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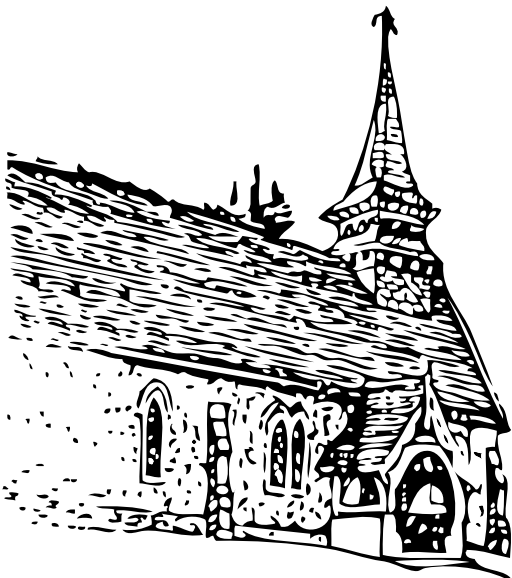
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – July 2021
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

From the Benefice Ministry Team



Within this small Island which we call home can be found a rich tradition of eccentricity. It is not quite clear why we have a concentration of such a characteristic compared to other nations – it could be due to a compulsion to disrupt a culture historically bound by complex rules of etiquette and propriety or it could simply be a means of trying to entertain ourselves during the perpetual drizzle.

Whatever the reason, there is a rich culture of eccentricity running through national life, whether it is collecting odd trinkets, engaging in decidedly odd social behaviour, or developing unusually intense relationships with animals.

The clergy, of course, are no exception. Take, for example, the Reverend Robert Hawker whose behaviour was extremely odd even by the extremely high standards of his home county of Cornwall. Rev Hawker, whilst a Curate at Bude, decided that he had a dual calling. In addition to being called to be a Priest he was also called to be a mermaid. And so, one evening he made a wig out of sea-weed, wrapped an oil skin around his legs and rowed out to a rock in Bude harbour where he sat down and began to sing. Several days later quite a crowd had gathered to hear the ‘mermaid’ sing and the performance went on for several weeks until either the weather turned too cold, or a local farmer, fed up with the nightly wailing, fetched his gun from the cabinet.

Having competed his curacy, Fr Robert took a living in the parish of Morwenstow, conveniently located so far from civilisation (and his Bishop) that he would be free to indulge yet more strange behaviour. Whilst at Morwenstow he is credited with starting the tradition of the Harvest Festival and for excommunicating one of his ten cats (who regularly made up the majority of his congregation) for catching and killing a mouse on a Sunday. As he grew older his behaviour became increasingly bizarre and he eventually died. But only after having written what has now become the un-official Cornish anthem ‘Trelawny’.

The legacy of the batty Reverend is still visible today in the smallest property owned by the National Trust.

‘Hawkers Hut’ was built by Hawker out of driftwood collected from ship-wrecks and here he spent many a happy hour in a haze of opium, writing poems that don’t make sense and chatting to the birds. A fitting tribute to the first, and possible last, ordained Merman.

At the other end of the ecclesiastical scale we find the Right Reverend and Right Honourable Frederick Hervey, Earl of Bristol and Bishop of Derry (1730-1803). An unusual choice for Bishop, owing to his self-declared agnosticism with regard to the existence of God, Hervey spent more time playing leapfrog than he did on his diocesan duties. The Lord Bishop was famous for lining up the deans of his cathedral on the lawn and then spending many happy hours jumping over them. He found other imaginative ways to use the clergy for entertainment, including throwing lavish dinner parties for ambitious clergy and then, having watched each participant eat to excess, offering promotion to whoever could complete a demanding assault course in his garden in the quickest time immediately after pudding.

What’s the point of this editorial you may well be asking yourself? Well, really just to raise a smile, bring a little joy and to avoid talking about the dreaded pandemic. And that I think is enough.

On behalf of your significantly less eccentric clergy team, who are always happy to call round for a chat, pray with you or for you, welcome you to services, or indeed play leapfrog, or a host of other garden games!

Rev Simon Butler

(North Hampshire Downs Benefice Rector)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding Francesca Amandini and Andrew MacPherson at St Mary’s Upton Grey on June 5th

Wedding Georgina Partridge and Stephen Talbot at All Saints Tunworth on June 12th

CHURCH NEWS

New Curate

On July 4th, our new Curate Amber Beresford will be ordained at Winchester Cathedral. Amber joins us with her family, husband Toby and children Simeon, Mary and Bernie. The family have most recently been living in Bristol whilst Amber undertook ordination training at Trinity College. Amber and her family will be living in Odiham, and she will exercise ministry across the whole benefice.

Church Services

Sunday 4th July

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

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Morning Service

Thursday 8th July

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

Sunday 11th July

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

11.00am **Weston Patrick** - Holy Communion Common Worship

6.00pm **Tunworth** - Evensong

Thursday 15th July

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

Sunday 18th July

9.00am **Tunworth** - 1662 Morning Prayer

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

5.00pm **Weston Patrick** - Evensong

Sunday 25th July

9.00am **Tunworth** - Pet Service

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Rose Sunday (service in the Cemetery)

11.00am **Herriard** - Pet Service (Lee Farm, RG25 2PE)

Rose Sunday

On July 25th, the Rose Sunday service will take place at **Upton Grey cemetery at 11.00am**. This is an opportunity for those who have lost loved ones to come together and remember them (please see details in the Upton Grey News section, later in this magazine).

