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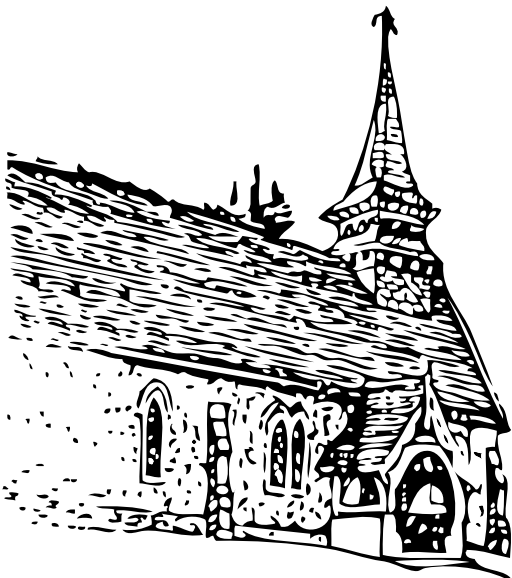
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Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Ministry Team

The biggest backhanded compliment I was ever paid was one Sunday morning when I was standing at the door of St Michael's, Basingstoke, after the service and a gentleman who identified himself as a visitor told me I had preached an excellent sermon. Then, as I began to puff out my chest and my head began to swell, he delivered the coup de grace: he added 'For an amateur!' Would I, though, have produced a better sermon on that Sunday morning if I were being paid? I certainly hope not!



To my mind, being professional is about an attitude of mind, a seriousness of approach, rather than the receipt of payment. The life of our communities and our churches depends on amateurs who are thoroughly professional in their approach to the service they render. These people may not depend on what they do for their living but the lives of our communities and churches depend on them doing it.

Make no mistake, the Church in this Benefice needs its professionals but if it was all down to them either they or the Church would be heading for an early grave. In the book of Exodus, Moses, the leader of the Israelites, has a visit from his Father in Law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Jethro sees that Moses is trying to do everything himself. Jethro says to Moses 'What you are doing is not good, you will surely wear yourself out both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.' In short 'You're not doing anybody any good.' Father-in-law's advice was to share the load, to create areas of responsibility for others to look after. We are grateful in community and Church for those who share the load; take up areas of responsibility and deal with them in a thoroughly professional way.

Whilst being grateful to those who are giving so much of themselves to their areas of responsibility, there is a constant need for others to be prepared to take on the mantle. In the second book of Kings, the bible tells how when Elijah is taken up into heaven, young Elisha is bereft; he calls out 'My Father, My Father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' he sees the departure of a driving force but then the mantle of Elijah falls to the ground, Elisha picks it up and the story goes on.

I remember at the funeral of a respected churchwarden someone saying that during an interregnum this person 'Was the Church in our Parish', yet someone picked up the mantle and the story went on.

I was once told that ‘When what was a joy becomes a chore, it’s time to hand on to someone else’. That remains good advice and no one should have to feel stuck in a job for lack of someone to take on the mantle.

At this time of delayed Annual Parochial Church meetings I just want to say ‘Thank you’ to those who have shared and continue to share the load and encourage anyone who sees a mantle waiting to be picked up to be an Elisha. In the Gospel of John, Jesus promises the disciples that he will not leave them ‘comfortless’ (on their own to do the heavy lifting) but that he will provide them with a ‘helper’ the Holy Spirit. Two thousand years on ‘the helper’ is still helping us to be helpers and because the Holy Spirit is God’s free gift I guess that really we are all amateurs. **Alan Hoar**

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding Anna Whitcombe and William Castledine at Tunworth on 12th September

Baptism William Frost at Upton Grey on 20th September

CHURCH NEWS

Public worship in churches

In October all four of our local churches, and nearly all of the twelve churches in the benefice, will be able to hold public worship. The services are a mixture of contemporary and traditional, formal and less formal, communion and non-communion. Congregational singing is not permitted, but most of the services will include music in some form – live and/or recorded. In our four churches the Sunday services are:

4th October

9.00am **Herriard** – Holy Communion

9.00am **Tunworth** – Morning Prayer (said)

11.00am **Upton Grey** – Harvest Festival Family Service

11th October

9.00am **Weston Patrick** – Holy Communion Harvest Festival

11.00am **Herriard** – Harvest Festival Family Service

6.00pm **Tunworth** – Evensong Harvest Festival

18th October

9.00am **Tunworth** – Holy Communion

11.00am **Upton Grey** – Holy Communion

25th October

- 9.00am **Tunworth** – Family Service
- 9.00am **Herriard** – Holy Communion
- 11.00am **Upton Grey** – Morning Prayer
- 5.00pm **Weston Patrick** – Evensong

Mostly the Holy Communion services are the standard Common Worship (in modern language), but midweek Book of Common Prayer communion services in traditional language are restarting:

- Thursday 15th October at 10.00am in **St Mary's Herriard**.
- Tuesday 20th October at 10.00am in **St Mary's Upton Grey**.

