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Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

One of the pleasures that is offered in the summer is joining an afternoon tea. For me it is such a luxury to sit down and eat finger sandwiches, little cakes and scones with jam and cream. Eating the delicious food is one part of the experience but in addition it is a time to relax, chat and put the world to rights with a friend. Recently I had the joy of attending a tea party in the garden of Upton Grey vicarage with people from the village where I was able to enjoy some really delicious home baked cakes and scones.



My role as pastoral care minister in the benefice enables me to spend time with people over cake and a cup of tea. This might be in a coffee morning or afternoon, in the comfort of someone's home or in one of the residential care homes in our benefice. That chat over tea and cake is more than just eating and drinking but a time to share problems, recall experiences and memories and pray together.

Recently whilst stirring my cup of tea with a teaspoon I was reminded of how the teaspoon can help us to pray. Of course when people write the word teaspoon they rarely write the whole word but use the abbreviation tsp. If we use these letters it can help to frame our prayers if we think “t” is for thank you, “s” is for sorry and “p” is for please. Maybe in a quiet time as we sit with a cup of tea we could pray to God thanking him for all he has done for us and all he gives to us, we could say sorry for the times when we have made bad choices or behaved as we know we should not have done and to say please to him as we ask him to help us, our friends and all the difficult situations faced in the world. Sitting quietly with a cup of tea may be a time we can spend in prayer to God.

So next time you sit down with a drink of tea or coffee on your own and stir it with a teaspoon you might recall tsp – thank you, sorry, please and enjoy some time with God as you relax with your drink!

Suzanne Newcombe
Pastoral Care Minister

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd September

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion
 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship (New Beginnings)
 6.00pm Herriard – Evensong

Sunday 10th September

9.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)
 10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion
 10.00am Weston Patrick – Morning Worship
 6.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

Thursday 14th September

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 17th September

9.00am Herriard – Morning Worship
 9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer
 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship (Battle of Britain)
 5.00pm Upton Grey – Evensong

Thursday 21st September

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 24th September

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service
 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship
 11.00am Herriard – Family Service
 5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

CHURCH NEWS

Farewell and Good Luck to Amber

Over the last two and a half years we have been so fortunate to have our wonderful Curate Amber Beresford as part of the clergy team. Amber has been a joy to work with and has brought her significant gifts and talents to the team and parishes of the benefice. As is always the way, time eventually comes to say goodbye to our curates and so it is with Amber. Amber will be leaving us on September 17th to move, with her husband Toby and children Simeon, Mary and Bernie, to take up the post of Vicar of Ropley, Bishops Sutton and West Tisted in the Diocese of Winchester. We wish Amber, Toby and the children every blessing in this new chapter and will miss them all very much.

Rev Simon Butler (Rector)

Ride & Stride - Saturday 9th September
Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust



All four of the local churches are supporting this year's Ride & Stride event on **Saturday 9th September**. **St Mary's Herriard** will be open from 10.00 to 12.00 and offering refreshments. **All Saints Tunworth** will be open from 10.00 to 6.00 and offering refreshments. **St Mary's Upton Grey** will be open from 10.00 to 6.00 and making refreshments and toilet facilities available. **St Lawrence Weston Patrick** will be open from 9.30 to 6.00.

Ride & Stride is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts, enabling them to make grants to places of Christian worship. Taking place on the second Saturday of September, the funds raised are split between the nominated Trust and the participant's chosen church or chapel.

This sponsorship money helps to fund repairs to the historic fabric and features of churches as well as urgent repairs such as retaining walls in graveyards, leaky roofs and the installation of facilities to make Hampshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses of all denominations fit to serve local communities for future generations.

Ride & Stride is an exceptional opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family. As a participant, your sponsored journey on 9th September between as many churches as you wish can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, bus or classic car. There are more than 400 churches due to be open; many will have refreshments, some will have toilets open, and all should offer a warm welcome.

For more information on the event, and the various ways people can take part, please see www.hihct.org.uk.

New members of the Clergy Team

Further to Rev Simon's note in last month's magazine welcoming Debbie Veel and Mark Ruffell as newly ordained clergy...

