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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – November 2021
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

From the Benefice Ministry Team

Hello everyone, my name is Rev'd Amber Beresford and I have taken up the post of Curate. I arrived in the benefice in late July with my husband Toby, our 3 children, our elderly dog and naughty large puppy. I have been so blessed to meet so many welcoming and encouraging people across the benefice.



Like every human, there are a myriad of facts that might help you know more about me. Not least that I am a child of God and rely on the grace and fresh mercies of God every day! Other things include; a love of potatoes of all forms, a love of the countryside and all nature therein, a love of television. Finally, I hope, a passion for equality, justice and the good purposes of God to be fulfilled. I enjoy books of systematic theology, articles on feminism and ocean sustainability. A perfect day for me would be a good coffee and papers in the morning with my husband, an adventure-walk with the children and dogs in the autumn fields, followed by a roast dinner and board games night with friends. If any of the above has prompted you to want a chat, a catch up or a deeper discussion, I would love to pop over for a cuppa or join you for a pint of cider (I'm coeliac so no beer!) in the pub. My landline and email are below.

The most important issue for the Church today, in my opinion, is facing toward the world. The mistake has been, in an attempt to want to fix our eyes solely on Jesus and heaven, the Church has, in places, turned its back on the world, thus forgetting that Jesus is at work, through the Holy Spirit, among every person and every situation. To have our eyes opened to the mission of God, the work God is already doing in the world, is to see and value how God is working in everybody. This means engaging in cultures different from ours, not thinking our culture is better in any way, but merely a different culture in which God is equally at work. God has called and encounters each one of us uniquely through creating us, redeeming us, and sustaining us in our own time and place. Yet he calls the whole of humanity as one God to his purposes and so we are united by how we are all called into creation and redeemed, however, we're all different.

Valuing this difference in everyone you meet can reveal more about the world God has created and more about his purposes in this world.

Likewise, it is important to remember that we each have limitations in body, mind and spirit. All of us are limited in one way or another. Once we admit and fully realise this, we can grow closer to those whose limitations in body, mind and spirit, have been chosen by our culture to be a disadvantage. We can see how our community or church might be restricted for some. We can learn to be welcomed and valued for who we are in the presence of God.

I hope to be meeting you soon in the community or at church. Again, if you would like to share some tea (and chocolate!) or go for a pint, my details are below.

Rev'd Amber Beresford
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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism Xander Thomson at St Mary's Upton Grey on October 3rd
Baptism Beatrice Wright at St Mary's Upton Grey on October 3rd
Wedding James Johnson and Elma Kuiper at St Mary's Upton Grey on September 25th

CHURCH NEWS

St Mary's Herriard with Winslade - November & December services

Whilst Government guidance allows for personal choice, we would like to protect the vulnerable members of our congregation as much as we possibly can. We would really appreciate it if everyone could **please wear masks** for our November and December services. And if you could please book in so we can allow for social distancing that would be greatly appreciated. **Please email fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk or phone 07867 973266.**

With many thanks,

Adrian and Fiona
Churchwardens, St Mary's Herriard with Winslade

Church Services

Sunday 7th November

9.00am **Tunworth** - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Morning Service

Thursday 11th November

10.00am **Upton Grey** - BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 14th November

10.45am **Herriard** - Remembrance Service

10.45am **Upton Grey** - Remembrance Service

5.00pm **Tunworth** - Remembrance Evensong

Thursday 18th November

10.00am **Herriard** - BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 21st November

9.00am **Tunworth** - 1662 Morning Prayer

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Holy Communion Common Worship

Sunday 28th November

9.00am **Tunworth** - Family Service

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Morning Service

5.00pm **Weston Patrick** - Evensong

6.00pm **Herriard** - Advent Carol Service

Harvest Celebration

Many thanks to all our flower arrangers for the fantastic Church decorations for our Harvest Festival, and to everyone for their harvest gifts. The Church looked amazing and there were so many beautifully thought-out displays for our look at farming through the ages. Our Flower Festival visitors on the Saturday afternoon thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the exhibits and testing their knowledge in our competition! The only item no-one identified correctly was the “drop lock” (for working horses tied up in stalls). Many thanks also to everyone who helped on the Sunday after a wonderful Harvest Festival service - sitting in beautiful sunshine outside the Royal British Legion, everyone enjoying a delicious ploughman’s lunch. The produce stall was laden with everything from Tunworth cheeses to boxes of vegetables, the bric-a-brac stall was huge, and we had our usual wide variety of items, and there were many fantastic raffle prizes!

