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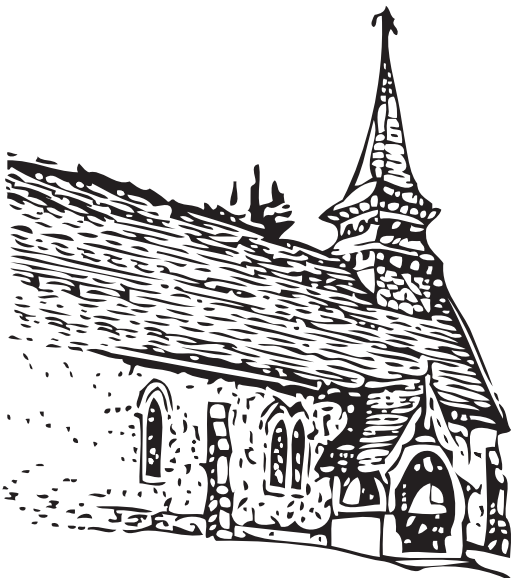
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – April 2023
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

From the Benefice Ministry Team

*‘He has brought down the mighty from their seats,
 and lifted up the humble.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things;
 and the rich he has sent empty away.’*

(Luke 1.52-53)

So who are you? Are you the mighty? Or the humble? Have a think!

Perhaps we are either or both at different times and seasons of our lives. Perhaps we take pride in being mighty, perhaps we take an ironic pride in being humble. The new Puss in Boots film has the comical theme lyrics - ‘Who’s your favourite fearless hero? Puss in Boots!... Who’s unbelievably humble?!’ Which always makes us chuckle.

Maybe it’s like convection in our hot water systems; the hot water rises, we feel super sorted, on it, powerful, mighty. Then as we realise we can’t do it alone, or we make a mistake, we drop a ball or we hurt someone, we tumble. We are cold and need warming up again. For me, I like to be warmed up in God’s love and that way it’s easier when we fall to know he’s there to enable us to rise again and it’s in his might that we can be strong.

Mary the mother of Jesus exclaimed the above words to her cousin Elizabeth, after announcing, as a poor, marginalised young woman, God had chosen her womb to bear Jesus. That wasn’t the first time God has used someone unexpected and marginalised to fulfil his purposes; David was a little boy when he fought Goliath, Abraham and Sarah were an extremely aged couple when they became the mother and father of Israel.

What we learn time and time again in the Bible is: God works in weakness.

As we look at the life of Jesus, culminating in the Last Supper, his death on the Cross and his Resurrection, we see that God in human form, he worked in weakness. His unexpected teachings on ‘blessed are the meek and humble... blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the poor’ surprised people as much as ‘love your enemies’. He also said “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18.3-5



If God works in weakness, what does that mean for us? Do we want to be part of God's amazing redemptive work in our communities and in our world? Justice for the oppressed, love for the unloved, pouring Light in the darkness? If we do, not only do we have to seek and welcome the weak, we also have to be weak. What does that look like?

We have been learning this Lent about Failure, following the Archbishop of Canterbury's recommended book for Lent. It sounds depressing(!) but it is trying to help us understand that instead of us avoiding talking about failure and hiding mistakes, it is a lot healthier if we admit that we're not perfect, that we need each other and that when we do make mistakes and fail, God says 'It's ok'. Like a loving parent who picks up and cuddles their child when they realise they have made a mistake, so our loving Father in Heaven meets us and shows us his grace, his love and his mercy.

The other option is being mighty and powerful all in our own strength, relying on no one and, even when we fail and make mistakes, being so proud we cannot say sorry. This has led a lot of people into a lot of schtook!

Learning to live with failure isn't about being down and sad all the time about how we are so bad. Instead it's about admitting we're not perfect, but we have that in common and that's ok! If we accept we all fail, we can support one another in our struggles and see God redeem (make right) situations in the most amazing ways in each other's lives.

