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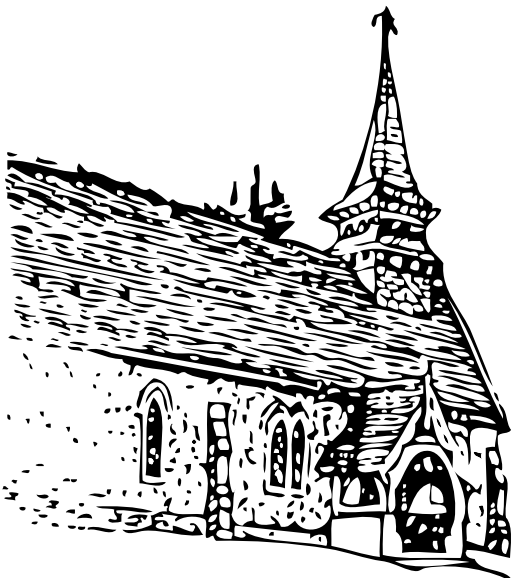
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – April 2022
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

From the Benefice Ministry Team

As I write this, it is Day 16 of the invasion of Ukraine. Daily we see more and more distressing images of bombed hospitals, people displaced from their homes, children and adults brutally killed and injured, and already more than 2 million Ukrainian refugees fleeing the country to Poland and other European countries. As we look on, it is easy to feel helpless and powerless in the face of such suffering. However, there is one thing we can all do, and that is to pray.



But how might we pray? One of the most well-known prayers in the world, the Lord's Prayer, was taught by Jesus to his followers in the first century, and it's recorded in the Bible in Matthew's gospel:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*

One of the most striking phrases, which is often overlooked, is this: "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Jesus, the Son of God, included this potent request so that we might ask for something better on earth. And it also raises the question that is often asked – where is God in the midst of all this suffering? – a question that many are asking at the moment.

A recent initiative has been launched called 'Try Praying' (trypraying.co.uk), and the booklet they have produced helpfully explores this question of suffering like this:

"The phrase 'Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven' completely turns on its head a common misunderstanding: when things go wrong people blame God. When suffering occurs people often think it is God's will. But what Jesus said kicks that into touch. It

says God's will is often NOT being done! It's a mess and God is not happy with it. Bad stuff happens – really bad stuff.

This kind of language makes us realise things are not right. We live on a beautiful planet, but there are serious problems. It is occupied by a flawed human race. At times we all do appalling things that bring suffering to others. In addition, Jesus mentions circumstances and influences that test us and he says there is an 'evil one'. So instead of laying the blame for bad stuff at God's door we should put blame where it really belongs.

We are invited to pray for God's kingdom to come; something which will make life on earth better. We can ask that things here would change and for God's will to be done instead. God's ultimate purposes will be fulfilled, and he will right all wrongs. Not only that, but he is not uncaring as we face suffering, he is compassionate – which he showed so powerfully by coming amongst us in the person of Jesus and dying for us on the cross."

May I encourage us all to pray more and more? How about we all as a community commit ourselves to praying this, the Lord's Prayer, each day, as we lift up to God the people of Ukraine, and pray for peace in that land, and protection and healing for all concerned.

Please do also join us in our regular prayer vigils at All Saints Church, Odiham - and around the 12 churches in our local network (the benefice) - that we have recently started in response to this conflict. After one of these prayer vigils, someone remarked to me afterwards that they had felt in our midst a real sense of power – overcoming what they had previously felt of being powerless and helpless in the face of such suffering.

As St Paul said to the early Christian church in Thessalonika 'pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'. Prayer is something we can all do, God tells us to do it, and it changes things!

With best wishes,

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon
Vicar, All Saints Odiham
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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism Sophie Ambrose Page at St Lawrence Weston Patrick on March 13th

Wedding Russ Jones and Dorothy Brown at All Saints Tunworth on March 11th

CHURCH NEWS

Church Services

Sunday 3rd April

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Upton Grey – Morning Service (with Baptism)

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

9.00am Herriard – Family Service

11.00am Upton Grey – Palm Sunday Service (with procession from the Village Pond at 10.50am)

11.00am Weston Patrick – Palm Sunday Service

6.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

Thursday 14th April (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm Odiham – Benefice Holy Communion with Tenebrae

Friday 15th April (Good Friday)

8.00am Tunworth – Good Friday Reflection

9.30am Upton Grey – Children's Workshop

11.00am Upton Grey – Good Friday Service

11.00am Herriard – Good Friday Reflection

Sunday 17th April (Easter Sunday)

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Herriard – CW Holy Communion followed by Egg Hunt

11.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion followed by Egg Hunt

11.00am Weston Patrick – Morning Service followed by Egg Hunt

Thursday 21st April

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 24th April

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service

11.00am Herriard – Family Service

11.00am Upton Grey – Morning Service

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday 10th April in **Upton Grey** there will be the usual procession up Church Street to the Church. Meet at the **Village Pond at 10.50am** for an 11.00am service start in the Church.

Easter Sunday and Egg Hunts

At **St Mary's Herriard** our Easter Sunday service at **10.00am** will be followed by refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt in the walled garden at Herriard Park. Everyone is very welcome!

After the 11.00am service in Upton Grey on Easter Sunday there will be an Easter Egg hunt in the Churchyard for all ages of children, and coffee for the adults.

At **St Lawrence Weston Patrick** we look forward to welcoming everyone to our Easter Day Service at **11.00 am** on Sunday 17th April led by Paul Birbeck. After the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard for the children.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The APCMs of our four churches are as follows: **Weston Patrick** Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall; **Tunworth** Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm in the church; **Upton Grey** Sunday 24th April at 10.00am in the church (before the 11.00am service); **Herriard** Monday 25th April at 7.00pm in The Royal British Legion.

