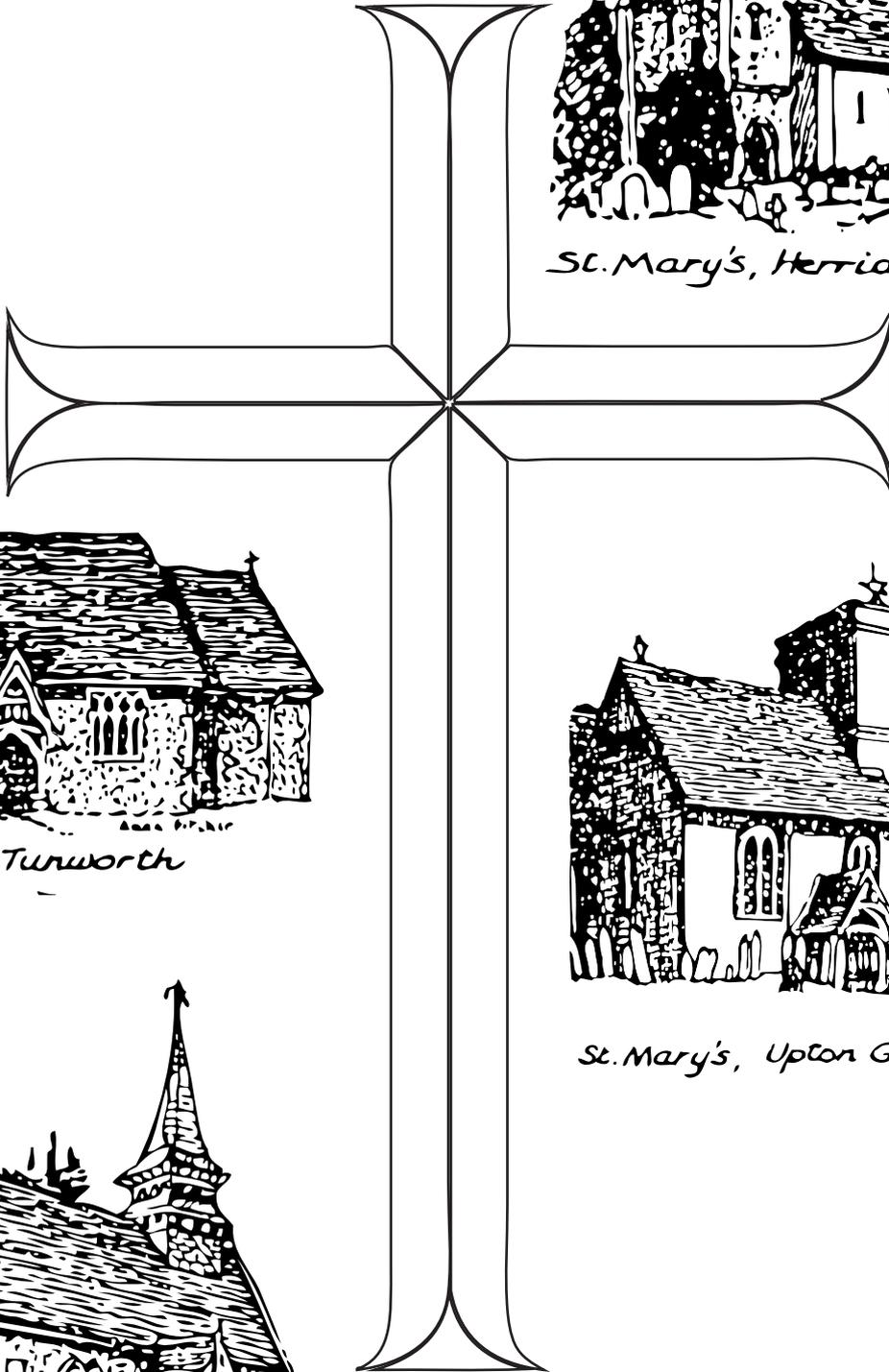


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**BENEFICE MAGAZINE – August 2021**  
**Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,**  
**Upton Grey and Weston Patrick**

**From the Benefice Ministry Team**

The Church's calendar has so many festivals, feast days, in it that if they were all public holidays very little work would get done. Apart from the four great festivals of Christmas, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost we also have lots of Saints Days when we remember men and women whom having caught hold of who Jesus is, lived lives which reflected his life.



