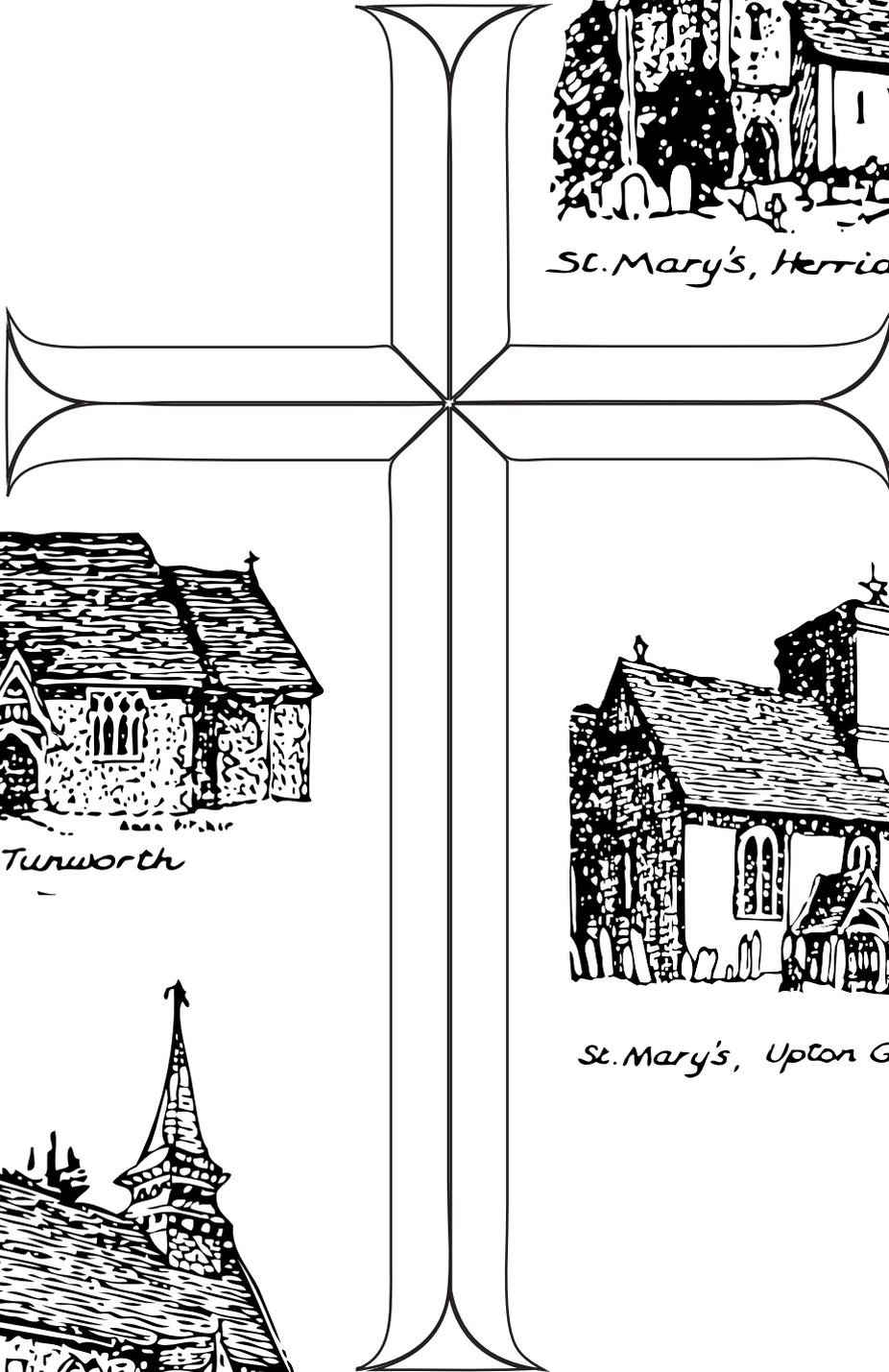


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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – May 2021
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Clergy Team

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

These well-known words are taken from the start of the third chapter of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, and are the first line of a poem which is thought to have been written by King Solomon during the last years of his life. In the book Solomon muses as he relates his life experiences and draws lessons from them, often quite self-critically.



We're creatures of time, aren't we? We measure time and how much we can squeeze into 24 hours; we marvel at how quickly each week passes and how they seem to fly by faster and faster the older we become; we count the months until our next holiday, or for small children maybe that's until the next birthday or Christmas; the months we measure into seasons of the year. And then we measure the years and mark the major milestones of our lives.

But perhaps time should be measured in more than hours, days, weeks, months or years, or even the significant events in our lives. Perhaps our time is best measured by the relationships we have with others. St Paul wrote "Faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love". Some of us have faith, some of us find that faith brings us hope in this life and what we understand about the next. Paul stresses that above all it is love that sustains relationships and it is those relationships that sustain life.

During three periods of lockdown, sustaining relationships has, for many of us, been a time to learn new skills as we've stayed in touch with family and friends via Zoom, WhatsApp and other social media. No substitute for the real thing, of course, but a great help. For many, lockdown has also been a time to walk with nature and appreciate the changing seasons in our wonderful countryside. It's also been a time to enjoy longer stretches of time with those in our households, giving us the time to muse as Solomon did on our experiences of life and our hopes for the future.

