

The Villager

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



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE FIVE VILLAGES 2014

Please join us for any of the special festive services

Saturday December 20th

4pm Carol Service Newnham
5.30pm Carol Service Up Nately

Sunday December 21st

11am Carol Service Nately Scures
4.30pm Carol Service Mapledurwell
6pm Carol Service Greywell

Wednesday Christmas Eve

4.30pm Crib Service Up Nately
11.30pm Midnight Communion Nately Scures

Thursday Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion BCP Up Nately
9.30am Family Service Mapledurwell
10.45am Family Communion Newnham
10.45am Family Service Greywell

With every blessing for a very happy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year

Jane

Rev Jane Leese

SAVE OUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

Mapledurwell & Up Nately and Newnham Parishes
Public meeting of 8th November at St Mary's Herriard

More than 300 people filled St Mary's Church on the Saturday morning for a meeting with Simon Hayes, Hampshire's Police & Crime Commissioner; Chief Inspector Simon Dodds, the Basingstoke District Commander, and Assistant Chief Constable David Pryde, responsible for strategic management.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately and Newnham Parishes were represented by residents, Parish Councillors and Ward Councillor Onnalee Cubitt.

The meeting was called to discuss the District Commander's proposal for Local Policing from April 2015, what residents wanted, and whether they would be prepared to pay for this.

Hampshire Constabulary is required to make further cuts of £25 million over the next two years. Chief Insp Simon Dodds said that this had not been foreseen when writing the Rural Crime Strategy in 2012. During 2010-14 Hants Constabulary had succeeded in making required savings without losing front line officers; further 2014-16 cuts mean they will have to.

He emphasised that this reorganisation is not for better policing but to make financial savings. Basingstoke District presently has 32 neighbourhood police officers (21 town and 11 rural) these will be reduced to 22 (14 town and eight rural).

The rationale for the proposed reorganisation is that rather than having a rural officer covering what would be an impossibly wide area single handedly, it is better to have the remaining rural officers working as a team,



with PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) working in the Beat Areas liaising between residents and PC Reid and his colleagues.

Simon Hayes said that this was the current proposal set against the background of financial constraints. There was an opportunity for discussion which would not have arisen before the appointment of Police & Crime Commissioners. Assistant Chief Constable David Pryde said that he agreed with the community and no chief constable would implement these changes by choice.

It is clear that any further discussion must include financial contribution from the community - if residents want more than is currently on offer they will have to find a means to pay for it. Simon Hayes committed to meeting with a Working Party of representatives to carry the discussion forward. He acknowledged the many letters that had been written to him and suggested that residents should also write to their MPs.

Maria Miller MP met with Chief Insp Simon Dodds on 5th December and will be meeting with Simon Hayes on 20th January.

The Villager would like to thank all contributors and distributors and wish all a happy festive season

WWI CENTENARY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, ST MARY'S GREYWELL

St Mary's Greywell was packed for a very moving service of Remembrance on Sunday 9th November when a representative from each of the five villages



of the United Parish read the names of the fallen and laid a wreath of poppies at the altar.

Rolls of Honour

Greywell 1914-1918: T Dawson, WJ Dicker, C Holloway, F Holloway, A Pink.
1939-1945: DH Brooke; JN Butler.

Mapledurwell 1914-1918: W Ackland, W Bartlett, A Eccott, N Paice. **1939-1945:** R Brown.

Up Nately 1914-1918: A Clark.
1939-1945: F Evans, A Woodbridge.

Nately Scures 1914-1918: FF Bond, G Brooks, CF Brown, E Cooper, GF Gregory, CD Grimes, FM Masterman, HR Morris, HA Pearcey, HC Roberts, JS Roberts, SR Robinson, TW Shipway
1939-1945: FC Gavid, A Hill, RRE Moxon, DA Vince, FD Warner, A White.

Newnham 1914-1918: WJ Champion, AJ Clark, H Englefield, AV Fitchett, W Gubby, A Holdup, EJ Holdup, HC Lane, WG Lane, J Lever, GA Maconachy, TM Marker, FG Matthews, SJ Morris, V Morris, CH Stent, F Stringer, J Willis, H Young.
1939-1945: A Mackenzie, LRT Mariner, W Maynard.

Thanks to Debra and Steve Cooke of West View Lodge for taking care of the Memorial to the six soldiers of 48th Section, 6th Bomb Disposal Company Royal Engineers, killed in Crown Lane in August 1940.

