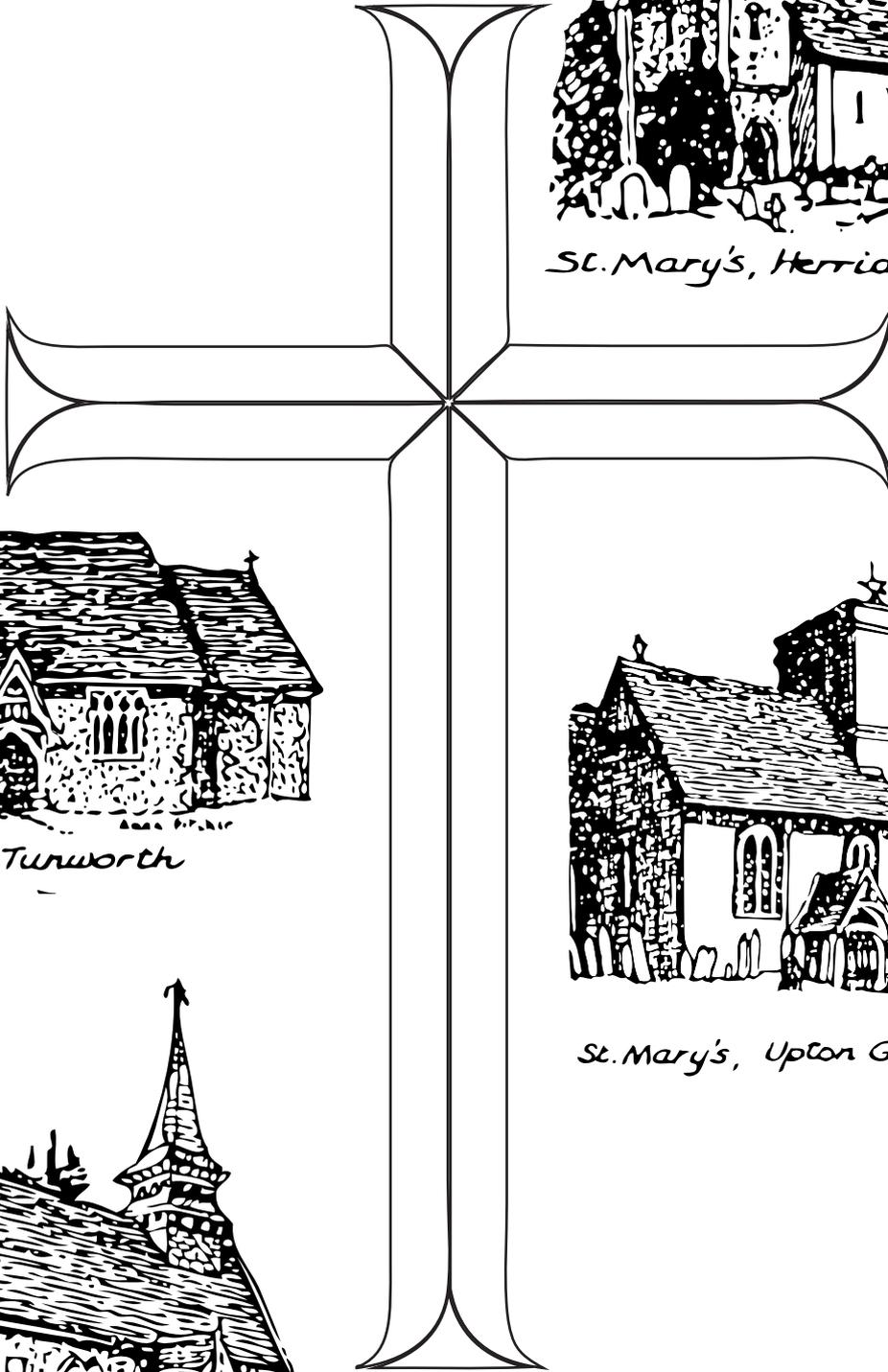


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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – November 2022
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

From the Benefice Ministry Team

When I was part of the ministry team at St Michael's Church, in Basingstoke town centre, on Remembrance Sunday the 8.00am said communion service used to take place in the Memorial Chapel. The names recorded on the walls of that chapel, built to remember those from the town who died in the First World War, represented what would have been a personal tragedy to those who loved and knew the men whose names they were.



Usually, on Sundays, before the main services the choir and ministers used to assemble in the Memorial Chapel; whenever I stood in that Chapel waiting for a service to begin I invariably found my eyes resting on the name of Herbert Dray.

Herbert's sister, Edith, worshipped in St Michael's for many years, and whenever I went to visit her the first thing that would catch my eye would be a large picture of Herbert, in his Naval uniform, hanging on the wall. Edith also lost her fiancée in that war, and whenever she spoke of those events, even in her eighties, it was as if it were yesterday.

What happened to those two young men in that war had made an indelible impression on Edith's life and changed it. One of the tragedies of war is that so much which could have been added to people's lives is instead cruelly wrenched away, as we see all too clearly now in the tragedy which has engulfed Ukraine.