In addition there are 9.00am Sunday BCP communion services as follows:

- All Saints Odiham on October 4th (said) and 18th (with music).
- St Nicholas Newnham on October 25th (with music).

Harvest Festivals

If you are attending the Harvest services at Herriard, Upton Grey or Weston Patrick, do please bring donations of food. After the Upton Grey and Weston Patrick services the donations will be taken to the children's home in Odiham, which has confirmed that they will welcome them. The donations at the Herriard service will be taken as usual to the local food bank.

Remembrance Sunday

Advance notice: If you are planning to come to the Remembrance service at St Mary's Herriard on 8th November at 10.45am, please could you contact churchwarden Fiona Ives **no later than midday on Saturday 7th** (fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk or 07867 973266), as there will be a seating plan so that we can most efficiently sit everyone whilst adhering to covid-19 rules.

Services online or telephone based

With some parishioners not in a position to attend church services, the streamed traditional Sunday service is continuing. It is available from 9.00am – search YouTube for 'North Hampshire Downs Churches'.

In addition to streamed services, the Church of England has established 'Daily Hope', a telephone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. The line, which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044, has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.

Private prayer

Most of the twelve North Hampshire Downs churches are available for private prayer and quiet reflection at some point during the week. In this group of four churches:

- **St Mary's Upton Grey** is open for private prayer from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- **St Lawrence Weston Patrick** is open for private prayer on Thursdays from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.
- **St Mary's Herriard** and **All Saints Tunworth** are traditionally kept locked, but access for private prayer is now possible again in the same ways as before lockdown.

If you would like to pray with someone, or ask the clergy team to pray for someone, please email prayer-requests@moretolife.church.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The APCMs for this group of churches are as follows:

- Tuesday 6th October in **All Saints Tunworth** at 7.35pm.
- Thursday 8th October in **St Mary's Herriard** at 7.00pm.
- Tuesday 13th October in **St Lawrence Weston Patrick** at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 14th October in **St Mary's Upton Grey** at 7.00pm.

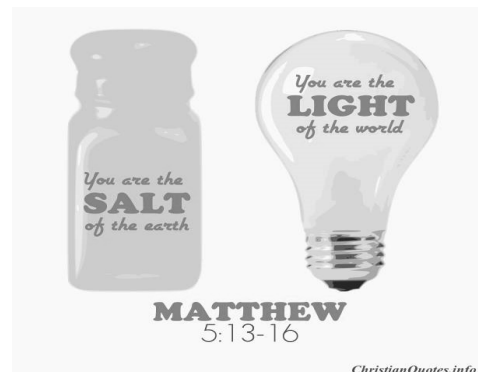


Kids' Zone

By the time you read this, people will probably be starting to say things like, 'It's starting to get dark early, isn't it?' and 'I miss those light evenings'. Yet, in a few weeks, we'll be celebrating the service of light! Why do we celebrate light, just when it's getting really dark?

We celebrate it because Jesus said that He was the light of the world. He said He was the light because He shows us what God is like in a world that sometimes feels dark. But, not only does Jesus call himself the light of the world, He also calls His followers 'lights of the world.'

The Bible says we should be like a well-lit city on a hilltop or a lamp lifted high on a lampstand – clearly visible, standing out because of what we believe in.



At the same time, Jesus compares us to salt: Just as salt makes everything taste so much better with its flavour, so our challenge is that we should be a good influence wherever we go.

It tells us in the bible that once we begin to follow Jesus, He will work with us to make us more and more like Him. This means that, as we meet people and chat and do things together, so people should be able to notice something of Jesus in us. They won't suddenly say – 'What you said just now sounded just like Jesus!' or 'You're doing that just like Jesus!' – but they may ask questions like 'How do you remain so calm.' 'Why are you friendly with everyone?'