It has been an enormous privilege to be part of the ministry team in various guises since the formation of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice in 2008. As Solomon said, “for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”, or, in more modern parlance, everything has its time. The time has now come for me to retire, to redress the balance in the years ahead more in favour of my (very large!) family. Of course, a calling to ordained ministry doesn’t retire, so I prefer to call this a time to refocus on my calling, and I look forward to being alongside you for many years to come, just in a new and different way. I wait with excited anticipation to see where this may lead.

Revd Linda Scard

CHURCH NEWS

A new Associate Rector and Vicar of Odiham

The Revd Chris Dudgeon formally comes to the end of his Curacy in June of this year. The completion of Curacy marks the end of Chris’s three-year initial ministerial post.

As you may know, Chris has taken on the role of Acting Vicar of Odiham since the retirement of The Revd Alison Brown. I’m delighted now to announce that on May 16th he will be licensed as Assistant Rector in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice and the permanent Vicar of Odiham. He will continue to offer three Sundays per month plus four days per week, and his ministry will be focused around Odiham whilst sharing in the leadership of the wider benefice with me.

I’m delighted to be able to appoint Chris to this role, with the backing of the Odiham Churchwardens and PCC. Chris is a highly effective and gifted church leader and priest and a deeply loved and appreciated colleague.

A new Curate

In addition, I am also pleased to announce that our new Curate will be ordained Deacon at Winchester Cathedral in July. She will serve a 3-4 year Curacy in the benefice, and 30% of her time will be spent focused in Odiham, with the remaining 70% spent in the wider benefice. A full announcement will follow shortly to ensure it is co-ordinated with the Diocese and Training College.

Retirement of Linda Scard

You will have seen The Revd Canon Linda Scard's announcement of her retirement from her current roles earlier in this magazine, but I am immensely pleased that she will be staying in North Warnborough and continuing her association with these churches. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Linda for her many and varied talents and steadfast dedication - not least during periods when clergy here have been rather thin on the ground! Her installation as an Honorary Canon at Winchester Cathedral last year was a fitting tribute to her hard work, kindness, professionalism and outstanding achievements.

With love and prayers

Revd Simon Butler

Rector of the North Hampshire Downs Network of Churches

Rogation Walks (May 23rd and 30th)

The Rogation Walks are when traditionally the Church walks round the Parish and blesses the crops. In this group of churches there are three walks this year, starting from Tunworth, Herriard or Upton Grey. Some Covid restrictions will still be in place, and it is likely that we will be allowed only up to 30 people on each walk, socially distanced or in family bubbles. Booking in advance is therefore essential to ensure that numbers do not exceed the maximum - **please book no later than lunch time the previous day**, using the email addresses shown below.

All Saints Tunworth - Sunday 23rd May

Please book via allsaintschurchtunworth@gmail.com. Meet in the churchyard at **9.00am**.

St Mary's Herriard with Winslade - Sunday 23rd May

Everyone is very welcome to join us on our Rogation Walk, starting from St Mary's churchyard at **11.00am** and walking across to Nashes Green, then down past Golden Dell to Lee Farm, across to Hale Farm, and then ending up at The Fur & Feathers. Well-behaved dogs welcome too! Please book via fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk (or call 07867 973266).

St Mary's Upton Grey - Sunday 30th May

Meet in St Mary's churchyard at **11.00am**. The walk will start and end at St Mary's and take no more than an hour. If you would like, do feel free to bring a drink and a snack with you in the form of 'Elevenses' to have at a half-way point on the walk. Everyone most welcome, and please do bring your family, and dogs on leads most welcome too! Please book via tessamorrish@gmail.com.

Church Services

Sunday 2nd May

9.00am **Tunworth** - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
11.00am **Upton Grey** - Morning Service

Sunday 9th May

9.00am **Herriard** - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
11.00am **Weston Patrick** - Holy Communion Common Worship
6.00pm **Tunworth** - Evensong

Thursday 13th May (Ascension Day)

10.00am **Upton Grey** - BCP Holy Communion (said)
7.30pm Ascension Day service live-streamed

Sunday 16th May

9.00am **Tunworth** - Morning Service
11.00am **Upton Grey** - Holy Communion Common Worship

Thursday 20th May

10.00am **Herriard** - BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 23rd May

9.00am **Tunworth** - Rogation Walk (*booking needed - see above*)
11.00am **Upton Grey** - Morning Service
11.00am **Herriard** - Rogation Walk (*booking needed - see above*)
5.00pm **Weston Patrick** - Evensong

Sunday 30th May

9.00am **Odiham** - CW Holy Communion Benefice Service
11.00am **Odiham** - Informal Benefice Service
11.00am **Upton Grey** - Rogation Walk (*booking needed - see above*)

Tea-time Services

The twice-monthly Tea-time services are resuming. They are at St Andrew's South Warnborough on the first and third Sundays of the month - so, in May, on the 2nd and 16th. **Families from all around the benefice are invited to take part.** Activities for 'younger youth' (age 7-11) from 3.30pm, followed by the service itself at 4.30. Older youth activities after the service will resume in June.

Face coverings

Please bring face coverings to every service - they are a legal requirement, the only exceptions being while leading a service or leading prayers or reading lessons, or consuming the bread at Holy Communion, or children under 11, or the standard exemptions for e.g. health or disability reasons.

Services online or telephone based

With some parishioners not in a position to attend church services, the streamed services are continuing. Most services from All Saints Odiham are live-streamed (and then available online afterwards) - see the website www.moretolife.church for details.

