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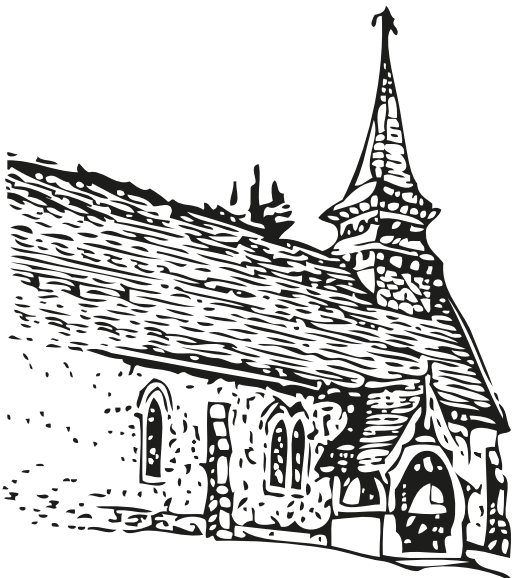
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**BENEFICE MAGAZINE – October 2022**  
**Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,**  
**Upton Grey and Weston Patrick**

**From the Benefice Ministry Team**



PRESS ASSOCIATION / Danny Lawson

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. So goes the saying. Catchy though it is, I'd rephrase it: "When the going gets tough, the tough stay exactly where they are".

When the going gets tough, the tough resist the temptation to run away. The tough resist the temptation to try to escape to somewhere else. When the going gets tough, the tough face the difficulty because they are committed to the people they live amongst, and because they have placed their trust in a power greater than that which they can summons from themselves.

From what we know, our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth II was undoubtedly tough – in the sense described above. For 70 years she steadfastly served the Commonwealth of Nations of which she was Head of State. Carefully, with great wisdom, and in the best of the Benedictine tradition of stability.

In the Benedictine tradition, stability is the 'staying put', the 'refusing to walk away', the 'being committed to those with whom we

live' no matter what the cost. Many words have been used to describe Her Majesty's reign, but one of the most common words I have heard is 'stability'. And it has been used, I think, either accidentally or deliberately, in the true sense. The Queen, in her faith, work and life, embraced and somehow exuded a sense of stability. Based on a deep commitment to both Jesus Christ and the people whom she was called to serve, this sense of stability manifested itself in numerous ways.

As we reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth II, and in the midst of so much turmoil, perhaps we might be inspired and encouraged to pursue the same sense of stability that clearly both guided and anchored her?

Perhaps this is part of her lasting legacy? Something to imitate? Something to hold fast to? Perhaps we too might be a people who refuse to walk away in the face of challenge and difficulty? Perhaps we too will be a people who remain committed to those whom we live amongst, putting down deep roots which help to hold our community together? Perhaps we too will be people who base our stability on deep faith in the plans and purposes of God and our role within them?

In his excellent speech in parliament Boris Johnson asked the question of why so many of us are feeling such a deep and personal sense of loss at the death of our Queen. Why this loss feels almost familial? It's a good question – after all, few of us knew her personally. For almost all of us she was a figurehead, viewed from afar... and yet her loss does feel significant, and deeply so.

I hazard to suggest that this is in part due to the stability on which we are reflecting. That somehow this stability, rooted in a deep commitment to not walk away, connects with us, inspires us, and shows us something profoundly good and, dare I say it, of God. It shows us something for which we long and yet find so difficult to obtain. Someone who is committed to us, who will not leave us or forsake us, who will not turn their back in times of trial and difficulty, but who will remain steadfast and true.

In this, Her Majesty reflected for us something profound about the God of the Church of whom she was defender. The God whom she sought to follow. Perhaps our sense of loss is so keenly felt because in our Queen we have glimpsed something of God's faithfulness and consistency and stability – and, unsurprisingly, this resonates deeply with us.

And so, we give thanks to God for her life. We trust that Queen Elizabeth now rests in peace and will at the resurrection rise in glory and worship the splendour that is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

**The Revd Simon Butler, Benefice Rector**

## FROM THE REGISTERS

**Baptism:** Elis Halford at St Mary's Upton Grey on 4th September

**Funeral:** Janet Ritchie at St Mary's Herriard on 22nd August

## CHURCH SERVICES

### **Sunday 2nd October**

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – Harvest Festival

### **Sunday 9th October**

9.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

10.00am Upton Grey – Family Worship

11.00am Weston Patrick – Harvest Festival

6.00pm Tunworth – Harvest Evensong

### **Thursday 13th October**

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

### **Sunday 16th October**

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

10.00am Herriard – Harvest Festival

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

### **Thursday 20th October**

10.00am Herriard – Morning Service (said)

### **Sunday 23rd October**

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service with Baptism

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

11.00am Herriard – Family Service

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

### **Sunday 30th October**

9.30am Odiham – Benefice CW Holy Communion

11.00am Odiham – Benefice Informal Service

4.30pm Upton Grey – Service of Light

## CHURCH NEWS

### **Coffee & Cake Drop-in – October 10th**

After the most enjoyable first Coffee & Cake Drop-in on 12th September, St Mary's Upton Grey is now planning to hold the event monthly, on the second Monday of the month, with the next on **Monday 10th October between 10.00am and mid-day in Upton Grey Village Hall**. Tea or coffee, slice of cake, chat - open to all, very informal, no need to book, just turn up!

