

# The Villager

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The community newsletter for Newnham, Nately Scures, Mapledurwell and Up Nately

## THE ALLOTMENT APIARY – JOURNEY TO THE CHALK STREAMS

Some readers may have seen me from time to time over last summer in the quiet corner of Frog Lane tending to my bees. Or may have wondered: 'Where did they come from?' So I thought I'd share with you my bee journey and how they ended up enjoying life in Mapledurwell.

By way of introduction, my name is Mike and although I don't live in Mapledurwell I am close by, in Cavalier Road, Old Basing. I've always been fascinated by bees, their social structure, their ability to fly so far yet find their way home, and how honey varies by region and time of year. But as far as keeping bees was concerned it was always off the agenda on the grounds of practicality. After a period of illness, my wife kindly gave me a voucher for a hive and so my journey began. 'It can go at the bottom of the garden by the old canal,' I proudly declared, though for most people it's not considered the best thing to have in the garden, especially with small inquisitive grandchildren running around. 'It'll be fine, I'll put a small fence around it,' I thought.

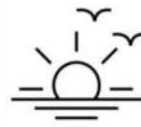
I joined the Basingstoke District Beekeeping Association and signed up to their mid-pandemic 'virtual' beginner's course. All seemed fine, though the key points I took away were: 'Number one – If you ask three beekeepers a question you will get five different answers, and 'Number two – At the end of the day the bees will do what they want, remember they didn't read the book like you did.'

Real confidence boosters! I did the research, bought tools, all kinds of equipment and the big one, my first hive. Hive in place and enthusiasm high all I needed was bees, so off to Tadley to pick up my 'bee package' which was basically a wooden shoe-box-sized frame with mesh sides and 15,000 rather agitated bees.

'They're a bit grumpy, been in the sun too long, so be careful,' Ken gleefully told me. That was a nerve-wracking journey home to say the least, never having really handled a bee let alone have a colony in my car.

They were 'introduced' to their new home and half thought it looked good and moved in, the others decided that underneath the hive was better, so the day ends with rather a lot of bees ready to go who knows where. I'm very lucky to have good neighbours but this may be a step too far even for them... After a few months, various problems, lots of support and several queen bees I eventually had a stable colony, at last I was a beekeeper!

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## EASTER 2023 CHURCH SERVICES

**Maudy Thursday 06 April** 7.30pm All Saints' Odiham. Holy Communion with Tenebrae.

Please see the article by the Revd Chris Dudgeon on the Church Notices page.

**Good Friday 07 April** 11am St Swithun's Nately Scures, Good Friday Reflection.

The quiet reflection of Good Friday precedes the joy of Easter Day. Easter Sunday is only possible because of Good Friday. We invite you to prepare for Easter by keeping company with Jesus for one hour in St Swithun's Nately Scures at 11am for a service of music, readings, reflection, prayer and silence.

**Easter Sunday 09 April**

9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Mary's Greywell, Family Service

11am St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Com

11am St Nicholas' Newnham, Family Communion

'Celebrate Easter with us, it marks the high point of the Church year. It is a season of joy and celebration for Christians across the world as we give thanks for Jesus's resurrection and victory over death.'

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# THE ALLOTMENT APIARY **Mapledurwell & Up Nately**

## JOURNEY TO THE CHALK

### STREAMS *continued from front page*

Meanwhile, I was helping the Association with their sites (apiaries) gaining valuable experience and learning from some real experts.

Back at home my colony was growing and I was beginning to understand what other beekeepers had said... 'you'll need more than one hive'. But two (or more) hives in my garden was not going to happen even with my most optimistic head on. Fortunately, autumn was approaching, and the colony size begins to reduce significantly in preparation for winter, so I was in no immediate hurry, but I needed a new home for my bees if we were to expand.

While on an Autumn bike ride along Frog Lane where I had worked for a few years, I remembered the allotment site and had a look round to refresh my memory. This would be perfect I thought and following an email to the Parish Council I was introduced to Colin Robertson.

