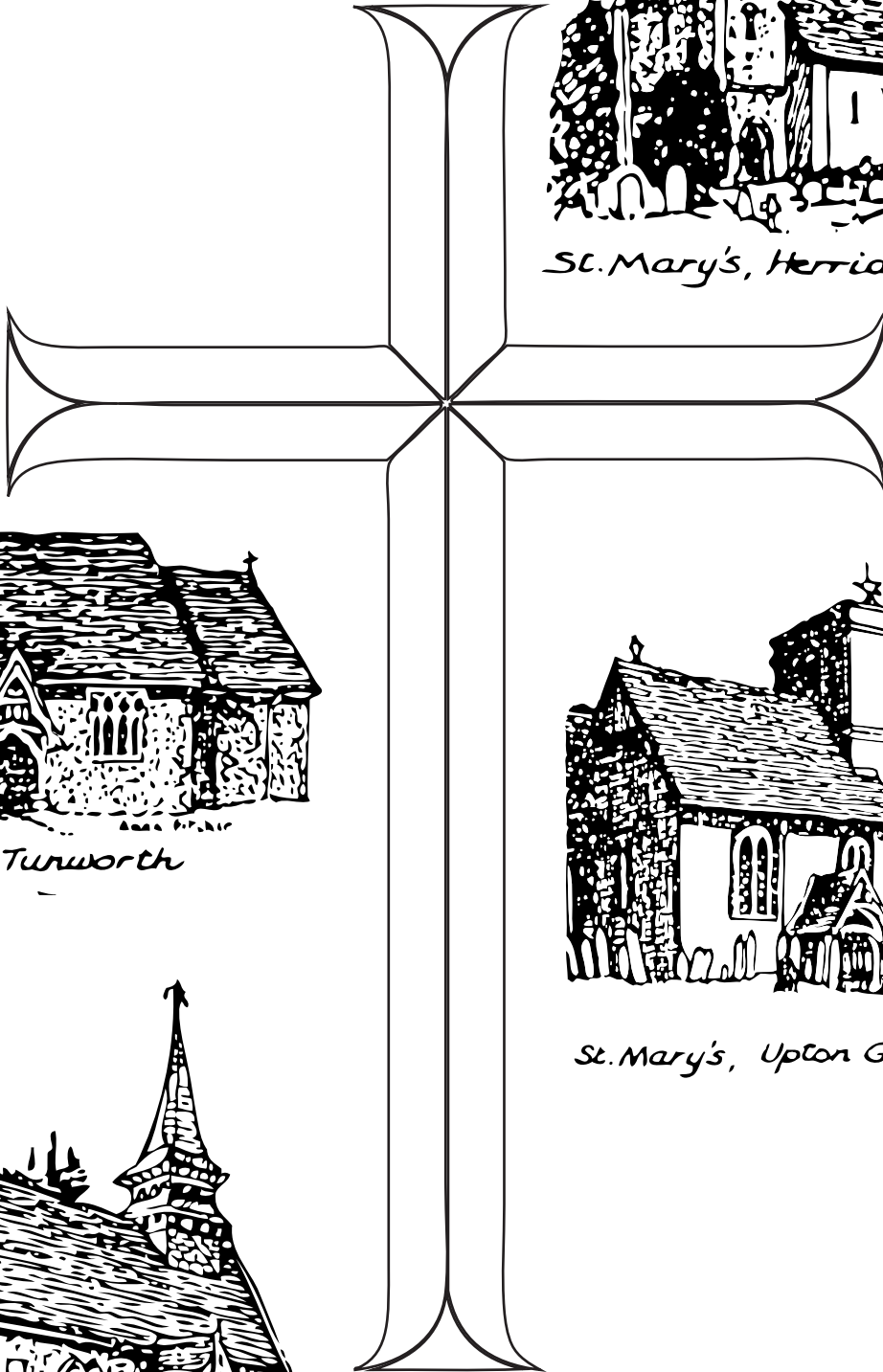


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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – March 2022
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

From the Benefice Ministry Team

Hi everyone.

My name is Matt Bianchi, I'm married to Amy and we have three wonderful children. I am originally from the North East, though the accent seems to have mostly disappeared now. I was born in Country Durham, but spent most of my childhood in Washington (the original one) in Tyne & Wear, before studying at Durham Uni. After that, Amy and I moved to Southampton to be youth



workers for a church in the suburbs of the city. This involved running a large youth group, with services, small groups, one-off events and much more.

After 7 years of this, I felt called on to wider church leadership and spent three years in Oxford training to be a priest. It was such a privilege to spend some time in such a great city. It felt like there was a great historical story behind almost every brick you could see. After this, we moved to Hartley Wintney for curacy. I'll be honest that, having lived in the South of Hampshire for several years, this part of the country was unknown to me. I hadn't even heard of Hartley Wintney before it was suggested to me, and we have really enjoyed living in such a beautiful part of the country. Living in Hart has been a real joy; as a family we've really loved living in this leafy, peaceful part of the country. And when the lockdowns came, we were massively grateful for all the brilliant places to explore.

It's been great to have had the opportunity to live in different places throughout the UK, getting to meet different people and hear their stories. While so many moves has had its difficult elements, I always enjoy seeing how new communities work and interact, and I look forward to being part of this benefice and getting to know many of you here.

I am really excited to join the team here as Mission Priest. My role includes a mixture of different things. On a Sunday you'll find me leading services around the benefice, but most regularly at Greywell, Mapledurwell and Up Nately. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the church family in these places, celebrating communion and

exploring God's word together. A major part of my role is also focused outside of the walls of our church buildings; to get to know the local community and to find out how we as a church we can serve you best. I know it's been a challenging few years for us all over the course of the pandemic and community life has been such an important support for us all in different ways. It would be great to continue to work together and get to know one another.