December diary dates

- 10 Greywell Church clean 10-12
- 12 Up Nately Coffee Morning 10-12
- 16 The Teapot Cafe will be open 3-4pm
- 18 Newnham Carol Singing 6pm
- 19 Mapledurwell Carols at the Pond 6pm

January diary dates

- 13 The Teapot Cafe will be open 3-4pm
- 18 Plough Sunday Family Service 11am St Swithun's, followed by lunch
- 21 M&N Parish Council meeting 8pm

M3 JUNCTION 6 BLACK DAM - PLANNED CLOSURES

Sunday 14 December (10pm-6am)
Closed A30 Ringway South (eastbound)

Monday 15 to Friday 19 Dec (10pm-6am)
Closed M3 Spur (southbound).

Traffic will be diverted via the A30.

Christmas and New Year - Traffic management will remain but no work will take place 20 Dec to 5 Jan.

www.highways.gov.uk/m3blackdam

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

RAISING AWARENESS FOR AAA

From Hazel Ivory and Dick Hackney...

'This isn't some sort of Duracell Battery or a third arm to the AA, this is something far more serious and indeed life threatening.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

An abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) is a swelling (aneurysm) of the aorta, the main artery that originates in the heart, down through the abdomen to the rest of the body – and is usually about 2cm wide.

AAAs are most common in men aged over 65. They doesn't usually pose a serious threat to health, but there's a risk that a larger aneurysm could rupture. A rupture accounts for more than one in 50 of deaths in this group and a total of 6,000 deaths in England and Wales each year.

'Some of you will already know that Dick was discovered to have a 5.5cm aneurysm while undertaking a routine screening ultra sound scan. This is a service that is now offered to men when they reach 65. However some men like Dick were above this age when the programme was introduced, so slipped through the net.

'We were very fortunate that our neighbour Alan Cooper suggested to Dick he should have this test, as he had just become aware of it. As so often we think: 'Oh I don't know, shall I bother?' Dick made a wise choice to go ahead and had the test on September 30th.

'Next morning we were sitting in front of Vascular Consultant Peter Leopold at Frimley Park Hospital. We were due to fly to South Africa that Friday for a big family holiday. As he told us, you could fly and be fine but if the aneurysm ruptured mid flight he would be dead, only two per cent survive. Needless to say we didn't go.

'Dick had his surgery to repair the aneurysm during a four hour operation at Frimley Park on November 7th. After three and a half days in ICU and a further three and half days in the High Dependency Unit is now back at home recovering. We cannot praise the staff at Frimley highly enough they were amazing; the NHS at its absolute best.

'The moral of this story that all you men out there should email caroline.grant@asph.nhs.uk with your name, address, d.o.b, doctor's details and NI number to arrange your test. It is free, takes minutes and could save your life, so act now.

'We would like to say a big thank you to all our friends and neighbours in Up Nately, particularly those in Heather Lane, who have been so kind and supportive during what has been a very traumatic time.

'Rev Jane, I would like to say a big thank you to God who answered my prayers and brought us through this.'

(Postscript note don't forget holiday insurance, we have just received a cheque for the full amount!)



CHRISTMAS AT ST STEPHEN'S

Please join us for the Carol Service on Saturday 20th December, 5.30pm.

Again by popular demand there will be a Crib Service for young children on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm at St Stephen's. All families from across the villages are welcome to join us.

There will also be a service of Holy Communion 9.30 Christmas morning.



CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S

JOIN US FOR CAROLS AT THE POND

Friday 19th December at 6pm, enjoy home made mulled wine and mince pies. There will be a collection for the Children's Society.

The Christingle Service is on Sunday 14th December at 4.30. Do come along to enjoy the christingle candlelight.

The Carol Service is at 4.30pm on Sunday 21st and the Family Service 9.30am on Christmas morning.



SHOE BOX APPEAL Very grateful thanks to all who supported the Appeal again this year, with the wonderful result of 149 shoe boxes being filled for the Orphanages in Moldova. At the last minute the decision was taken not to allow the lorries to go into Ukraine due to the dangerous situation there. Special thanks for all the gifts, the knitting all year round by Villagers, the supply of wool, the covering of boxes, the filling of them and the great help with transport, without all of this it could not be so successful. Thank you. Patricia Stubbs.

VILLAGE HALL



The Village Hall Social Committee will be hosting the following events in 2015 – see list below – please pop the dates into your diaries so you don't miss out. Further information to follow in the new year.

TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL contact caretaker Jayne Norman on 474 432 or check out the website: mapledurwellvillagehall.com

THE HALL IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Events 2015

Curry & Quiz Night 28th February

Call my Bluff Wine Evening 9th May

Family Fun Day 20th June

Rounders & Afternoon Tea 5th Sept

80s Disco 3rd October

Autumn Fair 28th November

Children's Christmas Party 5th Dec.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall hosted its annual Christmas Fayre last month to raise money for the upkeep of the Village Hall. We had plenty of stallholders whose products ranged from handmade children's clothes to stationery and local honey.

