

The Villager

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

NEWNHAM NOVELS NEXT BOOK SALE

on Saturday 20 APRIL
2-4pm in the Clubroom



Bring with you books you have read and are happy to donate, and / or buy others for 50p.

100s to choose from.

Teas, coffee and homemade cakes.

Proceeds towards
Clubroom maintenance
Charity number 114212

YOUR PARISH CHURCH

The Church of England is unique in offering a pastoral presence in every community. Every village across the UK has a church building as a sign and symbol of God's care and concern and a reminder that the Church is there for everyone, whether regular worshipper, occasional visitor, or seldom seen.

One of the primary ways in which the Church of England seeks to serve communities is through marking significant life events such as baptism, marriage, and death. Every resident has a right to access these 'occasional offices' in their parish church by virtue of living in the parish. Across our benefice (group of churches) we welcome many families every year as we share in life's big moments, rejoicing in baptisms, celebrating marriages, and mourning death.

All 12 of our churches welcome enquiries about any of the above. In the first instance have a chat with your parish Vicar and be in touch with Sam and Jo in the benefice office.

Rev Simon Butler

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME – HAMPSHIRE

Gardens open in April

Beechenwood Farm, Hillside, Odiham RG29 1JA
Opening 2pm-5pm 03,10,17,24 April; plus dates in May
<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/8569/beechenwood-farm>

Admission £5, children free, book in advance or pay on the day. Home-made teas. Dogs on short leads welcome.

Two acre garden with lawn through woodland with spring bulbs; fritillary and cowslip meadow; walled herb garden with pool; orchard; greenhouse and vegetable garden; rock garden extending to grasses, ferns, bamboos; eight acre copse of native species with grassed rides.

Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton RG29 1TB
Opening 11am-3pm Sat 13, Sun 14 April
<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/46319/lord-wandsworth-college>

Old Thatch & The Millennium Barn, Sprats Hatch Lane, Winchfield RG27 8DD Opening 2-6pm Sunday 14 April
<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/20927/Old%20Thatch%20&%20The%20Millennium%20Barn>

Brick Kiln Cottage, The Avenue, Herriard RG25 2PR
Opening Saturday 27th April 11am-3pm.

Admission £6, free entry for children, cash only on the day. Home-made teas, Dogs on short leads welcome.
<https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/brick-kiln-cottage-rg25/>

Two acre wildlife friendly garden in a former brick works, maintained using eco-friendly methods as a haven for wild animals, butterflies, birds, bees and English bluebells. A visit designed for grandparents to bring their grandchildren to see the bluebell woodland garden; a perimeter woodland path inc treehouse, pebble garden, billabong, stumpery, ferny hollow, bug palace, waterpool, shepherd's hut and traditional cottage garden with herbs.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

UP NATELY NEWS

DIANA'S STORY

6PM FRIDAY 12 APRIL Bar & nibbles
MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY VILLAGE HALL



Diana Maclean describes her 2,000km drive to Ukraine last month as a humbling experience, reinforcing her opinion that something has to be done and for the West to wake up to the threat. She will share with you her first-hand observations of the fortitude displayed by the Ukrainian people and the gratitude they showed for the aid that her convoy delivered.

How wonderful to have a tiny new resident in the village! Hugo Edward Patrick Algernon born on 20 March, weighing a healthy 7lb 11oz, a playmate for Florence and Martha; congratulations to Charlotte, Will and the girls. We look forward to meeting this little prince. We now have three Hugos in the village!

A warm welcome to Matthew and Rebecca Rix who have moved into 4 St Stephens Close, we hope you are happy in our friendly village.

Next coffee fun will be on 3rd May, 10-12, at The Lodge, call Juliet for more information, 07570 154314.

NOTES FROM MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notice of Election published on the Parish Council website on Friday 22 March. There are also Local Elections for a Ward Councillor and the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner.

The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Suzie Horsey as Parish Councillor for the short period up to the May elections.

Frog Lane surface water
Culverts under the road are running clear but they are at maximum capacity... More water is draining down from the surrounding fields and streams than the pipes can take away. Water channels through the allotments are full and the ground waterlogged; not much more to be done without a spell of dry weather.

Phased coppicing of allotment Goat Willows to continue for more diversity of habitat, and more light to allotments.

Verges adjacent to the Waterside development are suffering from the vehicles that need to be parked; discussed with contractors, they will make good when construction work complete.

