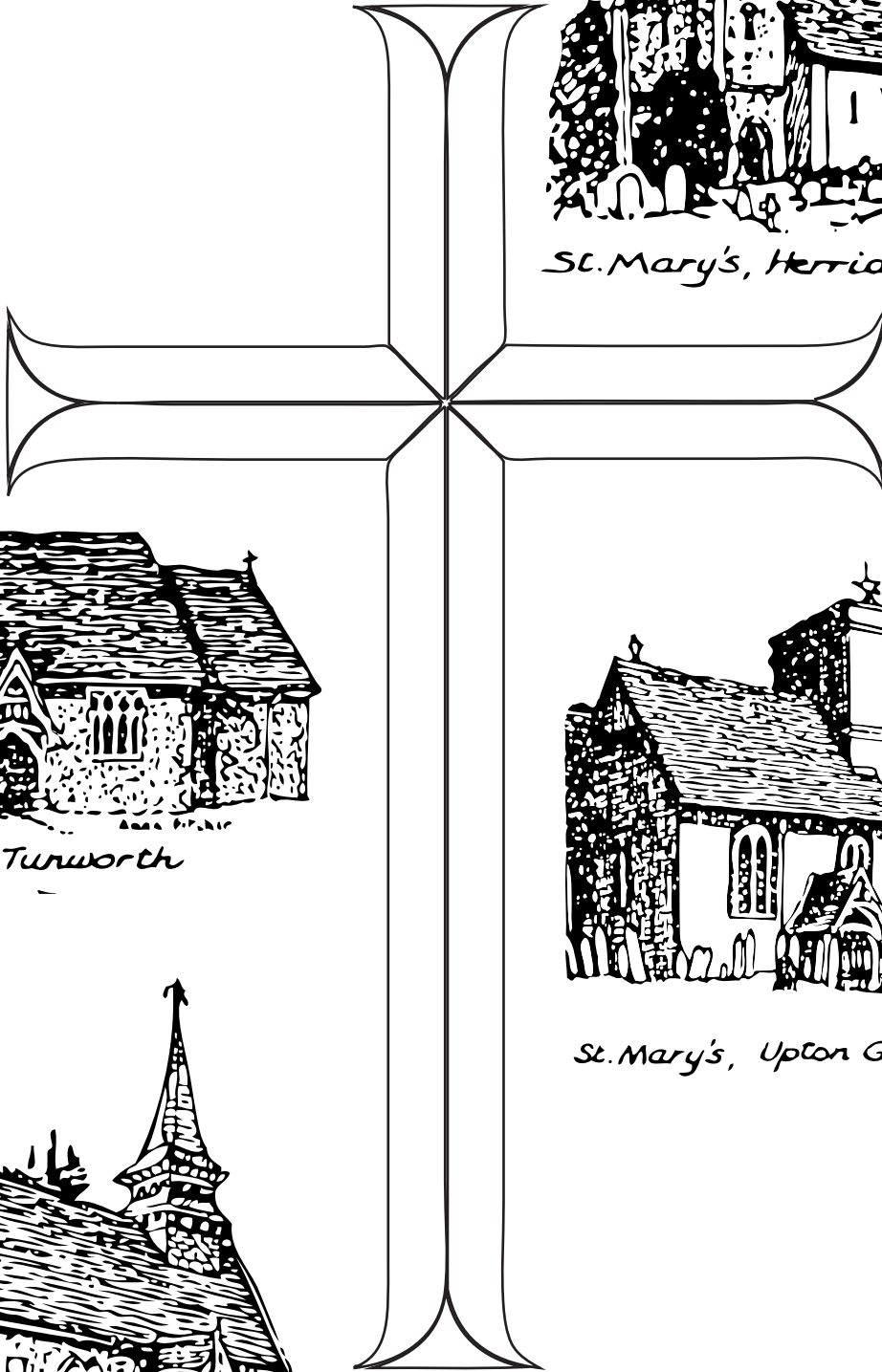


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**December
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Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Ministry Team

As I write this, the question on everyone's lips seems to be: will Christmas be cancelled?

The various media outlets offer wildly different views ranging from prophecies of a Christmas without family, friends or fun (and presumably just coal in our stockings) to glad tidings of 'it will all be over by Christmas'.

One thing that seems at least relatively certain is that Christmas 2020 will be rather different from Christmas 2019, 2018 etc etc.

But I find myself wondering, is that altogether a bad thing? Of course not having the whole extended family to visit will be a bit sad (the upside being less washing up), the thought of not being able to sing at our ever popular carol services is a bit dispiriting, and no Christmas market and Ice Skating outside Winchester Cathedral is a bit of a downer. But maybe, just maybe, this Christmas – though different – could in its own way be rather wonderful.