Pet Services

Also, on July 25th there are two **Pet Services** - **9.00am at Tunworth** and **11.00am at Herriard**. Everyone is welcome at either service with all well behaved and non-dangerous pets! Please note **the Herriard service is at Lee Farm, RG25 2PE**, not at the church (please call Fiona Ives on 07867 973266 if you aren't sure where Lee Farm is).

Children's Holiday Club – Seaside Rock!

We may not be able to head overseas this year, but we're inviting you to Seaside Rock, the 2021 Holiday Club Programme for age 4-11 at **Upton Grey Church Meadow on Monday to Thursday August 2nd to 5th** - with a family beach day on Friday 6th!



Expect exciting games, hilarious dramas, creative crafts, giant sandpit, ice cream van and much more...

Register now through www.moretolife.church, or for any queries email youth@moretolife.church.

Services online or telephone-based

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

In addition to streamed services, the Church of England has established 'Daily Hope', a telephone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. The line, which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044, has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.

Private prayer

In this group of four churches, **St Mary's Upton Grey** is open for private prayer on **Wednesdays and Sundays** from **9.00am to 5.00pm**. **St Lawrence Weston Patrick** is open for private prayer on **Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays**, usually from **9.00am to 5.00pm** though times may vary. St Mary's Herriard and All Saints Tunworth are available for private prayer on the same basis as before Covid.



KidsZone

Hi Everyone!

Well, June turned out to be a bit of a month of competitions!

Youth@MoretoLife enjoyed a sunny environmental afternoon on the first Sunday in June, run by the amazing Millie from Naked Refills, a local zero waste store based in South Warnborough.





I'm not sure whether the highlight of the session was getting to make mud pies (otherwise known as wildflower seed bombs!) or enjoying the winning prize of a yummy milkshake from their store... But great fun was had all round and well done to the winning team – The Green Samaritans!

June was also the month that children from all the local primary schools and Odiham Cubs were invited to write a prayer or design a poster all about why we pray. Prizes (Cheeky prayer pandas) were highly sought after! Some really great entries at the time of going to press – winners are being informed in mid-June.



July's youth activities will include a pool party, where we consider what it means to be baptised and make a commitment to God, and a community garden dig, where we learn how a church serves the community together. If you'd like to join with others your age who enjoy fun activities while learning about God and our place in His world, why not join us on the first and third Sunday of every month? Younger group from 7-11, older session 11+. Also keep your eyes peeled, if you are over 11, for information about a youth benefice pilgrimage, where we will be camping in churches around the Benefice. Get in touch on youth@moretolife.church for more information.

See you next time!



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Andy Jones' New Police Report

A collision occurred between a van and a motorcycle on the 14th June just before 3pm on the A339 near the Hackwood Lane junction. Unfortunately, despite great efforts from the emergency services the motorcyclist, I am sorry to say, did not survive. Hampshire Police are asking if anyone may have Dash Cam footage, or you witnessed anything to contact the Police on 101 or anonymously on 0800 555 111. Please refer to ref number 44210233054 when making contact.

On 11th June, a report of ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) was reported to Police suggesting excess noise in Upton Grey 'park' which continued into the early hours of the morning. This appears not to be a frequent occurrence at this location, but the local Officers will add to their patrol plan when local to the area. Between the 7th & 8th of June a theft occurred in the area of Hoddington. Between said dates, Animal Management items have been stolen to the value of £200.

Two incidents of criminal damage reported as a result of vehicles having been driven over crops. One in Upton Grey and the other in Moundsmere. A vehicle was seized in Ellisfield on the 4th of June after being involved in Hare Coursing. Middle Copse in Cliddesden continues to attract youths as a gathering point causing excess littering and on occasions Anti-Social Behaviour. Police are monitoring the situation and attending on occasions to resolve this issue. Landowner is aware and suggestions made as to a long-term resolution.

Note: Police received a report that a spare wheel previously attached to a 4x4 vehicle, had been stolen. It's possible that this may not have happened at the owner's home in Preston Candover, but elsewhere.

Local Rural Police continue to meet and engage with local residents and are keen to understand what they see as their priorities for Police to concentrate on, in the area in which they reside. Please continue to feedback views to local Police Staff / Officers. **PCSO 13301 Andy Jones** Andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.police.uk. Basingstoke Rural South, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Tel. 101

PS: On behalf of everyone in the villages, we would all like to thank PC Andy Reid for his dedicated, detailed and excellent good-humoured work since 2004, the same year I started editing this magazine and, in conjunction with Andy, introduced PC Andy Reid's Report as a regular article. We wish him all the best in his retirement, and with his move to Wales. Like others, I always looked forward to his characterful articles! Ian (Ed)

New Policing Situation

To reiterate points from last month, we now have a PCSO Andy Jones who is supporting a PC Ross Holdsworth. Our first point of contact is Andy Jones. Always ring 999 if it is serious, then contact Andy Jones afterwards. Andy Jones' contact details are: andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Andy Jones is PCSO for Rural South which on the map reads Whitchurch, Overton with Laverstoke and Steventon, Upton Grey and the Candovers. He joined Hampshire Constabulary in January 2007 initially covering Basingstoke Town Neighbourhood Team and in 2016 he was requested to attend the rural team, Rural South, where he is now.

