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By the time you *read* this, The Coronation will probably feel like a thousand years ago, but as I *write* it I can still feel the dull ache in my legs from 14 hours straight on my feet two days ago, as I had the once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the Coronation Concert in Windsor in recognition of my work with Ukrainian refugees. What an honour!

The whole weekend had lots of 'stand out' moments for me: Listening to opera singers fill the venue with their body-shaking voices; meeting other people who do such inspirational things in the community; enjoying Katy Perry live... But, especially as the youth pastor,



I think the one that possibly means the most to me was right at the beginning of the service on the Saturday, when a 14-year-old boy asked the king,

Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings'.

The BBC experts who were sifting through every word after the event have suggested that, in modern parlance, this might be compared to him saying 'Hi! Welcome to our home, but what are you doing here?' The king's response was clear and to the point:

'In his name and after his example I come not to service but to serve.'

This sentiment was then re-emphasised in both Prince William's speech at the concert and Justin Welby's sermon in The Abbey.

'We are here to crown a king, and we crown a king to serve.'

From the very beginning of his reign (and in fact, for the 50 or so years before it) King Charles has recognised one of the key truths of being a good leader – understanding that your role is not to sit on a throne and receive adoration, but to kneel down, take the towel from around your waist and wash the feet of those you are called to lead. You will obviously recognise the reference to Jesus at the last supper, and quite possibly we may never see King Charles break out the warm soapy suds near our toes,

but you get the idea! King Charles promised to follow Jesus's example and continue to live a life dedicated to the people who live in the UK and beyond: putting our needs before his own and speaking out against injustice against individuals, nations and even the natural world – showing a radical kind of love. To proclaim good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and recovery of sight for the blind and to set the oppressed free.

Recognise those words? They're taken from one of the readings in The Coronation – Luke 4:18 and were read by Jesus in the synagogue at the very beginning of his ministry. Just like King Charles, right at the beginning of his work, Jesus sets out his policy statement. We are to stand up for those who are weak and speak for those who have no voice. Jesus came for everyone but especially for society's rejected people, the poor, prisoners, the oppressed. Right from the start, he stated that he wasn't going to fit in with the cultural norms. All through his ministry He went against the grain and radically loved those that didn't deserve it. He didn't choose to associate much with the people that 'society' would have back in the day!

Nobody ever came to Jesus and went away feeling that he had marginalised or snubbed them. He encouraged children; he was friends with tax collectors and sinners; women were among his followers; Romans were greeted. Even the woman taken in adultery was treated with dignity.

We too are called to take on this mantle of social concern and justice. We can't claim to follow Jesus and treat anyone with contempt. As James said, 'I will show you my faith through my works' (James 2:18).

But that's easier said than done, here in the beauty and relative affluence of the North Hampshire Downs, isn't it? I wonder who exactly we would see as the marginalised and oppressed as we walk down Odiham high street, who are those in our community who feel like outcasts and unloved as we walk across the fields in our villages? I leave the job of thinking about that up to you, but I am convinced that they are there, and that to make a difference to our world we need to learn to love them more like Jesus would, and if that means going against the grain in who we display love to, then so be it! We need to be aware of those who may feel left out and ignored, we need to show them radical love like Jesus would and our king has promised to.

Helen Chatfield, Benefice Youth Pastor

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral: Nigel McNair Scott at All Saints Tunworth on 14th April

Wedding: Jenny Smith and Mike Buck at St Mary's Upton Grey on 28th April

Wedding: Harriet Croft and Will Cheney at St Mary's Herriard on 29th April

Funeral: Jane Ashe at St Mary's Upton Grey on 19th May

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th June

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship Thursday 8th June 9.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said) Sunday 11th June 9.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said) 10.00am Upton Grey – Pet Service 10.00am Weston Patrick – CW Holy Communion 6.00pm Tunworth – Evensong **Thursday 15th June** 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said) Sunday 18th June 9.00am Herriard – Morning Worship with Baptism 9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer 10.00am Upton Grey – Volunteer Service (CW Holy Communion) Sunday 25th June 9.00am Tunworth – Pet Service 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship 11.00am Herriard – Family Service with Baptism 5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

CHURCH NEWS

Coffee & Cake

St Mary's Upton Grey and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are continuing with their regular coffee/cake sessions. The June events are:

- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at Upton Grey Village Hall, 11.00am–1.00pm on Monday 12th and 26th June.
- Coffee morning at Weston Patrick Village Hall, 11.00am–12.30pm on Wednesday 14th June.

Tea or coffee, slice of cake, chat. Open to all, very informal, no need to book, just turn up. All ages welcome!