Perhaps it might be a simpler and more holy Christmas rather than a season of generalized sentimental benevolence that is used to sell hard-pushed people stuff to give to other people who don't really want it? (*Thanks to Rev Giles Fraser for that line.*)

Perhaps it might be a Christmas of rediscovering the wonder at the heart of the familiar story of the creator of heaven and earth appearing in a humble guest room of a first century home, heaven having given up its King and the hope of the world invested in a helpless child rather than a Christmas of Slade and Mariah Carey and slightly awkward office parties. Perhaps this Christmas might be more ... well ... like Christmas?

Each year the Church of England runs a Christmas campaign. This year it centres on the theme of Comfort and Joy. Over the last nine months we have been reminded of our limited ability to control our own destiny and we've faced a stark reminder of our vulnerability. Many have faced loss, loneliness, hardship and fear.

Perhaps this year more than ever we need to reflect on the message at the centre of Christmas, the message that so easily gets lost amongst the trimmings and distractions of the season: that God is truly with us.



And because of this most wonderful truth, Comfort and Joy can be found in even the most difficult of circumstances.

This Christmas may well be different, but it might be just what we need as we get ready to receive afresh the one who changes everything and speaks words of Comfort and Joy to us.

Speaking of Joy, it brought me untold amounts of the stuff to realise that Contagion Rules is an anagram of Nicola Sturgeon.

On that note, all that remains is for me to wish you all an Advent and Christmas full of Comfort and Joy...

Revd Simon Butler (Benefice Rector)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral Malcolm Reffell at Basingstoke Crematorium on November 5th

Funeral Don Duffin at Basingstoke Crematorium on November 17th

CHURCH NEWS

A season of Comfort and Joy

It is very much hoped that public worship will be permitted again once lockdown ends on December 2nd. The four churches are eager to hold seasonal services as close to normal as is allowed and is safe. But the requirements for distancing mean that, sadly, the seating capacity of churches is much lower than it used to be. Therefore, in order to fit in as many people as possible while still adhering to Covid-19 guidelines, for some services you are asked please to **email in advance to book places**.

Booking for services (Christingle, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day)

For services taking place on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and for the Herriard December 13th Christingle service, **please book by emailing:**

- *fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk* for **Herriard** (or call 07867 973266);
- *allsaintschurchtunworth@gmail.com* for **Tunworth**;
- *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 before the **booking deadlines**, which are:

- the end of **Thursday 10th December** for the **Herriard Christingle** service;
- the end of **Tuesday 22nd December** for the **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** services.

Places will be allocated in the order that bookings are received - so please book early to avoid disappointment!

December services (government restrictions permitting)

The December services in this group of churches are as follows:

Sunday 6th December

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

9.00am **Tunworth** - 1662 Morning Prayer

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

Sunday 13th December

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

4.00pm **Herriard** - Christingle (*booking required*)

5.00pm **Tunworth** - Evensong

Tuesday 15th December

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

Thursday 17th December

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

Sunday 20th December

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

6.00pm **Upton Grey Churchyard** - Carol Service (see next page)

Christmas Eve

4.00pm **Upton Grey** - Nativity Service (*booking required*)

11.30pm **Upton Grey** - Midnight Communion (*booking required*)

Christmas Day

10.00am **Herriard** - Christmas Day Service (*booking required*)

10.00am **Upton Grey** - Christmas Day Service (*booking required*)

10.00am **Weston Patrick** - Christmas Day Service (*booking required*)

11.00am **Tunworth** - Christmas Day Carol Service (*booking required*)

Sunday 27th December

9.00am **Upton Grey** - Benefice Holy Communion Service.

Holy Communion services on Christmas Day

For anyone wishing to attend a Holy Communion service on Christmas Day and not able to attend the Midnight Communion at Upton Grey, there is a 9.00am service at All Saints Odiham. Numbers are likely to be high, so early booking via nhdbchurchservices@gmail.com is advisable (please be sure to mention the December 25th 9.00am Odiham HC service in your email). There are also HC services at South Warnborough and in the United Parish, though numbers at those services may also be high – if you would like to know more about them please contact Nick Willmer (WillmerN@gmail.com or 07860 300888).

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.

Upton Grey Carol Service: 6.00pm Sunday 20th December

St Mary's Upton Grey is determined to foster a spirit of as much Comfort and Joy as possible by hosting a Carol Service which is as close to normal as circumstances allow. It won't be the same as in previous years - it will be in the Churchyard, and congregational singing is not permitted - but there will be a choir and well known carols and readings and we shall all make the best of it! You don't need to book, but please wear warm clothes, and bring your own mulled wine and mince pies – plus, if it looks like rain, some way of keeping dry!

