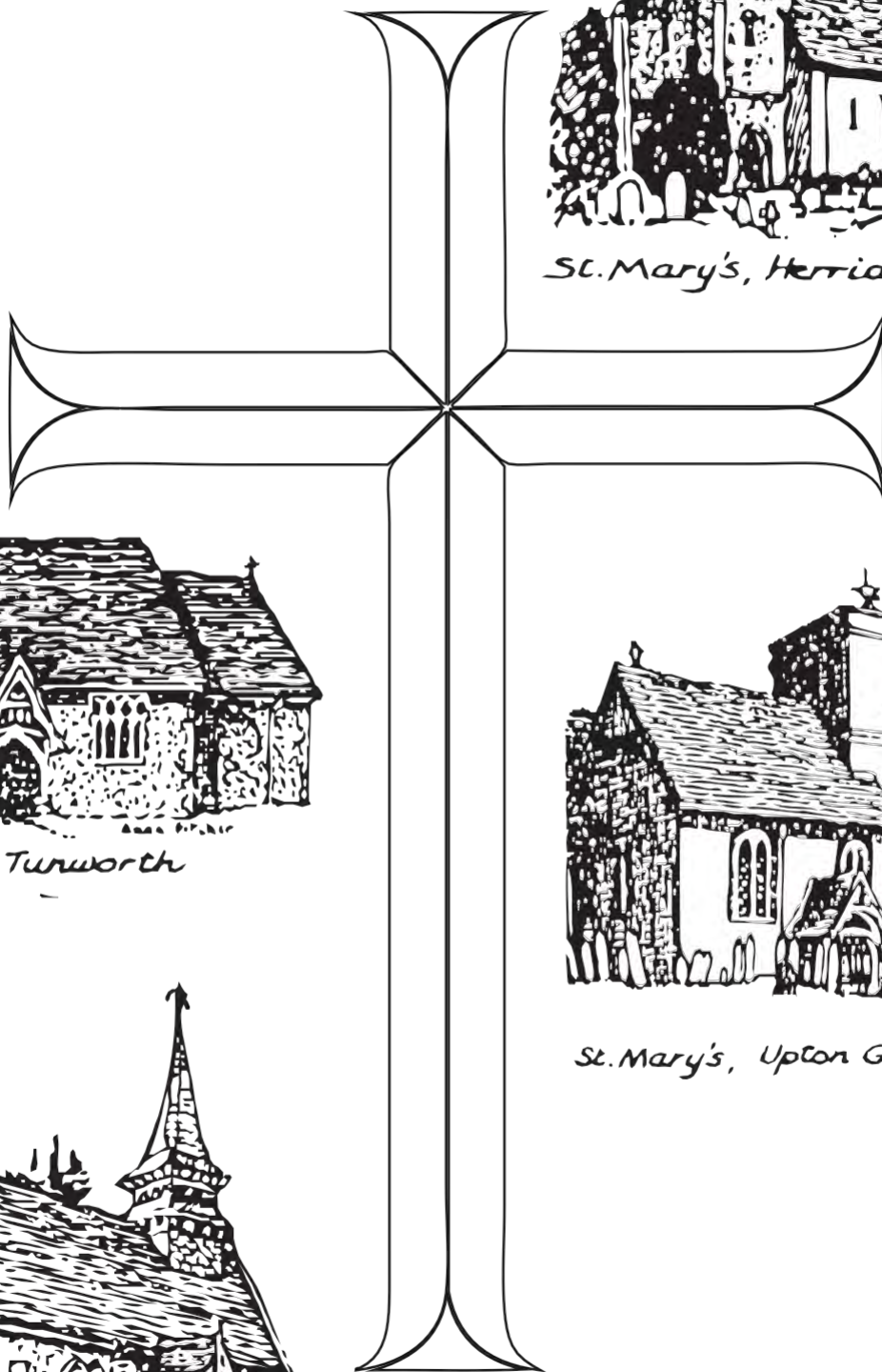


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**November
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – November 2023
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

I don't know if you feel the same as me, but I always appreciate the changing of the seasons. As the colours change, as the leaves disappear and regrow, as new animals, birds and plant life appears, there is always something new to enjoy. Those days where you start wrapped up in coats and scarves and end in t-shirts are sometimes unpredictable, but speak to the changes around us.



