

The Villager

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Newsletter for Mapledurwell, Up Nately, Nately Scures & Newnham

PUDSEY BEAR AND LOCAL RESIDENTS RAISE £40,000+ FOR CHILDREN IN NEED – WITH MORE STILL TO COME!



Local Canal Reach residents Jonathan and Jackie Brewin launched the initiative Big Bear Voyage 2026 earlier this year and have already raised more than £40,000 for BBC Children in Need.

Big Bear Voyage 2026 is a 2,200-mile, round-UK sail aboard the Brewin's yacht Big Bear. Along with a crew of family and friends, they're taking Pudsey Bear – BBC Children in Need's iconic mascot – to more than 35 ports in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to raise more than £70,000 – and vital awareness – for the one in five children in the UK living with a mental health challenge.

This unique 3-month initiative – which more than 20 Mapledurwell residents are involved with – has appeared on BBC TV twice, featured in 50+ media articles, been on two radio interviews, and inspired thousands of people UK-wide.

The message behind the Voyage – supporting children's mental health – is one so close to so many people's hearts. There are several ways you can get involved yourself. You can donate direct by visiting the Just Giving page via this QR code. Please use reference 'VILLAGER'.



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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

NOTES FROM THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To record thanks from the Parish Council, and on behalf of the villages, to Lorna Cuthill for her many years as principal distributor and delivery co-ordinator for the *Villager*, and also as treasurer. As Lorna is now stepping down from these roles, further thanks to Sue Smart for taking them on. Lorna will continue with local deliveries.

Review of Parish Assembly 2026

A sociable, informative evening; thanks to BDBC leaders and Ward Councillors for updates relating particularly to water infrastructure and planning. PCSO Andy Jones gave snapshot of local issues and described the extend of the area policed by him and a few colleagues. A particular issue raised re smoke nuisance.

Reporting smoke nuisance The best option available is to constantly report to BDBC; for everyone to report every single occurrence, or ongoing reports re an ongoing issue.

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report-nuisance

Internal audit 2025/26 complete. No requirement for external audit as turnover remained under £25K.

Outdoor table tennis table for the recreation ground – BDBC agreement confirmed for S106 equipped play funding allocation.

Old car park upgrade for recreation ground – BDBC agreement confirmed for S106 open space funding.

New bench for recreation ground – agreed funding application to Ward cllrs.

Pavilion fixed wiring inspection

EICR (Electrical Installation Condition Report) 'Generally OK' some upgrade work recommended.

Playground Annual inspection completed as per RoSPA-standard (Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents) with minor points raised. Agreed no remedial work required to playground equipment.

Tennis courts One net to be replaced plus a central anchor weight needed.

Mapledurwell direction signage

Refurbishment / replacement of four direction signposts now complete.

Parish Lengthsman tasks

Vegetation bordering the river fence along Frog Lane has been cut back

Ducks crossing sign to be installed on Frog Lane as a reminder; an adult moorhen was sadly killed on the road.

Request for 20mph speed limit for Up Nately. Discussion featured concerns re speed of traffic on all village and rural roads. Also Hampshire County Council Policy, ref their '20mph Decision Report' of January 2024.

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport-schemes/20mph-speed-limit

'A revised policy position for 20mph speed limits enables Parish and Town Councils, plus other community groups, to request new 20mph speed limits and zones, where certain criteria are met, and where local communities are fully supportive of the measure.

'This revised approach will require schemes to be delivered on a full cost recovery basis meaning that Parish and Town Councils or community organisations will need to cover the full costs of any changes.'

Costs as per the *Decision Report* include an application fee of £175, then c£10K to progress a Traffic Order plus the cost of investigation, design and installation of the scheme.

Some criteria to support a 20mph scheme may be met in the vicinity of the pond, postbox and church. However the Police like speed limit areas to be self-enforcing and will only approve if current speeds are close to the new limit anyway – unless additional traffic calming put in place.

Agreed those who do speed unlikely to be deterred by extra signs. Measures physically requiring traffic to slow are more effective. The Parish Council does not have available funds to pay for a 20mph scheme if approved.