Services online or telephone based

With some parishioners not in a position to attend church services, the streamed traditional Sunday service is continuing. It is available from 9.15am – search YouTube for ‘North Hampshire Downs Churches’. (Please note that the time of the ‘premiere’ is now 9.15 rather than 9.00.)

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 **10.00am 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.

Explore Life, Faith and Meaning – a new Alpha course

There's never been a better time to do Alpha!

We're starting a new Alpha course online (using Zoom) in January, and would be delighted if you'd like to join us.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment. Each talk looks at a different aspect of faith and is designed to create opportunities to ask questions. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: hospitality, a talk and good conversation. The talks explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith? to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us? The course is free of charge.

Alpha is great whether you're exploring faith for the first time, or you've been going to church for years but want to re-visit some of the foundations of your faith.

Why not join us for the intro evening on **Wednesday 20th January at 8pm**, and see what you think? We look forward to seeing you!

For more info, contact **Revd Chris Dudgeon (01256 702918, chris@moretolife.church)**, one of the local clergy team in the North Hampshire Downs network of churches.





KidsZone

I wonder how many of you have watched ‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe’? It used to be one of my favourite series of books, when I was younger. If you have never seen it, it’s bound to be on at some point over Christmas! Scan this QR code with your phone camera to watch a short clip, showing the children and the beavers crossing the river. The White Witch has Narnia under a spell so that it is always Winter and never Christmas. When Aslan comes to Narnia the spell is broken. In this clip, Winter is turning into Spring and the children are crossing a river that has been frozen for 100 years! Narnia has been in an enchanted Winter and suddenly the Spring comes. Can you see the signs of the spring coming - the ice melting and the blossom growing?



The reason Spring returns is that Aslan has come to Narnia and his power is stronger than that of the witch who has been ruling Narnia.

But why am I talking about Narnia just before Christmas? Well, many people compare Aslan, the lion who comes to save Narnia, to Jesus. The way that the winter disappears when Aslan comes to Narnia is a great picture of the way that Jesus dispelled the darkness of our world when He came. Aslan brings Spring to Narnia, just as Jesus brings life and light into our world.

Just before Christmas, right now in fact, we have a time called Advent. This is the time when we are getting ready for Christmas. I don’t mean putting up the decorations and making the mince pies, but rather thinking about the real story of Christmas, and why God chose to come to Earth. Here is a great Advent wreath craft - scan the QR code to find the link.



If you would like a Nativity kit, to help your family think about the true meaning of Christmas, please email youth@moretolife.church to get in touch with Helen Chatfield. And keep your eyes open for online activities for Christingle and other Christmas events.

Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor
youth@moretolife.church, 07540 140228



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Police Report from PC Andy Reid

Dear Residents

I am pleased to report no major reported crime in the areas of this magazine, we are still however experiencing acts of criminal damage to crops, fences etc. by poachers and sadly local farmers have reported finding dead deer having died after being chased and killed by having dogs set on them. If anyone sees any vehicles out in the evenings on fields panning bright lights across them or up in the trees (they do this to shoot the pheasants roosting in the trees) please let me know. I do however wish to thank the many residents that take the time to report suspicious vehicles and incidents to me from the villages; this is excellent and provides me with a good knowledge of what criminals are visiting our area. Thank you and please continue to do so, it all helps.

Whilst we have had limited crime reported in the area of this magazine, in nearby Preston Candover we had two non-dwelling burglaries reported between 1.30am and 2.00am on Thursday October 22nd in Alresford Road. At one address several builders' tools were stolen, and in the other a red Husqvarna TE 511 motorcycle registration HX61 HLG.

In Chilton Candover overnight of November 8th/9th a Land Rover 90 Defender was stolen from outside a house in the village.

On October 18th between 1.30pm and 2.00pm, two garages were broken into at the rear of Southlea in Cliddesden. Also in Cliddesden on October 29th, in the early evening, two men were disturbed in a garden at a premise outside Cliddesden with torches; they ran off and got into a Honda CRV, which was later found burnt out in Henley-on-Thames. This is a good example of how far these people will travel in a day to commit crime. A van was broken into nearby during the same period.

Overnight of November 10th/11th poachers killed a pheasant with a catapult in Green Lane Ellisfield and caused damage to the field. I suspect these were the same who returned the following evening and were seen in Green Lane and later Bell Lane. I am aware that in Herriard a window was broken after a projectile was fired at a window by a catapult on the same evening. If anyone has any information that can assist, please let me know.

I have just received a call concerning residents walking around the edge of fields known as the headlands. Local farmers have put up fences etc. to indicate that the area must not be walked on, the reasons include

conservation issues, ground nesting birds etc. The landowners have asked if residents could please refrain from clambering over the fences onto the headlands, especially those in the field along the Bidden Road opposite Little Hoddington.