Email if you have been struck by anything or fancy a chat about what you've read.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Interment of Ashes:

Jane Gould at St Mary's Upton Grey on 11th March

CHURCH SERVICES

Palm Sunday 2nd April

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship (meet at the pond)

Maundy Thursday 6th April

7.30pm Odiham – Benefice Holy Communion with Tenebrae

Good Friday 7th April

8.00am Tunworth – Reflective Service

9.30am Upton Grey – Good Friday Family Workshop

10.00am Herriard – Good Friday Reflections

11.00am Upton Grey – Informal Service

Easter Sunday 9th April

6.15am Upton Grey – Sunrise Service

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Herriard – Family Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

10.00am Weston Patrick – CW Holy Communion

Thursday 13th April

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 16th April

9.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

Thursday 20th April

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 23rd April

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

11.00am Herriard – Family Service

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

Sunday 30th April

9.30am Odiham – Benefice CW Holy Communion

11.00am Odiham – Benefice Informal Service

CHURCH NEWS

Services and Events for Easter 2023

Across our benefice we have a host of services and events over the Easter season and we would love you to join us. Please take a look below to see what's going on.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

7.30pm Odiham – Holy Communion with Tenebrae

Please see the article by Chris Dudgeon on the next page.

GOOD FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

8.00am Tunworth – Reflective Service

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Easter marks the high point of the Church year. It is a season of joy and celebration for Christians across the world as we give thanks for Jesus's resurrection and victory over death.

**The Revd Simon Butler
Benefice Rector**

Palm Sunday April 2nd Upton Grey

Our Palm Sunday tradition continues this year as we meet at the pond for the start of the service and then walk up Church Street behind a donkey. It's a great service for all ages.

Please gather at the pond from about 9.50, ready to start there at 10.00. If you don't feel able to do the walk up the hill, please join us in church for 10.10/10.15.

Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion with Tenebrae

The name Maundy Thursday comes from the word *mandatum*, 'commandment'. In John 13.34 we read that Jesus said to his disciples at the Last Supper: 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' It contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

On Maundy Thursday we will be meeting together in All Saints Church, Odiham at 7.30pm for a quiet and reflective service as we take time to prepare ourselves and to walk with Christ towards the horror of the cross and the joy of Easter Day. Our service will fall into two parts. The first part will be a communion service during which we will recall the institution of the Lord's Supper, and enact Christ's command to 'do this to remember me'.

The second part will be a Tenebrae, which is a service of shadows in which darkness symbolically encroaches as we step closer to Christ's death on Good Friday. The service is structured around nine short readings and after each reading a candle is extinguished, until the church is in darkness, and we leave quietly as we prepare for Good Friday.

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon
Vicar, All Saints Odiham

Upton Grey Coffee & Cake Drop-in – Monday 24th April

The St Mary's Upton Grey 'Coffee & Cake Drop-in' events are once or twice a month, and the next is on **Monday 24th April, 11.00-1.00**, in Upton Grey Village Hall. Tea or coffee, slice of cake, chat – plus the option of soup and a roll. Open to all, very informal, no need to book, just turn up.



KidsZone

Hi everyone!

I wonder, do you know what bird this is? If you go to Mayhill, Buryfields or Long Sutton, you probably remember me introducing it – it's a ptarmigan!

The ptarmigan is a plump gamebird, a member of the grouse family. It lives in the remote areas of Scotland where the highest mountains are to be found. It's a master of camouflage. In the summer, the bird is a mixture of grey, brown and black feathers above with a white belly and wings. This enables the bird to blend in beautifully with the lichen-covered rocks of the highlands. In winter, the ptarmigan is completely white, except for its tail and an eye patch, which remain black. Try spotting one of these in the snow! Then, as spring turns into summer again, the bird moults, shedding its white feathers and growing brown ones.



The mountain hare is just as clever! This animal has a grey-brown coat in summer and is almost pure white by November. The moulting process to change its colour is triggered by the seasonal changes in levels of daylight and temperatures. I wonder, do you know why they change their colour, so they can blend in?



Humans can camouflage themselves too! Can you see someone standing in the woods in this picture? This is a Chinese artist called Liu Bolin. He stands still for hours, so that two other artists can paint his clothes. I don't think I could stand still that



long!! If you want to see more of his art, check it out using this QR code. Like most artists, his art has a message - and it's all about how easy it is to blend into

the world and not be brave enough to be ourselves and stand up for what we believe in. In the Bible, we are told not to blend in with the world, but be brave enough to stand up for what is right, even when those around us are making different choices.



I wonder if Jesus felt a bit like it would have been easier to blend in 2000 years ago at Easter? On the Thursday before he died (we call it Maundy Thursday), he actually prayed to God to let him take the easy route and not have to stand out from the crowd and do the difficult thing. (He really didn't like the idea of having to die!) But then he prayed something pretty amazing... He said '**but not my will, but yours**'. Even though he was super scared, he was brave enough to do the right thing, even though he knew it would be hard.