This is a very large patch, and he is not always available at the end of the phone. He is more than willing to meet members of the community and asks that contact is made by email, which he will always reply to the earliest opportunity. Please do not report crime direct to PCSO Jones but use 101 or online www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime

All non-emergency suspicious incidents can be reported to Andy Jones, and he will be attending parish meetings as and when he can. We wish both of them every success. **Ian (Ed)**

Introducing HCC Councillor Juliet Henderson (Candovers, Oakley and Overton Division)



I have been living in North Hampshire for over 25 years with my husband, children, dog and other pets. My career started in the City and, after having children, I became a Maths Teacher. Since 2010 I have worked part-time in Parliament. This has shown me first-hand how a collective approach is important in addressing local issues. The opportunity to represent residents is a great honour. I am passionate about preserving the integrity of our villages, equipping our children for the future, and creating an environment in which business can thrive - and offer apprenticeships and jobs for our young people.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns. With best wishes, Juliet. **Cllr Juliet Henderson**, Candovers, Oakley and Overton Division Juliet.henderson@hants.gov.uk

UPTON GREY NEWS

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Upton Grey Drama Group presents 'Promenade' on Sun July 4th

Upton Grey Drama Group presents 'Promenade' through The Old Vicarage garden with readings and poems by kind permission of Richard & Carol Butler-Adams on Sunday July 4th. Tickets are £10 (including a glass of bubbly) in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Start timed tickets:

6.00pm/6.20pm/6.40pm/7.00pm/7.20pm/7.40pm/8.00pm

In order to keep everyone 'safe', there are only 10 tickets available for each timed group. Each timed group will start by being given a glass of fizz, and then move to 7 different parts of the garden to be entertained by the Upton Grey Drama Group. As each timed group moves on the next timed group starts which will minimise contact with too many people. 5 of the performance areas will have enough chairs for all the group. Each of the 7 performances will be about 10 minutes long, and each time escorts will guide each group to the next part of the garden, for the next piece of entertainment.

To reserve your tickets please ring: Alison on 07502341112 or Sarah on 07535089890 or email: UptonGreyDrama@gmail.com, Please state your preferred start time and under new Government guidelines you will need to provide the name and contact phone number for each member of your party. Looking forward to seeing you all on July 4th!
Sarah Gray (Producer, Upton Grey Drama Group)

Rose Sunday, 25th July

As in previous years, this service will be held on Sunday 25th July at 11.00 a.m. in the cemetery. It is an opportunity for those who have lost loved ones to come together and remember them and to lay roses on their graves. We remember all those who once lived here, and were a vibrant part of village life and who were our friends and neighbours. This year especially the service will provide a space to stand and recall the past year, the times of lockdown, the months of frustration, anxiety and separation, and to pray for God's help and healing. Please feel free to bring your own flowers if you wish but there will be buckets of roses to lay on every single grave and memorial stone so that none are without a sign of remembrance. On a practical note, there is some seating in the cemetery but not a lot so do bring a garden chair if you need to be certain of a seat.

Please bear in mind that the ground is uneven and there are rabbit holes in places so walk around with care. Any queries please ring me, **Jill Lestrille, 862131.**

Tea@3 Upton Grey – Thurs 29th July

A reminder that T@3 is being held on 29th July at Barn Cottage by invitation of Jill, Terry and the team. It will be so lovely to meet again after such a long while. It would be most helpful if you could let one of us know that you plan to come along, also if you need a lift. If you are new to the village, and are of retirement age, or have not been before, please do feel very welcome to come and join us for a traditional English tea and conversation. **Jill Lestrille (862131) Barbara Anderson (862627) and Viv Anscombe (862445)**

‘She Stoops to Conquer’ Sunday 8th August at 4pm in Church Meadow Upton Grey

‘Rain or Shine’ Theatre Company return to Upton Grey (for the 4th year!) and this time it is to perform Oliver Goldsmith's ‘She Stoops to Conquer’ an 18th century farce for all the family. On Sunday August 8th gates open in Church Meadow, Upton Grey at 3pm for picnics (& bring your own seating) and the performance starts at 4pm.

Tickets are £10 for adults and children over 11 years old.

Here is the link for online sales via Ticketsource:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rain-or-shine-theatre-co/she-stoops-to-conquer-at-church-meadow-upton-grey/e-krdxyj> or you can email: UptonGreyDrama@gmail.com if you would like the Upton Grey Drama Group to organise the purchase for you, with cash or bank transfer. Plus, you can pay on the ‘Rain or Shine’ credit card hotline 03306600541 (standard UK call rate). Whichever way you would like to purchase tickets, under new Government guidelines, you will need to provide the name and contact phone number for each member of your party.

Looking forward to seeing you all there! **Sarah Gray** (Producer for Upton Grey Drama Group)

UG Harvest Supper, in aid of St Mary’s Church, Sat 25th September

Saturday 25th September (fingers crossed!). Further details will be will sent out in due course. **Adele Dunkley**

Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club Draw – May

Winners in the May draw were:

1st Prize C. Holroyd and 2nd Prize N. Plunkett

The Autumn Festival Saturday, Sat 30th October.

The **evening** Autumn Festival is going ahead, and all parties have confirmed their support. The start time will be **6.00pm** (not 7.15pm as wrongly previously advised by me) on Halloween's Eve. 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. Cups for the winners of both competitions will be presented outside the Hoddington Arms at the 6.00pm start time.

Full details www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk **Roger Clark**

Upton Grey Village Tennis Court – Tennis Season!