My challenge to all of us this month is that we stand out from the crowd, being the good influence in every situation, so that we can make a difference in the world we live in!

Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor
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- 1 cup salt
- ½ cup warm water
- Sequins and glitter (optional)
- Cookie cutter (10cm)
- tealight

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1. Pre-heat the oven to 125 °C or gas mark ½.
2. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl.
3. Slowly add the warm water, until it is like a dough.
4. Knead the dough for 5 minutes (or as long as it takes to sing 'My Lighthouse'!)
5. Separate into 3 pieces.
6. Press down one piece until it is slightly bigger than your cookie cutter and cut out the shape.
7. Wiggle the tealight to make a hole (not right through) in the shape.
8. Add sequins and glitter to decorate.



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Police Report from PC Andy Reid

Dear Residents

I start this month with an information appeal: Overnight on August 16th/17th a large amount of stone paving was stolen from a garden in Basingstoke Road, Upton Grey. A large vehicle was used in the theft after the entrance gates had been forced. I am aware of a loud heavy diesel engine vehicle being in the area about 3.00am that day, in and around

Cleves Lane. I am also aware that the vehicle did not enter Church Street. If anyone can assist, please give me a call direct.

On August 30th at 3.30am a man was seen acting suspiciously at a house in Church Street, Upton Grey. Please remain vigilant.

Slightly further afield, on Monday September 7th, between 11.58am and 12.05pm an ornate ceramic bird-bath was stolen from a garden in Cliddesden. A silver car was seen to enter and stop outside the garden and then drove away a short time afterwards.

We have experienced a theft from a garden at Chilton Candover where two lead planters were stolen. I ask residents to please remain vigilant, photograph and mark valuable items.

For eight months of the year we had no reported house burglaries across the whole of the 75 square miles of the 22 parishes of my initial area. However in late September a home was broken into in Dummer Road at Axford where property was stolen whilst the owners were away. Two days later, a second was reported in Chilton Candover, where a substantial amount of art and paintings was stolen. Whilst this is a rare occurrence it does highlight that criminals continue to travel into our area and commit crime. Again please photograph and record all valuables.

As the evenings draw in please consider your home security. Leave lights on and use timers, consider an alarm and CCTV, leave a radio / television on, please make the appearance that someone is at home, consider 'Beware of the Dog' signs on the front gate. Again it all helps to prevent burglary.

Many thanks for your continued support as always

Andrew REID, Local Constable, PC 3746, Tel: 01256 389050, Mob: 07768:776844, andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police

Farming News

The change of weather at the start of September has allowed us to complete our combinable harvest on Saturday 12th, which is about par for us, which is how I would sum up the harvest this year – with yields being below average to average. The quality of the grain on the whole was good, with the wheat and oats making milling quality. But the barley didn't quite make the cut this year, with a slightly too-high nitrogen content in the grain, knocking it down to animal feed. This was mainly down to the extreme weather we had this spring, going from wet to dry in the space of a week, and not all the seeds germinating at the same time. This showed in all our spring crops with 98% of the crop being ripe, but with that 2% of younger green plants being enough to spoil the sample, reminding us how much as farmers we are at the mercy of Mother Nature.

The wet and windy weather we got in mid-August also took its toll on the spring-sown oats, with the wind blowing out a substantial amount of grains, which was a shame as they were looking to be a great crop up until this point.

The last crop to be harvested was our beans, which brought an amazing sight of a swam of house martins that have spent the summer nesting in the eaves of the old farm buildings, feeding on all the bugs and insects that are attracted to the bean fields. This annual sight of house martins taking flight with their fresh brood of young is a marker for the end of summer as they prepare for the long haul flight back to South Africa in the coming weeks.

With the hot weather in the second week of September, we hope by now to have harvested the maize crop grown for the anaerobic digester in Herriard. The maize silage is harvested with the same forage harvester that we use for the hybrid rye, cutting the plant and chopping up into small pieces making it easier to digest and breakdown inside the AD plant. The AD plant is the closest market for all the crops we grow and sell, and being in the village, it means we can haul the silage by tractor and trailer without the use of HGV haulage. It's a great asset to have in Herriard, especially with the 'Greening Herriard' campaign taking place at the moment, where villagers have voted in a poll to show where they can cut their carbon footprint. I would like to see in future years a local food waste collection around the parish that would end up at the AD plant rather than in our waste bins that end up in landfill. The last dose of 'digestate' was applied before the close period over the winter months, providing a great source of fertiliser for the following wheat crops we will plant this Autumn (Thanks to the Herriard villagers for putting up with the temporary smell! I know all the farmers appreciate your support as always).

