TV! Kitty loves dancing to all of the church music.

Tabitha, Upton Grey

What coronavirus means to Samuel

I can't see my friends, but I can play football every day in the garden. Today we were supposed to be flying to Spain, but instead I can go on family cycle rides in the LWC countryside. I can't see my grandparents and I am worried about them, but I spend more time with my parents and sisters. Our health is our wealth, we would be nothing without it. Wash your hands and stay at home. Thank you, NHS, for all that you do.



Samuel, Long Sutton

Evan decided this would be the perfect opportunity to make a prehistoric vivarium, to look after all his favourite dinosaurs!

Huw, from Mayhill Junior School, decided to design and build an extension to his swing set with all his extra time! Great job, Huw! Engineer in the making!



I'm amazed at how creative and positive everyone has been, while not being able to get on with life as usual. Thank you for sharing your stories with me.

Palm Sunday Virtual Procession

As we couldn't take part in a real donkey procession on Palm Sunday, we asked people to contribute pictures of donkeys they had made to our 'virtual' Palm Sunday procession - a few of our favourites are shown below.



What's On

Primary and younger (access through our YouTube channel or Facebook page: North Hampshire Downs Churches)

- ✓ Mondays – Assembly from home (start your week with an opportunity to hear a Bible story and sing a favourite song).
- ✓ Wednesdays – All Saints At Home (Messy Church with a difference).
- ✓ Fridays – Not so quiet time (Activities and songs for the whole family).

Fun @ 4: Year 4 and up (access through Zoom – please contact me for meeting IDs and Passwords. Members under the age of 16 will need prior permission from parents). Something to look forward to every weekday at 4. This has already included baking, bingo, art, singing and quizzes. Come and join the fun!

30-Day Lego Bible Challenge

Now I've got a creative challenge for you all this month... a daily Lego build (see page 24 of this magazine). Can you manage all 30? I'd love to see some pictures – please send them to me at youth@moretolife.church

Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor (Tel: 07540 140228)



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Please note that, in view of the Government's advice about the Coronavirus pandemic, events may have to be cancelled. Please contact the organisers before attending a specific event to ensure it is still taking place.

Upton Grey Village Shop

We are enormously lucky to have the shop on our doorstep - and if you want to know how lucky, just ask residents of Selborne, whose village stores closed last year.

As we all know, the shop and those who work in it - especially Pat, Millie and Suki - have been outstanding. (There have been many others, too.) So this is an **enormous** thank you to all of them.

But it's also a wake-up call to EVERYONE in the village to realise the value of what we have. **The shop was there for us all when the supermarkets failed.**

We need to show our gratitude by continuing to use it. Trade has been down the past few days. There are countless advantages of using our wonderful shop, including:

1. It's far safer to stay within one's community, reducing the risk of contracting or passing on Covid-19 in a busy supermarket. And reducing such risk must be everyone's top priority. So shop local!
2. There's plenty of bread, flour, eggs, pasta etc.
3. Superb fresh fruit and veg is delivered every other day.

4. The shop (Wednesday late morning) has just taken a delivery of a wide range of fresh meat - steaks, chicken breast, sausages, etc etc.
5. Friendly, helpful service.
6. Magnificent artisan bakery products every Thursday and Saturday.
7. **Orders taken and promptly delivered** - where else can you get that? Just call on **862326 between 9 and 12.**
8. You really can get all you need in the shop - from USB cables to quality wine, washing-up liquid to aubergines.

Hugh Chevallier, Chair, UG Village Hall

Thanks, from Weston Patrick

As a village we want to thank Suki and his team of workers and volunteers at the Village Shop in Upton Grey. What a wonderful service they are providing to many of us housebound in the village and those shopping for themselves and others. The Village Shop has shown time and again how truly deserving they are of our regular support not just whilst the supermarkets get their act together but also long term. As with many things we are all now learning, it is invaluable! Our local shop is a key part of our wider community. Just as an aside, Village Shop orders and delivery are same day. My next order with a well-known supermarket was going to be for two weeks and they wanted to charge me delivery. Three cheers and many thanks for the Village Shop. Also: for those of you looking for some flowers to send or receive yourself, don't forget Moutan in Odiham, several people in WP have been fortunate to receive flowers from them recently, ordering online. It's a fast and efficient service and of course local!