Sometimes though, this can feel a direct contrast to our own personal experience of the rest of life. It can feel like everything is changing but us. That the last few weeks and months have felt an awful lot like the ones preceding it. Perhaps we enjoy the consistency and stability, or maybe we find it frustrating or difficult. I personally find myself feeling both comfort and disquiet. On the one hand, the familiarity of the rhythms and patterns of life create a predictability that you can rest in. However, as a natural-born fidgeter, I find myself looking for what might be new and different. And that's why I love the changes of the seasons.

Whatever we feel, wherever we are, whoever we are... the seasons will change. Summer dissolves into Autumn, wilting away into Winter before Spring again breaks forth into the heat of Summer once more. The cycle is both consistently dependable yet always new.

Perhaps this can point us to something higher. Someone higher. We're told that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He never changes, he is dependable, he is good and true. And yet his mercies are new every day, there is always something more to learn or experience.

I wonder if you'd like to reflect over this Autumn on the consistency and change of life. Perhaps carve out a little intentional time to dwell on life. If you're feeling that things are a little chaotic and unpredictable, take it to the God who is dependable and constant. Allow him to provide the stability you need at this time. But if you're feeling that too much is the same it's always been, perhaps ask God to speak of his plans and purposes, to show you that there is always something new

in store for our everyday. Life with God is an exciting journey, and one I would invite everyone to explore.

Revd Matt Bianchi

Mission Priest

North Hampshire Downs Benefice

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral: Daphne Bird at Basingstoke Crematorium, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Lawrence Weston Patrick, on 6th October

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th November

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

5.00pm Herriard – Evensong

Thursday 9th November

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 12th November

10.00am Upton Grey – Remembrance Service

10.45am Herriard – Remembrance Service

5.00pm Tunworth – Remembrance Evensong

Thursday 16th November

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 19th November

9.00am Herriard – Morning Worship

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

Sunday 26th November

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

11.00am Herriard – Family Service (with Baptism)

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Festivals

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

Rev Simon Butler

Remembrance Sunday services (November 12th)

The services on Remembrance Sunday in our local churches are:

10.00am Upton Grey – Remembrance Service

10.45am Herriard – Remembrance Service

5.00pm Tunworth – Remembrance Evensong

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

Christmas Services

Although various supermarkets have beaten us to it by displaying advent calendars and tinsel from early September (what are they thinking?!) your church is also well under way with planning and 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 why not try out Advent Carols at Herriard or one of our many candle-lit Lessons and Carols services in the four 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.

No matter who you are, whether you're a regular church go-er 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 on the next page of this magazine and displayed on posters and flyers around the villages.

Rev Simon Butler (Benefice Rector)

December services

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

9.30am Odiham – Benefice BCP Holy Communion (said)
 11.00am Odiham – Benefice Informal Service

Coffee & Cake

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

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, *All Saints Tunworth*, at 10.30am on Thursday 2nd November.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at *Upton Grey Village Hall*, 11.00am–1.00pm on Monday 13th and 27th November.
- Coffee morning at *Weston Patrick Village Hall*, 11.00am–12.30pm on Wednesday 22nd November.

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

Sarah Barnes, LLM: Congratulations and Welcome

Congratulations to Sarah Barnes from Upton Grey who was licensed by the Bishop of Basingstoke on Saturday 14th October at Winchester Cathedral. Sarah is now authorised as a Licensed Lay Minister and holds the Bishop's permission to preach, lead services, conduct funerals and more.