ST STEPHEN'S UP NATELY

Family Morning Worship at 11am on Sunday 23 August. Moving forward, the fourth-Sunday service at St Stephen's will have a family focus. All families most welcome!

UP NATELY COFFEE MORNING

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

VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

The Village Hall Committee will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th September and a Theatre Event on Thursday 22nd October; please save the dates.

COUNTRYSIDE CODE

Issues concerning owners not picking up after their dogs is shamefully a common theme. Now to add to that are cigarette butts discarded on public footpaths, recently relating in particular to the field behind Kembers Lane with properties backing onto it, by the motorway, and timber dry.



Be Wildfire Aware!



LEAVE ONLY PAWPRINTS

Notice for all dog owners

No matter where it is, dog waste needs to be picked up and disposed of correctly.

The offence of 'not picking up after your dog' is enforceable through Public Spaces Protection Orders made under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Fixed Penalty Notice of £100; Court fine up to £1,000.

Where there are no bins, take it home with you.

If dog waste is bagged but then thrown aside or left hanging – this is littering and is a danger to wildlife. Section 87(1) of The Environmental Protection Act 1990 says: 'A person is guilty of an offence if he throws down, drops or otherwise deposits any litter in any place to which this section applies and leaves it.'

Fixed Penalty Notice £75-£150; Court fine up to £2,500.

The law applies to any place open to the air, and so can include public open spaces, private land, farmland and woodland.



PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (DOG FOULING)

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report-dog-fouling

A borough-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) says that:

- It is an offence for persons in control of a dog not to clear up after their dog has fouled in a public place
- it is an offence for a person not to produce a means to clear up after their dog has fouled, for example sufficient dog poo bags, when asked to do so by an authorised officer
- failure to comply with a PSPO could result in an on the spot fine of £100 or ultimately prosecution.



A Public Space Protection Order is in force for three years. Thus the original 2020 Order was renewed 30 November 2023 and is in force until 30 November 2026.

A consultation on extending the Order to Nov 2029 is live on the BDBC website to 23 August

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/pspo-dog-fouling-proposed-renewal

RIGHTS FOR RIVERS MAJOR FUNDING BOOST AGREED FOR CHALK STREAM TRIBUTARY PROJECT



News release 10786, published on 27 Jul 2026

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is providing £100K of funding to the South East Rivers Trust towards its project to restore part of Petty's Brook, a tributary to the River Loddon. This section of the brook, near Hanmore Road in Chineham, currently flows through a concrete channel with a flat, uniform bottom and steep edges that give plants little room to grow.

The project will transform it into a more natural stream by removing the concrete and reshaping it with gently sloping banks to support vegetation. The stream's bed will also be varied to create different depths, which will provide refuges for wildlife when water levels are lower.

The Trust already had £200K to improve 300 metres of the brook secured through an Environment Agency enforcement undertaking, following a 2022 pollution incident that killed fish and other wildlife.

A future aim to improve an additional 250-metre stretch of the brook can now be brought forward to begin in the next two year, creating new habitats and food sources sooner to support the waterway's wildlife.

Detailed proposals for improving the stream are now being drawn up, with the aim of starting major nature restoration work in summer next year.

Cabinet Member for Climate and Ecological Emergency Cllr Chris Tomblin said:

'Our funding boost will significantly expand and speed up the South East Rivers Trust's project to restore Petty's Brook, a tributary to the River Loddon as a globally rare chalk stream habitat that is so important for our borough's native wildlife.'

'It was only in March that our Cabinet adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Rivers, committing this council to go as far as it can to protect the waterways that flow in Basingstoke & Deane. This is just the first example since then of how we are now delivering on that pledge.'

'While water companies continue to fall short and cause harm to these fragile environments, this council is focused on stepping up as it works closely with the South East Rivers Trust and other partners to restore and protect Basingstoke Deane's rivers and streams.'

Enhancing rivers and streams is a part of the council's climate and ecological commitments, strengthened further by the council's adoption earlier this year of its Declaration on the Rights of Rivers.