As we enter December may I again remind all residents to please be aware of home security and protecting your property, please use lighting and other security devices to protect your home. Please remain vigilant and report any crime that may happen to you, it is vital that the Police are aware of crimes in our area as it may be part of a much larger series and link in to other similar crimes.

May I conclude by taking this opportunity to wish you all and your families a very happy and safe Christmas period. Many thanks for your continued support which is most gratefully appreciated.

Andrew REID, Local Constable, PC 3746, Tel: 01256 389050, Mob: 07768:776844, andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police

Farming News

With all the crops planted and either well established or just emerging we have done better than last Autumn despite the weather seeming to be a bit Deja vu. Instead of continuous steady rain, we have had extremely heavy dumps of rain with October being exceptionally wet. We measured the highest ever amount of rain to fall in a calendar month at Hyde Farm in October totalling to 219.5mm! With our average annual rainfall based on 800mm, we've had a quarter of our annual rainfall in a month. In comparison to October 2019, we only had 116mm.

This is why we are seeing more flooding around the Village with in particular Herriard Green seeing more flooding of late. The wettest block of fields we farm are ironically some of the highest fields on the farm, they are located behind Hyde Farm on Back Lane looking back down the hill towards Upton Grey. The fall on these fields and the topography means that rainfall run-off either heads down towards Upton Grey or back towards Herriard Green then towards Bagmore lane and eventually onto the Candover valley. No matter what farming technique you adopt, with such a large amount of rainfall there are always going to be issues with flooding and run-off. Our weather patterns seem to be at either end of the scale, from extreme wet periods to extreme dry, which bring their own challenges with farming.

With the newly planted crops emerging, our main job will be keeping an eye on Aphid numbers as they carry diseases that can infect the plants and will eventually kill them. This is where we miss the cold dry winters that would kill off the Aphids.

The grain stores are starting to be emptied, with grain being sold and moved off to the mills. Grain prices have held up well this year so far due to the weather from 2019/2020 affecting the national yields. 2020 has certainly been a year we won't forget; one consolation would be how much we all appreciate food on the shelves - or should I say toilet rolls! - with local stores and farm shops showing their worth now more than ever, keeping local communities supplied with food and essentials and the local pubs adapting by supplying takeaway meals and essentials as well.

With all the field work nearly done for the year, this is the time of year we wash all the kit and service to pack away ready for the spring. They say no two years are the same... so we will be looking forward to 2021 with promise.

Will Cheyney

News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School

We are unable to run our Open Events for parents of children starting school in September 2021 in the usual way this year, due to Covid restrictions, however we are still very keen to give prospective parents a genuine feel for what makes our school special. We have arranged three 'Zoom' events, which will be an opportunity for you to find out some key information about our school and to ask any general questions. These events are taking place on Friday 20th November (9.45am), Thursday 26th November (6.00pm) and Friday 11th December (9.45am). Should you have some more individual questions to ask, I am offering follow-up telephone appointments. We are very much hoping to also offer individual Covid-safe tours of the school from 3rd December.

Please contact the school office to book onto a 'Zoom' session and to make a provisional booking for an individual tour. The school office is open 8-4.00 Monday to Friday: adminoffice@longsutton.hants.sch.uk or 01256 862238.

Christmas will also be looking quite different at school this year, although we are finding creative ways to ensure that the children still find the joy in the season and enjoy celebrating. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Hannah Inglis, Headteacher**

Reminder: Virtual PTA Christmas Raffle

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- A cake donated by Fountain Malls Coffee Shop in Odiham
- A flowering plant from Moutan in Odiham

Raffle tickets are £1 each. Please pay online using the following link: www.goldengiving.com/raffle/longsuttonvirtualchristmasraffle and you will receive your virtual raffle ticket confirmation by email. Please ensure you tick the box which states “Do you wish people to contact you by email?” when entering your details so that you are notified if you are a winner. Raffle tickets are available to be purchased online only from now until Thursday 10th December 2020 at 6.00pm. You will be notified by email if you are a winner, and prizes will be available to collect on Saturday 12th December 2020 from the school (time to be confirmed), delivered to you that weekend if you are local and unable to collect on that day or sent through a pupil from the school.

Good luck and thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

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Importantly, the trees are supplied by a good quality, family run, local business who are members of the British Christmas Tree Growers Association. They grow only top-grade trees and will be supplying them to us at wholesale prices, which means we can offer them to you cheaper than you would be able to find in a garden centre, while also raising money for the school.

If you'd like to support the local school by purchasing through us, please go online at www.long Suttonpta.org.uk or call 07989 965857.