**Rev Simon**

## Harvest Festivals

The **Upton Grey** Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 1st October (see poster in the Upton Grey News section of this magazine), with the Harvest Family Service the next day Sunday 2nd October at **10.00am**.

The **Weston Patrick** Harvest Communion service will be on Sunday 9th October at **11.00am**, followed by the Harvest Lunch (see poster in the Weston Patrick News section of this magazine).

The **Tunworth** Harvest Evensong will be on Sunday 9th October at 6.00pm (no harvest supper this year).

The **Herriard** Harvest service will be on Sunday 16th October at **10.00am**, with the Harvest Supper & Auction on Wednesday 19th October (see poster in the Herriard & Winslade News section of this magazine).

## Licensing of the Revd Gillian Wilton



The new vicar for Long Sutton and South Warnborough, the Revd Gillian Wilton, will be licensed by Bishop David at a service in Long Sutton church on **Sunday 16th October at 4.00pm**. Everyone in the BENEFICE is invited. There will be 'drinks and nibbles' after the service in Long Sutton Village Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Colin Cohen ([colin.cohen@btinternet.com](mailto:colin.cohen@btinternet.com) or 01256 862214) so that we have a rough idea of numbers. All are welcome and we would love to fill the church.

## Upton Grey church choir

We have an exciting new Choir Master, Nicholas Woods, who has offered to lead our choir and help us develop. He is leading the music at Odiham Church, and he has previously been Head of Music at a school. I am sure he will really inspire us!

I have set out below our practice dates and I really hope you can join us (please see the advert in the Upton Grey News section of this magazine). All practices take place from 8.00 to 9.00pm in Upton Grey church, unless it gets really cold, in which case we will move to my house: Pond House, Upton Grey.



**September/October**

Sing at Harvest Festival 10am Sunday 2nd October (practice in September)

**October/November**

Practice 8-9pm Monday 3rd October and Monday 17th October

Sing Sunday 6th November at 10am

**November/December**

Practice 8-9pm Monday 7th November and Monday 21st November

Sing Sunday 4th December at 10am

Practice 8-9pm Monday 5th December and Monday 12th December

Sing Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm Carol Service

**Sarah Barnes** (St Mary's Upton Grey Churchwarden)



# KidsZone

Hi everyone!

Every day, as I drive home, I notice it's getting a little bit darker. Before you know it we'll be moving the clocks and putting on scarves! What do you enjoy about it getting darker?

There's one thing I really enjoy about autumn and winter – and that's fire! I love curling up in front of a log burner with hot chocolate and a good book. On a dry autumn evening I love to light a fire pit and toast marshmallows. And I really love clearing the garden of all the dead plants and leaves and having a good old bonfire!



And that's one of the reasons that one of my favourite services of the year is the annual Service of Light at Upton Grey church, where we actually go outside, light a fire and toast marshmallows!

But there's a lot more to the service than that! It's a time when we remember that Jesus said 'I am the light of the world'. Why would he say that? What's so important about light?

I wonder if you can find all the words about light in the wordsearch below – and, while you do, have a little think about why light is so important to us...

How does a torch help us? Why do we feel better when we have a night light on? What's the point of a lighthouse? And what have all these questions got to do with God?

Why don't you come along to **Upton Grey from 3.00pm on Sunday 30th October** (short service from 4.30pm) to find out? Refreshments provided - for kids and for adults!



