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Newsletter for Mapledurwell, Up Nately, Nately Scures & Newnham



PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR HARVEST SERVICES

27 Sept **St Stephen's Up Nately**, 11am Harvest Festival with refreshments

04 October **St Mary's Mapledurwell**, 10.30am Harvest Breakfast then 11am Harvest Festival with Holy Communion

04 October **St Mary's Greywell**, 11am Harvest Festival with refreshments, then in the afternoon Harvest Tea and village history display

04 October **St Swithun's Nately Scures**, 5pm Harvest Festival Evensong, followed by English Wines & Cheeses

11 October **St Nicholas' Newnham**, 10.30am Family Harvest Festival

These services are an opportunity to give thanks for the work of the farmers in our area and to consider how we can each take better care of the beautiful land we live from and on. As always, any food produce given during the services will be passed on to a local foodbank or to Camrose in Basingstoke.

A landscape under pressure: drought, wildlife and changing climate

Friday 21 August 2026

www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/hiwwt/landscape-under-pressure-drought-wildlife-and-changing-climate

A dry summer changes the landscape quietly at first. Grass fades from green to gold, ponds shrink, river stones emerge, and the clear water of chalk streams begins to slow and warm. These may look like familiar signs of summer, but for wildlife they are early warnings of growing pressure across the whole ecosystem.

Climate change is making extreme weather events more common and more severe. For Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, this is not an abstract future risk. Our teams are already seeing the effects across nature reserves, rivers, wetlands and coastal habitats.