Sheila Stranks

I am sure everyone would agree that Suki has been outstanding in keeping the shop overflowing with everything one could possibly want. Wonderful fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and lots of frozen food. A huge thank you to Suki and everyone who helps him. They have been so kind to us oldies doing these wonderful deliveries. When shut down is over I hope everyone will remember these weeks and carry on using it. **Carol Butler-Adams**

Yes, huge thanks to all who have helped in the shop. Especial thanks to super-volunteer Millie White who has organised the orders and to her team of volunteer delivery people. You know who you are! And thanks to Pat who now works six days in the shop. And thanks to all those who have helped others in so many ways. **Susie Vereker**

Local Police Report

Dear Residents,

I am seeking any information on the following crimes committed within the area of this magazine.

Overnight of March 18th and 19th the Electricity Board had a metal container broken into at Bagmore Lane, Herriard.

March 22nd between 11:00 am and 12 noon a silver 4 x 4 driven by a white woman and with a white male passenger was seen in a farm yard at Herriard and was involved in the theft of sheep food, if anyone was in that area and saw this vehicle and may have any information please give me a call direct.

Also overnight on March 31st and April 1st 2020 a garage at Manor Farm, Upton Grey was broken into although nothing was stolen.

On the same night a metal stork garden ornament was stolen from a garden in Cleves Lane, Upton Grey, again if anyone has any information please give me a call direct.

In relation to the current lockdown I am really pleased to report that in most cases local residents have kept to the government restrictions and for this I wish to thank everyone of their support, sadly we will always have those that feel the law or parts of it are not relevant to them, in which case I say you are wrong this is serious and applies to everyone, please follow the guidelines.

Please Keep Dogs Under Control Whilst residents are out walking in our local countryside within the restrictions may I ask that when near livestock that they keep dogs on leads at all times, sadly we have had a sheep killed after being attacked by a dog in Upton Grey, likewise I am dealing with a similar incident in the Ellisfield area. **Please remember that farmers have the right to shoot any dog found in the act of worrying livestock on agricultural land.**

May I also pass on information from Hampshire Fire Brigade regarding garden bonfires. We'd like to remind you that even under current circumstances you should not be disposing of household waste in garden bonfires. Not only does this cause pollution but it can also harm the health of vulnerable people with respiratory conditions who may be self-isolating as well as children. Garden bonfires can easily get out of hand which not only compromises your family's safety but also puts an extra strain on fire services who are doing all they can to help in the fight against Covid-19. While there are no laws to stop you having a bonfire in your back garden there are laws in place for the nuisance they can cause, and fines can even be issued, so please avoid setting garden bonfires.

Thank you as always for your support and a special thank you to all those who are helping to support the vulnerable in all our parishes, likewise to the Upton Grey shop and all its staff along with the Clergy and of course in Upton Grey for George for his updates, thank you all.

Andrew REID, Local Beat Constable PC 3746, Tel: 01256 389050.

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“For The Love of Scrubs” NHS Fabric Appeal!! - Please Help Willo make vital PPE for the NHS.

Willo is almost 14 and lives in Herriard. He has become an excellent and experienced chap with a needle & thread! He has been doing a tailoring course for the last year & makes incredible clothing. He aims to be a Master Tailor / designer in time.

Willo is aiming to make 100 Scrub sets. That needs over 400 metres of fabric + cord, elastic etc. It’s a fantastic effort for a 14-year-old to use his own skill set & help the NHS. We have joined the “Sew Scrubs for NHS” and “For the Love of Scrubs” campaigns to provide the blue hospital scrubs for the NHS. To make EACH scrub set we need 3.5m or 4m (for XL) of 100% cotton or mix of polycotton in NHS Blue fabric - some hospitals are accepting other colours too. £16 buys one set of full scrub fabric. If you are able to help and would like to make a donation of £16 or more you’ll be buying the fabric for a full set of scrubs! If anyone else would like to help Willo by sewing at home for scrubs, let us know.

How to Donate safely via Paypal: Type your donation amount in your PayPal account and send to PayPal account “pippadeakin@gmail.com”. Please include your name and the description “NHS Fabric for Scrubs”. If you don’t have PayPal, and want to donate, please message me direct.
Many Thanks.

Pippa Deakin

Local Footpaths and Bridleways and the Coronavirus Crisis!