I wonder if we sometimes have to make difficult choices. Do things because they are the right thing to do - not because they are the easy thing to do? As we get ready for Easter on 9th April, I wonder if we can all try really hard to do the opposite of the ptarmigan and the mountain hare and stand out from the crowd and start to let Jesus help us make the right choices?

God Bless and see you next time!



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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

April Farming News

April on the farm is normally the start of the growing season but, as March has shown us, good old ‘fool’s Spring’ gave us a visit. But the cold dry weather allowed us to get some barley sown into the ‘lighter’ land which has a higher chalk content meaning it drains better as well as being more friable which enables it to warm up quicker, rather than more ‘heavy’ clay soils. We will finish off sowing the barley when the weather gives us another window, and then around the middle of April we will plan to plant the maize.

In my previous article I wrote about attending the Nation Farmers Union (NFU) conference. Which was good and bad. Good, in that more decisions are being made at government level that will give us a direction to head in, whether that is bad or good we will find out... It was bad in the fact that this government seems to be completely ignoring major issues across our industry and turning a blind eye. Maybe we will start growing turnips like our secretary of state (DEFRA) suggested to solve empty shelves in the supermarkets... Anyway, back to the farm.

The chickens are laying well, still under ‘flockdown’ which is looking like they still will be until May time, with avian flu still rife around the country. All poultry flocks have been locked up for over 16 weeks so there are no free-range eggs in the country.

We also took delivery of a new fertiliser spreader recently, which has capabilities of GPS control that will reduce overlaps, making sure that our very expensive fertiliser isn’t wasted. We calibrate this machine every year for the different types of fertilisers we use. This is because one batch of fertiliser can differ to the next. We also use variable rate technology to make sure we are feeding the crop the correct amount, as across one field you can have a varied growth, so some patches of the field will need less fertiliser and others more. This is done by using satellite imagery which picks up how green the crop is. The greener the crop the healthier it is, so it won’t need as much fertiliser as the more yellow and hungry looking areas. The technology that is available to us now and in the future is really exciting, the price of it is less exciting. But it is certainly the future and is how we are going to move more precise with every pass over the fields we do. With the days noticeable longer it is making for much more productive days and Spring is just around the corner, hopefully the real one this time.

Will Cheyney

Upton Grey Shop Re-opens!

By the time you read this, the Upton Grey Village Shop will have re-opened after refurbishment. Come along and see the new coffee area, and enjoy the instore bakery, fresh vegetables and other new products. Suki will now be stocking the high quality 'Cook' ready meals – so useful and delicious. Life has been a little tricky without the shop these last weeks, which brings home the fact we all need to support it. You know it makes sense, not least because a village shop adds to the value of your house and encourages community spirit.

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Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club - March Draw

First Prize of £100 was won by S. Hart. Second Prize of £40 by S. Hunt.
The 2023/24 Draw starts in April. Entries are still very welcome.

Brian Thrussell

Upton Grey News by Email

After many years of keeping the village informed by email, George and Ray Hillier have decided to step down. They have done an amazing job and we are all very grateful. Jane Hanbury has taken over and is creating a brand-new list of addresses. If you would like to join the new list, please email: ugnewsnhw@gmail.com

**Coffee and Cake drop in
plus Soup and a Roll!**

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Monday 24th April

11.00-1.00

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You are invited to join us for St Mary's Upton Grey Easter Services and Egg Hunt...

Join us on Sunday 9th April for one of our two Easter Day services:

6.15am - an early sunrise service to welcome in Easter Day. Held in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Churchyard, followed by coffee.

10am - a family friendly Easter celebration followed by coffee and hot cross buns. After the service we'll hold our famous easter egg hunt in the churchyard for children and young people...with hundreds of eggs to find and eat!

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St Mary's Upton Grey

Rosy Hardy, Chelsea Gold Medal Winner speaking 11th April

Rosy Hardy, winner of 24 RHS Chelsea gold medals and founder of Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, will join us on 11th April at 7.00pm at Upton Grey Village Hall for a practical introduction to seasonal flowering herbaceous perennials. Learn about plant attributes, growing conditions and plant combinations and ask questions from one of the UK's leading plants-women. £12 per ticket to include a glass of fizz. Tickets available from the shop, or call **Jane Hanbury** on 01256 862681.