Pet Services

There are Pet Services at Upton Grey (10.00am on June 11th), Tunworth (9.00am on June 25th), and Herriard Green (9.00am on July 16th). All animals – human and otherwise! – will be most welcome.

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KidsZone

Hi everyone!



It probably seems a long time to you right now – but how did you guys celebrate The King's Coronation? Did you watch it on the tv? Maybe you actually went up to London... Ate cucumber sandwiches at a street party? Watched the concert?

I was incredibly honoured to be invited to go to the actual concert as a 'thank you' for my work with Ukrainian families. It was certainly a day I'll never forget!

Early start, and then in the queue before midday. Glorious weather and loads of chats with random strangers in the queue (you know me!) and we finally made it to the stage. We were so close – I could literally almost reach out to touch the performers!

This is me listening to Scott Mills from Radio 2. I wonder if you had a stand out moment during the performance – there were so many I could choose from, but I think it has to be Prince William's words about his dad (if you want to hear me ramble on about that, read the editorial at the front) and Katy Perry's performance of Roar.





If you want to watch it back, just scan this QR code for the BBC coverage of her act. Part of the reason I like Katy Perry is her lyrics. I wonder if you have ever really listened to the lyrics of Roar? Have a read of this little extract:

I used to bite my tongue and hold my breath Scared to rock the boat and make a mess So I sat quietly, agreed politely

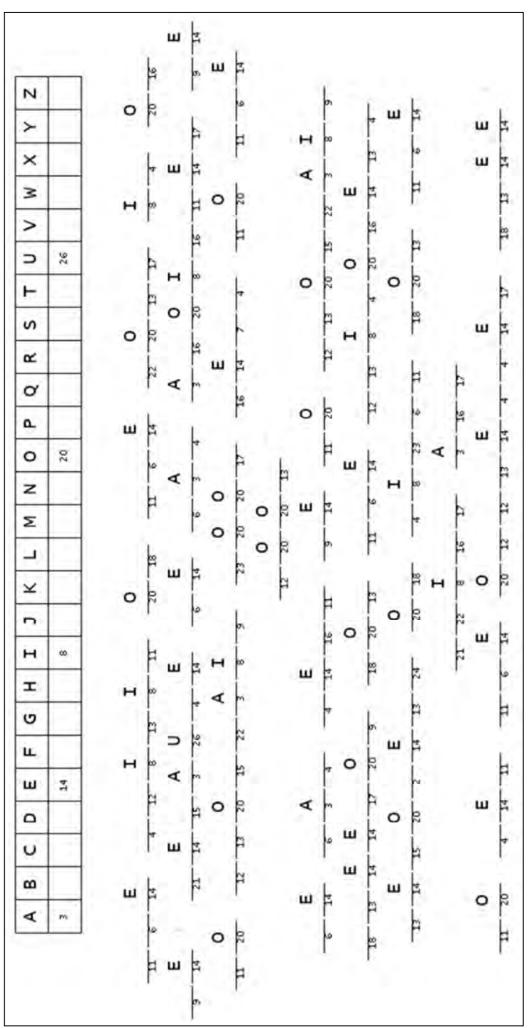
I wonder how many times you have just been scared to stand up for who you are? Scared to stand up for someone who is being treated badly? Scared to 'rock the boat' and say you don't agree with something, just in case you get into trouble or your friends and family don't agree with you. There are loads of places in the Bible which talk about how we should be brave and stand up for what is right.

Here's one of them – in fact, it was the reading at The Coronation. Crack the code on the next page to find out what Jesus said: Jesus said these words just after he came out of the wilderness. Right at the beginning of the three years he spent teaching and healing. It was all brand new for him. He was probably a bit overwhelmed by what he was expected to do. A bit scared of 'rocking the boat' and getting into trouble – let's face it, he actually did get into quite a lot of trouble with the authorities! But he believed that God would be with him and would give him the strength to do what was right, even if it wasn't easy. I wonder if we can have that confidence? This month, let me challenge you to do exactly what Katy Perry (and Jesus!) tell us to do: Roar like a tiger, be a champion and stand up for what is right!

God Bless and see you next time!

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

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

June Farming News

Spring seems to have arrived as I look out the window whilst writing this article – albeit a month later than we would have liked, but it is the one variable that we cannot control. We have managed to take our opportunities when we can when the weather gave us a break. We finished planting the spring barley at the beginning of April, which was a month after the first field that we drilled. We didn't drill it all in February as we had a mixture of soil types to plant into. The 'lighter', more chalky land is less prone to waterlogging and less likely to 'cap over'. This is where the surface of the soil, when rained on, runs together (more common on clay soils). Then when this dries out it leaves a very hard surface which any emerging plant will struggle to grow through. So we drilled up all the lighter fields and left the remainder of 'heavier' more clay soils until later. We are pleased to see how well they have grown so far: the later sown barley is coming through nicely and will grow quickly in these conditions.