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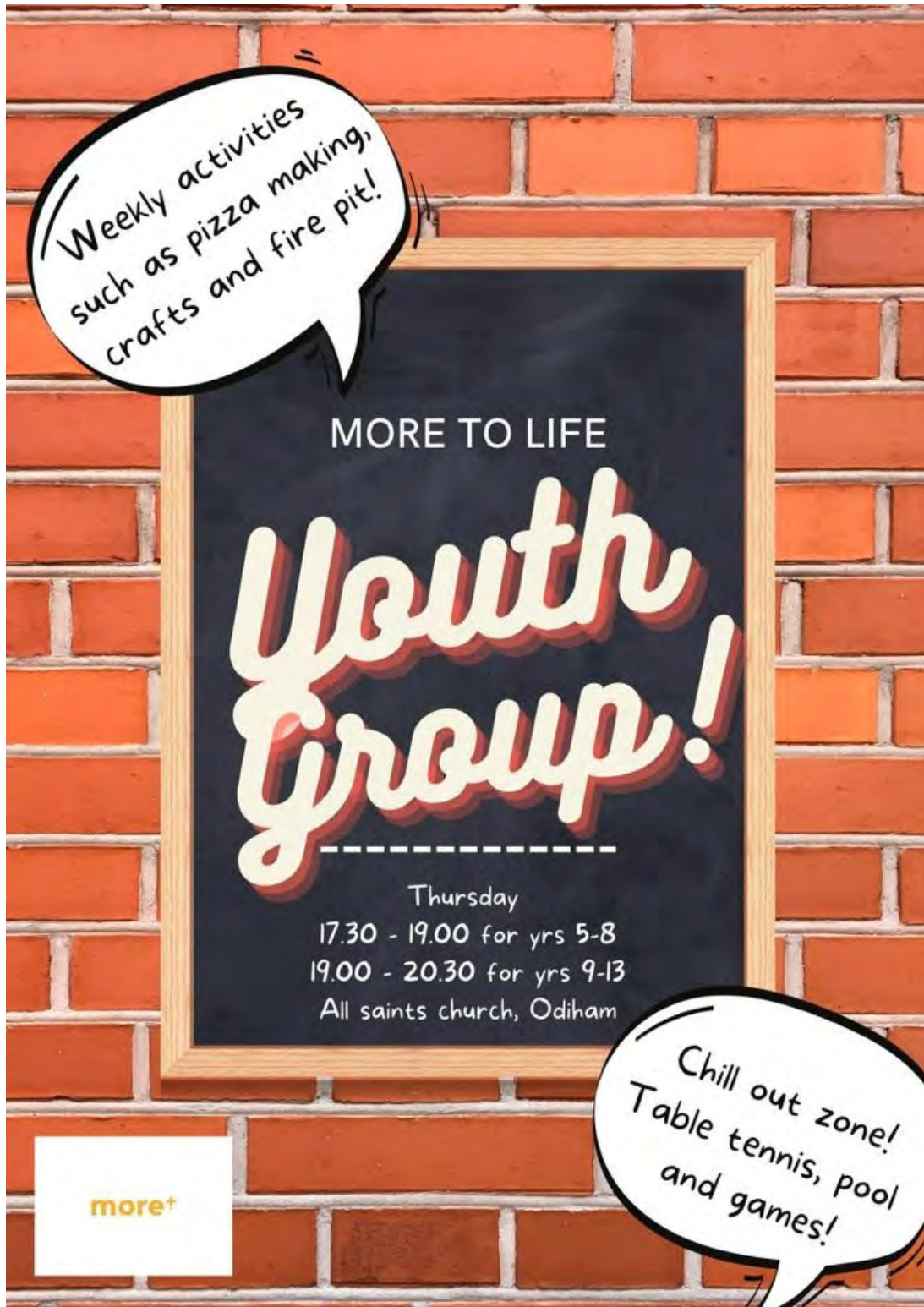
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God Bless and see you next time!

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## A TRIBUTE FROM THE EDITORS AND MAGAZINE TEAM

The Queen's sudden passing on the 8th of September 2022 was a shock to the nation, and to the world - just two days after The Queen was photographed receiving the new Prime Minister. The Queen has been there all or most of our lives; and the vast majority of the population are fully New Elizabethans. Modern Post-War Britain is the New Elizabethan Age, and The Queen's dedication, service and diplomacy are a shining example to everyone, and to the world. We have entered a new age, and live in unprecedented times; and never have we had the death of a monarch, a new King and a new Prime Minister in the same week. The country certainly needs the new Carolean era to succeed - with King Charles III as our new head of state.

Rest In Peace your Majesty and Thank you for Everything for Gave Us  
God Save the King!



## **NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES**

### **News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School**

Our Open Days for children starting school in September 2023 will take place on: Wednesday 12th October 9.15-10.30am, Wednesday 12th October 6-7pm, Friday 4th November 9.15-10.30am.

Please contact the school office on 01256 862238 or [adminoffice@longsutton.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@longsutton.hants.sch.uk) to book your place. These events will include a presentation by the Headteacher, tours of the school and the chance to ask any questions you may have. We encourage you to attend the events during the school day, if possible, to see the school in action with children present! If these dates and times are not convenient then please make an appointment for a tour at another time.

**Hannah Inglis, Headteacher**

### **Local Farming Report**

Sunday the 14th of August saw the end to our combinable harvest. The earliest that I have ever known, although I hear from the more experienced farmers that there was an earlier harvest in the year of 1976. Certainly, a harvest to remember, with good yields and some record yields for a couple of fields on the farm. Long hot summer days means we were able to start harvest earlier in the mornings and did not have to work late into the evenings, which makes for more sociable working hours! Thankfully, we escaped any fire incidents, unlike some other farmers across the UK. It has been a very abnormal summer weather wise; I did not have to scroll through the various weather apps (I have on my phone) to check the forecast - as it was only sun and there was no risk of rain at all! This was one of the many perks.

Our first crop to harvest this year was the Oil Seed Rape. This was a welcome return to our cropping rotation on the farm, after a few tricky years trying to successfully grow it, due to the onslaught of flea beetle, mimicking locusts, as it eats the crop before it gets a chance to establish itself; this is to out compete its predators. Due to the weather (sorry more weather chat), we were having to harvest in the early hours of the day, with the hope that the grain wasn't too dry. Of all the harvests where we are praying for dry weather to dry out the grain; oil seed rape needs to be no drier than 6% moisture - but no more than 9%! This is so that the Pressing Plants that we sell the grain to can easily extract the oil from the seed. The winter sown crops have had near on perfect weather for them to reach their full potential, which goes to show that we as farmers can

only do so much; and it is down to mother nature on how our growing year is to be. The wheat was a highlight for us, the main reason being that the grain weight was a lot higher. Each grain was fully formed, as opposed to other years where there has been plenty of grain but not filled out - and these were pinched, making them weigh less. The turmoil over in the Black Sea continues - but there has been movement of ships with grain onboard, and this has brought the price down on our crops. A further effect is that fertiliser prices have started to climb back up again, which we plan to mitigate by using more organic fertilisers like digestate slurry and muck, to help keep the costs down.