By way of contrast this month, on August 8th we have the Feast of the Transfiguration; which remembers the time when Jesus took three of his disciples, Peter, James and John up on the mountain to pray. Mountains are mysterious places; swirling cloud, sun breaking through here and there - that's the kind of place Jesus and the disciples went to. St Mark in his account tells us that Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his disciples. They find the appearance of his face changes and his clothes become dazzling white, they see him talking to two great figures from the Old Testament: Moses and Elijah. They find themselves enveloped in a cloud like one of those which blows up so quickly on a mountain and from the cloud they hear a voice saying "This is my Son, my chosen, listen to him." It is a moment when light breaks through, when Jesus is seen in a new light.

Which may be nice enough as stories go but what it got to do with us in August 2021? Perhaps because we live in a world which often badly needs a new way of seeing, which needs light to break through, which needs moments of transfiguration. If we are to continue, as a species, to live in the world we need to continually look at it through fresh eyes, see it in the light of its fragility, its dependence on us for its ability to continue to sustain life.

We quite often need to see people - groups of people and individuals - in a new light. It's all too easy to write people off, to see them in a poor light, see the problems they seem to present rather than the potential which they should represent. Sometimes the mountain on which we need to stand is in the shoes of the other person, and that can be a very steep climb. There was once someone I found it difficult if not impossible to

get on with, they seemed to be the hardest of hard cases until I took the trouble to discover something of their background and I found that the hard shell was a suit of armour without which, given the difficulties that they faced, they would have been destroyed.

We remember the Transfiguration in the Church because light still breaks through in people's lives as they see Jesus in a new light, see that he is more than a good bloke who did some good things and said some wise things. People who, like the Saints, catch hold of who Jesus is - not a dead figure in the past but a living presence in the world today - and endeavour to live lives which reflect his life.

Whether or not the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 8th, reflects a moment of profound spiritual significance for us, or it serves to remind us of the importance of being prepared to see things in a new light, it is an important date.

**Alan Hoar**

Licensed Lay Minister  
North Hampshire Downs Benefice

## FROM THE REGISTERS

**Wedding** Emily Jervoise and Maximilian Seccombe at St Mary's Herriard on July 3rd

## CHURCH NEWS

### Church Services

#### *Sunday 1st August*

9.00am **Tunworth** - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Morning Service

#### *Sunday 8th August*

11.00am **Upton Grey Meadow** - End of Holiday Club Tent Service

6.00pm **Tunworth** - Evensong

#### *Thursday 12th August*

10.00am **Upton Grey** - BCP Holy Communion (said)

#### *Sunday 15th August*

9.00am **Tunworth** - 1662 Morning Prayer

11.00am **Upton Grey** - Holy Communion Common Worship

5.00pm **Weston Patrick** - Evensong

#### *Thursday 19th August*

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

***Sunday 22nd August***

- 9.00am **Tunworth** - Family Service  
 11.00am **Herriard** - Morning Service  
 11.00am **Upton Grey** - Morning Service

***Sunday 29th August***

- 9.00am **Odiham** - Holy Communion Common Worship  
 with The Very Revd Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester

**Lifting of Restrictions in Public Worship**

Following the government's removal of most legal restrictions, churches are now considering how best to move forward over the coming weeks. It feels important to achieve as much "return to normal" as is practical whilst protecting everybody from the increasing levels of infection.