In addition to streamed services, the Church of England has established 'Daily Hope', a telephone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. The line, which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044, has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.

Private prayer

Many of the twelve North Hampshire Downs churches are available for private prayer and quiet reflection at some point during the week. In this group of four churches, **St Mary's Upton Grey** is open for private prayer from **9.00am to 5.00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays**. (St Mary's Herriard, All Saints Tunworth and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are not currently open for private prayer.)

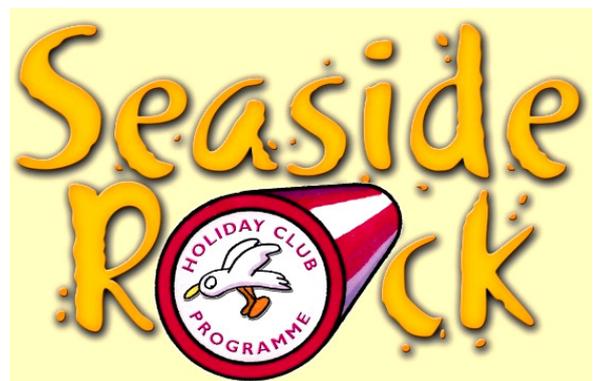
If you would like to pray with someone, or ask the clergy team to pray for someone, please email prayer-requests@moretolife.church.



KidsZone

Hi Everyone!

I'm so excited! Do you want to know why? In the last few days, we have made the decision to run Holiday Club this year!! For those of you who haven't been before, it's a week of fun and games on the field opposite Upton Grey church. We have hilarious acting, crafts, messy



games and stories all about something from The Bible. This summer, as so many of us have missed out on going on holiday, the theme will be the seaside, and we're even hoping to all go on a day trip to the beach on one of the days! **So, save the date: 2nd to the 6th of August.**

The person we'll be learning about at Seaside Rock is one of Jesus' disciples - a man called Peter. You might remember him as the disciple who denied Jesus three times before the cockerel crowed on the night before Jesus died, or maybe as the one who tried to walk on water with Jesus, or even the disciple who is known as the father of the church. If you're not sure who I mean, scan this QR code with your phone or tablet for a short cartoon of his life. The reason I like him so much, is he reminds me a lot of myself. Although I try so hard to do the right thing, I often make mistakes - just like Peter did when he let Jesus down just before He died. Jesus really needed a friend, but Peter was too scared. In the Bible, it says that just as the cockerel crowed, Jesus looked sadly right into Peter's eyes. Imagine how that must have felt! Jesus was chained up and in pain and He watched as His best friend abandoned Him. Peter knew he'd let his best friend down really badly, and ran away in tears. That must have been the worst feeling in the world...

But then, just a few days later, Jesus looked at him again - but this time with love and forgiveness in His eyes. Even though Peter had hurt Him to the core, abandoned Him when He was in need, Jesus forgave him and even gave him the nickname 'The Rock', because He knew He could rely on him.

I wonder if you've ever felt like you've let God down with something you've said or done - or maybe even something you've not done? Remember Peter and what terrible mistakes he made. Jesus still forgave him and gave him a really important job to do. Don't beat yourself up and keep on remembering what went wrong - remember God has given you a brand new page to write today's story on.

I really hope I'll see you at Seaside Rock this year, but in the meantime God bless and see you next month!



Helen Chatfield (Youth Pastor)
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

North Hampshire Downs Churches are recruiting. The North Hampshire Downs group of churches comprises 8 parishes and 12 churches in Odiham and the surrounding villages. We are a dynamic family of churches who seek to live out our faith in loving and serving our local communities and through sharing the good news of Jesus. With 12 busy churches across 8 parishes we rely on an efficient administrative structure to support our ministry. With this in mind we are recruiting 2 posts to work in our team. Working from the benefice office in Odiham the posts are: **10hrs per week** - PA to the Rector of the Benefice and Parish Administrator for the Village Churches. **15hrs per week** - PA to the Associate Rector and Vicar of Odiham & Parish Administrator for All Saints Odiham. For full details including job descriptions and rate of pay please contact Rev'd Linda Scard: linda@moretolife.church 01256 703791 Or see www.moretolife.church

Police Report from PC Andy Reid

Dear Residents

I wish to update you on recent events within the area and seek your assistance. If you can help please give me a call, direct.

I start this month with an urgent appeal for information, on Thursday April 8th 2021, at 1:18 pm, a silver Ford Focus was seen in Upton Grey on the Weston Road. A resident was working in his garden when a woman described as Eastern European; 5 ft 5" tall, med build with black hair, wearing a dark coloured coat and blue facemask, approached him. Whilst talking to him she grabbed his wrist more than once, finally she gave the appearance of falling grabbing the wrist again. A short time later, the resident became aware that his watch had been stolen from his wrist. I have had an excellent response from local residents as always, however if anyone has any CCTV or door cam please do let me know. The car drove along Weston Road towards the pond and was in the Weston Close area. I am also aware that this woman approached another man in the area. This crime is extremely rare in our area; in fact, it is the first in my 17 years here. I am making enquiries with other police area's in and out of Hampshire to see if this is a pattern, but at this time it appears to be a 'one off'. If you can help please give me a call.

On March 25th 2021 at about 11am a white VW Golf registration OV16 UL* was seen in Tunworth calling at houses asking if residents wanted to sell their 4 x 4 vehicles. It was also seen in Mapledurwell

asking about a caravan; the point being that these vehicles were not easily seen from the roadside so the white man asking would have been creeping about to find them. Please report any suspicious incidents such as these.

