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Letter from the Ministry Team

As you read this article we will be in the midst of Easter season, it may still feel different from normal but I am guessing that one constant, pandemic or not, is the presence of Easter eggs or other assorted chocolate delights. I wonder what sort of Easter egg eater you are. I have some family and friends who have, what seems to be, almost a superpower of unwrapping an Easter egg, eating a small piece, re-wrapping the egg and placing it back in the cupboard to be enjoyed over many coming weeks. Whereas I and other friends display no such self-control!



Of course the tradition of eggs at Easter developed because they are a symbol of new life and are also thought to represent the breaking open of the tomb that first Easter Day. They are markers of joy and celebration at the end of the long weeks of Winter and Lent, just as Jesus' resurrection was a sign of hope and new life to those of his friends who discovered the empty tomb that morning and to all those who have believed the story in the centuries since.

In the quiet, early hours that first Easter morning something happened which changed the world, and ever since this story of resurrection, hope and new life has been told and re-told through the ages. It is a story that in many ways is so familiar but which, given the original circumstances, should never have been remembered outside a small group of mourning friends. An executed trouble maker in a well-sealed tomb and two women arriving to carry out the anointing rituals, what is so special about that? Even the empty tomb was initially simply a cause of distress to those who loved the man meant to be inside. But that morning, it was out of the emptiness of the tomb that the fullness of life appeared, it was out of the darkness of death that the light of life burst forth. New life and hope arriving from the most unpromising of situations.

This year I am sure we are all seeking new life, new beginnings and hope for the future. As we leave the short days of winter behind us and with the hint of summer being carried in on the spring breeze, we

will be looking forward to the hope of sunnier days, time in the garden and maybe even holidays to enjoy. We will also all be looking forward to the end of the hard days of restrictions on travel and contact with family and friends and hoping to see a new sense of life and joy spread through our communities and world as we pray that, with the promise of the vaccine, the hard days of the pandemic are over. And it is my prayer that this Easter we will all discover afresh, or maybe for the first time, the joy and fullness of life that can be found in Jesus whose resurrection offers everyone hope for the future.

This Easter, no matter how many people we can celebrate with, let us remember the small beginnings of the most wonderful story in history and remember that new life can begin from something as small as an egg or as empty as the tomb that first Easter Day. And, however you prefer to eat your Easter eggs, may you and those you love have a wonderful and blessed Easter, from all the ministry team of the North Hampshire Downs.

Rev Helen O'Sullivan

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral Vicky Remnant at All Saints Tunworth on March 15th

CHURCH NEWS

April services

The April services in this group of churches are as follows.

Good Friday 2nd April (*booking required**)

8.00am **Tunworth** - Service of Meditation

10.30am **Upton Grey** - Children's Workshop, followed by a short informal Good Friday service at about 11.30

Easter Sunday 4th April (*booking required**)

9.00am **Tunworth** - Holy Communion Common Worship

9.00am **Weston Patrick** - Holy Communion Common Worship

11.00am **Herriard** - Holy Communion Common Worship

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

Sunday 11th April

9.00am **Weston Patrick** - Holy Communion Common Worship

11.00am **Herriard** - Holy Communion Common Worship

6.00pm **Tunworth** - Evensong

Thursday 15th April

10.00am **Herriard** - said BCP Holy Communion (it is planned that the equivalent Tuesday service at Upton Grey will also restart in due course - details to follow)

Sunday 18th April

9.00am **Herriard** - Morning Service

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

Sunday 25th April

9.00am **Tunworth** - Family Service

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Morning Service

5.00pm **Weston Patrick** - Evensong

*** Booking for services (Good Friday and Easter Day)**

For services taking place on Good Friday and Easter Day, **please book by emailing:**

- *fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk* for **Herriard** (or call 07867 973266);
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- *pg.barnes@btinternet.com* for **Upton Grey**;
- *churchwarden.westonpatrick@gmail.com* for **Weston Patrick**.

Please provide the following information:

- your name and the number of people;
- your contact email address and contact telephone number; and
- where the church is holding more than one service, which service.

