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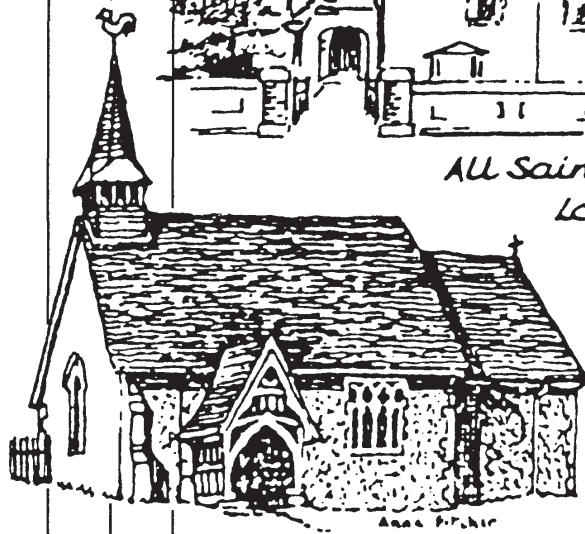
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – April 2016
Edition for the parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

In last month's magazine, the Reverend Linda Scard's splendid letter was largely a tribute to Peter Dyson's wonderful ministry here over nearly twelve years. It was good that eighteen people from our four parishes travelled to Jersey for Peter's Institution as Rector of St Saviour's church in the Bailiwick of Jersey on Saturday evening of the 27th February.

It was a moving and joyful service, led by the Bishop of Dover in Canterbury, Trevor Willmott, who was instrumental in Peter's appointment here in 2004 when he was Bishop of Basingstoke. The Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey and other notables were also present. Peter was warmly received by all. The service was followed by a reception in the Parish Hall, where we were all made very welcome, though we did complain that they had taken our beloved Vicar.

The following day everyone, including two of Peter's daughters and two grandchildren, mustered for the 9.45 Family Eucharist service. Although the visitors probably made up a third of the congregation, it was lovely to see Peter obviously at ease in his new church. Everyone, parishioners included, were invited to the Rectory for midday drinks; one sensed that it was the first time in many years that this had happened.

Peter and Nicola seemed happy settled in the Rectory; about the size of the one in Upton Grey repainted and re-carpeted for them. The large church is beautiful and partly dates back to the 12th C and at one stage encompassed four churches within the one main building.

Peter's life will be a busy one. He has given up oversight of 12 churches in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice (and as Area Dean, another 14) with a total population in the Benefice parishes of about 7,000, for one church but with a parish population of about 13,000. Currently, only a small congregation. Quite a challenge!

Peter will be very much missed here, but we are so very fortunate to have Linda for a few months to cover most of our priestly needs until, hopefully, Peter's successor is appointed.

The first stage of the recruitment process has been to compile a Benefice Profile and 'job description' - a 26 page document, approved by all the Benefice PCCs. This now allows the selection panel to go ahead and advertise in the 'Church Times', commencing with the 11th

March edition, for the post of Team Rector for the Benefice and specifically a priest for our four parishes.

So new beginnings.... and life is full of endings and beginnings in so many ways. Sometimes these changes can be difficult; as a Christian the model is, of course, in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The disciples were grief stricken, confused and afraid when Jesus was hung upon the cross and died - they couldn't imagine life would go forward without their much loved leader, but there was a new beginning for them all. His resurrection brought them new life, new hope and a new way to live that has been a blessing to the world ever since. We have to be sure that God will bless us all in our new beginnings here too.

David Scott

(with thanks to Linda for this meaningful postscript)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Victoria Fennell	St Mary's Herriard, 27 February
Francesca Yuen	St Mary's Upton Grey, 20 March

Memorial Services

Valerie Buckland	St Mary's Herriard, 29 February
Dorothy Casey	St Mary's Herriard, 9 March
Maximilien Thum	St Mary's Upton Grey, 14 March



Kids' Zone



April Birthdays

3 rd	Izzy Miller	20 th	Roman Gardner
6 th	Katie Holmes	21 st	Sam Langly-Smith
15 th	James Ralls	23 rd	Maddie Young
17 th	Libby Yeoman	24 th	Jessica Young
18 th	George Acheson-Gray	26 th	Amelia Ralls

Earth Day

Earth Day was founded in 1970 by John McDonnell (from the US). It used to be celebrated on the first day of Spring (the March Equinox) and still is by many people. As a worldwide celebration, April 22nd is the more recognised date.

Earth Day is intended for all of us to recognise how we influence our limited resources from our planet. There are often activities, campaigns and events scheduled on this day to promote awareness of Earth issues. You may choose to participate in a local event or start your own! Some ideas that you could put in motion are:-

- Pick up rubbish from the playground
- Help Mum and Dad with recycling rubbish at home
- Plant a tree.

If you would like a child's birthday put in the magazine and they are not already on the list, please would you send name and birthday to Kate at kate.goddard1@virgin.net. Kate Goddard does the birthdays and has quite a long list of names and dates sent to her already but parents/family/friends need to give details in the first place so that they can be published. Thank you.