Comments from Herriard

In law bridle ways are for the use of walkers, dog walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse riders, but not motorbikes or 4 x 4s – unless they are designated as BOATs (Byways Open to All Traffic) or the landowner has granted specific permission. Footpaths are for pedestrians and exclude the cyclists and horse riders. Issues arising in the present Coronavirus crisis are:

Can all bridle way and footpath users please respect social distancing from each other. A particular issue is with a very small minority of dog walkers who are not controlling their dogs when others

are around. Please, with covid-19, it would make sense if dog walkers kept their dogs fully under control and preferably on leads. Until more research and testing is undertaken, it is much better for all footpath and bridleway users to be cautious and courteous and maintain social distancing including controlling their dogs.

Don't drop Litter! Used tissues and wet wipes have been discarded on local footpaths and bridleways. This is unacceptable generally and particularly in the days of Coronavirus. Coronavirus is known to be contagious on various surfaces for hours including tissues, cardboard etc. Any adult or child, or any animal or bird, could come into contact with a contaminated tissue or wet wipe. **So Please Take Your Litter And Bagged Dog Poo Home With You!** **Ian Lansley-Neale**

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Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club Draw 2020-21

Our normal 100 Club year runs from April to March. This year we have decided to defer the start to at least June. Many of the subscriptions are collected door-to-door in cash or by cheque, a routine that is not possible in the present circumstances. However we do still welcome payment (£24) by Bank Transfer: our account name is Upton Grey Village Hall Committee, Sort Code 09-01-51 Account Number 86355505, adding your name and postcode.

The contribution from the 100 Club is essential for the day-to-day running of the Hall, particularly now as the Hall is being used to support the Shop and is not available for hire. Over the past few years our finances have been hit hard. The biggest hit was the withdrawal by B&DBC of a free dustbin service leading to us having to use a private contractor. HCC withdrew a subsidised Theatre scheme called "Hog the Limelight" which was a good money spinner for us. A further blow was HMRC declaring that we could no longer claim tax relief on the "100 Club" income.

If you are a new player, we will issue you with a draw number. Draw normally takes place every month at the PC meeting. Winners are announced in the Parish Magazine. A further thought, the amount of £24 has been unchanged for 30 + years whilst expenses have increased many times. Why not double your chances by taking out two subscriptions?

The Village Hall Committee

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 the 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 95 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 **before the end of May 2020** 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 if email sent by parent or guardian. (**NOTE:** that any late applications received after this deadline will automatically be carried over to the next meeting).

Activities that are still going ahead - as far as we can know subject to prevailing Lockdown Directives on the day.

NHS Hampers

Donations to the NHS hampers can still be made via the UG village shop, either when visiting the shop in person, or when making a telephone order (which can be done any day between 9am and 12 noon, by calling 01256 862326, and the shop volunteers will arrange delivery on your behalf). So far we have sent 7 to the hospital and 4 to local GP surgeries, and received a letter of thanks from Dr Stokes from the Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital saying:

“Thank you for the kind donations to the Anaesthetic and Intensive Care Departments at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital. At this difficult and most testing time such an outpouring of thoughtful generosity is deeply appreciated by us all. The variety of food and other

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This will be subject to the Covid-19 restrictions in force at the time.

New tennis season begins on 1st May 2020 and we do hope that as many of you as possible will be joining us this year.

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Increasing usage of the court. We are very keen to see this happen. If you know of anyone in the village or its outlying areas who might be interested in playing tennis, please encourage them to join.

Upton Grey Harvest Supper: Sat 26th September

The Upton Grey Harvest Supper this year is a little earlier than usual, on Saturday 26th September, so do please make a note in your diaries, we will be serving cottage pie and apple crumble as usual, as well as a raffle and pay bar. Entertainment to be confirmed!

Upton Grey Drama Group next production: 20th and 21st Nov

Dates for your diaries! Upton Grey Drama Group are planning their next production to be performed on Fri 20th and Sat 21st November. This will be in Upton Grey Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Rehearsals start from Sunday 1st November up till the show dates on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st November. On weekdays the rehearsals take place in the evenings and on most of the weekend dates the rehearsals are in the afternoons. There will be a couple of dates in October for the read-throughs / walk-throughs. So, if you would like to be part of the next production either acting or working backstage please contact Sarah Gray (Chair of Upton Grey Drama Group) on email: sajgray59@yahoo.co.uk or 01256 862440.