LLMs combine authorised ministry on a Sunday with their regular work and are called on to share the good news of Jesus at work and in the parish.

Sarah joins our ever growing team of Clergy (8), LLMs (4), Youth Pastor, Pastoral Care Worker, and Administrative staff in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice.

Rev Simon Butler

Do you love singing?

Come and join a lovely group of people that will make you feel welcome. We meet once a month to sing evensong at *St Lawrence Weston Patrick*. Practice at 4.00pm and service at 5.00pm. Please give Clare a call if you'd like a word about this, you would be most welcome, churchwarden.westonpatrick@gmail.com or 07793 653745.



KidsZone

Hi again everyone!

I wonder if you have any favourite memories? These memories might be happy, scary, sad or exciting. They might be your favourite day out, a particular present or people you have met... Because I'm so old, I have loads! Maybe my favourite was the day I met my absolute hero – Desmond Tutu. If you've never heard of him, Google him now. He was a South African Bishop who spent his life fighting injustice in his homeland. One day, way back in 1997, I went to a very early church service and he gave me communion. I'm not sure anything will ever be more special! I wonder what your favourite memory is...

It's really important to remember things that have happened. As we get older, memories become more and more special – especially if it's of people you don't see any more... Let's play a game! Here is a picture of 20 things. Set a timer for one minute and look at it very carefully. Then cover the picture up and see how many you can remember.



It's easy to forget something that has happened in the past, but then something jogs our memories and reminds us of it. I wonder if you have ever been somewhere and brought back a souvenir, or if you have something which helps you remember someone?

I have a brass bugle that belonged to my Grandad. It's a bit battered, and not very shiny. It doesn't even work properly. But every time I see it, it reminds me of him.



Scan this QR code to watch the video – a day I'll always remember. How does this story make you feel? Why

will Mr George always remember this day? In his story, Mr George came close to dying, but due to his quick thinking, he covered himself with cabbage leaves and survived.



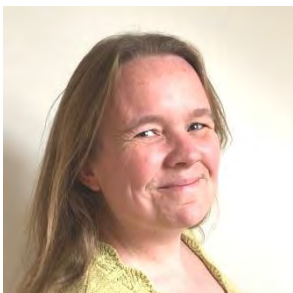
Mr George's memorable day was one of great danger, followed by relief at still being alive. This is one type of memorable day, although hopefully none of us will have to experience such a day!

Mr George and many like him who have been involved in wars have shown great bravery and resourcefulness. Yet despite the difficult things that they have experienced, they can still be positive and cheerful. I wonder if you will ever see cabbage sitting on your plate in the same way again! Some people, however, find it difficult to adjust to everyday life because of their experiences. The days that we remember can affect each of us in different ways.

In the week around 11th November we will be remembering others who have fought and are fighting in wars in different parts of the world. I wonder how you will remember them... Will you wear a poppy, march in a parade, keep a minute's silence?



These soldiers are often risking their lives to bring peace to our world, giving up everything so we can live in a peaceful country. But God calls us **all** to be peacemakers – in the Bible, it even says 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. I wonder – how can you be a peacemaker today? Maybe see you at one of the Remembrance Services on 12th November!



See you next month!

Helen Chatfield
Youth Pastor
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Remembrance Sunday services 2023

Please join us on 12th November at one of our
Remembrance Sunday services

All Welcome

9.30am Long Sutton

10.00am Upton Grey

10.45am Herriard

10.45am South Warnborough

10.50am Newnham

10.50am Odiham

5.00pm Tunworth (Remembrance Evensong)

Honouring the service and sacrifice of those
who fought in the line of duty



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News from Long Sutton C of E Primary School

We have two more Open Day events in November: Friday 3rd November 9.15-10.30am and Monday 6th November 6.00-7.00pm. If you have children due to start school in September 2024 then do come along to find out about our school.