The cafe was run by committee members selling their homemade cakes, which were enjoyed by many throughout the morning. There were fun children's activities which included a lucky dip, treasure hunt and a human fruit machine, enjoyed by all. Do please join us for our next year's Fayre on Saturday 28th November 2015. If you know of anyone who would like a stall please contact Tats Webster on tats@websterjt.com.



The Village Hall Committee would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy & prosperous New Year.

UP NATELY NEWS

Anne Cooper It is with immense sadness that we report the death of Anne Cooper on 18th November. She leaves a huge hole not only in her family but also in Up Nately and we send our sincere condolences to Gordon, his children and grandchildren. A full obituary will appear in the next *Villager*.

The next two Up Nately coffee mornings

from 10am - 12 noon, will be on Friday 12th December at Queen's Lace, tel Claire for more information 760 554, and Friday 9th January, phone Liz on 762 059. All are welcome, including children.



A warm welcome to Kirstine Jackson and 7-year-old daughter Chinisse and Razor the dog who have moved into 5 St Stephen's Close. We hope you will be happy in the village.

MAPLEDURWELL NEWS

Thank you Mapledurwell would like to thank Colin Trussler for his work around the village on a purely voluntary basis, especially in keeping the pathways in the allotment field beautifully mown.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Mapledurwell allotments available to residents of the parish of Mapledurwell & Up Nately. This includes one established plot. Please contact Russell Price on 01256 329680 for further information.

The next meeting of Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Wednesday 21st January, 8pm Village Hall Committee Room. All welcome.

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PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New application 14/03109/HSE (24th October) The Old Orchard Tunworth Road Mapledurwell. Erection of replacement fencing

Pending 14/02982/FUL (15 October) Andwell Brewing Company Andwell Lane Andwell. Erection of a building consisting a cask, bottle store and distillery with associated catering facilities and function room, administration space and reception following demolition of the existing storage building.

Applications granted

14/02988/HSE (4th December, reg 14th October) Heather House, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of a single storey rear extension to include rooflight. Erection of two first floor side extensions to include eight dormer windows and three rooflights and changes to fenestrations. Replacement of existing car port.

14/02675/FUL (14th November, reg 19th September) Espiegle, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of a replacement dwelling and garage.

14/02460/LDEO (31st October, reg 8th September) Ashby Signs Ltd Unit 1 The Hatch Industrial Park Greywell Road. Certificate of Lawfulness for photovoltaic array mounted on southerly roof for the purpose of generating electricity for use in the curtilage of the building and some export.

NEWS FROM ODIHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL

New OCHCT Chairman

Following completion of the maximum tenure, Daphne Jamieson retired as Chairman at the end of November. Daphne is succeeded by Mrs Janet Kelly who has been a Trustee for three years. Janet paid tribute to Daphne's work over the past 10 years and said 'Odiham Cottage Hospital has been most fortunate to be led by Daphne and the vibrant role the hospital now plays in its community is largely due to her healthcare experience and wise counsel.' Daphne has kindly agreed to stay on the board to continue to advise on certain projects being sponsored by OCHCT.

Gift Aid it! We are delighted to launch a scheme of gift aid recovery on donations taken to our two shops. We have invested in new technology to assist us with this and do hope that when you drop off your items, you will be willing to sign a gift aid declaration so that we can increase the value of your donation to us. We are calling the scheme 'Gift and Grow' as we will be able to 'grow' your donation with tax reclaimed from HMRC.

Befriending The befriending service launched this year has proved a huge success,



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

May I make you aware of a continued increase in reported crime across this beat

area. Locally I am appealing for any information concerning an assault on a man that took place in Heather Lane, Up Nately, between 3pm and 4.30pm on October 28th, 2014. I am aware of two suspicious men being seen in the lane between these times and ask if anyone can offer any information no matter how insignificant you may feel it is, please give me a call direct.

I wish to emphasise that this type of crime is very rare in any parts of our area and especially in Up Nately. As such I ask that residents please be aware that the people concerned are not targeting this area or indeed the residents in it, however if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to call me.

Meanwhile in Andwell between 8am on November 12th and 8am November 13th several cars were damaged in a compound at Priory Farm; again if you can assist in any way please give me a call direct. All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

As we approach Christmas may I also reiterate the need to keep homes and outbuildings secure and not to leave presents on display.

And finally on a personal note, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and assistance shown to the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and my senior officers regarding the changes proposed for the policing of this area after April 2015. Thank you also to those who went to Herriard Church for the Police Meeting on the Saturday morning, November 8th. The PCC stated that there was a strong community spirit he had not seen anywhere else in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight. I am aware that a request has been made for a small committee to be formed to speak with the Assistant Chief Constable in order to try to work out a way forward. Your support is, I can assure you, greatly appreciated. I will keep you posted.