In November too we have the Feast of All Souls, a time to remember all those who have died and whose lives and love have made an indelible impression on our lives, whose dying has been a cause of sadness quite simply because their living has been a source of joy; living which has added much to our lives.

In November too, at All Saints tide, we remember those who have, through their faithful following of Christ, left behind them an impression not just of themselves as good people but have impressed on the people of their generation that to follow Christ is to have allowed him to impress

himself on their lives to such an extent that they have left behind them the unmistakable impression of what Christ is about. The Saints are those who, by asking Christ to be a plus in their lives, have been a plus to all life; their living has lit up the world.

When I was little, at this time of the year, each evening I would have been taking down the shoe box which held my small collection of fireworks and counting them out and anticipating the display that they would make on 5th November, Guy Fawkes night, when we would have a bonfire at the bottom of the garden and my father would light the blue touch papers and retire.

In the November night those fireworks showed up against the darkness; so too the lives of the Saints have shone out with the light of Christ even in the darkest times. Maybe it's appropriate that, as the clocks go back and the nights get longer, we remember lives which have shone out against the darkness, and give thanks for the impression which they have made on our lives and pray that we may be people who make not so much a good impression as an impression for good.

Alan Hoar
Licensed Lay Minister

FROM THE REGISTERS

Interment of Ashes: Mem FitzPatrick at St Lawrence Weston Patrick on 3rd October

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th November

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship with Baptism

Thursday 10th November

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 13th November

10.45am Herriard – Remembrance Service

10.45am Upton Grey – Remembrance Service

5.00pm Tunworth – Remembrance Evensong

Thursday 17th November

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 20th November

- 9.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)
- 9.00am Tunworth – Family Service with Baptism
- 10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

Sunday 27th November

- 9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship
- 5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong
- 6.00pm Herriard – Advent Carol Service

CHURCH NEWS**Harvest Festivals**

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to host and organise Harvest lunches and suppers across our villages. They were all such fun and joyful occasions. I'd also like to thank everyone that contributed to the harvest collections in church. All the produce has been sent on to a variety of local organisations including the various food banks and The Camrose Centre.

Rev. Simon Butler

Remembrance Sunday services (November 13th)

The services on Remembrance Sunday in our local churches are:

- 10.45am Herriard** – Remembrance Service
- 10.45am Upton Grey** – Remembrance Service
- 5.00pm Tunworth** – Remembrance Evensong

Please also see the notice in the “News From The Villages” section of this magazine showing all the Remembrance Sunday services in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice.

Coffee & Cake Drop-in – Monday November 14th

The third of the St Mary's Upton Grey “Coffee & Cake Drop-in” events (held monthly on the second Monday of the month) is on **Monday 14th November between 10.00am and mid-day in Upton Grey Village Hall**. Tea or coffee, slice of cake, chat - open to all, very informal, no need to book, just turn up!

Please also see the article on page 9 of this magazine listing similar events across the benefice.



KidsZone

Hi Everyone!

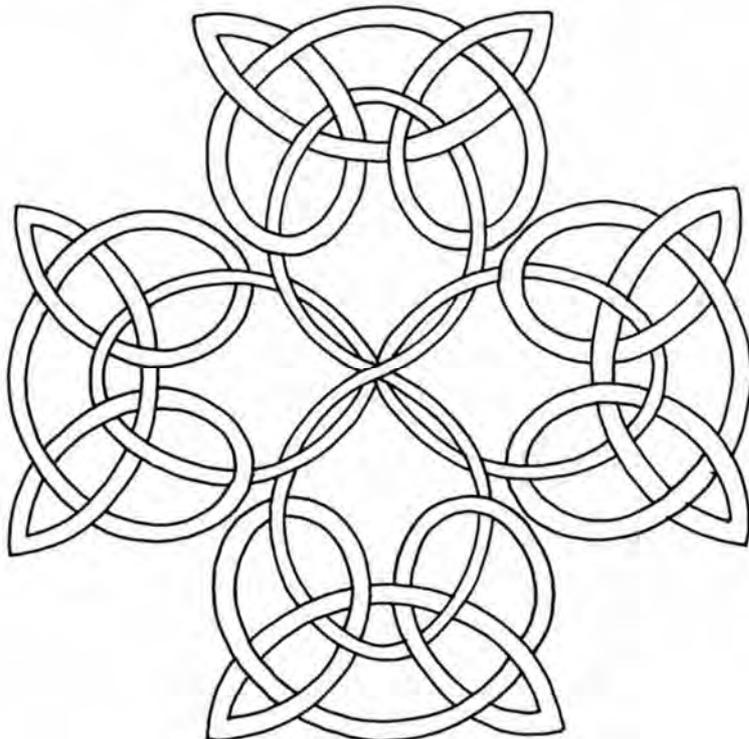
One of my favourite things to do in November is to go for a long Autumn walk, and, if you're anything like me, while you walk along you find bits and pieces which interest you – maybe a feather or a particularly orange leaf or even a shell, if you live near me! And what I really love doing with these things when I've collected them is creating some art! In nature, possibly my favourite kind of art is called a mandala – I wonder if you've ever made one?