With a visit from my mentor from the Association, we all decided that the best place for my bees would be the far end of the allotment site by the 'WWI plantation'. As ever there are rules and regulations that need to be followed, Basingstoke & Deane have a detailed set of requirements that need to be met for an allotment apiary. Plans were submitted to the Parish Council covering the location, structure, and the support that I would get from the Association in terms of managing the bees and making sure my skills were adequate. These were approved and I could finally move on with my beekeeping journey.

Then work really started, clearing the area, levelling ground and unearthing I have no idea how many very old glass bottles! The structure went up with a stock fence around the perimeter and two metres of mesh added to increase the height and make sure the bees flew up rather than out along the pathways.



By May everything was finished and my rapidly expanding hive could be moved from my garden, which it turns out is not as simple as might first be thought.... *continued page 4*



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Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall Committee are celebrating the King's Coronation with two events this April and May. Both of our events are either side of the actual Coronation weekend due to a high percentage of the Committee being away, and we thought this might also be the case for quite a few villagers.

**The first aligns with the Coronation theme 'The Big Help Out' which is all about volunteering.**

**Our second event is a Coronation Quiz on Friday 19 May, please hold the date!**



## WE ARE HOLDING A RUBBISH EVENT !

In recognition of the Coronation 'BIG HELP OUT' the Village Hall Committee is holding a litter picking session in and around Mapledurwell & Up Nately followed by an informal barbecue.

**Sunday April  
23rd at Noon**  
(as so many people will be away in May).

**BBQ to follow  
LITTER  
PICKERS  
EAT FREE !**



If you would like to join us and / or be a litter team leader please contact Sue on [suesmart2001@yahoo.com](mailto:suesmart2001@yahoo.com) or 07495 367 169

Save the date!

## CORONATION QUIZ

Friday 19th May 7.30 pm

Back by popular demand  
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Tables of 8/Prizes/Raffle

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or 07552506898

Tickets £7.50 per person

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## “In My Easter Bonnet”

11am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
St Mary's Church Mapledurwell



See Church Notices

## MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY

to be held in the Village Hall

**Doors open 7.30pm** refreshment available

This will be a short and sociable event, with wine and snacks, and the opportunity to discuss issues relating to the Parish. **There will be a presentation from the Basingstoke Canal including on the Last Five Miles of the canal into Basingstoke.** Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

### NEWS FROM UP NATELY

Our very own dog walker/boarder, All4Paws, also known as Kirsty Jackson, has been nominated for the countrywide Animal Star Award, the winner will be decided on 11 November, watch this space! Good Luck Kirsty you deserve it!

### NOTES FROM THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Tree Warden** To record thanks and appreciation from the Parish Council to John Maclean for his many years' work, time, contribution and enthusiasm as Tree Warden for the Parish. Thanks also to Colin Robertson who is taking on the role.

**Roads and drainage** The Parish Lengthsman has spent two and a half days clearing grips along the Greywell Road and Tunworth Road. The aim is to target areas most needed, with much to do and only limited hours; one further day to allocate.

**The Greywell Road bus shelter** has been inspected and needs a new roof. It is otherwise generally sound.

**Grant funding** Thanks to County Councillor Elaine Still for her grant of £587 toward the next phase of planting for the chalk stream, and to Ward Councillor Onnalee Cubitt and all ward councillors for £270 towards new allotment provision.

**Allotments** One new allotment plot is being created, with thanks to Colin Robertson for project managing, and work of Community Payback Team.

**Chalk stream** This year has seen relatively high flow. The first phases of planting are now establishing.

**King's coronation** The Parish Council can apply for grant funding in support of a Community event.

Noting with appreciation, the Village Hall Committee's litter picking event.

**Coronation Tree** agreed, to be planted in the Autumn. Proposal for a Small-leaved Lime *Tilia Cordata*.

**Next Parish Council meeting** will be on Wednesday 24 May – a short AGM followed by the Parish Assembly.

### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00725/FUL (Validated 21 March) Swan Hill Nursery, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Conversion of two storey tractor shed and storage building to residential annex to main house. Addition of a stairwell on the side of the existing building to allow access to upper floor.

22/03417/FUL (Pending, 28 Dec) The Egg Yard, Greywell Rd, Mapledurwell. Erection of three dwellings with associated parking using approved access.