For information about the council's action to enhance nature see

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/our-nature-action

More information about the South East Rivers Trust's position on Environment Agency enforcement undertakings is on its website

www.SouthEastRiversTrust.org/about-us/enforcement-undertakings-our-position

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/01300/PIP (Withdrawn 29 July) Andwell Brewing Company, Andwell Lane. Permission in principle for the conversion of former/disused brewery into 5 no. two bedroom dwellings

26/01159/HSE and **26/01160/LBC** (Pending 19 June) Blaegrove Cottage Blaegrove Lane. Install an electric vehicle charging unit on side of cottage.

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

26/00977/HSE (Grant 20 July) The New Farmhouse, Andwell Lane. Raising roof to existing double garage to form residential annex to main house and new double garage, car port with storage over.

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, and approved under planning ref (24/02002/FUL).

26/00717/LBC and **26/00848/HSE** (Grant 24 July) Mapledurwell House, Tunworth Road. Reinstate and repair the section of collapsed flint boundary wall.

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, amenity space etc. (Considered by Development Control Committee of 08 April.) DC decision to defer on two grounds: to request further information on flood risk, and re levels of noise from M3. Subsequent investigation by LLFA (HCC Lead Local Flood Authority) requires further information prior to the application being decided. '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; ref 25/02178/LDEU.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00349/26/TCA (Validated 04 August) Manor Farm Barn, Tunworth Road. 1xWillow: pollard, reduce height by 4m..

T/00293/26/TCA (Approve 04 August) The Farm Tunworth Road. 1 x Pine - Fell.

BDBC LOCAL PLAN

Continues on hold and now impossible to meet submission deadline under the current system. As such will need to be restarted to follow Government's new statutory fast-track Local Plan process.

NEW NPPF

Was expected to be published prior to Parliament recess. Now subject to further review (and new Prime Minister).

Newnham & Nately Scures

Remembering Sophie

It is with great sadness that we learned of the tragic loss of Sophie Fouracre following an equestrian accident.

Sophie was a cherished wife, devoted mother, loyal friend, and a deeply valued member of a family whose roots in Newnham stretch back through generations. She was known for her warmth, kindness, and generosity of spirit, and her loss will be felt profoundly by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Our hearts go out to her husband, Giles, and to their children, Millie and Louis, who have lost a beloved wife and mother. We also extend our deepest sympathies to Sophie's wider family and many friends. In times such as these, words can offer little comfort, but we hope they may find strength in the love and support of those around them and in the many treasured memories they shared with Sophie.

On behalf of Newnham Parish Council and the residents of our village, I offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences. Sophie was held in great affection throughout the community, and her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be remembered with love, gratitude, and lasting fondness.

Paul Gaskell

Chairman, Newnham Parish Council

*On behalf of the Members of
Newnham Parish Council*

The celebration of Sophie's life will be held on Tuesday 18 August, 2pm at St Marys Church, Old Basing. Everyone is welcome.

There is no parking at the church or on the high street, please park at Royal British Legion or St Mary's Junior School or Old Basing Infants School or Old Basing Recreation Ground or Old Basing Cemetery/Allotments.

Please join us afterwards for light refreshments at Hale Farm, two miles east of the church on Newnham Lane, RG27 9AQ. Please no black clothing. Any donations are welcome to the air ambulance charity

www.airambulancesuk.org/support-us/donate-now/

(The private family funeral will take place the day before – Monday 17 August – at St Nicholas' Church, Newnham)

SOUTH EAST RIVERS TRUST GET INVOLVED

Our monthly newsletter brings the work of the South East Rivers Trust directly to your inbox. Discover how we are restoring rivers across the South East, the difference our supporters and volunteers are making, and the many ways you can get involved.

By signing up, you'll receive:

- Updates from our river restoration and conservation projects
- Inspiring stories about rivers, wildlife and local communities
- Invitations to events, activities and volunteering opportunities
- Ways to take action for local rivers
- Occasional news about opportunities to work with us.

www.southeastriverstrust.org/get-involved/newsletter/



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME HAMPSHIRE

The National Garden Scheme is fast approaching its centenary. How different life and gardens were then! The first 600 gardens opened in May 1927 and the cost was a shilling per head. They raised a total of £8,191 which went to help support the District Nurses. Currently we open 3,500 gardens nationwide and the admission fee to visit a garden is anywhere between £4.50 and £10. In 2025 the National Garden Scheme raised a staggering £3.8M.