The only crop to disappoint this harvest was the spring sown beans, they didn't get enough rain at the right time to germinate properly, and they struggled from then on. We chose to plant beans due to the high fertiliser price. Beans are part of the 'legume' family, they are able to 'fix' their own nitrogen (fertiliser). They also leave residual soil fertility for the following crop.

So, by using them in the rotation we can reduce fertiliser for the next crop. The final crop to harvest this year is the Maize, and, as I write this, we have started harvesting with a few days left before we finish. The crop on the chalkier soil has struggled, but on the higher clay content soil the crop is looking better - but certainly no record yields this year. We have already planted the oil seed rape for harvest 2023, which is starting to emerge now, and hopefully will get going in the next week or so. Thankfully for the rain, the ground has softened up and has made it easier for us to create a tilth, ready to start planting wheat in early October.

**Will Cheyney**

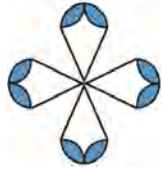


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**St Mary's Upton Grey Choir is re-starting**


**Come and join us at the Upton Grey Church Choir.**

We're excited to announce that St Mary's choir has re started. The choir rehearses once a month. We'd love to welcome members old and new, young and not so young!

No choral experience is necessary. If you love singing and would like to join the choir then please be in touch and we'll send you rehearsal details.

Please contact [sam@moretolife.church](mailto:sam@moretolife.church) for more information



  
 St Mary's Upton Grey

### **Upton Grey Bridge Club: Monday 3rd & 24th October, Village Hall**

A reminder that our Bridge Club will be meeting for the first time this Autumn at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Monday October 3rd. We normally meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month, so this is not in our normal cycle. We meet again on Monday 24th October. New members are very welcome, and we have a special table for learners to gain confidence with each other. For further information contact Roger Clark, 862 776, [rogerclark@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerclark@btinternet.com)

**Coffee and Cake drop in**

Upton Grey Village Hall

Monday 10th October

10am - mid-day

(then monthly on the second Monday)

**All welcome**



St Mary's Upton Grey

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## **UG Autumn Festival Bonfire & Fireworks: Saturday 29th October**

As we have no marquee available, there will be no afternoon or late evening event this year, but our fantastic bonfire and fireworks are going ahead as usual. We will also be displaying Guy Fawkes and Jack O'Lanterns around the village during the week before - with cups awarded to the Best Guy and best Jack O'Lantern. You are invited to join the procession as it gathers outside the Hodd at 6pm, where mulled wine will be served, and then our church bells will ring an Autumn peal as the procession leads us onto The Hoddington Estate for the Bonfire and then professional Firework display. Be sure to invite your friends or family down for the day or weekend for this fantastic display and, what's more, all proceeds go to the excellent charity, St. Michael's Hospice.

Entrance is free for children and adult tickets are £10 per head available from the Shop, the Hodd or Roger Clark, rogerclark@btinternet.com, 01256862776. A limited number will also be available at the gate to the Hoddington Estate but please buy in advance in order to speed up entrance to the field. Car parking is free in Church Meadow, RG25 2RA.

## **Guy Fawkes & Jack O'Lanterns in Upton Grey**

In 2021 we had over 30 Guy Fawkes on display around the village. You can see pictures of previous Guys on our web site [www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk](http://www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk) if you click on Photo Album and then click on Guy Fawkes 2019 (or 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 or 2013). So, start planning your Guy Fawkes designs now and let's see if we can beat previous numbers. By the 13th of October straw will again be available from Newlyn's Farm Shop for you to stuff your Guys with.

We are also inviting you to display Jack O'Lanterns (carved pumpkins) around the village. Pumpkins will be available in most major supermarkets by mid-October, or earlier, but are best carved the weekend before the Halloween weekend or they may start to decompose. For information on entering these competitions go to the website above and click on 2022 Entries. Winners of both competitions will be judged by an independent judging panel on Friday 28th October.

***Game for Sale at Game Stall.*** In previous years one of our local gamekeepers, Robbie, has had an afternoon stall selling prepared, local game off his estate. He asks me to tell you that he will still have plenty of local game available for sale if you ring him on 078840 32692.

### **Ultra-Fast Broadband from BT provision in Upton Grey**

A few points: BT's current forecast for completion is early October but seeing is believing. All emails about voucher cancellation should be ignored as Openreach are committed to complete our installation irrespective. Super-fast broadband is the term Openreach use to describe the non-fibre service. Ultra-fast broadband is the term they use to describe the fibre service. These two terms have caused some confusion. To check if you are live on ultra-fast broadband (i.e. fibre) go to [www.openreach.com](http://www.openreach.com) and put in your postcode. If you are on ultra-fast broadband, you need to order your ultra-fast broadband service from your broadband supplier (sometimes BT).