Each email received will be acknowledged, and you will be told whether your booking is confirmed or whether the church's capacity has been reached - in which case do please try a different service or a different church. A seating plan will be prepared, with the aim of maximising the available capacity. Please book no later than **lunch time the previous day**. Places will be allocated in the order that bookings are received - so please book early to avoid disappointment!

Face coverings

Please bring face coverings to every service - they are a legal requirement, the only exceptions being while leading a service or leading prayers or reading lessons, or consuming the bread at Holy Communion, or children under 11, or the standard exemptions for e.g. health or disability reasons.

Services online or telephone based

It is recognised that some parishioners are not in a position to attend church services, and online services are continuing. The **traditional weekly 9.00am Holy Communion service** at All Saints Odiham is being live-streamed (and then each week will be available after that time). The weekly **11.00am informal service** at All Saints Odiham is restarting on Easter Day, and it is hoped that this too can be live-streamed (the previous Zoom event is being discontinued). There will be a **Tenebrae service live-streamed from All Saints Odiham at 7.30pm on Maundy Thursday** (this service is online only). The Clergy Team is hoping for the foreseeable future to live-stream their **9.00am Morning Prayer on Wednesdays**. Please see the website www.moretolife.church for all these services.

In January, the South Warnborough 4.30pm Tea-Time Service was replaced by a Zoom event, but the face-to-face service is now able to restart from April 18th, and so it is possible to discontinue the Zoom event. It is hoped that after April the service can return to its previous 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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

Many of the twelve North Hampshire Downs churches are available for private prayer and quiet reflection at some point during the week. In this group of four churches, **St Mary's Upton Grey** is open for private prayer from **9.00am to 5.00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays**. (St Mary's Herriard, All Saints Tunworth and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are not currently open for private prayer.)

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



KidsZone

Hi Everyone!

I don't know about you, but I've had to pay a lot more attention to my hands over the last year – wash them for 20 seconds, don't touch things, no shaking of hands... but just take a look at your hands - have you ever stopped to think just how amazing they are?

Look at your hand. Wiggle your fingers. It is such a wonderful piece of engineering! The hand is one of the reasons why human beings have been so successful. Think of all the things we can do with our hands, such as gripping things, picking up small items, playing musical instruments, communicating and creating works of art.

AMAZING FACTS:

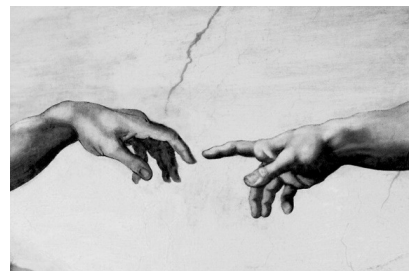
There are 27 bones, 29 joints and at least 123 ligaments in the human hand.

What sets our hands apart from other animals is our opposable thumbs—this means our thumbs and fingers can work together (except for koala bears, who also have opposable thumbs!)

You cannot get a tan on your palm and underside of your fingers.

And finally, in ancient cultures it was believed that the vein on your ring finger has a direct line with the human heart (Vena Amoris - the Vein of Love). It has been said that that's why we wear a wedding ring on the left hand's finger!

I wonder if you've ever seen this picture of hands before. It is part of Michelangelo's painting on the roof of the Sistine Chapel in Italy. It represents God reaching out to the world. Now we don't really believe God is sitting in the sky, reaching down to us with His hands. It just represents that God wants to be part of our world, caring for it and loving it. But how can He do that, if He doesn't have hands of His own?



There is a famous prayer by St Teresa of Avila, who lived in the 1500s:

Christ has no body now, but yours.
 No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
 Yours are the eyes through which he looks
 With compassion on this world.
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
 Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

I wonder what you think this means...

One Christian who took St Teresa's prayer very seriously is a man called Millard Fuller. He was born into a poor American family, but by the age of 30 he had become a millionaire. However, Millard and his wife, Linda, believed that God wanted them to do something different with their lives (and their hands) rather than simply making lots of money.



They decided to sell everything that they had, gave the money to the poor and joined with other Christians in helping poor families to build their own homes. Their charity, Habitat for Humanity, has now helped 9.8 million people find stability and

independence by giving them safe and affordable shelter. The charity encourages others to use their hands in this way to help poor families. Every year, thousands of people travel to different countries around the world to be God's hands, helping poor families to build their own homes.