Please also accept my sincere best wishes for a peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year period.

Andrew Reid, Constable

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with two groups of volunteers trained and working in our locality supporting those with end of life and long term medical conditions. Referrals are made by the Integrated Care Team.

Lloyds Bank Many thanks to those who supported OCH in the Lloyds Community Awards Scheme. We received £1,000 which will be used to support much needed health and social care services to patients and residents of our community.

Ginny East, tel 01256 393 600, email: ochl@btinternet.com.

Newnham & Nately Scures



CHRISTMAS AT ST SWITHUN'S

Please join us for the **Carol Service** on Sunday 21st December at 11am, and for **Midnight Mass** at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS AT ST NICHOLAS

Join us throughout December as we celebrate Christmas in Newnham.



Carol Singing around Newnham Village Thursday 18th December 6pm. All welcome to meet at Rowan Lodge, before heading off around the village in full song! For more information please contact Sally Stevens on 01256 766 456. All proceeds to The Friends of St Nicholas'.

Saturday 20th December at 4pm

The 'Story of Christmas' Carol Service at St Nicholas'. A very special candlelit event where the children of Newnham tell us 'The Story of Christmas' including a special performance by the Newnham Children's Choir. Afterwards mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Church.

Christmas Day at 10.45am **Family Communion**

The Pampered Chef coffee morning and Beaujolais Nouveau lunch was a huge success raising £355 towards St Swithun's building fund.

The cookery demonstration was great fun and enjoyed by 16 ladies from across the United Parish. It was rounded off with some lovely French cheeses and wine, being a most excellent year for the Beaujolais.



Bespoke charity Christmas Cards

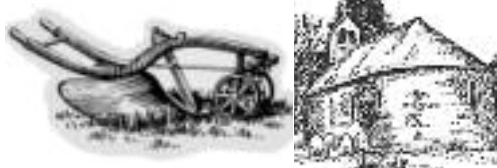
(£5 per pack of 10 cards with envelopes) in aid of

The Friends of St Nicholas'

available in the Church or from

Charles Maxlow-Tomlinson,

Churchwarden, tel 01252 844 555.



Plough Sunday Family Service

January 18th, 11am St Swithun's

Following the success of last year's Plough Sunday service we hope to see even more families, farmers, ploughs and people of all ages at this special service. This is a short service, with well-known hymns and we ask the local farmers to bring along a pot of soil and their tractor and plough for us to bless at the start of the New Year.

This is followed by a ploughman's lunch in the barn at Miller's Ark.

Everyone welcome. No charge for lunch but numbers needed for catering please call Monica 01256 321 727, 07702 096 810 monica.wardrop@xerox.com.



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www.facebook.com/NewnhamVillageHall

If you can't find what you are looking for, call Rosemary on 07435 782 122.

NEWNHAM AUTUMN LITTER PICK

We had a very successful litter pick as you can see last month with 11 people giving up their time to help. Thank you very much to all those who took part – it was much appreciated. John Broughton



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New application 14/03447/HSE and 14/03448/LBC (17th Nov) Tylney Lodge, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Demolition of existing extension, replacement extension and erection of a double garage.

Application pending 14/02366/FUL (18th August) Heather Row Cottage, Heather Row, Nately Scures. Erection of two storey, four-bedroom dwelling, following demolition of existing barn.

Application refused 14/02260/FUL (1st December, reg 15th August) Cast Contracting Ltd, Highview Business Park, The Barracks, Newnham. Demolition of existing buildings and erection of six dwellings and associated landscaping.

Reasons for refusal include: 'Inappropriate form of development having an urbanising effect on the countryside out of keeping with rural character and appearance of area. The application does not include the access road.'

BDBC LOCAL PLAN Planning Officers are preparing for an 'exploratory' meeting with

the Inspector with a view to establishing whether the Examination in Public should continue as scheduled for March and, if so, whether there is a need for any additional work by the Council and what the timescale might be. *See SOLVE report opposite.*

HOOK PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application pending 14/02326/FUL (17th October), High Ridge House, Owens Farm. New building for nine stables, tack room etc. For applicant's personal use.

Hop Garden Appeal Newnham Parish Council responded to the inquiry supporting Hart District and Hook Parish Councils in their defence of Hart's decision to refuse permission for [14/00867/MAJOR](#) Land off Hop Garden Road, Hook, for 48 residential dwellings. Hook Action Against Overdevelopment and Hop Garden Action Group also provided detailed responses. However much will depend on the view the Inspector takes regarding Hart's five-year land supply. The Appeal will be heard in May 2015.

HOOK LOCAL PLAN See back page.