We are now thinking about Christmas events and looking forward to our school Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December 2.00-4.00pm. As part of the event, our usual raffle will be running. Please help raise funds for our school and have the chance to win one of our amazing prizes donated by several local and national companies. All contributors and prizes are advertised on the raffle website. Raffle tickets are £1 each. Please pay online using the following link:

www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/long-sutton-pta-christmas-raffle-2023
and you will receive your virtual raffle ticket confirmation by email.

Raffle tickets are available to be purchased **online only** from now until Thursday 30th November at 8.00pm. You will be notified by email if you are a winner and prizes will be available to collect from the school during the Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December 2023, sent through a pupil from the school or delivered to you if you are local and unable to collect your prize. All money raised will go towards our current fundraising project to build an outdoor classroom for our pupils. Good luck and thank you for supporting our wonderful school. Long Sutton Church of England Primary School PTA
Charity No: 1026306. **Hannah Inglis (Headteacher)**

November Farming News

I'm currently wading my way through the many piles of paperwork and unanswered emails that have amassed in my office. In fact, I've had to move to the dining room table as there's no room to work at my desk anymore. Sorry Claire! We've been flat out making the most of the late September / early October Indian summer with maize harvest, wheat planting and slurry spreading in this year's rare dry conditions. I feel like we're finally on top of all the field work for the first time since early Spring.

What a year it has been, the complete opposite to last. Whereas last year was extremely dry, which resulted in a very enjoyable stress free wheat harvest and straw baling but very limited grass growth and poor maize yields for the cows' feed, this year has been a real struggle to make decent dry grass silage because of the wet and cold spring which also made maize planting difficult. Wheat harvest and straw baling was incredibly stop-start and expensive because of the rain. On 20th and 21st September Dad measured 39mm and 21mm of rain, that's over 2 inches in 24 hours. On the plus side, grass growth throughout the year has been phenomenal and maize yields from our recently harvested crop have been some of the best ever. This was much needed as we had to replenish our depleted feed stocks after last year's poor yields.

Our heifers and dry cows (the cows on holiday before they calve) that are out in the fields have had plenty of lush grass to eat throughout the grazing season and, providing it doesn't get too wet, we should be able to keep these out until winter, housing them in December. The young calves that are in the barns already have had to get used to the changing daylight hours. When feeding them early the other day it was the first time I'd had to turn the lights on in the barn because of the darker mornings. These calves are three months old and have never seen

an electric light before and thought it was great fun, if somewhat confusing, chasing their own shadows around.

I've just been out to see the builders who are finishing off a replacement barn to house our bulling heifers and dry cows. The old sheds that were there were wooden army huts that Dad and Grandpa put up in the late 1950's / early 1960's. Dad sold straw down to Dorset, and then dismantled Dorchester army barracks (he did ask, they were selling them off!) and loaded them onto the empty lorries for the return journey. They then erected them back here at the farm and adapted them for cow housing. Their second life as cow sheds had lasted a very respectable 60 years, but they were beginning to look like the ship of Theseus in which most of the original parts had been replaced and they had developed a rather worrying lean. The new barn will provide the cows with a much nicer environment, with one robot pushing up the feed and another robot ambling its way around the cows inside vacuuming up the poo.

So, with the rain lashing down, I'll head back to the office to try and dismantle another stack of emails before I start feeling like Mickey Mouse in the Sorcerer's Apprentice getting drowned not by brooms carrying water buckets but by the endless red tape. **Joe Ives**

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UPTON GREY NEWS**www.uptongreychurch.co.uk****www.uptongreyparishcouncil.co.uk****facebook.com/uptongreyvillagecommunity****Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club**

October winners: 1st prize £100 Burrill, 2nd Prize £40 Willmer

Upton Grey Drama Group - Sell out Performance!Wow!! What a night we had! Upton Grey Drama Group performed *Candied Peel* on Saturday 14th October to a packed Village Hall.

All 100 tickets were sold out in anticipation of an evening of laughter and dramatic talent. And just as Sarah Gray (the Drama Group's late producer/director) had anticipated, a wonderful time was had by all.