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Local Police Report

Dear Residents, I am pleased to report a reduction in reported crime within the area of this magazine in mid-February to mid-March. We did however have a theft of a quad bike from the Audley's Wood Hotel overnight of February 23rd/ 24th.

I am also seeking any information concerning a man seen in Preston Candover village where an assault took place on the morning of Saturday March 5th 2016 at South Hall where a lady was assaulted by an unknown man at about 11:15 am. This is a very rare occurrence in our area and I am seeking any information that may help to identify him. The man is described as being white, about 6ft tall of medium / broad build, about 40 years of age had short collar length he was wearing a dark waist length jacket, he also has distinctive teeth and was carrying a back pack. He was seen on the back road from Preston Candover to

Alresford between the stables and Preston Grange. If anyone from your area happened to be in the village that morning, and you saw this man or have seen him elsewhere please do give me a call, as always all calls treated in strictest confidence

Also in that area, at Bradley, overnight of Monday February 29th several sheds were opened at Upper Farm, nothing was stolen. Also in Bradley overnight of March 3rd and 4th a parked secure caravan had the door forced, thankfully entry was not gained but damage was caused. On the same night a resident heard movement in her garden and a door being tampered with. This again is very rare in this area, and more so for we experience very, very few night burglaries and those that break into caravans are not usually house burglars, however it shows criminals are about and will be in other parts of our area.

You may be aware that on Thursday March 3rd a less than 12 month old 'Piebald' grey and white pony was found dead having died of neglect. The animal had deliberately been buried under some wood and branches off a by-way between Preston Candover and Moundsmere off the Bradley Road. There was no identification be it chip, freeze burn marks etc, nothing whatsoever, however enquiries are continuing. If you are aware of any ponies of a similar description that have not been seen for a while, please give me a call.

We are also experiencing a large increase in garden sheds being broken into from Winchester area through to the Aldershot area. Overnight of March 15th and March 16th a garden shed was broken into in the village of Weston Patrick and several items of garden equipment have been stolen. I ask if anyone saw or heard anything suspicious in the area to please give me a call direct, likewise any strange or suspicious vehicles seen in the area before the burglary. This is part of a spate of such crimes with a similar one being reported in Bentworth the same night. Please make sure your property is secured, photographed and marked and sheds locked and alarmed if possible.

And finally a plea from local shepherds and farmers asking for ALL dog owners to please keep their dogs on leads and away from fields where sheep are. If you are out walking in our area please do keep your dog on a lead and under strict control, you may have seen the sad event in West Sussex where over 100 sheep, many pregnant ewes died as a result of dogs involved in a sheep worrying incident.

Andrew REID, Local Constable. Tel: 01256 389050, Mobile: 07768 776844. HQ: 101. Email: andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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Open Air Theatre - Midsummer Night's Dream - 4pm Sunday August 14th Upton Grey

Call Sarah on 01256 862440 to reserve your tickets for "Midsummer Night's Dream" performed by "Rain or Shine" theatre company. The tickets are £6 and being printed at the moment so arrangements for payment will be sorted out when they are ready.

The Open Air Theatre will be on Sunday August 14th in Church Meadow, Upton Grey at the Flower Show marquee. Gates open for picnics at 3pm and the performance starts at 4pm.

This event is in association with Upton Grey Drama Group and with the support of The Flower Show and Village Hall committees and St Mary's Church PCC. It is in aid of Village Projects.

Tea@3 April

Our April Tea@3 will be on Thursday 14th by kind invitation of Sue and David Scott. Do come along and join us – don't forget to let Barbara (862627) or Sue (862445) know if you would like to come as we need to know the numbers in advance. If you need a lift please let Barbara know. We would also welcome anyone from the other villages (who is 60+!) who would like to join us. We are a friendly group who get together once a month for a delicious tea and a chat – do come and join us!

Barbara 862627

Viv 872455

Jill 862131

Our MP comes to Upton Grey, April 22nd

On Friday 22nd April, from 6.30 to 8pm, Ranil Jayawardena M.P. will be at The Hoddington Arms, Upton Grey, together with County Councillor Anna McNair Scott and Borough Councillor Mark Ruffell, and he looks forward to discussing matters of national and local concern with all present.

Upton Grey Harvest Supper – 1st October

This year's Harvest Supper will take place on Saturday 1st October, the event is in aid of St Mary's Church, further details to follow.

Knitted Squares for KasCare

Thank you to everyone who knitted squares for the South African charity KasCare. 230 knitted squares were posted off to South Africa on Friday March 11th. The photo shows Upton Grey Ladies Group "Knit and Knatter" meeting after all the squares had been prepared and packed up in bundles of 10. Thanks to everyone for all your support with this project.

Sarah Gray



Upton Grey Church Fete on June 11th at 2pm

Save the date for this year's village fete! This year the village Fete will be held on Saturday 11th of June at The Old Vicarage. We would like to thank Carol and Richard Butler-Adams for allowing us to use their wonderful garden.