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Celebration weekend, and to everyone who came along to support us.

We made a brilliant £755 for St Mary's and a fantastic amount of donations were delivered to the Alton Food Bank (and well done to Polly for her amazing sign – we even had A339 passers by dropping in for tea and cake on the Saturday afternoon!).

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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

Hi Everyone! Did you manage to get a chance to carve a pumpkin this year? I wonder what design you carved into it... In October, some of the young people in the local churches had a go, at the same time as learning about how we are a lot like pumpkins!



So, first of all, we chose our pumpkin. They were all different shapes and sizes, but we chose the one which was perfect for us! Then we cut the base off the pumpkin and scooped out all of

the seeds and stringy bits. That was a bit yucky, but we had to do it before we could make our lantern... This reminded us of how we are full of things that stop us being the best person we can be – things like the seeds of hate and doubt and unkindness. We sometimes call those things sin, and they can stop us being friends with God. He scoops all those things out of us too!

Our next job after that was to carve a design into our pumpkins.

God picks you from the patch and brings you in – God chooses you, because he thinks you are perfect!

We decided to make our faces happy and friendly, to help us remember that God makes us into a brand-new person, full of his love and joy.

Finally, we added a candle. In the dark, the light shone

out through our pumpkin lanterns, and people could see the happy faces we had carved really clearly. In the Bible **WE** are told to shine brightly in the world, by being the best people we can be, and that when we do that, people will see that and know that God is great!

At Easter, Jesus died on the cross and then rose again, so that He could take away all the bad things we have done, and we could start afresh!



One of the ways we can shine out in the world is by being generous. Patch is a Pumpkin hero, who tells us all about why God thinks it is so important to be generous. Scan this QR code with a phone or tablet to watch a short cartoon about Patch the Pumpkin Hero!



If you'd like to join with others your age who enjoy fun activities while learning about God and our place in His world, why not join us on the first and third Sunday of the month in South Warnborough or the second Sunday of the month in Newnham? Get in touch on youth@moretolife.church for more information.

See you next time! **Helen Chatfield**, Youth Pastor,
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Useful Websites for Various Local Issues from Beverley Bridgman

Dear Villagers, please find below links to various websites where, as a villager, you can find out information relevant to you, or report issues you feel are appropriate:

- **Fixmystreet.com** to report, view or discuss local problems such as **fly tipping, fallen trees**, etc. These reports are sent to the appropriate people to deal, i.e., the Borough or County Council
- **one.network** to **view roadworks** in any areas for the next week, 3 months or year. You will need to sign up to this website to use it but should only get emails if you sign up to updates/alerts. I would recommend signing up to updates/alerts for the specific area you are interested in. Parish Councils have no control over roadworks or road closures any written information from an official source that is received is circulated to villagers
- **www.basingstoke.gov.uk**. Basingstoke & Deane BC to find out information regarding **bin collections, garden waste collections, planning applications** plus much more. Report issues such as **litter, dog fouling** and many other things all of which are listed on the website. Parish Councils do not receive updates regarding bin collections
- **www.hants.gov.uk**. Hampshire County Council to report a **Rights of Way problem, potholes** and other things listed on their website.

News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School: Open Day 12th Nov

Our final Open Event takes place on Friday 12th November (9.15am). Please contact the school office on 01256 862238 or adminoffice@longsutton.hants.sch.uk to book a place. If you are unable to attend on these dates, we would be happy to make an appointment for another time. Applications for Reception 2022 can be made from 1st November and the deadline for applying is 15th January 2022.

Children have been going out on day trips and enjoying 'expert visitors' in school. So far this term, children have enjoyed a Mayan workshop, an owl demonstration and handling visit and a trip to Butser Ancient Farm; coming soon is a class trip to Birdworld and a school trip to the Fleet Pantomime! Our amazing PTA have raised in excess of £9000. We have already spent about half of this amazing total on two new playground storage sheds; the remaining money will be used to repair the wooden structure in our woodland area, where the children love playing and exploring as part of outdoor education, and to subsidise our whole school trip to the Pantomime. Hannah Inglis.

Long Sutton C Of E Primary School Virtual PTA Christmas Raffle

Please help raise funds for Long Sutton Church of England Primary School and win one of our amazing prizes donated by several local and national companies. All contributors and prizes will be advertised on the website for the raffle. Raffle tickets are £1 each. Raffle tickets are available to be purchased online only from now until Wednesday, 1 December 2021 at 18:00. Please pay online using the following link:

<https://www.goldengiving.com/raffle/longsuttonvirtualchristmasraffle2021> and you will receive your virtual raffle ticket confirmation by email. Please ensure that you tick the box which states "Do you wish people to contact you by email?" when entering your details so that you are notified if you are a winner.