We aren't growing oilseed rape for the first time in my lifetime – the vital seed treatment (neonicotinoids) that protects the plant in the early stage of its life having being banned for the last couple of years. This has been a growing problem with an increasing population of flea beetles, and not a lot we can do about it. With many farmers in the local area and the region struggling to grow a decent crop of OSR to cover the costs, it's got to the point where growing this crop on luck, hoping that there will be something to harvest is just too risky in the current climate. So we have replaced these areas with winter-sown linseed and maize which have proven to give us a more reliable crop and provides a good entry for a following wheat crop.

With the 2020 harvest nearly completed in what has been a bizarre year to say the least, there is a sense of optimism as we start to plant our crops for harvest 2021. Here we go again!

Will Cheyney

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100 club

Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club Draw

We are back! The first draw held in August was won by S Dacke of Little Hoddington and the second prize by S Risberg of Church Street. The September draw will take place at the next PC meeting. Good Luck

The Village Shop – a note of gratitude

The entire village owes the shop and all who have worked or volunteered there during the past six or seven months an enormous debt of gratitude.

It has been wonderful that the hall – essentially the shop's landlords – has been available for use; it has allowed greater stock, greater hygiene and greater social distancing. But it is the people who have put themselves at risk, and given so much of their time, who have been utterly magnificent during the difficult months of lockdown and subsequent restrictions.

It's easy to overlook someone when there are so many to thank, and my sincere apologies that I've done so in the past. And my even more profound apologies if I've inadvertently missed someone out here. I do hope you'll forgive me.

But I and the Village Hall Committee would like to go on record, and thank the following for their dedication, commitment and kindness:

Suki, Pat Rooney, Sandy Ives, Mary Duce, Jane Bellamy, Beverley Bridgman, Stephen Bellamy

And the small army of volunteers have also been superb:

Alison Barker, Simon Barker, Simon Butler, Annabet Chapman, Miranda Davy, Becca del Mar, Rebecca Hendren, Rosemary Hume, Portia Kennedy, Perdi Kennedy, Susannah Livingston-Booth, James Livingston-Booth, Saskia Percival, Amelia Ralls, Rosie Ralls, Lorraine Watson, Barnaby White, Millie White, Frances Yeowart

And so many thanks to others, too, including Dr Juliette Kemp, who was invaluable in the organising of food and treat parcels for the North Hampshire Hospital and elsewhere, Sarah Barnes, Sarah Gray and the countless generous souls who delivered groceries around the village, and beyond.

To you all, thank you!

Hugh Chevallier, Chair, Upton Grey Village Hall Committee

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Hello everyone. We hope that you have managed to have a reasonable summer and that you and your families and friends are safe and well.

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I came across this in a book compiled by one of my favourite authors, Maeve Binchy; I hope it makes you smile – it certainly did me!

To prevent hysterics

Caraway Seeds, finely pounded with a small proportion of ginger and salt, spread upon bread and butter and eaten every day, especially early in the morning and at night before going to bed, is a good remedy against hysterics (The Housewife's Receipt Book 1837). Can't wait to try it out!!

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Barbara 862627, Jill 862131, Viv 862455

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Upton Grey Harvest Supper: Saturday 26th September – cancellation

Sadly, we have had to cancel this year's Upton Grey Harvest Supper, hopefully all will be back to normal in 2021.

Upton Grey Autumn Festival: Saturday 31st October – cancellation

Unfortunately, we have decided to put off the Autumn Festival until next year. Those of you who regularly attend will realise how it would be impossible to impose any type of social distancing at such an event.

Apologies,

Roger and Fallon

Upton Grey Drama Group Production: 20th–21st Nov – cancellation

Regretfully we have had to cancel the Drama Group production this autumn. We hope to be back once Covid restrictions are lifted.

Sarah Gray

Educational Grants available to ALL Upton Grey Residents

The Upton Grey Educational Trust was formed when 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'.

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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.

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Upton Grey fibre / superfast broadband update

I am delighted to inform you that Openreach's ball-park costing for our community has resulted in a no-cost result and we therefore have a different contractual offering. This is to be confirmed once they have completed their detailed costing – hopefully in the next couple of weeks. It also depends on most of our applicants maintaining their commitment.