This is one made from leaves and a stone, but you can literally use anything! All you do is start from the middle and work your way out, making sure you make a symmetrical pattern (That basically means it's the same, whichever way you look at it!)



I find mandalas very satisfying to make, because they just go on and

on and on – and I guess that's why they've always been used in Christianity too: because Christians believe God's love for us goes on and on and on. That it never finishes.



Many years ago, when Christians first came to Britain, they also made a kind of mandala pattern, when they designed Celtic crosses like this one. Not only is it the same whichever

way you look at it – it is even made from one continuous thread, to help us remember that God is at the beginning and the end of everything. I wonder if you can carefully colour in this mandala? If you take the time to make sure you use symmetrical colours it looks even more impressive!

Next time you go into church, why don't you look around and see if you can spot some other mandalas? I suggest looking at the stone (especially around the font) and the windows... If you find some, why not send me some pics at youth@moretolife.church?

What's on



If you are in years 5–8, why not come along to Younger Youth at All Saints Odiham on Thursday evenings between 5:30 and 7.00? Games, chill out zones, crafts, table tennis and tuck. Get in touch with me for a full term card.

Or if you are aged 11+, come along to United Youth, where we meet with other young Christians around the area every month at a different venue to have some fun, eat lots of snacks and find out a little bit about God! See poster overleaf. (Where it says “Register with your own youth leader”, that's me!)

Happy hunting and see you next time!



UNITED YOUTH

Sunday 6th November
6:30-8pm
Fairways, Old Odiham Road
Alton
GU34 4BU
(look for a large Ukrainian flag on the front porch)

Join Helen, Martha, Gemma, Sam and Lorna for a bonfire, hot dogs, s'mores and campfire songs!

Register with your own youth leader.



Helen Chatfield
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Remembrance Sunday services 2022

Remembrance Sunday services 2022

Please join us on 13th November at one of our
Remembrance Sunday services

All Welcome



9.30am Long Sutton

10.45am Herriard

10.45am Upton Grey

10.50am Mapledurwell

10.50am South Warnborough
(Remembrance Holy Communion)

10.50am Odiham

3.00pm Nately Scures (In Loving Memory)

5.00pm Tunworth (Remembrance Evensong)



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Local Farming Report

I'm writing this on a beautiful autumnal day as Dan is planting the last field with winter wheat after maize. We call it drilling, as the seed is planted with a seed drill that can trace its development back to Jethro Tull, the 1600s one not the hairy 1970s one! We've had this weather window at the ideal time for planting our wheat (10th October). So, it's been all go cultivating the ground ahead of the seed drill to make the best seedbed possible by preparing a good tilth. As with any vegetable plot, if we get the plant off to the right start, we give ourselves a good chance of decent yields at harvest.

I've been on the tractor cultivating, taking over from far more experienced hands while they have lunch or must finish early, and tractor work is certainly not what it used to be. The cultivator is controlled by a switch on a joystick and the tractor has 'auto steer' so quite simply drives

and steers itself guided by satellites. So, I can listen to podcasts while doing emails on my phone and the tractor takes over. It's a long way from Dad having to wrap himself in a 'West of England' sack to keep warm while ploughing with our little grey Fergie in the 1960s. Whilst cultivating on Saturday evening, I had 12 buzzards for company as the most beautiful sunset developed over Herriard on one side and a full luminescent moon rose above Weston Patrick on the other. It's moments like this we savour.

This year's maize harvest was our earliest ever in mid-September. We've harvested maize in late October before now, so this year was fairly stress free with hard ground under foot and longer daylight hours.

In the September article I said I was concerned about the maize yields because of the exceptionally dry and hot summer and so it has proved. We yielded 14.6 tonnes/acre here and bought in some from a neighbour which yielded 9 tonnes/acre. To put that into context, last year our maize yielded 18.5 tonnes/acre, so spread that over about 200 acres harvested and that makes a worrying shortfall in this year's feed for the cows and heifers. So, as I wrote last time, we've cut 30 acres of wheat from our planned winter planting and will plant those fields with maize next spring to try and cover our shortfall.

Sally, our herd manager, and I went to the South West dairy show in Shepton Mallet last week. There was an awful lot of expensive, shiny machinery and app-based technology nonsense to tempt the unwary dairy farmer from their hard-earned milk cheques. We had an enjoyable show however looking at genuinely useful innovations, some splendid cattle and catching up with old friends. One industry veteran told us that "98.5% of UK households buy fresh milk.....apparently that's 2% more households than buy toilet paper". That speaks volumes about the importance of dairy, if not personal hygiene.

We've had a very welcome flush of grass now after the dry summer when there was nothing in the fields for the heifers to eat. This means we should be able to keep our heifers out in the fields for longer this autumn which will save some of our very tight feed stocks for the coming winter.