You will be notified by email if you are a winner. Prizes will be available to collect from the school during the Christmas Fair on Friday 3 December 2021 between 17:00 and 19:00, or delivered to you that weekend if you are local and unable to collect. Good luck and thank you for supporting our wonderful school. Long Sutton C of E Primary School PTA. Danielle Mendoza

Long Sutton School Christmas Trees and Christmas Wreaths Sale!

Please order your Premium Quality Real Nordmann Fir Tree or wreath from www.longsuttonpta.org.uk. Collect or delivery during December. Cheaper than garden centre! Charlie Badminton

UPTON GREY NEWS

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Upton Grey Drama Group – Recruitment Evening: Thu 25th Nov

Are you looking to do something new in your life ‘After Lockdown’? Upton Grey Drama Group will be staging shows in 2022. Would YOU like to be involved in Acting, Singing, Scenery, Costumes, Hair & Make-up, Lighting, Sound, Backstage Crew? Come and meet us on Thursday, 25th November, 7pm-9pm in the Hoddington Arms. For further information please contact: uptongreydrama@gmail.com

Tea@3: 25th November

We are very grateful to Susie Vereker for kindly offering to host our next tea on Thursday 25th November at ‘Spindlewood’, Weston Road (just past the turning for Weston Close). Would you please let one of us know if you would like to come and we can arrange a lift for anyone who needs one. Look forward to seeing you! Parking at Spindlewood is limited, so please park in the road, unless disabled. Please reply to Barbara 862627; Viv 862455; Jill 862131

Andrew Roberts, talk on George III, Monday 13th December

The George III talk is on Monday 13th December at 6.30pm in Upton Grey Village Hall. Apply for tickets (£30) via Eventbrite for a fascinating talk by noted historian Andrew Roberts. See Andrew-roberts.net. Wine and canapés will be served during the evening, thereafter a pay bar. All proceeds in aid of Tunworth Church. If interested, you are **strongly** advised to apply soonest as tickets are on a first-come-first-served basis. To buy tickets, contact james.whitcombe03@btinternet.com for the link to purchase tickets. Tel. 07801 103665 **James Whitcombe**

Upton Grey Bridge Club, Mon 10th Jan Onwards

‘I am pleased to announce that our Bridge Club will be re-opening for evening bridge, probably in Village Hall, from Monday, 10th January 2022. Playing commences at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, except Bank Holidays. We welcome new members, and we are a very sociable club who don't take our bridge playing over seriously so please try us out’. For more information contact Roger Clark, 01256 862776, rogerclark@btinternet.com.

Save the Date: UG Village Drinks Sat 22nd Jan

Saturday January 22nd, 2022, Upton Grey Village Drinks 'BYOB'
Upton Grey Village Hall 7pm - 9pm

Save the Date - Safari Supper Sat March 5th, 2022

We are very much looking forward to hosting the Safari Supper in its usual format with tea and coffee at the village hall after an evening of travelling around the village. For those that are new to the village, Safari Supper is held to support St Mary's Church, Upton Grey. It starts at 7:15 and finishes with coffee at 10:15pm. Each participating couple will be asked to provide at their home either a starter, main or pudding course for four guests. We then join together at the village hall and chat to fellow Safari Supper guests, over a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone is welcome, especially our new villagers. Please make a note in your diary!
Vivian & Julia

100 Club Update

The current 100 Club year, ended in August having paid out over £1600 to 24 winners. Now that Covid appears slightly less of a major threat to everyone, we plan to go back to the normal April-March prize year. We will restart collecting in February next year. For those who have already paid, thank you, your contribution will be carried over. Best of Luck, Caroline James and Brian Thrussell

UG Openreach Superfast Broadband Rollout Update

Openreach are now forecasting a slipped completion date of end December - due to 15km of road closures they had overlooked! These are largely due to having to lift 'manhole covers' between us and Long Sutton, in order to drag higher capacity fibre cables through existing ducting from the exchange to us. I had to raise an official complaint with Openreach - with respect to their Customer Services originally confirming to me that all residences on the official list (see www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk, click on Upton Grey Superfast Broadband etc.) would have fibre laid to the outside wall of their premises - whereas the engineering department currently supplying cable around the community to premises were working to a far smaller list. The official response confirmed our original list was correct, our September flyer (see web site above) confirmed this etc and I sent it to Openreach who approved its contents, then circulated it around UG. Unfortunately, the latest information from the engineers is that they have a works order confirming their list; not the one twice confirmed to me!