Subject to this, our applicants will have to go online, pledge their vouchers to Openreach and commit to taking out a minimum 12-month fibre contract with their broadband package supplier. The new package will provide at least double the achieved upload speed of their current package. The vouchers are applied for by Openreach so you have to do nothing

yourselves and you will never see them – you just have to pledge them. The costs of the fibre package vary according to your supplier and your current service. In my case I am with BT and I am ‘unofficially advised’ that:

- their minimum contract period is for 24 months (not 12 months)
- my current guaranteed download speed is 21mbps
- their minimum fibre package is 100mbps which provides a guaranteed minimum download speed of 150mbps and minimum guaranteed upload speed of 30 mbps
- offers come and go but it is likely that my upgrade to 100mbps would cost less than £5 per month extra.

Broadband speed checker (you can google this) shows that my current download speed is about 32 mbps and my upload speed is 4.6 mbps. So for about £1 per week I will get about 5 times my current upload and download speeds. There are various BT fibre packages going up to their 900mbps package.

If anyone wants to add themselves to this application then please email the following information to estelle.clark@btinternet.com: postcode, address, landline telephone number, and B if they are a business and I can add them in prior to the contract stage.

The more the merrier, so if you are not on my list, this is your last opportunity.

Roger Clark

Shoebox appeal 2020

This autumn, St Mary’s Upton Grey will be supporting the LinktoHope charity Family and Elderly Christmas shoebox appeal once again. We understand that due to Covid-19 many of you are still not going out and it may be difficult for you to get items to fill a shoebox. If you would like to contribute either by filling a shoebox, donating items to go into a shoebox or in any other way, please let us know.

LinktoHope is a UK-based Christian charity distributing c.45,000 shoeboxes a year to Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria where there are many desperately poor people living lonely, isolated lives. When you have nothing, something simple can make all the difference.

The shoeboxes need to be ready at the end of October, so start collecting things now, especially empty shoeboxes. (We do have a number available – just let us know if you would like one). LinktoHope’s website suggests a strong adult size 8 shoebox filled with six essentials: soap, flannel toothpaste, toothbrush, sweets, scarf, and; then a further five items from their **Family** or **Elderly** list. Fill your shoebox with a mix of practical and ‘nice to have’ items that will bring a smile to a child or cheer a lonely elderly person. Just remember items should be new or unused. Their

website www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2020 has more information.

Unlike other appeals, the shoeboxes aren't opened before shipment but **must** have a list of included items taped to the top of the box, once wrapped. LinktoHope doesn't put any literature with the boxes and promises not to discriminate over who the boxes are given to. Our fundraising events last year have left us enough money to pay for the £3/box required for transportation/groundwork – you will therefore not have to include this with your shoebox.

Whilst delivering the shoeboxes LinktoHope also offer critical extra gifts of wood, food and medicine for those most in need.

Last year we received over 67 shoeboxes, which were blessed in the church before their onward journey. Please get involved and fill a shoebox. If it gets a bit expensive then involve family and friends and make one up together. Every shoebox makes a difference.

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TUNWORTH NEWS

Book recycling scheme

We are now launching a 'Book Recycling Scheme' to raise funds for All Saints' Church, Tunworth.

We have managed to source a scheme whereby the church will be paid for books we send for recycling. They will take any books in good condition (adults/children's/fiction/non-fiction). Lots of people have been clearing out over Lockdown and also had the chance to read more books.

If you have any books in good condition that you (or your friends/family) have that are no longer needed, they can be left in the church porch, at Beechcroft (under the porch) or at Blackdown Farm. Collection can be arranged if necessary – please call Edwina (471271)

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

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Greening Herriard



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2. Replace all bulbs with LEDs
3. Turn the thermostat down by 1°C
4. Boil only the amount of water needed
5. Line/rack dry clothes
6. Buy second-hand furniture over new
7. Halve your food waste by making a meal plan, use leftovers
8. Wash up using a bowl, rather than letting the water run

We are delighted with the response to the vote (29 households) and the discussion about ways to reduce our carbon footprint that it has prompted. If it has made you think about gradual change to becoming less wasteful and saving energy, then it has been worth it.

The challenge cards are being printed and will be delivered at the end of October. To make this campaign a success, we need everyone to do at least five of the eight challenges at home or in your business and to keep on doing them.