Slightly further afield, in Dummer overnight of March 31st and April 1st a catalytic converter was cut off from a car parked in Bible Fields, the price of scrap metal has risen in recent times and such thefts are on the increase, a similar crime was reported in Axford back in February.

I am also aware that we have also been experiencing an increase in burglary to outbuildings, with the theft of tools etc. In Preston Candover overnight of April 7th and 8th two garages were broken into; whilst nothing was stolen it shows these criminals are active in our area. The area of Hook and Old Basing have also experienced an increase. Please keep sheds etc. secure with good locks and alarms if possible.

We are also receiving various reports of poaching with vehicles being driven across crop fields and hares and deer being targeted; if you see suspicious vehicles at any time of the day or night please do let us know.

Sincere wishes as always and thank you for your continued support.

Andrew REID, Local Constable T: 01256 389050 M: 07768 776844
andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Bluebell Open Days, Brick Kiln Cottage Bluebell Garden The Avenue, Herriard, RG25 2PR

We are excited to be opening on Sunday 2 May 2021 and Sunday 6 June 2021 for the National Gardens Scheme. Due to CORONAVIRUS restrictions we are allowed to have 6 people every 30 minutes and observe social distancing. To pre-book a visit on the NGS website go to ngs.org.uk and follow the link to find a garden. Unless people have pre-booked their visit the NGS have instructed us to refuse entry. Dogs are welcome but only on leads please.

We are offering self-service refreshments in lieu of our normal teas to minimize contacts (tea, coffee and biscuits) and hope to return to normal home-made cakes and sandwiches next year.

We have made some new features in our 2-acre woodland including a hazel walk, a children's reading area, a refurbished billabong and a wildlife strip. The woodland was brush cut and cleared in the autumn of 2020 so we are looking forward to seeing the results.

If groups of no more than 6 wish to visit our woodland at any time in May 2021, please call Barbara on 01256381301 to book your visit.

We are so looking forward to contributing to the NGS with your help as it supports so many worthwhile charities and will be delighted to welcome everyone to our garden.

We are offering a prize for the best photograph taken by a visitor to our garden this year 2021 during a visit with the prize comprising a bottle of champagne. Entries can be emailed to us on kay@klca.co.uk and a donation to the NGS is encouraged of at least £1. **Barbara Jeremiah**

Dog Control – Not Just with Sheep – Chickens, Ducks, Pheasant and Deer too.

In early April two pet Labradors killed a number of chickens at Tunworth Down Farm. The owners who were walking their pets on a public footpath were known to the farmer but had no idea that their dogs were capable of this slaughter. They learned a valuable lesson. Please learn from this unnecessary mistake. Good advice from a local gamekeeper “All dogs hunt instinctively, so you have to see the potential quarry before your dog does, or you’ve probably lost control” The countryside is where people work very hard to earn a living you have important rights on footpaths, but with rights come responsibilities. Keeping your dogs on-lead is one good way to avoid problems. **David Shearer**

Farming Monthly News

Spring arrived then went away and then arrived again weather wise on the farm. If it was 12 degrees, rather than 2, it would be your typical April showers, which would be ideal for the crops that have just kicked into life after the wet winter months. With the crops waking up and starting to grow means that our main jobs are feeding them with fertiliser and protecting them with fungicides to prevent disease setting in. Fertiliser wise we use a combination of organic and artificial fertilisers to feed the growing crops. As we don’t have enough livestock on the farm to use their manure to spread on the fields we have to import our muck. This year we used sewage biosolids from Thames Water company, which is thanks to the vast population that live in the Thames valley, as well as ‘Digestate’ that is the by-product from the Anaerobic Digester. We as an industry are being encouraged to use more organic fertilisers to improve soil health and to build organic matter in the soil, look after the soil and it will look after you. It is great to be able to recycle a waste product, which could have ended up washing out to sea, instead is being used to grow our crops. The only drawback is the smell and we do apologise for that temporary period.

Spring also brings our second stint of drilling (planting). This year we have planted Spring Barley, Wheat, Canary seed, Linseed and Maize. The Spring Barley and Wheat are pretty run of the mill, with Canary seed being a first for us (and possible last). Struggling to find a robust 'break' crop in our rotation seems to be a lot easier said than done. With the majority of products previously used to protect crops from pests have now been taken away and it has become a lot harder to grow crops like Oil Seed Rape. The end product for the Canary seed will be for bird feed. Spring Linseed was planted this year as we originally had two fields of Winter Linseed but the cold period we had in February combined with the cold Easterly winds were just too much for the small plants and they were burnt off in the more exposed areas. As I write this all of these crops are in the ground bar the Maize. We tend to wait for soil temperatures to be 10 degrees and rising as Maize is a notoriously fussy plant, so getting the right conditions is essential. My Grandfather used to say "If you can't sit on the soil with a bare backside It's not warm enough to plant!" So we will monitor the weather but we will aim to plant the Maize by the end of April.

The latest addition to Hyde Farm has been the arrival of a flock of laying Hens. We had a busy week in March clearing out an old shed to be converted into a Hen house. The chickens had been enduring a lockdown of their own with the Avian Flu that has been preventing farmers from letting their poultry outside until April. Thankfully they are allowed out now and are enjoying being able to roam the paddock next to the Fur and Feathers pub.