All of the fertiliser has been applied to our combinable crops now, the wheat is looking a nice dark green colour which means it is healthy and photosynthesising well. The oil seed rape is now in mid flower and has filled out on some of the thinner patches as well; you may have noticed the yellow fields all around us lately, as well as the strong smell it gives off (apologies to hay fever sufferers). Our hybrid rye is just coming out in ear, which means the grains are now just visible. This will be forage harvested in late June for the AD plant at Herriard – which turns our focus onto drilling the maize. Like Joe (Ives), we were hoping to have finished this by the end of April but looking at the weather forecast we will have this in the ground by the end of the week which will be mid-May, and with soil temperatures rising it should emerge and grow away quickly. Just before planting we are having 'digestate' slurry being spread onto the fields first which will give the crop roughly 70 kg of nitrogen as well as small amounts of phosphorous, potassium and sulphur. This is the waste product that comes out of the AD plant following its process of producing electricity and gas. With fertiliser still at a hefty price, this is essential for us to keep our costs down for the year. We will again be using our 'striptill' cultivator to cultivate only the strips of soil that the maize will be drilled into. This is to maintain our soil structure and soil biology, but also it reduces our diesel usage as well.

One of our next jobs will be prepping a plot for a pumpkin patch to be planted into, which we will again be running this October – slightly

later than we would have liked, but hopefully it will be a long enough growing period before the end of October.

Our grass fields have been forage harvested and transported down to Joe's farm to feed his cows. We will now apply digestate slurry onto the fields to feed the grass for another cut later in the summer.

The chickens have been released from 'Flock down' and are now enjoying time back out in the open grass field next to their house. It's great to have them back outside and they have enjoyed sunbathing in the field as well.

The farm has fared well in some unseasonal weather of late but we are looking forward to some normality and it won't be long until harvest. Will Cheyney

News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School

We loved visiting St Mary's Church, Upton Grey, and All Saints Church, Long Sutton, for their Coronation services. A small group of children sang at each service and were proud to represent their school.

Please save the date for our Community Open Day: Thursday 6th July 1.15–2.45pm. Flyers with details about booking a place will be circulated in June. The afternoon will be an opportunity for residents from our catchment villages and wider community to visit our school, enjoy a tour and enjoy a Fair Trade cafe in the school hall. Children will provide school tours, host in the cafe and provide entertainment! If you would like to learn more about our school, we'd love to see you there.

Hannah Inglis, Headteacher

Laptops and tablets needed!

Your local Lions clubs run a scheme to reuse unwanted laptops and tablet computers. We are pleased to announce that we have supplied over 2,500 pieces of IT to individuals, families and schools in need, and last summer we started to supply laptops (with dual UK alphabet and Cyrillic keys) to a number of Ukrainian families in our area. The need for equipment has grown and so if you have a surplus laptop or tablet please consider donating it to the Lions IT Project. We will wipe your laptop clean from all data, software and operating system and install the latest software before giving it to someone in need – so much better than it ending up in landfill.

Please email me if you can make a donation. Email address: alison.barker@hartlions.org.uk or give me a call on 01256 861745.

Thank you.Alison Barker, Hart Lions Club (CIO) 1193888tel: 0750 2341112, email: alison.barker@hartlions.org.uk

Message from Cllr Onnalee Cubitt

Dear All,

Firstly, I would like to say how honoured I am to have been re-elected by the people of our ward. I shall continue to fight for the interests of our residents and for the betterment of Basingstoke. I am always available to parishioners. Please contact me or my colleague Cllr Sven Godesen or Cllr Kate Tuck with any issues relating to the Borough. We are all Independent Councillors and work extremely closely as a team.

Just in case you are unaware of a fantastic opportunity to access funds for your local area we draw your attention to The Strengthening Communities grant scheme (google: Basingstoke Strengthening communities). Deadline the end of June. It is designed to promote activities which will benefit the community.

Kind regards,

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt

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Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club – April Draw

This month's winners of the UGVH 100 Club are: £100 S Rosen; £40 Dunkley

If you haven't yet got your number or want to increase your chance of winning by adding a number, it's not too late to sign up: £20 for 10 months' entries.

You can make payment by cash or by cheque. Cheques should be made out to 'Upton Grey Village Hall Committee'. Cash or cheques can be left in Wayside Cottage's post box. (Wayside Cottage is next to the Village Hall).