Mark is well known to most people, having been a B&DBC Councillor and a Churchwarden at All Saints Tunworth for many years.

Below is the article that Debbie was invited to write – with all newly ordained clergy – for the diocesan website.

Hello. My name is Debbie Veel and I live in Basingstoke. I am married to Chris and we have three grown-up children and three small granddaughters and an elderly ginger cat.

I have done the first year of my training at the Church Mission Society in Oxford to allow me to finish my Graduate Diploma, alongside some amazing pioneers with extra-ordinary ideas about reaching non-churched folk. My final year has been with the Winchester School of Mission, which has really helped me to see what parts of my faith are important to me and why. So it has been a bit of an unusual pathway, but one that that has been amazing and I have learnt so much, not just about ministry but about myself too.

I have been an LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) at St Mark's Kempshott, now the Parish of Basingstoke Down, since 2013 and have been worshipping there for 20 years. I was surprised (and doubly so being not exactly a 'spring chicken') for God to call me elsewhere to serve my Curacy, and I am going to be serving my SSM (Self Supporting Minister) Curacy in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice (Odiham and the surrounding villages).

It is all very strange to be leaving my St Mark's family, but exciting too. So I would appreciate your prayers for Revd Nicola and the church family I am leaving and for Revd Simon, the team and the church families whom I will be joining.



Coffee & Cake

All Saints Tunworth, St Mary's Upton Grey and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are continuing with their regular coffee/cake sessions. The September events are:

- On **Thursday 7th September at 10.30am**, All Saints Tunworth have Coffee and Cake in the church porch.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall, 11.00am–1.00pm on Monday 11th and 25th September.**
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall, 11.00am–12.30pm on Wednesday 13th September.**

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

Curious about faith?



Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

We have three courses starting in September and October:

Tuesday evenings, Upton Grey

simon@moretolife.church

Wednesday lunch, North Warnborough

matt@moretolife.church

Wednesday evenings, Odiham

chris@moretolife.church

The Holy Land Trip of a Life-Time

Monday 30th September 2024 to Thursday 10th October 2024

The Life and World of Jesus

Have you ever sung ‘O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!’ and wondered what Bethlehem looks like? Or sung ‘Dear Lord and Father of Mankind’ and wondered about ‘Sabbath rest by Galilee’ or the ‘Calm of the hills above’. Do you want to know the difference between Galilee and Judea? Or how far it is from Nazareth to Jerusalem? Or where the Good Samaritan came from?

If you do, maybe the moment has come for you to plan to visit the Holy Land.

Next year from Monday 30th September 2024 to Thursday 10th October 2024 Revd Gillian Wilton and her husband Gary are leading a Shoreside Study Tour entitled ‘The Life and World of Jesus’, tracing the life of Jesus from his home in Galilee to the birth of the church in Jerusalem - exploring the first century Jewish context in which Jesus lived - and helping to bring the Bible to life today. The tour is relaxed, fun and informative - suitable for both those who are less sure of what they believe and for those who are full of faith. It is open to all members of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice and to your families and friends whether they come to church or not.

The tour will begin with a first night on the Mediterranean coast before travelling north to spend a few days in and around the Sea of Galilee visiting Nazareth and Capernaum. We will then travel down the Jordan Valley, visiting the Dead Sea along the way before spending our last few days in and around Jerusalem, including a visit to Bethlehem.

For many people these ten days in the Holy Land are a once in a life-time opportunity to visit the world in which Jesus lived. For many it can be a life changing experience! If you would like to know more, why not contact Revd Gillian via gillian@moretolife.church to ask for a brochure including the full itinerary and costs. She will be delighted to hear from you.

Gillian is the Vicar at Long Sutton and South Warnborough.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

September Farming News

Here at the dairy in early August we hosted a few journalists and a small film crew to cover the visit of Alicia Kearns, Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton. She visited the farm in her capacity as Chair for the All Party Parliamentary Group on Dairy to look at the current problems with milk price and labour and how technology and forward thinking can help. We discussed a wide range of subjects associated with farming in general, gave her a farm tour (in the pouring rain.....ah summer!), had a very nice lunch that Claire had prepared and at the end Alicia was in no hurry to leave despite being incredibly busy. Alicia turned up on her own with no entourage, spoke freely and actually listened with genuine interest. A breath of political fresh air.