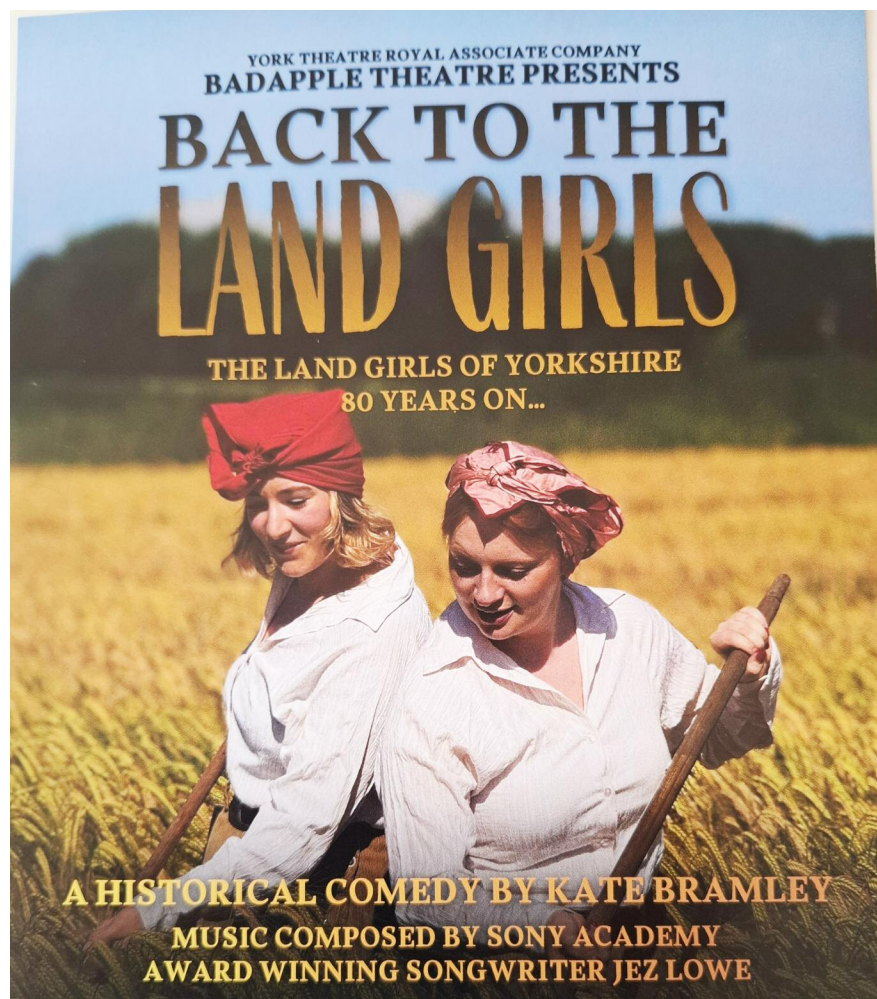
Wildfires and flooding

Across heathlands, grasslands and woodland edges, vegetation can become tinder dry within days. When heathland burns, the impact is felt far beyond the loss of vegetation. Wildfires can wipe out nesting sites, destroy insect-rich habitats and kill wildlife unable to escape the flames, heat or smoke. Bare, scorched ground is left vulnerable to erosion, while surviving species lose the food, shelter and breeding sites they depend on.

The silver-studded blue butterfly relies on healthy heather habitats that can take years to recover after fire. Hampshire is also home to all six of Britain's native reptile species, many of which depend on heathland and struggle to escape fast-moving fires. For these species, a single wildfire can cause significant wildlife losses and set local populations back for years.

Sadly, we've seen the impact locally. On the Isle of Wight, a fire raged through nine hectares (22.2 acres), of nationally important heathland on National Trust land. In Hampshire, we experienced a fire at our nature reserve at Pamber Forest, where 1.5 hectares (3.70 acres) were burnt. And most recently, the New Forest wildfire

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Thurs 22 Oct at 7.30pm
Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE IS HOSTING

a **MacMillan Coffee Morning, Second Hand Book Sale ***
and **Village History / Archive display on**



Saturday 12th September
from 9.30am until midday

Anyone attending is invited to
make a voluntary donation to the
'MacMillan Cancer Support'



*If you are having a home clear out of books,
DVDs and CDs we would like them.

Please drop off at the outer entrance/ vestibule
of the Village Hall on **9/11th Sept between 5 and 6pm**

Contact Heather on 07552 506898 or Sue on 07495 367169

THEATRE EVENT

Back to the Land Girls
Thursday 22 October at 7.30pm

Mapledurwell & Up Nately
Village Hall (see front page)

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UP NATELY COFFEE MORNING

Friday 4th September, 10-12 at
The Laurels, let Moira know if you
plan to be there, 01256 763894.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 20 September, 7pm,
Village Hall meeting room,
everyone welcome



The
Wildlife
Trusts

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spread over more than 160 hectares
(395 acres) affected, equivalent to
224 football pitches.

Flooding might seem an unlikely
concern during a drought, but the two
are closely connected. When
prolonged heat dries out the ground,
soils become hard and compacted.
Instead of soaking into the landscape,
heavy rain can run rapidly across the
surface, flooding roads, homes and
farmland while washing sediment,
pollutants and nutrients into rivers.

That is why so much of our
conservation work focuses on
restoring natural processes. By
creating wetlands, reconnecting rivers
to their floodplains and improving soil
health, we can help landscapes store
water for longer and become more
resilient to both drought and flooding.

Freshwater habitats and chalk streams under pressure

Another stark reminder of the scale of
this drought is the impact on our
freshwater habitats. Rivers, streams
and ponds have in some places
completely dried, while others have
been reduced to a trickle.

Hampshire is home to some of the
finest chalk streams in the world,
including the Test, Itchen and Meon.
Fed by groundwater stored within
chalk aquifers, these globally rare
rivers normally flow with cool, clear,
mineral-rich water throughout the
year. When winter rainfall is low, the
aquifer does not fully recharge. By
summer, river levels fall, flows slow
and some stretches can begin to dry.

At Court House Meadows on the River
Meon, parts of the riverbed have dried
out entirely, highlighting how
vulnerable modified rivers can become
during periods of drought.



