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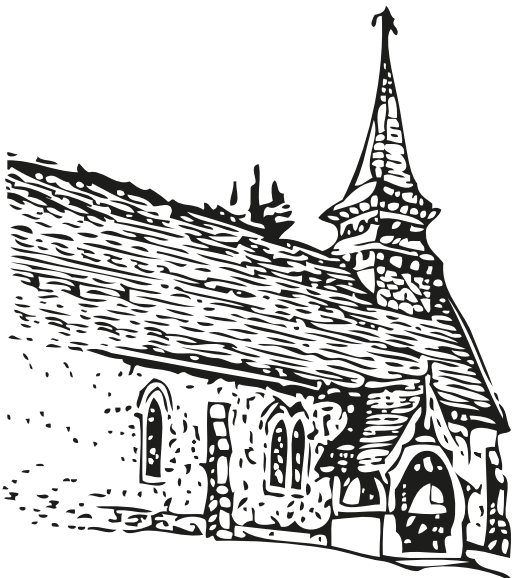
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**BENEFICE MAGAZINE – October 2021**  
**Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,**  
**Upton Grey and Weston Patrick**

**From the Benefice Ministry Team**

The last eighteen months of the pandemic have been very strange times, and it's only now, when most of the restrictions have lifted and some elements of 'normal life' have resumed, that we've been able to see how much has changed.

Aside from the tragic loss of so many lives, one thing that seems to be widely felt is a sense of confusion and disorientation that the pandemic has brought about. It's been easy to lose our sense of what's most important in life, and even what life is all about.



Across our benefice churches at the moment we're wrestling with just this issue. We're spending some weeks looking at the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, and much of the book reflects on these questions. The writer is struggling with these issues, and rather cynically says 'meaningless, meaningless, all is meaningless.' He says 'what do people gain from all their toils under the sun?'

Ecclesiastes raises the questions that the New Testament answers. Meaning is found not 'under the sun', but *in* the Son - Jesus Christ. It's through him that we can truly know God and be known by Him, and this is where we find meaning, and the hope of abundant life now and eternal life beyond. Jesus said, 'This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent' (John 17:3).

A few days ago a friend of mine posted online this remarkable photo of a mountain goat.



He mentioned that there's one thing he loves about this image... It's not the fact that this mountain goat is about to make a massive leap which, if done wrong, could alter the rest of his life... It's not the fact that he even had enough faith to do so!

What he loves is that the goat's eyes are focused on one thing only – his final destination. He's not looking down wondering if he's going to fall to his death. He's not looking behind him regretting the decision he made, wondering what would happen if he took a different route to his final destination. His focus is on one thing only – the other side.

And this is so true in our own lives. We find meaning once again as we fix our eyes on God. Not distracted by looking down or behind or around, but focused on him.

As we come out of lockdown, one of the best ways of fixing our eyes on God is by worshipping him in church each Sunday. I know from my own experience that the lockdown has meant that we've got out of the habit of meeting together to worship on Sundays. But I've heard so many people over the last few weeks reflecting that, as they've come back to church, so they've re-discovered God's love for them, they've found a fresh purpose and peace in their lives, and the confusion of the pandemic has receded.

So if you're not already back in the habit of church on Sundays – why not give it a try now! Across the benefice, we've got a wonderful choice of services – both informal and traditional. Check out our website for more info [www.moretolife.church/calendar](http://www.moretolife.church/calendar).

With best wishes,

**Rev'd Chris Dudgeon**  
**Vicar of All Saints Odiham**  
**[chris@moretolife.church](mailto:chris@moretolife.church)**

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

<b>Wedding</b>	Nick Chamberlain and Charlene Finn at St Mary's Upton Grey on August 25th
<b>Burial of Ashes</b>	Malcolm Reffell at Upton Grey on August 24th