Alicia is also Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee and in that capacity will shortly be heading off to some trouble spots in Africa and then later Ukraine. I really don't know how she fits everything in but she has gone some way to restoring my faith in politicians. Last summer Ranil Jayawardena, our local MP came for a visit and he too was genuinely interested and clued up on agricultural matters. The more help we can get from Parliament to promote sustainable food production in Britain the better.

Farming has a lovely knack of bringing you down to earth and keeping you level headed though, so from VIP's to mud, mud, glorious mud. The following morning after Alicia's visit I was feeding a group of heifers in the field with some 21% protein feed nuts to supplement the grass they are eating. Due to the torrential rain, gateways and field feed areas are a gluttonous bog of Hampshire's finest clay mixed with cows you-know-what. As I was carrying a 25kg feed bag on my shoulder surrounded by jostling heifers, off came a welly boot stuck in the mud but unfortunately I kept going. The heifers trampled the welly into the mud and my right sock sunk into 8 inches of muck. Pointless trying to rescue my drowned welly now I thought, so best carry on! I fed them the four bags of feed, rescued my welly and after a few choice words had a good laugh. I may have said it before but I find it stands me in good stead, especially being a dairy farmer; "it's no good crying over spilt milk".

This summer could not be more different to the last. This time last year in mid August we had completed harvesting our wheat and baled

the straw in perfect conditions, although we were struggling for grass feed for our livestock and the maize crops were poorer than usual because of the lack of rain. This year we have plenty of grass for feed, the maize looks good but at the time of writing we are yet to harvest our wheat or bale any straw. I fear any milling wheat potential our wheat had will now be gone and it will probably only be sold as animal feed. That will make a big dent in any profit.

For pure arable farmers this is a very difficult and worrying time. I'm sure Will will expand on the harvest next month. Fortunately he's got tracks on his combine which will be very handy in these conditions. Maybe we'll all look at growing rice next year!

On top of the difficult harvest, our milk price is still well below the cost of production, so the outlook is not too rosie. Input costs are still high for pretty much everything but output prices have dropped considerably. As the village elder says to Yul Brynner in *The Magnificent Seven* "Farmers, they think about nothing but fertiliser and women". I can assure you we're all thinking about the cost of fertiliser a whole lot more!

Joe Ives

UPTON GREY NEWS
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Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club

August winners: 1st prize £100 Wallinger, 2nd Prize £40 A Clarke.

Summer Flower Show

The Upton Grey Flower Show was a big success. We saw some great exhibits in the tent with good variety of entries from adults and children. Lovely flowers, amazing vegetables, cakes, jams, and scenic photos. The dog show, stalls and raffles were popular as ever, and we admired the fine display of vintage cars and Hunts lorries.

A big thank you to the Show Team, June & Gordon Hunt, Alison Barker, Tess Chevallier, Mark Courtney Stewart, Rebecca Hendren, Michael Young and all the others who helped set up and clear up, including of course, the supporters, exhibitors and judges.

Some of the committee are standing down after many years so if the Flower Show is to continue we need new helpers for this fun traditional village event. Do come forward to volunteer, otherwise there's a risk this year's show might be the last.

Please do contact June Hunt (01256 862719) if you can offer help.

Coffee and Cake drop in

Upton Grey Village Hall

Monday

11th & 25th September

11.00-1.00

All welcome



St Mary's Upton Grey
www.moretolife.church

A service of New Beginnings: 10.00am on Sunday 3rd September

Please join us in Upton Grey church at 10.00am on Sunday 3rd September for a special service to celebrate New Beginnings - perhaps the start of a new school year or school, or going to university or college for the first time. Or maybe just to celebrate a fresh start for September and perhaps a reinvigoration of faith. We will pray for God's blessing and reflect on God's promises and faithfulness throughout the changing seasons of life. All are welcome!