Pre-Lockdown Activities

Upton Grey's Pre-Lockdown Safari Supper 2020

The 14th March seems a long time ago, and it was of course in the heady days before the Lockdown. Even then, there was growing awareness that Corona virus was coming and would affect all our lives. On the day before Safari Supper, we knew it was especially dangerous for those with underlying health issues. This meant there was a need for last minute re-organisation or cancellation! Seven couples had to withdraw. Extra measures were rapidly put in place such as washing hands at the start of each course, no finger food and no meeting up at the Village Hall at the end of the night! Everyone complied so graciously. We were very impressed and grateful for the patience and kindness with which our last minute changes were met and enormously touched by the couples who were unable to join us on the night leaving their donations in the kitty. It meant that a record sum of £1220 was raised for St Mary's Church this year. Thank you to all who took part. It was a fabulous night of socialising and fun with delicious food and wonderful community spirit. You are all stars. Vivian and I are so happy that the event went ahead and thank you very much for being a part of it. **Julia Harker and Vivian Raven**

Many Thankyou Letters for Childrens' Easter Cards

A great contribution to general happiness has been the Easter Cards.

Many thanks to the children of Upton Grey, who so kindly made lovely Easter cards for us older members of the village. For delivering them, along with a dear little egg. This was my only card and egg, it made my day. Keep safe and well children. Love from **Heather Perry**

Dear young people of the village.

I have received and continue to receive many messages of thanks with more coming every day for your Easter eggs and cards. Please accept this on behalf of us all. There are just too many to send round. Again, on behalf of all recipients thank you for your kind generosity. **George Hillier**

Cancelled Activities and Events

TEA@3

In view of the current situation, we have decided it would be unwise to hold a tea until further notice. It is very sad, but we think it is the sensible thing to do. We will let you know about future teas in due course – let's see how things progress - hopefully the situation will improve!

If any of you are struggling and need help - please get in touch.

Barbara 862627 Jill 862131 Viv 862455

Upton Grey Fete (Saturday 13 June) – CANCELLED

Upton Grey Golf Day (Friday 19 June) – CANCELLED

Upton Grey & District Horticultural Society - Summer Show - 8 August 2020 - CANCELLED

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the wider implications of that we have cancelled our Summer Show including the Dance in the evening. We will be back in 2021! Hurrah! As soon as we've decided the dates for our Spring and Summer Shows, we will share these with you in this Parish Magazine and other places. Thanks to everyone (and especially to the volunteers) for your support for both of our Shows and we wish you all the best until we meet again next year.

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**Open Air Theatre: “She Stoops to Conquer” Sunday August 9th
CANCELLED**

Unfortunately Upton Grey Drama Group have had to cancel the Open Air Theatre performance by “Rain or Shine Theatre Company” of “She Stoops to Conquer” on Sunday August 9th because the Summer Flower Show has been cancelled. Consequently the booking of the Marquee and Church Meadow have also been cancelled. “Rain or Shine Theatre Company” have also indicated they may have trouble sorting out their tour due to the Government restrictions brought in because of the Coronavirus. But “Rain or Shine” will be back on tour in 2021 so we should see them in Upton Grey then!

Sarah Gray

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Herriard Parish Council**Annual Open Meeting on Monday 11th May is Cancelled**

Once restrictions are over it will be rescheduled. In the meantime, Parish Councillors are meeting online via Zoom to discuss parish matters. If parishioners wish to get in touch, please do so via email or telephone, details on Herriard village website.

The World in Crisis – One Herriard Resident’s Reflections!

As I write this, the community spirit is in full swing in Herriard. The Coronavirus is something that has crept up and grown into a reality that nobody thought was possible in modern times.

I first saw an article on this mystery new SARS like virus in a city called Wuhan, I hadn't heard of then, in China, back around December 31st. I looked at articles about SARS and MERS and their impact was relatively small and thought, like most people, this would follow suit. I remember being in Chicago with Mike, who was investigating a major airline crash, and we had to get on internal and international flights – and we took facemasks – because we saw others doing that in the US and Far East with SARS. We were fine, but of course remembered that.

Fast forward to December and January, yes there was some media coverage about the virus on the BBC and elsewhere. However, it was February before the seriousness of it was starting to hit us; by 1st March China had 2872 deaths, Iran 43, South Korea 17. However, suddenly Europe was involved and Italy had 29 deaths, France 2 and the USA 1 death. The UK at that point had had no deaths from Covid but cases were rapidly increasing.