The Meon has
been heavily
modified over
the years and
has lost much
of its ability to
withstand
extreme
weather
conditions.

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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/01159/HSE and **26/01160/LBC** (Grant
13 August) Blae Grove Cottage. Install an
electric vehicle charging unit.

26/01164/PIP (Pending 01 June) Land
South West Of Heather Lane, Up Nately.
One self-build home and garage.

26/00970/FUL (Pending 12 May) Nunnery
House, Tunworth Road. Erection of a
detached single-storey garage within the
residential curtilage of the dwelling under
construction ref (24/02002/FUL).

25/00304/HSE (Pending 26 February)
6 St Stephens Close. Erection of part first
floor, two storey side and rear extension,
single storey rear extensions.

24/00756/FUL (Pending 16 April 2024)
Land North of Parrotts. Four detached new
dwellings, garages, access, parking etc.
Development Control Committee decision
of 08 April. to defer on two grounds: to
request further information on flood risk,

and re levels of noise from M3. Subsequent
reprot from LLFA (HCC Lead Local Flood
Authority) requires further information
prior to determination. 'These matters
cannot be subject to condition.'

PLANNING APPEAL

APP/H1705/X/26/**3378064** (Appeal in
progress) The Gamekeepers. Certificate of
lawful development for the existing use of
the Gamekeepers as a restaurant.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00392/26/TCA (Validated 24 August)
Rose Cottage Tunworth Road. T1-Ash fell,
heavy dieback and stem canker from
ground level to crown break. T2-Horse
chestnut, reduce over-extended limb
towards garage by 3m to leave crown
spread of 5.5m. G1- Copper Beech, crown
lift to 3m over garden and 5m over road.

T/00349/26/TCA (Approve 26 August)
Manor Farm Barn, Tunworth Road.
1xWillow: pollard, reduce height by 4m.

NEW NPPF 2026 – NATIONAL DECISION-MAKING POLICIES AND NDMPs S3-S5 ‘SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT’

Government has restructured this latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published 17 August 2026. If like me you haven't quite read all of it yet, this is a possible starting point...

The format is now of separate chapters and chapter numbering rather than the previous ongoing paragraph-numbering system. Importantly Policies are restructured into those for Plan-making (PM) and National Decision-making Policies (NDMPs). The latter are the Policies that directly apply in deciding planning applications.

The new NDMPs took effect immediately upon publication, thus they apply to all current undetermined applications, regardless of when submitted.

The 2026 NPPF retains its central principle of 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' based on interrelated economic, social and environmental objectives.

However the familiar concept of the 'tilted balance' as per the old Paragraph 11d no longer applies in the same way; it is replaced, as Government explains, by new 'location-based' policies, as set out in NDMP 'S3 Presumption in favour of sustainable development'.

Chapter 4 focuses on 'Achieving sustainable development' and is divided between Plan Making Policies (S1-S2) and NDMPs (S3-S5).

Policy S3 explains how the 'Presumption in favour of sustainable development' will now operate.

S3: Presumption in favour of sustainable development

'S3(1) Decisions on development proposals should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development. This means:

- (a) Policy S4 in this Framework should be applied when considering development proposals within settlements;
- (b) Outside settlements, policy S5 should be applied; and
- (c) In all locations, development proposals that accord with both an up-to-date development plan and the decision-making policies in this Framework should be approved without delay.

'S3(2) Where a development proposal falls partly within and partly outside a settlement, policies S4 and S5 should be applied to the relevant parts which are inside or outside of the settlement.'

Thus NDMP S3 directs decision-makers to separate Policies – S4 or S5 – depending on whether the development is inside or outside a settlement boundary.

NDMP 'S4 Principle of development within settlements' establishes a presumption in favour:

S4: Principle of development within settlements

'S4(1) Development proposals within settlements should be approved unless the benefits of doing so would be substantially outweighed by any adverse effects, when assessed against the national decision-making policies in this Framework.'