You may recall me mentioning Thunder and Lightning in May 2021, twin heifers born in that April; Lightning with a white flash of hair the length of her nose and Thunder who blared constantly when she was hungry. They are now two of these heifers out in the fields munching on the autumn grass. Both are in calf, Thunder to a bull called Daredevil and Lightning to one of the top Holstein bulls in the world called Captain. Lightning still looks as distinctive as ever and thankfully Thunder has certainly quietened down!

Joe Ives

Pastoral Care

A year ago, I completed my training as a Licensed Lay Minister for the Church of England and joined the North Hampshire Downs Benefice clergy team. I have enjoyed working with the team offering pastoral care across the benefice.

One aspect of my work involves linking with the various coffee and cake drop-in and similar events. These are friendly, welcoming caring communities which offer coffee/cake or other refreshments and a chance to chat amongst the people who attend. Anyone is welcome to come along and those attending would love to see new faces.

The November events are listed below.

**The Teapot – South Warnborough – The Village Shop
Tuesday 1st November - 1.30-3.00pm**

**The Coffee Pot – Long Sutton Village Hall
Friday 4th November – 10.00-11.30am**

**Coffee and Cake – Upton Grey Village Hall
Monday 14th November – 10.00am-12.00noon**



**Tea at 3 – Upton Grey
Details available from Sarah on pg.barnes@btinternet.com**

**Herriard Coffee Morning
Every Thursday in RBL Hall Herriard from 10.00am**

**Greywell Coffee Morning – The Village Hall
Wednesday 23rd November – at 10.00am**

Many people across the benefice are unable to attend our services as they are housebound because of illness or disability. Home Communion services are offered to any who would like to receive this. This simple service is an opportunity to worship in your own home. If you would like a visit, or know of somebody who would like a visit, please contact admin@moretolife.church 01256 703791.



Suzanne Newcombe – Licensed Lay Minister

News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School

We have had a busy and enjoyable start to the school year, and it has been wonderful to see our new Reception children settling in so well.

Our curriculum has been brought to life through a Greek workshop for Y5/6 and a local history study visit to Odiham Castle (including narrow boat ride!) for Y3/4. Our lively Harvest Festival was wonderful as always, led by Helen Chatfield and Rev. Amber and our families were very generous with their donations of non-perishable food items, which will be sent to a local foodbank.

Next half term we are looking forward to our Christmas events, especially carol singing around the local area. Our Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 3rd December 2-4pm. The whole community are welcome, so do come along! Our virtual raffle is already open; there is a separate detailed article about this. We really appreciate all the donations from the local community.

Those of you who have purchased your Christmas trees through our PTA over the past few years will be delighted to hear that these will be available once again, with the option of local home delivery or collection from school. Look out for further advertising very soon and order online at www.longsuttonpta.org.uk All funds raised from the fair, raffle and Christmas trees will go towards improving the quality of education for the children at our school and this year we are raising funds towards an all-weather outdoor canopy at the front of the school.

If you drive along Hyde Road, do take notice of our new art installation: a flowing tap of plastic bottle lids ‘watering’ our garden of reflection. Mrs France, our very talented art leader, has been encouraging our families to collect coloured plastic milk bottle tops for several months now and the children have spent time this term threading bottle tops and making other plastic bottle top works of art (look at our Facebook page!) They have been inspired by the work of an environmental artist Pippa Ward and our project aims to raise awareness of the environmental impact of single use plastic.

We always love showing visitors around our school. Our final Open Event for parents of children starting Reception in September 2023 takes place on Friday 4th November. Please contact the school office on 01256 862238 or adminoffice@longsutton.hants.sch.uk to book a place. If you are unable to attend on this date, we would be happy to make an appointment for another time. Applications for Reception 2023 can be made at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions> from 1st November and the deadline for applying is 15th January 2023.

Hannah Inglis, Headteacher

Long Sutton Church of England Primary School Virtual PTA Christmas Raffle

Please help raise funds for Long Sutton Church of England Primary School and have the chance to win one of our amazing prizes donated by several local and national companies. All contributors and prizes will be advertised on the website for the raffle.

Raffle tickets are £1 each. Please pay online using the following link:<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/longsuttonprimaryschool2022> and you will receive your virtual raffle ticket confirmation by email.

Raffle tickets are available to be purchased online only from now until Thursday 1 December 2022 at 18:00. You will be notified by email if you are a winner and prizes will be available to collect from the school during the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3 December 2022 between 14:00 and 16:00, sent through a pupil from the school or delivered to you if you are local and unable to collect your prize.

Good luck and thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

**Long Sutton Church of England Primary School PTA
Charity No 1026306**

Superfast Fibre Broadband Update

My Openreach customer service contact is still forecasting end October completion. However, the guys on the ground doing the work appear to be aiming for Christmas! They say the subcontractors have messed up parts of the original work.

Sorry to be the bearer of such news – please don't shoot the messenger! However, all parties involved confirm that the full contract will be completed despite the loss of government vouchers – which will be Openreach's loss.