Choral Evensong at Upton Grey, 4.30pm on Sunday May 1st

On Sunday 1st of May at 4.30pm we're delighted to be welcoming the Choir of Queen's College Oxford to sing a full Choral Evensong at St Mary's Church Upton Grey. The service is open to all and will be followed by refreshments. Queen's Oxford are joint Patrons of St Mary's Upton Grey. Evensong is a beautiful traditional service and Queen's College Choir are not be missed! We look forward to welcoming you.

Simon and the Churchwardens of Upton Grey



Online services

Most services from All Saints Odiham are live-streamed (and then available online afterwards) – see www.moretolife.church for details.



KidsZone

What's On for Families...

Friday 15th April GOOD FRIDAY KIDS' WORKSHOP

St Mary's Upton Grey 9.30-11.00 (followed by a short service)

Sunday 17th April EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

St Andrew's South Warnborough 3.00-4.30 (followed by a short service)

Saturday 18th June WHO LET THE DADS OUT

Venue TBC 10.00-12.00 (including bacon butties!)

Mon 8th - Fri 12th August MORE TO LIFE HOLIDAY CLUB

Church Meadow, Upton Grey

Wednesday 31st August MESSY SUMMER

Venue & Timings TBC

Sunday 30th October SERVICE OF LIGHT

St Mary's Upton Grey 3.00

(crafts for the children, followed by service and bonfire at 4.30)

Monday 31st October LIGHT PARTY

All Saints Odiham 5.00-6.30

youth@moretolife.church



Hi everyone!

So what do dog food, nappies and tooth brushes all have in common? This afternoon it was that they were among the mountain of things which six young people from Robert May's sorted into specific categories, before they were shipped off to various organisations working with Ukrainian refugees*.

It was a long evening, and we sorted through a lot of bags. We were all blown away by people's generosity, and it reminded me of a passage in the Bible where God is talking to Christians, and he says:



‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Then the people asked, but when did we do that? God’s answer is in this puzzle – can you work it out? Each number represents a letter. Work out which number represents each letter and unlock the answer (but if that’s too hard, I’ve put it at the bottom of the page!)

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God challenges us that there are lots of people in this world who aren’t as fortunate as us, for example the people from Ukraine and many other countries who are running away from war and famine, and it’s really important to God that we look after them and love them – so important that he says it’s like doing it to him!

So next time you see someone, on TV or in the street, who needs your help, imagine that they are actually Jesus and whatever you do is like doing the same to God. I wonder if that will change how you behave...?

God Bless and see you next time!

Helen Chatfield, Youth Pastor
youth@moretolife.church, 07540 140228

**Refugees are people who have had to leave their homes because it isn’t safe to stay there any more.*

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Police Report from PCSO Andy Jones

Reports continue throughout our area of people driving through hedges, over land and over crops, poaching and in pursuit of hares. This has caused considerable hardship to wildlife and damage to land and crops in our local area.

In Upton Grey deliberate damage was caused to a wing mirror of a car parked in a public area overnight.

There have been reports of individuals accessing gardens and helping themselves to property, particularly metal based items probably for use as scrap metal.

As energy prices increase there is likely to be, as in previous times, an increase in the theft of oil so please protect your oil and tanks. For advice on how best to do that and protect your property, please contact Andy Jones your local PCSO.

Andy Jones, PCSO 13301

Basingstoke Rural South Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Farming News

Whilst 2022 has been jam packed with events across the globe so far this year already, on the farm it has been fairly quiet with a few odd jobs of hedge trimming and washing/servicing machinery ready for Spring work.

The weather at the end of January was a pleasant surprise and almost felt Spring like, also known as “fool’s Spring”. This was very tempting to venture out into the fields to either spread fertiliser or even plant some Spring crops. Especially when a couple of farming friends kept sending me pictures of them all busy out in the fields planting on their nice light and free-draining soil, whilst our heavier clay soil was still wet and cold which is not ideal for a newly planted seed to germinate in. I am now glad we haven’t planted any crops, especially after the storms we got in February, which has blown over several big trees around the farm and the village. But as I write this the weather has now perked up again and has allowed us to apply the first dose of nitrogen fertiliser to the Autumn sown crops, and hopefully we shall have planted our Spring beans and barley by the middle of March.

The terrible events happening in Ukraine have affected everyone around the world and we are seeing unprecedented times, again... which is giving us some new issues to tackle in the farming world as well. As I

write this, fertiliser is at £900/Ton, red diesel is 120p/Litre and wheat is £300/Ton for feed quality. Milling (bread making) quality is actually at a discount to this! To put that into perspective, around this time last year wheat was £150/T for feed quality, fertiliser was £270/Ton and red diesel was 65p/Litre. So broadly everything has at least doubled if not tripled in price for us but with no way of knowing where it will end up. All we can do is try and grow our crops as efficiently as we can by making sure we are not excessively applying products or burning diesel unnecessarily.

Out in the fields, the autumn sown crops are looking well and are thankful for a fairly dry winter. Our annual rainfall surprisingly was back to average levels (800mm) even though it felt like a terrible Summer, we didn't get that much rain, it was just dull and cloudy. We are also planning to get the first dose of 'digestate' from the AD plant spread onto some of the crops by the end of March, providing an organic form of fertiliser.

The final crop we plan to plant this year will be the Maize, which will be planted in mid-April, weather permitting. We have a new cultivator this year specifically for maize establishment. This is called a 'strip-till system'. So, we will only cultivate the rows where the maize will be planted into, rather than cultivating the whole field. The idea of this is to maintain a healthy soil structure which will retain moisture but also preventing water logging. By not cultivating the whole field it will preserve worm numbers in the soil which provide vital drainage holes but also allow soil nutrients to be more mobile through the soil profile. At harvest time the soil structure should be firmer so will be able to prevent rutting from the forage harvester and the tractors and trailers meaning we will have a better chance of planting the wheat into the maize stubble this Autumn.

After spending the Winter months inside I'm looking forward to getting back in the tractor and out in the fields again. **Will Cheyney**

Superfast Fibre Broadband Update

Openreach are now forecasting completion of our Fibre Project as of end May – some 6 months later than their forecast last Autumn. With regard to the DCMS vouchers expiring they have no update yet, but I do not believe this will be an issue (famous last words!).