22/03317/HSE (Pending, 13 December) Arlings, Tunworth Road. Replacement garage/outbuilding (including home office and arts & crafts room) .

22/03307/HSE and 22/03308/LBC (Scheduled for DC Committee 12 April) Blaegrove Cottage, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately. Single storey rear extension.

22/02935/TDC (Refused 10 March DC of 08 March) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Technical details consent for design, access, landscape, services and scale of the barn, in accordance with 20/00009/PIP (granted at Appeal) for conversion of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling.

22/02818/ROC (Pending, 21 October) The Egg Yard, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Variation of conditions 1, 3 and 10 of 20/02124/FUL to allow for revised design and update to landscaping and finishes condition and removal of condition 11 relating to garages.

22/02710/PIP (Refused 23 March) Land Adjacent To Blaegrove House, Blaegrove Lane. Permission in Principle for the erection of one new dwelling.

22/02416/FUL (Pending, 26 August) Riverview House, London Road. Extensions including an additional floor and a three storey rear extension to provide nine additional one-bedroom flats. [Total 17 x one-bed flats.]

22/02210/RET (Pending, 05 Aug) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 31/08/2032.

21/01777/RET (Pending 24 May 2021) Gamekeepers. Hardstanding plus seven downlighters (retrospective).

21/00827/FUL (Pending 20 April 2021, new documents Oct / Nov 2022) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to dog walking area and off road parking; gate, fence and shed.

### PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00086/23/TCA (Validated 02 Mar 2023) The Old Orchard, Tunworth Road T1 Ash: reduce height of approx 12m with a spread of 5m. T2/T3 Ash: reduce height to approx 12m with a spread of 7m. T4 to T8 Leylandii: reduce height to approx 9m with a spread of 6m.

T/00120/23/TCA (Validated 23 March) Rye Cottage, Tunworth Road. Horse Chestnut tree, approx. one third way up the garden, by the boundary with Lanterns. Lowest branch hanging over neighbours property by 5-8 meters and intruding into a silver birch in neighbours garden. This branch to be back to trunk.

T/00117/23/TCA (Validated: 22 March) Lanterns, Tunworth Road. T1 Willow: crown reduce by 3m leaving an approx. finished height of 15m with a crown spread (radius) of 15m and thin crown by 30%. T2 Sycamore: prune back branches encroaching the house roofline to give 3m clearance of the property.

### DOG FOULING

There seems to be an increase in dog poo left on the footpaths and fields in our beautiful villages and surrounding countryside.

Please be aware that is an offence for persons in control of a dog not to clear up after their dog in a public place. It is also an offence for a person not to produce a means to clear up after their dog, for example sufficient dog poo bags, when asked to do so by an authorised officer. Failure to comply could result in an on the spot fine of £100 or ultimately prosecution.

If dog poo is left in fields where animals are reared or crops are grown, it can cause disease and get into your food chain.

Please be considerate. Clean up after your dog and do not leave the poo, or poo bags, in the countryside where other animals can be harmed. Take it home and bin it!

# Mapledurwell & Up Nately continued

## THE ALLOTMENT APIARY JOURNEY TO THE CHALK STREAMS

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Bees have highly developed navigational senses and will travel up to three miles to find forage, then from memory or reference points they find their way home. So, if I moved the bees from my house in Old Basing to Frog Lane I'd end up with thousands of bees back in my garden looking for their home, not ideal. I needed a plan.

First they had to go to my mentor's apiary near Kingsclere, reset their internal compasses and then two weeks later move to Frog Lane. Sounds easy but I'm back to even more angry bees in a bigger box in my car not once but twice! Thanks to my expert training I had the answer, I put the whole lot inside an old duvet cover. Genius, no bees in the car, but quite a few strays in the cover which proves the point that one must maintain a healthy respect for bees, being stung hurts!

Finally, the bees were safely moved to Frog Lane in May almost a year since embarking on my journey. The expansion continued, using my new found skills one hive became two and all was going well. Then I discovered I had two queens in one hive. Rather unusual as one will normally be killed by the other but, as I said previously, the bees don't read the manual. I needed to separate them along with some workers and food stores, all this means I now have three thriving colonies, that definitely would not have gone down well at home!

