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Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

Born in 1909, Simone Weil was a French philosopher and mystic and a prolific writer. Her work didn't really attract much attention until after her death in 1943, since when it has been the subject of significant scholarly interest.

I was reading a book this week which quoted a passage from Weil's writings about the relationship between the past, present and future.



She wrote: "The future brings us nothing, gives us nothing; it is we who in order to build it have to give it everything, our very life. But to be able to give one has to possess; and we possess no other life, no other living sap, than the treasures stored up from the past and digested, assimilated and created afresh by us. Of all the human soul's needs, none is more vital than this one of the past".

It is a dense and rich paragraph with a great deal of meaning to be unpacked, but as I prepare for the unrelenting business of the fast-approaching Christmas season, I was particularly struck by Weil's reflection on the importance of the past as we shape a future.

In a society that is geared towards looking forwards with an almost pathological intensity her words are sobering. "The future brings us nothing, gives us nothing..." simply because the future is not yet a reality, it may at its best be full of promise, but in the present it is nothing, and by the time it is something it will no longer be the future.

I have found myself reflecting a lot recently on the notion of rootedness or the lack thereof that seems to characterise much of our society. That sense of belonging which when present brings such joy and when absent leaves us cut adrift. Rootedness is linked to how we in the present relate to our past, both individual and communal.

Rootedness is I think vital to the task of shaping the future and turning nothing into something. If we are to have a future worth giving ourselves to and for, then we need the confidence that comes from being rooted in a tradition and having something upon which to depend.

During Advent and Christmas we engage deeply with the past as we re-tell a story that has shaped us and our culture for many

generations. We tell the story using the ancient words of scripture and we sing it through carols. We enact it through the liturgy of worship and we commemorate it as we decorate our houses and share gifts. We do this not just because it is tradition, but because this shared past nourishes our souls and helps to give us a sense of who we are. It is only with that sense of who we are, this treasure from the past, that we can turn the nothing of the future into something.

So may I invite you afresh this Christmas to join us as we tell again an ancient story of life-changing and culture-shaping importance, a story that roots us in the outworking of God's plans of salvation made flesh and blood in our history. A story which we possess, like living sap – a treasure stored up from the past, that we might build a future.

Rev Simon Butler, Benefice Rector

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral: John Gardner at Basingstoke Crematorium on 11th September, followed by Memorial Service at St Mary's Upton Grey on 3rd November

Funeral: Maureen Kemp at Basingstoke Crematorium on 17th November

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas Services

Although various supermarkets beat us to it by displaying advent calendars and tinsel from early September (what were they thinking?!) your churches are also well under way with preparation for Christmas.

Across our benefice we have services and events for all ages through the month of December. If you prefer something traditional then try our Advent Carols at Herriard or one of the Lessons and Carols services in our villages? If family fun is your thing, then we have lots of all-age provision with Christingle services and Nativity services.

We have a wonderful late-night communion service on Christmas Eve, this year at St Mary's Upton Grey, and of course a Christmas morning service in each village.

Whether you're a regular church goer or an occasional visitor, we would love to see you to share some Christmas cheer. If you're new to any of our villages then join us, meet some fellow residents and get stuck in to our joyful Christmas traditions!

Service details and times are published in this magazine and displayed on posters and flyers around the villages. **Rev Simon Butler**

Church Services in December

Sunday 3rd December

- 9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion
- 6.00pm Herriard – Advent Carol Service

Sunday 10th December

- 10.00am Weston Patrick – Christingle
- 3.00pm Herriard – Christingle
- 4.30pm Upton Grey – Christingle
- 5.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

Thursday 14th December

- 10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 17th December

- 9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion
- 6.00pm Herriard – Carol Service
- 6.00pm Upton Grey – Carol Service

Thursday 21st December

- 10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Friday 22nd December

- 6.00pm Weston Patrick – Carol Service

Christmas Eve

- 11.00am Herriard – CW Holy Communion
- 4.30pm Upton Grey – Nativity Service
- 11.30pm Upton Grey – BCP Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

- 10.00am Herriard – Family Service
- 10.00am Upton Grey – Family Service
- 10.00am Weston Patrick – Family Service
- 11.00am Tunworth – Carol Service

Sunday 31st December

- 10.30am Newnham – Benefice BCP Holy Communion (sung)

The Real Nativity

I find it fascinating how stories are shaped and grow over time. A core remains, but each successive generation reads and re-tells its stories with a particular slant and for particular reasons.