All costs of the performance were covered by the Drama Group and so we are delighted to say money raised from ticket sales; bar profit and the sale of candied peel (!) meant that £2,500 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A great evening for a great cause! The Drama Group would like to thank all who attended - we would have looked even sillier without an audience - so thank you! **Alison Barker**Yes, huge congratulations to the talented Upton Grey Drama Group for their successful performance of *Candied Peel*, dramatized in the form of a radio play, with the numerous characters reading from scripts. Played to a packed house, this worked brilliantly, and great fun was had by the cast and the enthusiastic audience alike.Set in the 1950s, *Candied Peel* is a Whodunnit with tongue in cheek, very suitable for the cast and the audience. It was the late Sarah Gray's idea to perform it as a radio play and she was the original producer, she who chose the play in the first place and inspired the cast.*Sarah's daughter Emily Veall will be running in the London Marathon to raise funds for Macmillan. You can donate at JustGiving.com – search for Emily Veall.* **Susie Vereker****Upton Grey News Email**If you would like to join the Upton Grey News email, please send a request to ugnewsnhw@gmail.com. It will let you know what's going in the village plus other important information. **Jane Hanbury**

St Mary's Upton Grey and St Michael's Basingstoke Ringing Outing - October 2023

History took place in St Mary's Upton Grey ringers' land as the first ringing outing for at least 40 years (according to Michael Church who must have surely only been in his teens for the last ringing outing ...) took place.



An intrepid band of ten ringers, from both St Mary's Upton Grey and also St Michael's Basingstoke wended their way to St Catherine's Wolverton. Once we arrived we all happily rang for the local woolly residents (sheep) for 45 minutes in a brick-clad tower that was built around a very

old wooden bell frame.

From there the planning went marginally awry as we arrived somewhat early by 30 minutes to St Lawrence Church, Wootton St Lawrence, but it was all fine as it was a gorgeous day and there was plenty of locally made jam, marmalade and honey to buy in the church as well as a stunning etched window by Whistler to admire before we finally got ringing.

On to lunch at The Barley Mow, Oakley, and once some very good fish and chips had been eaten we then inadvertently split up – some going to All Saints, Monk Sherborne, and others (who WILL remain nameless) went to St Andrews, Sherborne St John, due (honestly guv) to a Google Maps error... All Saints has five bells that are in the 'wrong order' – i.e. the order is anti-clockwise instead of the more usual clockwise order of the bells, so our brains were immediately tested but yielded pretty good results.

Moving onto St Andrews – or some of us re-visiting St Andrews, Sherborne St John – once we climbed the very steep ladder, through the hatch we were then in a snug ringing room with a very handy peep window to the church, that must be incredibly useful for spotting brides arriving. The intrepid band was beginning to flag a little at this point – having all been gently encouraged to improve our ringing over the course of the day by our leader for the tour, Pete.

Finally, we arrived at our final tower, St John's, Mortimer, which has an even more snug ringing chamber, but kept in immaculate order

and we rang out for the final 45 minutes to the footballers on the Common and sundry passers-by.

Many thanks, as well as Pete, to Giles, Lynne and Greg for running a tower each.

Everyone had a challenging – be it in ringing terms or navigating the lanes – and thoroughly enjoyable day and it will be an event that we won't wait for another 40 years to repeat – next year we hope to have our newbie ringers join us!

Rachel Dulai

Elvis McGonagall in Upton Grey Village Hall

Saturday 18th November at 7.45pm

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** at 7.45pm in your diaries. Tickets are £15 each and are available from the Upton Grey Village Shop or Hugh Chevallier. If you have any questions, please go to www.elvismcgonagall.co.uk – or ask me. (Recommended for 12 years and above.) **Hugh Chevallier (862636)**

Coffee and Cake drop in

Upton Grey Village Hall

Monday

13th & 27th November

11.00-1.00

All welcome



St Mary's Upton Grey
www.moretolife.church

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

Educational Grants available to ALL Upton Grey Residents

The Upton Grey Educational Trust was formed when the Upton Grey School was sold after its closure in the 1980s and half of the proceeds were put into a Trust.