In 1.5 months, the world has turned upside down. Late February early March: some people were realising the seriousness of what was approaching, others did not; including some politicians. On 9th March, Italy was placed in lockdown. We had seen China and South Korea do the same; but Europe and Italy? It seemed a matter of time.

On the 9th March I did a huge shop for my elderly and vulnerable mum after media reports of toilet roll shortages everywhere, and realising already this was a crisis. I didn't get any toilet rolls, luckily she had plenty, but did get most other groceries. I got her library books on 10th. We were already distancing at that point. I suspected, but had no

idea at that point, that this was the last time I would see her for a while. We discussed at length, in event of a lockdown in the UK; did she want to stay where she lived, or come here? She wanted to stay there, she had local friends who already had offered to help and I realised this may be less risk, as she could isolate there. I knew groceries, medicines could be ordered online.

So, 23rd March I was with a friend having dinner, but already distancing, and we stopped to hear Boris. Lockdown, without using the word, was immediate. The friend was shaken and left - and we were all in lockdown! The UK, and the rest of the world, was in a deep crisis with the Covid19 pandemic!

The new Lockdown rules in summary were: 1. Stay at home unless very good reason. 2. Stay two metres apart in public. 3. Exercise close to home once a day. 4. Buy food / takeaways / essentials only. 5. Work from home if you can.

Rapidly, there were communications all round. Herriard set up rapidly awareness and support groups to cover the village. On March 24th, the Herriard Facebook page published 'Herriard Helps' with Dave Freer 07974 159 123 and Fiona Ives 07867 973266 as contacts.

Although Herriard is very dispersed as a village, the Thursday 8pm appreciation clap for the fantastic work of the NHS, care workers and other key workers, happens every week.

On Sunday 5th April, the Queen gave a televised address to the nation. This was by any standard an amazing and moving address. This included the words 'The pride in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and our future'. It ended with the words 'We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again'.

When some time ago my partner extremely sadly died of cancer, I took great comfort and positivity from family and friends, and from exercise in the countryside. I now try to religiously do a 'Boris jog' every day of 3 miles or more. I find that refreshes the mind and lifts the spirits.

We are now over 3 weeks into the lockdown as I write, the world has changed and is very different. Sometimes when you wake up you think you are in some dystopian Science Fiction film then you realise again that this is the reality now.

Daily we seem to get (via social media apps) a necessary big dose of humour with humorous current takes on everything from The Sound of Music to Bohemian Rhapsody – and Tik Toks with NHS staff, Police

and the Fire Service doing 'Blinding Lights' dance routines as their exercise breaks! Soon – a local Tik Tok? Just what the Queen mentioned 'Good humoured resolve and fellow feeling'!

A friend of mine sadly passed away (the week I write this) of Covid in Guildford, he was elderly and had had a stroke, and I attended his virtual funeral on Zoom. It was a moving and fitting tribute and also another moment that felt both sad and surreal. On a brighter note, another friend is an NHS nurse in London in his 20s, and has had Covid - and has fully recovered.

With thoughts to everyone at this very difficult time – and particularly to all those who have suffered a bereavement or who are currently unwell – and all those who are working in the NHS, care homes or are key workers....and remember those wise words from The Queen! Thank you.

Ian Lansley-Neale

Herriard Gardening Club

Our club has of course stopped all face to face meetings but members are in contact online and via WhatsApp. We've all been busy giving our gardens a makeover, with the extra time we all have on our hands due to staying at home. Our Facebook Garden Club group is useful for putting up pictures to brighten our days and for asking and answering garden related questions.

I'm always going on about how good gardening is for the soul and if nothing else gets you outside in your gardens than the self-isolating restrictions we all find ourselves in, then nothing will! We've all got a chance to just sit and enjoy the peace and sunshine.

If you've always thought you'd like to start a project in your garden but haven't got around to it, now is the time to start it. I am just about to start a project in my own garden, a gravel path and dry gravel border inspired by Beth Chatto's Garden near Colchester. Well worth a visit once we are allowed to travel again.

If, like us, you've been tidying up, weeding and mulching, May will see hardy perennials burst into life above ground and newly sown annuals can be potted on but protected until planting out at the end of the month.