Tennis Mix-In:

We hope to have a fun mix-in later in the year – COVID dependent

Upton Grey Tennis Coaching for Children

Summer Junior Coaching Week: 9th–13th August. All abilities welcome. For further information please contact Susannah Livingston Booth: slivingstonbooth@gmail.com

Increasing usage and resurfacing of the court

If you know of anyone in the village or its outlying areas who might be interested in playing tennis, please encourage them to join. We are very keen to see this happen. After many years of good service, the court will be resurfaced in the Autumn. **Charles Holroyd**

Superfast Broadband Update

Openreach recently emailed me regarding the installation of superfast fibre broadband in our area: 'Everything is now in place and our work is progressing. All of the tasks required are now being built into our workforce system and we are currently working with our suppliers, the power companies, the local council and Highways Agency where needed as deployment gets underway and we enter the build stage of your project. You may not see our engineers working near to your community, as they may well be working at any point along the route from the local telephone exchange. We will be in touch with you again over the next few months with further updates.' It is good news that the installation project has now commenced, but I have no idea of the timescales involved. Ever since November, I have been regularly texting, voice mailing and emailing Openreach for further information and in particular on the status of the 'Little Dean Lane community' which includes David Janaway et al but have never received any response. There seems to have been a change in our customer service contact so maybe things will now improve. **Roger Clark.**

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

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Fur and Feathers Herriard Planned Events

- ***Saturday 7th August: Live Music with the Whispering Pines*** (60s, 70s, Americana) with local lad Adam £10pp plus BBQ
- ***Saturday 11th September: Spanish Night.*** Details to follow.

Greening Herriard



Last year, Herriard was one of the first communities in Hampshire to have finished Phase 1 of the Greening Campaign to work towards making small changes in lifestyles to reduce carbon emissions. If you took part in the campaign last year, I hope you have tried to continue with those energy saving ideas, and aim to be less wasteful. Together we saved 33 tonnes of CO₂ doing the simple measures on the Greening Herriard cards. Information about Greening in Herriard and sustainable schemes in the area can be found on the Herriard website.

Herriard Parish Council have signed up for Phase 2 which includes '**Rewilding**'. We want our community to step forward to make changes and reduce our negative effect on the environment. We will be the second parish to start Phase 2 in Hampshire, and which is being supported by Hampshire Wildlife Trust. As well as restoring wildlife habitats this also restores carbon absorbing habitat. A wildlife meadow can capture and store 3 tonnes of carbon or 11 tonnes of CO₂ per hectare annually. Lowland meadows have declined by 97% and 41% of UK species have declined.

We will be launching Phase 2 with a Greening Herriard Activ8 Rewild Card with a choice of 4 activities on the back and 1 activity everyone can do at home in the garden. We want everyone to donate at least 8 hrs to the activities specified, which will include dates and locations. There may be other activities that are not on the card, but they might be ongoing or longer-term projects that the Parish Council will continue with the support of local residents. As well as the suggestions on the Greening Card, any activity you choose to do for the benefit of wildlife can count as an activity. The Activ8 scheme asks that you make some cardboard cut-out 'Activ8' coins (2p size) which you collect at home whenever you give time to an environmental or wildlife activity.

After 6 months or so, you hand in your collection of coins to a collection point. For ideas that you can start right now in your own gardens, the Herriard Gardening Club is writing a series of articles in this magazine, giving practical tips on wildlife gardening. These ideas also count for collecting Activ8coins. After Phase 2 has finished, we will then be signed up as a Wilder Community which will be supported by Hampshire Wildlife Trust after the Greening Campaign has finished so we can continue some of the good work we start. Watch out for the Activ8 Rewild card coming soon.

If you are interested in being part of the Greening Herriard Rewilding Committee, or for more information please contact **Gill Hill** by emailing: gill.hill@herriard-pc.gov.uk

Herriard Gardening Club

Members of HGC have started to meet up, starting with Brick Kiln Cottage in early May to see the wonderful bluebell display in Barbara and Kay's woodland garden. We hope to meet up again over the summer in each other's gardens and see some of the newly created garden projects that were carried out during lockdown.

The HGC allotment at Nashes Green has been slow to get going, due to the cold weather in April and May, but with warmer conditions, young plants are starting to grow. The allotment holders meet up one Saturday a month to catch up with jobs, share advice and swap plants. The greenhouse was cleaned, and broken glass replaced. A new bed for planting heat loving plants such as chilli's, peppers and aubergine has been created. If you are interested in gardening and would like to meet up with other local folk who enjoy gardening, please contact GillianRVenning@gmail.com for information about the club. We welcome new members.

Wildlife Gardening - Starting a mini wildflower meadow

At the end of May with the arrival of warmer weather I sowed some annual wild-flower seeds. My first sowing at the end of April in a corner of the lawn in bare patches of lawn, in full sun, about 1 m square, did not germinate. The grass quickly took over the area and the weather was too cold. This time round I took up the turf, levelled and firmed the soil before scattering the seed thinly and evenly (1g per square m) raking it slightly and watering daily. This time the seeds have germinated. This small patch will be a pollinator buffet, attracting bees, butterflies, moths and other insects. Many annual wildflowers will regrow the following year by reseeding.