Ride & Stride - Saturday 9th September

Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust

St Mary's Church Upton Grey will be open from 10.00 to 6.00 on September 9th and making refreshments and toilet facilities available to all those participating in this year's Ride & Stride event. For full details of the event and how you can take part please see www.hihct.org.uk.



A Service of Thanksgiving on Battle of Britain Sunday

On **September 17th at 10.00am**, Paul Birkbeck and Sarah Barnes will be leading a Service of Thanksgiving to commemorate the Battle of Britain that took place in the Summer of 1940. We have prepared a special Order of Service, and we will start off by putting The Battle into historical context, explaining how vital it was to preserving our freedoms. There will be hymns and readings relating to The Battle, and a short address. The service will be suitable for all ages and will be followed by coffee and biscuits. Please come and join us to commemorate these historic events in our nation's struggle for freedom.



Upton Grey Drama Group's 'Candied Peel' 14th October – tickets are available!

Upton Grey Drama Group are honoured to announce that they are performing the fabulously complex and compelling murder mystery 'Candied Peel' (written by Falkland L. Cary, and staged by kind permission of Samuel French) on **Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm in Upton Grey Village Hall.**

This production is in memory of our producer Sarah Gray, who sadly passed away on 18th August this year, having left specific instructions that this production should better go ahead, or else!

The production is for one night only. There are only 100 tickets available, at £20 each; with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Already, more than 40 have been sold, so grab your tickets quickly! They are available by email to the UGDG Treasurer, howardrosen@hotmail.com, or by making an actual physical appearance at 'The Stitching Room' craft shop in Odiham High Street.

On the night, there will be a pay bar, stocked with a fine selection of wines, beers and soft drinks; with all profits going to Macmillan Cancer Support as well.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to savour a unique, larger than life, comedic, dramatic artistic experience... while making a vital contribution to a worthy cause. See you on the 14th October!

Sarah Gray's daughter, Emily Veall, will be running the London Marathon for Macmillan in 2024, and has set up a Just Giving page to raise money alongside this UGDG event. If you can, please visit Emily's Just Giving page and make a donation to a very worthy cause.

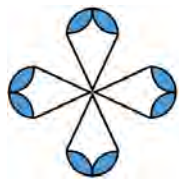
New organ for St Mary's Upton Grey

I am delighted to report that the long awaited installation of the new pipe organ for St Mary's is now booked in for the first week of September, and should take about two weeks. This is later than planned, but important parts had to be imported from a specialist supplier abroad, after the UK supplier closed, causing a lengthy delay. It is not a job that can be rushed! The temporary organ will then be removed.

This is a beautiful instrument which will be a lasting tribute to the late HM Queen Elizabeth II and will be eye catching in its central position opposite the door. Thank you once again to all those who have contributed to the appeal so generously and sponsored a pipe. The Book of Dedication will be printed by a specialist firm.

The date of the opening concert will be announced once the organ is fully functioning!

Frances Yeowart



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You are invited to join the procession as it gathers outside the Hodd at 6.00pm where mulled wine will be served, and then our church bells will ring an Autumn peal as the procession leads us onto The Hoddington Estate for the Bonfire and then professional Firework display. Be sure to invite your friends or family down for the day or weekend for this fantastic display and, what's more, all proceeds go to the excellent charity, **St Michael's Hospice**.

Entrance is free for children and adult tickets are still only £10 per head available from the Shop, the Hodd or Roger Clark, rogerclark@btinternet.com, 01256 862776. A limited number will also be available at the gate to the Hoddington Estate, but please buy in advance in order to speed up entrance to the field. Car parking is free in Church Meadow, RG25 2RA.

Roger Clark

Elvis McGonagall in Upton Grey Village Hall Saturday 18th November

Elvis McGonagall, the award-winning comedian-cum-performance-poet, returns to Upton Grey in November. Those of you who saw him six or seven years ago will recall an evening sparkling with wit, laced with inventiveness and overflowing with laughter. It was a night to remember! Those who weren't there are in for a treat. Bring your friends and family, pin back your ears – and prepare to laugh!

As well as a wonderful evening of entertainment, this is a **major fundraising event for the village hall**, so please put **Saturday November 18th** in your diaries.