As well as donating to several well-known charities, the National Garden Scheme supports many other Nursing, Health and Caring projects – the latest one being a donation of £37,828 to the rooftop critical care unit garden at Kings College Hospital, London. This donation was used to support the planting. This is the first rooftop critical care unit garden in the world. You can read more about this amazing garden on the NGS website under 'New & Lifestyle'.

We have a few gardens opening in September which you may like to visit and which bring us to the end of our National Garden Scheme Open Gardens for another year.

Now that Autumn is just round the corner, don't forget we give talks about the National Garden Scheme – evenings or afternoons – so if you belong to a Group who would like to learn more about what we do, simply contact me and I will send all the details.

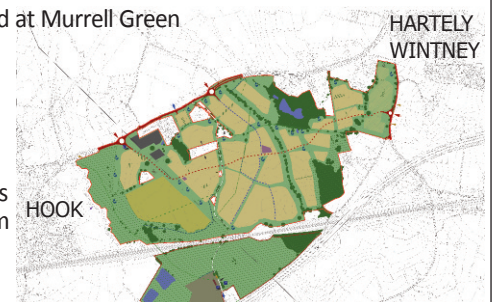
Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity)

MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION FOR MURRELL GREEN

26/01201/OUT (Validated 22 July) Land at Murrell Green

Outline application (with all matters reserved except access) for phased residential led mixed-use development comprising demolition of existing buildings/structures, provision of vehicular, cycle and pedestrian accesses (including details of three accesses from the A30 London Road and one access from the B3016 Odiham Road), development of up to 2,160 residential

dwellings (including residential institution) (use Class C2/C3), provision of employment, local centre and community uses (including education provision) (use Classes E and F), blue and green infrastructure including sustainable drainage systems, public open space, sports pitches with pavilion, wildlife areas, Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) and supporting infrastructure and associated works.



NOTES FROM THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Newnham 901 To record the Parish Council's thanks to the 'Newnham 900' team for organising and delivering the N901 Summer Feast on the Green catered by Berro Kitchen. Discussions focussed on the event being for all the Parish but also the importance of a community venue for Water End and Nately Scures.

Asset of Community Value (ACV) legislation has been updated by the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (in force from 29 April 2026) superceding provisions of the Localism Act 2011. Criteria now accounts for economic as well as social value and can consider past value to the community over the lifetime of the asset rather than just the 'recent' past. Once allocated, the nominating body has first right to buy and the ACV is in place for 10 years.

Newnham Green discussion re the balance for maintaining the Green as a venue for Village events, as a designated SINC (Site of Interest for Nature Conservation) and in line with BDBC's declared ecological emergency. An important consideration in SINC management is the Parish Council's statutory duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity (as per s40 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006 updated by s102 of the Environment Act 2021).

Internal audit 2025/26 completed and submitted for external audit.

A30 bus shelters Newnham Parish Council has received grant funding via Hampshire County Council to replace the four older bus shelters. Work will start later this summer.

Oak tree East of Keepers

Efforts to secure more protection for the Oak tree on the roadside boundary to the Land East of Keepers development and immediately next to the construction access have proved unsuccessful. The tree is scheduled to be retained as per the planning documents but approval of the construction method statement gives the latter precedence and so the tree root zone cannot be protected. BDBC tree officer has assessed that its overall health does not warrant a TPO (tree preservation order).

Reporting smoke nuisance The best option available is to constantly report to BDBC; for everyone to report every single occurrence, or ongoing reports re an ongoing issue.

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report-nuisance

David Nicol

09/02/1928 - 13/03 2026

David and his wife Pamela lived in Newnham from 1959 to 2006 in the bungalow then called Elvila on Newnham Road. Pamela passed away in 2012; David's funeral was held in St Nicolas' church on 22nd April this year.