Charlie Badminton (on behalf of Long Sutton Primary School PTA)

UPTON GREY NEWS

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We Shall Remember Them

Remembrance Sunday (this year on 8 November) is always very much the focus of our National Remembrance commemorations as we remember all those who have fought and died in Wars and on Her Majesty's service over the years. Men and woman who have given their lives so that we may live in freedom. We as a nation have so much to be grateful for and this time of year is a time to remember that sacrifice.

This year saw a very different National service with the ceremony at the Cenotaph much changed by the need for social distancing, but no less poignant, than in previous years. Very few veterans were able to attend the ceremony at the Cenotaph, and many were also unable to attend their local Ceremonies as we continued in Lockdown. So many veterans and their families looked to other ways to mark this important time of year.

Recent arrivals in Upton Grey, June and Derek Gale with local resident Bob Wade, found their own way to remember our fallen.

Derek, who served in Northern Ireland and Aden amongst other difficult regions, like Bob achieved the rank of WO1 (Warrant Officer First Class) and both Derek and Bob were also appointed as a Regimental Sergeant Majors within their regiments. They, along with Derek's wife June, found their own very special way to remember their fallen but never forgotten comrades.

In advance of the lockdown, on the 3rd November, they decided to conduct their own wreath laying ceremony at St Mary's Church War memorial, taking some time to remember fallen comrades and all those who laid down their life for our Country. Just one very special way, despite lockdown and its restrictions, that The Fallen were remembered.



Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club Draw

The winning numbers are drawn at the monthly Parish Meetings. For October, the first prize was won by D. Scott (106) and second prize by D. Seabrook (149).

TEA@3 for December

Dear Friends, another month has passed, and we have not managed to get together – sadly we are unable to meet up for our usual Christmas Tea this year either! Let's hope we can make up for it in 2021!

Just to let you know – there was £50 in the kitty from the raffles, so this has been donated to Barnardos where we know it will be put to good use this Christmas time. This is a very difficult and worrying time for all of us – obviously we all hope to be able to spend Christmas with our families and friends, and we hope that whatever happens you will be able to do so. Let us hope and pray that 2021 will be a better year for us all.

With all good wishes and stay safe!

Barbara 862627, Jill 862131, Viv 862455

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2013 - 65, 2014 - 61, 2015 - 97, 2016 - 90, 2017 - 70, 2018 - 80, 2019 - 70.

Your shoeboxes will make a difference to many desperately poor families and elderly people living lonely, isolated lives. When you have nothing, something simple can make all the difference.

Debbie Bridle, Viv Anscombe, Sarah Gray

Supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

As you will appreciate, I was unable to have my usual coffee morning and craft sale for charity due to Covid 19. Hopefully I will be able to hold it once things have calmed down and we are able to mix again. My charity for this year was to be the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation which conducts research into why certain people get Type 1 Diabetes and finding a cure for it.

(Editor's note: If you would like to support the Charity in the meantime please find them online at www.jdrf.org.uk)

I hope to organise another Open Gardens in Upton Grey, preferably the first week of June when the roses are out. If you are able to take part or would like more information don't hesitate to contact me, I would be happy to let you know the format. It would be wonderful to have some gardens that have not been opened before.

Margaret Haynes

Upton Grey & Beyond - fibre / superfast Broadband Update

Most people will have been updated via flyers or our local email circulation system, but to summarise:

- Openreach have completed their detailed survey and offered to provide free fibre connection to applicable (nearly all) houses in Upton Grey, Weston Patrick, Corbett and Mark and part of Tunworth.
- This is on the basis of sufficient residences pledging government support vouchers to them. Hopefully, we will achieve sufficient pledges from our residents.
- You can now pledge your vouchers
- go to www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity.

- Once you have pledged, contact your area representative (for info go to the website below) and inform that person of the date you pledged.
- Note that you do not need to order a new fibre package until the fibre installation is completed next Autumn hopefully.
- The disruption caused by installing fibre should be minimal and nothing like the horrendous disruption caused by the sewage pipework currently being laid along Weston and Bidden roads.
- If things go according to plan there is a good chance that fibre will be fully installed by October 2021.

All the above points are explained in much more detail on the Autumn Festival website. Go to www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk and click on Upton Grey Superfast Broadband on the top line. **Any queries**, please contact **Roger Clark**, estelle.clark@btinternet.com or 01256 862 776.

Upton Grey Parochial Church Council (PCC) needs a new Treasurer - Can you help?

Upton Grey PCC needs a volunteer to take over as our new Treasurer. You do not need to have served on the PCC, or even be a regular churchgoer: the main thing is to be willing to help maintain St Mary's Church as the centre of village activity. So, can you help?

Treasurer's role

The Treasurer does not need to be an accountant – it is more important that a potential Treasurer has enthusiasm and wants to do the job; indeed, the post of Treasurer is voluntary and is therefore unpaid. There will be a good handover from the previous treasurer that will cover most of what the new Treasurer will need to know and do. There will also be some training provided, and previous Treasurers will be on hand for advice and mentoring.