Communion may now be given in both bread and wine - but it is recognised that some people may prefer to continue receiving just the bread. Masks are no longer a legal requirement, but indications so far are that many people will continue to wear them. Similarly, distancing is no longer compulsory but arrangements are in hand for people to distance if they would like to. Some churches are hoping to be able to resume serving refreshments soon. Churches are also looking at possible options to enable congregational singing to resume with reasonable safety.

If you have questions or concerns about any of this, do please contact a Churchwarden (contact details are on the inside front cover of this magazine).

**The Revd Helen O'Sullivan**

At the end of June we said goodbye to the Revd Helen O'Sullivan.

Helen has completed her three year curacy with us and, with that now at an end, has been appointed and licensed as Interim Minister, working with The Revd David Roche serving across the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors and Longparish and St Mary Bourne and Woodcott; the benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton with Litchfield; and the parish of Barton Stacey & Bullington.

It has been a great joy having Helen as part of our team and we will miss her warmth, sense of fun and thoughtful and insightful input into our team and parishes. Helen has been a wonderful pastor to the United Parish and has been a great encouragement to many others across the benefice. Helen is a gifted preacher and alongside her work in the parishes has been teaching at the Winchester Diocesan School of Mission.

We wish Helen all the best in her new role and trust that she will know God's richest blessings in her new ministry.

**Rev Simon Butler - Rector**

### **Children's Holiday Club – Seaside Rock!**

A reminder that 'Seaside Rock', the 2021 children's holiday club, will take place on Upton Grey Church Meadow from Monday to Thursday August 2nd to 5th, with a family beach day on Friday 6th, and then followed by the customary **Tent Service on Church Meadow at 11.00am on Sunday August 8th.**

### **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](http://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**

In this group of four churches, **St Mary's Upton Grey** is now open **every day** - generally in daylight hours. **St Lawrence Weston Patrick** is open on **Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays**, usually from **9.00am to 5.00pm** though times may vary. St Mary's Herriard and All Saints Tunworth are available for private prayer on the same basis as before Covid.

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

### **Andy Jones' Police Report**

On the 18th June a male entered a licenced establishment with an injury to his face in Preston Candover, he went on to make various worrying accusations, as a result a number of Police attended the location to speak with the male to establish the facts of the accusations made. The Police were given an alternative report from the male, and as such are not looking for anyone in relation to this incident.

On the 22nd of June Police received information that a person had knocked on the door of a house in the area of Tunworth asking if the 4x4 vehicle that was parked on their drive was for sale? He was told NO and left the area with no further issues.

Finally, on the 28th June the Police received a report of a Non-Dwelling Burglary in Weston Corbett. A Leaf Blower, Hedge Trimmer, 2 Chainsaws and a can of fuel were stolen.

Local Rural Police continue to meet and engage with local residents and are keen to understand what they see as their priorities for Police to concentrate on, in the area in which they reside. Please continue to feedback views to local Police Staff / Officers.

**PCSO 13301 Andy Jones** [Andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:Andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.police.uk).  
Basingstoke Rural South, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Tel. 101

### **Farming News**

Going into harvest is a bit like going into a major football tournament as an England fan - the reality at the end rarely matches the hope and expectation experienced at the beginning. Occasionally, everything at harvest falls perfectly into place; yields are good, grain quality is excellent, the weather is fine and very importantly for those of us with livestock, the straw behind the combines is dry and plentiful. We have to be the eternal optimists of course.

This year we are growing a winter wheat variety called Zyatt which will hopefully be good enough quality for milling. We planted it last autumn after several years of grass and it has looked terrific all year. Having been grass before the ground is very fertile because it has been grazed by the cows and spread with manure. The residual nutrients are now being taken up by the wheat and should produce a high value crop

at a lower cost to us because the soil is in such good condition. The Zyatt will be good enough for bread making provided we can harvest it without it getting rained on at the crucial time which reduces the quality and consequently our margin.