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



July winners are
Anonymous (46) - £100
Peter Lumley (61) - £50
Sarah & Geoff Hawkes (18) - £25
Congratulations to all

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Newnham is looking for a new Parish Councillor to join the team.

If interested please contact any of the Parish Councillors or clerk.newnham@gmail.com

VILLAGER DELIVERY

If you can help with Scures Hill Villager deliveries please contact newnhamcllr.walker@gmail.com.

To be included in the email list to receive a pdf copy please contact clerk.newnham@gmail.com



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To book tel 07802 972722 or email bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

26/01274/HSE (Validated 03 July)
Hunters, Newnham Lane. Erection of a single-storey side and rear extension with associated rooflights, roof lantern and external alterations.



www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/hiwwt/meet-garden-tiger PHOTO: Iain L

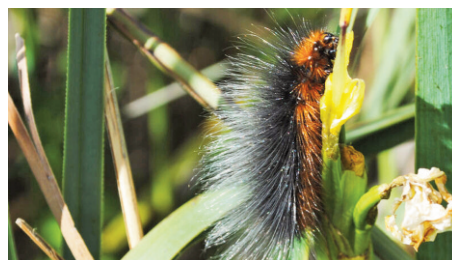
Meet the garden tiger

The garden tiger moth is one of Britain's most striking insects, and high summer is one of the best times to spot this remarkable species.

Emerging on warm summer nights, the garden tiger appears almost ordinary at first glance, with chocolate-brown forewings patterned in cream and white. But when disturbed, it reveals a spectacular flash of bright scarlet-red hindwings marked with bold black spots – a vivid warning to predators that this is not an easy meal.

Once a familiar sight across much of the UK, the garden tiger moth has declined significantly in recent decades as habitats have been lost or tidied up, and is now recognised as a Priority Species for conservation. It thrives in places that can sometimes look a little untidy to us: wildflower-rich grasslands, woodland edges, hedgerows, wetlands, coastal dunes and overgrown corners of gardens.

The caterpillar is almost as famous as the adult moth. Known as the 'woolly bear', it is covered in dense black and ginger hairs and can often be seen from late summer through to spring.



These furry caterpillars feed on a wide variety of plants, including nettles, docks and other common wildflowers, helping them survive in a range of habitats.

The garden tiger moth has evolved several clever ways to avoid becoming dinner. The woolly bear's hairs are irritating and help deter predators, while the adult moth's bright red hindwings act as a warning signal. If threatened, the moth can even produce a rasping sound by rubbing

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Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'

www.united-parish.org.uk

www.moretolife.church

From the Parish Registers

Interment of Ashes: Anthony Wooldridge at St Mary's Greywell on June 30th

Baptism: Mia Pearson at St Mary's Greywell on July 5th

Wedding: Paul Miller and Charlotte Tuck at St Mary's Greywell on July 11th

FROM THE BENEFICE MINISTRY TEAM



Summer's Gentle Invitation

One of the joys of belonging to the North Hampshire Downs Benefice is that, although

our churches each have their own unique character and village community, together we seek to serve the people of our villages by offering welcome, friendship, support and spaces for reflection.

As July and August arrive, the rhythm of life changes almost imperceptibly. Gardens flourish, hay is gathered, children enjoy their holidays, and many of us find there is a little more room to breathe. Surrounded by the beauty of the Hampshire countryside, summer gently invites us to slow down and notice the world around us.

In the Church, this season is known as Ordinary Time. Despite its name, there is nothing ordinary about it. Following the great celebrations of Easter and Pentecost, the church calendar becomes quieter before the busy seasons of Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas arrive. The liturgical colour is green, symbolising growth, life and fruitfulness. As hedgerows fill, crops ripen and gardens bloom, we are reminded that much of life's growth takes place quietly, in everyday moments.

Our own lives need these quieter seasons too. In a culture that often celebrates constant busyness, rest can

feel like a luxury, yet it is woven into the very pattern of creation.