New picnic bench for Village Hall playground with thanks to Community grant from Ward Councillors. Conditions wet but bench installed to meet time frame for grant funding.

Playground – Bark pit to be repaired and refilled asap as the ground dries out; plus repairs to gates and fencing; play equipment to be cleaned.

S106 – A small amount of funding available for new playground provision.

LPU Reg 18 Parish Council response noted – including Local Green Space application for Up Nately Green and the

Watercress Beds; application for a local Gap between Mapledurwell and the M3.

Housing land supply deemed by Inspector to be 4.06 years.

Parish Council Biodiversity Strategy Agreed to formalise a strategy – see overleaf.

SSSI – Mapledurwell Fen
Surface water runoff, from the construction works at the Egg Yard, a matter of concern due to the proximity of the SSSI. To follow up with BDBC.

Next meeting A short AGM for new Parish Council on 15 May prior to Parish Assembly.,



REQUESTS FROM PCSO ANDY JONES

1. Continue reporting on Hants police website. The more reporting the better; officers not all-seeing, need public to tell us what is going on.

2. Very appreciative that local people walking dogs who come across poaching or damage are reporting this.

But on behalf of gamekeepers and police, please report directly to Police; if a live incident and reporting via any other means, time is lost. If crime is happening, eg if can see dogs chasing wildlife, call 999 and give what-3-words.

Please keep reporting via the proper channels – if not requiring immediate response report on-line or call 101.



LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR VILLAGES

The archives will be open and long term residents available for questions !

0930 SATURDAY 27 APRIL

AT THE VILLAGE HALL
Coffee and tea available

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

Village Hall from **7.30pm**

This will be a sociable event – crisps and wine will be served – and your opportunity to discuss issues relating to the Parish. **There will this year be a presentation from the Basingstoke Canal including on the Last Five Miles of the canal into Basingstoke.**

Please make a diary date, hoping you can join us.



SAVE THE DATE: **QUIZ NIGHT** at Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall on **28 JUNE**. Further details to follow.

TALES FROM THE CHALK STREAM

We are now beginning to see glimmers of Spring coming through, even if only in between deluges of rain! The fields are turning green, trees are in bud or flowering and birds are singing. Chiffchaffs in particular can now be heard with their distinctive 'chiff-chaff' song as they flit about in the tops of trees.

When they get muddled it can become 'chaff-chiff' though!

A pleasant surprise was the rare appearance of a Siskin at my niger seed feeder a week or so ago. They are a small finch, similar in build to a Goldfinch sharing similar eating habits. But they are green, yellow and black, the male in particular being brighter and more striking than its larger Greenfinch cousin.



Siskin

Siskins are wide roaming and monadic searching for conifer seeds, and prefer suitable forest habitats including conifer, spruce, alder and birch where they typically nest. I am pleased to see them once every two or so years. I remember about five years ago thinking I hadn't seen them for a while, only for them to arrive seconds later. (I've tried that trick since – needless to say it hasn't worked!)

Although over a month ago, the Red Kite population in Alan Hutton's two fields on the East side of Frog Lane reached 14 at least (very difficult to keep track of any more as they swoop around). They are generally carrion eaters as despite their size they are not very strong raptors and anything more than small live rodents are likely to be too much for them to handle. They were, however, spending much time on the ground feasting on worms and such-like. Now that the field crops are covering the bare soil, much of the kite population has moved on.

One notable feature was spotting 10 or so Kites hitching a thermal over the fields flying ever upwards in a tight circle, just like a chimney stack, in what appeared to be just for the joy of it – a great sight which was evident on several occasions.

During a brief spell of warm sun this week, a solitary peacock butterfly was fluttering around the allotments, and the caterpillar of a scarlet tiger moth was sunning itself, on a piece of weed suppressant membrane of all things. This followed a week of seeing several Brimstone butterflies

Hopefully one benefit of a milder winter will be a strong showing of butterflies and moths throughout the year, in addition to other pollinators, especially bees. Lack of late frosts (so far – hope I haven't jinxed!) has meant fruit tree flowers have held up, so hopefully a good harvest to follow! The four young fruit trees planted in the allotments in the Autumn seemed to have all survived (Damson, Cherry, Plum and Medlar) and are showing signs of budding. I will admit to being concerned as some of the area has been water-logged for months. So far so good!

Around the allotments we are coppicing again (a further half day to finish for this year). The resulting withies and brush is being cut and bundled into 'faggots' to create bank-side edging in the chalk stream. This will help channel the water flow into a narrower and deeper, faster-flowing stream. Hopefully this will keep the water flowing better in the Summer when the level of rainfall declines, keeping the chalk clean and weed free, while encouraging the other areas to silt up for the wider benefit of our local flora and fauna.