DRAINAGE AND FLOOD RISK

Hampshire Council recently held a 'Town and Parish Council Flood Risk Management Event' focussing on:

'Managing & responding to flood risk'
'Integrated working'
'Making the local highway network more resilient to floods'.

Supported by Hampshire County Councillor, Elaine Still, the Parish Council has been working to get the long neglected ditches at the Barracks maintained. The owner of the Common Land and Foster's Business Park is Mr Wyndham Curtis and his agent has now contracted the work to be done. Thanks are also due to the owners at Kingsbridge End who have kept their part of the watercourse clear.

We are also in discussion with Hampshire Wildlife Trust who manage Hook Common land at Heather Row Lane and have recently taken over land around the Gordon Brown Centre.

The Parish Council is in the process of identifying other problem areas and is asking residents and landowners to take responsibility by clearing ditches and culverts.

AREAS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Heather Row Lane ditches and culverts to the west of the lane.

Ridge Lane ditching required.

Newnham Lane, the gullies on the Newnham side of Lyde Mill Bridge.

Crown Lane ditching all along the lane.

Blackstocks Lane – ditches cleared.

Water End ditches to the west of Waterend Park.

Newnham Green – particularly the culvert at Church Path and the



----- Areas requiring attention

———— Ditches cleared or work on-going

ditch/pond on Tylney Lane.

Newnham Road – sections of the ditches have been filled in causing surface water to spill onto the road.

Newnham Road ponds – culvert and gullies regularly blocked, problem with surface water and its potential to overwhelm the ponds.

Newnham Road ditch by the railway at the point it meets Old School Road. HCC Highways have enlarged the ditch and put in a headwall of concrete bags in an attempt to contain the water as this ditch has no outlet. Awaiting approval and funding for works to link the ditch into the stream that crosses the bridge from Old School Road but impact of the additional water downstream is also to be considered.

The Parish Councillor leading the drainage and flood risk project is Mr Paul Gaskell. Please contact either paul.gaskell.007@btinternet.com or newnham.clerk@btinternet.com if you have any comments or there is an area you would like to add to this list.

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Save Our
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The Inspector questions...

The Planning Inspector has asked preliminary questions on the submitted draft Local Plan, see *BDBC website*.

He questioned the Borough's housing figure of 748 dwellings per annum saying it was 'some way short of the South East Plan figure' (945 dpa). Although a question on numbers was not unexpected, reference to the SE Plan, revoked by the current Government, was unhelpful and surprising.

Reflecting many of our submissions, the Inspector questioned environmental issues on the Loddon Valley sites citing the proximity of the Incinerator and potential Green Infrastructure.

He asked for evidence that the LP was effective and how housing proposals square with the Council's proposals for Green Infrastructure and the creation of a Biodiversity Project Area in the Loddon Valley. He also questioned the resources available to implement the

waste water treatment and the cumulative impacts on traffic congestion on key routes such as the A33.

The Inspector's concerns will form the basis of an exploratory meeting, open to the public, at the Civic Offices on 11th December. Planning Officers will need to answer these questions to his satisfaction or risk rejection of the draft Plan.

Meeting with Minister

On 5th November SOLVE accompanied Maria Miller MP to meet the Planning Minister, Brandon Lewis MP. Our discussions included the Inspector's reference to the SE Plan. The Minister accepted the SE Plan was no longer policy but it did provide a recent housing figure. However, he said it was not a target and such a reference could be misunderstood.

We will post further comments on our website <http://www.solveloddon.org/> as soon as we get written responses to our representations.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE

TRAFFIC CALMING

The installation of a Traffic Calming' system in Newnham was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting. The discussion can be summarised as follows:

The work is about 80% complete; road marking and white lines are to be redrawn when weather conditions allow. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Highways conducted a safety audit on 11th November and have recommended alteration to signage at the Clubroom site.

The system was installed after extensive consultation. The significant majority who responded mentioned excessive speed and volume of traffic through Newnham as concerns, and there was only one major objection to the overall scheme after the plans were made public.

The design and placement of the traffic calming programme is managed by HCC Highways based on experience and in accordance with their road safety guidelines. It is generally accepted that the effectiveness of any system cannot be judged immediately and that drivers need time to adjust. Given the disruption of local traffic patterns due to the work at the Black Dam roundabout, the Parish Council believes it is too early to make any definitive conclusions.

Observational feedback has been mixed, with some suggesting while traffic volume has increased, speeds have decreased. Others suggest that the 'narrowness and visibility' of the pinch points may be dangerous and cause accidents.

All drivers are expected to drive with due care and attention. Cars driven at excessive speed through the pinch points are at risk of an accident, so it is reasonable to assume that responsible drivers will slow down to avoid accidents, and this will improve road safety for pedestrians.