The Church fete is a highlight in our village life, please put the date in your diary and bring your family and friends along to join the fun. There are going to be lots of exciting things but as always we are looking for more volunteers to help. If you think you can do anything to help us do call me on 01256 861745, we would love to have more people on board! Many thanks.

Alison Barker

Plant Stall – Fete 11th June 2016

It is always difficult to get the variety of plants needed to make the plant stall a success each year. We have to start early so if you have any herbaceous plants/perennials that you intend splitting up or do not want please do not throw away – pop into a plastic bag and drop on my drive, along with any old plant pots that you don't want. (Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane) or give me a call and I will collect (862705) - Debbie Bridle. We are always very grateful for any plants, pots/troughs, in or outdoor hanging baskets, garden tools or anything garden/plant related. Thank you.

Debbie Bridle

Spring Show on Saturday 9th April, Upton Grey

If anyone has a daffodil left in their garden then please enter as this year due to the early Spring weather most will have finished. Luckily there are other flower classes including Tulips, Irises, Spring flowers, walls flowers, hellebores etc. Flower arrangements may be floral or foliage and there is also a class for purchased flowers. As in previous years we have cake and biscuit classes and a separate competition of chocolate brownies from men and boys only. Homemade soups, jars of marmalade, eggs and rhubarb are also classes There are many artists in the area so please enter a painting or sketch drawing.

Children's entries are most welcome and for younger children there is sketch of a monkey to colour in. There are now in the village a lot of young families so please encourage your children to enter. Entry forms and schedules have been delivered but if mislaid there are spare copies in the shop or you may collect from myself or June Hunt.

Lastly remember the show starts on Saturday 9th April at 1.30pm at the Village Hall and ends at 3.30pm in order to get back home and to see if you have a winning horse in the show's Grand National sweepstake. Teas and cakes c/o Patti and Sally. Lucky dip barrel for children only.

Peter Haynes, Chairman

A Personal Thank You

I wish to thank the person who kindly handed in my brother-in-law's car keys at the shop last Saturday/Sunday (12th/13th). Unfortunately, neither Suki nor Penny are aware of the identity of the finder so I am unable to thank them personally.

Jane Willis

Jekyll in June – Friday 24th June 7.00 pm

Drinks, canapés and private viewing of the garden at The Manor House Upton Grey with Ros Wallinger. In aid of The Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis Appeal.

Calling all garden lovers!! Come and join us for drinks, canapés and a private viewing of the stunning garden of The Manor House with its owner and restorer Ros Wallinger. Tucked away in the heart of Upton Grey, the garden has been lovingly restored over the past 20 years to its original glory. Designed by Gertrude Jekyll in 1908 for Charles Holme, a leading figure in the Arts and Crafts movement, the garden is seen at its best in June with beautiful scented roses, magnificent terraced herbaceous borders and a secluded water garden in the heart of the Hampshire countryside. So treat yourself to a thoroughly enjoyable evening whilst helping a most worthwhile cause.

Tickets are £25 and available from: Tessa Morrish, Fiveways Cottage, Humbly Grove, South Warnborough, Hants RG29 1RY. Tel 01256 862475. email: tessamorrish@gmail.com
Please make cheques payable to “Imperial College (CF Gene Therapy)”

Calling all Upton Grey Grass Mowers!

Volunteers are needed to assist our regular team with cutting the grass in the churchyard of St Mary's, Upton Grey. This is in addition to the existing churchyard tidy ups. Great progress has been made in improving the churchyard and we now need to maintain it. If you are able to assist, whether regularly or occasionally, please contact Paul Barnes (tel no 01256 861164) or Geoffrey Yeowart (tel no 01256 861218). It is intended to use two mowers so that two people can work together and cut the grass quicker. Your help will be much appreciated.

Children's Tennis Coaching Dates for 2016

Upton Grey Tennis Court Committee will be offering Easter and Summer tennis coaching for children aged 4½–14 years old at Upton Grey tennis court. The cost per child is £15.00 for the week. Children receive a daily session of 45 minutes or an hour. Andrew Ridgers is once again going to be the tennis coach. To sign up contact Julia Harker at julia_harker@btinternet.com or call 01256 862975.

The Easter Course will run from 4th–8th April (groups from 9.00am–12.30pm). The Summer Course will run from the 8th–12th August (groups from 9.00am–12.30pm).

Upton Grey Book of Photographs

Many of you will have seen the lovely book of photographs of Upton Grey which Richard Anscombe compiled to give to Peter and Nicola on their departure from the village in January. The photos are of the Church, the village and its' people and all the various activities which we all enjoy so much throughout the year.

Many people have been asking if it would be possible to obtain a copy of the book and Richard has kindly agreed to organise this. At this stage we do not have an actual cost but it would be about £25 and this would include a donation to St. Mary's Church. If you have not seen the book or would like another look at it, it is available to view in the church at any time during the day. If you would like to order a copy please get in touch with Barbara Anderson.