Para S4(2) outlines circumstances in which the benefits of approving development are likely to be substantially outweighed by adverse effects.

Paras S4(3) and S4(4) do go on to detail specific circumstances in which the presumption is that development should not be approved or only in exceptional circumstances, and S4(5) clarifies that all development proposals not included in the 'positive' list should only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

NDMP 'S5 Principle of development outside settlements' sets out a presumption in favour for specific types of development.

S5: Principle of development outside settlements

'S5(1) Only certain forms of development should be approved outside settlements, as set out in the following list. These should be approved, unless the benefits of doing so would be substantially outweighed by any adverse effects, when assessed against the national decision-making policies in this Framework:

Thus to compare with BDBC's adopted Local Plan Policy SS6 New Housing in the Countryside, the list here of acceptable development is rather longer...

S5(1)(a) Development for agriculture, horticulture and forestry; outdoor sport and recreation; allotments; cemeteries and burial grounds; mineral extraction and processing; engineering operations and infrastructure (including for transport, energy, water and telecommunications); roadside facilities in accordance with policy TR5; national defence and security; or which is solely for nature conservation, restoration and/or enhancement;

S5(1)(b) Development for rural businesses and services, including tourism, where allocation outside settlements is shown to be necessary;

S5(1)(c) The reuse, extension, alteration or replacement of an existing building, provided that the existing building is of permanent and substantial construction, is lawful in planning terms, and any extension or alteration will not result in a disproportionate increase in size compared to the existing building. In the case of proposals for a replacement building, it should be for the same use and not disproportionately larger than the one it replaces;

S5(1)(d) The development of previously developed land (including a material change of use to residential or mixed-use including residential);

S5(1)(e) Limited infilling within groups of houses;

S5(1)(f) An exception site as provided for in policy HO10 Exception Sites, or development brought forward under a Community Right to Build Order or Neighbourhood Development Order;

S5(1)(g) Development which would address an evidenced unmet need for gypsy, traveller or travelling showpeople accommodation, provided it meets the criteria in policy HO12 Traveler Sites;

S5(1)(h) Residential and mixed-use development which would:

- i. Be within reasonable walking distance of a well-connected station (applying the definitions in the glossary at Annex B);
- ii. Be physically well-related to the station or the settlement within which the station is located;
- iii. Be of a scale which can be accommodated taking into account the existing or proposed availability of infrastructure; and
- iv. Not prejudice any proposals for long-term comprehensive development in the same location.

S5(1)(i) The development of land allocated for that purpose in the development plan (where this lies outside settlements); and

S5(1)(j) Development which would address an evidenced unmet need * (including, but not limited to, development proposals involving the provision of housing where the local planning authority cannot demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing sites or scores below 75% in the most recent Housing Delivery Test), and where the development would:

- i. Be physically well-related to an existing settlement (unless the nature of the development would make this inappropriate) and be of a scale which can be accommodated taking into account the existing or proposed availability of infrastructure; or
- ii. Comprise major development for freight and logistics purposes which accords with policy E3 Freight and Logistics.

* To note then, re S5(1)(j), 'Addressing an unmet need' is now written into the Policy for 'development outside settlement boundaries', a lack of five-year land supply explicitly evidencing such an unmet need.

In all cases, the requirement for 'sustainable' development remains and proposals must still comply with other NDMPs and relevant Local Plan policies.

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Newnham & Nately Scures



All residents of Newnham and Nately Scures
are warmly invited to

THE HARVEST SUPPER 2026 7pm Friday 9th October

Manor Farm Barn, Crown Lane, Newnham

The Supper is free of charge but you are asked to kindly contribute a dish (main, side, or dessert) and bring your own place setting (cutlery, plate, dessert bowl/plate). Drinks and glasses will be available for a suggested donation. There will also be a raffle with proceeds in aid of St Nicholas' Newnham. Places are limited so will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your place and tell us what dish you are bringing, please email trudy@rankinfamily.com

Also please join us at the Harvest Festival Service
10.30am Sunday 11th October, St Nicholas' Newnham. All welcome

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/01391/HSE (Validated 07 July)
9 Kingsbridge Copse. Replacement
roof and windows to garden room.
Part single storey extension to square
off corner. Alterations to fenestration.