The Nativity story makes for an interesting example. At the heart of the nativity enacted in almost every school up and down the land stands a kernel of the biblical account, but one which over many years has grown and acquired new aspects and details.

The story that we tell is not wrong but there is some value in going back to the source material to see if there is new meaning and insight to discover. For example, in our re-telling of the nativity we see Mary and Joseph turned away from various guest houses and directed to a stable – which we presume is cold and draughty – where Jesus is born, on the margins and away from everyone else.

A more accurate re-telling of the story, which takes into account some knowledge of first century life and a closer interpretation of the text shows us that Mary and Joseph were told there was no space in the guest room (A more accurate translation of the word we translate as ‘Inn’.) Most first century houses in the area had a small room on top of the space shared by the family and animals) and so the couple were invited into the main living area. Stables as we know them today were simply not present and animals lived on a lower floor in the main family house with a manger cut into the rock ledge that separated humans and animals. Hence we see Jesus placed in a manger.

Does this matter? Well in some ways yes. Instead of Jesus being born on the margins, unloved, away from human contact and out in the cold, we see a story in which Mary and Joseph are welcomed into the home of one of Joseph’s relatives (he was from Bethlehem after all), surrounded by love and care, and with family gathered, with the noise and energy of the household buzzing around him, Jesus is born. Not on the margins, but in the heart of the home.

The invitation at Christmas is not to keep Christ on the periphery, at arms’ length, in the stable at the bottom of the garden as it were, but instead to invite him in to the heart of our homes and the centre of our lives. Much as he was some 2000 or so years ago.

Do join us at one of our Nativity Services this year:

December 24th:

4.30pm – St Mary’s Upton Grey

4.30pm – St Stephen’s Up Nately

4.30pm – St Andrew’s South Warnborough

Lessons and Carols services across the wider benefice

We all no doubt enjoy a range of Christmas traditions, many of which will have been handed down through family and some of which we may have begun ourselves.

Christmas is after all a season of traditions, and in the life of the church some of these are very ancient indeed. Some traditions are a little more recent but feel as though they have been around forever.

One tradition which falls into the ‘more recent than you may think’ category is Nine Lessons and Carols. We might be forgiven for thinking that its origins are very ancient indeed but in fact it was begun as recently(ish) as 1880 in the Diocese of Truro. It became famous when the service was first broadcast to the nation in 1918 from Kings College Cambridge.

The service of Nine Lessons and Carols charts the Christian story and the action of God in his world. From the creation poems of Genesis, through the fall of humanity, to the longing of the Old Testament prophets, until eventually the long awaited Christ, God incarnate is revealed.

We host a number of services of lessons and carols around the benefice, with traditional readings and hymns and mostly candle-lit.

Do join us for this wonderful Christmas tradition and allow the ancient words and oft sung lyrics to speak to you afresh.

Sunday 10th December:

11.00am – St Swithun’s Natley Scures

4.30pm – St Andrew’s South Warnborough

Saturday 16th December:

4.00pm – St Nicholas Newnham

5.00pm – St Stephen’s Up Natley

Sunday 17th December:

4.30pm – All Saints Long Sutton

5.30pm – St Mary’s Greywell

6.00pm – St Mary’s Upton Grey

6.00pm – All Saints Odiham

6.00pm – St Mary’s Herriard

Friday 22nd December:

5.00pm – St Mary’s Mapledurwell

6.00pm – St Lawrence Weston Patrick

Monday 25th December

11.00 – All Saints, Tunworth

Christingle services

An orange, a candle, some sticky tape and a lot of sweets mean a recipe for a fantastic all age Christingle service!