E:mail: anderson-barbara2@sky.com or telephone: 01256-862627

Village Hall 100 Club March Draw

First prize £100 No 21 Mrs D. Bridle.

Second prize No 124 Mrs J. Lestrille.

The 100 club is YOUR Village Hall's main fundraiser. If you wish to support this valuable facility, please contact Caroline James on 01256 862480. Subs are now due for the coming year and collectors will call. Subs are £24 for the year. Many thanks for your continued support.

Next Music Night At The Hodd Tuesday April 19th at 8 pm

Hi lovely villagers....Just to let you know that the next Music Night at the Hodd will be on Tuesday 19th April, kick off around 8pm as usual.

The evenings are so popular that we will now be using the barn room which is a more private, larger room which we think will be better for singers and the audience - more tables and chairs to relax in.

As usual all welcome, first come first served....2 or 3 songs each until we are exhausted...usually we get a couple of turns each...but sometimes there are more folks turn up...that's the fun, we never know when the next wonderful singer will turn up and wow us all!

Most of the musicians are local folks who just like to have fun playing and singing together, so please come along and support them

As usual the pub serves very good food and there should be more tables and chairs in the barn room to use and enjoy.

Kind regards to all and look forward to another great evening of live music.

Dave Peace

Educational Grants available to ALL Upton Grey Residents

When the Upton Grey School was sold after its closure in the 1980s, half of the proceeds went to the village and the Upton Grey Educational Trust was formed. The income from the sale proceeds, invested by the charity, can be used twice yearly “for the advancement of education”.

The Trust meets in June and December each year to consider applications for assistance with educational needs, from any age group and with no means testing. Since the Trust was set up, it has awarded grants to over 80 applicants and 15 groups in addition to Long Sutton School.

For more information on how to apply and terms and conditions, please visit www.uptongreychurch.info (under Groups & Organisations) or email debbie@debbie-bridle.com.

This is primarily open to residents of Upton Grey, but consideration may also be given to applicants from other parishes within the Benefice – funds permitting.

We are very lucky to have this fund and very grateful to the late Ros Mills for establishing it. Funds are available and the Trust would warmly welcome any new individual applications - so why not apply!

Please submit your application in writing before the end of May 2016 to:

The Secretary to the Trustees
 UPTON GREY EDUCATIONAL TRUST
 Clock Cottage
 Cleves Lane, Upton Grey
 Basingstoke RG25 2RG

or via email to: debbie@debbie-bridle.com (requesting a read receipt)

(NOTE that any late applications received after this deadline will automatically be carried over to the next meeting).

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Top 10 Tips For The Garden for April!

With warmer, longer days, there is a lot to do in your garden this month!

1. Dig in compost or well-rotted manure into beds for top growth of plants.
2. Plant chitted potatoes now for early new potatoes.
3. Direct sow carrots, parsnips, radishes, spinach, lettuce and chard. Cover with fleece if frost forecasted.
4. Plant out strawberry beds - they love well-rotted manure. Cover with cloches for early crops.
5. Sow tomato seeds or buy tomato plants for growing in your greenhouse.
6. Plant up summer hanging baskets with plug plants and keep under cover till frost has passed.
7. Pinch out growing tips of fuchsia and sweet peas to encourage bushy plants.
8. Lay new turf now or sow lawn seed.
9. Plant lily bulbs now in pots, place in sunny position and feed regularly (remember pollen from lilies are poisonous to cats, cut out stamens if you have a cat).
10. Feed trees, shrubs and roses with slow release fertiliser, forking it into the soil surface.

Forthcoming Garden Events! Garden's Open Day on Sun 12th June

To celebrate the Queen's Birthday, Herriard are having a Gardens Open Day on Sunday 12th June! We are hoping to open about 12 gardens to the public, with refreshments and a plant stall. All proceeds will be donated to St. Mary's Church. If you would like to be involved, please contact me: email gillian.venning@btinternet.com, or Tracy Crawford: email tracycrawford69@yahoo.co.uk for more information. The above will be run alongside the Annual Garden Competition, with cash prizes to be announced at this year's Fete. There will be an added category for Best Open Garden.

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Meeting held on Thursday 3rd March - "My Early Life in Argentina" was the topic for our afternoon talk. Mrs Aphra Peerd brought to share with us many interesting slides of her childhood home and the Argentina of her parents and grandparents. The British were responsible for much of the country's infrastructure, the railways, electricity supplies and the installation of wind fuelled water pumps, vital in the countryside. During the Second World War as well as providing vital supplies of food, including corned beef, many Anglo Argentinians (approx 4000) came to Britain to fight alongside the Allied Troops. When, after the war, Mrs Peerd's father and his fellow compatriots returned to Argentina they found a very different country to that they had left. Mrs Peerd's family tried to continue on their 'camp' (as the estates were called) despite frequent 'power cuts' and failed attempts at growing vegetables and raising poultry, as the country slipped deeper into poverty. The children, however, accepted all of this, and enjoyed life, cycling to the local 'country club' to use the swimming pool and 'helping' the Gauchos on the camp with the cattle.