Please do introduce yourselves when you see me out and about, as I always enjoy meeting new people. I can't wait to get to know you all better.

God bless.

Matt Bianchi
Mission Priest
North Hampshire Downs Benefice



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism Clementine Kirby at St Mary's Upton Grey on February 6th

CHURCH NEWS

New member of the Clergy team

I'm delighted to announce that we have a new member joining our clergy team in early March. **Matt Bianchi** will be licensed on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Odiham. All are welcome to attend the licensing service which will be conducted by the Bishop of Basingstoke. Matt's formal title will be 'Mission Priest', and his role will include pastoral leadership of the parishes of Greywell, Up Nately and Mapledurwell, as well as being a Missioner to the various areas of new housing on the edge of North Warnborough and Odiham and around the benefice. His introductory letter is at the beginning of this magazine.

Simon Butler, Rector, North Hampshire Downs Benefice

Church Services

Wednesday 2nd March

7.30pm Odiham – Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd March

7.30pm Odiham – Licensing of the Revd Matt Bianchi

Sunday 6th March

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Upton Grey – Morning Service

Thursday 10th March

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 13th March

9.00am Herriard – Family Service

11.00am Weston Patrick – CW Holy Communion

5.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

Thursday 17th March

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 20th March

9.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

11.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

Sunday 27th March (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service

11.00am Herriard – Family Service

11.00am Upton Grey – Morning Service

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

Lent course

When words run out... pathways to prayer in the everyday.

This year's Lent course takes place in All Saints Odiham every Tuesday from 8th March to 5th April (7.30 to 9.00pm, coffee included).

Services online or telephone based

With some parishioners not in a position to attend church services, the streamed services are continuing. Most services from All Saints, Odiham, are live-streamed (and then available online afterwards) – see the website www.moretolife.church for details.

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

In this group of four churches, St Mary's Upton Grey is open every day - generally in daylight hours. St Lawrence Weston Patrick is open Monday-Saturday (and Sunday if there is a service), usually from 9.00am to 5.00pm though times may vary. St Mary's Herriard and All Saints Tunworth are available for private prayer on the same basis as before Covid.



KidsZone

PANCAKE PARTY
Tuesday 1st March

All Saints Odiham

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What's On for Families...***Tuesday 1st March PANCAKE PARTY***

All Saints Odiham 2.30-6.00

Friday 15th April GOOD FRIDAY KIDS' WORKSHOP

St Mary's Upton Grey 9.30-11.00 (followed by a short service)

Sunday 17th April EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

St Andrew's South Warnborough 3.00-4.30 (followed by a short service)

Saturday 18th June WHO LET THE DADS OUT

Venue TBC 10.00-12.00 (including bacon butties!)

Mon 8th - Fri 12th August MORE TO LIFE HOLIDAY CLUB

Church Meadow, Upton Grey

Wednesday 31st August MESSY SUMMER

Venue & Timings TBC

Sunday 30th October SERVICE OF LIGHT

St Mary's Upton Grey 3.00

(crafts for the children, followed by service and bonfire at 4.30)

Monday 31st October LIGHT PARTY

All Saints Odiham 5.00-6.30

youth@moretolife.church

Hi everyone!

Deserts are really fascinating places...

I'm sure you've all heard of the Sahara desert and maybe even the Gobi desert, but did you know, for example, that the largest desert in the world is actually in Antarctica? Plenty of water – in the ice – but hardly any snow or rain each year.

The Aralkum Desert is known as the youngest desert of our planet. This desert in Asia was formed by the former eastern basin of the Aral Sea in Uzbekistan. It formed in the 1960s when irrigation projects for the huge cotton plantations in the area drained the waters from the Aral lake. Yes, those are boats you can see in the picture!



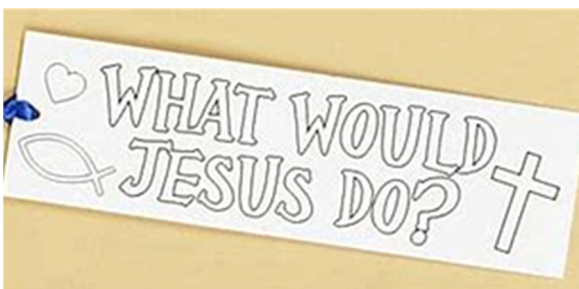
The hottest desert in the world is, of course, the Sahara. It's huge and gets to temperatures of 50°C. Sadly, it has grown more than 10% in the last century due to climate change and other natural climatic variations.

Billions of trees are being planted each year to try to combat this desertification – this is called a green wall.



Why am I talking so much about desserts? Well a time called Lent starts on 2nd March (the day after Pancake Day) and it's a time when we get ready for Easter by remembering Jesus' 40 days in the desert. He gave up food and drink and spent the time thinking and praying about what God wanted him to do in his life. This is why some people give up things they really enjoy, like chocolate or sweets, so they can imagine what it must have felt like. This was the very start of the time he spent teaching and healing – which is the part of his life we hear about in the Bible.

At the end of this 40 days, Jesus was tempted. Watch this video to find out more about that story! Have you ever been tempted to do the wrong thing? To take something which isn't yours, or say something which isn't true? Sometimes it takes real strength and courage to do the right thing, when it would be so much easier to do the wrong thing. Whenever I'm tempted and not sure what to do, I always ask myself 'What Would Jesus Do'? Sometimes that helps me to make the right decision. Some people



even make a bracelet or bookmark to help them remember to do this. Can you design a bookmark to help you remember how to make good decisions? I'd love to see your designs – just send them to me on youth@moretolife.church.