Openreach Customer Services however assure me that those left out in the current round of installations will be 'swept-up' afterwards. Sorry for those who may suffer further delays. I am now progressing this problem by the Openreach customer complaints system – but response times are appalling. My neighbour, Chris, informed me and I have now been advised in further detail by BT (not Openreach) of the following

1. Fibre does not carry a current as does the current copper wire connecting to houses
2. Consequently, if you have a power failure and have moved onto fibre you will be unable to make a landline telephone call to report the power failure
3. Your alternative is to use your mobile phone to report the power failure. However, if your mobile phone cannot get a sufficient signal to be used in your locality you will be unable to make this call. O2 is in this category for certain of our postcodes for example.
4. Ofcom have allowed for this with their 'Universal Service Obligation'. This mandates all fibre broadband suppliers who have this problem to provide a battery back-up system, if requested.

You can prove that you have this problem by googling 'mobile area coverage map', clicking on the Ofcom checker, then view mobile availability, enter your postcode, select your address, select indoor (I guess), see table of mobile providers, click on 'find out what these results mean' (I guess a yellow triangle qualifies you). If your broadband supplier is BT, then the most recent advice I can give you is either of 2 suggestions by BT:

1. When you have been told that fibre is live to your outside wall you can order your fibre package. To do this phone 150 on your landline or 0800 0800 150 on your mobile (once you are in range!) and select 1 then select 3 and you can then order your fibre package. At this point you should be asked if you require a 'Battery Back-up' package as described above. If not, then request this yourself (as described above) if you qualify. You will be charged £85 fixed price for the battery back-up system and provided with up to 2 free BT Digital phones as part of the package

2. From 24 hours after placing your fibre broadband order with them, you can request this battery back-up charger for a fixed price of £85 including 2 free digital phones. To do this proceed as in option 1 (above), but when you get to the end ask to be transferred to the Digital Voice Connection Team. If you have another Broadband provider, then I cannot advise you. **Roger Clark as at 14/10/21**

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UG Harvest Supper – Thanks!

70 villagers enjoyed a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, when it opened its doors for an event. A big thank you to all who attended and to those who generously made cottage pies, apple crumbles and donated raffle prizes. £1,430 was raised for St Mary's Church. The late Trevor Hart ran the Harvest Quiz from 2012-19, and thanks also go to Paul Gray, who worked so hard to retrieve one of Trevor's old quizzes' and ran it in his memory. We are now looking for someone else from the Village to run the Quiz, if only for one year, so please do contact one of us if you think you could be that person! Harvest Supper committee, Adele, Frances, Janie, Sarah and Jan.

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Herriard Parish Council Meeting: Monday 29th Nov, 7.30

We will be holding the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 29th November 7.30pm at the RBL hall in Herriard. An agenda will be on the Herriard website and Herriard Village Facebook page in the week prior to the meeting. Residents are warmly welcome to attend.

Christmas Bingo - Herriard RBL Hall, Saturday 4th December

Join us for this year's Christmas bingo on Saturday 4th December. 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Half time - filled rolls for sale & raffle. Please contact me by text to 07801238200 or email: jfalconer035@gmail.com to book a table and let me know your numbers. If we do not get enough interest, this event will be cancelled. Many thanks, Jenny Falconer

Herriard Gardening Club: November

Well, here we are in Autumn already, but what a beautiful one we are having. The weather has been warm and sunny, putting smiles on faces! The countryside and our gardens seem to breathe a sigh of relief with the knowledge that they can rest and restore for a few months. The Gardening Club has been busy, we have organised an Autumn supper for ourselves and our families. We all contribute with soups, hot casseroles and puddings and have fun with a quiz and draw. We feel very fortunate that we have such lovely members and always have something to look forward to!

Tips for November Jobs in the garden now!

1. Plant tulip bulbs in pots and borders.
2. plant bare root hedging, roses, trees and shrubs.
3. Cut down faded perennials.
4. Gather up and bin fallen leaves of roses affected with black spot, so that hopefully they don't carry the disease over to next year.
5. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries to the ground.
6. Plant garlic, shallots and onions now.
7. Sow leafy crops such as winter lettuce and rocket in greenhouse for winter pickings.