We may not be millionaires, but we can choose to make a difference with our hands, with the things that we do, every day. This month's challenge - think about what you can **do** today to make a difference to our world!

If you want to try to do something practical with your fingers, scan this QR code, to learn how to do some finger knitting and make a gift for someone you care for!



See you next month!

Helen

Helen Chatfield (Youth Pastor)

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Police Report from PC Andy Reid

Dear Residents, a few things to make you aware of. During the afternoon of February 13th, registration plates were stolen from two cars parked in the lay-by at Winslade whilst their owners were out walking. Overnight on February 21st and 22nd the theft of several 'staddle stones' took place from a garden in Hackwood Lane, Cliddesden. These are the old 'mushroom' type stones used in the past when a farm building was placed on top of them to raise it from the ground. Usually at this time of the year we experience an increase in the thefts from garden sheds and outbuildings as well as from gardens themselves.

More locally to the area of this magazine, on March 4th, a 4x4 vehicle failed to stop for Police and was subsequently chased from the A30 to Weston Corbett where upon it drove through a hedge and across a field of growing crops before managing to overturn, two men ran away from the vehicle but were caught by traffic police officers.

Overnight on March 10th and 11th, a padlock and chain were cropped on a gate in Bushywarren Lane, Herriard. If anyone was in the area and saw anything suspicious, please give me a call direct.

On March 13th an unrelated incident took place in which further damage to crops was caused in the same area. On this occasion it was linked to a poaching incident and a dead hare was found nearby, again damage was caused to growing crops but also the hedgerow was cut with a chainsaw to allow entry onto the field. Overnight on March 13th and 14th similar damage was caused to a crop field in Herriard and again in Upton Grey area off the Basingstoke Road.

Slightly out of the area of this magazine, between February 17th and 20th a catalytic converter was stolen from a car parked outside a resident's home in Axford. The cost of scrap metal has increased of late and this is noticeable in the increase of metal related thefts.

As Spring has finally arrived, may I please remind residents to keep their property secure, mark expensive tools and machinery and keep sheds and outbuildings secure with good locks, alarms if possible and good sensor lighting.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

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UPTON GREY NEWS

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T@3

Yes, we are back and so very much looking forward to getting together again and enjoying a really good catch-up, not to mention a proper English tea. We are setting our sights on Thursday 29th July at Barn Cottage (Jill and Terry Lestrille). So, this is one for all our diaries and will only be changed by events out of our control. Nearer to the date, it would be helpful to know if you are coming and whether you need a lift. Just in case you are new to the village, T@3 is held once a month in normal circumstances and is held in different houses in the village. Everyone of retirement age is invited to a traditional tea, meet friends and wander round the garden if weather permits. We look forward so much to seeing you all.

Barbara, Viv and Jill (862131)

Upton Grey Tennis News: April, June and August!

Junior Tennis Coaching Courses - Ages 3-15 Years

All being well with Covid19 restrictions, we hope to run the Junior Tennis Coaching this year, during the Easter and Summer holidays. The provisional dates are as follows:

- Easter Holidays: Monday 12th - Friday 16th April
- Summer Holidays: Monday 9th - Friday 13th August

Please email me at slivingstonbooth@gmail.com, Susannah Livingston Booth, if you are interested in your child/children signing up for the Easter course and I will let you know if it is going ahead, once we have confirmation. So please do not pay for the course at this stage.

Tennis Mix-In Evening: Thursday 24th June: Time: 6pm

Meet at the Upton Grey Tennis Court. For ages 16 and over. All abilities welcome! Many thanks. Susannah Livingston Booth, Tennis Committee Member, M: 07957 401174

The Summer Dinner Dance

The Summer Dinner Dance and the Flower Show is normally held on the second Saturday in August. This year that will be Saturday, 14th August. I have reserved our normal Disco for that evening so please put this date in your diaries. However, at the time of writing, the Flower Show committee have not yet met in order to decide if the Flower Show will be going ahead and even, if so, whether it will allow the dinner dance to take place. So please await further announcements.