There continues to be police speed cameras placed in the vicinity so the authorities remain committed to doing whatever is reasonable to reduce the speed of traffic.

Surveys on speed and volume of traffic will be undertaken after the work at Black Dam has been completed. The Parish Council will review the data with HCC Highways and consider any recommendations for further work.

A30 SPEED LIMIT

Regarding the programme to reduce the speed limit from 70 to 60mph on the A30 Nately Scures from 330m west of Andwell Lane to the existing 50 mph limit near the Basingstoke Country Hotel as recommended through the Countywide A & B speed limit review of 2012/13, this remains on the reserve programme subject to review at the earliest from summer 2015.

THANKS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



To John Broughton and his team for their time and effort on the Litter Pick.

To Debra and Steve Cooke of West View Lodge for taking care of the Memorial to the six soldiers of 6th Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers, killed in Crown Lane in August 1940.

Wishing all a happy Christmas & New Year

Greywell



CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S Christmas church clean

A special clean of the church for the festive season will take place on Wednesday 10th December between 10am and Noon. All help gratefully received. Coffee will be provided.

Carol service

'O Come let us adore
Him, Christ the Lord'



The Carol service this year is at 6pm on Sunday 21st December. The star, tree and decorations will be up and the candles lit. Do come along to this service of carols and readings and share in the wonder of Our Saviour's birth. Money raised will go to The Children's Society.

Christmas Day

There will be a Family Service at 10.45am to celebrate Christ's birthday. Do bring along all family and friends. All Welcome.



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NEW YEAR – NEW CHALLENGE!

St Michael's Hospice needs volunteer befrienders

This new service is now up and running in Odiham, Hook, Hartley Wintney, and Old Basing areas. Our volunteer befrienders provide social companionship to patients who are lonely and isolated and living with long term and or life limiting illness. By building a trusting relationship they help to restore the patient's emotional well-being, confidence and feelings of self-worth.

For just two hours a week, you can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community. Relevant training, as well as regular and ongoing support will be held locally at Odiham Cottage Hospital. The next training course takes place in January 2015. If you would like to join this enthusiastic and vital team please contact Maria Bryant, Befriending Coordinator on 01256 393 609 or email och.befriending@stmichaelshospice.org.uk.



Coffee & Mobile Library...
Saturday 24th January mobile library
10-10.30, coffee from 10-11am.

THE TEAPOT CAFE will be open 3-4pm on **Tuesdays 16th December and 13th January.** If you need a lift please call Jackie Giles 702 859.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

14/02526/HMC (22nd October) Whitewater, Deptford Lane, Greywell. Erection of single storey rear extension. (Following previous granting of permission (13th August) for single storey rear extension 14/01321/HMC.)

Applications withdrawn

14/01376/FUL (17th November, reg 16th June) and 14/01377/LBC Manor Farm Buildings, The Street. Removal of dilapidated sheds, conversion of listed barns to form four dwellings; conversion of unlisted barn to form one dwelling, and erection of two detached dwellings.

Applications granted

14/02206/HMC (12th November, reg 18th September) Frogmorton House, Hook Road, Greywell. Two storey rear extension (west). Single storey side extension. Conservatory to east elevation. New conservation rooflights. Some internal configuration. New timber electrical vehicular gate. New pedestrian gate.

14/01630/CON (11th November, reg 19th September) Discharge of condition 2 (materials) and 3 (trees) pursuant to 14/02206/HMC.

14/01907/LBC (10th Nov, reg 15th September) Field Cottage, The Street, Greywell. Replacement of rotten wood window frames with wood window frames on rear extension.

14/01087/FUL (5th November, reg 17th July) Dunromin, Hook Road, Greywell. Single storey side and rear extension and change of use of land to the side of the property from agricultural to residential curtilage.

NEWSLETTER FROM HELP HOIMA – UGANDA

First of all a huge thanks to all of you who contribute to Help Hoima – much has been accomplished this year thanks to you. The Azure Clinic goes from strength to strength with over 12,000 babies delivered to date. The ante natal clinic, HIV and Family Planning services are operating well and the Paediatric unit is treating over 200 children a month.

Basingstoke Hospital continues to send out regular volunteers in Paediatrics and Obstetrics who provide invaluable help to the Hoima Hospital and the Azure Clinic. Those taking sabbaticals in Hoima have been accompanied by spouses with science skills to volunteer in the schools.

NEW ULTRASOUND MACHINE URGENTLY NEEDED

We need to raise £4k (the other half has been pledged) to fund a new ultrasound machine. This vital diagnostic tool in maternal services has broken after seven years and needs to be replaced. If you are able to donate towards this lifesaving piece of equipment please send a cheque – made out to Help Hoima – to Mem FitzPatrick, Reeds Farm, Weston Corbett RG25 2PB or donate on the Help Hoima 'Just Giving' website www.justgiving.com/helphoima. Thank you.