If you can pay by bank transfer our account is Upton Grey Village Hall Committee, Sort Code 09-01-51 Account No: 86355505. Please add your name and Post Code. Thank you, **Sam, Wendy and Brian**

Upton Grey Coronation weekend

A huge thanks to Upton Grey Helping Hands Committee for organising the great Coronation weekend, with barn dance and picnic. Also many thanks to Upton Grey Parish Council, and sponsors L Hunt & Sons, the Stitching Room, Totally Tennis & David Janaway. The prize for the best decorated house was won by the Hunts, but the whole village looked festive and fun.





The Upton Grey Golf Day 2023

Every year (since the Jubilee I think) golfers of Upton Grey have battled for the honour of holding the Upton Grey Champions' Cup. All golfers in any way related to Upton Grey are invited to compete. This is the official notification.

It will take place on Friday 9th June at Tylney Park Golf Course (Rotherwick, RG27 9AY, https://www.tylneypark.co.uk/) Arrive at 12.00noon for coffee and bacon rolls. Tee offs from 12.45pm. Prizes for individual and team Stableford, longest drive and nearest the pin. Two course dinner at 5.00pm. Cost £65.00 if we have fewer than 12 players, otherwise £57.00. The organiser this year is the possessor of the 2022 champion trophy Tom Bennett. So please reply to me! tdtbennett@tiscali.co.uk (07743 554994)

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice invite you

....to the world-renowned Gertrude Jekyll Garden at The Manor House, Upton Grey, RG25 2RD by kind permission of Mr and Mrs John Wallinger on Sunday 11th June from 11.30am–2.00pm. Drinks and canapés will be served.

To join the event, please go on the Hospice website to purchase your tickets, www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk, at £25.00 per person. Otherwise please contact Jane Lyons at Weir's Barn, Hartley Wintney, Hook, RG27 8HS or by email: janelyons@talktalk.net.

If you are unable to join the event but would like to donate, again please go to our website as above. Donations by cheque should be payable to St Michael's Hospice.



<u>Church Fete</u> 2.00pm Saturday 10thJune Sherborne Cottage Church Street Upton Grey

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The Upton Grey village fete in aid of St Mary's Church is THIS month. Please do come along and enjoy this annual long-standing village event which is both a fundraiser for the church and fun entertainment for all ages. See separate ad for details. A reminder that this is a CASH event – you don't want your shopping to be thwarted by lack of the readies. There are two card readers but these are spread thin over such a big event. $\pounds 2.00$ entry and U14s free.

We are very grateful to Nick and Rosie Ralls who have kindly agreed for us to use their beautiful spacious gardens at Sherborne Cottage.

Last year 500 people turned up, which is fantastic, but did mean the teas especially were really stretched. Lots of people are already involved in getting this event up and running, and we are incredibly grateful to them for their energy and commitment but if you are not yet one of these, and are able to lend a hand for an hour or two, please contact: Frances Yeowart: mobile 07774163217 or email: francesyeowart@outlook.com . Getting involved is fun!

May the sun shine! And thank you so much for your support,

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

Garden Stall

Any garden-related items would be gratefully received. If you are having a clear out/spring clean of the shed and have any unwanted garden tools, garden furniture, an old wheelbarrow, hanging baskets, garden pots/troughs, then please don't throw them away. If you have leftover seedlings, the odd bag of compost, or maybe overbought on your bedding plants, are dividing a hosta or any perennials, surplus rhubarb, the odd indoor plant or anything that could possibly be sold on a 'garden' stall please let me know. I can collect or just drop on my drive or deliver to the stall on the day: Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane. Any donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Debbie Bridle (debbie@debbie-bridle.com, 01256 862705)

Book stall

Please donate books for the Fete bookstall. We can't sell out of date reference books, but welcome modern novels, literary or airport reads. Also children's books. Susie Vereker 01256 862365

If you have any GOOD QUALITY unwanted items then please do bring them along to the White Elephant stall at the fete where we will be delighted to sell them. We are very grateful for donations, but please, nothing broken or chipped as it is just does not sell and then has to be disposed of. Delivery on the day from 10.00am - or by special arrangement if this is difficult.

If there is anything that is too big to sit on a table or be easily transported, we would prefer to sell this beforehand, so please do ring to discuss. Frances Yeowart 861218 or mobile: 07774163217

Thank you! Frances, Julia, Mary, June and Rosie

The Southern Fellowship of Woodworkers' 2nd participation in the Upton Grey Church Fete in support of Youth Outreach Project

This year we are hosting an additional small woodworking local outlet: Ash & Co. They produce kits for youngsters to assemble, and also run basic woodworking courses in their workshop near Crondall for parents/ grandparents to bring their children along for a day's learning together. Courses for scout, guide and church groups are also available. Samples of the kits will be available to view at Sherborne Cottage from the end of May.