Roger Clark

The Autumn Festival

I have heard from the Hoddington Arms as follows –

“We will soon be releasing our opening plans. However, the pandemic has taken its toll on the business and the financial loss is real. We are just thankful that we have scraped through and able to open the doors again. It is unfortunately going to take us time to build the business back to where we started before any of us heard of Covid-19. With this in mind we are going to have to bow out of this year’s Autumn Festival as we are not able to support the event as we have been able to historically.”

So, the afternoon event will not happen, but we will be going ahead with the evenings bonfire and fireworks display starting with a procession from the Hodd at 7.15pm. We will also be holding our Guy Fawkes in the Village competition with online voting and a cup as first prize. The firework display has been booked for Halloween eve, Saturday, 30th October - so please put the date in your diaries. **Roger Clark**

Superfast Fibre Broadband - An Update

This is currently still on schedule for installation throughout Upton Grey and Weston Patrick etc. in Autumn of this year. Unfortunately, Openreach have still not committed to include the Little Dean Lane community and I continue to regularly chase them on this. **Roger Clark**

New Facebook Gardening Group: Odiham, Warnboroughs and Greywell Gardeners and their Gardening Friends

This group has been set up for people who enjoy gardening and allotments in our local area, where they can exchange tips and ideas and enjoy the pleasures of gardening, help each other with any gardening difficulties, post photos of what you are growing as the seasons change. There will be no commercial advertising or personal business promotions, this gardening group is all about the pleasures of gardening. Please search for [facebook.com/groups/211388550738809/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/211388550738809/)

Happy Gardening, Group Admin Team

Upton Grey Toddler Group

We have been unable to open for almost a year now, due to Covid, and being unable to use the Hall. I have taken the decision that, after 26 years at the helm, I am retiring from running the group. Would anybody be interested in taking it over? Please email me if you’re interested, ideally it needs a few people to spread the load, but I ran it by myself for a long time. **Victoria Williams-Smith, tillyws@aol.co.uk**

Village Hall 100 Club – February Draw

First prize this month was won by S Barnes. Second prize T Buckley. So far in this VH year (August to July) we have awarded £980 in prizes.

Brian Thrussell

“She Stoops to Conquer” on Church Meadow, Upton Grey

Sunday August 8th at 4pm

Rain or Shine Theatre Company are returning for their annual performance in Upton Grey and this year it is: She Stoops to Conquer - an 18th Century farce for all the family.

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So, pack your picnic, rugs and chairs, pop open some bubbly and sit back and relax in the summer sunshine, while we whisk you away to the time of big wigs, and even bigger dresses, where fops and foolery abounds!

Tickets - cost £10 for adults and children over 11 - will be on sale soon! For any further information please contact: UptonGreyDrama@gmail.com

Have an Old Computer? Help a Hardworking Student!

With remote learning now in full swing, it is more than ever essential for children to have a computer at home. This is just a reminder about Lions Club’s scheme to recycle old computer equipment to support deserving students and school children. Do you have a spare computer or computer equipment that we can collect from your doorstep? If so – or if you have any queries – please contact me. I can arrange to collect from you, and the team will then clear it of data, recycle it and deliver it to someone who can really benefit from your generosity. Many thanks.

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Margaret Haynes

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

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Herriard Gardening Club News – April

April is a busy time in the garden, but in between the jobs take time to sit in the sun, listen to the birds and look out for insects starting to emerge.

The Wildlife- friendly garden

Our gardens are mini ecosystems. By attracting a variety of bug life we can help stop the decline of insects and encourage other wildlife such as birds, hedgehogs, frogs, toads and slow worms into our gardens. For successful wildlife gardening we can adopt a less manicured look and a ‘live and let live’ philosophy, allowing a balance of insect species - pollinators, predators, prey and parasites - to live, feed and breed in insect friendly places in the garden. Check out the websites below for ideas to achieve this.

Avoid using any pesticides in your garden but find other nontoxic alternatives. Synthetic pesticides are not only toxic to more than the target organism, but they are also highly energy intensive to produce. You want to encourage predators to your garden that will eat the pests!