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Herriard Farming News - June

June has arrived and has brought the warm weather with it! The maize got planted albeit 2 weeks later than planned but it has gone into good conditions and come up looking well, which goes to show that the right conditions are more essential than a date in the calendar. Maybe my grandfather was right after all...the month of rain that we got in May seemed tedious at the time but has been welcomed by all the crops and is what we missed this time last year, with the spring crops in particular, getting a better establishment and are looking more filled out than last year.

In addition, the Winter crops that were looking thinner have benefitted from the rain and now the warm weather. The big surprise for us is how well the Hybrid Rye has recovered, that we have growing down in Weston Patrick, after looking like we would have to write it off, it has bulked out a lot more than we thought it would. Admittedly it's not going to break any records, but it is pleasing to see it recover. This was following the barrage of 'Frit Fly' that were eating away at it as it was emerging through the seedbed. June also brings Haylage/Hay making for us, which as I write this, we have just cut and will aim to bale it at the weekend (12/06/21) with the weather looking set fair this week. The grass has also benefitted from the rain in May and is looking to be a good crop as well this year.

The arable crops will get their final fungicide this month and then we will close the gate on the fields until harvest time. The Fungicides have certainly proved their worth this year as with wet and warm weather it is a breeding ground for disease and there is the odd spray miss where the crop has turned yellow where it hasn't had the same protection and is full of 'yellow rust'. The aim as Arable farmers is to keep the crops as green as possible, for as long as possible, allowing a healthy plant to produce as much grain as possible. With regards to grass weeds in the crops, this year has seen a much higher pressure, and this would also be down to the warm/wet weather.

This is an ongoing problem that arable farmers are having to battle with, as the 'Traditional' way of farming relied heavily of a can of chemical that worked well and 'almost' solved your issues. Now with very little chemicals left to choose from, we are having to grow a wider variety of crops and not to plant too early in the Autumn so we can get a good kill-off weeds and then plant afterwards. This comes with the risk of the weather turning wet and stopping us from either getting the crop planted at all or just being planted into more adverse conditions.

These tactics would seem ridiculous to the ‘Traditional’ farmer but if we want to farm profitable in the future, we have to take care of these issues or we could have a serious problem of chemical resistant weeds that we can’t do anything about. Looking towards the end of the month/ early July, we will be hoping to start our harvest with the Hybrid Rye. The Rye will be foraged and clamped ready for the AD plant that will be fed into the digester, to produce electricity. **Will Cheyney.**

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From Sheila Stranks, Family and Friends

‘If you want something done, ask a busy person’. Mem was adamant, even insistent, that I was ideal to help out as I tried my very best to explain that I really didn’t have the time. Goodness I had to be in the US the very next day, and I didn’t have time to chat! That’s fine she said, you are perfect for this, you will just get on with it and get it done! I had no answer to that.

Mem herself lived by this oft-used expression throughout her life: a Borough councillor, successful businesswoman, totally besotted grandmother (as many would testify after seeing the latest photos), mother, mother-in-law, schoolteacher, Parish magazine editor, and churchwarden. She loved books, was an enthusiastic member of a book club, would have many on the go at one time. With several other friends in our villages, the Cheltenham Book Festival was a great favourite, and the joy in 2019 of introducing it to her two grandsons, was utterly infectious. She was famous for her pavlovas and her dinner parties at Reeds Farmhouse.

Mem was Treasurer of Help Hoima, a Trustee on the Board of St Michael's Hospice and was a volunteer driver for medical appointments. She was a great organiser! She saw projects right through to the end with a persuasive manner, from getting sponsorship for the St Lawrence Church's, Weston Patrick, gold star ceiling from Star Energy to village raffles obtaining vouchers from local businesses. She epitomised the 'can do' person. A connector of people, a giver of wise counsel, a community advocate and backgammon champion – Mem always saw opportunities not problems and if she couldn't do it, she always knew someone who could. Our villages of Weston Patrick, Weston Corbett & Upton Grey were just a few of the many groups who benefited enormously from having Mem in our lives until her recent death. It was quite astounding how much she packed in, to quote a family member: 'Mem did a lot of living in her 71 years'.

From her school days growing up in Australia, she demonstrated both her intellect and drive with a scholarship to Menzies College, Melbourne that kick-started her intellectual endeavours after school. When she took her MBA at Cranfield, it was back in the days when women were outnumbered 10:1 by men in such pursuits. Mem married Edward FitzPatrick (a fellow Cranfield student) and came with him to live here in North Hampshire, first in Upton Grey and then in Weston Corbett, where many of us in the readership of this magazine got to know her and her indomitable character.

Mem joined the PCC of St Lawrence, Weston Patrick and became a churchwarden for ten years. Friends on the PCC recall many evenings spent round kitchen tables discussing church matters over a bottle of white wine, conversation flowing. Mem was a much-admired Church warden in Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett. She represented a type of practical religion that forms the backbone of the local church, and the communities they serve. She contributed to countless community and church activities – fetes, flower shows, safari lunches and harvest festivals. Mem didn't just organise us all, she baked biscuits and brownies, cakes and sponges, cooked meals and laid tables, moved furniture and set up stalls. She believed strongly that group effort could achieve something greater than the sum of their parts. Many of the much-loved group events in our Benefice were introduced by Mem. During part of her tenure as Churchwarden, it was a difficult time for St Lawrence, but huge amounts of work by Mem and her fellow wardens was done to keep it up and running, and it was fitting that her funeral service was held there on the 18th of May.