Roger Clark

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 November 2022 to be in with a chance for the application to be put forward at the December 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 the deadline will automatically be carried over to the next meeting).

UPTON GREY NEWS
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www.uptongreyparishcouncil.co.uk
facebook.com/uptongreyvillagecommunity

Church Meadow – An Update

We are sure everyone has enjoyed seeing the smart new metal fence running along the length of Church Meadow and once again appreciate John Frieda's generosity in helping to protect these special views. As such we thought this would be a good time for an update.

Church Meadow, the field opposite the church, has been privately owned for much longer than anyone can remember. During that time the field has primarily been used as meadow for sheep to graze, helping to create a much-loved rural scene at the heart of the village. However, previous owners of Church Meadow have kindly allowed the field to be used for a limited number of events. In the main, these events have been a few large annual events for the benefit of the village as a whole or events related to the Church.

Over that time, bar a few exceptions agreed on a personal basis with the previous owners, the field has not been used as a venue for parties, a car park for private non-church related events, exercising dogs or a right of way (except along the foot path that runs up the hill).

As most will know, John Frieda acquired Church Meadow at the end of last year, reuniting it with the current ownership of Upton Grey House. John has put together a legally binding agreement that will protect Church Meadow from any development whatsoever in perpetuity and allow its use in-line with those that have regularly been allowed in the past.

The creation of this committee to oversee the use of the field on behalf of the owner and the more formal processes put in place for making a request is a change. However, it should not be seen as signalling any change in the way the field is used versus how it has been in the past or the fact that the field remains private land with access only along the footpath. It will also be appreciated if people don't climb on the new fence.

Andrew Dunkley, Mary Harman, Julian Livingston-Booth
Church Meadow Committee

TEA@3 November

It was lovely to catch up with so many of you at our Tea in September after nearly two years (yes, because of Covid!!) and to welcome some new faces who we hope will join us again!

We did not have a tea in October, but Jill and Terry have very kindly invited us to Barn Cottage, Weston Road, on **Thursday 17th November** - so please put the date in your diary and come along!

If you are able to come, then would you please let **Barbara** know, either by **phone 862627** or e-mail barbara-anderson2@sky.com, by **Monday 14th November** so that we have an idea of numbers. We look forward to seeing you.

Barbara 863637, Jill Lestrille 862131, Viv Anscombe 862455

Coffee & Cake Drop-in

The third of the monthly “Coffee & Cake Drop-in” events is on **Monday November 14th 10.00-12.00 at the Village Hall** (see page 3) – all welcome!

Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club October Draw

1st Prize £100 No.76 L Romer-Lee.

2nd Prize £40 No.120 J H Redfern

Christmas Postbox in Upton Grey

From the 1st December, the Upton Grey Christmas Postbox will be back in Upton Grey shop. For a donation in aid of St Mary’s Church, Upton Grey, the secret elves will deliver your cards!

Given the price of a first class stamp is now 95p, please can we ask for a minimum donation of 50p a card. Just put your cards, together with your donation in a separate envelope, into the box.

The Postbox will be emptied daily by the Chief Elf. Please note that this service is for Upton Grey only! Thank you in advance for your support.

Sarah Barnes, Churchwarden, St Mary’s Upton Grey

Save the Date: Upton Grey Safari Supper 4th March 2023

Please save the date for next year’s Safari supper on Saturday 4th March 2023. Could everyone who has been before please invite someone who hasn’t. Thank you.

Julia and Viv

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Herriard Parish Council have teamed up with FillUp Alton to offer a free delivery service of food and household products direct to the Herriard Village Hall every week. All information about this service can be found on the Herriard website in the new Eco Hub section. FillUp is a zero waste shop in Alton that enables customers to reduce single-use packaging from their weekly shop.

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Herriard Village Hub: Have Your Say, 12th Nov from 1pm

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Tracy Crawford, Parish Clerk

Herriard Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 28th November at 7.30pm** at the Herriard Village Hub. Come and have your say on village matters, hear about what's been going on in the village, current planning applications, policing, County Council updates and more. Parish Councillors work voluntarily for the benefit of the community, and we want to hear the opinions of residents and what their concerns are. We value the support of the Herriard community.

Herriard Christmas Fair, 11th December, 11am till 4pm at Herriard Village Hub

Lots of stalls including homemade crafts, cards, paintings, jewellery, wooden gifts, refreshments and bar. Everybody welcome, come and see our recent refurbishment. Free entry. Tombola prizes gratefully received. Please contact **Tracy on 07769 220390 for further details.**

Herriard Coffee Mornings: Thursdays Royal British Legion Hall

We have a weekly coffee morning every Thursday in the British Legion Hall, 10am to 12pm. The first one was on the 8th of September and a lot of the villagers came along for a chat and catch up; so, it was very successful. Please come along and support this weekly village gathering. Good coffee, tea, plus decaf and herbal is available with our volunteers' homemade cakes. The price is donations, minimum being £1 for coffee/tea and cake. All profit to go to the British Legion Hall.

Pat Pegg

Herriard Gardening Club

This year's weather has created a few problems in the garden and allotment.