Gardeners hate slugs and snails, which will start to become active with warmer wetter weather. They love young plants and can quickly decimate your new plants overnight. Nematodes are naturally occurring microscopic worms which, when used early in the season, will organically kill slugs in the ground. Follow the instructions precisely to water them into moist soil. Nematodes act as a biological slug control that won't affect other wildlife, pets or children. Wildlife that preys on slugs and snails can only be effective if slug control methods are harmless to them. Traditional slug pellets contain metaldehyde which is harmful to wildlife in the food chain. Other chemical free solutions to

slug control are coffee grounds spread around young plants or a beer trap, egg/seashells or a ring of copper tape around an individual plant or pot.

Useful websites to encourage insects and other wildlife to your garden: [rhs.org/science/conservation-biodiversity](https://www.rhs.org/science/conservation-biodiversity), [wildlifetrusts.org](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org), [nationaltrust.org.uk/features/nine-ways-to-build-a-wildlife-friendly-garden](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/nine-ways-to-build-a-wildlife-friendly-garden)

Jobs for April:

1. Sweet peas can be planted in the ground when the weather warms up, two to each upright, dig a deep hole and fill the base with well-rotted farmyard manure, keep watered and tied in.
2. Put stakes and supports in for herbaceous perennials, especially Delphiniums and tall plants.
3. Repot potted plants into fresh peat free compost or top-dress plants in containers, removing the top 5cm of old compost and replacing with new.
4. Seed potatoes - plant chitted earlies, earth up as leaves appear.
5. Sow lettuce, rocket, spinach, dwarf beans, carrots, parsnips outdoors.

Gill Hill

Herriard Litter Picking, Sunday April 11th

As I'm sure you have noticed, there is a lot of litter on our roads and verges at the moment. Last year, the village litter pick was cancelled due to Lockdown, but after the 29 March this year, when the 'Rule of 6 outdoors' is allowed, the Parish Council thought we would run it this year with social distancing.

The Herriard Village Litter Pick will be between 10.00am and 12 noon on April 11th starting from the Royal British Legion Hall, King Johns Lane.

Litter picking sticks, litter sacks and high visibility tabards will be available to use. Please bring your own gloves. Owing to Covid restrictions we will not be able to provide refreshments at the hall.

We require you to read the guidance regarding dangerous materials, lifting and handling and to sign a form agreeing that participation is at your own risk. This information is available to view on the Herriard Village website and on the day.

So, come along and enjoy a walk in the fresh air, while helping to keep our village tidy and litter free for the benefit us and our wildlife. This is a great way to start our Greening Herriard Phase 2 campaign, which is all about reconnecting people with nature. So please join in if you are free on this day, but, if you can't make it, take a bag and pick up litter that you happen to see when out walking.

For more information contact: **Gill.hill@herriard-pc.gov.uk**

Farming Monthly News

March and April are very busy months at the dairy. In addition to milking and feeding the cows and feeding all the young stock every day, we roll the grass, mend the fences, spread muck (apologies if you're downwind!) and plant maize. All of these are totally weather dependant and my first port of call every morning is my weather apps.

The cows have been milking extremely well this winter. Our oldest cow, Shrek Lady 6, has just yielded over 150 tonnes of milk in her lifetime so far. Lady is now 13 years old and has produced 10 calves. Five of these calves have been heifers who have now produced heifer calves of their own, so Shrek Lady 6 has her own little dynasty going on in our herd. She is one of those lovely cows that you don't really notice in the day to day, who goes about her daily duties quietly and without fuss. If her progeny turns out to be as good as her, then they really will be special.

Our second oldest cow is a completely different character. Shottle Primrose 3 is a right madam! Primrose is one of the best-looking cows we have ever bred, and she knows it. There is no point in trying to get her to do something if she doesn't want to do it, she'll do it only when she's good and ready. Primrose has just produced over 140 tonnes of milk. We now have her daughters, granddaughters, and great granddaughters in the herd but it's obvious who the boss still is.

Mum and Dad started farming here in 1958 and we've been pedigree since the early 1960's. Many of the cow families we have can be traced back to then. This is what's fascinating about breeding cows, with Artificial Insemination (we can use the best bulls from around the world), Mating Programmes (we can choose the best bull for a certain cow), Genomic Testing (a blood sample can tell us if a particular cow will be good or not), there is still a large proportion of breeding that is down to good stockmanship, nature and luck.