Mem's interest in her community, saw her fulfil many projects and she was as happy being involved in everything from some quite lively discussions with the Diocesan Offices at Winchester on the subject of the quota, to being a member of the flower and cleaning rota. Mem was always the first on the doorstep with flowers, particularly orchids, should one of us not have been well or in hospital. She started many local church traditions of Christmas tree ornaments for the Carol Service, children readers, Easter Eggs, Mother's Day bunches of flowers, and the St George's Day Lunch.

Do any readers have the Parish Cookbook? Mem was the editor, as well as the idea and organisation behind the 2nd edition of the Four Parishes Cookbook (Ed: Still on sale in the UG Shop!). Bringing the community together was a lifelong passion.

There was no denying that Mem was full of vitality and energy. A great raconteur with a phenomenal, near-encyclopaedic memory for people, places and dates. A big intellect and always interested in news, arts, politics, literature, and gossip. She was always prepared to challenge and adopt new ideas. She enjoyed telling multiple stories of her travels with Edward in his vintage cars - she stoically coped with the uncomfortable seats and sometimes both she and Edward had things to say about each other's driving or navigating! Despite living in the UK for 45 years or so, Mem's connection to Australia was strong. She would return to Australia regularly spending time with her brothers, their families and her many lifelong friends. Mem had a somewhat stereotypical Australian love of BBQs. This love of the grill, and of entertaining and welcoming others into her home never stopped throughout her life and many readers will remember very jolly times with Mem! Not even the worst the British weather could throw at this Aussie girl could tame her love of the grill, and family can remember her cooking a roast on the BBQ, a glass of white wine in her hand, at Christmas time as the snow fell thickly on the doorstep of Reeds Farm.

Mem was fascinated by people, their lives and their interests, and loved nothing more than chatting with friends, old and new. She had a spectacular memory for people's names and interests and the vital details of their lives. She was also amazing at keeping in touch with her old friends at a distance or across the seas – indeed her family have said that having looked at her phone bills, they really should have bought shares in BT! Since Mem's death, friends have reflected on her kindness, support, and ever-practical help to them in times of real difficulty, strife, or sorrow even despite her own health struggles of which she rarely complained.

From all that has been said about Mem, it's clear she was a character. In the words of one friend – 'there can only ever be one Mem, can't there?' She will be missed. By **Sheila Stranks**, with considerable contributions from Edwina, Michael and Edward FitzPatrick and friends in Weston Patrick and formerly of Weston Patrick.

Further Reminiscences

As Judge Mark Courtney Stewart has said, she was 'Mem the Magnificent. Mem cared passionately for local issues and was a forthright councillor, regarded as controversial by some. She was a mentor for up-and-coming councillors, many of whom owe a debt of gratitude'. As John Jervoise has said, 'Mem contributed a huge amount to the church and local community over the years – never looking for thanks – as well as giving us good advice, in her clear and thoroughly straightforward way. She will be fondly remembered and missed by us all'. Certainly, Mem 'interviewed' me to be a Parish Mag editor at Reed's Farm, and we established quite a bond. **Ian (Ed)**

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

The NHS Smartphone App (s)

Something that has received very little publicity or promotion is the NHS App available for free on your Smartphone (Apple iPhone or Android). There are 2 main NHS Apps available:

- **The main NHS App.** This has a wealth of info on it as it links to your NHS number, medical history, prescription details and appointments! Also, on this is the likely COVID vaccination 'passport' you would need if travelling. It has date of 1st and 2nd jab, name of vaccine and batch number. There is also a QR code that can be scanned at airports etc. The vaccine cards that are given out when vaccinated, are unlikely to be accepted widely as vaccination proof, as they can be forged and are insecure.



When using the main NHS App, be very careful to enter your password each time (and do NOT do an auto logon - or else if your phone is left lying around, others could access your medical records!)

- **The NHS Covid App** (used to check into venues, check symptoms, manage contact tracing, entering COVID test results etc). Bizarrely, the NHS Covid App does not contain your vaccine info. **Ian (Ed)**



Covid-19 Rapid Lateral Flow Tests

Help keep everyone safe by routinely testing at home twice a week, even if you have no symptoms, with a free at-home COVID-19 lateral flow test kit. These are available in several ways; probably the easiest are:

- You can easily order these on your Smartphone or laptop / Smart pad - and delivery to your home is usually next day. The link is on the Gov.uk site <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. You get 7 in a box when delivered and can re-order at least every week! You don't need to leave your home!
- You can visit your local participating pharmacy (for example Lloyds) to collect your free box of 7 rapid tests which give you a result in 30 minutes.

Oak Trees

Social Scientists from Forest Research, the research agency of the Forestry Commission, are trying to gauge how the general public feel about oak trees so that they can understand their attitude towards managing oak for future generations. With this in mind, they have staged a competition; here is an extract from the website:

What do oaks mean to YOU? There are many ways we might think about and interact with oaks and oak woodlands; they might engage our SENSES, invoke EMOTIONS, radiate BEAUTY, bring us MEANING, or inspire COMPASSION. But what do oaks mean to you? We'd love to receive your tributes to oaks in the form of text or images, or both! Submit your tribute using the form on our website and you'll be entered into a PRIZE DRAW where 5 lucky entrants will win a £25 voucher redeemable against outdoor clothing/equipment or horticultural goodies.