In addition, there will be St Mary's Church organ heritage Bird Nest and Bee boxes, with alternative kits for young people.



Organ heritage bird nest box (left) and different 'Pet makes': Patches the dog, Perrie the pony and Bolt and Rockette (right)

The SFWW meet on every fourth Thursday evening of the month (not summer), in the stunning medieval Cross Barn, Odiham. Information is available from the secretary, Tim McGinn, at secretary@sfww.org.uk

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Summer Junior tennis coaching week: Mon 7th – Fri 11th August

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 the Odiham Tennis Club. The youngest children have the first session, which is 45 minutes, and then there are usually four more groups, largely grouped together by age. The age range is roughly 3.5 up to 16/17 year olds.

The cost is $\pounds 16.00$ 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 on: slivingstonbooth@gmail.com with your child/children's name(s), age(s), and your contact details.

Payment should be made by 1st August 2023 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

Upton Grey Horticultural Society - Summer Show - Saturday 12th August

Just to let you know that we're all set and raring to go with this lovely summer community event taking place in the Marquee in Church Meadow, (opposite St Mary's Church), Upton Grey. But we do need your exhibits to make it a success.

Brochures listing all the classes adults and children can enter will be coming to your mail box in July. They will also be available in Upton Grey and South Warnborough shops. The adult classes cover anything from flowers, plants, floral decorations, preserves, baking, handicraft, art, photographic, to fruit and vegetables. For children we have anything from Lego, photographic, painting/drawing, collage, craft, to baking. There will be a closing date for you to tell us what you are going to enter to make sure we have plenty of room to display your exhibits. All exhibits will be judged for what they are as this is not a professional exhibitors' show. You'll need to be a resident of Upton Grey, Greywell, Herriard, Long Sutton, Nately Scures, North Warnborough, South Warnborough, Tunworth, Up Nately, Weston Corbett, Weston Patrick, or Winslade, to enter. If you've grandchildren living outside your village, then they can enter too.

In the afternoon we've a raffle (fabulous prizes), artisan stalls, a dog show, ice cream van, and lots more. And of course you can see the exhibits in the Marquee. Even if you're not exhibiting we'd love to welcome you and your family and friends.

If you have any questions, or maybe you'd like to volunteer to help set up the show or help on the day, then please contact me on 01256 862719. **June Hunt, for Upton Grey Horticultural Society**

Rain or Shine Theatre Company *Comedy of Errors* Sunday 13th August at 4.00pm in Church Meadow Upton Grey

Rain or Shine Theatre Company in association with Upton Grey Drama Group return again this time with their new production *Comedy of Errors* on Sunday August 13th: gates open for picnics at 3.00pm; the performance starts at 4.00pm.

Tickets can be bought via Ticketsource link: (google: ticketsource upton grey comedy of errors): £10 for adults and children 11 years and over (children under 11 years will be FREE).

Please bring your own chairs/rugs/picnics/drinks, and the Flower Show marquee will be there if it's raining or shade is needed. For further information please contact UptonGreyDrama@gmail.com.

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

Upton Grey Harvest Supper – Saturday 7th October. Please make a note in your diary. Further info to follow!

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

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS www.herriard-pc.gov.uk www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk Herriard Village Group on http://www.Facebook.com

Herriard's Coronation weekend



On Saturday morning at 10.00am, the Hub was ready with coffee and cake, bunting, flowers and the TV bringing all the excitement and splendour of the Coronation to Herriard!

Everyone settled down to watch the Ceremony, some following the service on their phones (with the ability to google and fill everyone in on the finer points) and some on a copy of the service sheet downloaded from the internet. What an absolutely spell-binding morning it was.

Thank you to everyone who joined us – there was so much enjoyment watching the ceremony together – and much laughter from the great efforts made to dress for the occasion (from classic red, white and blue to the odd crown or two!). Thank you to Pat and Julie and to the Hub for their hospitality,

for the much-enjoyed coffee and cake, and most especially to Skylar, Josie and their Mum for the absolutely delicious cup-cakes.

On Sunday we were so grateful to Mark Ruffell for leading our very special Coronation Evensong and to Rose Bell for playing for us – the hymns, readings and Mark's talk beautifully reflected the majesty of the Coronation.