In partnership with the Children's Society we have a number of all-age Christingle services across our benefice in December:

Sunday 10th December:

10.00am St Lawrence Weston Patrick

3.00pm – St Mary's Herriard

4.30pm – St Mary's Upton Grey

Sunday 24th December:

4.00pm – All Saints Odiham

We take a collection for the Children's Society at each service and more information on the work of the society can be found online at www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Coffee & Cake

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

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, All Saints Tunworth, at 10.30am on Thursday 7th December.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at Upton Grey Village Hall, 11.00am–1.00pm on Monday 11th December – with mince pies, Christmas treats and Carol Singing!
- Coffee morning at Weston Patrick Village Hall, 11.00am–12.30pm on the fourth Sunday of the month – no event in December, but restarts in January.

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



KidsZone

Hi again everyone!

IT'S CHRISTMAS!!

I wonder what picture you have in your head when you think of The Christmas Story? For most of us, I expect it is the traditional Nativity scene: Mary and Joseph surrounded by shepherds and kings in a stable, with baby Jesus at the centre and a bright star above... We find it on Christmas cards, at church, even at the local shopping centre! But do you know where it comes from?



Tradition has it that Saint Francis of Assisi created the first crib scene in 1223 when he mounted a living nativity as part of a Christmas Eve Mass he organized while visiting the mountain town of Greccio. He set up an empty manger inside a cave, and even included a live ox and donkey beside the manger, just as it was believed to have happened on that first Christmas night. With these visual aids, he wanted to show everyone how Jesus came into the world in such poverty and simplicity.

There have been so many versions of this original scene through the years and around the world. A couple of my favourites are *santons* (little saints) from Provence in France, which are tiny clay figurines that are made by hand. Some areas make extras of well-known people to add, to show Jesus is with us today and some areas even include a famous person sitting on a toilet, to show that Jesus comes to us in our real, everyday life, whatever we are doing.



The Guinness Book of World Records cites a crib scene created by Tomáš Krýza (1838-1918) as the world's largest of its type. A stocking weaver who lived in Jindřichuv Hradec in what is now the Czech Republic, Krýza spent sixty years on the elaborate display, which features 1389 figures of humans and animals.

But none of these quite compare with the Nativity Trail that you can be part of from 16th December around our villages. There will be one in Odiham, Long Sutton / South Warnborough, Upton Grey and The United Parish – look out for more detailed instructions locally, but on the next page is a special grid you can fill out using the clues!

Fill the answer to each question on the correct line. The shaded boxes will give you a word which describes what Christmas is all about!



Have a great Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our events over the holidays.

Helen Chatfield
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming news

There has been no let-up in the weather for what seems an age, but we did manage to get all of our autumn sown crops planted in relatively good conditions. Some dry weather wouldn't go amiss though, to give the crops a chance to get their roots established properly and be able to manage the winter months. The crops that we have planted this autumn are; oil-seed rape, hybrid rye and wheat. After our initial worries of cabbage stem flea beetle that was munching its way through the oil seed rape, the crops have recovered well, maybe due to the vast amount of rain disrupting the flea beetle feeding, and gave the crop enough time to carry on growing. We did keep back a small amount of seed from harvest, in the anticipation that we may have to replant some bare patches of fields if we needed to. Which proved useful on some fields that had been eaten by flea beetle, slugs and game birds, and after redrilling they are starting to fill out now.

The final crop that was to be harvested this year was the maize. This is grown for the Anaerobic digester (AD plant) in Herriard. This year saw a bumper harvest across the board, which makes up for last year's worst maize harvest that we ever recorded due to the long hot summer. That is one crop that has enjoyed the dull and damp summer that we have had. This crop will be fed into the AD plant along with the hybrid rye and waste food from the surrounding areas. This will then provide electricity and gas to be pumped back into the grid to supply homes. It does seem as if land is being taken out of food production, and in part that is correct. But as farmers we have to rotate our crops to prevent soil diseases and to aid a more diverse soil biology, and, without good soil we cannot grow a lot, so it's essential to look after it. So as opposed to other green energy sources, we can grow these crops in collaboration with food production. The bigger problem is large housing developments being built on fields that have been good food producing acres, to house more people – who need feeding... slightly ironic! I could go on about this issue but probably should stick to the farming.