At the allotment the vegetables struggled with the prolonged heat because of the lack of water (we did our best). Broad beans were half the crop that is usually produced, and the runner beans were only produced very late in the season and then the crop was small. The most successful were French beans, carrots and potatoes

Our Strawberries did nothing so we can only assume the wildlife ate them, as they were desperate for any form of liquid in those weeks of unusual hot weather and no rain.

In the garden, plants that were well established, were not happy with the drought, so I had to cut them down and sacrifice the flowers for one year, on quite a few of my shrubs so as not to lose the plant completely. Most of the perennials were half the height they usually are, but the Roses were very happy.

Jobs for November:

Collect fallen leaves and place in a plastic bag. Put in a few holes. This will break down within the year to form leaf mould.

Prune roses by reducing to either one-third or half to prevent wind-rock that can weaken the roots. For climbers remove old shoots and cut to ground level, tie and secure what you are happy with to the frame they are growing on.

Cut down faded perennials that are dying back, then add a mulch.

Dahlias and Begonia tubers should be lifted and stored dry over winter. Remove dead foliage and either place in a dry newspaper or dry sand in a shed. You can leave Dahlias in the ground but put a thick covering of mulch or compost over them to protect the tubers over winter.

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Patricia Pegg

WESTON PATRICK AND WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all who attended, not only the Harvest service, but the lunch afterwards, on Sunday 9 October at St Lawrence, Weston Patrick. We had a fabulous turn out for both events and were blessed with the location (courtesy of the Harrison family) and the weather.

Thank you to Peter Cheyney who shared his 'year of farming news' and it was wonderful to welcome so many newcomers to our Villages. It was lovely to see the church packed with so many young people. Thank you to Linda Scard who as usual gave us 'food for thought' in her sermon and joined us for lunch.

The church remains open in daylight hours and the Harvest flowers are a sight to behold.



Thanks to all for contributions, donations, decorations, culinary delights and care for our beautiful church. The many donations to the Foodbank in Alton were gratefully received.

As we look forward to November, we have a fund raiser event on November 12th. A Race Night with prizes and enormous fun for all. See poster for more details. Please do join us if you are able.

Clare Davies, Church Warden



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Odiham Book Exchange is open Monday and Thursday 2-4.30pm; and Saturday 10-12.30pm in the Bridewell, the Bury, Odiham.

St Michael's Hospice Concert: A Musical Celebration of Christmas, Thursday 8th December at All Saints Odiham

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice are hosting 'A Musical Celebration of Christmas' concert again this year. The concert is being held at All Saints, Odiham on the **8th December**. The doors open at 6.30pm and the concert commences at 7.00pm. This year we have the international award-winning Apollo 5 singers, Chaconne Brass and reading by Brough Scott the author and racing correspondent.

Tickets are for sale via Katharine Jane in Odiham or on the Hospice website www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events and cost £30.00 a ticket. The ticket includes canapes, wine and mince pies. The evening last year was a great success, and we look forward to seeing you again this year.

A Christmas Concert, All Saints Church Odiham, Sun 11th Dec 6pm

Join the **Jubilee Choir** for a wonderful programme of Christmas readings and music, including *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten. The choir will be conducted by Oliver Tarney and Thomas Edney, with Ben Cunningham playing the organ. Tickets are £20, free for under 18s, and are available from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 01256 701947.

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

Our Meeting on **Thursday 24th November 2022** will commence with a lunch for Members at 1pm, for which tickets must be purchased in advance. This will be followed by our Annual General Meeting. At 2.30pm, a florist from Moutan will demonstrate some seasonal arrangements.

Visitors are always welcome to attend our talks. New members are especially welcome. For further information about our Club, please visit our website at <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

National Garden Scheme Hampshire

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



It was with profound sadness that everyone at the National Garden Scheme marked the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Throughout her life The Queen was a constant supporter of our charity, which was founded in 1927 in memory of Her Majesty's great-grandmother, Queen Alexandra. The Queen supported our charity by opening the gardens of three of her homes, Sandringham, Frogmore House, and Windlesham Moor. We extend our sincere condolences to all the Royal Family, especially to His Majesty King Charles III, Patron of the National Garden Scheme since 2002.

By Arrangement Gardens:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those clubs, groups, and societies - even groups of friends etc. who have taken the opportunity to visit one or more of our Hampshire "By Arrangement" gardens. These gardens attracted over 2500 visitors in 2022. The money raised in 2022 has far surpassed the figures for 2021 (in fact probably for many years prior to that) I would like to think that this has something to do with the A4 sheet, which I produced in January 2022, listing ALL the gardens opening By Arrangement. I sent this A4 list to around 150 clubs and Groups. A By Arrangement Garden gives you the opportunity to visit on a pre-arranged date agreed with your Group and the garden owner for a more personalised and leisurely experience. If your group missed out in 2022, contact me for the 2023 list in January.

We have some exciting NEW gardens opening for Hampshire NGS in 2023, so keep your eyes open for the information in early 2023. pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk

Pat Beagley (Publicity)



Growing in November!