The flowers, bunting, crown and royal coach played their part too! And, in the best St Mary's Herriard with Winslade tradition, the king and queen were toasted with a glass of lovely champagne and, with all the delicious food people had kindly provided: practically a three-course meal!

What a wonderful and happy weekend! God save the King!

Fete & Dog Show

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Plant Stall, Herriard Fete – Sunday 4th June 12.00-3.00pm

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Please label your plant donations which can be left in the porch at Kate Dunford's, 'Highwood', King Johns Lane, RG25 2PE or Pat Pegg's, Danetree Cottage, 4 Bagmore Lane. Alternatively, labelled plants can be brought to the stall on the day.

Summer is here and so is cricket!

The cricket season is now in full swing with all of Herriard's teams playing at home at Herriard Green. We have teams playing in the Hampshire cricket league on both Saturdays and mid-week. Saturday league matches are hosted at Herriard every Saturday from 1.00pm.

Please keep an eye on our website www.herriardsportsclub.co.uk for further details so you can come along and lend your support. We have a pay bar and ice lollies for sale for the big kids amongst us, all you need is your blanket and picnic!

We always extend a warm welcome to new players, whatever ability, with a Sunday friendly side too there is sure to be a slot for you. Training takes place every Thursday from 5.30pm, weather permitting, so if you fancy having a go with the bat or ball why not come along and give us a try?

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Whether spectating or playing, we look forward to welcoming you at Herriard Green soon.

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Sat 17th June – 1 XI v St Mary Bourne

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Sat 24th June – 1 XI v Sherfield– on– Loddon

Sat 1st July – 2 XI v Donnington

Herriard with Winslade Pet Service



Sunday 16th July 9.00am at The Pavilion on the Village Green

Please do come and join us for this much loved service and please do bring your well behaved and non-dangerous pets for a blessing from Rev. Amber!

WESTON PATRICK NEWS

Village events

We are now holding a regular coffee morning on the second Wednesday of every month in the Weston Patrick Village Hall. All are welcome to come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat.

A very successful quiz evening took place in our village hall with delicious lasagne followed by wonderful chocolate roulade. As well as raising much needed money for our beautiful church, St Lawrence, and its maintenance, we all had a great deal of fun.

An extremely well-attended litter pick was organised as the Weston Patrick & Weston Corbett contribution to the Big Help Out as part of the celebrations of the King's Coronation. This was followed by drinks, delicious canapés and a toast to the King and Queen.



Our Church services are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10.00 am and the 4th Sunday at 5.00 pm. Our wonderful choir are still singing beautifully at the Evensong service and shouldn't be missed.



OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS



North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

As I write this I am preparing to attend the Provincial

Conference for Mothers' Union in Canterbury Province. We will have time to worship together, and to hear about all the fantastic work undertaken by Mothers' Union around the country.

One of our local projects is the Child Contact Centre in Popley in Basingstoke which runs on two Saturday afternoons each month. This centre allows estranged parents to meet their children in a safe and welcoming environment, and to build loving relationships with them. A relationship with both parents is very important to the long-term mental health and well-being of these children. If you can spare the occasional afternoon to help these families, then please contact me.

Mothers' Union in this diocese will be holding their Festival Service in St Lawrence's Church, Winchester on Tuesday 20th June at 11.00am, and everyone is welcome to join us. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on sue@themurphys.me.uk or 01252 845011.

Local Art News, Open Studio to Visit!

I'm organising an open studio exhibition in June. I live in Tunworth and am putting on the show in Odiham at the former Lloyds Bank, 61 Odiham High Street. My paintings will be there, alongside three friends' work. I'd love to invite all my neighbours in the parish. I'll be painting but also making tea and showing everyone around. Sadly, there's no wheelchair access due to steps up to the door. The opening times for the studio will be: Tuesday June 6th (11-5.00), Thursday June 8th (11-8.00); weekend June 10th/11th; June 13th/15th/18th (11-5.00). Hope to see you there!

Chloe Scott Moncrieff

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

We do not meet in the North Warnborough Village Hall in June, as it is the date of our Annual Outing. We look forward to welcoming Members back to our July Monthly Meeting.

For further information, please visit our website at: https://www.nwdgc.org.uk



It's good to talk! Our fifty plus activity groups are all completely run by their members for their members

and thus have their own way of doing things, structuring their activities to best suit their members' interests. However, once a year the group leaders meet up to share ideas and experiences and to look ahead.

This May over 60 of them met at the Cricket Club to discuss how to keep our u3a fresh, relevant and provide opportunities for members to continue to enjoy learning, laughing and living. We will be showcasing their hard work at our open day, in the afternoon of August 10th at the Elizabeth Hall in Hook, where all the groups will have a display area, thus providing an opportunity for members and prospective members to find out more about them.