Will Cheyney

UPTON GREY NEWS

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Election Day - Thursday May 6th Upton Grey Village Hall

The Village Hall will be used for the election on May 6th. It will not be available for the Shop that day and there will be some disruption the late afternoon before and the early morning after.

Saturday 25th September - Save the Date Upton Grey's Harvest

Supper, in aid of St Mary's Church. Fingers Crossed! Further details will be will sent out in due course.

Adele Dunkley

The 100 Club Draw March

First prize was won by S Riisberg. Second prize by L Morgan

The Village Hall Committee

We are looking for some more helpers on the Committee. In particular there will be a vacancy soon for a new Treasurer. If you are willing to help please contact Hugh (862636) or Brian (862819). Simple Excel spreadsheet knowledge would be a help.

Car Parking in Little Hoddington Close

All users of the recreation area and tennis court, please note

Parking in the Close leading up to the recreation area, playground and tennis court has on occasions become tight. If possible, please walk or cycle there rather than drive. This will be massively appreciated by those living in the Close.

Charles Holroyd

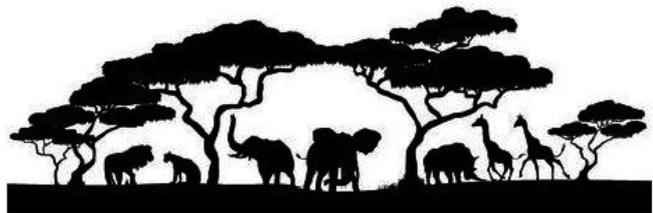
Upton Grey Safari Supper Saturday 26th June 2021

The Safari Supper is held around the village to support St Mary's Church, Upton Grey. It starts at 7.15pm and finishes with coffee at 10.15pm. Each participating couple will be asked to provide at their home/garden, either a starter, main or pudding course for four guests. A particular course may be requested but we cannot guarantee you will be allocated your preference although we will try! The cost for taking part in the evening is £15 per person. If you would like to join in, please complete the form on P24 of this magazine and **return it as soon as possible, but not later than Saturday 12th June.**

Safari Supper

Saturday 26th June 2021

from 7.15pm -10.15pm



Host one course and enjoy a 3 course dinner around the village in aid of St Mary's Church, Upton Grey!

7.15pm: Aperitif and Starter

8.15pm: Main Course

9.15pm: Pudding and Cheese

10.15PM: Tea and Coffee for all in the Churchyard

Submit your names, address, phone number, email and any dietary requirements to this year's organisers:

Viv Raven and Julia Harker (julia_harker@btinternet.com)

You will be allocated one course. Forms are in this magazine
£15 per person Please book by Saturday 12th June 2021

You will be advised, at least a week before the event, which course you need to prepare and host, together with the names of your guests; also, where and with whom you will enjoy the other two courses.

If you have any questions, please call Julia Harker 862975 or Viv Raven 862278 or email Julia_harker@btinternet.com or theraven5@yahoo.co.uk

Upton Grey Drama Group presents “Promenade” Sunday July 4th in The Old Vicarage Church Street in aid of St Michael's Hospice.

“Promenade” through The Old Vicarage garden with readings and poems by kind permission of Richard & Carol Butler-Adams on Sunday July 4th.

Start timed tickets: £10 (includes a glass of bubbly) - 6.00pm/6.20pm/6.40pm/7.00pm/7.40pm/8.00pm. In order to keep everyone “safe” there are only 10 tickets available for each timed group.

Reservations Please call Alison on 07502 34112 or Sarah on 07535 089890 or email UptonGreyDrama@gmail.com. Please state your preferred start time and under **new** Government guidelines you will need to provide the name and contact phone number for each member of your party. Looking forward to seeing you all on July 4th!

Sarah Gray - Producer Upton Grey Drama Group

Educational Grants available to ALL Upton Grey Residents

The Upton Grey Educational Trust was formed when the Upton Grey School was sold after its closure in the 1980s and half of the proceeds were put into the Trust. The Trust can use the income from the investment twice yearly “for the advancement of education”.

The Trust meets in June and December each year to consider applications for assistance with educational needs, **from any age group and with no means testing**. Since the Trust was set up, it has awarded grants to nearly 100 applicants and 16 groups in addition to Long Sutton School. For more information on how to apply and terms and conditions, please visit **www.uptongreychurch.co.uk (under Groups & Organisations) or email debbie@debbie-bridle.com**.

This is primarily open to residents of Upton Grey, but consideration **may** also be given to applicants from other parishes within the Benefice – funds permitting. Applications must be made by the person requiring assistance and **not** by a parent /guardian or other. We are very lucky to have this fund and very grateful to the late Ros Mills for establishing it.

Please submit your application in writing **by the last week in May 2021** to be in with a chance for the application to be put forward at the

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The Summer Dinner Dance 14th August

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Flower Show committee have now decided not to hold the Flower Show this year. As this means that there will be no large marquee in Church Meadow to hold it in, we consequently have to cancel this year’s Summer Dinner Dance. We all hope that things will have returned to normal well before this time next year.

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Upton Grey Horticultural Society

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Order your Annual Plants like Begonias, Petunias, Pelargoniums, Nasturtiums, to name a few, for summer bedding or hanging baskets.

In May you can sow most of your hardy annual wild flower seeds outside, then later in the month thin out these annuals, which you have sown in drifts or rows, to allow plants to reach optimum size.