God Bless and see you next time!

Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Police Report from PCSO Andy Jones

Officers have been investigating a number of reports of thefts from motor vehicles including number plates, Apple Airpods, handbags and clothing, and on Saturday 5 February officers arrested a 47-year-old man from Havant on suspicion of thefts from motor vehicles in Whitchurch, Micheldever, East Stratton, Dummer and Beacon Hill between Wednesday 26 January and Wednesday 2 February. Many other thefts from vehicles that have occurred in the areas of Upton Grey and the Candovers, not to mention two other counties, are also being linked to the individual in question. He has been questioned by officers and released under investigation while enquiries continue. Information that we receive from the community is vital and informs where we put our resources to take action against illegal activity.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists to make sure you remove valuables from your vehicle and lock it. Make sure to physically check that doors and window are locked, especially if you have used the remote to lock the vehicle, then look inside again to make sure you've not left anything. Further information and advice on how to keep your vehicle secure can be found on our website: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

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Farming News

Being young and trendy as I am (most definitely not.....on both counts!), I do occasionally listen to Radio 1 in the tractor to hear what's going on in the world from a younger perspective. The other day on Newsbeat they were discussing inflation and interviewed a number of young people. One girl listed all the important things that had significantly gone up in price from phones and data to clothes and makeup, then added as an afterthought "and even the little things like food".

In the late 1950's food accounted for approximately 33% of a UK household budget. Today that figure is more like 8%. Just as a comparison, in Nigeria it is something like 59%. Those figures may vary from different sources but they give an indication of how we value food in this country.

As farmers we are continually being squeezed to produce food at a lower cost whilst improving traceability, hygiene and quality.

With the turbulence of Brexit, COVID and rising costs we are heading into unknown territory at the moment. There is a cocktail of cause and effect inflating your food bills. Our inputs are rising at an alarming rate, for example Nitrogen fertiliser that we bought for £180/tonne in 2020 is now trading at +£700/tonne. A fairly small farm may buy 100 tonnes of Nitrogen/year so that's an extra £50,000 off your bottom line straight away. Partly because of these rising costs and the labour shortage, milk production in the UK is down on previous years and the dairy processors are worried about supply. Our milk price is rising but is it enough to cover the extra 3-5 pence/litre we'll need to cover rising costs? The world demand for dairy products keeps rising at 2.1% per annum but there's a similar production downturn in the major world producing regions of Europe, USA and New Zealand. I think there is going to have to be a worldwide rethink on where we position the price of food and the returns for the farmers and the whole agricultural sector.

So let's turn to poo! (We once had the poo emoji 🍌 on display at a family service in Herriard church. The children thought it great and it certainly gained their attention for the sermon but not sure the older generation were too impressed.) Bearing in mind the high Nitrogen price, this is why our manure and the cows' slurry are so important to us. The more of our natural fertiliser we can use, the more cost effective and better for the environment it is. So I've been very excited this February because it's been dry and we've been able to get slurry on to fields earlier than before (it obviously doesn't take a lot to get me excited!). As they say "make hay while the sun shines", which for us means taking every opportunity to make the most of a good weather window. This will stimulate early grass growth, provide fertiliser and trace elements without damaging the soil structure. Apologies for a few days' smell if you're down wind but we do discharge the slurry down into the grass with our new tanker to reduce smell and increase nutrient uptake.

So we've been busy spreading poo, getting fences up together ready for turning cattle out to grass, feeding the 500 cows and calves that are housed in the barns for Winter, making sure the robot milkers are behaving and generally keeping everything ticking along. I find January and early February a bit of a slog but, as the snowdrops emerge the days draw out and the birds make themselves heard, everything looks brighter. Spring is around the corner and the promise of another year of bountiful harvests and high milk price beckons.....we can dream!

Joe Ives

UPTON GREY NEWS

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TEA@3 - March

The date of our next tea is **Thursday 17th March**, and Maureen Deere has kindly offered to host it at her house Hayesley, 1 Weston Close. We would be delighted if you would come and join us - please let one of us know in good time if you are able to come so that we have enough scones and cakes for everyone! As it is St Patrick's Day we are expecting to see everyone clutching bunches of shamrocks!

Barbara 852527 Jill 862131 Viv 862455

Junior Tennis coaching weeks

The Easter Junior Tennis Coaching Week is from Mon 11th - Thur 14th April. Sessions start from 9am and are about 45 minutes long. The coach will be Andrew Ridgers, who has been leading the tennis coaching for some years. He is very highly regarded and makes the sessions fun for all. He also coaches at Odiham tennis club. The youngest children have the first session, which is 45 minutes and then there are usually several more groups, largely grouped together by age. The cost is £16 per child, whether your child attends all four days or not. We are able to keep this low due to the continued and much appreciated support from the Upton Grey Educational Trust. In the event of bad weather the sessions will be cancelled. Please email **Susannah Livingston Booth** on **slivingstonbooth@gmail.com** with your child/children's name(s), age(s), and your contact details. Payment should be made by the 1st April 2022 by Bank Transfer to Upton Grey Village Tennis Court. Bank Details are: Sort Code 30-93-32, Account No: 02410908, or alternatively you can pay by cash to Susannah Livingston Booth at Redwing House, Cemetery Lane, Upton Grey, RG25 2RD.