Upton Grey Horticultural Society Spring Show - Saturday 15th April

Thank you to those who have sent in their entry forms, 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 entry forms is 12 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. For those that live in one of the other villages, you can pick up a copy in Upton Grey Shop and South Warnborough Shop.

We'd be pleased to see everyone in the afternoon from 2pm onwards where you can have a look at the exhibits, (maybe you've entered and won a prize?), try your luck with the raffle and the Grand National sweepstake, and perhaps while away the time with a cup of tea and some cake. Let's continue to make this a lovely community event.

June Hunt

Save the Date: Summer Show, Church Meadow, Upton Grey – Saturday 12th August 2023.

T@ 3. Thursday, 20th April, Spindle Wood, Weston Road

Susie Vereker has very kindly invited us to hold T@3 in her house on Thursday 20th April. She lives at Spindle Wood, Weston Road, Upton Grey. Going in the Weston Patrick direction, Spindle Wood is on the right, a concealed drive two houses past Weston Close. Distance from pub about 0.4 miles. Spindle Wood is behind some old cottages and shares a drive with Green Hedges. Parking will have to be limited to those with walking difficulties, so please park in the road or in Weston Close if you can.

Let us know if you need a lift as it is a little distance from the centre of the village. As usual, all are most welcome to come and enjoy a traditional English tea and good company. We do need to know if you are coming so please ring one of us: **Jill Lestrille (862131) or Viv Anscombe (8624550) or Barbara Anderson (862627), or email Jill at 23maynard38@gmail.com.** We look forward to seeing you. For the avoidance of doubt, we meet at 3.00pm!

Jill Lestrille

Tennis Dates for 2023: April - August

The village tennis court has recently been resurfaced and it is both looking great and playing really well for tennis of all standards. Please can members settle this year's **Membership Subs** by 1st May 2023, these are being kept at the same price as last year: £40 family, £25 single. New members are always welcome, for any new membership enquiries please contact Charles Holroyd on holroydcja@aol.com.

Junior Tennis Coaching Week: Easter: Tues 11th - Fri 14th April

Sessions start from 9.00am and are 45 minutes long. The coach will be Andrew Ridgers, who has been leading the tennis coaching for many years. He is very experienced and 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 several more groups, largely grouped together by age. The age range is roughly 3.5 up to 16/17-year-olds. The cost is £16 per child, whether your child is able to attend all the 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 slivingstonbooth@gmail.com with your child/children's name(s), age(s), and your contact details. Payment should be made by 1st April by Bank Transfer to Upton Grey Village Tennis Court: Sort Code 30-93-32, Account 02410908; or you can pay by cash to Susannah at Redwing House, Cemetery Lane, Upton Grey, RG25 2RD.

A couple of dates for the diary for later this spring/summer:

Social Tennis Mixer: Thursday 29th June 6.00pm at the village tennis court - it would be great to see as many of the Upton Grey Tennis Club members as possible for this event which is always fantastic fun.

Summer Junior Tennis Coaching Week: Mon-Fri 7-11 Aug, 9-12.45.

Coronation events (May 6th/7th)

We're looking forward to a wonderful weekend of events to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. On **Saturday 6th May** there will be a **Barn Dance** in a marquee on Church Meadow starting at 6.30pm. It's free and no tickets are needed, just bring family & friends (of all ages!) food, drink, tables and chairs and of course your dancing shoes! On **Sunday 7th May** there will be a **Celebration church service at 11.00am** followed by Prosecco and a peal of church bells. At 12.30pm we're back to the Church Meadow marquee for a **big picnic luncheon**; again bring tables, chairs, food, drink, family and friends. No tickets are needed and all are welcome to this free family event, which will also include a supervised bouncy castle for children. Flyers will come through your doors shortly, but if you'd like more information before then please contact **Millie White (07557 793237)** or **Sarah Barnes (01256 861164)**.

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Tickets will be on sale soon - £10 for adults and children 11 years & over (children under 11 years will be FREE).

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Save the Date: Upton Grey Harvest Supper, Saturday 7th October

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HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

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Easter Bingo: Saturday 1st April – Herriard Hub (British Legion Hall)

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Many thanks, Jenny Falconer

Curry and Quiz Evening, Sat 20th May, The Hub, Herriard 7.00pm

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Herriard Gardening Club

Happy April, budding gardeners! Spring is in the air and the days are lengthening. The sun has some warmth in it and the garden is re-emerging with fresh colours.