Rest is not laziness; it is a gift from God – orchestrated by Him right at the beginning of Creation, that we should have some time of rest; and time to focus on Him. Jesus, too, often takes 'time out' from his busy ministering to find rest and time to pray and be with His Father.

Whether we call it Sabbath, downtime or simply making space to breathe, stepping back from life's constant demands renews us. It helps us regain perspective, notice what truly matters and return to our daily lives with fresh energy.

Perhaps this summer offers an opportunity to rediscover that gift. Put the phone aside for an afternoon, read the book that has been waiting on the bedside table, share an unhurried meal with family or friends, or walk one of our beautiful footpaths. Listen for the skylark, admire the wildflowers, notice the bees, or simply enjoy the peace that comes from being still.

Summer also brings many visitors to our villages, exploring our beautiful corner of Hampshire. Their presence gives us an opportunity to offer a warm welcome. Sometimes hospitality is found in the simplest of gestures: a smile, a cheerful greeting, offering directions to someone who looks a little lost, or recommending a favourite café, pub or village walk and help visitors experience the warmth that makes our villages such special places.

Each of our 12 churches is more than a historic building. They are places of peace, prayer and hospitality. Whether you live locally, are visiting, or simply passing by, our church doors are

open. You are warmly invited to step inside, enjoy a few moments of quiet or simply rest in the cool stillness.

As one benefice serving 12 villages, we hope this summer will be a season of growth – not only in our gardens and fields, but also in kindness, neighbourliness and gratitude.

Sometimes the richest blessings are found not in life's great celebrations, but in its ordinary days.

Perhaps that is why Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary.

Amen.

Revd Debbie Veel
Assistant Minister
Vicar of Newnham & Nately Scures

CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST INTO SEPTEMBER

Sunday 02 Aug	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Songs of Praise 5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong
Sunday 09 Aug	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 10.30am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 16 Aug	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Patronal Festival Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service
Sunday 23 Aug	10.30am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said) 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 30 Aug	10am All Saints' Odiham, Benefice CW Holy Communion
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.

SERVICE FOR REV. SIMON BUTLER TO BE COLLATED AS ARCHDEACON, WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, OCTOBER 11TH

Revd Simon Butler would like an invitation to be extended to everyone who might like to attend the service in Winchester Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 11th October when he will be Collated as Archdeacon of Winchester and Installed as a Canon of Winchester Cathedral. Anyone who would like to attend will be most welcome.

Simon has now moved on from the Vicarage in Upton Grey; he stands down from his current role as Vicar of Upton Grey and Tunworth at the end of July to begin his new role as Archdeacon, and he will be formally Collated, Installed and Licensed on 11th October.

HAMPSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS

<https://hampshireopenstudios.org.uk>

Hampshire Open Studios is back 22 - 31 August 2026

Our brochure is out now. If you would like to have a paper copy then email your address to us at hampshireopenstudios@gmail.com and we will suggest a local stockist where you can collect. In the meantime you can also view an online version here <https://hampshireopenstudios.org.uk/welcome>

Also download our app which is great to help navigate around the studios using maps and you can save your favourites or search by media. See more at <https://hampshireopenstudios.org.uk/about>

Below is a guide and trail to local exhibitors



174. 3 Potters at Bartley Heath, Bartley Heath Cottage, RG29 1HD. Ceramics, Demonstrations, Tea & Cake in the Garden: 10am-5pm; 22-31 August.

175. Christine Francis Praed House, Poland Lane, Odiham, RG29 1JL. Paintings, prints, and cards: 10am-5pm; 22-23 & 28-31 August.

176. Odiham Art Group, Robert May's School, Odiham, RG29 1NA. 50+ talented artists offer their work for sale: 10am-5pm; 22-23 August

177. Penny Fleet Denholme, West Street, Odiham, RG29 1NR. Creative, colourful mixed media paintings, collages cards & gifts: 10am-5pm; 22-24 & 28-30 August.

178. Maria Ellis - Inspiredbycolour Studio17, Reyntiens View, Odiham, RG29 1AF. Vibrant contemporary paintings, cards, tea towels, coasters: 10am-5pm; 22-24 & 28-30 August.