The Summer Junior Tennis Coaching Week is from Monday 8th to Friday 12th August.

Tennis 'mix-in' evening

The Upton Grey Tennis Committee is organising a fun Tennis 'Mix In' Evening on Thursday 23rd June 2022. For ages 16 and over. From 6pm, turn up when you can. Meet at the Upton Grey Court. All abilities welcome.

Susannah Livingston Booth

Useful links to web pages giving access to councils and their services

Upton Grey Parish Council is aware that many villagers do not know how their Parish, District and County councils can help them.

To find out what your Parish Council is up to: www.uptongreyparishcouncil.co.uk (e.g. Planning Applications can be found in the menu on the left).

To report problems on the highway, e.g. flooding in the road, potholes, obstructions etc: www.hants.gov.uk. Select 'Transport and roads' on the second line, and then select 'Report a problem'.

To report fly tipping on the highway or problems with waste collection; <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report>

To report a problem on a footpath or bridleway, e.g. problems with stiles: www.hants.gov.uk (put 'rights of way' in the search box and scroll down to 'Problems on rights of way').

To report a suspicious incident or a criminal act: www.hampshire.police.uk, select 'Report' (in emergency call 999).

Alison Barker, Councillor, Upton Grey Parish Council
0750 234 1112, cllr.barker@uptongreyparishcouncil.co.uk

Upton Grey & District Horticultural Society – Spring Show

STOP PRESS!

Message from June Hunt:

Excellent news is that the Spring Show is definitely going ahead.

Saturday 9th April in Upton Grey Village Hall.

Details to follow shortly.

Superfast Fibre Broadband Update

Unfortunately, and despite several email requests, Openreach have supplied me with no further updates on their progress since December. They are still active however and Mike Mendoza reports: "Kier, subcontractors to Openreach, are currently in Cleves Lane completing the Fibre infrastructure by the telegraph poles. They say that another engineer will come later this month to connect to the houses." Once I have received a response on likely dates from Openreach I will circulate it via George's email system and the area reps.

Roger Clark

Upton Grey Church Fete: Saturday 11th June, 2-5pm, in the gardens of The Old Vicarage (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Butler-Adams)

The fete is back! After this long gap we are looking for lots of fresh ideas and enthusiastic helpers. Many new residents have moved in during this time who are undoubtedly highly motivated and multi-talented, so if you have money-raising ideas for stalls, competitions or entertainments, then please contact either **Frances Yeowart (francesyeowart@outlook.com 861218)** or **Sarah Barnes (pg.barnes@btinternet.com)**. Ideas so far are: Roving Eccentrica, Brass band, Lucky Dip, Wood working, Teas, Pimms, Tennis, Classic Cars, Children's sports, plus Tombola, Raffle, White Elephant, etc etc. This date is especially significant as it is the Queen's official birthday in this her Platinum Jubilee year.

Save the date for this traditional village get-together which is a vital fund raiser for the church. Thank you. **Sarah and Frances**

'Platinum Promenade' 4pm Sunday June 19th in the garden of The Old Vicarage Upton Grey in aid of St Michael's Hospice

Upton Grey Drama Group are proud to announce their next production is the Platinum Promenade on Sunday June 19th starting at 4pm in the garden of The Old Vicarage Upton Grey by kind permission of Richard & Carol Butler-Adams.

Following on from the success of the 'Promenade' in July 2021, Upton Grey Drama Group will present a variety of stories, poems and playlets as you walk round the beautiful gardens of the Old Vicarage. The theme for this year will be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

If you would like to take part or help in anyway please email **Sarah Gray - sajgray59@yahoo.co.uk**. Tickets will be £10 - which includes a glass of fizz! - and will go on sale soon.

Shoebboxes

I still do the Xmas shoebox appeal but can never get enough empty shoeboxes. If you have any please don't throw them away – I am quite happy to pick them up, just let me know.

Debbie Bridle (862705) debbie@debbie-bridle.com

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS**www.herriard-pc.gov.uk****<https://www.facebook.com/herriardexservicesclub>****Herriard Village Group on <http://www.Facebook.com>****Langlies Mead Affordable Housing at Southrope, Herriard**

Herriard Parish Council started work on this scheme in 2015, after a village housing survey showed the considerable demand from local people working in Herriard and/or with family connections in the village. Plans were drawn up with Winchester Housing Trust - www.winchesterhousingtrust.co.uk/ and submitted in 2017 under application number 17/04033/FUL. This was approved the following year.

The intention has always been to build a range of houses but mainly affordable rental and shared ownership with several private houses for sale to pay for it all. Following significant discussion and obstacles over the last 4 years, the project has now been taken forward by Herriard Estates. Last year, initial work was undertaken to preserve the planning permission and further work has taken place with the architect on revised layout and mix of properties. The proposals are now ready to go to planning for final approval. The plans are for 5 affordable houses for rent, 4 shared ownership houses and 4 houses for sale. Applicants who have a housing need and a local connection through family, or who work in Herriard, will be eligible to apply for an affordable rented or shared ownership property.

To view the plans and talk with the Architect and Winchester Housing Trust, all are welcome to come to the RBL Hall Southrope on **Monday 7th March at 7pm**. You will be invited to make written responses to the plans and can register interest with Winchester Housing Trust who will be managing the scheme. The Parish Council meeting will follow at 8pm. If you are unable to attend the viewing but wish to register an interest, you may contact the Chair of Herriard Parish Council by email: Chair@herriard-pc.gov.uk and/or Winchester Housing Trust enquiries@winchesterhousingtrust.co.uk

Herriard Annual Litter Pick

The Parish Council are running the annual village litter pick on **Sunday 13th March** between 10.00 and 12 noon. Come along and help clean up our verges and open spaces ready for Spring. Starting from the RBL car park, we will provide litter pickers and hi-vis vests. Children are welcome but must be supervised by an adult.