In the meantime, its business as usual with lots going on!

- Our Local Theatre group has added even more shows to an already busy calendar including visits to 42nd Street and Noises Off.
- Fleet Air Arm Museum was the destination for our Wings and Wheels group where they enjoyed a guided tour.
- Staying closer to home, both our Nordic Walking and Walking for Pleasure groups have not only been exercising their bodies but also enjoying each other's company over refreshments a reward at the end of their session.
- And our Table Tennis groups have a similar reward system: a nice cup of coffee/tea and biscuits in the Hartletts Café after all their efforts for getting that ball over the net!
- Moving indoors, our Drawing and Painting Group has moved to The Cricket Club, enjoying the light from the large windows down one side.



• By contrast, our Backgammon group stays snug, in the snug, at the Bel and the Dragon.

If you would like to find out more about us, please visit our website: www.odihamu3a.org.uk



National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

Once again the BBC's Gardeners World magazine is running the Garden of the Year competition for 2023. They are looking for gardens throughout the UK, of any shape or size. Entry is free, so you have nothing to lose by giving it a go. Closing date is midday on 12th June. Check out the NGS website: ngs.org.uk

This period sees five of the six village Openings we have for 2023. This gives visitors the opportunity to

pay one price per village to visit several gardens.

Amport & Monxton gardens SP11 8AY: Sunday and Monday 28th /29th May 2.00pm–5.30pm.

Romsey Gardens: SO51 8LD: Sunday and Monday 28th / 29th May 10.30am–4.30pm:

Froyle gardens GU31 4LG: Saturday and Sunday 3rd / 4th June 2.00pm– 5.30pm:

New for 2023!

Headley village gardens GU35 8PW: Saturday and Sunday 10th / 11th June 10.30am–5.00pm:

Stockbridge gardens SO20 6EX: Thursday 8th and Sunday 11th June 2.00pm–5.00pm:

If you don't fancy village openings, we have an amazing new garden opening less than 10 miles from Upton Grey (it's not often I use the adjective 'amazing'):

Mill House, Vyne Road, Sherborne St John RG24 9HU

Opening: Thursday 29th June and Sunday 2nd July 2.00pm–6.00pm Admission: £5.00, children free. Card payment available. Refreshments: home-made teas

Set in a private valley, the three acres of domestic fruit, vegetables, wild flowers and casual planting are arranged around a watermill, which generates domestic electricity for the house. Sustainability and low maintenance lie at its heart, to fit with modern life. Open views, set with mature trees and livestock, give a tranquil sense of space, with moving and static water framed in an undulating landscape. Rural in feel, despite its proximity to Basingstoke, it features a number of differing zones. Tended solely by the owners, the structure and planting has been chosen to facilitate easy maintenance (by hand-powered machinery and sheep) to save time. Static and moving water provide interest and a haven for waterfowl, pied wagtails, swans and kingfishers.

This next 'garden' opened for the NGS very successfully last year: *Hook Cross Allotments* Reading Road, Hook RG27 9DB Opening: Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July 1.00pm–5.00pm Admission: £4.00, children free. Card payments available. Refreshments: light refreshments, cold drinks and snacks available or bring your own picnic.

Established on arable farmland in 2010, this pretty edge-of-village community-run allotment site is now one of the largest in Hampshire. With more than 100 plot-holders you can see a wonderful variety of approaches to growing edible produce and flowers including raised beds, no-dig, novel crops, traditional lay-outs and poly-tunnels. Be inspired to try growing your own and talk to plot-holders who will be on hand to discuss their experiences and what's involved. Vegetables, soft fruit, top fruit, flowers, unusual produce and herbs. The allotments incorporate a number of wildlife-friendly features such as beetle banks to help beneficial invertebrates, insect hotels, nest-boxes, wildflower meadow and a community orchard. Wildlife on the site includes birds, butterflies and small mammals. It is usually easy to watch red kites, buzzards, kestrels and skylarks above the plots.

Two very different gardens above, but many more ideas of NGS Open Gardens available to visit in the NGS Yellow book. If you are having trouble getting a Hampshire Yellow Book, just give me an email and I will pop one in the post. **Pat Beagley pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk**

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.

Email outreach@citizensadvicehart.org.uk or call 01252 878435. Many thanks in advance.

Caroline Sutton, Outreach Adviser at Citizens Advice Hart

The journey of lapwing nesting: a story of resilience and renewal in the natural world

Fifty years ago, wandering across the lightly tilled agricultural land of rural Hampshire, a lapwing circling across the vista would have been a typical site in early Spring. Nowadays it is somewhat rarer but no less spectacular.