**Roger**

### **Upton Grey Horticultural Society Summer Show**

The show was 12th August 2022. Was the weather hot or was it hot! It was far too hot to turn on an oven to bake let alone pick flowers and produce that were crying out for water. But you did it! Very many thanks to everyone who entered stuff into the show and many thanks to everyone who turned up to support our new outside caterer, our stallholders, classic cars and to listen to the organ grinder who came all the way from New Malden to play for us. The ice-cream man did exceedingly well and, rather surprisingly considering the weather, so did the log man - with orders!

We had over 270 exhibits across the board (which we were very pleased with in the circumstances), including art, children's exhibits, craft, cookery, fruit, plants, vegetables, photos, lovely flower arrangements, and a fantastically huge plant in a pot. When the schedule was put together a while back, who would have thought Rocky Road would not be such a great idea - one exhibitor thought about it and put ice blocks underneath the plate - no melting chocolate for him! Well done to all of you who won prizes, cups and awards.

We are a very small team putting on this show and at times we wondered whether it was a good idea, but positivity stepped in and said 'Yes' and so it came to pass! So, a pat on the back for the Team. A huge thank-you to the new owners of Church Meadow for allowing us to use it; our voluntary helpers; the judges who came from far and wide; those working behind the scenes; anyone who helped in any way to make the show a success, and, again, our exhibitors and visitors.

We are excited about next year's show and it's already in the planning stage, so we hope to see you there. In the meantime, save the date for next year's summer show: Saturday 12 August 2023.

**June Hunt for Upton Grey Horticultural Society Team**

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The winner of the September draw first prize (£100) is J. Kemp, second prize (£40) M. Methan. We are now halfway through the prize year and have already paid out £840. Next prize year starts in April 2023.

**Wendy and Brian**

### **HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS**

**[www.herriard-pc.gov.uk](http://www.herriard-pc.gov.uk)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/herriardexservicesclub>**

**Herriard Village Group on <http://www.Facebook.com>**

### **Eco Fair 1st October, Herriard Green Pavilion**

Herriard Parish Council's Eco Fair on Saturday 1st Oct 10-4 at Herriard Green, Southrope, will also be the launch of our online Eco Hub on the Herriard website. Don't miss it!

As well as stalls with environmentally friendly products, there will be a range of information on what we can all do to live more sustainably and help the environment and the planet.

The programme of talks in the Pavilion:

- 10.30 Wildlife Gardening
- 11.00 Skep Bee Keeping
- 12.00 Basingstoke and Deane climate change action
- 12.45 One Planet Living-how to live sustainably
- 1.30 Home Energy

Come along to find information about domestic energy efficiency and grants that are available, our new local Fill up Alton delivery service that does away with single use plastic, see some electric vehicles, buy some eco gifts and household products, food stalls, local farm products, kids tent with face painting and more. Free entry.

**Gill Hill**



# HERRIARD & WINSLADE

## 2022 HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our **Harvest Festival Service** this year is on Sunday 16th October at 10.00 am at St Mary's Herriard. Everyone is very welcome to join us, and the Church always looks stunning with all the seasonal produce and flowers.

**The Harvest Supper and Auction** follows on Wednesday 19th October at 7 for 7.30pm. You do need to book your places beforehand. Please contact Gemma on 01256 381354 before Friday 7th October. Auction prizes and offers of help with cooking are very welcome!





### **Herriard Coffee Mornings: Thursdays Royal British Legion Hall**

We have a weekly coffee morning every Thursday in the British Legion Hall, 10am to 12pm. The first one was on the 8th of September and a lot of the villagers came along for a chat and catch up; so it was very successful. Please come along and support this weekly village gathering. Good coffee, tea, plus decaf and herbal is available with our volunteers' homemade cakes. The price is donations, minimum being £1 for coffee/tea and cake. All profit to go to the British Legion Hall. **Pat Pegg**

### **Brick Kiln Cottage (Herriard) Wildlife Garden and Bluebells**

Barbara and Kay would like to thank everyone who helped with the two Open Days this year, particularly the Ives family (Fiona, Julie and Howard) who were brilliant with the marquee and helping us clear up. My family were wonderful with meeting and greeting, parking with the two-way radio system.

We raised £1,200 for the National Garden Scheme group of charities from the two days (the first in brilliant sunshine, the second deluging rain all day) and visiting groups.

Next year at Bluebell time we will open for one day for 'Grannies, Granddads and Kids day' and also by appointment for groups or families.

Thank you to everyone who supported us, without you it would not be successful and it is so much fun and very interesting.

**Barbara Jeremiah**

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## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

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## **TUNWORTH NEWS**

### **Harvest Festival Evensong**

Harvest Festival at Tunworth will be held at 6.00pm on Sunday 9th October. As in previous years we will support The Camrose Centre with a collection of non-perishable food (e.g. tins with ring pulls which contain soup, beans & sausages, cereal bars, crisps, bottles of water and high energy drinks). The Camrose Centre provides short-term relief in the form of food, shelter and washing facilities for homeless and vulnerable housed people in Basingstoke.