On a lighter note, we had a successful pumpkin growing and picking year, and thanks to everyone that came along. It was great to see so many of you and we look forward to doing it again next year.

We've also had a first for us on the farm recently, which was having sheep grazing alongside our chicken flock. They were separated by an electric fence until one day the sheep worked out that they could get over

the fence... but the idea was there, it was nice to see while it lasted. The sheep belong to a farming friend from Wield, which has been great as I feel we are getting more out of our grass fields, but also the sheep have been grazing our over-winter cover-crop mixes. So we are able to introduce livestock into our crop rotation, which also helps with soil health as they can turn green leaf biomass into dung to feed the soil. Our next trial is to graze some of the wheat in early February time. The intention with this is for the sheep to eat off the old leaves that have a higher potential to be carrying disease, and to shock the plant as a natural growth regulator, which will then force its roots deeper and produce fresh re growth and produce nice clean new leaves in early springtime. This will mean we can reduce a fungicide pass. Which is all good news! This is something my great grandfather probably used to do before chemicals came about. But with newer crop varieties being bred to work best with fungicides, this is very much a trial for us! So watch this space and I'll let you know how it goes. If I don't mention it again it was probably a disaster!

All the new hens have settled in and laying well. They would also be thankful for some dry weather! I won't be surprised if they start growing webbed feet. We are getting fewer pullet (small) eggs now so they will be at full laying capacity before long.

With very little going on in the fields now for us there will just be the matter of hedge-cutting, machinery maintenance along with the office work that has been put off, as we start to wind down for the Christmas period,

So this just leaves me to say, thanks for reading my waffle this year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from us all at Hyde Farm.

Will Cheyney

Long Sutton Primary School

The PTA Christmas fair will take place on Saturday 2nd December, from 2.00–4.00pm.

We're once again taking orders for our real Christmas Trees which are great value for money AND all the profits go back into supporting the school. This is open to family, friends, neighbours, in fact anyone within the surrounding villages and we can even deliver locally. Please spread the word and place your order online at www.longsuttonpta.org.uk

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2nd prize (£40) Thrussel

Upton Grey Autumn Festival

We had another good display of Guys and Jack O' Lanterns around the village with the Mills family and 'Animal Guy' winning our Guy Fawkes cup and Carole Plant's 'Clifford Creepies' winning our Jack O' Lantern cup. Congratulations to all.

Many thanks to all sponsors, helpers, attendees and all those who made Guys and Jack O' Lanterns for supporting this year's Autumn Festival. Special thanks to Marcel van Poecke for the use of Hoddington Park and David Janaway and his team for their great efforts preparing the bonfire, preparing the two fields, and providing tractor and trailer and Guy Fawkes straw. Thanks also to Michael Church's Bell Ringers and, of course, Linda Webb's spectacular (Merlin) fireworks.

The bonfire finally burnt well despite all the rain and we had several hundred people to see it and then watch the fantastic firework display. Unfortunately, the bad weather put some people off attending and coupled with another sharp increase in the cost of fireworks (nearly 10%), we made a loss on the day of about £300. Fortunately, we had built up reserves and were still able to provide St. Michael's Hospice with a little over £200 – but our reserves are now wiped out.

Our sponsors provide vital support and we would very much welcome any individuals or businesses that would like to help our funding. You can go to the website, www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk then click on 'sponsors' and then on 'How do I sponsor'.

The cost of our firework display may well approach £4,000 next year. We could of course cut back on the display but so far we have avoided this and aimed at a steadily improving display each year. Consequently I will probably start charging children half price (at £5 this is still a bargain) and hope that we can weather any future 'storms' and provide St. Michael's Hospice with a significant contribution again.

Roger Clark.