26/01274/HSE (Grant 21 August)
Hunters, Newnham Lane. Single-storey
side and rear extension with rooflights,
roof lantern, external alterations.

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



August winners are
Tatjana Marsden - £100
Sue Stevenson - £50
Trudy & James Rankin - £25
Congratulations to all, Tracey



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Nigel Bell

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village, local residents and history buffs alike, it is a
fascinating account of a rural Hampshire community
that has evolved over the last millennium.

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This is one of the reasons why the
Trust is working to restore more
natural river processes, helping rivers
and floodplains become more resilient
to extreme weather.

Low flows are one of the greatest
threats facing chalk streams. When
levels are low and the flow reduced,
water warms more quickly, holds
less oxygen, and pollutants and
nutrients become more concentrated,
triggering algal growth and placing
pressure on the whole river.

Freshwater invertebrates such as
mayflies, caddisflies, stoneflies and
freshwater shrimp form the base of
the food chain. When oxygen falls,
temperatures rise and pollution
becomes concentrated, these
communities decline, affecting
fish, birds and mammals above them.

Fish also suffer in these climatic
extremes. Salmonids such as brown
trout and Atlantic salmon rely on
stable water temperatures. Both
species experience thermal stress in
waters above 19.5°C; temperatures
above 25°C can be lethal.

Atlantic salmon depend on water
quality enough flow to migrate. In
2022, severe drought contributed to a
catastrophic year for salmon on the
River Itchen, with only around 100
fish recorded compared with a recent
high of around 800 in 2018. It is too
early to know what 2026 will mean,
but low flows on the Test and Itchen
are a serious concern.

Aquatic plants are affected too. Water
crowfoot provides shelter, shade and
oxygen for river wildlife, but it needs
cold, fast-flowing water. When algae
coat its leaves, the plant declines and
the river loses structure and
resilience.

Wildlife's survival

When water and food become harder
to find, wildlife must use more energy
simply to survive. Prolonged heat and
drought can reduce breeding success,
affect the survival of young animals
and leave populations vulnerable long
after the rain returns.

Butterflies and moths can be very
susceptible. Many species depend on
specific plants to feed their caterpillars,
and prolonged periods of heat can
leave these foodplants scorched and
unsuitable.

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COMMON FLEABANE (*Pulicaria dysenterica*)



The bright yellow flowers of Common Fleabane are a source of nectar for many insects, particularly bees and butterflies, making it a superb plant for extending the wildlife season into late summer

and early autumn. It best-suited to damp ground– pond edges and marshy borders– but also found in disturbed areas in roadsides, fields and waste ground.

Listed as native to the UK and also widespread in Europe and Asia, Fleabane has a history of traditional medicinal use and folklore. In parts of Europe, it was used in traditional brewing practices; its bitter leaves and flowers added to beer to enhance flavor and prevent spoilage. *Pulicaria* is derived from the Latin *pulex* or 'flea', referring to the plant's use in preventing fleas from infesting the beer.

Dysenterica is indicative of its use in herbal remedies for stomach ailments due to its astringent properties, but also used in other traditional medicines, for fevers, coughs, rheumatism, as a poultice for wounds and burns, and in insect repellents. In some cultures, the plant was believed to have protective properties and used to ward off evil spirits or negative energy, and sometimes used in love spells or other magical rituals.



More recently, Common Fleabane has been studied for its potential as a source of natural compounds with insecticidal, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory properties. These include sesquiterpene lactones, flavonoids, and phenolic acids, which are believed to be responsible for its therapeutic effects.