To keep your climbing roses growing healthily and for best flowering make sure they are well tied down. Bend over any uprights stems and tie them horizontally to either the rope or frame they use for support. This will encourage more flowers along the stems and create a thicker screen if using the rose to cover a not so pretty wall or fence. Feed well.

Trim winter heather as flowers disappear, to prevent becoming leggy also remove faded flowers from winter pansies to stop them seeding, this will encourage flushes of new flowers through the spring and maybe summer.

Deadhead your Daffodils and Tulips, but leave the foliage intact to die down completely. If this is not done, especially ones growing in the lawn, you might be tempted to cut it down to early and will have no blooms next year.

In April we took down some ancient, tired bird boxes which have been used by several generations of Blue Tits and Wrens. Up went new

Des Res in same position and left a few of the originals dotted around. It's been really entertaining watching the antics of the prospective new tenants. The male gives it a cursory glance and then remain on the side-line, whilst the female checks it out completely and comprehensively, very similar to human couples.

Female Blue Tits build nests alone with little or no help from the Male!! then proceeds to lay her eggs which can be up to 16. It would appear they prefer the grade listed boxes that are still up, as to date not one of the modern houses have been taken!

Feed your birds regularly and leave plenty of water especially in the hot months they do not have a tap they can just turn on.

Bird numbers have plummeted since we have been keeping records for lots of different reasons so help them to flourish and please don't cut your hedges now until September. If you insist on doing so please check for active nests prior to cutting, if birds are nesting please cut by hand so the nest, eggs or chicks are not destroyed.

Useful websites to encourage insects and other wildlife to your garden: rhs.org/science/conservation-biodiversity, wildlifetrusts.org, nationaltrust.org.uk/features/nine-ways-to-build-a-wildlife-friendly-garden

Patricia Pegg

Herriard Ex-Services Club

We hope to be back in action welcoming you in from the 23rd May 1pm to 3pm. We will be open on Sundays 1pm to 3pm to begin with. Hopefully we will be able to open on Friday nights 7pm to 11pm soon. Check in with our Facebook page for up-to-date information on opening times. In June, we have some events that we are planning. A carboot with boots at £5, a coffee morning to raise funds and awareness of the 100th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion, a quiz and perhaps a country & western evening. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact us on herriardrbllhall@gmail.com. Please, please let us know if you think of an event you would like to see here in Herriard as we are always looking for ideas.

From the 21st June (at the time of going to print!) the hall and facilities are available to hire. Christenings, birthdays, parties, wedding receptions, meetings are all events that have been held in the hall in the past, and can be in the future.

Please email bookings.herriardrbllhall@gmail.com and see our advert at the back of this magazine.

Jenny Falconer

TUNWORTH NEWS

Obituary Vicky Remnant 1947 – 2021.

As many of you already know, Vicky Remnant died very suddenly and unexpectedly of a brain haemorrhage on 22 February.

Vicky was born in Surrey on 19 December 1947. She was the daughter of Clive and Thora Gallop. Clive was one of the original Bentley Boys: in 1924 he designed and built the first Bentley motor car with Vicky's cousin, W. O. Bentley. Clive fought in the First World War and was one of the very few survivors of the second Battle of Ypres. Vicky always wore his medals on Remembrance Sunday with immense pride. He died in a motor accident when Vicky was twelve years old.

When Vicky left school she enrolled at St Thomas's Hospital to train as a nurse, and on qualification as an SRN, she continued her nursing career and was awarded her Nightingale badge, for which she was always immensely proud. She went on to complete further qualifications in neurological surgery and the treatment of burns.

In 1974, she used that extra training to join the East African Flying Doctors' Service and it was there that she met her future husband, Giles, who was a pilot at the same airport.

Giles and Vicky were married later that year and they stayed in Kenya for another four years before returning to the UK. Giles continued his work as a pilot here and Vicky looked after their two sons, Charles and Alistair.

Vicky returned to nursing as soon as it was possible to do so and worked as a general practice nurse through to her retirement in 2007. Vicky was also a highly trained and experienced reflexologist and treated patients from all over the UK.

Vicky and Giles moved to Tunworth in 2010 to be near their son, Charles, and his family, and they quickly became part of the community.

Vicky was known as a passionate gardener, knowing every plant by name in the large garden at Hackwood Farm. Her particular skill was growing and looking after her wide selection of roses.

From an early age, Vicky loved to sing. She was a member of the LSO chorus and the Edinburgh Festival choir and she was an active member of the Basingstoke Choral Society.

Vicky had a very strong Christian belief and was a member of the PCC. She helped to arrange and organise many of the family services at All Saints, Tunworth.

She will be sorely missed by all her friends in the community.

Giles Remnant

Editor's note: A very small indication of the love and esteem that Vicky inspired throughout our small community is the number of Villagers and friends who spontaneously gathered at the Bench in Tunworth and stood socially distanced with heads bowed as her coffin left the village. We all have fond memories of Vicky that we will always treasure.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Woodcarving a Living Craft in our Churches and Countryside

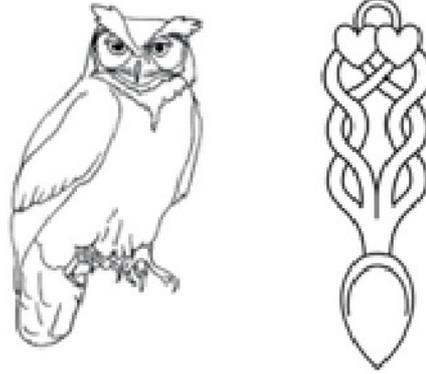
Many of the churches locally have lettering and relief carvings produced by local craftsmen who had a love of wood and manufactured their own carving tools. If you are aware of these it would be interesting to hear of them, so that they can be photographed and logged. Offertory boxes, carved pew ends and much church furnishing has been embellished by very simple wood carvings over the years. Take a look around your own church or any churches you visit, and let us know what you find.