I can hear people saying: 'What about the honey?' Well, last year the focus was on getting a colony established and growing. This year we have really gone for it, I've managed three harvests and around 40Kg of honey. There could have been more but I need to make sure they have food to see them through the winter. As with many hobbies it's not so much about the result as the journey and beekeeping aligns well with that philosophy.

It has taken far more time, effort and money than I anticipated, but it's hugely rewarding creating new colonies, watching them expand as you manage their well-being and of course enjoying the harvest. It may only be small but I like to think I'm playing my part in looking after our planet.

Thank you to the Parish Council for supporting my idea and particularly to Colin Robertson for his support and advice during the process, and to his wife for planting wildflowers in their allotment! Thank you also to the Mapledurwell residents, I am very aware that without your approval my bees would not be enjoying such a wonderful location and forage from the surrounding fields and gardens.

I look forwards to updating you on our progress in the Spring. In the meantime, I've tried candle making with the beeswax I have collected during the honey harvest. It's doubtful I will be lighting up the community anytime soon but it's just one of those 'because I can' things... *Mike Maskell*



## BLUEBELL WOOD BRUSH PARTY

The March Brush Party was well attended and great fun. Thank you to everyone who supported.



## Environment Directorate Nesting birds and their protection



PHOTO: English Nature

The bird nesting season is not set in stone, it is the nesting birds that are protected, the season dates should be used as a guide for when you are more likely to come across nesting birds. In the nesting season a precautionary approach must

be taken and checks for nesting birds must be undertaken prior to work being carried out.

Generally speaking most birds tend to nest between March and July, but this depends on the location of the nest, the weather and the species. Pigeons for example will nest all year and robins have been recorded nesting in December. Many species also have multiple broods, which can extend to August and September.

Many birds we think of as common, such as house sparrows and starlings, have seen declines in recent years. All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law so it is an offence (with some exceptions) to

- Intentionally kill, injure or take any wild bird
- intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird whilst it is in use or being built
- intentionally take or destroy the egg of any wild bird.

It would be an intentional act, for example, when you knew there is an active nest in the hedge but you cut the hedge damaging the nest in the process. A nest is considered as being built when a single piece of nest material has been placed by the bird.

# Newnham & Nately Scures

**Farewell to the Broughtons** (and see you soon). The *Villager* records with regret that last month Newnham saw the departure of Chris and John Broughton after 45 years. Probably no two people have done more for our community: always prepared to 'muck in' and support any activity in the village. They both worked quietly behind the scenes – Chris was for years a driving force on the Clubroom Committee, including initiating Newnham Open Gardens, she also managed the roster for St Nicholas' church cleaning and altar flowers. Many years ago John, fed up with the rubbish discarded in the village, set up the spring and autumn litter pick in which lots of us participate. Fortunately, they are not going far and will be moving to Hartley Wintney; we hope to see them back here often.

## LENT LUNCH THANK YOU

to all who attended and sent donations. Over £400 was raised which Jeff Ford will be sending to TearFund for the DEC turkey/syria earthquake appeal. Trudy

## NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



The results of the 100 Club draw for March are:

£100 - Georgie Scott Kerr  
£50 - Melanie Christopher  
£25 - Lisa Bingham

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Jeff Ford for drawing the numbers. Carolyn Bell



**Another successful Spring litter pick** – and shocking amount collected. Thank you to all who helped. Penny and Al Richmond

**Joan Chapman** It is with great sadness that the family of Mrs Joan Chapman of St John's Cottages, Newnham Road, announce her passing on the 18th March 2023, at the age of 101.



## CLUBROOM HIRE

Check availability at [newnhamclubroom.org.uk/](http://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/)  
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## 'NEWNHAM NOVELS'

**NEXT BOOK SALE**  
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Donate the books you have read and buy another for 50p. Hundreds to choose from.