Lapwings are ground-nesting birds found across much of the UK. In Hampshire, your best bet of seeing a lapwing is at the coast, especially at a grazing marsh site like Farlington Marshes Nature Reserve. These are birds of wide-open spaces, liking nothing better than a view of the surrounding area, unhindered by scrub and trees, allowing predators to be quickly identified.



Lapwing © Ian Cameron-Reid

On a sunny late February day, you will see them enacting aerial displays, and summersaults accompanied by their unique call. Territories are formed where males vigorously attack any intruder. Come the end of March, things are generally settled down and into April, you will see nests appearing. A female may be huddled down on three to four eggs. This is the most vulnerable stage for the young. Crows or buzzards, foxes, badgers and even the cuddly hedgehog will make short work of the nest, so they are up against it.

That is not to say that they are helpless. Lapwings are some of the bravest parents going. At any sign of an intruder, they will take to the air and bombard the wannabe egg thief mercilessly until it is deterred. The more lapwings there are with nests in the vicinity, the more likely it is that they will successfully see off a predator.

At the end of April and into May, the first chicks will arrive. These little fluff balls are immediately able to feed for themselves so the parents will take them to wet areas where they pick invertebrates off the surface of the mud. In these first few weeks of mobility, they are particularly vulnerable to avian predators. A crow flying over will exact a very specific alarm call from the adult. At this sound, the chicks will bolt for cover, whether that is a patch of rush or a hoof print in the mud, they are well camouflaged and if quick, may avoid detection.

Roughly four weeks later, the chicks will be taking flight and we breathe a sigh of relief as a few lucky birds make it to adulthood, hopefully returning in a few years to raise some young for themselves.

Find out more about local wildlife at Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's website, www.hiwwt.org.uk

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SMALL ADS – June

Hat tricks

Hats for all occasions to buy or rent. Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am till 3.00pm, Saturday 10.00am till 2.00pm 17 Market Street, Alton GU34 1HA, Tel 0781 6351477 One to one appts available evenings. Email ajmill@btinternet.com

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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 Herriard Village Hub, 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, please see booking form found at www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk, or contact Tracy Crawford on 07769 220390 or bookings@herriardvillagehub.co.uk.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – June 2023

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

JUNE DATES

4th June	Sun	Herriard Fête, Herriard Green	12.00noon
9th June	Fri	Upton Grey Golf Day, Tylney Park Golf Course	12.00noon
10th June	Sat	Upton Grey Fête, Sherborne Cottage, Upton Grey	2.00pm
11th June	Sun	Manor House garden drinks, Upton Grey	11.30am
29th June	Thu	UG Tennis Mixer, Upton Grey Court	6.00pm

ADVANCE DATES

6th July	Thu	Community Open Day, Long Sutton School	1.15pm
16th July	Sun	Pet Service, Village Green pavilion, Herriard	9.00am
7-11Aug M	Ion-Fri	Junior Tennis Coaching Week, Upton Grey	9.00am
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

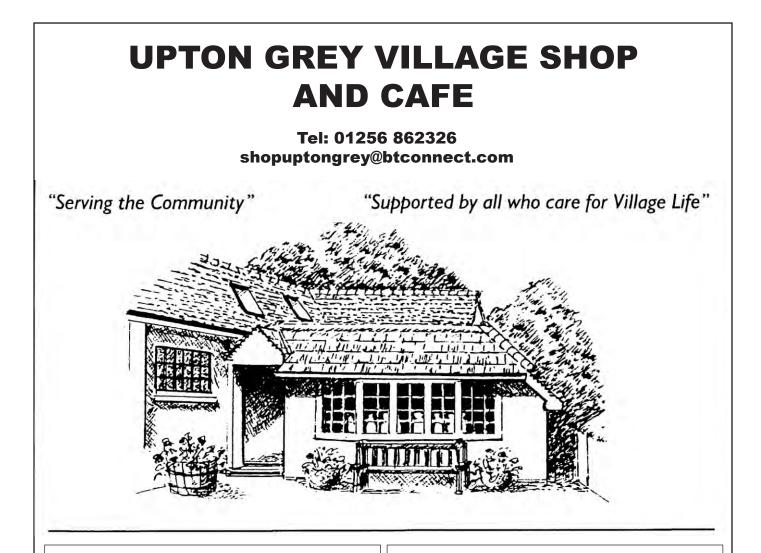
REGULAR EVENTS

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	10.00am
Every 2nd Wed	Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	11.00am
2nd & 4th Monday	Coffee Morning, Upton Grey Village Hall	11.00am

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