Roger Clark

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Church Meadow

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr John Frieda very much for ‘stepping into the breach’, purchasing Church Meadow, and allowing the village to continue using it. He has shown a true spirit of just what the village needs.

We have lived in the village for over fifty years, and, like many others, consider Church Meadow and the Pond to be areas that make Upton Grey the attractive village that it is. If either of these areas were to be ruined, then the village would surely lose its character.

The village has been forced to accept many forms of development, some of which have done nothing to enhance the beauty of the village, but by Mr Frieda stepping in he has saved yet another potential disaster, the village should be very grateful to him, as we are. **Richard Anscombe**

Using Church Meadow

Following John Frieda’s purchase of Church Meadow, he is keen to ensure that the village can continue to use the field in the same way it has done in the past. This is great news, for which we are sure everyone is very grateful.

Anyone wanting to use Church Meadow for an event will need to request to do so, as they have done in the past. It is important to note that Church Meadow remains private land, except for the single foot path which runs up the hill.

John has asked the three of us to be the points of contact for those wishing to use the field. Therefore, please send any requests or queries related to such use to one of us. Please note each request will need to be approved and will be considered in the context of how the field has previously been used. Where the use is not related to charity or the benefit of the whole village, a fee of £50 will be requested, which will be passed onto a good cause.

Andrew, Julian and Mary

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Super Safari Supper 2022

The Upton Grey Safari Supper on Saturday 5th March was great fun and raised a super cool £990 for St Mary's Church. Huge thanks to the Sixty-three villagers who paid £15 for the privilege of going on the safari as well as generously providing delicious food, wine, and lashings of homely hospitality. After a busy night dashing about the village in a kind of speed dating frenzy many participants made it to the village hall for port, coffee, tea and chocolates. There was a lovely buzz as new and old friends met, and it felt so good to gather and celebrate our community once again. What a fantastic bunch of people. Hope to see you next year! **Julia and Viv**

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 2022**, to be in with a chance for the application to be put forward at the June meeting, to: The Secretary to the Trustees, Upton Grey Educational Trust, Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane, Upton Grey, Basingstoke RG25 2RG, or via email to: debbie@debbie-bridle.com (requesting a read receipt) – please ensure child written application is attached to the email sent by parent or guardian. (**Note** that any late applications received after this deadline will automatically be carried over to the next meeting).

Upton Grey Village Hall

Upton Grey Village Hall *urgently* needs more help. If you can spare just an hour or two each month, and would like to lend a hand, do please get in touch either with me (862636), Sophie Rose (Sycamore Cottage, opposite the shop) or Mary Harman (marharman@hotmail.co.uk) – or any member of the committee.

There are many ways you can help, but we especially need someone to take on hall bookings. It really isn't onerous and is invaluable to the running of a superb local amenity. Can you help your local hall?

Please don't forget you can hire the hall for £10 an hour – or by the morning/afternoon/evening at either £25 (weekdays) or £35 (weekends) per session. There are discounts for regular hirers.

We are about to launch the 100 Club for the coming financial year. See details below. This is our most important fundraising activity, so do please support us. Thanks so much for your support!

Hugh Chevallier, Chair, UGVH Committee

Support the Upton Grey Village Hall, by joining the 100 Club

It works like this: half the money collected goes in a monthly draw, with an award of **£100** – hence the name. A second prize is usually around **£24**. The other half of the money goes towards the Hall running costs. You can buy as many numbers for the monthly draw as you like.

First Prize: **£100** Second Prize: c. **£24**

Each entry (or number) costs £24 for the 12 monthly draws. You can pay in cash to a committee member, by cheque or by sending the money direct to our bank account, details below.

Upton Grey Village Hall Committee

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Please give your name and postcode as a reference and send an email to c@roline.biz stating that you have made a transfer and giving your address and contact details. Thank you.

Emma's Half Marathon - Saturday 3rd April 2022

As many of you are aware, Emma, our son's fiancée, is running in the London Landmark half marathon on 3rd April for JDRF, which is a charity conducting research into type 1 diabetes. There is an entry form in the village shop, on the counter, to guess Emma's time, at £2 a guess. All proceeds are going to JDRF. The prize for the nearest guess is a bottle of Prosecco. So please have a go! Many thanks.

Margaret Haynes

Junior Tennis coaching weeks

The Easter Junior Tennis Coaching Week is from Mon 11th - Thur 14th April. Sessions start from 9am and are about 45 minutes long. The coach will be Andrew Ridgers, who has been leading the tennis coaching for some years. He is very highly regarded and makes the sessions fun for all. He also coaches at Odiham tennis club. The youngest children have the first session, which is 45 minutes and then there are usually several more groups, largely grouped together by age. The cost is £16 per child, whether your child attends all four days or not. We are able to keep this low due to the continued and much appreciated support from the Upton Grey Educational Trust.

In the event of bad weather, the sessions will be cancelled. Please email **Susannah Livingston Booth** on slivingstonbooth@gmail.com with your child/children's name(s), age(s), and your contact details. Payment should be made by the 1st April 2022 by Bank Transfer to Upton Grey Village Tennis Court. Bank Details are: Sort Code 30-93-32, Account No: 02410908, or alternatively you can pay by cash to Susannah Livingston Booth at Redwing House, Cemetery Lane, Upton Grey, RG25 2RD.

The Summer Junior Tennis Coaching Week is from Monday 8th to Friday 12th August.

Tennis 'mix-in' evening

The Upton Grey Tennis Committee is organising a fun Tennis 'Mix In' Evening on Thursday 23rd June 2022. For ages 16 and over. From 6pm, turn up when you can. Meet at the Upton Grey Court. All abilities welcome.

Susannah Livingston Booth

Please help to keep the St Mary's Churchyard looking beautiful!