More details to follow, but if you have any questions, please go to www.elvismcgonagall.co.uk – or ask me. (Recommended for 12 years and above.)

Hugh Chevallier (862636)

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

www.herriard-pc.gov.uk

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Herriard Village Group on <http://www.Facebook.com>

Ride & Stride - Saturday 9th September

Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust

St Mary's Herriard will be open from 10.00am to 12.00noon to offer a warm welcome – plus refreshments! – to this year's Riders & Striders. For full details of the event and how you can take part please see www.hihct.org.uk.



Macmillan coffee morning Thursday 28th September, Herriard Hub

I'm hosting my Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. There's a cuppa with your name on it! And a raffle. **Herriard Village Hub, King Johns Lane RG25 2PG, Thursday 28th September, 10.00am-2.00pm. RSVP Patricia Pegg patricia.pegg@outlook.com.**

If anyone is happy to make a cake for the event, can they please email me or text 07828 763134.

Herriard Village Hub Christmas Fair

Herriard Village Hub will be holding their annual Christmas Fair on Sunday 10th December 11.00am-3.00pm. If you would like a stall or have Tombola prizes please contact Tracy 07769 220390.

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Ride & Stride - Saturday 9th September

Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust

Weston Patrick church will be open from 9.30am to 6.00pm on Saturday 9th September to support the Ride & Stride event. For full details of the event and how you can take part please see www.hihct.org.uk.



Coffee mornings

We have a regular coffee morning on the second Wednesday of each month at 11.00am in the village hall. All welcome.

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TUNWORTH NEWS

Ride & Stride - Saturday 9th September

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Tunworth Church will be open (10.00am - 6.00pm) to welcome all those participating in this year's Ride & Stride event. For full details of the event and how you can take part please see www.hihct.org.uk.



Other September events

Prayer Hour 9.00-10.00am Saturday 2nd September.

Home Group 8.00-9.00pm Wednesday 6th & 20th September.

Coffee & Cake in the church porch, Thursday 7th September 10.30am.

Herriard & Tunworth lunch Herriard Hub Friday 29th September 12noon.

Save the date

Harvest Supper Friday 6th October 7.00 for 7:30pm, £15.00 (Contact Edwina for tickets).

Evensong Sunday 29th October 5.00pm - Bishop David will be preaching.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

From Our Local Councillors – Community Grants

As your elected Borough Councillors, we have a small pot of money ranging from £250 to £2,000 (or £3000 if we pool our allocation), available to award to locally based community groups or charities in our Ward of Basing and Upton Grey. These awards are governed by strict criteria detailed in this link <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cllr-community-grants>.

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr Sven Godesen and Cllr Kate Tuck would love to hear from you if your group or charity is interested in seeking a small grant by **no later than Saturday 30th September 2023** by email to cllr.kate.tuck@basingstoke.gov.uk with a brief outline of your reasons to be selected as the chosen groups for us to support **prior** to submitting the formal application. Sadly, not every application will be successful.

We really look forward to hearing from you and your group and to learning about your deserving causes and the benefits you provide to our wonderful community. Please spread the word. Best Wishes.

Cllr. Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr. Sven Godesen and Cllr. Kate Tuck

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

We look forward to welcoming our members to the September meeting to be held on Thursday September 28th 2023 at 2.30pm in the North Warnborough Village Hall. On this occasion our Guest Speaker will be Jim Buttress, who will talk about his 70 years in Horticulture.

Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings. Further information is available on our website <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>.



An action packed two hours!

Our Open Day on Thursday 10th August was a huge success and even the sun came out! Elizabeth Hall, Hook was packed not only with existing members but also those who were keen to see what we had on offer. And we had plenty for them to see!

Fifty of our groups had set up tables, covered with items that best represented their activity plus enthusiastic members happy to chat about what made their group so enjoyable and interesting. The Wings and Wheels group went one better and parked a selection of vintage cars and

a motor cycle on the grass outside. There were many comments about the delicious cakes and the welcoming atmosphere. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves even though it was crowded and a rather hot day.



We are looking forward to seeing the new members who signed up – over thirty of them – at our groups in September. Perhaps they will also join us at our Monthly Meeting, Wednesday 6th, where we will be hearing about *‘The wit and satire of Gilbert and Sullivan’*.