This is the value of having a good rotation of crops around the farm each year. Continuously growing the same arable crop in the same field year after year is detrimental to the soil, crop yields and our farm economics. In our case the rotation is between grass, maize and winter wheat. We map every field across the whole farm and sample for soil nutrients such as phosphates, potassium, manganese etc and build up a picture of what each part of each field needs. As we rotate the crops around the farm each year we can target the right nutrients to the right area of the field so we don't deplete the goodness of the soil and we actually add to the soil to keep it in better shape.

We bale all the straw after we have combined the wheat and use this for bedding the calves and feeding to all the cows and youngstock. This is then returned to the fields in the form of manure once the livestock have added goodness to it. A cycle that's been used here for 100's of years. We can't do it for every input but we are really trying hard to use as much locally sourced product as we can to produce our milk and grain.

The dairy is ticking along very well. The cows are thriving in our robot milking environment and as we understand more about the system and their behaviour this will only improve. More about that next time as we head into Autumn.

So, the expectation of a great harvest is still here. Let's hope it doesn't finish like England's Euro campaign where they did so much right but were thwarted at the very end. It's not a pair of wily old Italian defenders we have to be prepared for but our good old friend the British weather.

**Joe Ives**

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### **Upton Grey's Summer Safari Supper 2021**

With the country still being in the midst of the pandemic, but some restrictions lifted, we decided to go ahead with the first ever Summer Safari Supper. With a maximum number of 30 outside, all courses could be taken outside. We just had to keep our fingers crossed that it would stay dry for the evening, and we would be saved from a downpour! A beautiful rainbow could be seen in the distance at the start, which only meant one thing. Hopefully, everyone managed to keep dry under an umbrella or two.

£975 has been raised for St Mary's Church this year. Thank you to all who took part. It was a fabulous night of socialising and fun with delicious food and wonderful community spirit all in daylight. We have received so many lovely comments and are pleased to hear that the evening was enjoyed by all. Thank you very much for being a part of it.

Next year we plan to return to the March slot, and hopefully all meet at the village hall afterwards. **Julia Harker and Vivian Raven**

### **Coming Soon – Window on the Past (Upton Grey)**



We are nearly ready to launch Window on the Past - the long-awaited website and database on the history of the village.

Upton Grey has a wonderful rich history going back at least 2,000 years. For all this time people have been living in a village in many ways like the village we live in today, and in many ways fascinatingly

different. We are very lucky to have a wonderful rich collection of research, pictures, records, documents and objects from this long past - originally put together over 30 years by Trevor Hart, the collection is growing all the time. We are now organising it, referencing it and putting it in a database open to everyone. The website will access this with an 'Explore' facility that will help you home in on what interests you most - perhaps your own house, or a particular period or a theme like education or social structures. The 'front end' website also has an evocative photo gallery of historic pictures of the village (there are over 400 in total) and other highlights from the database.

We are adding new material all the time and always keen to hear from anyone with more history of our village, which we can reference and upload onto the database.

We are in the final stages of testing the website and uploading the most important information. If you would like a preview, contact us on the email or phone number below. Otherwise, watch this space!

**Patrick Symington 07867 537373** [hello@windowonthepast.co.uk](mailto:hello@windowonthepast.co.uk)

### **Tea@3 Upton Grey – Thurs 29th July**

A reminder that T@3 is being held on 29th July at Barn Cottage by invitation of Jill, Terry and the team. It will be so lovely to meet again after such a long while. It would be most helpful if you could let one of us know that you plan to come along, also if you need a lift. If you are new to the village, and are of retirement age, or have not been before, please do feel very welcome to come and join us for a traditional English tea and conversation. **Jill Lestrille (862131) Barbara Anderson (862627) and Viv Anscombe (862445)**

### **'She Stoops to Conquer' Sunday 8th August at 4pm in Church Meadow Upton Grey**

'Rain or Shine' Theatre Company return to Upton Grey (for the 4th year!) and this time it is to perform Oliver Goldsmith's 'She Stoops to Conquer' - an 18th century farce for all the family. On Sunday August 8th gates open in Church Meadow Upton Grey at 3pm for picnics (& bring your own seating) and the performance starts at 4pm.