It's a busy time for us, so here is a list of a few jobs to get started on in your garden.

1. If you haven't already, plant shallots, onions and early potatoes.
2. Plant summer flowering bulbs and dahlias.
3. Cut back dogwood (Cornus) and willow (Salix), grown for colourful winter stems.
4. Divide and plant perennials.
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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Basingstoke Choral Society Concert: Bach: Saturday 1st April

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North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union



In March we started our knitting project. This year we are joining the "Innocent Big Knit" to support the work of AgeUK by making little hats to go on Innocent Smoothie bottles. Each hat that is sold raises 25p for AgeUK and these funds are used for support services for older people. If you would like to use up some of your odds and ends of wool to make these little hats then you can find lots of patterns on the AgeUK website (see <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/the-big-knit/>), and you are welcome to give us the hats to send on to AgeUK.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm** in the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. 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**.

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

We look forward to welcoming our Members to our April 2023 Meeting which will be held on **Thursday 27th April at 2.30pm** in the North Warnborough Village Hall. Our Guest Speaker, Belinda Allen, will talk about “Companion Planting”.

Our competitions will be: -

1. 5 Specimen Tulips of any variety.
2. 3 Stems of Camellias of any colour.

Visitors are always welcome at our Monthly Meetings. For further information about our Club, please visit our website at

<https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

Disability Awareness Day - Friday 28th April

Reminder for your diary, The Disability Forum will be in The Malls in Basingstoke on 28th April raising awareness of activities and services available in Basingstoke; 30 local organisations, 9.00am-4.00pm. Information and advice, including access, financial support, wellbeing activities, health service, support groups. Don't forget to come and say hello!

The Jubilee Choir: “Reflecting Royalty” All Saints Church, Odiham Sunday 30th April at 6.30pm

Join the Jubilee Choir for an exciting and varied programme of short choral works to celebrate the coronation, including well known pieces by Handel, Mozart, Elgar and Stanford. The choir will be conducted by Oliver Tarney and Thomas Edney, with organ accompaniment. Tickets are £15 with refreshments, free for those under 18, and are available from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 01256 701947.

Citizens Advice Hart Outreach Project

It may be difficult for people to get to the Citizens Advice Office in Fleet. They have therefore opened an outreach project with venues across the Hart district. We would be very happy to come and give a talk to any local groups to let them know of the type of advice we can provide. Please contact us to arrange either individual help or to request someone to come and talk to your group.

Call 01252 878435 or email outreach@citizensadvicehart.org.uk. Many thanks in advance.

Caroline Sutton, Outreach Adviser at Citizens Advice Hart

King's Coronation Saturday, 6th May 2023

The National Association of Civic Officers have published information about the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May and provided details about some of the national events that will be taking place over that weekend. The coronation itself will take place at Westminster Abbey on the morning of Saturday 6th May. Sunday 7th May will be the day for a Coronation Concert staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle and a Coronation Big Lunch will take place on the same day. The Big Lunch is being organised by the Eden Project and downloadable resources will be available from www.coronationbiglunch.com. The bank holiday on Monday 8th May will be focusing on volunteering and The Big Help Out is aimed at encouraging people to try volunteering in their local area. Further details can be found using the links below:

<https://www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64349942>

Coronation of King Charles III - A Celebration in Flowers

All Saints Church Odiham, **5th-14th May 9.00-17.00**. Come and enjoy the floral displays, created by the All Saints Church flower arrangers, for this very special occasion.



Foreign Coins and Notes for Prostate Screening: 13th May OCH

We are collecting foreign notes and coins cluttering up your home in our Odiham, Hartley Wintney and Old Basing Charity Shops. This is a joint project that will share the proceeds between Odiham Cottage Hospital and Hook & Odiham Lions (covering Hook, Odiham and Hartley Wintney). All Lions proceeds will help fund the next Lions' Prostate Cancer Screening session at 10.00am Saturday 13th May 2023 at the Odiham Cottage Hospital. Please see the Lions website for more details hookandodihamlions.co.uk

National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

The NGS Yellow County Booklet is now available. This year we have incorporated the IOW at the back of the booklet. This is delivered directly to Libraries and can be found in most Garden Centres and many local outlets. Keep a lookout! Details of all our Open Gardens are available on the NGS Website ngs.org.uk. After the Snowdrop Festival, this is now the commencement of our Annual Fundraising in earnest. It always seems like a challenge to match the previous years' totals, but with the support of our amazing volunteers, and our loyal visitors, we are going from strength to strength, after the knock back of Covid.