See more: <https://www.bacterialplantdiseases.uk/odes2oaks.html>

Garden dragons – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

If you have a wildlife pond you may well have dragons visiting your garden! These beautiful insects are awesome fliers

and fearsome predators, and they are a real joy to watch. Let's take a closer look at the fascinating world of dragonflies and damselflies. Dragonflies might be a little more familiar to us, their robust bodies and recognisable silhouette as they dart around the water. Damselflies are a lot more delicate, with thinner bodies and a more unsure flight.



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When these insects rest damselflies tend to close their wings against their bodies while the dragonflies keep them open wide. Their eyes are another key difference – dragonfly eyes are enormous and touch at the top of the head like a visor, while damselflies have separate eyes more in keeping with their body size.



The name for these species together is Odonata, and they are closely related. There are 46 species that either regularly breed in Britain or are common migrants from Europe, with a further ten occasional migrants. They come in a huge variety of colours and sizes and will visit all sorts of freshwater habitats.

Hampshire and the Island, with their many clean freshwater habitats, are home to a diverse range of Odonata. The New Forest, in particular, is a haven for these species.

A wildlife pond is essential if you want to see dragonflies in your garden. The larvae of dragon and damselflies live in water, and the lifecycle can take years from egg to adult. The larvae feed on much of the other pond life, and some can even take small fish! You might have seen their discarded skins which they shed as they grow. Eventually, the larvae will sense the days lengthening and the weather warming and will clamber onto the vegetation around the pond to transform into an adult. You might spot them as they warm up and pump blood into their wings to harden them, ready for flight. Species including the emperor dragonfly, common blue damselfly and large red damselfly will all be some of the first to colonise a garden pond.

Two particularly jewel-like species are the demoiselles. Male beautiful demoiselles live up to their name, their bodies are deep emerald-green, and their wings are smoky black. Not to be outdone, females are more bronze-green, but also have coloured wings. The banded demoiselle is similar, although the males only have a band of colour on the wings. Both live in rivers and streams, so keep an eye out for these summer stunners next time you visit. **Claire Thorpe**, Communications Officer Publications & Media, Claire.Thorpe@hiwwt.org.uk 01489 774400 and 07469 855839

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union



The RAF will be holding their Families Day this year Saturday 10th July and we have been invited to have our usual stall where we provide tea and cakes to the service personnel and their families.

The RAF really appreciate this outreach and our stall is very popular. That means that we do need LOTS of cakes from people both locally and around the diocese. We would love any donations of homemade cakes, but please don't include nuts or fresh cream. If you are going to be away at that time, then perhaps you could make a cake early and we can store it in a freezer until it is needed. If you have a cake for RAF Families Day, then please contact Sue on 01252 845011 or Jane on 01256 702466. Thank you so much for your support.

Our Child Contact Centre in Popley is currently busy, and we hope to reopen our Child Contact Centre in the centre of Basingstoke in September. These centres provide opportunities for estranged parents to meet their children in a safe and welcoming space. We would welcome more volunteers to help at both centres so if anyone is interested in helping with this project, please let me know.

We do not have a branch meeting in July but hope to meet for a social event. If you would like more information about the activities of the Mothers' Union, please contact me. **Sue Murphy**, 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk.

Odiham & Old Basing Health Centre Patient Participation Group

You have probably seen the news coverage of how busy GPs are now, and our Practice is experiencing exactly the same pressures. The key message from the surgery is that they really want patients to come forward if they have worries and concerns about their health. Putting things off can often lead to more serious issues. For those people who need medical attention on the same day the telephone triage system makes sure that those who need to be seen in person get access to a doctor. It also ensures that the surgeries can maintain social distancing measures so that all patients and staff stay safe.

All of us who are comfortable with using technology can help by using the various online options rather than simply phoning the Practice. This means that the phone lines are available for those who need quick attention. You can book appointments, view test results, and access your own medical records via the Practice online services and the NHS App. One of the on-line services, e-consult, has really taken off over the last year. The service is easy to use, and you will get a response within 48 hours either by email, text or a call from a doctor. The pandemic has transformed the way our GPs have to work. We cannot imagine GPs envisaged doing video consultations 12 months ago but now they are a regular occurrence. It has also meant that as patients we are having to learn new ways of getting the advice and help we need.

The purpose of the Patient Participation Group is to work collaboratively with the Practice to help improve services through feedback and sharing patient interests and concerns. As we emerge from the pandemic and the NHS looks to future ways of working this is going to be even more important. If you would like to join the group or feed in your views, please contact us through the surgery website – www.odihamhealthcentre.co.uk - there is a contact point under the section called Have your Say.

NFU Support for Cardiac Rehab Helps Build Community Resilience

NFU Mutual Agents and their staff at the local Alton agency recently nominated local charity Cardiac Rehab, to receive a donation of more than £3,000 from a national £2million 'Agency Giving Fund' launched by NFU Mutual.

Richard Buer, Senior Partner at Alton NFU said: 'COVID-19 continues to have a huge impact on everybody, including our customers and their local communities. Cardiac Rehab has been making a wonderful difference to our community during these challenging times, and we feel extremely proud to hear how our support has made an impact'. NFU will be sponsoring Cardiac Rehab's Autumn Events 2021 which includes the Annual Lecture, this year featuring physicist and **BBC broadcaster Professor Jim Al-Khalili**, Race Night and Concert with the Sidewinder Big Band.