179. North Hampshire Artists, Mildmay House, Buryfields, Odiham RG29 1NE. We are seven artists creating in a variety of mix media: 10am-4pm; 22-23 & 28-30 August.

180. Sue Moby, Wood Willow Grange, Alton Road, S Warnborough, RG29 1RP. Bold, vibrant and colourful paintings, prints and cards: 10am-5pm; 22-24 & 28-31 August.

181. Lisa Bartlett & Graham Mobbs, Ham Cottage, White Hill, Long Sutton, RG29 1TQ Atmospheric colourful oil paintings, cards & evocative ceramics: 10am-5pm; 22-24 & 28-30 August.



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parts of its wings together, creating yet another line of defence against hungry birds and mammals.

Moths play a vital role in our ecosystems, serving as pollinators and as food for bats, birds and other wildlife. Leaving patches of long grass, allowing nettles to grow in suitable areas and providing a range of nectar-rich plants can all help support moths and other important insects.

Summer evenings provide an excellent opportunity to look for garden tiger moths. They are attracted to light and may occasionally visit gardens, particularly those managed with wildlife in mind.

ODIHAM VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP NEEDS DRIVERS

Would you be prepared to join us as a volunteer to support those in several local villages in need of transport to medical appointments?

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A TREASURER

for about two hours a week on average.

Please contact 07551 587862 if you can help.

ST MARY'S GREYWELL



CW Patronal Festival Holy Communion

at 9am on Sunday 16 August

Honouring St Mary – a festive Holy Communion for our Patronal celebration. Come and join us!

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

North Hants Downs MU

Our branch usually meets on the first Monday of the month. In August we are looking forward to celebrating our 150th Anniversary with a service of Evensong in Winchester Cathedral on Sunday 9th August at 3:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us for what I am sure will be a lovely service and then for refreshments afterwards.

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

Kevin Curtis

Carpenter & Joiner



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A MOONLIGHT WALK AND FESTIVAL FOR ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Step right up for a Moonlight Festival! Join St Michael's Hospice on Saturday 26th September, 8pm at Festival Place for an evening of music, entertainment and community spirit.

Choose from a 6k or 10k route, enjoy a festival atmosphere before and after the walk, and help raise vital funds to support local patients and families across North Hampshire.

Your ticket includes a free event t-shirt and wristband. So, gather your friends, dress to dazzle, and light up the night for your local hospice. Tickets are available on our website at

www.stmichaels hospice.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/events/moonwalk

NATIONAL OPEN GARDENS SCHEME

SEPTEMBER OPEN GARDEN

Bramdean House, Bramdean Alresford, SO24 0JU.

Opening Sunday 13th September 1.30 to 3.30pm. Admission: £7 children free. Cashless payments available.

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and cake (donations to Bramdean Church).

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To the north of the house, five acres of garden slope up through the exemplary mirror-image herbaceous borders, planted with over one hundred genera and reaching their peak in June with nepetas, geraniums, tradescantias, Clematis x diversifolia 'Hendersonii' and galegas, followed by yellows and then the russets of late summer.



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Ward Councillor Community Grants 2026/27 Open for Requests

As your elected Borough Councillors, we have a small pot of money ranging from £250 to £2K (up to a maximum of £3K if we pool our allocation) available to award to locally-based community groups or charities in our Ward of Basing & Upton Grey. These awards are governed by strict criteria clearly detailed in this link:

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cllr-community-grants

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr Sheena Grassi and Cllr Kate Tuck would love to hear from you – no later than Monday 14 September – if your group or charity is interested in seeking a small grant.

Prior to submitting the formal application, please email to

cllr.kate.tuck@basingstoke.gov.uk

with a brief outline of how much grant you are seeking together with your reasons to be selected as one of the chosen groups for us to support. We will then sift the brief outlines received and collectively determine which applications we will support. Sadly, not every application will be successful.

We really look forward to hearing from you and your group and to learning about your deserving causes and the benefits such a grant would provide to our wonderful community. Please spread the word.

Best wishes,

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr Sheena Grassi and Cllr Kate Tuck

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