The stream does look impressive at the moment given the biblical rainfall over the last few months and flood management has been the greater concern, as opposed to insufficient water. With all water-pipes running clear and full, the recent flooding at the allotment gate on Frog Lane was the end result of just too much rain. I haven't come across anyone who last remembered a similar occurrence in the past – but do let me know! (Perhaps we should ask Noah? We could certainly have used his Ark!)

Colin.robertson21@btinternet.com



Peacock



Scarlet tiger moth caterpillar



Brimstone



See overleaf for Parish planning applications

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00518/HSE (Validated 06 March)
3 Canal Reach, Andwell. Erection of single storey rear/side wraparound extension and associated alterations (alternative scheme to that approved under 21/03028/HSE).

24/00319/FUL (Pending 14 Feb)
Sheraton, Tunworth Road. Erection of replacement garage.

24/00288/HSE and **24/00289/LBC**
(Pending 08 Feb) Mead House, Heather Row. Two single storey rear extensions.

24/00239/LBC (Grant 22 March)
Webbs Farmhouse, Tunworth Road. Replacement front door.

23/03091/FUL (Pending 15 December)
Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Change of use of garage to ancillary annexe accommodation including new front porch, windows and doors.

23/02653/FUL (Pending 23 October)
The Farm, Tunworth Road. One four-bed house with associated garage, car parking driveway and stable.

23/02589/HSE (Grant 11 March) Old Church Cottage, St Mary's Church Road. Demolish chimney; replace dormer window E elevation; new dormer on W elevation, replace ground floor window and bi-folding doors; Juliet balcony on S.

23/02103/FUL (Pending 18 August) Land Adjacent to Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolish outbuilding, new dwelling and garage.

23/00962/TDC (Grant 13 March, ref DC 06 March) Nunnery House. Technical Details Consent relating to design, access, landscape, services and scale of barn conversion ref 20/00009/PIP.

22/02210/RET (Pending 05 Aug 2022)
Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 2032.

APPEALS IN PROGRESS

APP/H1705/W/23/3328799
Gamekeepers. Hardstanding for access to the cesspit, for deliveries and for additional parking; plus lighting.

APP/H1705/W/23/3326507 & 3326513
(the latter for LBC). Blaegrove Cottage. Single storey rear extension incl works to rear garden and new retaining wall.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00122/24/TCA (No objection 12 March) Allotments, Frog Lane. T1,T2,T3 Goat Willows – coppice.

T/00130/24/TCA (Validated 04 March) Jasmine Dean, Tunworth Road. T1 and T2 Yew trees: Reduce height by 2m from 12-10m and reduce lateral growth by 2-3m to maintain shape. T3 Yew: Reduce lateral growth over neighbours drive by 1-1.5m to maintain clearance.

Newnham & Nately Scures

LOCAL ELECTIONS Thursday 02 May 2024.

There will be one borough councillor seat for re-election in each of the 18 wards. Our present Ward Councillors are Onnalee Cubitt, Sven Godesen and Kate Tuck. Sven will not be standing again for election this year.

Parish Council elections will be held for both Newnham and Mapledurwell & Up Nately. Candidates' nomination forms must be completed and submitted in person to BDBC Electoral Services by 4pm on Friday 05 April.

Nomination forms are available from BDBC Electoral Services, the Parish Clerk or via the websites: www.basingstoke.gov.uk/stand-for-election
www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england

This is also election year for the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner
www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/

NEWNHAM SPRING LITTERPICK

Thank you to all who helped with the litter pick Sunday 03 March.

Re the conversations about dog poo bags left in trees and hedges, this was very bad last year across the Church Path footpath from Hook to the Green, under hedges and particularly by the boardwalk



across the Strings.

A couple of full bin bags were collected then, and a plethora of notices did seem to help.

To mention that the borough council, Basingstoke &

Deane, will not supply and/or empty new bins in the Parish.

The Parish Council could purchase and seek permission/licence to install a bin(s), so long as this is done and a contract in place to be emptied by a licenced contractor.

This might be a solution for a focal point, park or playground; whether it's the answer to a problem over a wider rural area? Would need a consensus, and agreement as to where the bin(s) would go.