To draw attention to the campaign, we are holding a Scarecrow Competition. To take part, make a scarecrow to demonstrate any of the challenges on our list, using signs, props etc. Scarecrows need to be put outside your property on Saturday 31st October and will be judged on Sunday 1st Nov. It's half term the week before, so plenty of time for children to work on this fun activity. Please sign up by emailing: gill.hill@herriard-pc.gov.uk with your name, age (if child) and address, or text the details to 07766 732783 by Friday 30th October. Personal data will be deleted after the event. For inspiration there are examples of scarecrows on the Herriard website and on the Herriard Facebook page.

To show you are taking action against climate change, the challenge card must be placed somewhere visible in a front window, porch or gatepost on Friday 20th November, so they can be counted over the weekend 21st/22nd Nov. The number of cards counted will be sent off to the Greening Campaign and we will be told what our savings in CO2 are. This figure will be something to celebrate.

Please don't discard the card. These challenges are easy to do and will save you money and help fight climate change.

Gill Hill

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS



National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

The NGS has carried out a survey on Gardens and Coronavirus 2020. Over 2,400 people responded to the survey and the findings were pretty conclusive that gardens and outdoor spaces are vital to people's mental and physical wellbeing. The whole report can be viewed on the website: ngs.org.uk.

There is much work going on behind the scenes at the moment with garden owners committing to opening for 2021. It may seem a bit early to be planning 2021 gardens, but with over 3,000 gardens opening nationwide there is a lot of work to be done by a very few people at Head Office. If you feel your garden is one that would be admired by the general public and you would like the opportunity to raise funds for our hard-pressed Nursing, Health and Caring charities, why not contact me and we can arrange for a member of our team to visit your garden.

This will probably be my last communication with you for a while, so I wish you all the best for the rest of 2020 and hope for a more settled and healthy 2021. Keep safe, and with best wishes

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Hampshire and Berkshire Guild Selling Exhibition

After an absence of a few years the Hants and Berks Guild returns to the Cross Barn in Odiham on Halloween weekend (31st Oct–1st Nov). With careful measures in place to ensure safety, it is the perfect venue to celebrate the sheer physicality of craft.

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5.00–7.00pm Friday 30th October, 10.00am–5.00pm Sat and Sun (31st October / 1st November). Light refreshments will be served

<https://www.craftsguild.co.uk>, Insta: @craftsguild2019

Computer equipment to help children's education

Covid-19 and its restrictions have only exaggerated disadvantage in educational opportunity. Assignments are increasingly being undertaken and submitted remotely, and children without regular access to technology are seriously disadvantaged compared to their peers.

An initiative has been established in North East Hampshire and the Surrey borders, led by six local Lions Clubs (Aldershot, Fleet, Farnham, Farnborough, Hook & Odiham, Yateley, and Basingstoke – through Basingstoke Voluntary Action) to collect, refurbish and donate computers and expensive peripherals like monitors, webcams, speakers and printers to families whose children do not have access to them. Every year, millions of still-usable surplus PCs are sent to landfills or put into storage. Getting maximum use out of existing equipment is an environmentally responsible choice.

These refurbished PCs help make technology accessible to people and organisations which cannot afford new computers. All donated kit is professionally refurbished, confidentially wiped securely of all data and upgraded to a new operating system, and then makes a real difference to a child's educational chances.

The initiative has gone from strength to strength, and to date over 400 computers (desktops, laptops and notebooks) have been refurbished and donated, plus over 200 monitors, printers, speakers and other peripherals. However, there is always a need for more, so it will be greatly appreciated if you can check lofts, sheds, garages and other storage areas for technology that you have replaced but not yet recycled.

If you feel able to donate any old technology equipment to help children achieve their potential, please email Sarah Williams at swilliams@bvaction.org.uk – who will arrange collection – or email it@fleetlions.org.uk for more information.

Active Alton Website Launch

We at the Active Alton Working Group are delighted to announce the launch of the Active Alton webpage, kindly hosted by the Alton Town Council website. This is the first stage in providing a comprehensive listing of all the recreational activities in and around Alton.

The original plan was to circulate to every household in the GU34 area and to launch the webpage simultaneously with a hard copy Directory for general distribution. All this should have happened in April! However, after the long Covid-induced lockdown we are all itching to get moving again. Clubs, organisations and sports grounds have re-opened and now is the time to take full advantage of the enormous number of opportunities for increasing your physical activity.