As with any breeding, whether it be dogs, horses, guinea pigs and most definitely people, having the perfect parental match does not necessarily produce the perfect offspring!

All our cows have individual characters. One of the best times to spend with the cows is when we do our night checks. We check the maternity ward to make sure no one's calving and wander round each group of cows in each of the four robots. The cows are relaxed at night and the particularly friendly ones will come up and give you a nuzzle and we'll have a little chat. The standoffish ones will just give a sideways glance and walk the other way.

For all the modern technologies available to us, farming still comes down to the basic principles of good stockmanship, excellent animal and plant husbandry and treating nature with respect. If we don't look after our animals and the land we farm, then they will not look after us.

Joe Ives

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Help CPRE Hampshire protect the North Hampshire Downs

As you may know, plans have been put forward by Portsmouth Estates to build a large Garden Village around the area of Farleigh Wallop, Basingstoke. The proposed development, 'Upper Swallick', would cover an area the size of central Basingstoke and consist of at least 2,500 dwellings, situated in the stunning countryside, south of Basingstoke.

CPRE Hampshire has now carried out an assessment of the proposed area of land, and has concluded that it is countryside and green space of such high quality, as to qualify as 'Valued Landscape', requiring protection. CPRE Hampshire considers that the 296 hectares (over 730 acres) of land to the south east of Basingstoke and south of the village of Cliddesden is a Valued Landscape and an essential part of a tract of Valued Landscape extending north-eastwards from Farleigh Wallop to the Grade 1 listed Hackwood Park. Additionally, the area sits within a larger tract of downland landscape stretching from the M3 to Farnham – the **North Hampshire Downs**. If implemented, the proposed development would irreversibly harm some of the finest rural chalk downland landscape. The North Hampshire Downs provides the most beautiful views of undulating farmland stretching into the distance and in all directions and is an area considered the 'lungs' of Basingstoke.

Can you help CPRE Hampshire and local campaign group STaNHd (Stand up for North Hampshire Downs) protect this beautiful and special area of Hampshire downland.

How you can help

1. Write to your Basingstoke Councillor - [Find Councillor - Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council](#)
2. Sign the STaNHd petition by the end of March, currently standing at over 7,000. [Petition Protect the North Hampshire Downs. Change.org](#)
3. Look out for and share our social media posts. Facebook <https://en-gb.facebook.com/CPREHants/> Twitter https://twitter.com/cpre_hampshire

CPRE Hampshire has submitted its landscape assessment to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's planning department. In addition, CPRE Hampshire are talking to local politicians and experts to ascertain whether the whole North Hampshire Downs could be designated as an AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). **Please act now and make your voice heard!!**

Natalie Hargreaves

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Joseph, Jesus's Father, is often depicted as a Carpenter!

May we introduce you to a group of keen woodworkers, the Southern Fellowship of Woodworkers (SFWW), who meet within our benefice at the medieval Cross Barn in Odiham on the fourth Thursday of each month at 19.30. With the current COVID regulations, meetings are held online using Zoom.

Our fellowship brings together woodworkers with a passion for woodwork, whether enthusiastic hobbyist or skilled professional. Come along to a meeting and find out or visit our website www.sfww.org.uk. Once the lockdown restrictions are eased, the monthly meetings will resume in the autumn at the Cross Barn and continue to be broadcast using Zoom.

The Cross Barn has excellent facilities which have been recently upgraded. SFWW invites speakers from a range of woodworking skills to give very interesting and wide-ranging presentations with the focus on the use of wood.

Anyone who might be interested in joining the group or attending a meeting should in the first instance contact the Secretary, Tim McGinn by email at secretary@sfww.org.uk or call 07785243433.

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David Woodward - February 2021

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

We held our AGM in March via Zoom and discussed our plans for the coming year. Our next meeting will be on



Tuesday 21st April at 7:30pm via Zoom when we will be welcoming Ann Lewin to talk to us, although the subject of her talk has yet to be decided. Ann is well known within this diocese for her books, her spiritual reflections and her poetry, so we are looking forward to hearing her. Do contact me if you would like to know more.