## CHURCH NEWS

### Church Services

#### *Sunday 3rd October*

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

11.00am **Upton Grey** – Harvest Festival

11.00am **Weston Patrick** – Harvest Festival

#### *Thursday 7th October*

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

#### *Sunday 10th October*

11.00am **Herriard** – Harvest Festival

6.00pm **Tunworth** – Harvest Evensong

#### *Sunday 17th October*

9.00am **Tunworth** – 1662 Morning Prayer

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

#### *Thursday 21st October*

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

#### *Sunday 24th October*

9.00am **Tunworth** – Family Service

11.00am **Herriard** – Morning Service

11.00am **Upton Grey** – Morning Service

5.00pm **Weston Patrick** – Evensong

#### *Sunday 31st October*

9.00am **Tunworth** – Patronal Festival (Holy Communion)

4.30pm **Upton Grey** – Service of Light

### 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](http://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.

## Harvest Services and Meals

The harvest services and meals at our four churches are as follows.

**Upton Grey: Harvest Service 11.00am October 3rd** (changed from September 26th). Harvest Supper in the Village Hall 7.30pm Saturday September 25th.

**Weston Patrick: Harvest Service 11.00am October 3rd.** The Harvest Lunch is not being held this year, but there will be **drinks and light eats on Sunday 10th October at 12.00** to raise money for St Lawrence church. This will be held at the Old Rectory in Weston Patrick by kind permission of Felicity and Dick Longfield. Anybody wishing to attend please contact: churchwarden.westonpatrick@gmail.com.

**Herriard: Harvest Service 11.00am October 10th.** The traditional Harvest Supper is not being held this year. But on **Saturday 9th October** there is a **Flower Festival at St Mary's Church from 2.00 to 5.00pm** with tea and cake available. And on Sunday 10th October the Harvest Service will be followed by **ploughman's lunches and a few stalls and raffle outside the Royal British Legion from 12.30 to 3.00pm**. You do need to book your ploughman's lunch beforehand - please contact Gemma on 01256 381354 before Friday 1st October.

**Tunworth: Harvest Evensong 6.00pm October 10th** (no harvest meal this year).

## Informal Prayer Group Meeting in Upton Grey

An informal Prayer Group meets twice a week in Upton Grey at Judy Sutherland's house, 4 Little Hoddington, Upton Grey. The Group meet at 10.00am on Mondays and 5.00pm on Tuesdays. People come from our neighbouring villages, as well as from Upton Grey itself. All are very welcome, and the Group will also respond to requests for prayers. For more information contact Judy Sutherland (01256 862662) or Paul Birkbeck (07790 493195).

*'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.'* Matthew 18:20

## 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.

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Why not come along for the first session and see what you think? We look forward to seeing you!

For more info, contact Chris and Pauline Dudgeon  
01256 702918, [chris@moretolife.church](mailto:chris@moretolife.church)

Do join us for the intro evening  
on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm  
@ 43 High Street, Odiham



There's never been a better time to do Alpha! We will be starting a new Alpha course on Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm at 43 High Street, Odiham, and we'd be delighted if you'd like to join us. Why not join us for the intro evening on 6th October and see what you think?

Further info at [moretolife.church/alpha](http://moretolife.church/alpha). Contact Chris Dudgeon ([chris@moretolife.church](mailto:chris@moretolife.church)) to book a place or to find out more.



## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

### **M3 Junction 6 The Moto Services proposal hasn't gone away**

This article is to thank the many local residents who have already taken the trouble to write in and object. It is possible this proposal may come forward for determination at Basingstoke Planning Committee's meeting on October 6th.

Despite what some may say, and the misrepresentations in Moto's proposals, this battle is far from lost. Our local Councillors remain strongly opposed to Moto's applications and it is our hope that this view is widely shared by other Councillors wishing to protect Basingstoke. We have an adopted local plan, and this development forms no part of any current local requirement and is not needed.

Of 368 public comments lodged only two support the proposal. A further 62 comments object to the proposed construction access road onto Dickens Lane close to the junction with the A339. Objectors are universally against this additional road access which is plain dangerous and which will also cause more congestion at the Hackwood roundabout. In taking their decision Councillors will need to review more than 1000 individual documents that have been lodged over nearly four years that these proposals have taken to come to this point.