Skills and Characteristics Required

- Reasonable financial competence, the ability to use accounting software and spreadsheets, and an understanding of double entry bookkeeping.
- Have an understanding of the parish, its needs and challenges.
- Willingness to attend PCC meetings (4 per year, and the meetings usually last about 2 hours), not only to deal with financial matters, but also in order to be aware of the PCC's plans.
- Be able to explain financial issues clearly, both to the PCC and to the general church membership.
- Be able to maintain confidentiality, particularly with respect to matters that relate to individual church members, e.g. their personal giving.

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Key Tasks for our Treasurer

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 - Pay invoices
 - Update accounts in Finance Coordinator software
- Monthly – about 2 hours at the end of each month
 - Bank reconciliation
 - Check Parish Giving spreadsheet and Standing Order spreadsheet against receipts in bank
- Quarterly – about 2 hours per quarter
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- For PCC meetings (also quarterly) – about 2 hours to prepare
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- Annually – about 6–8 hours at the end of the Financial Year
 - Prepare Annual Accounts for examiner
 - Prepare Treasurers Annual Report
 - Submit audited accounts to the Diocese
 - Prepare Annual budget

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Simon Butler, Vicar
Geoffrey Yeowart, Churchwarden
Sarah Barnes, Churchwarden

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St Mary's has sadly lost regular income due to Covid restrictions. New ways have now been added to help both churchgoers and non-churchgoers to donate, even if the Church is closed. St Mary's is entirely reliant on funds raised locally and receives no money from the government.

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Where donations go and how they are used

All money donated to St Mary's goes into the Upton Grey PCC bank account. It is used to meet the running costs of St Mary's and its ministry in our village. Normally, like other churches, St Mary's also makes a substantial financial contribution to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund (CMF). This covers the cost of our parish clergy, housing, pension contributions, training and (to a lesser extent) support for less well-off parishes in the Diocese. Our CMF contribution is currently running at a reduced level due to our loss of income resulting from cancelled fundraising events and inability to take collections in church.

Simon Butler, Vicar
Geoffrey Yeowart, Churchwarden
Sarah Barnes, Churchwarden

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

www.herriard-pc.gov.uk

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

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

Herriard Ex-Services Club 2020 Poppy Appeal - Colour in a Poppy

Wow! Thank you for all the entries in our 2020 Poppy Appeal - Colour in a Poppy. Entries from Barnaby (7 mths), Alice (2.5 yrs), Finley (3.5 yrs), Stanley (4 yrs), Alfie (5 yrs), Noah (6 yrs), Lacylu (6 yrs), Elliot (9 yrs), Alfie (9 yrs), Polly (10 yrs), Rosie (11 yrs) and Aaron (24 yrs). They were displayed on the hall windows and looked fantastic. Congratulations, judging a winner was just too difficult so everyone received a gift for taking part. We raised £22 for the Poppy Appeal.

Jen Falconer

**Herriard RBL Hall Christmas Fair: November 29th 10.00-3.00****Cancelled**

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the proposed Christmas Fair on the 29th November as we will still be in lockdown.

Once we are out of lockdown and have reviewed our Covid-19 precautions, the bar should re-open from Sunday 6th December and the following Friday 11th December, and then Fridays & Sundays. The club bar will be open on Christmas Day from 12 noon to 2pm prompt if you feel like calling in, we look forward to seeing you. We will also be open for New Year's Eve from 7pm. We reserve the right to cancel events at the last minute if Covid-19 regulations change, a notice will be put out on Facebook so please check regularly for updates.

Please note our new email address: bookings.herriardrbllhall@gmail.com if you would like to book the hall for a party, meeting, run a course, etc. in the New Year. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Jen Falconer, on behalf of Herriard Ex-Services Club and Herriard, Lasham & District Royal British Legion Branch

Herriard Garden Club

To keep you gardening all year round, if you haven't got Hellebores, otherwise known as Lenten roses, in your garden, order or buy some from garden centres to give you beautiful flowers in white and shades of pink and red from Christmas through to early spring. They're out when nothing much else is in bloom and are hardy and long lasting, making good cut flowers if you first sear the stem ends in boiling water for 30 seconds. They are better as cut flowers when the flower is mature, when a seed pod starts to form at the centre of the sepals. A source of food for pollinating insects in early spring, they are happy in light shade in moist but free draining soil. Remove old and damaged leaves in autumn. Mulch in spring to reduce drying out.

Jobs for December

1. Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing.
2. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding.
3. Prune open grown apples and pears.
4. Deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted or transplanted.
5. Take hardwood cuttings.
6. Reduce watering of houseplants.