Gill Hill, Chair, Herriard Parish Council

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Lift and divide overgrown perennials, top dress containers with compost, remove weeds from your beds and pots. You can still prune Bush and Climbing Roses. Prune your Buddleia by about two-thirds and remove any weak shoots sprouting from the ground. This will encourage stronger growth at the base and produce new shoots for flowers to develop. There are exceptions to this rule Buddleja Alternifolia and Buddleja Globosa bloom on stems made the previous season so cutting back in spring would remove flower buds. These should not be hard pruned, instead cut out a selection of oldest branches completely in midsummer.

If you want summer bulbs now is the time to plant, such as Lilies, Dahlia, Gladioli, Agapanthus, when the soil is warming up.

After flowering, but whilst still in leaf, lift and divide snowdrop bulbs (I do mine every couple of years to create even more drifts and flowers.) The clumps should be teased apart and made into three or four smaller groups, replanted at same depth as they were before and keep watered.

The other arrival is slugs and snails which can shred plants like Hostas and Delphiniums, Dahlias, Lupins etc. There are several methods of killing these, but most slug pellets are harmful/toxic to domestic pets, wildlife and birds. Even the so-called Organic Ferric Phosphate slug pellets, whilst less harmful than Metaldehyde slug pellets, have huge drawbacks. Ferric Phosphate contains Chelating agents to make the iron more soluble and thus toxic to slugs. Iron is toxic to humans, domestic pets and wildlife. Chelating agent EDTA is also toxic particularly to earth worms, this is not good news. Slugs and snail can take up to 3-6 days to die. Left pellets on the ground leach into the soil (so if you insist on using these product use sparingly - don't put huge amounts down). But WHY would you want to do that to slugs and snails when wildlife such as Birds, Hedgehogs, Toads and Thrushes rely on them as a food source. My preferred method is a Garlic Wash, which they hate: two Full Garlic Bulbs, add them to 2ltr water in Saucepan and boil until soft. When cooled, squash with a fork to release as much of the juice as possible. Sieve and remove skin and bits left over. This cloudy liquid is concentrated. To use, dilute 2 table spoons to 5ltr water into a bottle or watering can with a spray attachment and spray plant/leaves ones a week on the plants that they love to eat. If the plant is still being affected use less diluted and more regular

application. Another less harmful way is night time hunting with a torch (children love this) collect in a bucket and take them to an area where the wildlife can have a feast; but make sure it's a distance from your garden, or they will come back.

Recipe: Carrot, Swede & Apple Mash

1 small swede (400g) peeled and cut into rough pieces

Carrots (400g) peeled and cut into rough pieces

Granny Smiths (300g) peeled, cored, and roughly cut

40g Butter

1 tbsp whole grain mustard

75 ml crème fraiche

Small handful of parsley roughly chopped

Method

Bring saucepan salted water to the boil. Cook swede/carrots for about 20/25 min, adding the apple for the last 10 min. Check to see if veg is soft.

Drain into a colander and leave to steam dry for 15 min.

Return drained veg to pan and season.

Add butter, mustard, and creme fraiche, mash well.

Heat through until piping hot and stir in the parsley.

You can replace swede with celeriac if preferred.

Patricia Pegg

Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy for the Fallen

Official MoD Armed Forces Day event 25 June 2022

In June 2019 during the official commemorations for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, a convoy of WW2 military vehicles travelled fifty miles through Hampshire and Berkshire.

The convoy travelled the route taken by General Eisenhower on the afternoon of 5 June 1944, hours before the launch of Operation Overlord, the Invasion of Occupied Europe. Eisenhower visited men of the 101st American Parachute Infantry Regiment, stationed at Greenham Common (USAAF base AF 486) who were to be among the first troops into enemy territory and who were likely to suffer heavy losses. He wanted to encourage the men and wish them good luck and 'God Speed.'

When the convoy arrived at the former WW2 airfield, the Act of Remembrance by British Military personnel was a parachute drop with a WW2 48-star American flag, returning the spirit of those who lost their lives during the D-Day Campaign. A representative of the United States Embassy planted a memorial tree.

Building on the experience of that convoy, the organisers have announced a special event to be presented on 25 June 2022 to coincide with Armed Forces Day. The Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy, which will travel the shorter route of thirty-seven miles from Southwick House PO17 6EJ to Basingstoke RG22 6PG, is in memory of the Fallen of all Wars. It has been made possible with the considerable help and support of the event partners, Think Ford and Southern Coop and media partners Family Tree (Warner Group Publications).

The event is not only about Remembrance; it is also about looking to the future and the care and wellbeing of Veterans through fundraising for the Royal British Legion Riders Branch, members of which will be providing a motorcycle escort on the day of the convoy.

The convoy will leave Southwick at approximately 10.00am and will take the B2177 to Wickham, the A32 through the Meon Valley to the A31 at Alton. From Alton the convoy will exit via the B3349 en route to the former Lasham Airfield GU34 5SS for a short stopover. They will then take the A339 to Basingstoke arriving at approximately noon.

Communities along the route will be supporting the convoy as it passes, to include the ringing of church bells and official Salutes by Town Mayors and Dignitaries.

Vantage points will be advised in due time.