Refreshments available

The February sale raised £54  
All proceeds towards maintenance of the Clubroom

## HOOK FOOTPATH 26

FROM NEWNHAM ROAD (KINGSBRIDGE) TO CHURCH PATH

**Footpath Warden's report** The land owner has severely cut back the hedgerow on two paths and left all the detritus from the Blackthorn and brambles on the ground. There also roots and stumps from the hedges sticking up out of the ground. We have already had a serious dog injury. Hampshire County Council Countryside Services have advised that: 'Due to the land owner removing some of the hedgerow in order to fence off the path, this surface (with the hedgerow stumps and debris) is an issue the land owner has created; therefore, we will be getting in touch with the land owner to ask them to rectify. Please leave this for the team to deal with, we are taking appropriate steps.'

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00347/PIP (Validated 14 Feb) Land at the Barracks. Permission in principle for the erection of a minimum of one and max of four residential dwellings

22/03225/HSE and 22/03226/LBC (Validated 03 Jan) Newnham House, Ridge Lane. Erection of new garden store / garage / annex with alteration works to flat within the Coach House.

22/02568/HSE and 22/02569/LBC Newnham Green Farm. Demolition of single storey rear extension and outbuilding and erection of single storey rear extension. Recommended for approval by Development Control Committee of 29 March, subject to submission of a bat survey, and for that to be acceptable and any subsequent conditions implemented.

22/02097/FUL (Pending, 09 Sept) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. New detached house, garage and access.

16/03282/RET (Pending, 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural to include farm open days etc 100 days a year, associated parking.

## TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00112/23/TCA (Validated 15 March) New House, Church Path, Newnham. T3 Silver Birch situated close to the house. Dismantle down to ground level.

T/00073/23/TCA (Approved 15 March) 2 Ash Cottages, Newnham Road. T1 Goat Willow: crown lift. T2 Field Maple: reduce to hedge height.

G1 Mixed native tree line: remove small lower branches. T3 Goat Willow sapling: coppice.

T/00534/22/TPO (Granted 14 March) Oakhanger, Newnham Road. T2, T3, T4 Ash trees: fell. Comments from Tree Officer Report

T2, T3 and T4 are mature and semi mature specimens and are subject to Tree Preservation Order ref BDB/37. Extensive dieback symptomatic of Ash dieback disease was observed in all the trees in question.

The proposed works are in accord with policy 03 and are therefore granted subject to the replanting condition.

The replacement tree planting plan shall include provision for a minimum of one new tree to be planted for each felled tree, as approved by this application. The replacement tree(s) shall be of UK provenance and shall comply with BS3936: Part 1: 1992.

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

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## From the Parish Registers

Funeral: Margaret Kear  
at St Mary's Greywell  
on February 27th 2023



## From the Ministry Team

'He has brought down the mighty from their seats, and lifted up the humble.

'He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he has sent empty away.' Luke 1.52-53. So who are you? Are you the mighty? Or the humble?

Perhaps we are either or both at different times and seasons of our lives. Perhaps we take pride in being mighty, perhaps we take an ironic pride in being humble. The new *Puss in Boots* film has the comical theme lyrics – 'Who's your favourite fearless hero? Puss in Boots!... Who's unbelievably humble?!' Which always makes us chuckle.

Maybe it's like convection in our hot water systems; the hot water rises, we feel super sorted, on it, powerful, mighty. Then as we realise we can't do it alone, or we make a mistake, we drop a ball or we hurt someone, we tumble. We are cold and need warming up again. For me, I like to be

warmed up in God's love and that way it's easier when we fall to know he's there to enable us to rise again and it's in his might that we can be strong.

Mary the mother of Jesus exclaimed the above words to her cousin Elizabeth, after announcing, as a poor, marginalised young woman, God had chosen her womb to bear Jesus. That wasn't the first time God has used someone unexpected and marginalised to fulfil his purposes; David was a little boy when he fought Goliath, Abraham and Sarah were an extremely aged couple when they became the mother and father of Israel.

What we learn time and time again in the Bible is: God works in weakness.

As we look at the life of Jesus, culminating in the Last Supper, his death on the Cross and his Resurrection, we see that God in human form, he worked in weakness. His unexpected teachings on 'blessed are the meek and humble... blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the poor' surprised people as much as 'love your enemies.' He also said "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18.3-5

If God works in weakness, what does that mean for us? Do we want to be part of God's amazing redemptive work in our communities and in our world? Justice for the oppressed, love for the unloved, pouring Light in the darkness? If we do, not only do we have to seek and welcome the weak, we also have to be weak. What does that look like?