Research has shown that the sesquiterpene lactones have anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties, and may be useful in the treatment of a variety of inflammatory diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, and inflammatory bowel disease.

Additionally, the plant's extracts, having been shown to possess insecticidal properties, may be useful in the development of natural insecticides for agricultural use; the plant's essential oils have antifungal properties which may be useful in the development of natural fungicides for crop protection. Thus its potential benefits in modern health and agriculture make it a subject of ongoing scientific research

However, a cautionary note if handling or consuming the plant. It should only be used under the guidance of a qualified healthcare professional or expert as contains chemicals that can cause skin irritation and other adverse reactions, and it may be toxic if ingested in large quantities.

Extracts taken from various blogs and websites including
www.wildflowerweb.co.uk/plant/185/common-fleabane
www.rhs.org.uk/plants/67248/pulicaria-dysenterica/details

NEW NPPF 2026 – National Decision-Making Policies and S3-S5 'Sustainable development'

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NPPF 2026 Annex A, para 2 states.

'Local Plan policies should not be given reduced weight simply because they were adopted before the publication of the new Framework.'

However

'Existing development plan policies which are materially inconsistent with the new national decision-making policies should be given very limited weight.'

Which again is familiar... all the new NPPF National Decision-Making Policies need to be taken into account when considering whether adopted Local Plan Policies (and parts of policies) continue to be compliant and carry weight.

FURTHER NOTES

The concept of 'reasonable walking distance' as per the NDMP 'S5 Principle of development outside settlements' S5(1)(h) Residential and mixed-use development which would: i. Be within reasonable walking distance of a well-connected station...

is defined in the Annex B Glossary:

'Reasonable walking distance: For the purpose of policies S5, L3, GB7 (relating to land around well-connected stations), this should be considered to be around 800 metres, or around 10 minutes' walk time if topography, route availability and quality or physical barriers would prevent or discourage walking from up to 800 metres away... Where a reasonable walking distance is required to be calculated when applying policies S5(1)(h), L3(2)(c) and GB7(1)(h) – and only part of the site falls within the reasonable walking distance – those sub-paragraphs of policies S5, L3 and GB7 only apply to the area of the site within that reasonable walking distance.'

Re 'S5 Principle of development outside settlements', the circumstances in which benefits of approving development proposals are likely to be considered to be substantially outweighed by adverse effects are covered in paras S(5)2 to S(5)4.

S5(2) In applying this policy, the circumstances in which the benefits of approving development proposals are likely to be substantially outweighed by adverse effects include, but are not restricted to, situations where the development proposal would fail to comply with one of the national decision-making policies (NDMPs) which state that development proposals should be refused in specific circumstances.

S5(3) Development proposals comprising isolated homes, which are those lying outside settlements or groups of houses, should not be approved other than in accordance with policy [NDMP] 'HO11 Isolated Homes in the Countryside'.

S5(4) Development proposals which do not fall within one of the categories set out in this policy should only be approved in exceptional circumstances, where the benefits of the proposal would substantially outweigh the adverse effects, including to the character of the countryside and in relation to promoting sustainable patterns of movement.

This as a starting point in becoming familiar with NDMPs S3-S5 as key policies, Su Turner

Kevin Curtis

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From the Parish Registers

Funeral: Peter Gwynne at Basingstoke Crematorium on July 27th

Funeral: Sophie Fouracre at St Nicholas' Newnham on August 17th, followed by Memorial Service at St Mary's Old Basing on August 18th



FROM THE BENEFICE MINISTRY TEAM

Well, just when you think a heatwave is ending, you get 170 more! It seems like we have had a never-ending stream of heatwaves this year, with heat records being broken and re-broken on a fairly constant basis. With the grass turning brown, and soil becoming dust, it has at points felt fairly oppressive.

However, we had a lovely moment during our annual Holiday Club in August. It was the Wednesday morning when all of a sudden, it rained. It lasted perhaps five minutes at most, but there was definitely water falling from the sky.