## **OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Ploughing Match: Saturday 1st October at Woodmancott**

The Basingstoke and District Agricultural Society (BDAS) are excited to announce their yearly Ploughing Match will be held on Saturday 1st October. The match will kindly be hosted by the BDAS President, Linda Albin, held at Manor Farm, Woodmancott, SO21 3BN, by very kind permission of Peter Crosswell. Ploughing match day starts at 7.45am sharp with a briefing for the ploughmen, who will then begin ploughing soon after. A bar will be available from 11.00am, and a burger van will be selling warm food throughout the morning. Ploughing will be finished, and the judging completed, by 12 noon.

There will be both modern and vintage tractors competing in their respective classes, and a number of industry trade stands will also be there on the day. A great chance for tractor and countryside lovers young and old to come along to support and enjoy watching the ploughmen do what they do best! Look forward to seeing you there!

**Lynette Steel & Lauren Cutter 07734 742288 / 07788 411686**

### **Cross Barn, Odiham: Guild of Craftsmen Sales Exhibition, 7-9th Oct**

The Hampshire and Berkshire Guild of Craftsmen are delighted to be coming back to the Cross Barn for a selling exhibition this October Friday 7th October 5-7pm, Saturday 8th October 10am-5pm and Sunday 9th October 10am-4pm. Address: The Cross Barn, Odiham RG29 1JX.

Lovers of native timber will admire carved wooden vessels that beg to be touched, and beautiful furniture that will be enjoyed and admired for generations. Textiles woven in intricate and colourful designs are shown alongside tactile jewellery in silver and other metals.

Coloured gemstones decorate some pieces, and the metal is textured and wrapped, with some ingenious pieces that update the traditional idea of a locket to hide a tiny treasure. In addition, a new exhibitor will show her clocks and stunning enamelled jewellery that adds a joyous colour pop to an outfit. Ceramics for the home and the garden include statuesque coiled and smoked pots which offer a rich variety of form and function to transform interiors or celebrate a special occasion, and sculptural pieces evoke wildlife, the sea, and its imagery. There will be stunning glass that glows with colour and will transform any space while keeping watch over it all, a steel menagerie of birds and creatures caught in a moment of stillness or in flight wait to command a space in your house or garden. All the makers are ready to talk about their work and discuss special commissions. Light refreshments. <https://www.craftsguild.co.uk>

### **North Warnborough & District Garden Club: 27th October**

Our next Meeting will be held in the North Warnborough Village Hall on Thursday 27th October 2022 at 2:30pm. Our speakers will be Angela and Graham O'Connell, whose talk is entitled 'The Perils and Pleasures of Garden Opening'. Angela & Graham are the Assistant County Organisers for the National Garden Scheme in Berkshire.

#### ***Competitions:***

1. A vase of late colour from your garden.
2. Three stems of Michaelmas Daisies.

Visitors are very welcome to join us.

## **St Michael's Hospice Concerts**

### **1. Borodin and Schubert, Fri 7th Oct at Rotherwick**

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice are hosting a musical evening with The Tippett String Quartet (Borodin Quartet No.2 and Schubert Quartet 'Death and the maiden') on Friday, 7th October 2022 at Rotherwick Village Hall, Rotherwick, RG27 9BG. The evening commences at 7.00pm with drinks and canapes.

The tickets are £35.00 each. They can be purchased either by cheque made payable to The Friends of St Michael's Hospice and posted to Jane Lyons, Weirs Barn, London Road, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Hants, RG27 8HS, or via the Hospice website [www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events](http://www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events). Please email [janel Lyons@talktalk.net](mailto:janel Lyons@talktalk.net) to let her know you are coming. We look forward to seeing you.

### **2. A Musical Celebration of Christmas, Thurs 8th Dec at Odiham**

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice are hosting 'A Musical Celebration of Christmas' concert again this year. The concert is being held at All Saints, Odiham on the 8th December. The doors open at 6.30pm and the concert commences at 7.00pm. This year we have the international award winning Apollo 5 singers, Chaconne Brass and reading by Brough Scott the author and racing correspondent.

Tickets are for sale via Katharine Jane in Odiham or on the Hospice website [www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events](http://www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events) and cost £30.00 a ticket. The ticket includes canapes, wine and mince pies. The evening last year was a great success and we look forward to seeing you again this year.

### **Read something new this month from Odiham Book Exchange!**

Odiham Book Exchange is open Monday and Thursday 2-4.30pm; and Saturday 10-12.30pm in the Bridewell, the Bury, Odiham.

The bookworms at the book exchange have been busy harvesting some of their favourite books to share with you. Come along to the book exchange in October and choose a surprise book, handpicked by our volunteers. We'll provide a brief synopsis of the book so you can be sure it will be something you'll enjoy. We will host an informal 'book club' at the book exchange on Tuesday 15th November from 10.00-12.00 where you can join us to chat about your book over coffee and cake!



### **North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union**

Mothers' Union ran their usual stall at RAF Families Day on Friday 19th August, and we would like to thank everyone who made cakes for us for this event. We had a great day serving refreshments to about 3000 service personnel and their families, and we know this outreach to them is greatly appreciated.

In August we were also able to run our Family Holiday at Lodge Hill in Pulborough after two years when it had to be cancelled because of COVID. We were fortunate with the weather this year, and everyone had a great week.