Beechenwood Farm Hillside Odiham RG291JA

Opening: Every Wednesday - commencing 29th March to 8th June from 2pm to 5pm. Also, by Arrangement. This gives the visitor a more private and leisurely visit. Admission: £5.00 children free. Refreshments: Home-made teas. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/8569>. 2 acre garden in many parts. Wander through the woodlands with drifts of Spring bulbs. Rose pergola with pots of Spring bulbs - and so much more.

Old Thatch & Millennium Barn, Winchfield RG27 8DD

Opening: Sunday 10th April 2pm to 6pm - note one day only! Admission: £4.00 - combined children free. Refreshments: Home-made teas. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/20927>. This is your typical chocolate box garden, with borders brimming with colour and pots round every corner. 5-acre garden bordering the Basingstoke canal (unfenced). Arrive by John Pinkerton narrow boat or pick up a boat shuttle at the Barley Mow wharf. OR arrive by car... Look out for the donkeys - if you don't see them, you will certainly hear them. Happy Garden Visiting. Best Wishes.

Pat Beagley (Publicity) pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk

Reporting potholes

After a mild but wet autumn, the hard freeze before Christmas has undoubtedly done more damage to relatively fragile road networks. Please do report potholes using the following link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

The early bird catches the worm – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

As the frosty veneer of winter melts away and the earth mellows for spring, you may notice little flurries of activity around your garden. Perhaps a robin is collecting leaves, or a song thrush is searching for a suitable place to settle.

A small number of brave garden birds are already preparing for breeding, while others may even have started laying their eggs, flying in the face of their species' normal nesting patterns. Early nesting is a risky move, but every year a daring few throw caution to the wind and get started well ahead of time.

So, why take such a risk? Well, the earlier that birds start to breed, the more offspring they can produce in a season, meaning they can spread their genes far and wide. Typically, it will be older, more mature birds that attempt this tactic, as they have the necessary knowledge and experience to give them a fighting chance of overcoming the challenges it brings (last year's hatchlings still have much to learn).

Some species, however, nest early in the year as a matter of course. Rooks and carrion crows, for example, have eggs in the nest by mid-March. One reason for this is the early bird really does catch the worm; it is much easier to find earth worms in March when the soil is damp than later in the year when the ground becomes warmer and drier. Mistle thrushes adopt a similar strategy, and an added benefit for them is that predatory birds, such as jays, have not yet begun searching for eggs and young birds.

The long-tailed tit is another early breeder. It is essential they get an early start as long-tailed tits are tasked with building what is perhaps the most labour-intensive nest in Britain.

These tiny, industrious birds – sometimes called 'flying teaspoons' on account of their distinctive 'lollipop stick' tail that is bigger than their small, round body – create soft domes from thousands of pieces of moss, which they glue together with strands of sticky cobweb. Lichen fragments are then sprinkled on to create a protective camouflage before the nest is lined with feathers for warmth. It takes around three weeks to build, but the end result is a comfortable, cosy home - the perfect place to start a family.

The demands of building a nest, laying eggs and rearing young are enormous, and a bird must be in peak physical condition to succeed. You can give local birds a helping hand by providing them with protein-rich food such as dried mealworms.

Find out more ways to help wildlife by visiting the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website at hiwwt.org.uk

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Long tailed tits take around three weeks to build their intricate nests, so start earlier than other birds (c) Jon Hawkins, Surrey Hills Photography

Time to get walking again!

With spring on its way we start to think about getting out walking in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Hampshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants> has loads of walks to download and print, free, as well as books of walks, details of walking groups in the county and much more. Whether walking on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Hampshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris, john@walkinginengland.co.uk
www.walkinginengland.co.uk

SMALL ADS

Cheam School Co-Educational Day, Flexi and Weekly Boarding Prep School for ages 3–13

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Cheam School, Headley, Newbury, Berkshire, RG19 8LD

01635 267822 registrar@cheamschool.co.uk www.cheamschool.com

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £12 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 (RBL Hall / Herriard Hub) 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 2023