We have been learning this Lent about Failure, following the Archbishop of Canterbury's recommended book for

Lent. It sounds depressing(!) but it is trying to help us understand that instead of us avoiding talking about failure and hiding mistakes, it is a lot healthier if we admit that we're not perfect, that we need each other and that when we do make mistakes and fail, God says 'It's ok.' Like a loving parent who picks up and cuddles their child when they realise they have made a mistake, so our loving Father in Heaven, meets us and shows us his grace, his love and his mercy.

The other option is being mighty and powerful all in our own strength, relying on no one and even when we fail and make mistakes, being so proud, we cannot say sorry. This has led a lot of people into a lot of schtuck! Learning to live with failure isn't about being down and sad all the time about how we are so bad. Instead it's about admitting we're not perfect, but we have that in common and that's ok! If we accept we all fail, we can support one another in our struggles and see God redeem (make right) situations in the most amazing ways in each other's lives.

Email if you have been struck by anything or fancy a chat about what you've read.

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

The name Maundy Thursday comes from the word *mandatum*, 'commandment'. In John 13.34 we read that Jesus said to his disciples at the Last Supper: 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

It contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

On Maundy Thursday we will be meeting together in All Saints' Odiham at 7.30pm for a quiet and reflective service as we take time to prepare ourselves and to walk with Christ towards the horror of the cross and the joy of Easter Day.

Our service will fall into two parts. The first part will be a communion service during which we will recall the institution of the Lord's Supper, and enact Christ's command to 'do this to remember me'. The second part will be a Tenebrae, which is a service of shadows in which darkness symbolically encroaches as we step closer to Christ's death on Good Friday. The service is structured around nine short readings and after each reading a candle is extinguished, until the church is in darkness, and we leave quietly as we prepare for Good Friday.

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon  
Vicar, All Saints' Odiham

## CHURCH SERVICES APRIL INTO MAY

<b>Sunday 02 April</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday 06 April</b>	<b>7.30pm All Saints' Odiham</b> <b>Benefice Holy Communion with Tenebrae</b>
<b>Good Friday 07 April</b>	<b>11am St Swithun's Nately Scures, Good Friday Reflection</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 09 April</b>	<b>9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion</b> <b>9.30am St Mary's Greywell, Family Service</b> <b>11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am St Nicholas' Newnham, Family Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 16 April</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, informal service</b> <b>5pm St Swithun's, Nately Scures Evensong</b>
<b>Sunday 23 April</b>	<b>10am St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer</b> <b>11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship</b>
<b>Sunday 30th April</b>	<b>9.30am All Saints' Odiham, Benefice CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am All Saints' Odiham, Benefice Informal Service</b>
<b>Sunday 07 May</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am St Mary's Greywell, Coronation Service.</b>



Helen Chatfield  
Youth Pastor  
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North Hampshire Downs Benefice

# KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

Can you recognise, can you see, this bird? It's a ptarmigan! The ptarmigan is a plump gamebird, a member of the grouse family. It lives in the remote areas of Scotland where the highest mountains are to be found. It's a master of camouflage.



In the summer, the bird is a mixture of grey, brown and black feathers above with a white belly and wings.

This enables the bird to blend in beautifully with the lichen-covered rocks of the highlands. In winter, the ptarmigan is completely white, except for its tail and an eye patch, which remain black. Try spotting one of these in the snow! Then, as spring turns into summer again, the bird moults, shedding its white feathers and growing brown ones.

The mountain hare is just as clever! This animal has a grey-brown coat in summer and is almost pure white by November. The moulting process to change its colour is triggered by the seasonal changes in levels of daylight and temperatures. I wonder, do you know why they change their colour, so they can blend in?



Humans can camouflage themselves too! Can you see someone standing in the woods in this picture?



This is a Chinese artist called Liu Bolin. He stands still for hours, so that two other artists can paint his clothes. I don't think I could stand still that long!!