With more revolution and counter-revolution, the country's fortunes continued to decline and after working in Buenos Aires for a few years, Mrs Peerd in her early twenties had saved enough for a passage to England. She has been here now for nearly 50 years but keeps in touch and visits Argentina where, despite the Falklands War, she says the British are still held in high regard. A taxi driver once informing her that what Argentina needed was a 'Margaret Thatcher' to sort out it's problems! It was fascinating to hear an insider account of a country that has played such an important part in our history. With the impact of the Falklands War fresh in our minds, it was interesting to hear of how much the British had contributed in both education and manpower during the foundation of this intriguing and picturesque country on the far side of the Atlantic.

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Lasham Gliding - 2016 Season Under Way

Our Spring weather has been as unpredictable as always, however, our cross-country pilots have already been recording successful flights – 200km+ distances were already notched up in the first week of March. At the time of writing Easter weather is looking uncertain so we hope that all our members will have brought their gliders back to the club, finished the last of the maintenance work and be ready to go the minute the summer thermals lift off!

For your diaries, the 2016 Lasham Regionals competition will take place in the week of 28th May to 5th June, early this year, so keep your fingers crossed for fine weather. If the weather is kind come along and watch the grid take off, have lunch, and then see the finishers racing in later in the afternoon. Later on in the year, the Juniors have their own competition, so August will be a busy month too. A reminder that for those who like their aircraft vintage, there is the opportunity to see the vintage gliders at the Heritage Centre, and we have a vintage tug still operating – our Super Cub G-ATRG is fifty years old, has been in service at Lasham for the entire time, and will also be working during

the Regionals. A testament to the servicing care and skills of the maintenance workshop crew! More news on the website and next time! Remember, visitors and spectators are always welcome in the restaurant, bar and viewing area, you never know, you might even be tempted to an Air Experience flight! Lasham Gliding <http://www.lashamgliding.com>

TUNWORTH NEWS

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Tunworth will be held on Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 7.30pm at Home Farm, Hackwood Park. All are welcome.

AND OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS...

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

This coming Easter the Basingstoke Discovery Centre will be celebrating Shakespeare's 400th birthday with 'Theatre Spectacular' – a month of drama workshops, presentations and performances. They hope that some will find these events of interest and they look forward to welcoming you to Basingstoke Discovery Centre soon. Details of this and all that is on at the Discovery Centre are on the 'What's On' section of the web page: www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc.

RAF Odiham's Families Day - 21st July

Advance notice is given of RAF Odiham holding its annual Families Day on Thursday 21st July. As with other years, this is the one opportunity the Station gets to thank all those people who stand so steadfastly behind the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen from RAF Odiham when their loved ones are deployed on combat operations overseas. On this day the local community will notice there will be a significant upsurge in aircraft activity, with Chinooks flying all morning and aircraft displaying in the afternoon. They particularly ask those with horses and livestock to note there will be fast jet activity; a more detailed programme will be promulgated nearer the time.

Join the Mayor's community challenge

Are you up for a challenge? Borough residents and businesses are invited to roll up their sleeves with the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Councillor Anne Court, and volunteer to help good causes.

The Mayor will be out and about in the next few weeks visiting local groups and joining volunteers on ground clearance, planting, cooking and litter-picking duties.

She wants to encourage residents to try a 'taste' of volunteering during Basingstoke Voluntary Action's Community Challenge Day on Saturday 23rd April. By raising the profile of what is involved in volunteering, she hopes more people will come out and support local charities and community organisations.

Cllr Court said: "Local people and businesses in Basingstoke and Deane are marvellous - there's great support for charitable causes in the borough, as I've found out with the Mayor's Charity Appeal. My three charities, Inspero, Basingstoke Multicultural Forum and Ark Cancer Centre Charity, have received generous donations from the local community during my year in office.

"At least 13,000 borough residents are already local volunteers, but I would like even more people to find out more about how they can support good causes.

"It's a fantastic way of making new friends, getting out of your home to take part in an activity you enjoy, and giving something back to the wonderful community that thrives in the borough."

Local organisations are invited to open their doors for short projects on Saturday 23rd April, or during the weeks before, so that people can have a 'taste' of volunteering. It's a great way to show people what your organisation does and demonstrate your need for volunteers.

The community challenge is being organised with the support of Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA), the borough's umbrella organisation for local voluntary and community groups.

Stephen Morgan, BVA's Chief Executive said: "The Mayor's Community Challenge day is one way we're trying to make it easier and more accessible to volunteer in Basingstoke and Deane. Our well-respected volunteer centre is there to support any resident or business interested in giving something back to the community and find a volunteer placement – whatever your level of commitment – to a local group or good cause. I urge everyone in the borough to get involved in this exciting, new initiative".

For more information visit www.bvaction.org.uk or to register your project, contact the Volunteer Centre at Basingstoke Voluntary Action by email volunteer@bvaction.org.uk or call 01256 423854.