If you are interested in increasing your exercising, please visit <https://altonevents.co.uk/activealton/> and see what a wide range of opportunities is on offer – everything from Archery to Zumba – walking, fitness training, even football-golf. Click onto whatever interests you for full information with contact and joining details. We believe that regular physical activity is the most important measure you can take to prevent disease and maintain good health throughout life and into old age.

Within the next few months we plan to inform all local residents through The Altonian and publish the full Directory which will be made available in public spaces such as the Library and doctors' surgeries.

The Steering Group is extremely grateful to the Alton Society and District Councillors Suzie Burns, Richard Platt, Diana Tennyson and Ingrid Thomas for their generous funding of this project. Thank you to Alton Town Council and Roger and Paul Joel at Bureau14 with the website build.

If you are an organisation that registered with us earlier in the year please look at your page on the website and check your details - <https://altonevents.co.uk/active-alton/>

If you would like to register your organisation or update your club's details, go to <https://altonevents.co.uk/active-alton-group-registration/>

SMALL ADS

Fashion

A private shopping experience on your doorstep! A new fashion boutique carrying stylish Danish clothing for women is now open in Upton Grey. Current season Friendtex clothing as well as previous season styles are available: <https://www.friendtex.com>. Browsing by appointment only, max 2 people at a time, so do bring a friend! Please sanitise hands on arrival. To arrange a viewing please contact Miranda: friendtex@davy.me.uk, 01256 862922 07774 278 978

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – October 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.

31st Oct Sat Exhibition of scarecrows, Herriard
30th Oct/1st Nov Hants & Berks Guild Exhibition, Cross Barn Odiham 10.00am

ADVANCE DATES

13th Mar 2021 Upton Grey Safari Supper

HALLS FOR HIRE

(subject to the government guidance and local constraints)

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 betball39@gmail.com, herriardrbllhall@gmail.com.

TEMPORARY HOURS UPTON GREY VILLAGE SHOP

8.00am–5.00pm Mon–Sat

8.00am–1.00pm Sun

(responding to village consultation, the Post Office is now closed permanently)

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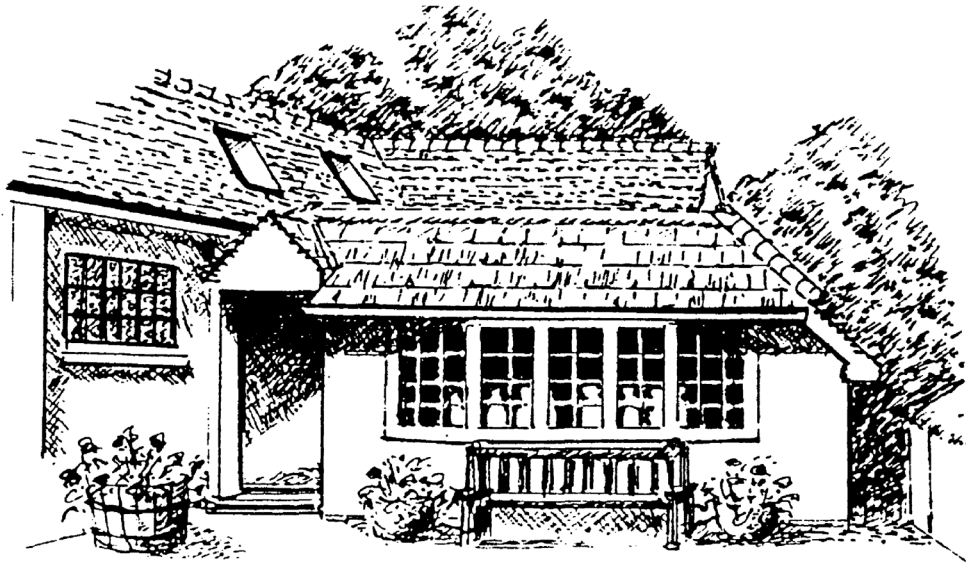
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THE VILLAGE SHOP

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Monday - Friday: 7am - 7pm

Saturday: 7am - 6pm

Sunday: 8am - 1pm

RANGE OF GOODS

Special range of Cheeses
Fresh Bread & Vegetables daily
Fresh Meat & Fish to order
Range of Wine & Spirits
Home Cooked Food
and Delicatessen
Dry Cleaning & Shoe Repairs
Newspapers
Home Delivery Service

The Post Office has
permanently closed

Temporary Shop Opening
Hours during lockdown

8am – 5pm Mon to Sat

8 am – 1pm Sun