The RHS website is a good source of information for the amateur gardener on how to tackle some of these jobs correctly, with videos showing exactly what to do if you are unsure.

I won't be doing a wreath workshop this year but if you would like to order a natural, environmentally friendly Christmas wreath for the front door, contact me for details: hill3gill@gmail.com.

Recipe of the month

Leek, mushroom and goats cheese strudels - a low fat vegetarian recipe using up leeks as a light lunch or supper dish. Serve with a salad. Serves 4.

Ingredients

- 500g leeks thinly sliced
- 150ml vegetable stock
- 175g chestnut mushrooms, sliced
- 4 large sheets filo pastry
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 90g soft rinded goats' cheese
- 1 tsp poppy seeds

Method

1. Heat oven 200 C. Put leeks and stock into a large pan, cover and cook 5-8mins until starting to soften. Add the mushrooms, cover again, cook 3 mins then remove lid and continue to cook until the juices have evaporated. Tip onto a plate to cool.
2. For each strudel lightly brush half of each filo sheet with some olive oil. Fold the unbrushed side over to make a smaller sheet, two layers thick. Brush the edges with a little more oil. Spoon a quarter of the vegetable along one edge. Crumble a quarter of the cheese over then roll up to seal in the filling, like a sausage roll.
3. Put the strudels on a baking tray, brush with butter or oil and scatter over the poppy seeds. Bake for 25 mins until golden brown.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Gill Hill

Greening Herriard

As I write this, hopefully many of you in Herriard and Winslade took part in Phase 1 of Greening Herriard by putting up the CO2 Challenge cards in your windows and acting on at least five of the challenges on the back. The card count will show how many of you took part in helping to reduce your household or business's CO2 emissions. I will publish the results in the January magazine and on the village Facebook page. Thank you for taking part and to the team who helped me deliver and count the cards.

The scarecrow competition was a great success. We had 12 altogether over a very wet and windy Halloween weekend. My thanks to Helen Chatfield for judging the scarecrows and to everyone who made one. They were all something to smile about in these gloomy times and each one had an important and thought-provoking message. The overall

winner was 'Earth Conscious Living' by Andy and Sandy Casey on Bagmore Lane. A message to people not to throw their rubbish out onto our lanes and countryside.

There will be a break in the Campaign for a few months over winter, but please don't stop making those small changes in lifestyle that reduce waste in our use of electricity, water and food. Keep the card up to remind you and spread the word to friends and family about the Greening Campaign.

At the next virtual Parish Council meeting, I will be recommending that we take part in Phase 2 of the Greening Campaign. This is all about the environment and how we can come together as a community to help nature. If you are interested in joining our small Greening Herriard team to help organise events in Herriard and Winslade next year, please contact me. If you have special skills or have something to say on the subject of the environment, again, please contact me. I hope that next year we may be able to hold a public meeting with some 'Green' events that will enable people to come together and push Climate Change into our hearts and minds.

Wishing everyone a very happy, non-wasteful, locally sourced, less materialistic Christmas!
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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Odiham Voluntary Care Group: Stay Well this Winter

To help you stay well during the colder months, here are some tips, collated by Hart District Council from trusted sources.

- Stay warm. Heat your home to at least 18° C (65° F). If you can, make the room where you spend the most time slightly warmer. 'Hitting the cold spots' can help if you are struggling to keep your home warm. Telephone 0800 804 8601, Monday-Friday 9.00-5.00.
- Keep active. If able, try to get out for a daily brisk walk (make sure you dress appropriately for the conditions) or get active at home. More information at www.energiseme.org/getting-active.
- Eat and drink well to help keep you in good shape and fight off infections.
- With less sun in winter, Public Health England recommends taking a daily supplement containing 10 micrograms of vitamin D.
- You may feel down in winter. Try to keep to a routine, keep in touch with others, and do something you enjoy each day. If you've been

feeling down for a while, talk to your GP surgery. If you need someone to talk to at any time, day or night, you can telephone Samaritans 116 123, or if you are aged 55 and over you can also telephone The Silver Line 0800 4 70 80 90. More information at: www.hart.gov.uk/covid-19-health-wellbeing.

- This year it's more important than ever to get your flu vaccination. If eligible for a free vaccination, your GP practice will contact you to invite you for an appointment. You can also have one at your local pharmacy. See www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine.
- Keep your medicine cabinet well stocked. Pharmacists can advise you what to include, as well as offering advice on a wide range of conditions and common illnesses. A simple guide may be found at: www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/your-medicine-cabinet/. Arrange any repeat prescriptions in good time, particularly ahead of the Christmas and New Year break.
- Get into a regular sleep routine. This will help to reduce stress and improve concentration levels during the day. Find out more here: www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/sleep-better/.