If you want to grow your own vegetables, even in pots, its not too late to get sowing. Nothing beats picking, cooking and eating home grown veg. Another job that will need doing is staking plants that have a tendency to get blown by winds once full grown, such as Paeony, Campanula and Delphinium. Happy Gardening and Stay Safe! **G. Hill**

TUNWORTH NEWS

Tunworth Parish Chairman David O'Donnell immediately emailed the entire community seeking volunteers to ensure that everyone is aware that if they need help shopping or getting to appointments, or indeed anything else, *it is there for the asking*. Lisa Ruffell our Parish Clerk has emailed all the Basingstoke Council Briefings, which are useful and informative, she has ensured that our contributions to the local foodbank are maintained, and in its quiet, friendly and effective way Tunworth has pulled together as a community.

Annie Winfield-Shearer organises Virtual Coffee mornings via Zoom every Monday and Friday at 11.00 to help people in social isolation and these have involved one or two Tunworth residents and a geographical spread of friends and contacts in Australia, Kent and Scotland and locals from her running club in Hatch Warren. There is no agenda, it is not business networking, it's just an opportunity for people to meet and stay in touch with others. Zoom links are shared on Facebook - search for Annie Winfield-Shearer - and by email if you add your name to the list.

Our Church Wardens Mark Ruffell and Edwina Spicer have ensured that good use is made of the lockdown by progressing the complete re-decoration of All Saints Tunworth so it is beautifully refreshed for when Churches are once again open for public worship.



Life in all its natural cycles goes on. Our youngest parishioner, Arthur - mascot of our Coffee Mornings and born in Tunworth - has had his first birthday. Usually he comes with his mum Kirsty and sister Rosie, while their older sister Annabelle is at pre-school so comes less often. We look forward to seeing them all again after things return to normal. Arn Huddy and Bruce Fitzgerald, while observing social distancing - with some difficulty - have planted a memorial Crab Apple tree (*Malus Toringo* 'aros') behind the headstones of Veronica Fitzgerald and Anne Huddy in memory of them as villagers and friends... Life can and does go on in this new normality of Lockdown.

David Shearer

WESTON PATRICK NEWS

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett Parish Meeting 12th May 2020 at 7.30pm.

Please note that the above meeting is cancelled. We hope we will be able to hold our meeting in November, date TBC. There are one or two issues that need to be decided on in the meantime and the current Chairman, Ian Turner, will be contacting members of the village.

Our Sincere Thanks to Ian Turner!

It's been over ten years since Ian Turner took on the mantle of Parish Meeting Chair of the Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett Parish Meeting and this May sees him retire from this role. Throughout that time Ian has been a thoroughly committed Chair guiding the villages and the residents through many changes and issues, not least the introduction of the precept a couple of years ago – a big change for us all! Planning issues, highway matters, tree preservation orders, the list is endless and Ian has at all times and with good humour dealt with them all. He has given of his time without question and fulfilled his role with determination and to the delight of all, consistently kept the meetings short and concise despite many attempts by others to thwart that aim! On behalf of all the residents of Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett, we thank you most sincerely Ian and look forward to the meeting in November when we can all personally thank you face to face!

Please note. We now need to find a successor to Ian, so please send your nominations to me as Clerk, and Ian's successor will be announced as soon as is possible. In the meantime, if any residents of the villages has an issue please contact Ian – details on front inside cover – or Sheila Stranks, Clerk, on sheila@wellcottagewp.com.

Over the Compost Heap, through the hedge and a lot of kindness.

When two residents of Weston Patrick planned a trip of a lifetime with their family to celebrate their Golden Wedding, little did they know they would have to swap Californian sunshine for that of Weston Patrick! As a result of the “you know what virus” (remember the days when all we talked about was Brexit?) their trip, like that of so many others, had to be cancelled. Technology and Weston Patrick ingenuity meant that all was not lost and a celebration took place nonetheless. They learnt just how valuable our smart phones and the internet can be to keep us in touch with our friends and family. They “zoomed” around the world to talk and celebrate online with family and friends. Closer to

home, neighbours and friends invited them to champagne drinks delivered through the hedge and they laughed, chatted and toasted with others over the compost heap which handily exceeded the 2m social distancing required! How socials events have changed. Drinks parties in a drawing room may feel decidedly dull in future but oh so welcome as this necessary lockdown will have lifted.

As many writers and observers have already covered much more eloquently than your Parish Mag “man” in WP, it’s been the kindness of residents here and in other villages that has stood out. Anyone unwell in times past has always known it was there, we have all seen it and yet, this global event has taken it to even greater heights.