Enjoy Autumn and your gardens! Gill Venning RHS Dip.

Farming Report

Our combinable harvest was completed in relatively good time considering the changeable weather we have had this 'Summer'. The best way to sum it up this year was 'Average'. There was a lot of potential coming out of the Spring and into Summer, but with the lack of sunshine the grains haven't filled completely causing a lower specific grain weight. All the wheat we grow is grown for milling - assuming that it makes the grade. This year, this has been a struggle with the damp and dull weather - we got this just when the grain was ripe and ready to harvest. The Spring sown Barley did manage to make the correct grade for malting despite it all going flat on the ground from the summer rain making it a nightmare to harvest and trying to get the cutter bar low enough to pick up all the crop; but not any soil and stones which is a lot easier said than done. Fortunately, grain prices are looking healthy for this harvest. Due to poor harvests everywhere, it has increased the demand, so this will make up for yield loss this year. We have planted about 45% (mid-October) of what is planned to be drilled this autumn. We have been delaying autumn drilling until October for the last few years to help us sort out problem weeds and due to the loss of useful seed treatments that used to protect crops from aphids carrying diseases. By drilling later, it gives us more of an opportunity to spray off as many weeds as possible before we plant the crops. Additionally, as we start to get closer to Winter the temperatures should drop and kill off aphids before they can infect emerging crops. From what I am told, my great Grandfather used to say that autumn sowing should be completed by October 10th. I can only imagine what he would think to our approach, but having said that, a lot has changed in agriculture especially in recent years.

We are hoping to start Harvesting Maize mid-October, and looking at weather apps, we can have it all harvested before the weather breaks again. It is always a time of year that dry (ish) weather makes the job a lot easier and it prevents rutting and making a mess in the field and roads whilst harvesting. We have been focusing on soil health for the last 4/5 years now, and with the aim to use a specialist cultivator for our Maize - that will help to keep the soil structure in good heart which should help/aid any issues that come with Maize harvesting. As the crop is traditionally planted at 75cm row spacings there is a large area of bare soil - which is where the problems start but it is a very fussy plant that needs space and doesn't like competition from other crops, especially in its earlier stages of growth. But looking at the crop this year we are pleased with it and hoping for good yields. Will Cheyney.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Cardiac Rehab lecture 2021: Wed 3rd November

The Cardiac Rehab Guest Lecture speaker will be Professor Jim Al-Khalili on *What we know so far: are we approaching the end of physics?* It will take place on Wednesday 3rd November (7.00pm for canapes; 8.00pm start) at Alton Maltings Centre, GU34 1DT. To book call Cardiac Rehab Centre 01420 544 794. Cost £5.00 plus voluntary donation £20. Professor Al-Khalili is a theoretical physicist, author and broadcaster.

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union: Tues 23rd November

In September, we met together as a group in church for the first time in 18 months for a 'Bring and Share' supper, and it was a real celebration. Our October meeting focussed on our plans for the future of Mothers' Union both as a branch and in the diocese. Our November meeting is on Tuesday 23rd November in All Saints Church, Odiham at 7:30pm, when Revd Amber Beresford will be speaking to us. It is possible that we may have to change our plans at short notice so if you are interested in joining us, please contact me to check the situation.

November also sees the start of the 16 days of activism for gender-based violence, and there will be a vigil outside Winchester Cathedral on Thursday 25th November between 12 and 2pm to mark the start of this period. We would welcome more people to support this vigil, so do feel free to come along. Domestic abuse, and other forms of violence against women and girls have increased significantly during the pandemic, and it is more important than ever to raise awareness of this issue. Sue Murphy, 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk.

Luminosa Voices Prepare for Energising, 'Glorious' Return: 27th Nov

Luminosa is delighted to be performing at St Andrew's Church, Farnham on Saturday 27th November at 7.30pm. The choirs have performed there many times and are excited to once again fill the beautiful, spacious and welcoming church with a 'glorious' sound which will bring joy, energy and hope. Tickets are available on TicketSource: ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/surrey/st-andrew-s-parish-church/gloria/e-kvgzxy

With much to celebrate, not least an abundance of new members, the two adult choirs, Luminosa Voices and Chamber Voices, are relishing their singing community and the vibrant programme of music. Antonio Vivaldi's Gloria and John Rutter's Gloria will be the explosive and energetic centre of the programme, celebrating the return of the Choirs in a wall of exhilarating sound.