Rather than writing a long additional article about how this unwanted facility should not be constructed for all the good reasons already rehearsed, if you would like to be updated on any further actions you can take, or help others to take to persuade councillors to reject Moto's application, please do not hesitate to contact either John Raymond, Chair of Winslade Parish Meeting, [John@winslade.org](mailto:John@winslade.org) 01256 381203 or David Shearer [David\\_shearer@yahoo.com](mailto:David_shearer@yahoo.com) 07831 409809. A group of concerned residents has retained the services of an expert planning consultant to assist them in presenting their final objections to the Planning Committee. Please let's keep working together to stop this unnecessary development happening.

**David Shearer**

### **Farming news - October**

We are now heading towards the harvest suppers and harvest festivals in our parishes. The churches will look stunning in their autumnal displays and the farmers will no doubt let out a little snigger as we sing 'soft refreshing rain'!

Although we didn't have much rain in August, the lack of sunshine made harvesting and then baling the straw very difficult. The straw just wouldn't dry enough to make decent bales. Ideally the moisture content



wants to be below 16% otherwise the bales will go mouldy. We spent many an unproductive, cloudy afternoon driving around with our tractor and baler trying different fields of straw we had cut to bale, only to return to the farm later having done nothing because the straw was too damp. After a particularly overcast, frustrating evening I jumped into the tractor to return to the farm and on the radio they were playing Mr Blue Sky by ELO... I won't repeat the words I muttered!

Will may possibly reflect in later articles on a difficult, grey harvest which has been a real challenge at times but at least the cloudy skies and lower temperatures have meant happier cows here at the dairy.

The cows have really benefited from the cooler summer. Anything over 20 degrees and they start to get uncomfortable. We have Mike, our cow nutritionist who analyses our grass and maize silage and formulates a ration to keep the cows fit not fat whilst producing good quantities of milk. He likens the cows' energy requirement to being even greater than that of the most supreme athlete and at the top of that list is the solo polar explorer. Explorers' energy requirements are huge because they have to combat the cold along with enormous physical exertion over long periods. When you see a cow lying down chewing her cud and looking chilled, she's actually working incredibly hard which is why the cooler temperatures suit them. On very hot days you may see groups of cows in fields bunched together swishing their tails trying to keep cool, they are not happy cows. Our milking-cows sleeping on their cool sand beds in the shade of the barns are much more content than the cows out at grass when it's so hot.

I still find it fascinating that these ruminants with their four stomachs can turn the abundant feed source, grass, that we can't utilise, into milk, meat and leather. Our bond with the cow goes back thousands of years and is maybe only equalled by our working relationship with the horse and the dog. Cows get a bad press because of their methane emissions but the science behind that is changing. I'll explain more in later articles but perhaps the cow is not as big a problem as the popular press makes out.

Phil, Liam, Dan and I finished baling and hauling the straw to the barn at 8.30pm on Wednesday 8th September as the first spots of rain came down and lightning was flashing in the distance, so just in the nick of time. We grabbed some beers and sat in the old dairy looking out at the cows lazing in the barn and listening to the rain on the roof. Relief and satisfaction that the corn and straw are safely gathered in.....just maize harvest to go!

**Joe Ives**

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

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to a more 'normal' school routine. There is no longer a requirement for schools to run the 'bubble' system and so our children are able to mix freely with one another at breaktimes and lunchtimes and we are able to hold whole school collective worship once again. These activities play such an important part in building strong relationships, which is a fundamental part of our school vision. Our Year 6 children are being fantastic 'buddies' to the new Reception children and our youngest children have settled in so well as a result; they are already showing great levels of independence and enjoyment and we are loving getting to know them.

If you are a parent or carer of a child due to start school in September 2022, we would love to see you at one of our upcoming Open Events, where you can meet various members of the school community, listen to a presentation by the Headteacher and enjoy a tour of the school with some of our older children. We hope that these events will give prospective parents and carers the opportunity to discover what we value as a school and what makes us unique. As things currently stand, these events can take place face-to-face in school.