Tickets are £10 for adults and children over 11 years old.

Here is the link for online sales via Ticketsource:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rain-or-shine-theatre-co/she-stoops-to-conquer-at-church-meadow-upton-grey/e-krdxyj> or you can email: [UptonGreyDrama@gmail.com](mailto:UptonGreyDrama@gmail.com) if you would like the Upton Grey Drama Group to organise the purchase for you, with cash or bank transfer. Plus,

you can pay on the 'Rain or Shine' credit card hotline 03306600541 (standard UK call rate). Whichever way you would like to purchase tickets, 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 there!

**Sarah Gray** (Producer for Upton Grey Drama Group)

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Now that restrictions are being lifted and the shop has returned to its customary home, the hall can resume its former use. We have had the floors sanded and resealed as well as the entire premises deep-cleaned. The parish council will be holding their monthly meetings in the hall, and there are a few other bookings in the weeks ahead.

However, we need more people to hire the hall if it is to remain viable: there are many bills to pay just to stand still (heating, lighting, refuse collection and insurance to name just four). So please consider using the hall if you need flexible space in the area at an affordable rate. The hourly charge is £10, though there may be reductions for regular users.

Villagers are especially welcome, but others from further afield are also able to use the hall. For more information, please email Elaine Lewington on [em.lewington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:em.lewington@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01256 862894.

**Hugh Chevallier, Chair, Upton Grey Village Hall Committee**

## **Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club Draw**

Winners in the June draw were:

1st Prize J. Livingstone-Booth and 2nd Prize V. Buckley

## **The Autumn Festival Saturday, Saturday 30th October**

The **evening** Autumn Festival is going ahead, and all parties have confirmed their support. The start time will be **6.00pm** (not 7.15pm as wrongly previously advised by me) on Halloween's Eve. In addition to our Guy Fawkes in the village competition, we will also be having a Jack O'Lantern (carved pumpkin) in the village competition. Cups for the winners of both competitions will be presented outside the Hoddington Arms at the 6.00pm start time.

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I learnt (mostly) for the first time today that

1. Everyone who pledged their vouchers will get fibre laid all the way to their house for free. If you are new to the village then if the previous occupant pledged their vouchers this will also apply to you. I have no record of who pledged their vouchers as it was between the household and Open Reach and DCMS (Government Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport). If there is any doubt then hopefully you may have kept an email record of your pledge confirmation to DCMS.
2. Residences who are on the community fibre list but who have not pledged vouchers will get fibre laid to a junction box on the public highway nearest their properties. If they want it taken from this junction box to their houses then they will have to pay to get this done. They will have to apply to Openreach or another contractor individually.

If you want to check whether your house is on the list then go to [www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk](http://www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk), click on Upton Grey superfast broadband, click on Details of Openreach offer, open pdf then Page 3 onwards lists the properties on the list.

3. Wherever possible Openreach will use existing copper wire ducting to get fibre to your house. Unfortunately the copper wire in Weston Close is not in ducting but is just buried in the ground. This means they will have to dig a trench from the public highway across your property to a new junction box on the outside of your house. They are now visiting houses to discuss with owners where they would like this trench dug. In my case I have agreed to go down the side of my drive, then across my lawn (less obvious damage) and under some paving slabs to my house. They will be having discussions with each householder on their preferred route and seem to be very accommodating where technically possible. I have no idea what the situation is for other houses.

4. I raised with them the matter of the Little Dean Lane community and the lack of response since November. I have emailed them details today and they undertook to progress this matter urgently (urgently for Openreach is measured in months BTW).

5. Returning to item 2 above – Openreach originally committed (in writing) that everyone on the community fibre list would be treated the same (i.e. have fibre laid to their house) so I have reminded them of this

and will endeavour to get them to stick to this. However, as you can guess, they are not very responsive as an organisation. **Roger Clark**

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What a busy month in the garden!