This article is part of an ongoing initiative by the Southern Fellowship of Woodworkers to encourage participation in various forms of craft in our area. It is very much a living craft with expert help on hand for beginners. It can be very satisfying to produce a coveted love spoon, or a relief carving of a bird or animal, using a piece of lime wood and some very basic carving tools, or even just a dedicated whittling knife, this without much cost!

You too could aspire to become a Grinling Gibbons, or Robert (Mousie) Thompson, both well known for their work, Gibbons in churches and large houses - 'Petworth House' for example, and Thompson for his furniture with his signature carved mouse! Oak being a more common wood used for these carvings.



*Carved Offertory Box Lid
All Saints Tunworth*



*Line Drawings of Owl
and Love Spoon Carvings*

By enlarging the line drawings, you can produce templates to assist you in laying out your own attempt at carving; and you can, by accessing the SFWW website www.sfww.org.uk, see examples of carved work produced by SFWW members.

Encouragement and advice for budding carvers can be obtained through the secretary of the SFWW Tim McGinn
timothyjmcginn@gmail.com Mobile 07785 243433

Arn Huddy

**Odiham Open Gardens, Saturday 29th May 2021 2-5pm
in aid of the upkeep of our beautiful churchyard**

This event is going ahead as planned and there will be 13 gardens to visit! You can make this part of your daily walk perhaps and there will be a plant sale and home-made teas and refreshments available. Please note due to Covid measures there may be queues at some of the smaller gardens. A suggested donation of £7.50 is payable at any participating garden and you will be given a map of all the gardens to help you on your way. Please bring plenty of small change for entry and teas and we look forward to seeing you there!

Pauline Dudgeon, Caro Seabrook & Malcolm Douglas, Organisers

The Sunflower Café which, in ordinary times, meets once a week on a Wednesday afternoon, is run jointly by The Vine Church and the North Hampshire Downs branch of the Mothers' Union. Volunteers to help at the café come from both The Vine Church and churches throughout the North Hampshire Downs Benefice.

The café provides much needed services (with no charge) for people with dementia and other forms of memory loss, through social interaction and stimuli such as table top games (dominoes is a favourite), music/singing sessions, chair-based exercise classes, together with tea and

cakes. In addition, it offers carers some much needed respite for an hour or two and we occasionally have talks from representatives from organisations such as the Alzheimer's Society, the dementia service at the local hospital and similar. We welcome people from all around north Hampshire and south Surrey, with some people presently coming from Basingstoke and beyond, so please do contact us if you know anyone who might like to come to the café – we do require carers to also come along to the café as we are unable to provide care ourselves.

We have not been able to open the café for over a year now and, being aware how vital it is for many of our visitors and, in particular, carers, in November we started inviting them to join a Zoom session each Wednesday afternoon. Paul, who provides the Memory Lane music and singing sessions, joins the Zoom session every other week to provide an opportunity to continue with this important activity and we thank him for providing this at no cost during lockdown.

One other way we have been keeping in touch with our visitors and carers is by sending them gifts at significant times during the year. We distributed over 60 individual packaged cream teas to the visitors, carers and volunteers to celebrate the café birthday in September and followed this up with 40 gift bags of Christmas goodies in December. To celebrate Easter we distributed Fairtrade chocolate eggs and buckets containing compost and either sunflower or sweet pea seeds to all our visitors and their carers.

We are shortly going to start making tentative plans to open again later in the summer, with a celebratory party at the beginning of September to welcome people back and commemorate the fifth anniversary of the café opening. **For more details, contact the café by e-mailing coordinatorsunflowercafe@yahoo.com**

Help CPRE Hampshire protect the North Hampshire Downs

As you may know, plans have been put forward by Portsmouth Estates to build a large Garden Village around the area of Farleigh Wallop, Basingstoke. The proposed development, 'Upper Swallick', would cover an area the size of central Basingstoke and consist of at least 2,500 dwellings, situated in the stunning countryside, south of Basingstoke.

CPRE Hampshire has now carried out an assessment of the proposed area of land, and has concluded that it is countryside and green space of such high quality as to qualify as 'Valued Landscape' requiring protection. CPRE Hampshire considers that the 296 hectares (over 730 acres) of land to the south east of Basingstoke and south of the village of Cliddesden is a Valued Landscape and an essential part of a tract of

Valued Landscape extending north-eastwards from Farleigh Wallop to the Grade 1 listed Hackwood Park. Additionally, the area sits within a larger tract of downland landscape stretching from the M3 to Farnham – the **North Hampshire Downs**. If implemented, the proposed development would irreversibly harm some of the finest rural chalk downland landscape. The North Hampshire Downs provides the most beautiful views of undulating farmland stretching into the distance and in all directions and is an area considered the ‘lungs’ of Basingstoke.

Can you help CPRE Hampshire and local campaign group STaNHd (Stand up for North Hampshire Downs) protect this beautiful and special area of Hampshire downland.