FEATURED CHARITY

IVC STREET VET

www.justgiving.com/campaign/ivc-streetvet

IVC (Independent Vetcare Ltd) and practices are aiming to raise £100K for their charity partner StreetVet during a year of fundraising activities.

StreetVet provides free veterinary care to the pets of people who are homeless and have 17 outreach locations across the UK supported by over 400 vet/vet nurse volunteers.

At each location – normally in conjunction with a social care provider such as a soup kitchen, day centre or hostel – StreetVet delivers free preventative and reactive veterinary care. StreetVet's mission to protect the human-animal bond, keeping pets healthy and by their owners side whenever possible.

Charity Registration No 1181527

HOOK FUN RUN & ROAD RACES SUNDAY 19 MAY

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

The Hook Fun Run & Road Races are managed by a non-profit making community organisation supporting local charities and good causes.



The start and finish for all races is in Hartletts Park which will also host family entertainment and food and drink stalls. The 10k race is open to 15-year-olds and over; the 10 mile, 17-year-olds and over; the Fun Run is open to everyone of five years and over; there are also races for the under fives. Race start times are between 10.45 and 11.15am. Race entry is via the website at:

www.entryhub.co.uk/hook-fun-run-road-races-2024

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 'You don't have to be a runner to take part. We need lots of enthusiastic marshals around the courses and many behind the scenes... We could not hold the event without the amazing support of volunteers so please spare some time and help if you can. We would love to hear from you...' To volunteer, please email team@hookfunrun.com

NEWNHAM PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00384/HSE (Validated 20 February)
Wisteria Cottage, Ridge Lane. First floor extension over single storey ground floor footprint; internal reconfiguration; solar panels on flat roof; demolition of timber shed on front boundary and erection of timber shed on side boundary.

24/00294/ROC (Validated 09 Feb 2024)
Land At Blackstocks Lane. Variation of Condition 1 of 22/02643/FUL (Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated landscape and parking.) Addition of rooflights and additional rooms in roof (part retrospective).

23/03063/ROC (Validated 18 Dec 2023)
Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Variation of condition 12 of 22/01675/FUL (Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated garage and landscaping) to allow a revised Tree Protection Plan to reflect a new site entrance (created using permitted development rights).

23/02765/ROC (Grant 16 Feb) Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Variation of Conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of 21/02135/RES. The application is for the consideration of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale only – pursuant to the outstanding matters reserved by condition 1 of the approved outline permission 16/00097/OUT allowed at appeal – to enable the phasing of three permitted dwellings, to be constructed and occupied as self-build dwellings.

23/02722/FUL (Pending 02 Nov) Land East Of Keepers, London Road, Nately Scures. The erection of 3no. detached dwellinghouses together with associated new access, car parking, drainage and hard and soft landscaping.

23/02203/TDC (Pending 26 Sept 2023)
Land At The Barracks. Technical Details Consent for the erection of four new homes in accordance with Permission in Principle 23/00347/PIP.

22/02097/FUL (Pending 09 Sept 2022)
Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. New detached house, garage and access.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00543/23/TPO (Approve 20 February)
Kiln Cottage, Scures Hill. T1 T2 T3 & T4 Oaks: removal. C11 Wisteria: removal.

LODGE FARM WAREHOUSING

(Odiham Parish)

23/02242/PREAPP (Validated 09 October 2023) Lodge Farm, Hook Road, North Warnborough. For circa 105,000 sqm GIA of commercial logistics floorspace (Use Class B2/B8) with ancillary office accommodation, associated car parking, plus landscaping and highway works.

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



March winners are

£100 Bob & Georgie Scott Kerr (33)

£50 Richard & Beth Wilson (38)

£25 Chris and Lisa Bingham (8)

Thanks to Angela Downes for making the draw. *Carolyn Bell*



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<https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/>

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

NEWNHAM NOVELS March book sale made £44.50 towards Clubroom funds. Next book sale 20 April, *see front page.*

A PARISH COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

will consider that...

'Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, every public body, including Town and Parish Councils, has a duty to conserve biodiversity.'

S40 NERC Act 2006: 'Every public body must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.'

The Environment Act 2021 upgraded this requirement to 'conserve and enhance'.

'Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.'

Government guidance published on 17 May 2023 clarifies that, as a public authority, town and parish councils must:

- consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity
- agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration
- act to deliver their policies and achieve their objectives.

WHY DO TOADS CROSS ROADS?