We have been saved the job of watering; the rain has created such lush growth! We have been visiting Garden Club members' gardens every week for the past couple of months and what a treat it has been. Beautiful gardens teeming with colour, scent and design. Chatting together over a bubbling glass and tasty nibbles is so welcome. The members who are also enjoying our allotment, are working hard, but gaining so much!

August is usually the best month on the allotment. All you need is a regular time giving TLC and you will be harvesting some of the best fruit and veg you've ever tasted. It's also the most colourful month. Rainbow colours, tomatoes, beetroot, carrots, chard, courgettes, strawberries, raspberries and blueberries! In the flower garden, keep deadheading to keep flowers coming, feed pots, tie up tall herbaceous plants and enjoy a vase full of your home grown flowers, phlox, dahlias and hydrangea are just a few to create a beautiful arrangement for your home.

Here is a quick, easy and nutritious smoothie to use some of your excess fruits from your garden:

#### ***Mixed Summer Berry Smoothie***

Hull a mix of strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. Put all berries into a blender with a mix of milk and yoghurt (almond milk and alpro vanilla yogurt is particularly good) and blend until smooth. Add a spoonful of honey or maple syrup if you like. You can sieve the smoothie if you don't like lots of pips! Enjoy your garden this month, and if you would like any more information, please contact me:

**[gillianrvenning@gmail.com](mailto:gillianrvenning@gmail.com)**

## TUNWORTH NEWS

### **Food bank**

Please do remember we still have a collecting point at All Saints' Church, Tunworth, for The Trussell Trust Food Bank. Suitable items: tinned meat/fruit/fish/vegetables; jams & spreads; sugar; coffee; pasta & sauces; cereals; biscuits; UHT milk and fruit juice; toiletries (male & female). All donations gratefully received. See [www.basingstoke.foodbank](http://www.basingstoke.foodbank) for further information.

## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

### **Stand-Up for the North Hampshire Downs - Need Volunteers to Help!**

STaNHd (stand up for North Hampshire Downs) is a group set up by local people to protect and promote North Hampshire Downs for the community and future generations to experience and enjoy.

The Portsmouth Estate have submitted a Concept Document for "Upper Swallick Garden Village" which would ultimately be a new town consisting of at least 2,500 houses. The area under threat of development stretches South and West of Basingstoke from Cliddesden and the M3 to the A339 reaching as far as Winslade and Ellisfield.

This pristine chalk greenfield downland needs our protection from being concreted over. We are looking for like-minded people who would be prepared to spend some time (however small) that might have some expertise in Planning, Wildlife Protection, Highway etc.

Please send your information to email address [office@stanhd.com](mailto:office@stanhd.com).  
Thank you, **Patricia Pegg**.

### **Long Sutton Primary School - Foundation Governor vacancy**

Long Sutton Primary School is a good, well-regarded school and we are proud of its character as a vibrant and caring place of learning. The Governors work alongside the Headteacher and staff to develop the school and we are entrusted with responsibility for the school's ethos, values and strategic direction; and oversight of its educational and financial performance. The satisfaction of being a Governor comes from being a member of a committed, skilled and ambitious team; bringing your skills to the role; learning new skills and gaining knowledge of the education system.

As a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school, one of the distinguishing features of the Primary School is the inclusion of Foundation Governors on the governing body. Though they represent the historic link with the original establishment of the school and its distinctive religious ethos, in most ways Foundation Governors are the same as other governors. In addition, as Governors of a Church of England Controlled school, we uphold and promote the ethos of the school which is firmly based on distinctively Christian values. Our Foundation Governors play a significant part in helping us to maintain our connection with the Diocese and ensuring the character and ethos of the school.