On Saturday 9th April 10.00am - 12.30pm I am organising a Churchyard tidy up. I would be so grateful for any help, whether for all or part of the time. As an added incentive, coffee and bacon rolls will be provided! Please bring your own gardening tools. Thank you so much for your support.

Paul Barnes Tel: 861164

TEA@3 - April

We will not be holding a tea in April as it is somewhat difficult to find a date which does not clash with the various things going on during Lent and Holy Week before Easter. We hope to see you all in May – details in the next issue of the magazine.

Barbara Jill Viv

Upton Grey & District Horticultural Society – Spring Show, 9 April

We're all set to go!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their entry forms (all entries FREE) and we look forward to seeing your exhibits on the day in the Village Hall. If you've not entered yet, then the closing date for entries is 6 April. If you live in Upton Grey village you will have received a brochure detailing what you can enter and what's happening on Show Day; but, if you live in a local village, then you can collect one from the Upton Grey Shop or South Warnborough Shop.

Even if you are unable to exhibit, then we'd be pleased to see you in the afternoon from 2pm onwards to support our spring show's return and to have a look at the exhibits, have a go at the raffle and perhaps while away the time with a cup of tea and some cake. We will love to see everyone back at this lovely community event.

June Hunt

Jubilee Flower Festival, 5th-12th June

The flower team at St Mary's, Upton Grey will be presenting a Jubilee Flower Festival 5th-12th June to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and honour our Queen's seven decades of duty and service. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement in celebration of a life, a birth or other occasion please contact Wendy Stanway 07771 508763 for more information. If you are creative and would like to help, please give Wendy a call.

Jubilee Weekend in Church Meadow Upton Grey in the Marquee

Upton Grey Helping Hands Committee with the support of Upton Grey Parish Council & L Hunt & Sons Ltd would like to invite EVERYONE who lives in Upton Grey to these FREE events.

Barn Dance Friday 3rd June 6-11pm – please bring your own Food & Drink, Chairs & Table. **Big Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5th June 12-4.00** – please bring your own Food & Drink, Chairs & Table. **Best decorated house competition** – please decorate your house by **Wednesday June 2nd**, Knight Frank are donating a prize.

We hope you can come! (Adele, Bradley, Kate H, Millie, Sarah G & Viv R - Upton Grey Helping Hands Committee)

Upton Grey Church Fete - Saturday 11th June 2022, 2–5pm

In the gardens of The Old Vicarage (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Butler-Adams).

The fete is back, and plans are afoot to give everyone a great afternoon out in the perfect traditional village setting of the Old Vicarage Gardens.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered/agreed to help with the wide variety of stalls and entertainments that are planned. If there is anyone else who would like to be involved, then please contact either Frances Yeowart (861218) francesyeowart@outlook.com or Sarah Barnes pg.barnes@btinternet.com

Don't worry if you have never done anything like this before – there are experienced hands around to give the relevant advice or training. This date is especially significant as it is the Queen's official birthday in this her Platinum Jubilee year. *Save the date for our traditional village get-together which is a vital fund raiser for the church.* Thank you.

Sarah and Frances, on behalf of St Mary's Upton Grey PCC

Attention all Upton Grey golfers! - Annual Golf Day, Thurs 16th June

After an enforced 3-year break the Upton Grey Golf Day is back and is being held at Sandford Springs GC, Kingsclere on Thursday 16th June. The day is open to all golfers regardless of age, shape, size or ability – whether you play regularly, once in a while, or once in a blue moon, there's a space for you! It will be a relaxed, sociable day together with a pleasant walk in attractive Hampshire countryside.

The cost is £48 per golfer and includes coffee/tea and a bacon roll on arrival before 18 holes of golf, a two-course lunch, followed by prize-giving. Prizes will be awarded for nearest the pin, longest drive, best team and individual performances. Meeting at 10.30am, the first tee is booked at 11.36am. Please email davidc@pdc.m.pm, or ring 07903 169536 or 01256 862145 to book your place.

David Cook

'Platinum Promenade' 4pm Sunday June 19th in the garden of The Old Vicarage Upton Grey in aid of St Michael's Hospice

Upton Grey Drama Group are proud to announce their next production is the Platinum Promenade on Sunday June 19th starting at 4pm in the garden of The Old Vicarage Upton Grey by kind permission of Richard & Carol Butler-Adams.

Following on from the success of the 'Promenade' in July 2021, Upton Grey Drama Group will present a variety of stories, poems and playlets as you walk round the beautiful gardens of the Old Vicarage. The theme for this year will be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

If you would like to take part or help in anyway please email **Sarah Gray - sajgray59@yahoo.co.uk**. Tickets will be £10 - which includes a glass of fizz! - and will go on sale soon.

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At the Herriard Green & Pavilion

Proceeds to St Mary's Church Herriard with Winslade

Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy for the Fallen

Official MoD Armed Forces Day event 25 June 2022

In June 2019 during the official commemorations for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, a convoy of WW2 military vehicles travelled fifty miles through Hampshire and Berkshire.

The convoy travelled the route taken by General Eisenhower on the afternoon of 5 June 1944, hours before the launch of Operation Overlord, the Invasion of Occupied Europe. Eisenhower visited men of the 101st American Parachute Infantry Regiment, stationed at Greenham Common (USAAF base AF 486) who were to be among the first troops into enemy territory and who were likely to suffer heavy losses. He wanted to encourage the men and wish them good luck and ‘God Speed.’

When the convoy arrived at the former WW2 airfield, the Act of Remembrance by British Military personnel was a parachute drop with a WW2 48-star American flag, returning the spirit of those who lost their lives during the D-Day Campaign. A representative of the United States Embassy planted a memorial tree.

Building on the experience of that convoy, the organisers have announced a special event to be presented on 25 June 2022 to coincide with Armed Forces Day. The Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy, which will travel the shorter route of thirty-seven miles from Southwick House PO17 6EJ to Basingstoke RG22 6PG, is in memory of the Fallen of all Wars. It has been made possible with the considerable help and support of the event partners, Think Ford and Southern Coop and media partners Family Tree (Warner Group Publications).