Shoebox appeal

The annual Link to Hope Christmas shoebox appeal effort's complete – 71 shoeboxes delivered to the charity, to join the thousands being shipped out to families and elderly in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania. The work these guys do is incredible and it's great to make even a small contribution. Thanks to Jo, Lily, Val and Jenny for their amazing contributions and to all that have given an empty shoebox, knitted hats and other items needed to fill these little boxes of joy, for those that have so little. Please go to the website – <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023> for further information and if you are interested in contributing for 2024 just let me know – debbie@debbie-bridle.com

Safari Supper 2024

Please save the date for Safari Supper 2024 which will be held on **Saturday 16th March 2024.**

The Safari supper is a fun-packed evening, travelling between different houses for each course, hosting one. More details to follow nearer the time.

Vivian Raven & Julia Harker

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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 can donate Tombola prizes, please contact Tracy on 07769 220390.

Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group

The lunch group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30pm at the Herriard Hub, but there is no meeting in December – the lunches restart in January.

Herriard Parish Council

The next PC meeting will be on Monday 4th Dec, 7.30pm at Herriard Village Hub.

Herriard Hub coffee morning

On 28th September we had a Coffee Morning at Herriard Hub, to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support.

Basingstoke Community Radio advertised this event several weeks prior to this date and broadcasted live from the Herriard Hub from 10.00am to 2.00pm on the day. Local businesses donated generously to the raffle – Herriard Estate, Lasham Gliding, Avenue Nursery, Street Croft Market, Fox Pub Ellisfield, Katharine Jane Gifts Odiham, to name a few. Villagers and people from outside also contributed some amazing prizes, which meant a lot of tickets were purchased, and £490 was raised from the raffle alone.

In the morning, there were queues of people bringing home-made cakes for the event as well as offers of help and support. The variety of cakes on offer was staggering, and a good time was had by all.

It was a great day with music from the Community Radio and people gathering and donating to this great cause. The total raised was £963.00. This will help provide Emotional, Practical, Physical and Financial help for those living with Cancer.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came on the day and to all the helpers, it would not have happened without you. See you next year.

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Wednesday 20th December 5.00pm

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Then our wonderful candle-lit carol service on Friday 22nd December at 6.00pm. This will be a great start to the Christmas weekend and is followed by drinks, canapés and mince pies in the Village Hall where all are welcome to join the celebrations.

Our Christmas Day service is at 10.00am.

Coffee Mornings

In December there is no coffee morning, but it will return on the fourth Wednesday in January – please do join us.

TUNWORTH NEWS

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 2nd December at 9.00am

On the first Saturday of the month we have a Prayer Hour. We meet and pray in the church for everyone in the parish. If you would like to join us or would like us to pray for a particular matter then please contact Mark.

Thursday 7th December at 10.30am

On the first Thursday of the month we meet for Coffee and Cake in the church porch. Please do join us.

Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group

The lunch group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30 at the Herriard Hub, but there is no meeting in December – the lunches restart in January.

Wednesdays, fortnightly

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly on Wednesday evenings to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. In December there is just one meeting, on Wednesday 13th December at The Orangery, Hackwood Park. If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

Tunworth Church services

All Saints Church has its normal services on December 3rd, 10th and 17th, with no service on December 24th but the usual Carol Service at 11.00am on Christmas Day.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

North Warnborough and District Garden Club

We do not hold a meeting in December.

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Christmas at the Anvil

The brand-new swashbuckling adventure at The Anvil, Basingstoke this Christmas is *The Further Adventures of Peter Pan: The Return of Hook* starring Melanie Walters as Mrs Darling and Ethyl Mermaid.

Best known as Gwen from *Gavin & Stacey*, Melanie is known to younger viewers as Gran in CBeebies' *Biff & Chip. Milkshake!* presenter David Ribb will play Peter Pan; along with hosting Channel 5's hit kids show, David has performed in the West End and was nominated for the Great British Pantomime Awards for playing Peter Pan last year. They'll join the ever-comical Chris Pizzey (Mr Stephen in CBBC's *Basil Brush*), back by popular demand to play Smee and direct the production. Holly Atterton, from kids' channel Nickelodeon, will be Tinker Bell, while returning to Basingstoke is Chris Fearn who will be taking the role of Captain Hook.