To complete our Governing Body of fifteen Governors, we are looking for a someone to join our existing pair of Foundation Governors. Though Foundation Governors are usually local churchgoers, it is not necessary to be local, or even a churchgoer. It is absolutely essential to support the Christian distinctiveness of the school, to support its aims and to have the time to prepare for and attend meetings, and to carry out other duties. The role carries the full governor responsibilities, and excellent training is available from both the Diocese and Hampshire Governor Services.

If you are interested in joining us as a Foundation Governor, or just wish to explore what it means to be a school governor, please get in touch for a [no obligation] conversation about the role.

**Sally Francis**  
**Chair of Governors, Long Sutton Primary School,**  
**E: [sallyfrancis2007@gmail.com](mailto:sallyfrancis2007@gmail.com), Tel: 07966 499595**

## Hidden away – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust



**Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**  
strives to create a better future for wildlife  
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**Help wildlife where you live**  
[www.hiwwt.org.uk](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk)

The summer brings with it a profusion of wildlife in many of the wilder areas of the countryside. From blooming wildflowers to the sounds of birdsong, there is so much going on. But many of our mammalian friends are out of sight out of mind, especially in the summer as they hide away in the dense vegetation. This week, we take a look at what some of our furry friends are up to at this time of year.

### ***Feeding up***

Hazel dormice might be most familiar as an autumnal species, getting ready to bed down for winter. They wake in spring, and from then on it's a race to pile on the pounds for the colder months. During summer they are at their most active, clambering around hedges and trees, looking for their favourite food. Already cute, one of the biggest components of their summer diet is flowers. Honeysuckle and bramble flowers make up a significant proportion of their diet before they turn to nuts in the autumn.

### ***Up in the air***

Bats are giving birth at this time of year, usually to a single pup which the mothers nurse in a maternity roost. The young bats take about four weeks before they start to learn to fly, growing quickly in that time. Some will still be suckling from mum until August. To help keep a steady supply of milk for their young, the adult bats must eat thousands of tiny insects every night!

### ***Long evenings***

Many of Britain's larger mammals are either nocturnal or crepuscular (meaning they come out at dusk, in twilight). The long summer evenings mean a much better chance of spotting this species compared to the winter. Badgers are no exception. Their cubs will be around four months old now and making the most of this time to play. By July, most will be weaned and starting to become independent. The cubs will roll around with each other, play fighting and chasing their siblings around the sett.

Small mammals, like mice and voles, are essential food sources for wildlife higher up the food chain. Healthy habitats contain plenty of food for species low down in the food chain. Increases in their populations

lead to increases in predators like large mammals and birds of prey. Creating interlinked corridors for mammals to breed and hunt in is vital, and restoring and conserving these habitats is at the heart of the Trust's work.

## North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union



Last month I mentioned our stall at RAF Families Day which was due to be held on Saturday 10th July. Because of the continuing Coronavirus restrictions, Families Day has been postponed to Saturday 14th August – which gives us more time to bake some delicious to serve to the service personnel and their families. The RAF really appreciate this outreach and our stall is very popular so please can you support us by baking for this event. We would love any donations of homemade cakes, but please don't include nuts or fresh cream. If you are going to be away at that time, then perhaps you could make a cake early and we can store it in a freezer until it is needed. If you have a cake for RAF Families Day, then please contact Sue on 01252 845011, Carol on 01256 702609 or Jane on 01256 702466. Thank you so much for your support.

We do not have a branch meeting in August but hope to meet again in September although the details have not yet been agreed. If you would like more information about the activities of the Mothers' Union, please contact me.