The event is not only about Remembrance; it is also about looking to the future and the care and wellbeing of Veterans through fundraising for the Royal British Legion Riders Branch, members of which will be providing a motorcycle escort on the day of the convoy.

The convoy will leave Southwick at approximately 10.00am and will take the B2177 to Wickham, the A32 through the Meon Valley to the A31 at Alton. From Alton the convoy will exit via the B3349 en route to the former Lasham Airfield GU34 5SS for a short stopover. They will then take the A339 to Basingstoke arriving at approximately noon.

Communities along the route will be supporting the convoy as it passes, to include the ringing of church bells and official Salutes by Town Mayors and Dignitaries.

Vantage points will be advised in due time.

The convoy will be welcomed at a free-to-enter public event on the show field adjacent to the Milestones Living History Museum. The onsite

event is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, and during the afternoon a memorial plaque will be dedicated to the Fallen.

To reach the widest possible audience, two high-profile Hampshire-wide competitions are being organised by the sponsors from March until June. Both competitions will be history based and will focus on discovering more about ancestors who served in the Armed Forces.

A spokesperson for the voluntary organising team said that 'We hope this special event will encourage more people to discover their family history and to support the need for Remembrance especially on Armed Forces Day'. A special guest will be attending the Service before the start of the convoy and the guest will then start the convoy on its journey of Remembrance.

<https://www.facebook.com/ArmedForcesDayConvoy2022>

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WESTON PATRICK NEWS

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Lawrence Church

The APCM will take place on Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Churchwarden and members of the PCC will be appointed and news concerning the church will be discussed. Please do come along and support the church as it is such an important part of the village.

If you are able to attend, we would be grateful if you could let us know so that we have some idea of numbers. Also, if you are new to the village and would like to be on the Church Electoral Roll, please collect a form from the font in the church or contact me and I will deliver to you. lesleydon6@gmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt

After the 11am service at St Lawrence Church on Easter Day, there shall be an Easter Egg hunt so please do come along!

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Ranil Jayawardena MP April Column

The situation in Ukraine continues to evolve, however the information in this article was correct as of 14th March 2022.

The volume of correspondence to me from local people shows how gravely concerning the events unfolding in Ukraine are. I have, of course, been raising constituents' urgent cases with Ministers, and HM Government is doing its utmost to offer more help as our brave friends defend their homeland.

Britain remains steadfast in her support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. She did everything within her power to help Ukraine prepare; working for a number of years to support Ukraine's security and defence, training over 22,000 members of the Ukrainian army and helping Ukraine build and sustain a naval capability. Further, as Russia's behaviour became increasingly threatening recently, the Defence Secretary provided new security assistance to increase Ukraine's defensive capabilities, including the supplying of light, anti-armour, purely defensive weapon systems and a small number of British personnel to provide training for a short period of time.

Following the flagrant violation of both international law and Ukraine's territorial integrity, the Prime Minister announced the largest and most severe package of economic sanctions that Russia has ever seen, announcing asset freezes on more than 100 new entities and individuals, on top of hundreds previously announced. Amongst many other sanctions, this includes full asset freezes, excluding Russian banks from the British financial system and SWIFT, and banning the Russian state and private companies from raising funds or obtaining loans in the United Kingdom. HM Government has brought forward the Economic Crime Bill, whilst a new dedicated 'kleptocracy cell' in the National Crime Agency will target sanctions on Russian assets hidden in the United Kingdom.

As well as my work as your local Member of Parliament, I have been involved with this effort, as Minister for International Trade, making new trade restrictions and stringent export controls on 25th February. These are in addition to a new 'customs easement' to remove a number of customs formalities, to make the moving of aid and donations to the people of Ukraine easier.

You may be interested to know that the United Kingdom spends more on defence, in cash terms, than any NATO member other than the United States; and the Foreign Secretary has both outlined the need for NATO Allies to increase their financial commitments to the Alliance

in response to the threat from Russia, and encouraged others to support Ukraine's defences, as the United Kingdom is doing. The United Kingdom is already Europe's largest contributor to NATO, leading the NATO Battlegroup in Estonia, and we have deployed more troops to NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence than any other Ally. The Ministry of Defence has put 1,000 more British personnel at readiness here at home to support a humanitarian response, if needed, too.

Turning to Ukrainian citizens escaping or displaced by Russia's advance, HM Government is playing its part. First, the expansive Ukrainian Family Scheme allows family members of British nationals, settled persons and certain others to come or stay in the United Kingdom. Those joining this free Scheme, which has no salary or language requirements, and no longer requires Ukrainians with passports to go to a Visa Application Centre to give their biometrics, will be granted leave for three years and be able to work and access public funds.

Second, the new humanitarian 'Local Sponsorship Scheme for Ukraine' pathway will open a route to the United Kingdom for Ukrainians who may not have family ties, but who are able to match with individuals, charities, businesses and community groups. There will be no limit on this scheme; individuals will be granted leave for an initial period of twelve months and will be able to work and access public services.

Third, Ukrainians already here can either extend their visa or switch to another immigration route, where eligible, even if their visa does not normally allow them to do so.

Be assured that the United Kingdom will continue to work with her allies to defend Ukraine's right to choose their own destiny, encourage de-escalation in that part of the world and to hold Russia to account for the threatening, destabilising, and malign actions we have seen.

Soft Plastic Recycling

Tesco is now recycling soft plastics – a lot of the items we currently put into our grey bins, and which goes to landfill. Tesco store in Hook has a 'cage' just inside the doors on the exit where you can deposit bags full of soft plastic. This includes baby, pet food, detergent and cleaning pouches, biscuit and chocolate wrapping, bread bags, bubble wrap and cling film, cereal liners, cheese, fish and meat wrapping, crisp and sweet bags, delivery bags, frozen food bags, multi-pack wrapping, plastic carrier bags, plastic film lids, salad, pasta and rice bags, toiler roll wrapping. Obviously make sure it is all clean. Once you start collecting it is surprising how much you can collect/save in a week. For more information go to - <https://www.tescopl.com/blog/soft-plastic-collection/>

Odiham Book Exchange

Spring has most definitely sprung and we're looking forward to celebrating the new season and longer days at Odiham Book Exchange!