The two pieces performed as companion pieces make for a positive and uplifting experience. Vivaldi's Gloria RV589, celebrated as 'the' Vivaldi Gloria, crackles with excitement and tension and marks a seminal moment in the history of sacred music in early 1700. With the opera genre flourishing, audiences were beginning to expect church music to live up to the dramatic, expressive, theatrical music they heard in the opera house and Vivaldi delivers that and so much more. Rutter's Gloria is also electrically exuberant but very different, making a powerfully stirring impact. Contrasting intimacy with drama is a hallmark of Rutter's work. His harmonising, proclamatory, prayerful and joyful melodies create moments of reflection and haunt the memory.

A selection of James Macmillan's Strathclyde Motets, to include the electric 'O Radiant Dawn' will be performed by Luminosa Chamber Voices. The concert will also feature Luminosa's two youth choirs, Young Voices and Rising Voices, performing a range of works based on the theme of Gloria! The choirs are honoured to be accompanied by Katherine Dienes-Williams who was the first-ever female member to be elected to the Cathedral Organists' Association and is currently Organist and Master of the Choristers at Guildford Cathedral, the first woman to hold such a post in the Church of England.

Mozart Requiem, All Saints' Church Odiham, Sun Dec 5th

The Jubilee Choir is delighted to announce their first concert in over two years on Sunday December 5th at 6pm. In recognition of the difficulties so many have had to face during the pandemic we could think of no more appropriate programme than the Mozart Requiem. The choir will be joined by professional soloists and a full orchestra, and all profits will be donated to the NHS. For ticket details please contact Antonia Peal on 01256 703706 or antoniapeal@hotmail.co.uk.

St Michael's Hospice Carol Concert in All Saints Odiham: 9th Dec

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice invite you to A Celebration of Carols and Christmas Music on Thursday 9th December at All Saints' Church, Odiham, at 7.00pm with doors opening at 6.30pm. The carols and music will be performed by Magdalen College Choir, Oxford, and the Tippett String Quartet. The evening will be led by Canon Roger Royle, and we also have readings by Tom Bradby and the Mayor of Basingstoke. Wine and mince pies will be served, and we very much look forward to you joining us for a festive evening. Tickets are £30.00 and can be purchased at Katherine Jane, High Street, Odiham, or on the events page at www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events

U3A - It's great to be back together!



We are part of the International u3a (University of the Third Age) movement founded in France in 1972. Our 50 different Interest groups are the “beating heart” of the u3a as they enable members to pursue their interests and socialise. October saw all our groups meeting up to some extent. Our newest group have already managed two successful trips to the theatre to see *Austentatious* at the Haymarket, Basingstoke and *The Play That Goes Wrong* at the New Victoria, Woking. A third outing to see ‘Blood Brothers’ is taking place at the end of November, with a further 9 outings already in the diary!

The mixed audience format for our Monthly Meeting is now well-established and our next presentation, November 3rd, is by David Boag: *Nature’s Marvels*. From butterflies to plants, symbiosis to photosynthesis! David’s camera brings them all to life! The Ballet for Fitness group is enjoying being back at The Ridley Hall where the installation of a barre (as in dance, not drink!) has really improved the facilities. The group makes good use of it for ballet exercises.

The History Group are enjoying their new venue, Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club. A member commented, ‘...being able to look out over the cricket ground and beyond and wander out onto the terrace just added to the feeling of space. Topics included a talk on the Bank of England from 1694 to the present day and also on the Scottish Covenanters plus a reminder of the dig being undertaken at the Cross Barn looking for evidence of Sir Francis Walsingham's house as part of the Great British Dig programme to be shown on Channel 4. So quite a varied morning! Craft and Chat were back in action in North Warnborough Village Hall. Social distancing was respected with each member having their own table and the lovely weather meant the doors could be kept open. When the tea/coffee and biscuits appeared on the tables, it was like old times!

If you would like to join or perhaps ‘test the water’ with a taster session, we would be delighted to hear from you! Contact email: membership@odihamu3a.org.uk and our website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Autumn finches – In the hedgerows and along the treeline this autumn, and you might notice flocks of small birds twittering and squabbling as they fly from branch to branch. Finches flock in autumn and winter. Species include goldfinch, linnet, brambling and siskin.

One of the main reasons for this flocking behaviour is safety in numbers. These birds mainly eat seeds, which they look out for as they move around. If the birds are concentrating on finding food, they are less likely to notice a predator lurking nearby. Extra pairs of eyes mean some birds can look for food while others keep watch and raise the alarm if a circling bird of prey or prowling cat should disturb them. Many finches can be quite acrobatic in their quest to find food. You will often see siskins hanging upside-down in alder trees, manoeuvring the tiny seeds out of alder cones, and goldfinches can perch on the slimmest spines of a teasel plant to get their next meal. Some of these species look very similar as they are in their drab winter plumage.