Some of the money you donated on Mothering Sunday was used to repaint and refurbish the Mustard Seed Orphanage which has brightened it up a lot. Seventeen of the older children have been successfully relocated into their communities and this has freed up spaces for the youngest and most vulnerable. The schools are doing well and the house for the Headmistress in the Canon Njangali School compound is now completed and occupied, ensuring that the Girls School can attract and retain a Headmistress. The Youth Group who went in 2012 are planning to visit Hoima again in 2016 which is very encouraging. The William Wallis Tree Project is doing well with 2,000 more trees pledged by St John's Hartley Wintney. Again many thanks. <http://www.helphoima.org.uk/>

Church Notices

From the Parish Registers...

Funeral Services

On Thursday October 30th at Basingstoke Crematorium, Arthur Goddard.

On Monday November 17th at Odiham, Diane Singleton.

On Thursday November 20th at Hook, Veronica Houghton.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Michael, Viscount Allenby, was held in All Saints' Odiham on Wednesday November 12th.

The funeral of William Brown was held in All Saints' Odiham on Wednesday November 5th. William was the 26-year-old son of Revd Alison Brown, Vicar of Odiham and part of our benefice ministry team, and her husband Steve. William's death was sudden and totally unexpected. Our love and prayers are with them at this time, and with all those who grieve.

Remembering loved ones at Christmas

We shall be giving another opportunity to remember loved ones at Christmas time. There will be tags available again in all our churches on which you can write the name of a love one who has died who you will be missing this Christmas. These will be hung on the Christmas tree through the holiday season.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

Our final mid-week communion for 2014 will be held on Thursday December 11th at 11am at the Dower House, Greywell. Do join us for a traditional communion service, with an opportunity to think and talk about the Bible reading and to pray together – and then coffee and cake to follow! If you would like a lift please call Rev Jane (765 547). Our first meeting date in the New Year will be January 15th.



Mobile Library Service 2015

Saturdays 24 Jan, 21 Feb, 21 Mar, 18 Apr

Greywell Village Hall	10-10.30am
Water End Park	10.40-11.10
Newnham Village Green	11.15-11.45
Rotherwick near Primary School	12:40-13:10

Tuesday 27 Jan, 24 Feb, 24 Mar, 21 Apr

Old Basing Linden Ave Spar	11.45-12.15
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<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/library-servicesforyou/mobile-libraries.htm>

Mother's UNION

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North Hampshire Downs Branch

The MU is based firmly on prayer both for our work here, and for other parts of the world. From next year we have new prayer partners in Mauritius, Nangyal (South India) Kericho (Kenya), Katsina (Nigeria) and Kumasi (Ghana). We will start our New Year with a Wave of Prayer service on Thursday 15th January, RAF Church, 8pm. Non-members are very welcome. Sue Murphy 01252 845 011 will tell you more.

Church Services December 2014

December 14th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
11am	Morning Service	Greywell
11.15am	Matins	Newnham
4.30pm	Christingle	Mapledurwell

Christmas services see front page

December 28th

11am	Benefice Holy Com(CW)	S Warnborough
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January 4th

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scores
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell

Church Services January 2015

January 11th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
9.30am	Family Service	Mapledurwell
11am	Morning Service	Greywell
11.15am	Matins	Newnham

January 18th United Parish Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywell
11am	Plough Sunday Service	Nately Scores

January 25th

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Mapledurwell
9.30am	Morning prayer	Up Nately
11am	Family Service	Greywell

Diary Dates

December

- 13 Saturday, 2.30pm, Wedding at Greywell – Tott/Sainsbury
- 17 Wednesday 11am Carols at Heatherside
- 18 Thursday 11am Carols at Crossways
- 18 Thursday 6pm Newnham Carol Singing
- 19 Friday 6pm Carols Mapledurwell Pond
- 23 Tuesday 3pm Carols at Rowan Lodge

January

- 13 Tuesday 6.30pm, Greywell VCC
- 13 Tuesday 6.30pm Nately Scores VCC
- 29 Thursday 7.30pm, Deanery Synod at Hartley Wintney.

LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2015

Plough Sunday Family Service January 18th, 11am St Swithun's, followed by lunch in Miller's Ark barn. See *Nately Scores* page 4.

Lent 2015 Study Course Ash Wednesday is on February 18th and we shall have a joint benefice service at Odiham church at 7.30pm. Our guest preacher

is Dom Anselm Shobbrook from the Benedictine Communion at Alton Abbey. The Diocesan Lent material this year is based on the Rule of St Benedict and the idea that a Rule of Life is not just for monks and nuns but that we can all live our lives according to a spiritual discipline. We are planning to have a number of home groups looking at this.