How you can help

1. Write to your Basingstoke Councillor
2. Sign the STaNHd petition, [Petition Protect the North Hampshire Downs. Change.org](#)
3. Look out for and share our social media posts. Facebook <https://en-gb.facebook.com/CPREHants/> Twitter https://twitter.com/cpre_hampshire

CPRE Hampshire has submitted its landscape assessment to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council’s planning department. In addition, CPRE Hampshire are talking to local politicians and experts to ascertain whether the whole North Hampshire Downs could be designated as an AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). **Please act now and make your voice heard!!**

Natalie Hargreaves

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www.cprehampshire.org.uk

North Hampshire Downs Mothers’ Union

Our branch will meet again on May 19th, and we will take part in prayer for “Thy Kingdom Come”. “Thy Kingdom Come” is a prayer initiative of the Archbishop of Canterbury which started in 2016 to encourage people to pray during the 9 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (13th May to 23rd May). Our meeting will probably be on Zoom, but we will also make plans for meeting together face-to-face as the weather improves and the restrictions for Coronavirus are eased.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find an article about one of our local projects, the Sunflower Café for those with dementia and their carers. If you want to find out more about Mothers’ Union or our branch, please contact me on sue@the-murphys.me.uk or 01252 845011. **Sue Murphy**

Odiham Voluntary Care Group

Just to let you know the Care Group operates as normal during Lockdown, covering Odiham and the surrounding villages. We continue to provide transport to medical appointments, and Covid vaccinations for those in the community who don't have transport available from family or friends. If you need help, please contact us on 07551 587862. You may get an answerphone but just leave a message and we will get back to you.

David Woodward - February 2021

National Garden Scheme - Hampshire



As we slowly come out of lockdown it certainly feels good. Visitor numbers to our gardens, which have already been open for 2021 are certainly showing this. Currently..... From now until 16th May visitors must pre-book their tickets. From 17th May - pre-booked tickets are not essential, but generally available.

New since last month: We now have the Hampshire 2021 Yellow Booklet as an e-book. Simply enter the following in your search box:-
https://issuu.com/levelcreative/docs/hamps_2021

The following are a few gardens open during May and early June:-

Brick Kiln Cottage, The Avenue, Herriard, Alton RG25 2PR

Open: Sun 2nd May & Sun 6th June 11am to 4pm

Admission £4.50, children free. Refreshments at discretion of owners.

<https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/25764>

Exciting new gardens for 2021:

Searles Lane Gardens, Hook RG27 9EQ

(parking & access via Papermill Ave RG27 9QU)

Three very different gardens. The contemporary garden **Cherry Tree Barn**, with its interesting Japanese influence. **Maple Cottage**, cottage style garden opening again after a 2-year absence. **Cherry Tree Cottage** with an array of lovingly attended pots and interesting feature on top of the thatched roof. The gardens border Whitewater Meadow, with walks across the field to the river. Opening 27th to 30th May inclusive (Thursday to Sunday) 2pm to 5pm.

Admission £6.50, children free. Refreshments: Home-made cake, including Gluten Free. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/42289>

1 Povey's Cottage, Baughurst, Tadley RG26 5SN

Open: Saturday 5th & 6th June 12pm to 5pm

Admission: £4.00, Children free. Refreshments: Home-made teas.

<https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/37061> Features unusual swimming pond.

Pat Beagley (Publicity)

National Garden Scheme - Hook

New Walks in Hampshire

Please see www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants for new walks in Hampshire! With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks plus contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more.

Walking in Hampshire is part of the Walking in England suite of websites - www.walkinginengland.co.uk - one for each county in England that has brought it together in one place. With walks from half-a-mile to twelve-miles-plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So, check out the websites and get walking! **John Harris, email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk**

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BOOKING FORM

UPTON GREY SAFARI SUPPER - SATURDAY 26th June 2021

*Please detach and return (we use this form to plan the Safari) to
Julia Harker, Highfield House, Cleves Lane, Upton Grey. RG25
2RG Or email all these details to Julia_harker@btinternet.com*

We would like to participate in the Safari Supper on 26th June and
will pay £15 per person taking part by electronic transfer to
Upton Grey PCC Sort code: 20-05-00 Account number: 40918261

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Church Services are listed on Page 4 at the front of the magazine

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events remain subject to cancellation following Government advice, and restrictions on events and public meetings resulting from Coronavirus. If in doubt, please check with the organisers before attending an event.

2nd May	Sun	Brick Kiln Bluebells Open Day	The Avenue RG25 2PR	
6th Jun	Sun	Brick Kiln Open Day		
26th Jun	Sat	Upton Grey Safari Supper		6.15pm
4th Jul	Sun	Promenade – The Old Rectory – timed tickets		
29th Jul	Thu	T@3, Barn Cottage, UG		3.00pm
8th Aug	Sun	She Stoops to Conquer, Church Meadow, UG		4.00pm
9-13th Aug		Upton Grey Junior Tennis Coaching		
25th Sep	Sat	Upton Grey Harvest Supper		
30th Oct	Sat	Autumn Festival Bonfire & Fireworks		6.00pm

HALLS FOR HIRE

(subject to government guidance and local constraints)

Upton Grey Village Hall for hire from £8.50 per hour. Functions, meetings, parties, private and commercial. Full kitchen facilities, central heating and sound system, chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery available. Contact Elaine Lewington on 01256 862894.

The Royal British Legion Hall, Herriard, available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, and events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables and chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. To reserve, email bookings.herriardrblhall@gmail.com, or contact Tracy Crawford on 07769 220390.

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