Or take a place on one of our trips which includes ‘Murder in the Dark’, 14th September, Guildford and an Opera Gala evening of favourite opera pieces on 14th February 2024 at Cadogan Hall.

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National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

We are rapidly approaching the end of our Garden Visiting year - impossible as it seems. I would just like to let you know about one of our lesser talked about charities, but no less important.

The National Garden Scheme has been supporting ABF (Army Benevolent Fund) The Soldiers' Charity since 2010, with a donation in 2010 and 2011, then annual donations from 2017, totalling £590,000. The NGS has now renewed its partnership with ABF The Soldier's Charity for the following three years, committing to donate £240,000 to their invaluable work.

ABF The Soldiers' Charity is the Army's national charity, here for serving soldiers, past and present, and their families for life. The charity stands at the forefront of support for the Army family, last year supporting 65,000 people across 48 countries around the world. As one of the largest funders in the sector, they award grants to individuals and families, and fund specialist organisations that support soldiers, former soldiers, and their families. When they hear of a person or family in need, they aim to respond within 48 hours.

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(b) Grants to four service delivery charities providing horticultural related activities and health projects for both serving soldiers and veterans. This also included a capital grant to a charity partner, enabling them to develop an outdoor space for activities, rehabilitation, and recreation for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

Our garden visitors, along with our garden owners, are vital to the important work the National Garden Scheme charity carries out. The final garden I can suggest for 2023 is:

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an artist than a plantswoman, but has had great fun creating this 1½ acre garden full of interesting and unusual planting combinations. The sweeping mixed borders and shrubs are spectacular with colour throughout the season, particularly in late summer. The black and white border, now with bright red accents, is very popular with visitors. This is a stunning garden for all seasons.

Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity)

National Garden Scheme - Hampshire

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Basingstoke Disability Forum

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to one of our long serving colleagues, Sarah Pinnell who has decided to resign from her role with us. Many of you will know Sarah from having met her at some of our events such as Christmas Parties, All About Events, Walking groups, etc. If you would like to send a farewell message to Sarah, please email your message to sanchia@bddf.org.uk and we will include them in Sarah's leaving card

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North Hampshire Downs

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Anvil Arts' 2023-24 International Concert Series

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After a triumphant sold-out concert in June by the Philharmonia Orchestra to close the 2022/23 Series, it is with great anticipation that The Anvil welcomes the Philharmonia for the opening concert in the 2023/24 season. And, once again, joining the orchestra on **28th September** will be renowned violinist Nicola Benedetti, this time to perform Brahms' Violin Concerto. The concert opens with a short but very affecting piece by American composer Nico Muhly, *One Line, Two Shapes*, and closes with Rachmaninov's Third Symphony, written in his villa on the shores of Lake Lucerne as the exiled composer remembers his homeland.

The National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine comes to The Anvil on **21st October**, with a programme of Lyatoshynsky, Bruch, Strauss and Liszt, and the Chineke! Orchestra on the 28th, whose programme includes Haydn, Bologne and Beethoven. Brazilian violinist Nathan Amaral joins the orchestra for his Anvil debut.

On **23rd November**, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra performs Tchaikovsky's charming *Sleeping Beauty Suite* and is then joined by Seeta Patel Dance for Stravinsky's ground-breaking *Rite of Spring* where the ballet is re-imagined with choreography from the Indian tradition of Bharatanatyam. Premiered to huge acclaim in March, this is one of a handful of chances in this country to see one of the most exciting performances of the year.

For more information, or for tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice, All Saints Odiham

Tuesday 12th December Carol Service

The Friends of St Michael's Hospice are holding their Carol Service on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at All Saints, Odiham. This year we have Schola Cantorum of Oxford (they are undergraduate choral scholars from Oxford University Colleges) and by popular demand this year we are holding a Carol Service rather than a Christmas Concert. We have Clare Balding, OBE taking a reading. The doors open at 6.30pm and the service will start at 7.00pm. Canapés and wine will be served, and at the end of the service mince pies will be offered. The tickets are again £30.00 per person and can be purchased either from Katherine Jane, High Street, Odiham or from the St Michael's Hospice website www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/events or should you wish to pay directly into the Friends bank account please email henriettamogg@hotmail.com.