**Sue Murphy**, 01252 845011 or [sue@the-murphys.me.uk](mailto:sue@the-murphys.me.uk).

## Tales from the Riverbank Photography Competition

For centuries, the chalk streams that feed the Rivers Test and Itchen have inspired residents and visitors alike. Our 'Tales from the Riverbank' photography competition is seeking images that capture the unique qualities of these spaces. Whether you're a camera whizz or a smartphone snapper, if you can showcase these amazing chalk streams, then we'd love to hear from you. We're honoured to welcome photographers Jack Perks and Dick Hawkes as guest judges, as well as the brilliant Megan McCubbin. There are four main categories: Heritage, Landscape, People, and Wildlife. Community Choice and Young Photographer (under 18) prizes are also up for grabs. Winners could receive up to £75.00 of photography gift vouchers. The competition is

free to enter and open to Hampshire residents who are not professional photographers. The competition closes on 31st August. Full entry terms can be found on: [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/tales/photography](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/tales/photography)

### National Garden Scheme - Hampshire



The 2021 Hampshire Yellow Booklet is a slimmed down version, however there are many gardens to choose from and this year we have 116 gardens opening (including the gardens opening as part of a Group). This is up there with our recent years. Now at last we've got the sunshine! Perfect weather for Garden Visiting. Maybe you are planning a Staycation - what could be better than visiting a few NGS Gardens - often described as 'Britain's Best Value Day Out'. With the added bonus of the ever-popular NGS Home-made Teas, you can't go wrong. Here are just a few within 15 miles of the villages:

- **Combined Opening: Selborne and East Worldham Manor Alton, GU34 3AE and 3AX**

Open: Sat & Sun 31st July & 1st Aug 2pm to 5pm.

Admission: £6.00 children free. Refreshments: Available at both. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/15117>. A chance to visit two very different gardens, one, a 1/2-acre plot, a mature cottage style garden and the other a double walled garden featuring fruit, veg, flower borders and so much more...

- **Blounce House, South Warnborough, RG29 1RX**

Open: Wed 28th July & Sun 1st August 1pm to 4pm. Admission: £4.00 children free. Refreshments: Available. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/42155>. A 2-acre garden with mixed planting and colour themed borders.

A visit to one of our gardens means that you are helping to support our extremely deserving beneficiaries. We are the main benefactor to many of our charities, which makes our fund-raising so much more vital.

**Pat Beagley** (Publicity), [pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk](mailto:pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk), National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

## SMALL ADS AUGUST

**Pick Your Own. West Green Fruits,** West Green Road, Hartley Wintney RG27 8LP. Open June to September for a wide selection of PYO & Ready Picked Summer Fruits and Vegetables, Honey, Jams and Free Range Eggs; and Christmas Trees etc from end November. For information please call 01252 845772 or visit [www.westgreenfruits.com](http://www.westgreenfruits.com)

**Keen history student hoping for help.** My A-level son has a keen interest in History. To support his interest he has taken up **metal detecting**. He and I are hoping to find a little land locally to search, anything from a few acres upwards. We are happy to help out in return with small chores or simple tasks such as helping to remove ragwort from paddocks or trips to the shops. Alternatively, we are willing to make a small payment or donate money to a charity of your choice. If you are interested to find out what history may lie beneath your feet and would be happy for us to spend the day trying to find out, please get in contact:  
John Lynes [jlynes1971@gmail.com](mailto:jlynes1971@gmail.com) 07414 891222

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### **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.*

29th Jul	Thu	T@3, Barn Cottage, UG	3.00pm
2nd–6th Aug		Children’s holiday club, Church Meadow, UG	
7th Aug	Sat	Fur and Feathers Herriard: Live Band and BBQ	
8th Aug	Sun	<i>She Stoops to Conquer</i> , Church Meadow, UG	4.00pm
9th–13th Aug		Upton Grey Junior Tennis Coaching	
11th Sep	Sat	Fur and Feathers Herriard: Spanish Evening	
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 £10 per hour (discounts possible for regular users). 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.herriardrbllhall@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.herriardrbllhall@gmail.com), or contact Tracy Crawford on 07769 220390.

### **PARISH MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE**

**The copy deadline for the September issue is 15th August.** Please send news and contributions to [uptongreymagazine@gmail.com](mailto:uptongreymagazine@gmail.com). September’s editor is Sheila Stranks. Your editor this month was Sheila Stranks.

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