Gemma Paul,
Centre
Assistant



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust**

During breeding season frogs and toads naturally try to migrate back to the bodies of water where they spawned so they can mate and lay eggs. Unfortunately, man-made structures like roads and fences can provide difficult obstacles. Having grown into larger adults they may be unable to slip back through holes in fences they first came through. An estimated 20 tonnes of toads are killed on UK roads every year.

Frogs are both predators and prey, which makes them an important part of the food chain. They provide a vital source of food for several species, as well as helping to control populations of others. They are also considered an indicator species as they are sensitive to changes in their environment (both aquatic and terrestrial) and their permeable skin makes them especially vulnerable to pollutants.

Monitoring populations of indicator species can be an important way to pick up on early warning signs of environmental changes or damage to natural habitats and ecosystems.



Common Frog © Gemma Paul

There are only four native species of frog in the UK of which two are toads. Toads are a type of frog, with shorter legs, broader noses and drier (and bumpier) skin, which allows them to survive for longer in dry conditions than most other frogs. Toads also produce bufotoxin via their skin to defend themselves from predators.

Toad populations in the UK have been steadily declining due to habitat loss, pollution and climate change. They are listed as a biodiversity priority species under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006).

For more information about toads and frogs please visit:

www.hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife-explorer/amphibians

Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve is managed in partnership with HIWWT
www.hiwwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/swanwick-lakes-nature-reserve

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**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust**

TIMELY BLOGS –

www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/solitary-spring-bees

Church Notices

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

www.united-parish.org.uk

<https://www.moretolife.church>

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms:

Marina Harrison at St Mary's Greywell on 3rd March.

Angus Mackay at St Stephen's Up Nately on 24th March



From the Benefice Ministry Team

I'm often struck by how there are some things in life which we just have to keep doing repeatedly.

I know in our household, it's often the laundry! We wash our clothes, we dry them, we fold them, and then after we've worn them, we do it all over again. Wash, dry, fold – repeat. And unless you don't mind walking around in dirty clothes, it's a process we have to keep on doing. Wash, dry, fold – repeat; wash, dry, fold – repeat.

Among the many things God teaches us in the Bible, is to consistently rejoice, pray, give thanks – and repeat. We find this instruction in Paul's first letter to the early Christian church, in the bustling seaport of Thessalonica in Greece, in about AD 50. He tells the Christians there to do this:

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We're going to be looking at the whole of this letter (1 Thessalonians) in all 12 churches across our benefice through the month of April, and as we get towards the end of the letter we receive this instruction.

The wonderful truth in this verse is that as Christians we can rejoice always, we can give thanks in all circumstances. Not because we just always 'feel happy' – some times in our lives we experience terrible suffering or sadness, and even on a week-by-week basis things don't always go as wonderfully as hoped.

Instead, we can rejoice always because of what Jesus has done for us, which is a constant reality.

We've just remembered over Easter how he died for us on the cross, that all our sins might be forgiven as we turn to him and put our trust in him, so that we might know freedom in our

lives – perfect freedom from fear and anxiety and additions and much more. But there is more! We also remembered how he rose again from the dead, at his resurrection three days later – conquering death, so that we might all live through him – not just now, but for eternity. Jesus has enabled all this for us – all we have to do is turn to him, put our faith in him. And as we then follow him day-by-day throughout our lives, we have cause to rejoice always, to give thanks in all circumstances – because of what he's done.



So let's do that constantly this April – rejoice, pray, give thanks – and repeat! With best wishes

Chris Rev'd Chris Dudgeon
Vicar, All Saints Odiham
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CHURCH SERVICES APRIL INTO MAY

Sunday 07 April	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship.
Sunday 14 April	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 10am St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer
Sunday 21 April	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong
Sunday 28 April	10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship
Sunday 05 May	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship with Baptism

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

North Hants Downs Mothers' Union

We met on 04 March for our AGM, and also to start our knitting project for the year. This year we will be making items for Basingstoke Hospital, incl hats for the maternity department and twiddlemuffs for elderly confused patients.

Later in March we heard about the work of the charity StopDomesticAbuse who support families suffering from Domestic Violence. As well as supporting families in the community, and working with schoolchildren to raise awareness, they run refuges around Hampshire including in Basingstoke. We talked about how we might help these families, for example by providing them with toiletries or other items when they first arrive at a refuge, or items they need when they are rehoused.

Our next meeting will be Monday 15 April 7:30pm, the RAF Chaplaincy Centre.