Mothers' Union has also run two Child Contact Centres in Basingstoke for a number of years. Sadly, we have now taken the decision to close the Contact Centre at the URC church in the centre of Basingstoke because of a lack of volunteers to run the sessions. However, we will continue to run the Contact Centre at St Gabriel's Church Hall in Popley twice a month. If you are interested in volunteering at the Child Contact Centre, please get in touch with me.

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





### **A historical start to our 2022/23 Year!**

His Majesty King Henry VIII graced our first monthly meeting with a guest appearance, and as members stood to welcome him he strode in replete in his robed and portly grandeur. Not only was it a wonderfully amusing recollection of his turbulent private life, it also was actually very accurate historically and clearly communicated his preoccupation with having an heir. A point which had particular poignancy when some 36 hours later we learnt of the sad death of our own Queen.

Henry VIII, played by the actor Tony Harris, who has reprised this role for several years at Hampton Court, provided not only a great start to our year but also a perfect introduction to many of the 50 new members who have joined since our Open Day in August. The monthly meeting is one key feature of the u3a but at its heart are the 50+ groups, and following Open Day we have added two new activities, Backgammon and Scottish Dancing plus, to meet demand, a fifth wine group based in North Warnborough!

Another innovation is that our group for Members on their Own (MOTO) organised a very successful holiday for some of their members in Montenegro. They had a great time, and it really met a need. They will certainly be looking to organise another trip next year.

Our local theatre group is now back in full swing with toe-tapping visits to see 'The Illegal Eagles' and 'The Jersey Boys' in September. The organisers have now extended their programme with an additional five theatre visits to keep up with demand! Two groups, 'Climate Change' and 'Science & Technology', are getting together at the end of the month to hear a presentation on 'Offshore Wind' by Matthew Henderson.

Meanwhile our Walking for Pleasure group have been sampling the climate first hand with walks at Chawton and the Lower Wield. Apparently well-behaved owners may accompany their dogs!

We are part of the International u3a movement founded in France in 1972. In 1982 it started in the UK under three founding fathers who shared a common vision: one where older people had access to education by controlling it themselves. There is neither a lower nor an upper age limit and no qualifications are required or given. What makes u3a unique is the fact that everything is done by members.

If you would like to know more and maybe join us, please go to our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>.

## National Garden Scheme Hampshire



There are no gardens to visit for the rest of 2022, but that gives me a chance to tell you a little about one of the major charities, which we support - Parkinson's UK. We started supporting this charity in 2012, and since then have donated over £1 million to help drive better care, treatments and quality of life for those living with Parkinson's. To coincide with this, in August, our County Organiser, Mark Porter and his wife Jackie, invited their local Parkinson's Group to a free afternoon in their stunning garden The Down House, Itchen Abbas - of course there was Cake! It was a very relaxed afternoon and - as one lady put it - a chance to just get away and forget. She is caring for her husband, who is a Parkinson's sufferer. There is a very beautiful, powerful and moving video of the afternoon if you visit: <https://ngs.org.uk/a-garden-visit-can-lift-your-spirits-and-help-you-feel-connected/>

We are still very busy throughout these next few months at the NGS, not least with our NGS Talks. We have several experienced speakers throughout Hampshire who visit Clubs, Groups and Societies etc. The talks are interesting, entertaining and informative and covers a short history of the NGS, our beneficiaries and the way ahead - plus slides of some of the stunning Open Gardens in Hampshire. Autumn and Spring seem to be the most popular time for this, and we already have several bookings for 2023. If this is something you would be interested in, simply contact me in the first instance: [pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk](mailto:pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk).

**Best Wishes, Pat Beagley (Publicity)**

## A day in the life of a Wildlife Trust reserves officer – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust



*Wildlife Trust reserves officer Sam Martin at Hockley Meadows Nature Reserve © Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust*

Across Hampshire & the Isle of Wight, the Wildlife Trust manage over 60 nature reserves. These precious sites are sanctuaries for some wonderful wildlife, including many endangered species.

The charity's vital conservation work to help nature's recovery is only possible thanks to the support of its loyal members, devoted volunteers and dedicated staff.

One of those staff members is Sam Martin, an assistant reserves officer who cares for several reserves in the Winchester area, including Hockley Meadows Nature Reserve. Here, he describes how he got into conservation, what his job entails and the best and most challenging parts of his role.

"I joined Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust on a trainee programme four years ago. Before that I was grinding as a waiter while studying for a degree in Environmental Management at the University of Reading. After graduating I pursued as many volunteering opportunities

as possible, many of which with the Wildlife Trust, and eventually a job became available.

My responsibilities include managing teams of volunteers, carrying out habitat management, caring for our grazing animals (native cattle, sheSep and New Forest ponies), doing species surveys, leading guided walks and talks for the public, and acting as a warden at our nature reserves.

Usually, I'll leave my home in Southampton at 7.45am and commute to our base in Winchester. One of the great things about my job is it's super varied depending on the time of year – a typical day as a reserves officer doesn't really exist.