Lent Quiet Day There will be another Quiet Day for the United Parish at Alton Abbey in Lent – on Tuesday February 24th. We arrive for Mass at 9am and leave at about 4pm. We shall hopefully have one address by a member of the community and the rest of the day is yours to read, walk, pray, paint, sew... Just to spend time quietly with God. Please let Rev Jane know if you would like to join us.

www.united-parish.org.uk

The United Parish has a new website, carrying a wealth of information on the five churches including service details. If you have any problems gaining access to the site, do please let a Churchwarden or Rev Jane know.

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Dear Friends

I have only just filed away fireworks and poppies and already Father Christmas is in every corner of the shopping centres and I can hear the sound of sleigh bells drawing ever closer! Christmas is coming!

Those words, which bring joy to the hearts of little children, can seriously raise the stress levels for grown-ups! Yes we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who came to bring peace and goodwill to all people, the light and glory of his love, the hope of salvation, but the world at large seems to have lost sight of this. Every year Roland gives me a subscription to *Good Housekeeping* – a little light relief from theology books! – but its pages could lead me to think that a truly happy Christmas needs a colour co-ordinated tree, a different place setting for each meal, new outfits for all the family and enough food for you and me (rather than Jesus) to feed the five thousand.

There is so much pressure to create a 'perfect' family Christmas – and that is before you add the people themselves!

The true message of Christmas is very simple – it is all about the love of God. God had always loved his creation, his people, but words alone didn't seem to be enough to convey the full meaning and depth of that love. So it's as though God thought, if they won't listen to the messages I'm sending them through my prophets, I'd better go and show them what I'm all about. And he came as Jesus, as a vulnerable baby, born into poverty, heralded by angels, visited by rough and ready shepherds as well as wise and learned men from the East, and then carried into exile to escape the wrath of Herod the King. Love makes you vulnerable – and Jesus was prepared to be different, to risk the anger of the powers that be, loving us and loving God all the way to the cross.

When you stand out against the crowd and opt for a simple, Christ centred Christmas you can feel a bit different, a bit vulnerable, especially if all your friends are preparing something far more sophisticated. Of course we can still gather our friends and family, we can share one another's company around the table, we can express our affection for one another with gifts – those are good things to do. But simply, honestly and lovingly – with much less stress and much more time to be together. And when we come to the New Year and people ask 'did you have a good Christmas?' we can honestly reply 'yes it was truly lovely'.

May your Christmas be truly lovely – and your New Year filled with peace and joy.

Jane

With my love and blessing, Rev Jane Leese

YOUR CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Your Parochial Church Council is giving thought to how it can best serve the people of our five villages. In September the PCC met with those who attend church regularly. It would also be really helpful to have the views of those who attend church less frequently or perhaps not at all. Do you have a minute to respond to the following few questions?

Please email your thoughts to our Curate, the Reverend Linda Scard, at linda.scard@btinternet.com or by mail to Adams Farm, The Street, North Warnborough, Hook, RG29 1BL. Many thanks, Reverend Jane Leese.

Questions

1. What do we do today that we should continue doing?
 2. What don't we do today that we should start doing?
 3. What do we do today that we should stop doing?
 4. For what, when and how often do you use the church?
- Any other comments?..... Name (optional)..... Village.....

UPDATE ON HART LOCAL PLAN

Following consultation on the five options for the additional 4,000 houses required, Hart has drawn up the following

Recommended Preferred Housing Distribution Strategy (subject to testing)

1. Development beyond the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA) 5km zone of influence (comprising Odiham, N Warnborough, S Warnborough, Greywell, Long Sutton) **150-200** homes
2. Development **within** existing settlement boundaries within the SPA 5km zone of influence. Approx **750** homes
3. Development **adjoining** settlements within the SPA 5km zone of influence **100-650** homes
4. Strategic urban extensions (no site identified) **0-600** homes
5. New settlement at Winchfield **1,800-2,400** homes

Discussion at the Hart Full Council meeting on 27th November revealed that Winchfield is presently considered the only possible site for a new settlement. Although the strategy identifies 1,800-2,400 homes at Winchfield this figure is for the Local Plan period up to 2032. Beyond that the total is for 4,000-5,000 as this is the quantity required to fund a new secondary school. Robert May's and the Fleet schools are over capacity.

This for the time being rules out the Lodge Farm site which cannot be expanded beyond the proposed 1,700 houses. Results of the 'feasibility testing' for the strategy including Winchfield are expected in Spring 2015.

For regular updates see <http://hookdevaction.org.uk/>

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