Walk to Save the Hampshire Countryside! 24th April 2016

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Hampshire) has announced a major campaign for campaigning to save the Hampshire Countryside. Two sponsored walks through woods and across farmland will be held on Sunday 24th April 2016. Ranil Jayawardena MP for East Hants is lending his support. He will start the event and take part in one of the 2 walks.

Starting from Cliddesden Village Hall RG25 2JQ, two circular walks of approximately 4 and 7 miles will be available to registered walkers. The walk will be along part of the 3 Castles pathway, a route ridden by King John and along some of the old drover roads that cross the county. There will be the sights and sounds of wildlife and the scents of the countryside.

Registration costs £5. For registration and sponsorship details, please download the registration form the website at <http://WWW.cprehampshire.org.uk> or email <mailto:hannahhoustonlacey@yahoo.co.uk>. The walk will use hashtag #CPREwalk. W=Follow @CPRE_Hampshire on Twitter and like CPRE Hampshire on Facebook. Peter Bedford, Winslade.

Hampshire Farmers' Markets: April

Sunday 3rd April Petersfield/Romsey; Saturday 9th Alton; Sunday 10th Winchester; Sunday 24th Winchester.

Lodden and Test Leader Group: Grants Available

Grants are now available from the Leader Group locally and the link is below. Subject to various criteria they can support farm efficiency and diversification, tourism, community and heritage projects. Grants are available from £2,500 to £50,000 and they are looking for projects to support. <http://ruralfunding.co.uk/>. Larger scale funding is also available from the Enterprise M3 LEP. Details at <https://www.enterprisem3.org.uk/funding>. All the funds can be applicable to rural areas but it is the EAFRD funds that are specifically looking at rural businesses.

From Odiham and Old Basing Surgeries:

Reducing the risk of developing dementia

There are several factors that are known to increase someone's chance of developing dementia. Some of these risk factors, like our age and our genetics, we can't change, however there are lifestyle factors that we can do something about. So if you are worried about dementia there are things you can do that will reduce your risk of developing dementia. These actions will also improve your physical health, so what is good for your heart is good for your brain and vice versa.

Whilst it is not usually possible to say for sure why a particular person has developed dementia, it is known that high blood pressure, lack of physical exercise and smoking – all of which lead to narrowing of the blood vessels – increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia.

There is evidence that a healthy lifestyle, especially in mid-life, can help reduce the risk of dementia. Regular physical exercise (e.g. cycling, brisk walking), maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking, and drinking only in moderation are all linked to a reduced risk of dementia. It is also important that conditions such as diabetes, heart problems, high blood pressure and high cholesterol are all kept under control.

A balanced diet may also help to reduce risk. A balanced diet is one which is low in saturated fat, does not have too much salt, dairy or meat, and includes plenty of fish and fresh fruit and vegetables. All these healthy lifestyle choices will also reduce the risk of other serious conditions such as stroke, heart disease and cancer.

Keep learning: learning new skills can give you a sense of achievement and a new confidence. So why not sign up for that cooking course, start learning to play a musical instrument, or figure out how to fix your bike?

Look after your mental health and wellbeing: studies have also shown that keeping socially and mentally active in our later years may help lower the risk of dementia. There is also evidence that getting depression treated early can reduce the risk of developing dementia in later life. Evidence suggests there are a number of steps we can all take to improve our mental wellbeing. If you approach them with an open mind and try them out, you can judge the results yourself.

Connect: connect with the people around you: your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. Spend time developing these relationships.

Be active: you don't have to go to the gym. Take a walk, go cycling or play a game of football. Find the activity that you enjoy and make it a part of your life.

Be mindful: be more aware of the present moment.

In summary: If you look after your physical and mental health and wellbeing you will be reducing your risk of developing dementia and reducing your risk of other conditions such as stroke, heart disease and diabetes.

Odiham and Old Basing Health Centres, Patient Participation Gp

Changes At The Health Centre

Dr Pizzotti left on Maternity Leave on Friday 12th February and Dr Oliver Sweeney will be joining as a locum to cover her leave.

Dr. Shand will work part time from April and we are pleased to announce that Dr. Juliette Williams will be joining on a full time basis in April so the Practice will be effectively gaining the services of half a doctor!

Booking Appointments and Ordering Repeat Prescriptions On Line

We have 11,000 patients but at the time of writing only 974 have registered for online access. All you have to do is call at the Practice with ID (your photocard driving licence or passport will do) and you will be given a password to access this system which could save you a lot of time.

Opening Hours

These are on our website www.odihamhealthcentre.co.uk They are.....

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.00am to 6.30pm

Friday 7.30am to 6.30pm

Wednesday 8.00am to 8.00pm

Saturday 8.30am to 11.30am

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Basingstoke Choral Society- Dvořák Stabat Mater. Sat. 16th April in Winchester Cathedral

One of the most moving versions in the repertoire, this heart-stopping and sensuous Stabat Mater will feature a choir of 230 singers in the impressive setting of Winchester Cathedral. With four professional

soloists and the New London Sinfonia conducted by our Musical Director David Gibson this will be a concert of ravishing music in a sublime setting.