We are still keeping in touch with the families who used to attend our Sunflower Café, and many of them are enjoying the weekly Zoom sessions hosted by the Vine Church. Just before Easter we will be sending them Easter eggs and spring flowers. We are hoping that by the Autumn we will be able to hold face-to-face sessions in the Vine Church once again, and we are really looking forward to that.

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

Morland Choristers' Camp Sunday 25 July to Sunday 1 August 2021

A residential course for young singers aged 9 to 17 years. The adventure starts here... we hope... Plans are progressing for Morland Choristers' Camp to go ahead this year, as we try to celebrate our postponed 50th anniversary. Young people have lost out so much over the past year, and although our plans may well be derailed we go forward in hope. Since 1970, over 3,000 children and parents have discovered the magic of Morland – a unique blend of music-making and 'summer camp' activities in the stunning countryside of the Eden Valley, near the Lake District. Our all-inclusive residential course offers children bags of fun, new friends and freedom to express themselves in a safe, supportive, Christian environment with first class care.

The course is open to all singers aged from 9 upwards, who may be members of church choirs, or school choirs, or other choirs – or who may just enjoy singing! Its unique feature is that over the years it has developed into an extended 'family', with a main age range of 9-17 and an even mix of boys and girls, offering first-class choral training in the highest traditions of the Church of England but in the atmosphere of an adventure holiday.

The week offers a busy, exciting mix of good music and good company. It is planned so that everyone has fun as well as working hard. Activities centre on the church and the grounds of Morland House

<https://morlandhouse.net/>. There is a camping site for the boys, girls sleep in the Village Hall, and meals are taken in the school. A typical day has rehearsals in the morning and evening for a wide variety of music. Most afternoons are devoted to non-musical activities, for example a dam-building competition in a mountain stream or Morland's particular version of 'Sports Day', plus the most competitive croquet tournament ever.

The week concludes with a number of exciting performances. Evensong is sung in Carlisle Cathedral on Friday, then on Saturday a secular concert, in Penrith Methodist Church, which includes staged musicals, and possibly folk songs, spirituals and chart hits. On the final Sunday, the Camp processes down the village street to morning Eucharist in the church. Then, in the afternoon, tea for parents and friends culminates in a prize-giving, which includes an award for the most 'professional' chorister and the presentation of the group Challenge Cup. This leads on to the closing Choral Evensong, for which Morland Church is always packed. There are some 20 highly qualified Staff with musical and/or pastoral training and experience.

If you know of any young singer who would enjoy this experience, then please encourage them to have a look at the website <https://morland.org.uk/> where it is also possible to sign-up. There is an accompanied train from London (Penrith 3 hours).

The Odiham Music Foundation was so impressed with the experience of some of the children from All Saints that it has very generously offered to fund two bursaries for children from the Benefice who otherwise would not be able to attend. The fee is £360. There are no auditions – so all that is required is the courage to sign up for the first time.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please contact Frances Yeowart (trustee) at: francesyeowart@outlook.com or 07774163217. I would be delighted to hear from you.

The Alton Choir that can't stop Singing!

It has not been the best time for the arts, but Alton choir, Luminosa, has been keeping alive its passion for music throughout the pandemic, firstly on-line each week on Zoom and, more recently, for 8 weeks before the subsequent lockdown, at their regular rehearsal quarters of The Maltings in Alton. Inspired by its talented and charismatic choral director, Rebekah Abbott, who is currently Head of Voice with the Royal Marines Band Service, and its patron, Neil Ferris, Chorus Director of the BBC Symphony Chorus, members are always motivated to excel, and Covid-19 has not diminished the choir's ethos of singing captivating music at a high level of expertise.

The ‘connectedness’ of the Choir is one of the mainstays of its success. During the pandemic this has been a particular blessing, sustaining the emotional and mental health of its members, young and old, enriching self-esteem, confidence and community, through singing. The Choir was due to celebrate its 10th anniversary with a landmark concert in Odiham in March 2020 with an exciting programme of music, including an inspiring commission. Plans are being made to celebrate Luminosa’s decade of choral success. For now, the main choir, Luminosa Voices, are rejoicing in Haydn’s Creation, full of unsullied optimism expressed in some of the most lovable and life-affirming music ever composed. This is in preparation for a summer concert which the Choir is optimistically planning, to include Haydn’s magnificent oratorio and other positive music full of light and hope, with singing by the Chamber Choir, Luminosa Chamber Voices, along a similar theme.