Magical moths - the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Moths are often described as the dull cousins of colour butterflies, but nothing could be further from the truth. The UK has about 2,500 moth species and their sheer diversity, in terms of their colour, size, form, pattern and intricacy of markings, and their varied and often remarkable ecology, is nothing short of astonishing.

Take the bizarrely named goat moth for example. Like all moths and butterflies, it has egg, larval and pupal stages. However, amazingly its caterpillar, or larva, overwinters for several years before emerging to spend a comparatively brief couple of months as an adult. Locally, this nationally scarce species is found in the New Forest. But why goat moth? Well, the caterpillars are said to smell of goats!

Interestingly, several of our moths are named after their caterpillars: the lobster moth and the elephant hawk-moth are good examples. They are reminders of a time before modern light traps made it easier to find the adults and searching out larvae was the main means of recording moths.

Not all moths are night flyers. Several species are diurnal and fly mainly during the day. One of the most common day flying moths is the stunning Six-Spot Burnet. These are beautiful insects but are poisonous to anything wanting to eat it. Like butterflies, a lot of moths drink the sugary nectar from flowers and feed on sweet tree sap.

Surprisingly for such small insects, some moths migrate here, travelling from Europe or further afield. One migrant that is commonly seen in southern England every year is the Humming-bird hawk moth, coming all the way from the Mediterranean or even North Africa. With numbers peaking in August and September now is the perfect time to spot this visitor in Hampshire.

Unfortunately, like butterflies, moths have suffered a widespread decline. Ultimately this highlights wider environmental damage caused by our impact on the natural world. Moths play vital roles within food chains, being food for birds, bats and mammals and being an important pollinator of plants. Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation caused by urbanisation and intensive agriculture are linked closely to the decline. But while we have lost around 40% of our total moths, since 2000 we have gained several dozen new moth species, colonising over from the continent.

But there is hope! The Reddish buff moth - a rare moth species which is only found on one site in the UK - has recently been recorded for the first time in four years. Two individual moths were found during the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's annual moth survey

programme, at a sanctuary site on the Isle of Wight. The last adult moth was found in 2019, and the new find helps raise hopes for the future of this endangered moth.

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Elephant hawkmoth (c) Richard Burkmar

Making a Fresh Start?

If you, or anyone you know, wants to tackle a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, over-eating, internet or social media addiction, shopping compulsions, binge drinking, pornography, soft drugs, etc. – try Fresh Start. It's a free 9-week course run by Harvest Church, Alton, based on principles from the Bible and the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by 1-to-1 coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their habits. The next course begins with an introductory session at 10.00am on Tuesday 3rd October at Alton Maltings. It's free and completely confidential. For more information see <https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start> or to sign up call Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or email freshstart@harvestchurch.uk.

SMALL ADS - SEPTEMBER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – September 2023

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

SEPTEMBER DATES

4th Sep	Mon	Mothers' Union, RAF Odiham Chaplaincy Centre	7.30pm
6th/20th Sep	Wed	Tunworth Home Group	8.00pm
9th Sep	Sat	Ride & Stride – local churches	
28th Sep	Thu	Macmillan coffee morning, Herriard Hub	10.00-2.00
29th Sep	Fri	Herriard & Tunworth lunch, Herriard Hub	12.00 noon

ADVANCE DATES

6th Oct	Fri	Tunworth Harvest Supper	7.00 for 7.30
7th Oct	Sat	Harvest Supper, Upton Grey Village Hall	7.30pm
14th Oct	Sat	UG Drama Group <i>Candied Peel</i> , UG Village Hall	7.30pm
28th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	6.00pm
18th Nov	Sat	Elvis McGonagall, Upton Grey Village Hall	
20th Dec	Sun	Herriard Village Hub Christmas Fair	11-3.00

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 1st Thurs	Coffee & Cake, Tunworth church porch	10.30am
Every 1st Saturday	Prayer Hour, All Saints Tunworth	9.00am
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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