Our next Open Event is on Friday 12th November (9.15am). Please contact the school office on 01256 862238 or [adminoffice@longsutton.hants.sch.uk](mailto: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.

**Hannah Inglis, Headteacher**

### *Fundraising Half Marathon*

A Primary School team will be running the Basingstoke Half Marathon on Sunday 3rd October and raising funds for the School's charitable foundation.

To support them, you can find Long Sutton C of E Primary School Foundation in the list of charities on [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) (search for Long Sutton Primary). Alternatively email [nigeljclark@me.com](mailto:nigeljclark@me.com) who can send bank details or a link.

The team includes: UG residents: Becks and Nigel Clark, Gary and Rosella Sharman, Adam McKenzie and Mike Sudlow. From Mapledurwell, Fenella Hall; from Tunworth, Chloe Scott-Moncrieff; and from Long Sutton, Dave Widdowson. Do sponsor them to support our local school.

### **Afghan refugees appeal**

Happily, I can tell you all that our contributions to the appeal have been safely delivered to Hartley Wintney. Hart Volunteers have had such a wonderful response from everyone locally that they have to close their collection for the time being, but will let me know if there is anything more we can do to help. There are four hotels in North Hampshire being used to house refugees, until more appropriate housing can be found for them. Some of the clothing etc will go to other parts of the country.

Hart Volunteers are very grateful for our contribution so thank you to everyone who responded so generously.

**Viv Anscombe**

### **London Marathon Walk to support Afghanaid**

On Sunday 3rd October, the day of the London Marathon, we will be participating in the 'Virtual London Marathon', walking the same distance (26.2 miles) from Woking to Greywell, along the Basingstoke Canal, to support Afghanaid, a British NGO, operating in Afghanistan.

In the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, Kitty, our daughter, who worked for Afghanaid, was airlifted out of Kabul. She continues to work remotely for the charity.

Many government funding streams, which would normally support vital humanitarian work in the country, have now been withdrawn. In addition to the political situation, Afghanistan faces many challenges relating to poverty and climate change. Afghanaid funds projects to promote sustainable livelihoods and restore ecosystems, so that farmers and communities can continue to support themselves in a hostile environment. In the face of recent challenges, the charity is continuing to run these projects, and needs your support more than ever.

To sponsor us, Google: 'Chevallier virtual London marathon' and follow links to Kitty's fundraising page. Thank you for your support.

**Tess and Hugh Chevallier**

## UPTON GREY NEWS

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### **Educational grants available to ALL Upton Grey residents**

The Upton Grey Educational Trust was formed when the Upton Grey School was sold after its closure in the 1980s and half of the proceeds were put into the Trust. The Trust can use the income from the investment twice-yearly ‘for the advancement of education’.

The Trust meets in June and December each year to consider applications for assistance with educational needs, from any age group and with no means-testing. Since the Trust was set up, it has awarded grants to nearly 100 applicants and 16 groups in addition to Long Sutton School.

For more information on how to apply and terms and conditions, please visit [www.uptongreychurch.co.uk](http://www.uptongreychurch.co.uk) (under Groups & Organisations) or email [debbie@debbie-bridle.com](mailto:debbie@debbie-bridle.com). This is primarily open to residents of Upton Grey, but consideration may also be given to applicants from other parishes within the Benefice – funds permitting. Applications must be made by the person requiring assistance and not by a parent /guardian or other.

We are very lucky to have this fund and very grateful to the late Ros Mills for establishing it.

Please submit your application in writing **by the last week in November** to be in with a chance for the application to be put forward at the December meeting, to:

The Secretary to the Trustees

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or via email to: [debbie@debbie-bridle.com](mailto:debbie@debbie-bridle.com) (requesting a ‘read’ receipt) – please ensure child-written application is attached to the email sent by parent or guardian.

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**Autumn Festival – Guy Fawkes and Jack-o’-lanterns in Upton Grey**

A reminder that the evening Autumn Festival is going ahead, at 6.00pm on Saturday 30th October. In addition to our ‘Guy Fawkes in the village’ competition, we will also be having a ‘Jack O’Lantern (carved pumpkin) in the village’ competition.