Tickets: call 01962 857275 or www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th April in the North Warnborough Village Hall at 2:10 pm for a 2:30 pm start. Our speaker will be Rosy Hardy who will talk about “Seasonal Spring Plants”.

The competitions for April are:

1. A Green Arrangement.
2. Three Specimen Tulips, any variety.

Visitors are very welcome to join us. We are a friendly Club whose members share an enthusiasm for gardens and gardening. During the growing season we always have a plant stall starting at 2:10 pm.

For further information, please telephone 01252 843848.

“Legally Blonde” at The Haymarket, Basingstoke, 17th – 21st May

Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st May 7:30pm and Saturday 21st May 2:30 pm matinee performance.

Elle Woods is a Beverly Hills beauty who seems to have it all – couture clothes, fabulous friends and the hottest boyfriend, Warner Huntington III. But when Warner dumps her and heads to Harvard Law School, Elle is determined to win him back. So she takes matters into her perfectly manicured hands – and enrolls too!

This hilarious, heart-warming musical sees Elle battle snobbish students and prejudiced professors. Helped by new-found friends Emmett and Paulette – and Bruiser, her beloved Chihuahua – Elle finally proves that being yourself and going after what you want never goes out of style.

Based on the 2001 film starring Reese Witherspoon – and with fantastic original songs – the all-singing, all-dancing *Legally Blonde* is so much fun it should be illegal!

Full ticket prices: £22.50 (adult) and £14 (Children 16 and under). All prices include Anvil Arts £1 booking fee per ticket. Concessions apply for all performances for over-60s, groups and full-time students; Early Booker rates are also available.

Book your tickets online via www.bats.net, www.anvilarts.org.uk, call 01256 844244 or visit The Haymarket or Anvil box offices.

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

At our meeting in February there was clicking of needles as we began knitting various things including "Twiddle Muffs", which are calming, apparently, for people with dementia. The Twiddle muffs have dangly things attached to them, they are worn on a wrist and folk fiddle with these bits. We are also knitting baby jumpers which we hope will be taken out to Hoima in Uganda later in the year.

Several of us went to the Deanery Overseas Service in St. Gabriel's Church in Popley where branch banners were paraded and there was an interesting, informative and moving service led by Linda Scard, with intercessions by Jane Leese. We heard about activities which various branches support and handed in our Branch collections for overseas work.

On 7th March, the Mothers' Union held a Commissioning Service in the chapel at Wolvesey to commission the new board of Trustees for the diocese. Caroline Scull, a member of our branch, was commissioned as the Diocesan President for 2016-2018. She is really excited at having this opportunity to meet members around the diocese and hopes to raise the profile of the Mothers' Union in this area.

On Thursday, 21st April at 8 pm in the RAF Church Hall we shall hear Margaret Bell giving "Three cheers for Hadrian and other things you may not know about the Holy Land". Intrigued? So are we! So come along, our Leader, Sue Murphy 01252 845011 can tell you more.

Alton Abbey Car Boot Sale – May 7th – 2pm to 4.30pm

There will be a car boot sale on May 7th in aid of the Friends of Alton Abbey. £7 for pre-booked cars, £12 on the day. 50p entrance. £3 for tea or coffee and a piece of cake. For more information email foaa@hurley.greenbee.net or telephone 01420 562126.

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HALLS AND MARQUEES FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall for hire from £7 per hour. Functions, meetings, parties, private and commercial. Full kitchen facilities, central heating and sound system, chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery available. Contact Brian and Pam Dixey for further information, 01256 862577.

The Royal British Legion Hall, Herriard Available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables and chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. Key holder 01256 381403 or email hall bookings to herriardrbllhall@aol.co.uk.

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CHURCH SERVICES (please also see the weekday services under “Regular Events”)**3 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:15am	Weston Patrick
Holy Communion (1662 sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Family Communion (sung)	11:00am	Herriard

10 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (1662 said)	9:00am	Herriard
Parish Communion (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Family Service (sung)	11:00am	Weston Patrick
Evensong (sung)	6:00pm	Tunworth

17 April – 4th Sunday of Easter

Family Service (sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Communion (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Morning Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Morning Prayer (said)	11:00am	Weston Patrick

24 April – 5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (1662 said)	9:00 am	Tunworth
4 th Sunday Service (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Holy Communion (CW sung)	11:00am	Weston Patrick

1 May – 6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (1662 said)	8:15am	Weston Patrick
Holy Communion (1662 sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Service (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Family Communion (sung)	11:00am	Herriard

5 May – Ascension Day

Benefice Holy Communion (1662 sung)	7:30pm	Greywell
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8 May – 7th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (1662 said)	9:00am	Herriard
Parish Communion (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Family Service (sung)	11:00am	Weston Patrick
Evensong (sung)	6:00pm	Tunworth