The convoy will be welcomed at a free-to-enter public event on the show field adjacent to the Milestones Living History Museum. The onsite event is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, and during the afternoon a memorial plaque will be dedicated to the Fallen.

To reach the widest possible audience, two high-profile Hampshire-wide competitions are being organised by the sponsors from March until June. Both competitions will be history based and will focus on discovering more about ancestors who served in the Armed Forces.

A spokesperson for the voluntary organising team said that ‘We hope this special event will encourage more people to discover their family history and to support the need for Remembrance especially on Armed Forces Day’.

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Joseph is called a tekton in the gospels, which is usually translated from the Greek as carpenter. From the 17th century onwards Joseph is less frequently portrayed as an old man with a beard, asleep, dreaming or in the background only as guardian or protector; he is now portrayed as more youthful, vigorous and very practical.

The traditional image uses Joseph's work bench as an altar, with the altar cloth depicting the tools of his skilled craft, and from the image above can be seen some of the tools of a carpenter - an axe, a saw and a wooden plane.

Cedar is the wood most associated with the Holy Land at this time, the species is named for the once-extensive forest that grew across Mount Lebanon. Used by ancient civilizations for millennia, it's also referenced in the Bible as the source of timber for Solomon's temple. Cedar has a long-lasting sweet scent that's sometimes used in making perfume; it also resists termites, which meant it was durable in warm climates. Houses and other structures would have had wooden framing with an infill of mud, straw and dung. Plates and eating utensils would have utilised olive and some of the other local fruit woods.

Whether you prefer the traditional picture of the saintly protector father teaching his skills in carpentry to his young son or the multi skilled general craftsman teaching what might be a range of skills to young apprentices, the value of sharing and teaching these skills is fostered by the Southern Fellowship of Woodworkers who meet in the winter, spring and autumn on every fourth Thursday evening of the month in the stunning medieval Cross Barn, Odiham in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice.

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National Garden Scheme - Hampshire



The NGS is delighted to announce Jo Whiley, the renowned pop radio presenter, as its new Ambassador. In recent years Jo has been a guest presenter at both Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows. Asked about her appointment Jo said “I am so thrilled to have been asked. I knew about the National Garden Scheme but I had no idea how much money the gardens raise and give away to nursing charities every year. The garden owners are clearly so generous, I love the idea of them inviting people in to share their garden and have a lovely tea. The pandemic has shown me and everyone how important gardens are for our health and wellbeing and the National Garden Scheme has been doing this for years – it’s a great organisation.”

If you would like to help us raise funds for 2022 (over £3m donated in 2021), here are a couple of gardens which you might like to visit. Both are within 15 miles of Upton Grey.

Beechenwood Farm, Hillside, Odiham, RG291JA

Opening every Wednesday from 30th March to 8th June, 2pm to 5pm. Also By Arrangement. Admission £5.00, children free. Home-made teas. 2-acre garden in many parts. Wander through the woodlands with drifts of Spring bulbs. Rose pergola with pots of Spring bulbs - and so much more. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/8569>

Old Thatch & Millenium Barn, Winchfield, RG27 8DD

Opening Sunday 10th April, 2pm to 6pm (note: 1 day only!). Admission £4.00, combined children free. Home-made teas. This is your typical chocolate-box garden, with borders brimming with colour and pots round every corner. 5-acre garden bordering the Basingstoke canal (unfenced). Arrive by John Pinkerton narrow boat or pick up a boat shuttle at the Barley Mow wharf. Or arrive by car... Look out for the donkeys - if you don't see them you will certainly hear them.

<https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/20927>

Best Wishes to All

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Host a ‘Cakes 4 Cancer’ event in March

Flour Power! Raise dough to support people living with cancer!

If baking takes your (fondant) fancy, Wessex Cancer Trust would love you to host a Cakes4Cancer event this March and raise money to support local people living with cancer. Rolling out across Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight between 1st March and 31st March, Cakes4Cancer is a really simple way to come together with friends, family or colleagues - either in person or virtually - and ‘bake’ a difference by asking for a donation in return for a cuppa and cake.

Sally Hillyear, Wessex Cancer Trust’s Head of Fundraising, said: “We’re passionate about community at Wessex Cancer Trust, and believe everyone living with cancer should be able to get free and local emotional support whenever they need it. Cakes4Cancer is all about people coming together to enjoy something delicious for a great cause. Your event can be as big or small as you want, either in person or virtual. You could put on a coffee morning at work, host an afternoon tea with friends or arrange a virtual bake-along. Whether it’s faked or baked, every cake sold could help change someone’s life for the better. It really is a piece of cake!”

The charity has put together a free kit containing everything you need to host your own event, including lots of event ideas, cake toppers, posters, bunting, recipe cards and a gift aid form. Sign up at **Cakes4Cancer - Wessex Cancer Trust**. And please visit our website www.wessexcancer.org.uk to find out more about how we support people living with cancer.

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Lots of learning, laughing and living going on!

The u3a is about creating opportunities for its members to ‘learn, laugh and live’, and our groups have certainly excelled themselves recently.

Learning included an excellent opening talk on the history of the National Garden scheme NGS, organised by our new Garden Appreciation Group. It also highlighted some of the 109 NGS gardens within a 25-mile radius of Odiham, including Chawton House which some of our members visited on Snowdrop Sunday. Meanwhile the Wings and Wheels group were getting to grips with the ‘Prone Pilot Position’ courtesy of Roger Cansdale CEng, FRAeS, formerly of the RAE.