And it just so happened to be one of the few times when almost every single child was doing an activity outdoors. Children were running, dancing and (literally) singing in the rain. One description was 'almost like a child seeing snow for the first time'. It was almost magical.

And this moment prompted some thinking for me. Sometimes life can feel hectic, overwhelming and unrelenting. Like a series of heatwaves, it can seem like the busyness of life robs us of actual living. That we have too much going on to be able to just sit back and enjoy the good things of this world.

Sometimes, life can feel like a series of heatwaves in the drought that it produces. For some of us life can feel difficult, perhaps we long for the busyness. But things just feel a bit empty, listless... dry.

Whatever the reason, whatever the particularities, many of us are longing for change.

Whether it's waiting for the actual rain to fall to water our gardens and bring the green back. Whether it's waiting for the pause in chaos, some breathing room, some space. Waiting for life to slow down. Or whether it's waiting for something to happen, to break us out of the monotony. We long for change, refreshing... for life.

This is the promise of God. The promise he gives us wherever we find ourselves. He promises to meet us. To provide for us. One of my favourite songs that we sing in church is All Who Are Thirsty. The opening verse is wonderful;

*All who are thirsty
And all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the
streams of life*

I love that imagery, the idea of dipping your heart, refreshing your heart in the living waters of Jesus' love.

So by the time this goes to print and you read it, who knows... maybe we're on heatwave number 3,000. Maybe the last remnants of lawn have been scorched away. Or maybe, just maybe, we may have seen some rain. Begun to feel it's refreshing presence. Started to see the difference it makes.

Why not come along to church one Sunday? Find out a bit more about this life-giving, life-sustaining, life-enriching presence of Jesus. Perhaps see what difference he can make in your life.

*God bless,
and hope to see you around,*

*Matt
Revd Matt Bianchi
Vicar, All Saints' Odiham*



Helen Chatfield
Children & Youth Outreach Pastor
More to Life network of Churches
North Hampshire Downs Benefice

KIDSZONE

Hi everyone!

As I sit on a (very) early train to Gatwick, ready to fly out on holiday to a Caribbean island, I find myself flicking back through the photos of Going Banana holiday club last week and reliving some of the awesome memories that were made.

Whether it was children dancing in the three minutes of rain Odiham has received in the last two months, or the teenagers fully committing to the actions of 'Twisting back in time,' whether it was the laughing faces of the children when Ripe splatted Rotten (yes that's me...) with a rather over enthusiastic custard pie, or the awe I felt at the clean-up team, as we walked back into church after the family picnic.

More than 100 children and young people – not to mention more than 40 adult volunteers – came together, made memories, had fun and 'did church'.

It might not have looked much like a traditional church service, but we came together, laughed, sang and learnt about God as one big family. It didn't matter how old or young we were; we were church.

And that was the thing I will most remember about this (and every single holiday club I've ever done!), that a church isn't made up of bricks and mortar, but the people who are in it.

In the Bible, in a book called '1 Peter', which was probably written by the same Peter who walked on water at holiday club, we are called living stones. God is building us up to be his church that the world sees – and last week, what a beautiful church the world saw!

They say a picture paints a thousand words and we hope these few pictures give you a glimpse of the joy, friendship and love of God we all felt at holiday club.

*God Bless
Helen*

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KIDSZONE

Going Bananas holiday club



CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER INTO OCTOBER

Sunday 06 Sept 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship
5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong.

Sunday 13 Sept 9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)
10.30am St Nicholas' Newnham, Morning Worship

Sunday 20 Sept 9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service

Sunday 27 Sept 10.30am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said)
11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Harvest Festival

Sunday 04 Oct 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell,
Harvest Festival with Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, Harvest Festival
5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Harvest Festival Evensong



North Hampshire Downs MU

On 9th August each year we remember Mary Sumner, the founder of Mothers' Union. This year we also celebrated the 150th Anniversary of our organisation.