15 May – Pentecost

Family Service (sung)	9:00am	Tunworth
Family Communion (sung)	10:00am	Upton Grey
Morning Service (sung)	10:00am	Herriard
Matins (sung)	11:00am	Weston Patrick

22 May – Trinity Sunday / Rogation Day

Rogation Day walk	10:00 am	Tunworth
Rogation Day walk	10:00am	Upton Grey
Rogation Day walk	11:00am	Herriard
Rogation Day walk	11:00am	Weston Patrick

29 May – 1st Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (1662 sung)	10:00am	Herriard
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – April 2016

9 th Apr	Sat	Spring Show, UG Village Hall,	1.30pm
16 th Apr	Sat	Upton Grey Safari Supper	7.00pm
16 th Apr	Sat	Basingstoke Choral at Winchester Cathedral	
19 th Apr	Tues	Music Night at The Hodd	8.00pm
22 nd Apr	Fri	Ranil Jayawardela MP at The Hodd	6.30pm
24 th Apr	Sun	CPRE Walk to Save Hampshire Countryside, Cliddesden VH	
25 th Apr	Mon	Hampshire WI Science Talk – Maths & Mastery, Alresford	
27 th Apr	Weds	Tunworth Annual Parochial Church meeting	7.30pm
28 th Apr	Thurs	Herriard Village Supper	

2016 Advance Dates

7 / 8 th May	Sat / Sun	Brick Kiln Cottage bluebell garden Open Days	12.00pm
7 th May	Sat	Alton Abbey Car Boot sale	2.00pm
14 th May	Sat	Cantique Chamber Choir, St Lawrence, Weston Patrick	6.30pm
14 th /15 th May	Sat / Sun	Brick Kiln Cottage bluebell garden Open Days	12.00pm
17 th – 21 st May		‘Legally Blonde’ at The Haymarket	7.30pm
11 th June	Sat	Upton Grey Village Fete	2.00pm
12 th June	Sun	Herraird gardens Open Day	
24 th June	Fri	CF “Jekyll in June”, Manor House Garden	7.00pm
2 nd July	Sat	Herriard Barn Dance	
13 th Aug	Sat	Summer Flower Show, Church Meadow, Upton Grey	1.00pm
13 th Aug	Sat	Summer Dinner & Disco, Church Meadow, Upton Grey	7.30pm
14 th Aug	Sun	Open Air Theatre, Church Meadow, Upton Grey	4.00pm
1 st Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Harvest Supper	
29 th Oct	Sat	www.uptongreyaautumnfestival.co.uk	2pm & 6pm

Regular Events

Each Monday	Prayer Group, 4 Little Hoddington	9.45am
Each Wednesday	Upton Grey Toddler Group	10.00am
Each Wednesday	Zumba Class, RBLH, Herriard	6.00pm
1st Thursday	Herriard WI	7.30pm
1st Sunday	Junior Choir Practice	9.15am
3rd Thursday	Holy Communion, Herriard Church	10.00am
3rd Thursday	Herriard Village Supper at Fur and Feathers	7.30pm
2nd and 4th Monday	Upton Grey Bridge Club at The Hodd	7.30pm
Every 4 weeks	Mobile Library visits UG, Saturday morning	11.00am

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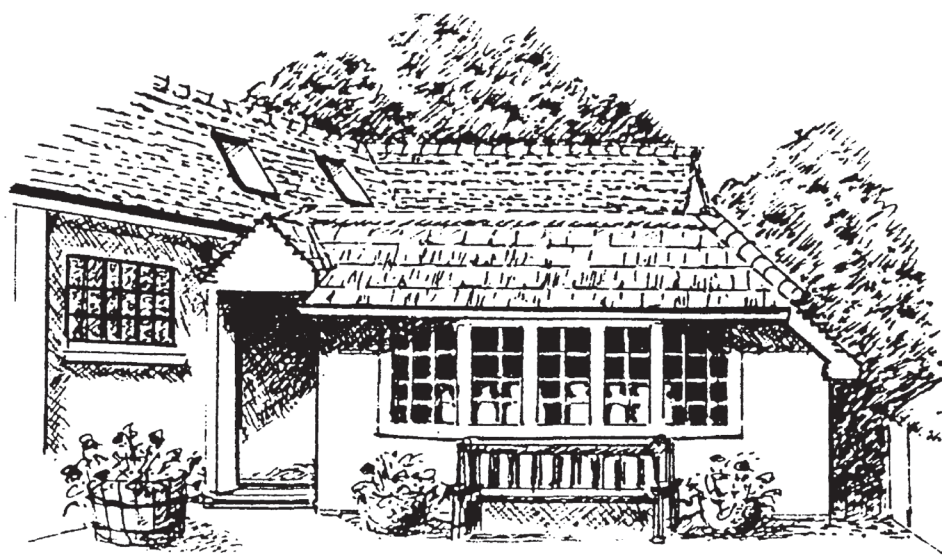
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