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

APRIL DATES

1st April	Sat	Easter Bingo, Herriard Hub (British Legion Hall)	6.30pm
1st April	Sat	Bach B Minor Mass, Anvil, Basingstoke	7.30pm
11th Apr	Tues	Talk by Rosy Hardy, Village Hall, Upton Grey	7.00pm
11-14 Apr	Tue-Fri	Junior Tennis Coaching Week, Upton Grey	9.00-12.45
15th Apr	Sat	Upton Grey Spring Horticultural Show	
20th Apr	Thur	T@3, Spindle Wood, Weston Road, Upton Grey	3.00pm
24th Apr	Mon	Coffee and Cake, Upton Grey Village Hall	11.00-1.00
28th Apr	Fri	Disability Awareness, The Malls, Basingstoke	9.00-4pm
30th Apr	Sun	Bluebell Garden, Brick Kiln Cottage, Herriard	12.00-5pm
30th Apr	Sun	Jubilee Choir, All Saints Church, Odiham	6.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

6th May	Sat	Screening of Coronation at Herriard Hub	
6th May	Sat	Barn Dance in marquee on Church Meadow, UG	6.30pm
7th May	Sun	Celebration service at St Mary's Upton Grey	11.00am
7th May	Sun	Big Picnic Luncheon in Church Meadow marquee, UG	12.30pm
7th May	Sun	Coronation Evensong at St Mary's Herriard	6.00pm
13th May	Sat	Prostate Screening, Odiham Cottage Hospital	10.00am
20th May	Sat	Curry & Quiz Evening, The Hub, Herriard	7.00pm
4th June	Sun	Herrard Fête, Herriard Green	12.00-3.00
10th June	Sat	Upton Grey Fête, Sherborne Cottage, Upton Grey	2.00pm
11th June	Sun	Friends of St Michael's Hospice Drinks, Manor House, UG	11.30-2
29th June	Thu	UG Tennis Mixer, Upton Grey Court	6.00pm
9th July	Sun	PipeUp for St Mary's UG Opening Concert	5pm <i>Tbc</i>
7-11 Aug	Mon-Fri	Junior Tennis Coaching Week, Upton Grey	9.00-12.45
12th Aug	Sat	Upton Grey Summer Horticultural Show	
13th Aug	Sun	Comedy of Errors, Church Meadow, UG	4.00pm
7th Oct	Sat	Harvest Supper, Upton Grey Village Hall	
28th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	6.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Each Mon/Thu	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, Hub, Herriard	10-12noon

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Please note that the copy deadline for the May issue is the 15th April.

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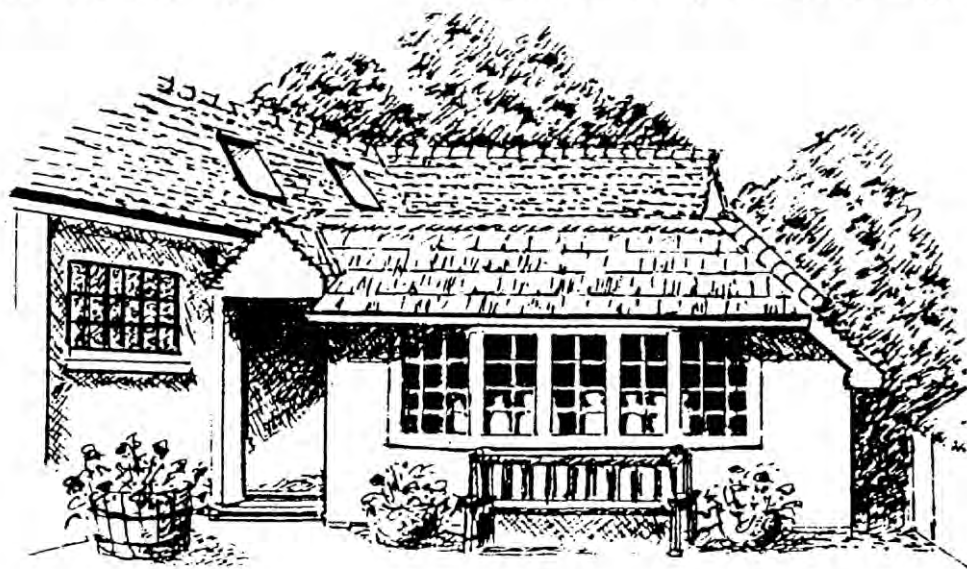
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