Laughing is a central feature of all our groups! Our Local Theatres Group attended two performances at The Yvonne Arnaud last month and are back again this month for 'Private Lives' plus two visits to the New Victoria, Woking. Both of our popular table tennis groups meet at the Hook Community Centre - and at Hartlett's Café.

Living is exemplified through the wide diversity of our groups. The Exploring Towns and Villages group are off for a guided walk around Winchester College followed next month by a visit to Petersfield. The Line Dancing group are strutting their stuff and offering taster sessions in Ridley Hall, South Warnborough. Wine Group 1 is extending their menu by including tapas when sampling Spanish wines this month in the Cross Barn, and the Crafts and Chat group are looking forward to a Jewellery making session in North Warnborough Village Hall.

Contact: membership@odihamu3a.org.uk

Our website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Tuesday 1st March is Shrove Tuesday, so we are planning to meet together to enjoy a few pancakes and each other's company. Later in the month, on Thursday 17th March, Mothers' Union members from around the diocese will meet at St Gabriel's Church in Popley, Basingstoke, for our Diocesan Information Day. In Popley we also plan to have a bring and buy stall to raise funds for our Away From It All Family Holiday. After two years when we have had to cancel this event because of the pandemic, we are delighted that in August we will be able to run our usual week-long family holiday at Lodge Hill in Pulborough, West Sussex. This holiday is a real lifeline for many struggling families who would otherwise not be able to go on holiday.



If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on sue@the-murphys.me.uk or 01252 845011.

Luminosa Voices concert: All Saints Odiham, 2nd April at 7.30pm

Luminosa celebrates 12 fabulous years with a tribute to women composers

Luminosa Voices have extra spring in their step and joy in their voices this Easter as they celebrate their twelfth anniversary, two years later than scheduled, with a concert on 2nd April at the magnificent All Saints Church, Odiham. The evening will showcase music from composers who have all drawn on inspirations from the past for their text.

At the heart of the programme, the choir is honoured and excited to be performing the large-scale *Da Vinci Requiem* which was composed by Cecilia McDowall for the 500-year anniversary in 2019 of the artist's death. Composed from Leonardo's notebooks and his reflective and penetrating insights into the nature of mortality, this work sheds new light on familiar requiem texts through its palette of light and shade and textural detail. The evening will be enhanced by a rare and thrilling opportunity to hear an illuminating talk by Cecilia McDowall about the links to Leonardo Da Vinci within this work and its composition process.

Also in the programme is Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*, based on the devotional poetry of the seventeenth century Welsh-born poet and Anglican priest, George Herbert. And Luminosa is delighted to have commissioned a new work, *Salve Deus, Rex Judaeorum*, an impassioned portrayal of the Easter Cantata by composer Alison Willis.

Doors open at 6.30pm for the concert at 7.30pm. Luminosa is grateful for the sponsorship of Hattingley Valley Wines which enables them to offer tickets at just £15 for adults (under 12s-£5), available on Ticket Source at www.luminosamusic.com.

Basingstoke Choral Society: Fairfield Halls, Croydon, 2nd April

'Carmina Burana' by Carl Orff, Constant Lambert's enchanting jazz-age 'The Rio Grande' for choir and orchestra, based on a poem by Sacheverell Sitwell, and the evocative 'Rhapsody in Blue' by George Gershwin. Basingstoke Choral Society, Croydon Philharmonic Choir and Docklands Sinfonia. Tickets from £15: bhlivetickets@bhlive.org.uk

Jubilee Choir concert: All Saints Odiham, Sunday May 8th, 6.00pm

Join the Jubilee Choir for a performance of Haydn's stirring Nelson Mass and, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Handel's wonderful Coronation Anthems, which include Zadok the Priest. The choir will be joined by professional soloists and a full orchestra, and all profits will go to the mental health charity 'Mind'. Tickets are £20 and are available from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street, or Lynn Lymer on 01256 701947.

North Warnborough Gardening Club

We plan that our next Meeting will be in the North Warnborough Village Hall on Thursday March 24th at 2:30pm. Further information can be found on our Website which is at <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>. Visitors are very welcome to join us.

Ducks: dabbler or diver? – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Winter into spring is a wonderful time to see wildlife, and birds especially. As the cold grip of Arctic winter takes hold on the lakes, pools and marshes of Northern Europe and Russia, huge numbers of swans, ducks and geese retreat to the relative warmth of the UK. The UK's lakes, rivers, reservoirs and coasts offer a winter home to an estimated 2.1 million ducks!



Pair of mallards © Jon Hawkins_Surrey Hills Photography

Ducks can be split into two broad groups: dabblers and divers. Diving ducks feed mainly by diving underwater, using their strong feet (and sometimes their wings) to swim and chase fish, scoop up insects or graze on tasty aquatic plants. These ducks can be seen year-round, but winter brings a boost in numbers as migrant birds arrive. Some species, like scaup and smew, are mostly winter visitors, rarely seen in summer.

Examples of diving ducks you may spot (though some are more widespread than others) include pochard, tufted duck, scaup, goldeneye, eider, smew, goosander and red-breasted merganser. The latter three species are known as sawbills, a sub-group of ducks so named for the saw-like serrations on their slim bills that help them catch and hold fish.

Dabbling ducks, however, feed predominantly at the surface, sometimes even grazing on land. Many dabblers can often be seen upending, with their heads underwater and their hind parts in the air.

Species of dabbling ducks you may chance your binoculars upon include mallard, gadwall, wigeon, pintail, shoveler and teal. There are helpful tips to help identify each of these ducks on the Wildlife Trust website at hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife.