This year the u3a has been celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Local branches have marked this milestone in a variety of ways and nationally, we are all working to create the **u3a 40th Anniversary Woodland** as a growing and lasting memento. This new woodland is situated on the England/Wales border in the Brecon Beacons National Park. The original target for planting 5000 trees was quickly passed and we now aim to plant 10 000 trees!

Our local branch, led by the Climate Change group, has successfully collected donations to buy, plant and maintain over 50 trees, sufficient to establish our own small copse. As we approach Christmas, when trees are often felled to decorate our homes, why not donate a tree to be planted for yourself or as a gift for someone else? Importantly, to support biodiversity, all the trees will be native trees suited to the locality. If you are interested in adding a tree to our copse, please contact the Climate Change group on climatechange@odihamu3a.org.uk.

We are also establishing and growing more groups. For example, we now have another new activity taking shape, '**The Jamming Session**'! This will be an opportunity for u3a members who play a musical instrument to meet on a regular basis and play an eclectic selection of popular tunes. ... Eclectic, not necessarily electric!

The organisers are keen to hear from any enthusiastic musicians or singers who would like to join this group. The group which will meet in the newly refurbished Vine Church, Odiham. The new main hall is equipped with a state-of-the-art music system including a sound deck, all set up to plug and play. 'The Jamming Session' group starts early January 2023 with a free taster session. Non-u3a members may attend but must join the u3a if they wish to continue. For more information, contact gillhardenu3a@gmail.com or Bo Nightingale by WhatsApp or Text message on 07745 262658.

The Fascinating World of Fungi Forensics – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

The damp conditions of autumn make it the ideal time for fungi foragers.



Fungi come in all kinds of shapes and sizes, from the familiar mushrooms to cups, balls and brackets. But these bizarre structures we're used to seeing are just the fruiting bodies, which usually only pop up once or twice a year. Like the fruits of a tree, these are temporary, short-lived parts of the larger organism. Their only job is to help the fungus spread.

They do this by releasing microscopic spores, which require dispersal like seeds from a tree and are often spread by the wind. Some fungi fire their spores into the air like a cannon. The puffball, for example, releases a cloud of spores from a hole in its top when a mature mushroom is compressed by rain, a passing animal or an inquisitive human finger.

The main part of a fungus, which lives on long after the toadstools have toppled, is hidden within the substrate from which the fruiting body grows, be it soil, rotting wood, dung or even nuts and seeds. It's a dense, tangled network of threads (called hyphae) that together are known as a mycelium.

These networks can stretch for metres (or in rare cases miles) through the soil, connecting fungi to the roots of trees, grasses and other plants. In most cases, it's a win-win relationship: the fungus gives the plant

nutrients from the soil and the plant supplies the fungus with carbohydrates formed through photosynthesis.

As well as sharing nutrients, these networks can also be used to send information. Studies have shown that trees under attack, from a harmful fungus or insects like aphids, can send out a warning to nearby trees through the mycelium, giving them chance to prepare and defend themselves.

However, the network can also have a darker side and some plants have found a way to exploit it. The bird's-nest orchid is a sickly-looking species that grows in caramel-coloured spires in shaded woodland areas and has no chlorophyll, so can't photosynthesise like most plants to produce food. Instead, it sucks nutrients from the fungal mycelium that connects its own roots to those of the other plants growing around it, giving nothing in return.

So, next time you spot a toadstool sprouting from grass, or a bracket clinging to the bark of a rotting branch, spare a moment to think about the hidden network sprawling beneath your feet, connecting the forest and breathing life into the trees.

Find out more about Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and how you can get involved by visiting hiwwt.org.uk

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Basingstoke and District Disability Forum (BDDF)

We wanted to update you with what has been happening at BDDF. We had a relatively quiet summer at BDDF and are now back supporting members with our information service (previously signposting service), running a chronic pain support group as well as our regular community cafes and our new 'All About' events. I have added a link below to our most recent newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/7b5379035000/bddf-sept-2022-newsletter-6139574?e=20c1988636>

Finally, a Christmas party invite – this is primarily an event for members (as well as supporters) and we are welcoming new members (free) all the time.

It is with pleasure that we invite you to our 2022 Christmas Party! The event will take place on Thursday 1st December between 12- 14.30 at Popley Fields Community Centre. We are hoping it will be a fantastic festive party just like last year! There will be nibbles, mince pies and a glass of fizz for all! Please RVSP as soon as possible to secure your place. Eventbrite link below to RSVP or email me or call 01256 423869. You are welcome to bring a guest, but they must be booked in, and we only have 100 places so be quick!

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bddf-christmas-party-tickets-423220713547?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite

We look forward to seeing you all there! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sarah Pinnell
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SMALL ADS NOVEMBER

Colin Darnell for logs, sourced from locally managed and sustainable woodlands. 01256 460430 or 07796 012718

Game Meat. Breast only packs: Pheasant 5 per pack £6 (available from end Oct), Partridge 10 per pack £6, Pigeon 10 per pack £5. Oven-ready whole Partridge 2 birds for £4. Oven-ready whole Pheasant 2 birds £6 (available from end Oct). Venison to order (price on application). Contact Robert 07557 054844.