'After a year of cancelled fundraising events, having the support of NFU mutual for the end of this year will make such a difference,' commented Cardiac Rehab Centre Manager Denise Ellis. 'We understand that local businesses, as well as charities such as us, have been deeply affected by the COVID crisis and it is fabulous that Richard and the team at NFU are able to support us. Our upcoming events are giving us all something fun to look forward to and we hope that they will be as popular as ever'. Cardiac Rehab CEO Sarah Quarterman echoed her thanks: 'We are incredibly grateful for the support of NFU Mutual. Most of our income comes from either exerciser fees or event fundraising, both of which have been severely affected by the lockdown restrictions. Sponsorship income and donations will make a big difference and enable us to continue our work with people with heart health issues, helping them to improve their fitness, health and well-being'.

Tales from the Riverbank Photography Competition

For centuries, the chalk streams that feed the Rivers Test and Itchen have inspired residents and visitors alike. Our 'Tales from the Riverbank' photography competition is seeking images that capture the unique qualities of these spaces. Whether you're a camera whizz or a smartphone snapper, if you can showcase these amazing chalk streams, then we'd love to hear from you. We're honoured to welcome photographers Jack Perks and Dick Hawkes as guest judges, as well as the brilliant Megan McCubbin. There are four main categories: Heritage, Landscape, People, and Wildlife. Community Choice and Young Photographer (under 18) prizes are also up for grabs. Winners could receive up to £75.00 of photography gift vouchers. The competition is free to enter and open to Hampshire residents who are not professional photographers. The competition closes on 31st August. Full entry terms can be found on: www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/tales/photography

National Garden Scheme - Hampshire



The 2021 Hampshire Yellow Booklet is a slimmed down version, however, there are many gardens to choose from and this year we have 116 gardens opening (including the gardens opening as part of a Group). This is up there with our recent years. Now at last we've got the sunshine! Perfect weather for Garden Visiting. Maybe you are planning a Staycation - what could be better than visiting a few NGS Gardens - often described as 'Britain's Best Value Day Out'. With the added bonus of the ever-popular NGS Home-made Teas, you can't go wrong. Here are just a few within 15 miles of the villages:

- **1 Povey's Cottage, Baughurst, Tadley, RG26 5SN**

Open: Sat & Sun 3rd & 4th July 12pm to 5pm. Admission: £4.00 children free. Refreshments: Home-made teas. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/37061>. Cottage garden with herbaceous borders, fruit & veg and a wildflower meadow. Also features an unusual natural swimming pond.

- **Combined Opening: Selborne and East Worldham Manor Alton, GU34 3AE and 3AX**

Open: Sat & Sun 31st July & 1st Aug 2pm to 5pm. Admission: £6.00 children free. Refreshments: Available at both. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/15117>. A chance to visit two very different gardens, one, a 1/2-acre plot, a mature cottage style garden and the other a double walled garden featuring fruit, veg, flower borders and so much more...

- **Blounce House, South Warnborough, RG29 1RX**

Open: Wed 28th July & Sun 1st August 1pm to 4pm. Admission: £4.00 children free. Refreshments: Available. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/42155>. A 2-acre garden with mixed planting and colour themed borders.

A visit to one of our gardens means that you are helping to support our extremely deserving beneficiaries. We are the main benefactor to many of our charities, which makes our fund-raising so much more vital. **Pat Beagley** (Publicity), pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk, National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

SMALL ADS JULY

Pick Your Own. West Green Fruits, West Green Road, Hartley Wintney RG27 8LP. Open June to September for a wide selection of PYO & Ready Picked Summer Fruits and Vegetables, Honey, Jams and Free-Range Eggs; and Christmas Trees etc from end November. For information, please call 01252 845772 or visit www.westgreenfruits.com

Keen history student hoping for help. My A-level son has a keen interest in History. To support his interest, he has taken up metal detecting. He and I are hoping to find a little land locally to search, anything from a few acres upwards. We are happy to help out in return with small chores or simple tasks such as helping to remove ragwort from paddocks or trips to the shops. Alternatively, we are willing to make a small payment or donate money to a charity of your choice. If you are interested to find out what history may lie beneath your feet and would be happy for us to spend the day trying to find out, please get in contact: John Lynes jlynes1971@gmail.com 07414 891222

Wanted - Morning Cleaner for The Fur and Feathers, Herriard

3 days per week, must be able to do alternate weekends with some flexibility. £25 per clean, should take around 90 mins. The Fur and Feathers is very much a food-led establishment so cleaning rarely involves heavy de-soiling! This would be a job share arrangement with our current cleaner. 01256 510510

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

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.

4th Jul	Sun	Promenade, The Old Vicarage, UG	timed tickets
10th Jul	Sat	Mothers' Union Families Day	
24th–25th Jul		BBDF Scarecrow Trail, Chineham / Sherfield	
25th Jul	Sun	Rose Sunday, UG Cemetery	11.00am
29th Jul	Thu	T@3, Barn Cottage, UG	3.00pm
2nd–6th Aug		Children's holiday club, Church Meadow, UG	
7th Aug	Sat	Fur and Feathers Herriard: Live Band and BBQ	
8th Aug	Sun	<i>She Stoops to Conquer</i> , Church Meadow, UG	4.00pm
9th–13th Aug		Upton Grey Junior Tennis Coaching	
11th Sep	Sat	Fur and Feathers Herriard: Spanish Evening	
25th Sep	Sat	Upton Grey Harvest Supper	
30th Oct	Sat	Autumn Festival Bonfire & Fireworks	6.00pm

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.

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