As lockdown commenced a long time resident of Weston Patrick took Boris Johnson’s point around the need for “communities to pull together” and “look out for each other” to heart and along with members of the PCC, of the Church of St Lawrence and other members of our community, set up a schedule of who was able to help, who needed help, be it through shopping, deliveries, picking up prescriptions and just as importantly keeping in touch by phone, so that those unable to venture forth out of their homes for whatever reason, could still get provisions etc. That schedule has been a lifeline for so many along with the care and contact that accompanies it. Despite our average age in Weston Patrick being just a little higher than perhaps some areas, we have embraced technology with a vengeance of teenagers and younger. We are now all on Whats App and using it to keep updated, to cheer ourselves up and just to message each other. A huge thanks to the team behind the idea and the set up.

We now have a new lexicon of words in our vocabulary, we zoom, we socially distance, we shield, we self-isolate and yet, 4 short weeks ago, did we do any of that, did we know what they meant?

Along with our basic needs, our cultural needs have been well looked after as well, with neighbours sharing with each other how to visit the Royal Opera House, the Royal Shakespeare Company and the delights of the London Stage musicals (on You Tube - *The Show Must Go On*) all from the comfort of our own armchairs, and all for free. If you haven't tried them already, pick a venue be it London Zoo or the British Museum, the list is endless and go online to see what they offer. The challenge is having enough time in the day to do them all! If British theatre or museums are not enough, there is also the delights of the Prado in Madrid and the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra to deal with. We are lucky in our Village to have some wonderful singers, stalwarts of the St Lawrence Church choir who have discovered the Great British Home

Chorus on You Tube. If you like singing, go on it. You will discover a wonderful way to sing with thousands of others. I did say there wasn't enough time in the day. If anyone needs help getting set up, just call any of the names on the schedule and they can direct you as needs. Thanks to so many in Weston Patrick for these great ideas, for sharing them with each other and for letting me put them in this article to share more widely.

As with many others around the country, we in Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett will once again be out on Thursday at 8pm making as much noise as we can in a tiny attempt to say thank you to them all.

How lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of Hampshire not just in terms of scenery but people as well. From us all in Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett to our friends and neighbours in the wider benefice, stay safe, stay well.

Sheila Stranks

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

News from Long Sutton Church of England Primary School

I write this article as Headteacher of a very different type of school for the time being. The week beginning 16th March was one of enormous challenge and change, preparing to close our doors to the majority of our families for an unknown length of time; we still do not know how long this new way of schooling will continue. Our school vision statement seems just as appropriate as ever:

Through our core values of love, courage and hope, we aim to nurture, encourage and challenge each unique child to be kind, be respectful and be the best they can be.

A school is a community of people, and so we remain very much open for business. We have had to completely re-think how we 'do school', designing ways of offering remote learning and communicating with the families we serve. Long Sutton Teachers have variously kept school open for the small number of families who require it, created Home Learning plans, sourced resources, delivered packs of work and found new ways of communicating with families so that we can sustain the strong relationships which are key to its success. As we prepared to close our doors to the majority of families on March 20th, we felt compelled to put our 3 school values (Love, Courage and Hope) into action through an art and music project.

We have now fully entered the digital age with our own YouTube channel, where you can view the finished project and find out more

about the Love, Courage and Hope project, inspired by Psalm 23, which brought comfort to the children and staff and which we hope will also bring comfort to the wider community. There is also a light-hearted video, produced by the staff, which will no doubt bring a smile to your face! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzd3tyKD7dT8zQdoqyYII-A> or search for Long Sutton C of E Primary School in YouTube.

Ordinarily, at this time of year, we would be preparing to welcome our new Reception children into school for their transition visits, ready to start school in September 2020. For the time being, this transition into school will look very different, however we are still determined to find ways of beginning to build those crucial relationships, albeit via the digital world for now. I wish you all health, peace and hope at this challenging time. If you have children of Primary School age and would like to find out more, please take a look at our website www.long Sutton.hants.sch.uk or contact the school office: adminoffice@long Sutton.hants.sch.uk Tel: 01256 862238

Hannah Inglis - Headteacher

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

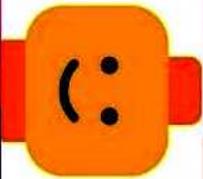
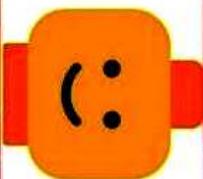
Mothers' Union started back in 1876 with a group of mothers meeting together in the vicarage in Old Alresford to help each other with the task of bringing up their children. I'm sure that Mary Sumner, the vicar's wife who organised this first meeting, had no idea how this simple idea would catch on, this movement now has 4 million members in 84 countries.