Tortoise Woodwork Help available with smaller carpentry and joinery jobs you don't have the time or the tools for. Able to take on a range of fixing and fitting tasks around the home and garden. Search for Tortoise Woodwork, Basingstoke on Yell.com. Contact Rory in Upton Grey on 07956 231 214 or rory.vereker@outlook.com.

The Christmas Barn, Hartley Wintney at West Green Fruits, Hartley Wintney RG27 8LP. Open from November 24th, 9.00am to 5.00pm every day for locally grown Trees and Wreaths, Decorations etc. For information and assistance please visit www.westgreenfruits.com and follow the Christmas link to www.christmasbarnhartleywintney.co.uk or call 01252 845772

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £10 per hour. Tables and chairs are also available to hire. There are kitchen facilities, including china, cutlery & glasses, central heating, sound system, stage and disabled access. If you don't know the hall, we would be happy to show you round. To book, or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Hanbury 01256 862681 email: ajhanbury@btinternet.com.

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 – November 2022

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

NOVEMBER DATES

4th Nov	Fri	Long Sutton School Open Day	9.15-10.30am
12th Nov	Sat	Herriard Village Hub, Have your Say	From 1.00pm
12th Nov	Sat	Weston Patrick Race Night, Village Hall	6.45pm
13th Nov	Sun	Remembrance Service, St Mary's Herriard	10.45am
13th Nov	Sun	Remembrance Service, St Mary's Upton Grey	10.45am
13th Nov	Sun	Remembrance Evensong, All Saints Tunworth	5.00pm
14th Nov	Mon	Coffee & Cake Drop-in, Upton Grey VH	10.00am to noon
15th Nov	Tue	Odiham Book Exchange Book Club	10.00am to noon
17th Nov	Thu	Tea@3, Barn Cottage, Weston Road, UG	3.00pm
24th Nov	Thu	North Warnborough Gardening Club	1.00pm
13th Nov	Sun	Advent Carol Service, St Mary's Herriard	6.00pm
27th Nov	Sun	Handel's Messiah, Basingstoke Choral Society	7.00pm
28th Nov	Mon	Herriard Parish Council Meeting, Village Hub	7.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

3rd Dec	Sat	Long Sutton Primary School Christmas Fair	2.00-4.00pm
8th Dec	Thu	St M Hospice Christmas Concert, All Saints Odiham	7.00pm
11th Dec	Sun	Herriard Christmas Fair, Village Hub, Herriard	11.00- 4.00
11th Dec	Sun	Jubilee Choir concert, All Saints Odiham	6.00pm

2023 DATES

4th Mar	Sat	Upton Grey Safari Supper	
15th Apr	Sat	Upton Grey Spring Horticultural Show	
12th Aug	Sat	Upton Grey Summer Horticultural Show	

REGULAR EVENTS

2nd & 4th Mon		Upton Grey Bridge Club (not summer)	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
Each Thu		Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, RBL, Herriard	10-12noon

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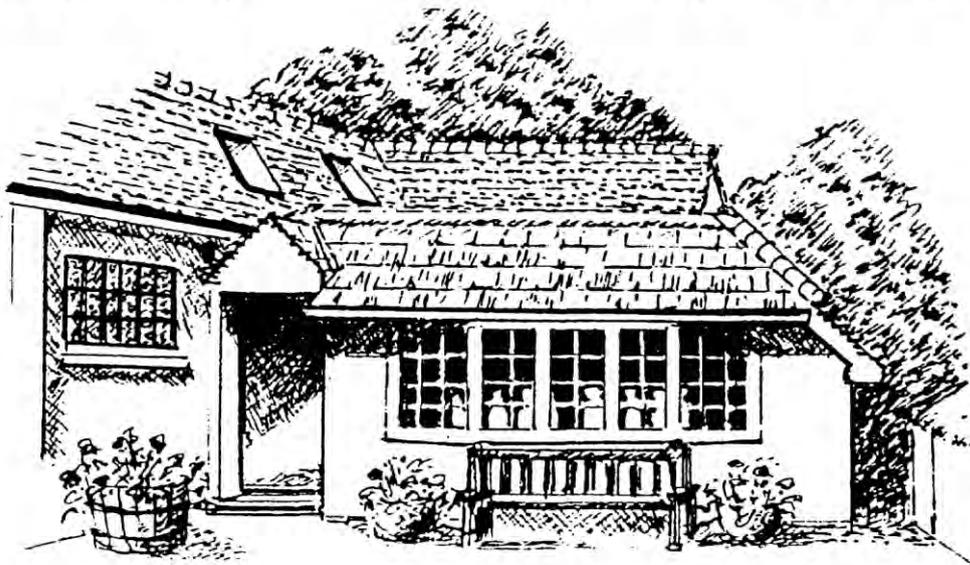
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