During summer, for example, I'm carrying out lots of species surveys, warden duties and tractor operations. Moving into autumn and winter, I'll be clearing scrub and felling trees to improve our special chalk downland and fen habitats. Then, in spring, I'll be involved with fence building and other infrastructure works.

I generally try to head off by 4.30pm, which lets me beat the traffic and gives me time to catch up on some admin tasks, like emails, at home on the laptop.

The part of my job I really like is working with our amazing volunteers, especially on practical tasks like fencing, which are great team building exercises. Being around our British white cattle is always a joy too – they have great characters!

I'm also incredibly lucky to see some awesome wildlife. I remember staying late one evening with a colleague to treat a lame cow; the sun had almost set and the sky had a dull glow, and we felt a presence nearby – we looked up and a barn owl was effortlessly gliding above hunting for small mammals.

In terms of challenges, weather is the main one as I work outdoors most of the time – the best-laid plans can go out the window if there's high rainfall, soaring temperatures or strong wind. As a reserves team we've not yet sussed out how to control the weather!"

Find out more about Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and how you can get involved by visiting [hiwwt.org.uk](http://hiwwt.org.uk)

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – October 2022**

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

### **OCTOBER DATES**

1st Oct	Sat	Eco Fair, Herriard Sports Pavilion	10.00am to 4.00pm
1st Oct	Sat	Ploughing Match, Woodmancott	7.45am to Noon
1st Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Harvest Supper, Village Hall	7.30pm
2nd Oct	Sun	Upton Grey Harvest Service	10.00am
3rd Oct	Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club recommences	7.30pm
7th Oct	Fri	St Michaels Hospice Classical Concert, Rotherwick VH	7.00pm
7th to 9th	Fr-Sun	Guild of Craftsmen Sales Exhibition, Cross Barn, Odiham	
9th Oct	Sun	Weston Patrick Harvest Service and Lunch	11.00am
9th Oct	Sun	Tunworth Harvest Evensong	6.00pm
10th Oct	Mon	Coffee & Cake Drop-in, UG Village Hall	10-12 noon
12th Oct	Wed	Long Sutton School Open Day	9.15-10.30am and 6-7pm
16th Oct	Sun	Herriard Harvest Service	10.00am
16th Oct	Sun	Licensing of the Revd Gillian Wilton, Long Sutton	4.00pm
19th Oct	Wed	Herriard Harvest Supper & Auction	7 for 7.30pm
24th Oct	Mon	Upton Grey Bridge Club (regular meets restart)	7.30pm
27th Oct	Thu	North Warnborough Gardening Club	2.30pm
29th Oct	Sat	UG Autumn Festival, Bonfire, Fireworks	6.00pm

### **ADVANCE DATES**

4th Nov	Fri	Long Sutton School Open Day	9.15-10.30am
15th Nov	Tue	Odiham Book Exchange Book Club	10.00am to noon
8th Dec	Thu	St M Hospice Christmas Concert, All Saints Odiham	7.00pm

### **2023 DATES**

15th Apr	Sat	Upton Grey Spring Horticultural Show	
12th Aug	Sat	Upton Grey Summer Horticultural Show	

### **REGULAR EVENTS**

2nd & 4th Mon		Upton Grey Bridge Club (not summer)	7.30pm
Each Mon/Thur		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each Sat		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each Mon		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	10.00am
Each Tues		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00pm
Each Thu		Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, RBL, Herriard.	10-12noon

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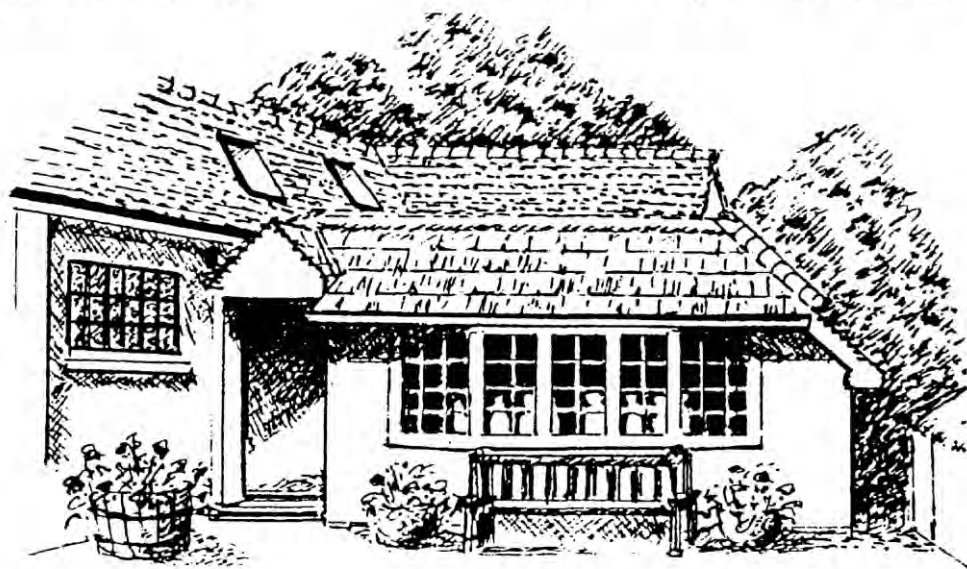
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