Come and feast your eyes on our impressive selection of books and audio books and choose something new to lift your spirits. From thrillers to historical novels, classics and new bestsellers we have something to please everyone. We also have a wide range of fantastic children's books to keep them busy during the Easter holidays, whatever their age.

National Garden Scheme - Hampshire



Once again, for 2022, the Hampshire Yellow Booklet can be viewed online as a 'flip-book'. Simply click on the link https://issuu.com/levelcreative/docs/hamps_2022_flip_book and the booklet is there on your screen - very useful if you are unable to get your hands on a 2022 booklet. To view the booklet in full screen - click on the broken square in the

bottom right-hand corner of the black screen - to return to the normal screen, click the same button again. Also, if you want to view a garden in more detail, simply click on the garden and it will take you straight to the website, and the garden in question.

Here are a couple of gardens within 15 miles of Upton Grey.

Bramdean House Bramdean, Alresford, SO24 0JU

Opening: Sunday 10th April 2pm to 4pm

Admission: £7.50 children free. Pre-booking available.

Refreshments: Home-made teas. Carpets of Spring bulbs and a large collection of plants and shrubs giving year round interest. 1 acre walled garden with prize winning vegetables, fruit and flowers.

Tylney Hall Hotel Ridge Lane, Rotherwick, RG27 9AZ

Opening: Sunday 24th April 10am to 5pm

Admission: £5.00 children free

Refreshments: Cream Teas in the Chestnut Suit from 12 noon

Large garden of 66 acres with extensive woodlands and beautiful vista. Fine avenues of wellingtonias; rhododendrons and azaleas, Italian garden, lakes, large water and rock garden, dry stone walls originally designed with assistance of Gertrude Jekyll.

Happy Garden Visiting.

Pat Beagley (Publicity) pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk
National Garden Scheme - Hampshire



North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

On 8th March we celebrated International Women's Day and the theme this year was #BreakTheBias – a push towards a gender equal world that is free of bias, discrimination and stereotypes against women. Mothers' Union has worked to promote gender equality for many years, particularly in less-well developed countries around the world. For example, in many African countries girls have very limited access to education which makes them vulnerable to exploitation. Mothers' Union organises local literacy groups where women can learn basic literacy and numeracy skills, and as a result they are able to earn money to support their families. You can find out about the range of the work of Mothers' Union on their website, www.mothersunion.org.

Our branch normally meets on the third Tuesday of the month, but in April this falls just after Easter and so we will meet instead on Tuesday 26th April. We plan to meet in the church for a social evening including our branch AGM.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on sue@the-murphys.me.uk or 01252 845011.

Hook Choral Society - Spring Concert on Saturday 23rd April

The Spring Concert will be held at All Saints Church in Odiham at 7.30pm. We will be singing Mozart's wonderful Coronation Mass together with Faure's Requiem. We are delighted to have as our soloists Lily Baars and Matthew Ibbison together with our organist Andrew Baars. Ticket details: £14 (£12.50 for groups of two or more adults) available from www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk or ring 07957 293641 or choir members and also on the door. More details about Hook Choral Society will also be found on our website - www.hookchoralsociety.org.uk

North Warnborough Gardening Club

We plan that our next Meeting will be held in the North Warnborough Village Hall on Thursday 28th April at 2.30pm. Our speaker will be Barry Newman, who will be talking about Vegetable Growing.

The Competitions will be: 5 Specimen Tulips & An Arrangement of anything currently flowering in your Garden.

Visitors are very welcome to join us. Further information can be found on the website at: <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

Thank you from The Jubilee Choir

We enjoyed our most successful concert ever when we performed the Mozart Requiem in November. As promised, all profit would be for the benefit of the NHS and I am pleased to say that a cheque for £500 was duly made available to Basingstoke hospital. After some deliberation it has been decided by the nurses to put this donation towards refurbishing their day room in the ICU department.

Keep an eye out for details of our next concert “Gloriana”, scheduled for Sunday 8th May, when our choir and orchestra will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Queen’s coronation; and what more appropriate music than Handel’s Coronation Anthems as a cornerstone of the programme? Profits from this concert will go to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

With thanks and best wishes to all our loyal followers.

Michael Drayton

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum – free community services

BDDF is your local Disabled adult charity. Activities are all free and include walking groups (Thursdays); monthly in person Cuppa & Chat; monthly Chronic Pain Support Group meetings; and weekly mobility improving seated yoga (both online and face to face).

Scarecrow Trail our third family fun event will take place around Chineham, Sherfield Park and North Binfields on 28th May to 5th June. Buy a map and follow the trail to see wonderful historical themed scarecrows. Visit Christ Church, Chineham on Saturday 28th May - there will also be a community café, face painting and raffle. On Sunday 29th May at Sherfield Park Community Centre, other local charities will be joining us and plenty of fun activities.

Do you have a disability related question and don’t know which way to turn? BDDF have extensive signposting information. We can point you in the direction of the service or local organisation who will be able to help. We also offer 121 in-person sessions to give us time to listen to and understand your needs so that we can better assist you.

Amanda Knowles, Service Coordinator, www.bddf.org.uk



April – 5000 trees and counting to mark our 40th Anniversary!

The u3a started in France in 1973 and it was mostly associated with a local university. However, when the concept reached the UK, in the early 1980's, it evolved to become a self-help organisation, run by its members for its members, with a focus on enjoying different activities with like-minded people.

Today, the UK network comprises in excess of 1 000 groups right across the country; as of January 2020, total membership exceeded 450 000. Each u3a is formally structured as an independent self-financing and self-managing charity with links to the Third Age Trust, which acts as a national coordinating body.