After defeating the evil Captain Hook, life has been pretty perfect for Peter Pan, Smee and the pirate crew. But when a stranger arrives in Neverland – people are saying that Hook is back! The panto runs from 8th to 31st December 2023. Check out the Anvil Arts website for full details or call the box office on 01256 844244.



But it seems like only yesterday... when we were putting away the Christmas decorations and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas! However, here we are again, celebrating the end of another calendar year and determined that next year we will still be learning, laughing and living!

Despite occasional heavy rain, our groups have been 'out and about' this term: Our Nordic Walking group has enjoyed some lovely walks plus the all-important socialising afterwards; the Wine groups visited the Penn Croft Winery for a tour,



plenty of sampling of wine and a delicious lunch; and the Garden Appreciation Group discovered a gem of a garden near Kingsley. Meanwhile, some of the MOTO (Members On Their Own) group ventured much further afield and soaked up the sun in Andalusia.

To bring in the festive season we welcomed back Tony Harris for our December Monthly Meeting. His first appearance as Henry VIII only whetted our appetite for his return presentation: *Pantomime History and Backstage Antics*. And following our usual tradition we had mince pies with our coffee plus a free raffle for a Surprise Christmas Gift!



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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 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.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events or should you wish to pay directly into the Friends bank account please email henriettamogg@hotmail.com.



North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

In November we heard from Revd Debbie Veel about her visit to Malaysia as part of a Red Cross group in 1997. Because of the number of injuries caused to children by rubbish, the Red Cross organised a conference to encourage the local population to reduce waste by recycling or by repairing items. It was fascinating to hear about the visit and we had a good discussion about recycling in this country.

In December we will enjoy a social time together and meet for coffee and mince pies. In January we look forward to our Wave of Prayer. Mothers' Union is based firmly on prayer for our work locally, and also for members in other parts of the world. Mothers' Union divides the year into 3-day periods when we pray for the members and projects of a particular group of dioceses. Winchester diocese has its turn between 12th and 14th January along with Mauritius, Nandyal (South India), Kericho (Kenya), Katsina (Nigeria) and Kumasi (Ghana). We plan to hold a Wave of Prayer service a little early on Monday 8th January at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. We are very grateful to the RAF for allowing us to use their hall for our meetings.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com.

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This could be a really fun trail for the local community but we can only go ahead with the map if enough people register their displays. Please do let us know asap if you would like to be involved. Our map will help raise funds for BDDF

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Fresh start - Is there something you just can't stop doing, even though you want to?

Why not try a course called Fresh Start, which is designed to help you tackle a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, binge drinking, soft drugs, etc – in fact any habit which once might have brought you comfort or fun, but is now spoiling your daily living.

Fresh Start is a 9-week course run by Harvest Church, Alton. It's 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. And it's free and completely confidential. See <https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start> After previous local courses, a man tackling a porn addiction said, 'I'd like to thank you...for putting on the Fresh Start course and helping me achieve my goals...I am very grateful for the work you did with us.' Another, tackling a gambling addiction, said, 'I was gambling to excess and constantly worried and anxious over money. I am now happier and am getting my priorities right... I can never say THANK YOU enough times as I never thought I could beat this addiction.' A woman now in recovery from alcohol addiction said 'I wouldn't be where I am today, if I hadn't come on Fresh Start'.

The next course will start with an Introduction session on Wednesday 31st January 2024, at 7.30pm, at Alton Maltings, led by Mark and Anna. If you, or anyone you know, needs a fresh start, register for the course by calling Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or freshstart@harvestchurch.uk.

Hampshire and IoW wildlife Trust – Mammal mysteries

The benefits of autumn leaves and winter survival

Carpets of colourful leaves are one of the signature signs of autumn, as deciduous trees prepare for the long winter ahead. Whilst they may be done with their leaves for the time being, other wildlife is busy taking advantage of this new leafy blanket.

Leaf litter (which is made up of fallen leaves, small twigs, seeds, and other woody debris) provides a variety of species with a warm, safe place to shelter from the elements with.

Hedgehogs use leaf litter to build their nests. They spend the winter hibernating, surviving off their fat reserves. During this time their breathing will slow, and the heart rate and body temperatures will drop, and leaf litter will provide essential warmth to help them survive the

cold. Depending on the weather, hedgehogs will emerge from March onwards.