To find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM for the United Parish is on Wednesday 01 May at 7pm for 7.30pm in Greywell Village Hall

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Wednesdays 12pm

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Tuesdays 7.30pm

South Warnborough – starts 23 April

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Helen Chatfield
Youth Pastor, More to Life network of Churches
North Hampshire Downs Benefice

KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

As I drive around at the moment, I'm blown away by nature... All around me, plants that have been hidden by winter are bursting into life. Bulbs are blooming. Trees are full of blossom.

You know, Jesus often used nature to tell us more about God and how God wants us to live, and as I drove around and started to get excited about strawberry picking, apple munching and blackberry jam making, I was reminded of how someone else in the Bible called Paul spoke about fruit – but a different sort of fruit – fruit of the spirit.

Maybe you know a song all about them? Why don't you listen to a song about them by scanning this QR code.



So, this is how the story goes. A guy named Paul wrote a letter to a group of people who were trying to follow Jesus, but they weren't treating each other the way Jesus would have.

They ended up getting into silly arguments, kicking people out of their group for no good reason

and even losing faith in God. Paul reminded them to be more like Jesus, more like God, more like the Holy Spirit.

He then went on to list nine fruit (or characteristics in their lives) that show that we are God's friends. He didn't mean people who follow Jesus should have grapes or pineapples growing from their elbows. Instead, Paul meant that as we grow in our faith, we become more and more like Jesus. Our lives will bear more good fruit.

This place Paul was writing to isn't the only place where people act like that, is it? Let's be honest, we can all make mistakes about how we act sometimes... But, Paul says that if we follow Jesus, what we do and how we act, becomes more like what Jesus would do.

Over the next few months, I'll think about a different fruit of the spirit each time. In the meantime, sing along to the song and see if you can work out what the nine fruit are and think about whether your tree has enough of all these fruit on it!

God Bless and see you next time!
Helen C

After School Club

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Holiday Club

3 - 4.45 Tuesday 19th March, then every 3rd Tuesday after that at All Saints Church
Come and join us for snacks, games, crafts and songs for all the family and a chance to learn a bit more about how much God loves us

Do you wish you could see more children engaging in church?
 Do you have a couple of hours to give on a regular basis?
 Do you feel drawn to being part of our amazing team of volunteers?



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 ALL SAINTS AFTER SCHOOL
 HOLIDAY CLUB
 LUNCHTIME CLUBS
 YOUTH GROUP



We have the perfect role for YOU!
 Get in touch with Helen at youth@moretolife.church

We'd love have you on the team!
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CROSS BARN ODIHAM FILM / THEATRE

www.thecrossbarn.org.uk/whatson.shtml

April 19 Film: *One Life* (Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham Carter, Lena Olin, Jonathan Pryce). 'A remarkable WWII story,' *Time Out*. 'With riveting performances by the extraordinary Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter and Johnny Flynn plus every supporting actor, it moved me beyond words,' *IMDb*.

April 26 Film: *The Anatomy of a Fall* (Sandra Hüller, Swann Arlaud) 'A sparkling intellectual thriller that lingers for days,' *Telegraph*. At its centre is a stunning performance from Sandra Hüller, possibly the best of the year,' *rogerebert.com*. 'Well acted and directed, it is a compelling and nuanced study of human psychology and social dynamics,' *IMDb*.

Doors open at 19.00, films start at 19.45. Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available. Tickets £7.

Please purchase tickets online at www.thecrossbarn.org.uk

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

Our member activities often draw upon skills from pre-retirement days and lots of our members take part in more than one group. So, during a typical week they could be;

- Taking exercise out in the fresh air, eg Tennis, Walking, Cycling
- exercising inside eg Ballet for Fitness, Tai Chi
- enjoying an activity, eg Drawing and Painting
- joining a presentation or discussion, eg History, Current Affairs, Philosophy.

Some groups offer regular presentations on their particular interest area. For example, Wings & Wheels' latest was by two air accident investigators, whereas the Science & Technology group heard about Nanoparticles and Batteries for Electric cars.

We also have monthly presentations for the whole membership either at Cross Barn or catching up afterwards using our own version of 'iPlayer'. So far this year we have appreciated:

- The wit and satire of Gilbert & Sullivan
- A wander through St James's
- Standing Up for Trees; Woodland Trust
- Behind you! Pantomime History
- Salmo salar, the Atlantic Salmon
- Bastard Feudalism
- Scattered squalor or downland homes.

The April offering will be 'Volunteering for Orangutans'.

If you would like to know more, please visit our website www.odihamu3a.org.uk



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