Mothers' Union is still involved with practical help for families in difficulties, and campaigns for better conditions for women and girls. Because it is a grassroots organisation, it is very well placed to understand the needs of the local community and to respond to them.

Our local branch is involved with a number of local projects – a dementia café meeting in the Vine Church on Wednesday afternoons, and Child Contact Centres in Basingstoke which allow children to meet with their non-resident parents. Sadly, our projects have had to close temporarily, but we intend to reopen our projects as soon as it is safe to do so. If you want to find out more about us and our projects, please contact me on 01252 845011.

Sue Murphy

Lego Bible Challenge

	Genesis 41:1-36 Joseph explains the king's dreams Build some healthy and skinny cows	Genesis 44:1-34 Joseph tricks his brother Build a silver cup	Exodus 2:1-10 Baby Moses Build a basket, like the one Moses' mother put him in.	Exodus 3:1-14 Moses meets God Build a bush with flames.	Exodus 14:5-31 Moses leads the Israelites to safety Build a parted sea to walk through.	Exodus 20:1-19 Moses tells the people God's rules Build the holy mountain where Moses spoke to God	Jonah Jonah and the Big Fish Build a big fish with Jonah inside
	1 Samuel 17:1-58 David and Goliath Build Goliath and David as a minifigure	Psalms 23 God cares for us Build a peaceful scene with some sheep.	Luke 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth Build Mary and Elizabeth in Elizabeth and Zechariah's house.	Luke 2:1-10 Jesus is born Build a stable with animals, Mary, Joseph, Jesus and shepherds	Matthew 2:1-12 Visitors from the East Build a the visitors and/or their gifts.	Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus is Baptised Build the River Jordan with John the Baptist and Jesus	Mark 4:35-41 Jesus calms the storm Build a boat and a stormy sea
	Luke 9:10-17 Jesus feeds the crowd Build some fish and loaves	Mark 6:45-56 Walking on water Build some waves for Jesus and Peter to walk on.	Luke 10:25-37 The kind stranger Build the street with the wounded man, horse and the stranger	Luke 15:1-7 The lost sheep Build a flock of sheep and a shepherd	Luke 15:11:32 Two sons Build a welcome home party	Matthew 6:7-15 The Lord's Prayer Build God in heaven	Matthew 6:7-15 The Lord's Prayer Build some palm leaves and a donkey.
	Matthew 26:26-29 Supper with friends Build a cup of wine and some bread.	Matthew 26:47-50 Jesus is arrested Build the soldiers, Jesus and Judas.	Matthew 27:32-44 Jesus is killed Build the three crosses of Jesus and the robbers	Mark 16:1-8 Easter! Build the empty tomb	Acts 2:1-4 The Holy Spirit Build the room and the disciples with flames on their head		
	Genesis 1:1-2:3 God created the universe. Build some stars and planets	Genesis 6:9-7:4 Noah builds an ark Build some pairs of animals	Genesis 9:8-17 The flood ends Build a rainbow.	Genesis 37:1-11 Joseph's colourful coat Build Joseph with his colourful coat			
Something to read and build each day - imagine, build, reflect and have fun!							

HALLS FOR HIRE
When Lockdown is lifted

Upton Grey Village Hall for hire from £8.50 per hour. Functions, meetings, parties, private and commercial. Full kitchen facilities, central heating and sound system, chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery available. Contact Elaine Lewington on 01256 862894.

The Royal British Legion Hall, Herriard available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, and events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables and chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. The new keyholder is Betty Ball on 01256 381487.

Email is betball39@gmail.com and Herriardrblhall@gmail.com .

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ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – From June 2020

Please note all events are still subject to cancellation following Government advice and restrictions on events and public meetings due to the outbreak of Coronavirus.

Please check with the Organisers if attending a specific event.

11th Jun	Thu	Tennis Mix-In Evening, UG	6.45pm
3-7 Aug		Summer Junior Tennis Coaching, UG	
26th Sep	Sat	UG Harvest Supper	
14th Oct	Wed	Herriard Harvest Supper RBLH	7.00pm
31st Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	
20-21 Nov	Fri/Sat	UG Drama Group Production, UG Village Hall	7.30pm

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