This year is our 40th Anniversary and the goal was to plant 5,000 trees to form a new wood in the Brecon Beacons. However, once the planting season got underway last November it took members just three months to exceed the target - part of the u3a movement's contribution to nature and the environment. Now the u3a has expanded its ambition and hopes to plant 10,000 trees by the end of 2022 and our Climate Change group is joining in!

The Third Age Trust publishes a national magazine. Third Age Matters and two of our Climate Change group have articles published in the last edition. Jim Osgerby shares some of the ways he has gradually made positive changes to reduce energy consumption at home and cuts his fuel bill by 25% and Clive Teague considers the actions and impact of Extinction Rebellion.



In our local u3a not all activities are based on being members of a group. For example, we also arrange one-off taster sessions e.g. golf; short courses e.g. six sessions on 'The history of Odiham' and Study Days. The latter being a whole day focused upon a set topic and led by an 'expert' including lunch as part of fun! Past examples have included 'Shakespeare' led by RSC actor Joe Arkley and 'Charles Kingsley' led by Dr Jonathan Conlin, Senior lecturer at Southampton University.

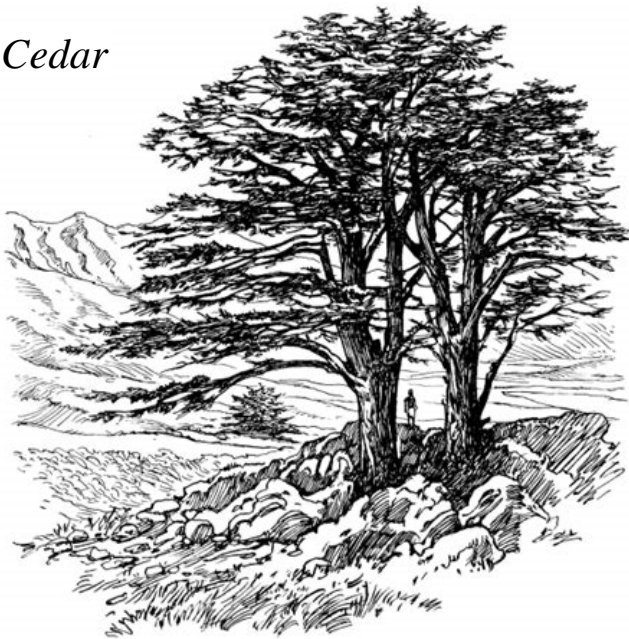
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The Evolving story of the Exploitation and Utilisation of Wood!

It is hard to believe that, in antiquity, vast forests were growing in the Middle East, the mountain slopes of this region were covered with massive cedar forests. The destruction of the cedar forests of the Middle East is told in the oldest known surviving written story in the world: *The epic of Gilgamesh* was written in Mesopotamia between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers around 3,000 BC. The second episode of the epic is known as “The Forest Journey” and is the story of deforestation in the Middle East.

Cedar



The forests were the resource for the construction of temples and palaces in the kingdoms and empires. Their rulers undertook massive building programmes to display their power and wealth. In doing so they needed large amounts of, mainly cedar, wood.

The story of Gilgamesh is the story of the ruler of the city-state of Uruk. Gilgamesh wished to make for himself “a name that endures” by building “walls, a great rampart and the temple of

blessed Eanna”. To realise his ambitious construction he needed large amounts of timber, and the natural forests of Mesopotamia remained almost untouched at that time. But it was not an easy task for Gilgamesh to enter the forests and cut down the trees. The cedar forests were the gardens of the Mesopotamian gods and were protected against human beings’ need for timber by a guard named Humbaba appointed by the chief Sumerian deity.

But Gilgamesh was determined to get his hands on the timber and went “to the land where the cedar is felled”. When Gilgamesh and his companions arrived at the forests a fight with the formidable god for control over the forests followed. After a heavy struggle Humbaba was killed by Gilgamesh “There then followed confusion; for this was the guardian of the forest whom they had struck down: he at whose words Hermon and Lebanon were used to tremble. Now the mountains were moved, the ranges of the hills were moved, for the guardian of the cedar lay dead”.

Gilgamesh and Enkidu cut down the cedar forest and in particular the tallest of the cedar trees to make a great cedar gate for the city of Uruk. They built a raft out of the cedar and floated down the Euphrates River to

the city. The author of the epic knew that once humans started to exploit the forests, nothing could stop them from cutting down all the trees.

The fate of the cedar forests was sealed. The Phoenicians, one of the oldest sea-trading nations in the world, needed timbers for their ships and used the cedars of Lebanon to construct them. Writers such as Homer, Pliny, and Plato, along with the Old Testament, provide us with well-documented descriptions of the once richly forested mountains of Lebanon. The Bible also vividly describes the practice of rulers in the Ancient Middle East to fell cedar trees to build massive monuments. The account of the construction of the first temple in Jerusalem tells us that king Solomon sends a message to the king of Tyre with the request to provide him with timber: 1 Kings 5: 6 - 10 “*Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon*”. What follows is a detailed account of how the trees were taken down from the mountains of the Lebanon and floated in rafts by the sea to Israel.

All these stories, myths and histories from the ancient world confirm that the people were exploiting the forest resources! For example, Woodhenge: A Neolithic timber monument built around 2500 BC, about the same time as Stonehenge, and only 2 miles away to the north-east, it is formed of six concentric ovals of tall wooden posts, surrounded by a bank and ditch, which were built to align with sunrise at the summer solstice. The site was discovered in 1925 and excavated in 1926–7 by Ben and Maud Cunnington, who marked the positions of the wooden posts with concrete pillars for visitors. As we begin to notice the effects of man-made climate change, we might take a moment to appreciate just how consistently man has exploited the natural resources of our planet and how change must come! This is an ongoing story.

Text above brought to you by the Southern Fellowship of Woodworkers, a woodworking fellowship who meet on every fourth Thursday evening of the month in the Winter, Spring and Autumn, in the stunning medieval Cross Barn, Odiham in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice.