Mary Sumner Day started with Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 focussing on Mary Sumner and her legacy. Then within the diocese there were two celebratory services; in the morning at St Mary's Old Alresford, and in the afternoon a special service of Evensong in the Cathedral when we were joined by the Lord Mayor of Winchester, the Lady Mayoress and the Deputy Lieutenant, as well as many Mothers' Union members from this diocese and further afield.

Bishop Kelly gave an inspiring sermon about Mary Sumner and her vision for Mothers' Union which works to promote the well-being of families, and to improve the situation of women and girls around the world. We hope to continue doing that for the next 150 years!

Our next branch meeting is on Monday 7th September at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre at 7.30pm.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy at suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011 / 07881 828450

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12 September 2026

<https://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

The Ride+Stride day is an opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family. Sponsorship money that participants raise will be used for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

For 'Taking part as a participant' see <https://hihct.org.uk/taking-part/>

All five of our local churches will be open most having refreshments.

(St Mary's Mapledurwell has a composting toilet in the churchyard, and St Swithun's has the use of the Miller's Ark facilities.)



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Sept 18 Film *The Devil Wears Prada 2* starring Meryl Streep, Ann Hathaway, Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt. Set two decades after the events of the first film, it follows Andy Sachs (Hathaway) as she helps Miranda Priestly (Streep) navigate a new media landscape and corporate threats to the survival of *Runway* magazine.

'Meryl Streep still wears Miranda Priestly like a finely tailored suit in this enjoyable sequel, which is dressed to the nines in off-the-rack wish fulfilment and some trenchant observations about the state of modern media' – Rotten Tomatoes.

Sept 25 Film *The Christophers* starring: Ian McKellen, Michaela Coel, James Corden, Jessica Gunning. An irascible, dyspeptic old English painter (McKellen) who hasn't painted in decades and has been broke for years, has two estranged children (Corden and Gunning) desperate for an inheritance. *5' A deliciously sly, twisty, darkly comedic take on the art world; McKellen who has never been better on film' – Spectator*

Tickets £7.50, Doors open at 19.00. Films starts at 19.45. Coffee/tea, wine/soft drinks and ice creams available. Tickets online at www.thecrossbarn.org.uk



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One example is the chalkhill blue butterfly which relies solely on horseshoe vetch as its larval food plant. This plant has, for the most part, been scorched by the extreme heat, leaving little food for caterpillars to survive.

For longer-lived species such as birds and mammals, the effects can be more gradual. Repeated years of extreme weather can reduce breeding success and slowly contribute to population declines over time.

What is the Trust doing?

Through river restoration, wetland creation, floodplain reconnection and reserve management, we are helping our landscape become more resilient to drought, flooding and wildfire. Two recent examples of our work include the Eastern Yar River Restoration Project and Floodplain restoration in the Lower Test Valley.



East111ar River Restoration Project
Credit Emma Hunt

We are also working alongside partners, communities and landowners to campaign and improve the health of our rivers and reduce pressures such as pollution and unsustainable abstraction.

However extreme weather events do greatly reduce our ability to work across our estate. There are also welfare considerations for staff and volunteers working outdoors in high temperatures. Machinery use is often restricted during extreme heat, slowing conservation work on some sites. Volunteering sessions and practical conservation activities may need to be postponed or cancelled.

At the same time, warmer weather often brings more visitors, increasing pressure on sensitive habitats and raising the risk of fires.

Every of water litre saved helps leave more water for nature. You can also speak up for stronger protections by supporting the Save Our Chalk Streams campaign. *HIWWT*



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North Warnborough and District Garden Club Talk by Pamela Holt on Indoor Plant Propagation, Thursday 24 Sept, North Warnborough Village Hall, 2.10pm for 2.30pm start. Tea and biscuits after. Visitors welcome £3.