In 2019 we had over three dozen Guy Fawkes on display around the village. You can see some of them on our website [www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk](http://www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk) if you click on Photo Album and then click on Guy Fawkes 2019 (or any other year). 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.

For the first time 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.

Winners of both competitions will be judged by an independent judging panel on Friday 29th October and trophies for the winners will be presented in the marquee at about 7.45pm on Saturday 30th.

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The format will be similar to our Summer Dance Party. Carters have agreed to leave the existing Hodd heated marquee in place, for free, until 1st November. This is 30% bigger than the Summer Flower Show marquee which will enable us to have 'cabaret style' tables at greater distance than normal in a fabulous environment.

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It's an excellent reason to get together and share a table with your neighbours or invite your friends or family down for the day or weekend for a unique and highly entertaining autumn event and, what's more, all proceeds go to the excellent charity, St. Michael's Hospice.

More details available on [www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk](http://www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk) and flyers will be going out now to advertise around the benefice but please book early and let's make it a mostly Upton Grey Village event.

## **Advance Notice – Andrew Roberts, talk on George III on Monday 13th December at 6.30pm in Upton Grey Village Hall.**

Apply for tickets (£30) via Eventbrite for what promises to be a fascinating talk by noted historian Andrew Roberts. More about Andrew Roberts can be found on his website: [Andrew-roberts.net](http://Andrew-roberts.net).

Wine and canapés will be served during the evening, thereafter a pay bar. All proceeds in aid of Tunworth Church.

If of interest, you are **strongly** advised to apply soonest as tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. To buy tickets, contact [james.whitcombe03@btinternet.com](mailto:james.whitcombe03@btinternet.com) who will forward you a link for ticket purchase. Tel. 07801 103665

**James Whitcombe**



**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>****Herriard Gardening Club**

September was a busy month in my garden, with laurel and deciduous mixed hedges needing to be cut back and the prunings taken to the Green waste recycling centre. Then, with a period of hot, September weather, we have been watering the beds to stop flowering perennials wilting. In between all that, the weeds were kept on top of and deadheading done to extend the flowering season.

My wildflower meadow patch was sown late, after the first sowing didn't germinate, and is now looking a picture with an abundance of Oxeye daisies, and some cornflowers and poppies. Wildflower seeds can be sown now on lighter soils. On heavy waterlogged soils it is advisable to wait until March or April as they may rot during winter. A wildflower patch is one of the easiest ways to encourage pollinators into the garden

In my cutting garden at the Gardening Club allotment, the Dahlias are giving their usual prolific display. I use them for bouquets and for the house. In order to get the long stems, I disbud the two side buds from a main stem to let the energy go into the dominant bud. I leave the tubers in the ground over winter but with a thick mulch of compost or Strulch to protect them and they have been coming up for the last three years.

The allotment holders have barely managed to keep up with the harvest of raspberries, courgettes, runner and French beans, greenhouse-grown cucumbers and chard. An old broken bench was upcycled by Debbie Bridle and a sturdy new bench has been made by Bob Nash. Thanks to Debbie and Bob, we now have a communal place to sit and have a break.

Late summer or early autumn is the right time to take cuttings. They are taken using the current season's growth, but with stems starting to ripen so the base of the cutting is firmer. Try taking cuttings of fuchsia, hydrangea, penstemon, salvia, weigela, cistus or lavender. Remove the lowest leaves, snip off the tip leaving a pair of leaves at the top, insert into small pots filled with 50:50 peat-free compost mixed with perlite or grit. Keep moist, but not wet, and out of direct sunlight.