Information is available from the SFWW secretary Tim McGinn at secretary@sfw.org.uk

Seagrass: The Solent’s superhero - Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Beneath the waves of the Solent are hidden underwater gardens of seagrass. These marine flowering plants are known for increasing biodiversity in our coastal waters. However, they are now beginning to gain widespread recognition for their potential to reduce the effects of

climate change and what better time to celebrate this superstar marine plant than during Seagrass Awareness Month, which spans all of March.

Seagrasses typically occur along shallow, sheltered marine coastlines and estuaries, from the Tropics to the Arctic Circle. They have roots, grass-like leaves and produce flowers and seeds. Under the right conditions, these plants can grow to form flourishing, green underwater meadows which provide food and shelter for an array of wonderful marine life.

The seagrass meadows in the Solent are of international importance. They support rich biodiversity, including amazing species such as sea anemones, stalked jellyfish, sea slugs, pipefish and seahorses. They act as nurseries for commercially important fish species, such as cod and sea bass, the latter of which spend up to seven years growing in the Solent before joining the migratory adult population. Cuttlefish visit the seagrass meadows to breed as well, attaching their black eggs known as ‘sea grapes’ to the seagrass leaves. Seagrass also provides a major food source for brent geese, which make the 3000-mile journey from Siberia to the Solent every year for a milder winter.

Seagrasses are incredibly important allies in the fight against climate change. They absorb massive amounts of carbon dioxide from the surrounding seawater and their long leaves slow the flow of water, which encourages settlement of carbon-rich sediment down into the seabed where it is then buried and locked away. This amazing plant also improves our water quality and protects our shores from coastal erosion by slowing wave energy with their leaves and by stabilising soft seabed sediments with their roots.

Sadly, seagrass is disappearing. We’ve lost over 90% of our seagrass meadows in the UK over the past century. Disease, physical disturbance from dragging anchors and chain moorings, as well as human-induced threats such as pollution are putting seagrass under significant pressure.

At Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, we’re working to protect and restore our seagrass meadows. By monitoring and surveying existing seagrass beds and planting sustainably collected seagrass seeds, we hope to restore these amazing habitats towards their historic levels and create a wilder Solent, for both people and wildlife. To learn more and find out how to get involved, visit hiwwt.org.uk/seagrass-restoration

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SMALL ADS APRIL

F2 Cockerpoo puppies - due 17th March. Both parents are F1 cockerpoos with lovely personalities. Please contact Sally on 07803 585582 for further details. Will be ready to go to their new homes mid/end May with first jabs, wormed and microchipped.

Stay and Play Group, Upton Grey Village Hall. Supported by Jo, Montessori teacher and Norland Nanny. Play with lots of Montessori activities and learn how to create a calm focused environment at home. Tuesdays term time 09.30-11.30 for toddlers plus. You must register. Or come along to the **Montessori Café** same location Tuesdays very relaxed 13.30-15.00. Drop-in session, all ages welcome. Contact Jo: email jo@asknannyjo.co.uk 07359 270029 www.asknannyjo.co.uk.

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £10 per hour. It is also possible to hire it for a morning/afternoon/evening at a cost of £25 per session (Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon inclusive) or £35 per session (Friday evening to Sunday morning inclusive). There may also be additional discounts for regular hirers. The hall can be used for functions, meetings and parties. There are kitchen facilities, including crockery and cutlery. Central heating and sound system. Tables and chairs can be hired, but must not be removed without permission of a member of the committee. More details from Hugh Chevallier (01256 862636).

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – APRIL 2022

NB: All Church Services are listed under CHURCH NEWS near the front of the magazine

APRIL'S DATES

29th Mar	Tues	APCM Weston Patrick (in the Village Hall)	7.30pm
2nd Apr	Sat	Luminosa Voices concert, All Saints Odiham	7.30pm
5th Apr	Tues	APCM Tunworth (in the church)	7.30pm
9th Apr	Sat	UG Churchyard Tidy-Up	10.00am
9th Apr	Sat	Spring Show, Village Hall, Upton Grey	
9th Apr	Sat	Easter Bingo, RBL Hall, Herriard	6.30pm
11th-14th April		UG Junior Tennis Coaching	9-12.45pm
10th Apr	Sun	Palm Sunday procession from UG Village Pond	10.50am
17th Apr	Sun	Herriard, Upton Grey and Weston Patrick have Easter Egg hunts after their morning services – see pages 3/4	
24th Apr	Sun	APCM Upton Grey church (before the service)	10.00am
25th Apr	Mon	APCM Herriard (in the RBL Hall)	7.00pm

ADVANCE DATES

7th & 15th May		Open Garden, Brick Kiln Cottage, Herriard.	12-4.00pm
8th May	Sun	Jubilee Choir concert, All Saints Odiham	6.00pm
3rd Jun	Fri	Jubilee weekend Barn Dance, UG Church Meadow	6-11pm
5th Jun	Sun	Big Jubilee Lunch, UG Church Meadow	12-4.00
5th-12th June		Jubilee Flower Festival, St Mary's, Upton Grey	
11th Jun	Sat	Church Fete, The Old Vicarage, Upton Grey	2-5.00pm
12th Jun	Sun	Open Gardens, Upton Grey	2.00pm
16th Jun	Thur	UG Annual Golf Day, Sandford Springs Golf Club	
19th Jun	Sun	Platinum Promenade, Upton Grey	4.00pm
23rd Jun	Thur	UG Tennis Mix In	from 6.00pm
25th Jun	Sat	Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy	
8th-12th August		UG Junior Tennis Coaching	9-12.45pm
14th Aug	Sun	The Recruiting Officer, Church Meadow, UG	4.00pm
1st Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Harvest Supper	
29th Oct	Sat	UG Autumn Festival, Bonfire, Fireworks	6.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

2nd & 4th Mon		Upton Grey Bridge Club	7.30pm
Each Mon/Thur		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each Sat		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each Mon		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	10.00am
Each Tues		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00pm

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