One useful trick for identifying ducks (especially females) is to examine the speculum. The speculum is a coloured patch on the secondary flight feathers - the feathers at the trailing edge of the wing, close to the body. The speculum is often a distinctive colour, and can easily be seen in flight and often when birds are swimming or standing. Also consider that, for some ducks, the plumage of males and females of the same species can look markedly different. This applies to many, but not all, birds.

The Wildlife Trusts care for many wetland nature reserves across the UK, providing the perfect habitat for our breeding ducks and winter visitors. In our region, Blashford Lakes and Farlington Marshes are two Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust nature reserves that boast healthy duck populations.

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Basingstoke & District Disability Forum – free community services

BDDF is your local Disabled adult charity. Activities are all free and include walking groups (Thursdays); monthly in person Cuppa & Chat; monthly Chronic Pain Support Group meetings; and weekly mobility improving seated yoga (both online and face to face).

Disability Awareness Day will be held at Basingstoke's Malls shopping centre on 1st April 2022. This event is an opportunity to gain information, support and advice on disability related subjects from local organisations, businesses and government departments.

Scarecrow Trail our third family fun event will take place around Chineham, Sherfield Park and North Binfields on 28th May to 5th June. Buy a map and follow the trail to see wonderful historical themed scarecrows. Visit Christ Church, Chineham on Saturday 28th May - there will also be a community café, face painting and raffle. On Sunday 29th May at Sherfield Park Community Centre, other local charities will be joining us and plenty of fun activities.

Do you have a disability related question and don't know which way to turn? BDDF have extensive signposting information. We can point you in the direction of the service or local organisation who will be able to help. We also offer 121 in-person sessions to give us time to listen to and understand your needs so that we can better assist you.

Volunteer opportunities – we have two spaces on our Trustee Board and are looking for a signpost service assistant. If you care about making Basingstoke a more inclusive place for people affected by disability and want to offer support to Disabled people - if you have time to offer - consider joining us.

Keep in touch – as well as following BDDF on social media, or visiting our website at www.bddf.org.uk, you can sign up to be a free member to receive our regular newsletter detailing our latest events and services and invitations to members' events.

Amanda Knowles, Service Coordinator, www.bddf.org.uk



Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline

If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us. At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone. Calls are free and confidential - **call us on 0808 801 0688**. Being able to access support whilst a loved one is dying is really important for a number of reasons. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end, and having a sense of 'preparedness', helps both the person dying and their family gain as much control as possible. Please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.

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Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Hampshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place. With walks from half a mile to 12+ miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris, john@walkinginengland.co.uk

SMALL ADS MARCH

Game Meat

Venison: Diced, Joints and Steaks - contact for prices. Limited Frozen packs of Pheasant breasts (6 in a pack), Partridge and Pigeon Breasts (10 breasts per pack) - £5 per pack. Contact Robert 07557 054844.

Stay and Play Group - Upton Grey Village Hall

Supported by Jo, Montessori teacher and Norland Nanny. Play with lots of Montessori activities and learn how to create a calm focused environment at home. Tuesdays term time 9.30-11.30 for toddlers plus. You must register. Or come along to the **Montessori Café** same location Tuesdays very relaxed 13.30-15.00. Drop-in session, all ages welcome. Contact Jo: jo@asknannyjo.co.uk 07359 270029 www.asknannyjo.co.uk

HALLS FOR HIRE

(Subject to government guidance and local constraints)

Upton Grey Village Hall, for hire from £10 per hour (discounts possible for regular users). 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, chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. To reserve, contact Tracy Crawford on 07769 220390 or email bookings.herriardrbllhall@gmail.com.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – MARCH 2022

All events remain subject to cancellation following Government advice, and restrictions on events and public meetings resulting from Coronavirus. If in doubt, please check with the organisers before attending an event.

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

MARCH'S DATES

1st Mar	Tue	Pancake Party, All Saints Odiham	2.30-6.00
5th Mar	Sat	UG Safari Supper	7.15pm
7th Mar	Mon	Herriard affordable housing, RBL Hall	7.00pm
7th Mar	Mon	Herriard Parish Council Meeting, RBL Hall	8.00pm
13th Mar	Sun	Herriard Litter Pick, RBL car park	10.00-12.00
15th Mar	Tue	Book club coffee morning, Bridewell, Odiham	10.30am
17th Mar	Thur	TEA@3, 1 Weston Close, Upton Grey	3.00pm

ADVANCE DATES

2nd Apr	Sat	Luminosa Voices concert, All Saints Odiham	7.30pm
9th Apr	Sat	Spring Show, Village Hall, Upton Grey	
April 11th-14th		UG Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00-12.45
8th May	Sun	Jubilee Choir concert, All Saints Odiham	6.00pm
11th Jun	Sat	Church Fete, The Old Vicarage, Upton Grey	2-5.00pm
12th Jun	Sun	Open Gardens, Upton Grey	2.00pm
19th Jun	Sun	Platinum Promenade, Upton Grey	4.00pm
23rd Jun	Thur	UG Tennis Mix In	from 6.00pm
25th Jun	Sat	Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy	
August 8th-12th		UG Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00-12.45
29th Oct	Sat	UG Autumn Festival, Bonfire, Fireworks	6.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

2nd & 4th Mon		Upton Grey Bridge Club	7.30pm
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

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Please note that the copy deadline for the April issue is the 15th March.

Please send news and contributions to uptongreymagazine@gmail.com.

April's editor is Sheila Stranks. Your editor for March was Nick Willmer.

Please note: we are re-introducing our Regular Events section of the magazine (see above). Please let us know of any regular events that need to be added.

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