Luminosa Rising Voices (ages 10-16) and Luminosa Young Voices (ages 6-11) are creatively led and managed by youth music specialists Jonathan Upfold and Josh Robinson.

They are working on an exciting virtual choir project in which young singers are collaborating in the composition of an original song, which they will perform on-line later in the year. Luminosa is always keen to hear from new members! Why not come and trial a rehearsal for free? Information about the work of the choir, its ethos and how to get in touch can be found on the website www.luminosamusic.com.

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What is a nature reserve?

If you’ve ever visited a nature reserve, you’ll know how special they can be. Nature reserves are treasure troves of wildlife



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wonders, often hosting exciting rarities which have sadly become uncommon in the wider landscape. They enrich our lives, are essential for wildlife, and form part of our natural heritage.

The Wildlife Trusts collectively put a great deal of time and resource into protecting the rich and diverse habitats in our nature reserves – part of our effort to create a thriving natural world. By caring for these unique, ecologically valuable sites, we safeguard them, and the wildlife that depends on these places, for the future.

The Wildlife Trusts manage around 2,300 nature reserves across the UK, ranging from an entire mountain in Scotland to a single ancient hawthorn tree in Norfolk. Locally, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust manages over 50 nature reserves, including expansive moorlands, ancient forests, stretches of coastline, wildflower meadows, and small patches of wildness in urban areas.

In our nature reserves wildlife is the top priority. You may notice that they differ from your standard country park, in some cases certain areas may be closed to the public, or dogs might not be allowed or have to be kept on leads. Some species are highly sensitive to disturbance – if you see a ‘no entry’ sign it could be because ground nesting birds, vulnerable to trampling, are just beyond. If we ask for dogs to be kept on leads, it might be that wetland birds are roosting nearby, or cattle are grazing.

Our Reserves Officers are responsible for looking after the sites in the Trust’s care. They are experts in their field, and they manage their reserves sensitively to benefit specific species or improve habitats. Sometimes, old-fashioned methods like coppicing and hay cutting are employed, or conservation grazing takes place to encourage certain plants. This will often be explained in signage as you enter the nature reserve.

We want all our nature reserves to reach their full potential, so while you’re walking in them and enjoying the wildlife, take note of any signs you see, and encourage those you’re with to behave responsibly. With the cooperation and support of local communities, our nature reserves can create invaluable opportunities for wildlife, and people, to flourish.

To find out more about our nature reserves visit our website: hiwwt.org.uk/nature-reserves. **Claire Thorpe, Communications Officer**

New Walks in Hampshire

Please see www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants for new walks in Hampshire! With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks plus contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more.

Walking in Hampshire is part of the Walking in England suite of websites - www.walkinginengland.co.uk - one for each county in England that has brought it together in one place. With walks from half-a-mile to twelve-miles-plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So, check out the websites and get walking! John Harris, email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

12-16 Apr		Upton Grey Junior Tennis Coaching	
24th Jun	Thu	Upton Grey Tennis Mix-In Evening	6.00pm
3rd Jul	Sat	Upton Grey Fete	
29th Jul	Thu	T@3, Barn Cottage, UG	3.00pm
8th Aug	Sun	She Stoops to Conquer, Church Meadow, UG	4.00pm
9-13 Aug		Upton Grey Junior Tennis Coaching	
14th Aug	Sat	Summer Dinner & Dance	7.30pm
25th Sep	Sat	Upton Grey Harvest Supper	
30th Oct	Sat	Autumn Festival Bonfire & Fireworks	7.15pm

HALLS FOR HIRE

(subject to government guidance and local constraints)

Upton Grey Village Hall for hire from £8.50 per hour. Functions, meetings, parties, private and commercial. Full kitchen facilities, central heating and sound system, chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery available. Contact Elaine Lewington on 01256 862894.

The Royal British Legion Hall, Herriard, available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, and events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables and chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. To reserve, email bookings.herriardrbllhall@gmail.com, or contact Tracy Crawford on 07769 220390 or Stef Lewis on 07779 454528.

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