Garden Hedgehog_(c)_Tom_Marshall

Common toads also rely on leaf litter and will spend the majority of winter living under a blanket of deep leaves, conserving as much energy as possible. They re-emerge for the mating season in early spring, migrating back to the pond in which they were spawned to reproduce.

Whilst some species of butterfly, like the painted lady, may migrate here in summer, others stay with us year-round. They overwinter in their egg, caterpillar, pupal or adult form depending on the species. During winter, leaf litter provides the perfect place to remain concealed until the spring. The most common way for butterflies to spend their winter is as a caterpillar, some will even continue to feed whilst it's mild, but as temperatures drop most will enter a temporary state of dormancy known as 'diapause'.

As well as warmth, leaf litter also provides an important source of food for detritivore and decomposer species. Both are incredibly important as they help break down the leaf litter and recycle nutrients back into the soil.

Detritivores, such as woodlice, ingest and digest decomposing plant matter such as fallen leaves. Closely related to crabs, lobsters and shrimp, woodlice are mainly active at night and breathe through their knees! There are 30 different species of woodlouse in the UK including pill, common rough and common shiny.

Decomposers, such as fungi, directly absorb nutrients through chemical and biological processes. One of the most recognisable species to find at this time of year is the amethyst deceiver. These bright purple fungi should be easy to spot against the red and brown leaf litter that it loves to grow in.

Woodlands are the ideal location to discover trees going through this change. Find your nearest Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust woodland reserve on the Trust's website: <https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/nature-reserves>

Nature at home – Don't tidy your garden

Autumn is traditionally the time to tidy up your garden, but leaving your garden messy can have a range of benefits for nature and wildlife.

Instead of sweeping up or burning fallen leaves, it's much better to let them decay naturally. This feeds the fungi and micro-organisms in the soil and recycles nutrients into the grass and trees. If you do clear areas of your garden, pile the leaves into heaps so they can decay naturally. These will also offer places for wildlife to hibernate.

Don't be too tidy with your flowerbeds either. Dead-heading everything removes valuable resources; seed heads provide food for small birds and shelter for insects.

Think ahead to the possibility of freezing weather – float a football in your garden pond to prevent it becoming totally frozen and allow oxygen to circulate.

For more information on welcoming wildlife to your garden visit: <https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife-gardening>

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SMALL ADS – December**Hat tricks**

Hats for all occasions to buy or rent. Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10.00am–3.00pm, Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm.

17 Market Street, Alton GU34 1HA, Tel 0781 6351477. One to One appts available evenings. Email ajmill@btinternet.com

Game meat for sale

Partridge breasts (10 per pack) – £7.00. Pheasant breasts (6 per Pack) – £8.00. Pigeon breasts (10 per pack) – £5.00. Advance ordering required for venison please. Venison haunch £10 per kilo. Venison loin/steak £20 per kilo (£10 per 500g). Diced venison £10 per kilo. Contact Robert 07557 054844.

Christmas Barn, West Green Road, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8LP.

Open from November 24th, 9.00am–5.00pm every day for locally grown Trees, Wreaths, Decorations etc. For information and assistance please visit www.christmasbarnhartleywintney.co.uk or call 07954 730143 or email info@christmasbarnhartleywintney.co.uk.

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 – December 2023

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

DECEMBER DATES

1st Dec	Fri	BDDF Christmas party, Popley Fields Com Centre	12.00
2nd Dec	Sat	Long Sutton School PTA Christmas Fair	2.00pm
2nd Dec	Sat	Deane Sinfonia and choir concert, Odiham church	7.00pm
4th Dec	Mon	Herriard PC meeting, Herriard Hub	7.30pm
12th Dec	Tue	Friends of St Michael's Hospice Carol Service, Odiham	6.30 for 7.00
20th Dec	Sun	Herriard Village Hub Christmas Fair	11.00am

ADVANCE DATES

16th March 2024	Upton Grey Safari Supper
8th June 2024	St Mary's Upton Grey Village Fete

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

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