*Gardening jobs for October:*

1. Leave some flower seed heads such as alliums and sunflowers in situ in the garden for the birds
2. Large clumps of crocosmia can be lifted and divided ready for replanting into freshly prepared soil.
3. Peas and beans can be cut down to ground level and their roots left in the soil, to break down and return nitrogen to the soil. Broad beans can be sown this month for early pickings in May and June next year.
4. Plant onion sets, shallots and garlic for the best sized bulbs next year.
5. Earth up leeks to cover and blanch stems

## **TUNWORTH NEWS**

### **Harvest Festival Evensong**

Harvest Festival at Tunworth will be held at 6.00pm on Sunday 10th 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 and 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.

### **Book Recycling Scheme**

We have been advised that our Book Recycling Scheme has been extended to include DVD's and CD's. All **MUST** be in good working order and in their original plastic cases. We are sorry that we are unable to accept computer games or video games. DVD's and CD's can be left, together with any books, in the church porch or at Blackdown Farm .

## **WESTON PATRICK NEWS**

Our Harvest Festival service will remain on Sunday 3rd October at 11.00am but we will no longer be holding the harvest lunch afterwards.

However there will be drinks and light eats on Sunday 10th October at 12.00 to raise money for St. Lawrence church. This will be held at the Old Rectory in Weston Patrick by kind permission of Felicity and Dick Longfield. Anybody wishing to attend please contact: [churchwarden.westonpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:churchwarden.westonpatrick@gmail.com)

## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

### **St Michael's Hospice Carol Concert in All Saints Odiham**

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 Tippet 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](http://www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events)



### **National Garden Scheme – Hampshire**

It seems to be a time of presentations this month.

Firstly, we have an award for one of our Hampshire garden-owners, who has opened her garden for ten years. This is a great achievement and reflects a lot of dedicated weeding, planting and edging. Jill Ede – owner of Old Thatch in Winchfield, North Hampshire – received her ten-year certificate and trowel from our County Organiser, Mark Porter. This is a very well-deserved award, Jill, for a very popular garden. Maybe one to note for 2022; you might take the John Pinkerton narrow boat from the wharf near the Barley Mow Pub.

Secondly, we have the presentation of a beautiful brass plaque to commemorate the NGS Community Garden Award funding for the raised beds at an amazing project near Fordingbridge in the New Forest. This is on an acre of land, which is slowly being cleared and turned into a productive kitchen garden and sensory raised beds area. This one-acre plot is part of a five-acre smallholding, which not only has a productive organic vegetable garden and animals, but places where people can find peace and solitude. The aim is to create this therapeutic horticultural project for people with varying needs. Mark Porter presented the plaque to Bethany Turner, who has led Project Manna with drive, enthusiasm and dedication. You can find out more about Project Manna at <https://projectmanna.co.uk/>. It makes very interesting reading.

Best wishes to all.

**Pat Beagley (Publicity), [pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk](mailto:pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk)**

**National Garden Scheme, Hampshire**

## Cardiac Rehab lecture 2021

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.



### Game on – getting back together safely!

September 1st saw our first monthly meeting, open to all members, back in the Cross Barn. We successfully combined a socially distanced ‘live’ audience with a virtual audience Zooming in. We even managed to coordinate a joint question-and-answer session at the end of the presentation! We will continue to use this format for the foreseeable future; next month’s presentation is by Jenny Mallin who will be talking about a family heirloom, ‘A Grandmother’s Legacy, a 170-year-old recipe book’.

Our other ‘indoor’ groups are also making good use of the ‘mixed audience’ approach with Family History, Climate Change, Science & Technology and Considering Art, all using the new technology this month. Other groups such as Ballet for Fitness and Line Dancing have moved to larger venues to ensure enough ‘safe’ space for everyone.

Our ‘outside’ groups continue to meet, although Bowls had their last outside meeting on the green and will now move to the clubhouse for the winter season where the group will play on mats. Meanwhile the Walking for Pleasure group were enjoying glorious sunshine in the Frensham area. Although the heather on Frensham Common was beginning to fade, there was an unexpected bonus to make up for any disappointment: they stumbled onto a film set, with actors in armour on black horses lined up for a downhill charge!

The Exploring Towns and Villages group is back in action this month too. They are beginning with a local walk, Odiham in the 1550’s, but will be venturing further afield in the coming months.