Look out for the white rump of bramblings amongst chaffinches or the black cap of siskins in amongst greenfinches. One finch you would be lucky to spot is the hawfinch. Hawfinches are very scarce but have a local stronghold, in the New Forest. These finches have a huge powerful beak, giving them an unmistakable silhouette. They use their strong beaks to crack the stones in wild cherries and sloes or crunch through beech nuts. They are most visible in autumn when you can look for them feeding on these fruits and nuts on the ground. Many of the finch species that join these flocks are coming more regularly to bird feeders. By providing food for your garden birds, you are helping them survive the coldest months of the year.

Ladybirds - These colourful little beetles are present year-round, but throughout this season you might notice them moving around more before they hibernate. There are close to 50 species of ladybird in Britain, meaning there are plenty of types to look out for this autumn.

The two species of ladybird that you are most likely to see around your garden or local park are the two-spot and seven-spot ladybirds. One of their favourite foods is aphids, making them a real gardener's friend. Natural pest controllers like ladybirds should be encouraged in the garden and you can help them by quitting chemical pesticides. Ladybirds will become inactive in the cold winter, and sometimes they group together for warmth. The dropping temperatures bring many of them indoors, as they get into the crevices by window frames or in the folds of curtains or blinds. If you come across one sheltering indoors, it is best to remove it on a dry day and place it somewhere sheltered outside, such as under a hedge. They will naturally wake up in the spring, from March onwards. Sadly, ladybirds in Britain are threatened by an invasive species – the harlequin ladybird. These invaders were first recorded in the UK in 2004 and have spread rapidly since then.

To make things more difficult, harlequin ladybirds are very variable in appearance so they can be tricky to tell apart from our native species. If your ladybird is less than 5mm it is not a harlequin, and those with a very clear seven black spots on a red background are native 7-spot ladybirds. Initial research and data from the National Ladybird Survey have shown that harlequin ladybirds are likely to be causing declines in native species. To record ladybirds and monitor the spread of invasive harlequin species, visit www.coleoptera.org.uk. A ladybird box could help provide somewhere safe and cosy for these little insects to hibernate, and it's simple to build your own. Use hollow tubes like bamboo canes or twigs within a frame, giving the beetles somewhere to hide away from the cold winter. Abi.Webber@hiwwt.org.uk Hampshire Wildlife Trust, Beechcroft House, Vicarage Lane, Curdridge, Hampshire, SO32 2DP. 01489 774438, 07887 473652

Local History Section - Police Reports from the Past

Here are some of the surprising facts from the local Police Archives:

We start with a case from September 1844 when Edward Soper of Upton Grey was fined 11s (£34.74p), for damaging under-wood in the parish, in default of payment he was sentenced to a month in prison with hard labour.

At Tunworth in February 1857, Henry Lunn found a 2lb loaf of bread in the food basket of a lad named Joseph Barrett. He employed both this lad and a Daniel Spragg as 'plough boys', they lived in the same room at his premises. Mr. Lunn identified the loaf as being his and both were taken before the court under the Criminal Justice Act receiving a sentence of 28 days in prison.

In February 1880, a 24-year-old servant girl was found to have concealed the birth of her baby daughter by secret disposition at Weston Patrick. At the Assizes held in Winchester in April 1880, the Rector, the Reverend Stephen Terry of Weston Patrick provided character references for her, which was good. The Judge read these and said as she had been in prison since March, he would sentence her to only one day in prison.

In February 1907, Mr. Mitchell, Collector of Taxes, provided a list of farmers who claimed an exemption for the new Dog Licence, stating that they needed their dogs for work related purposes. One farmer was John King of Weston Patrick. At the Divisional Petty Sessions, Superintendent Hale objected stating he did not have any cattle and only owned two horses and two pigs. So Mr. King's name was removed from the exemption list, and he was required to get a dog licence.

The offence of failing to have a dog licence remained until 1987 when the requirement for a dog licence was withdrawn. Each Police Station was given a list of people that failed to re-purchase a dog licence by the relevant local authority and a Police Officer was sent around to the house to see if the resident had a dog and if so, why no licence was purchased. In the 1940's / 50's, in some Forces, the 7/6 for the licence would be given to the officer at the court and in days of poor police pay would bolster his wages. Hence, they would often call before 9 am before the Post Office opened so the owner didn't have time to get one and say they had one all the time. In 1947 the local press reported The Winslade Rector, along with a man from Tunworth were fined and a man from Herriard fined 15/- as he had two dogs and no licences.