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union



On 25th November, Mothers' Union were hoping to hold a prayer vigil outside Winchester Cathedral to raise awareness of the problem of gender-based violence. Because of the lockdown, this event has been postponed until Saturday 5th December between 12noon and 2pm. Mothers' Union are also holding a Global Day against domestic abuse on 5th December. The theme for this event is "No More 1 in 3" to reflect the shocking statistic that one in three women worldwide experience domestic or sexual violence during their lifetimes. This event will be based around the main Mothers' Union Facebook page and will include a service at 8pm on Facebook Live.

Mothers' Union in this diocese also work in Winchester Prison to support the families of prisoners when they visit. At Christmas time we are part of the Angel Tree project which buys gifts for prisoners to send to their children at Christmas time and I'm glad to say that this project will still be able to go ahead this year.

In January we look forward to our Wave of Prayer. Mothers' Union is based firmly on prayer for our work locally, and also for

members in other parts of the world. Mothers' Union divides the year into 3-day periods when we pray for the members and projects of a particular group of dioceses. Winchester diocese has its turn between 12th and 14th January along with Mauritius, Nandyal (South India), Kericho (Kenya), Katsina (Nigeria) and Kumasi (Ghana). We hope to hold a Wave of Prayer service in January 2021, but this is likely to be online via Zoom. 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.

Odiham Foodbank Update

The Odiham Foodbank is now fully up and running. If you could do with a bit of help in putting food on the table, please don't hesitate to contact us on 07387 116947. All calls are treated in the strictest confidence, and we are happy to make deliveries directly to you.

A big thank you to so many of you who have donated food or finance to the Foodbank. Having only been started in May, the Foodbank is developing rapidly, and we have now provided nearly 30 food parcels to local, individuals and families - a number which is growing. Thank you also to all the volunteers who have made that possible.

There are currently a few items that we need more of: sponge puddings, tins of custard / rice pudding / fruit / meat / vegetables, and 'treats'! If you're able to help with any of these that would be wonderful, and please do just drop them off in the donations crate in the Coop (near the tills), or at the Foodbank itself (Ostlers Place, Deer Park View) between 1.30 and 2.30pm Monday or Thursday.

From all the Foodbank Team

Cardiac Rehab



As you will be aware, things have changed again, and we have had to close the Centre with the start of lockdown 2. However, we are much better placed this time, and so are running and adding to our online and outdoor classes until we can reopen, and will be encouraging everyone to take some form of exercise as often as they are able.

Although COVID 19 has had a huge impact on our income this year, and how we fundraise, our team are continuing to find new ways to tackle that challenge and so we were delighted to host our first of the

Winter Webinar series last Wednesday with a talk from our own Dr Jason Glover on Wine for your Heart. For those of you who missed it, we have a recording which you can watch, and we hope you will think about signing up for the next one about the Four Marks Murders on 2nd December!

To find out more, email us at hearty@cardiac-rehab.co.uk or go online at www.cardiac-rehab.co.uk.

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice Christmas Carol Concert

Sadly, due to Covid, we have had to cancel the concert planned for Thursday 10th December 2020 in All Saints, Odiham. This was the first time that the Friends of St Michael's Hospice were hosting a concert, and it is very disappointing that we have had to cancel. But the hospice remains very much in need of funds, and we are planning already for next Christmas.

Ginny Young

(Editor's note: if you want to find out more about how you can donate to or help St Michael's Hospice go online at www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk)

SMALL ADS

The Christmas Barn, Hartley Wintney

at West Green Fruits, Hartley Wintney RG27 8LP. Open from Sunday November 23rd, 9.00am to 5.00pm every day for locally grown Trees and Wreaths, Decorations etc. For information, including Covid precautions and assistance, please visit www.westgreenfruits.com and follow the Christmas link to www.christmasbarnhartleywintney.co.uk or call 01252 845772.

F B Design Cabinet Makers

require a **Workshop Cleaner/Assistant**, Herriard Park.

A part time role of approximately two days per week, with hours to suit both parties. The job requires a clean driving licence, common sense, and ideally an interest in woodworking with basic practical skills.

Call David Forrest 07764 187960 01256 381855.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that 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.

13th Mar 2021 Upton Grey Safari Supper

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.

TEMPORARY HOURS UPTON GREY VILLAGE SHOP

8.00am–6.00pm Mon–Sat

8.00am–1.00pm Sun

(responding to village consultation, the Post Office is now closed permanently)

COPY DEADLINE

Please note that, as is the case every year, **the copy deadline for the January issue is earlier than in other months** (so that printing can accommodate the Christmas break). **The deadline is 11th December.**

Please email your news and contributions to uptongreymagazine@gmail.com. January's editor is David Shearer. Your editor this month was Sheila Stranks.

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