If you want to see more of his art, check it out using this QR code.



Like most artists, his art has a message. It's all about how easy it is to blend into the world and not be brave enough to be ourselves and stand up for what we believe in. In the Bible, we are told not to blend in with the world, but be brave enough to stand up for what is right, even when those around us are making different choices.

I wonder if Jesus felt a bit like it would have been easier to blend in 2000 years ago at Easter? On the Thursday before he died (we call it Maundy Thursday), he actually prayed to God to let him take the easy route and not have to stand out from the crowd and do the difficult thing. (He really didn't like the idea of having to die!)

But then he prayed something pretty amazing... He said 'but not my will, but yours'. Even though he was super scared, he was brave enough to do the right thing, even though he knew it would be hard.

I wonder if we sometimes have to make difficult choices. Do things because they are the right thing to do - not because they are the easy thing to do? As we get ready for Easter on 9th April, I wonder if we can all try really hard to do the opposite of the ptarmigan and the mountain hare and stand out from the crowd and start to let Jesus help us make the right choices?

God Bless and see you next time!

Helen C

## Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

### North Hampshire Downs MU

In March we started our knitting project. This year we are joining the 'Innocent Big Knit' to support the work of AgeUK by making little hats to go on Innocent Smoothie bottles. Each hat that is sold raises 25p for AgeUK and these funds are used for support services for older people. If you would like to use up some of your odds and ends of wool to make these little hats then you can find lots of patterns on the AgeUK website (see [www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/the-big-knit/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/the-big-knit/)), and you are welcome to give us the hats to send onto AgeUK.

Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd April at 7:30pm in the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on [sue@the-murphys.me.uk](mailto:sue@the-murphys.me.uk) or 01252 845011.

## NORTH WARNBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting Thurs 27 April 2.30pm  
North W/bro Village Hall. Speaker,  
Belinda Allen on Companion Planting.  
Competitions: 1. Five Specimen Tulips  
of any variety; 2. Three Stems of  
Camellias of any colour.  
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You can email any concerns to  
[ehteam@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:ehteam@basingstoke.gov.uk).  
Include your name, address and  
contact details - name and address  
of landlord - photographs of issues.  
If you require advice or wish to  
discuss with a member of the team  
prior to making a report please  
contact Environmental Health Team  
Leader Chris Williams (Housing  
Standards).

See also [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/  
condensation-and-mould](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/condensation-and-mould)



## POLICE UPDATE

Catalytic converter thieves have  
recently been active in local villages -  
Honda and Toyota are particular  
targets. Criminals use a hydraulic  
jack, then tend to use a battery  
operated reciprocating type saw. The  
whole process is noisy but usually  
takes less than two minutes from start  
to finish. Police ask members of the  
public to be suspicious of persons  
underneath vehicles - to phone 999 if  
they suspect a crime in progress and  
also if they have getaway car details.  
**Also - a report from a member of the  
public - a car 'scam' practised locally**  
'I had advertised a vehicle in *Autotrader*.  
Someone phoned to view, three young  
men arrived and while one was trying to  
distract me, the other two were at the  
front of the vehicle with the bonnet  
open. I took one of them for a drive...  
'When we returned the engine was  
smoking. They made out the engine was  
damaged... I sent them on their way,  
something wasn't right. It was then the  
penny dropped. They had sabotaged the  
van by putting oil in the water. I have  
since heard that allegedly this is "known"  
around the area. To warn others.'

## THE IVY CLUB, OLD BASING

**We are planning a trip to Gun Wharf Quays** and the Spinnaker Tower on  
TUESDAY 9TH MAY leaving our first pick up point which is Belle Vue play  
area at 9.30am, then the Royal British Legion Car Park and lastly Oakfields.  
The cost for this trip will be £19 for non-members. You will also have the  
option of visiting the Spinnaker Tower (additional cost £9.75 for Seniors)  
another £5.50 for a cream tea. These options need to be prebooked and  
paid for prior to our visit. Places available currently, but note there will be a  
£5 non-refundable deposit. Please contact me direct on 01256 328196.

**The book and jigsaw exchange** programme is still going well, our  
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