On April 6th, 1844, PC Bowden from Herriard was on duty in Winslade between 8 and 9.30 pm observing the Off-licence Beerhouse, (next to the church), which was kept by Sarah Cope aged 91 years. As he did so he saw several men outside, he also watched as two men went to the gate and rattled the latch, a man came outside and took a pint pot and returned to the men who drank from it outside the gate. PC Bowden went and checked the pot and found it contained beer. In consequence he had seen drinking and smoking on a Sunday taking place. He then reported Sarah Cope for the offence of selling drinks to various people without a licence. She was later fined 40s (now worth £132.36p) **Andy Reid**

Are you finding it increasingly difficult to live in this 'online' world?

You are not alone! As a charity supporting Disabled people in Basingstoke, we are seeing a sharp increase in the digital divide, of older people and those with a disability being 'left behind'. Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF)'s services are all free and available to anyone with a disability, visible or invisible. If you feel you will benefit from what we do, then we are here to help you.

Since the outbreak of Covid, services have been forced to move online, not just for BDDF but for every charity and business. For people who do not have access to a computer, this can be a very lonely, isolating experience. At BDDF we are working hard to reach our members who do not have computer skills, or who are lacking digital confidence. During September and October, we have been running a five-week basic IT course at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre. Our learners are discovering how to send emails, safely shop online, join video calls so that they can see loved ones, and search the web.

Some of our learners didn't have access to any technology at home, so we teamed up with BVA's Reboot IT scheme to offer free refurbished laptops to those who would otherwise not have the means to buy one.

We have some more funding to help more Disabled and older people to get connected. If you or someone you know needs our help, please contact us on 01256 423869 or email info@bddf.org.uk. As soon as we have enough people interested, we will work with our partners to deliver a further basic IT course to teach them the skills they need to get online. For those who simply could not afford to buy a computer we will refer them to obtain one free of charge, subject to availability.

SMALL ADS NOVEMBER

GAME MEAT - BREASTS ONLY Partridge (10 in pack £5.00); Pheasant (6 in pack £5.00); Pigeon (10 in pack) £5.00. Contact Robert 07557 054844

THE CHRISTMAS BARN, Hartley Wintney at West Green Fruits, Hartley Wintney RG27 8LP. Open from Monday November 22nd, 9.00am to 5.00pm every day for locally grown Trees and Wreaths, Decorations etc. For information, inc. Covid precautions and assistance, please visit www.westgreenfruits.com & follow the Christmas link to www.christmasbarnhartleywintney.co.uk or call 01252 845772

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 – NOVEMBER 2021

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

NOVEMBER'S DATES

3rd Nov	Wed	Cardiac Rehab lecture, Maltings, Alton	7.00pm
12th Nov	Fri	Long Sutton School open event	9.15am
23rd Nov	Tue	Mothers' Union Meeting, All Saints Odiham	7.30pm
25th Nov	Thu	UG Drama Group Meet, the Hodd	7.00pm
25th Nov	Thu	Tea@3 at Spindlewood, UG	3.00pm
27th Nov	Sat	Luminosa Voices, St Andrews Church Farnham	7.30pm
29th Nov	Mon	Herriard Parish Council Meeting. HBLH	7.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

4th Dec	Sat	Herriard Christmas Bingo, HBLH	6.30pm
5th Dec	Sun	Mozart's Requiem, All Saints Odiham	6.00pm
9th Dec	Thu	Hospice Carol Concert, All Saints, Odiham	7.00pm
13th Dec	Mon	Andrew Roberts Talk – George III; UGV Hall	6.30pm

2022 DATES

10th Jan	Mon	UG Bridge Club, UG Village Hall	7.30pm
22nd Jan	Sat	UG Village Drinks, UG Village Hall	7.00pm
5th Mar	Sat	UG Safari Supper	7.15pm
19th Jun	Sun	Platinum Promenade, Upton Grey	

REGULAR EVENTS

2nd & 4th Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club	7.30pm
Each Mon	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	10.00am
Each Tues	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington,	5.00pm

PARISH MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE

The copy deadline for the December issue is 15th November. Please send news and contributions to uptongreymagazine@gmail.com. December's editor is Sheila Stranks. Your editor for November was Ian Lansley-Neale.

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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