If you would like to know more about our activity groups, we have an on-line brochure covering the year 2021–2. If you would like to become a member, please visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>. We would be delighted to hear from you!

## North Warnborough & District Garden Club

We are hoping to hold our meeting on Thursday 28th October in North Warnborough Village Hall at 2.10pm for a 2.30pm start.

We are delighted to be welcoming Sandy Worth as our speaker. She will be talking about 'A Passion for Poppies'.

The competitions will be:

- five stems of Michaelmas daisies.
- a vase of late colour from your garden.

Club information and news can now be found at our new website, which is at: <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk/>

Visitors are very welcome to join us. We are a friendly club whose members share an enthusiasm for gardens and gardening. For further information, please telephone 01252 843848



We had a great time at RAF Families Day on 14th August serving refreshments to service personnel and their families, and I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed cakes for this event.

We are also delighted that in September we were able to reopen our Child Contact Centre in Basingstoke. This project supports families where the parents are estranged, and allows the children to meet their non-resident parent in a safe and welcoming space. Unfortunately, because we are short of volunteers at the moment, we can only open the centre once a month on a Sunday afternoon. We would love to be able to run sessions twice a month (as we did before the COVID-19 pandemic), and our aim is to ask volunteers to help about once every six weeks as one of a team of four or more people. If you are interested in helping us with this project, then please contact me and I can tell you more about what is involved.

By the time to read this, we will have met in church for the first time for eighteen months to enjoy a bring-and-share supper. We hope to continue to meet in person in All Saints Church in Odiham, and our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th October at 7.30pm. If you want to know more about the activities of Mothers' Union then please contact me.

**Sue Murphy, 01252 845011 or [sue@the-murphys.me.uk](mailto:sue@the-murphys.me.uk).**

## **Andy Reid - Police Report from the past**

Below are just a few cases heard at Basingstoke Divisional Petty Sessions in one day on July 26th 1905.

*Before Dr Hayes and S E Bates, a number of motorists were summoned for exceeding the speed limit at Nateley Scures over a measured quarter-of a mile, which included the cross roads at the bottom of Scures-hill.*

*Mr. Somers Somerset, son of Lady Henry Somerset, the Liberal candidate for Croydon, was summoned for exceeding the speed limit and was fined £5 and costs inflicted. Also Mr. W. C. Dunn, of Hampstead, London, was fined £5 and 14 shillings costs for driving at a speed of 34 miles an hour. Mr. Thomas Hawkes of Vauxhall, London was fined £5 and costs for driving at a speed of 29 miles an hour, and Mr. A. R. Gravenor from Aldershot was fined £5 and costs for driving a 16 horse-power motor car at a speed of 30 miles hour.*

As today, speeding was a problem on the main roads across the country. The Motor Car Act was passed in 1903 following the previous Locomotives on Highways Act of 1896 (which had increased the speed limit for cars from 4mph in a rural area and 2mph in a town to 14mph!).

This new 1903 act allowed for a speed of 20mph(!) on the roads and also brought in vehicle registration so every vehicle had to be registered with the County or Borough Council and it was mandatory to display a number plate at all times. Driving licences were introduced at the same time, though no one, then, took a driving test.

The police enforced the speed limit by having a constable wave a flag or make a gesture to another officer further down the road when a car had passed him. This officer would then start a stop-watch and, when the car had travelled the allotted distance, would stop the timer and pull the car over. The time would be calculated and if found that the distance covered was driven in less time than it would take to cover the same distance at 20mph, then the car had exceeded the speed limit.

Today we have average speed cameras which work by recording your speed at two different points. They don't capture your speed in a single flash. Instead, they'll monitor your speed over a length of road. This is so people don't slow down just before they see a camera and then speed up again afterwards. They help to keep the traffic flowing steadily instead of stopping and starting.

**Andy Reid**

## **Explore Making: Hants and Berks Guild**

Over a dozen members of the renowned Hants & Berks Craft Guild return for their annual selling shows this October at two familiar venues: Stockbridge Town Hall and the Cross Barn in Odiham.

- Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE: 9th–10th October; 10-5pm daily
- Odiham Cross Barn RG29 1JX: 29th–31st October 29/; Fri 6-8pm  
Sat & Sun 10–5pm

Lovers of native timber will find handcrafted furniture alongside turned and carved vessels suggesting huge seedpods. Unique dyed, printed and stitched textile hangings provide backdrops to tactile jewellery in forged and textured silver. Traditional lockets get an ingenious update and printed earrings add a joyous colour pop to the beautiful original scarves and knitwear on sale.

Homewares include statement pots; coiled, smoked or subtly glazed and a rich variety of ceramic tableware; hand decorated tiles to transform the feel of interiors; figurative pieces that evoke the sea and original glass glowing with colour.

All the makers will be ready to talk about their work and discuss special commissions. For more details of exhibitors see [craftsguild.co.uk](http://craftsguild.co.uk).

## **The secret life of harvest mice – Hampshire & IofW Wildlife Trust**

Of the fourteen species of rodent commonly found in Britain, one of the least familiar of these is the harvest mouse, Britain's smallest rodent.

Harvest mice are not especially fussy, they are happy anywhere there are ample stems for them to clamber up, very rarely descending to the ground if they can avoid it. They are tiny: around 6cm long, with a tail close to the same length. The tail is used to help with balance and climbing. They react quickly to disturbance, disappearing back into the vegetation in response to nearby noises.

Although they are thought to be fairly widespread, they are difficult to find – often the only indication of their presence their intricate nests, which are carefully woven from grass and leaves within dense vegetation, so even these are difficult to spot! Harvest mice adapted to farmed habitats by creating their nests in crop fields such as wheat and barley, but modern combine-harvesters are a new threat. When fields were hand-cut, the mice could run to the safety of field margins, but modern machinery does not give them the time to escape. They also live in verges, reed beds and grassy hedges – habitats which have often been lost to development.

Recent studies have helped shine a light on these elusive little creatures, and more must be done to protect them. They seem able to respond quickly to changes in habitat, if the habitat is connected to others



and buffer zones exist between developments and their living space. Reintroductions can work well, as the mice are easy to breed and, once conservation efforts are in place, they colonise the reintroduction area quickly. The more we learn about marginal habitats like road verges and field edges, the more they are shown to be important for all sorts of wildlife, including our smallest rodent.

**Claire Thorpe, Communications Officer – Publications & Media**

## **SMALL ADS OCTOBER**

### **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

## **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 and chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. To reserve, email [bookings.herriardrbllhall@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.herriardrbllhall@gmail.com), or contact Tracy Crawford on 07769 220390.

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

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

6th Oct	Wed	Alpha Course intro eve, 43 High St, Odiham	7.30pm
9th–10th Oct		Craft Guild show, Cross Barn, Odiham	10.00am
28th Oct	Thur	N Warnborough Gardening Club meeting	2.10pm
28th Oct	Thur	Tea@3, Hazeley, Upton Grey	3.00pm
29th Oct	Fri	Craft Guild show, Town Hall, Stockbridge	6.00pm
30th Oct	Sat	Autumn Festival bonfire, fireworks and party	6.00pm
30th–31st Oct		Craft Guild show, Town Hall, Stockbridge	10.00am

### **ADVANCE DATES**

3rd Nov	Wed	Cardiac Rehab lecture, Maltings, Alton	7.00pm
12th Nov	Fri	Long Sutton School open event	9.15am
9th Dec	Thur	Hospice Carol Concert, All Saints, Odiham	7.00pm
13th Dec	Mon	Andrew Roberts Talk – George III	6.30pm
19th Jun 2022		Platinum Promenade, Upton Grey	

### **REGULAR EVENTS**

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 October issue is 15th September.** Please send news and contributions to [uptongreymagazine@gmail.com](mailto:uptongreymagazine@gmail.com). October's editor is Ian Lansley-Neale. Your editor this month was Tess Chevallier.

**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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