The Trust can use the income from the investment twice yearly “for the advancement of education”. The Trust meets in June and December each year to consider applications for assistance with educational needs, **from any age group and with no means testing**. Since the Trust was set up, it has awarded grants to over 100 applicants and 16 groups in addition to Long Sutton School.

For more information on how to apply and terms and conditions, please visit www.uptongreychurch.co.uk (under Groups & Organisations) or email debbie@debbie-bridle.com.

This is primarily open to residents of Upton Grey, but consideration **may** also be given to applicants from other parishes within the Benefice – funds permitting.

Applications must be made by the person requiring assistance and **NOT** by a parent /guardian or other.

We are very lucky to have this fund and very grateful to the late Ros Mills for establishing it.

Please submit your application in writing **by the last week in November 2023**, to be in with a chance for the application to be put forward at the December meeting, to:

The Secretary to the Trustees

UPTON GREY EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Clock Cottage

Cleves Lane, Upton Grey

Basingstoke RG25 2RG

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St Mary's Herriard with Winslade Harvest Festival 15th October

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate St Mary's for our Harvest Festival – from dahlias to cyclamen, to apples, quince, medlars and pumpkins every surface and ledge was given that special touch which is Harvest Festival! When you walked in the Church there was the most wonderful scent of flowers and apples. It was wonderful – thank you all very much indeed!



A massive thanks from us all must go to Licensed Lay Minister Suzanne Newcombe – it was a truly lovely service and during her sermon she even had all of us thoroughly enjoying a bit of 'Countdown' with the letters from HARVEST! Thank you Suzanne!

No service can be complete without our fantastic organists – many thanks to Rose Bell who played beautifully as always.

And finally thank you to everyone who brought harvest gifts – there was a fantastic amount of food taken over to the Odiham Food Bank the following day.

Harvest Supper 18th October

The Herriard Hub once again very kindly opened its doors to 80 villagers eager for a lovely supper and the spectacle which is 'The Harvest Supper Auction'!

After an absolutely delicious supper Peter and Adrian (on particularly fine form!) kept us thoroughly entertained as they auctioned off all the produce, flowers, books, wine etc and enough apples for the whole of Basingstoke! Highest bids were for Gemma's fruit cakes and Bill's sloe gin – and the pink gloves were definitely the 2023 'Fifty Shades of Grey' moment...



Thank you to everyone who came long – as always there was the most amazing atmosphere! And huge thanks to Peter and Adrian, to Jenny and Julie on the bar, and to the team for our fantastic supper! And to everyone who helped clear the chairs and tables etc at the end in super-quick time! What a brilliant night!

Friday 24th November at 12.00noon

On a Friday once a month from 12.00 to 1.30 we have the **Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group**. We meet at the Herriard Hub to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. We have superb soup, with bread and cheese and it is a **FREE LUNCH**. Anyone from our four parishes is welcome. If you would like to know more then please contact Fiona or Mark.

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

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Service of Thanksgiving

A Service of Thanksgiving for our long-standing village member Daphne Bird has been held in the church with many poignant and humorous memories from her family, and friend Sheila Stranks. The church was decorated with the most beautiful flowers and a wonderful celebration was held in the Village Hall afterwards.

Harvest

Weston Patrick held a very well attended service for Harvest festival with an interesting and informative outline of the farming year delivered by our local farmer, Peter Cheyney. All food donations were taken to the Alton Food Bank where they were well received. The service was followed by a delicious and happy lunch in the Village Hall.

Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 22nd November from 11.00 am. Please do join us for coffee, cake, and chat.

Date for your Diary: Race Night 25th November at 6.45pm

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Saturday 4th November 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.

Sunday 12th November at 5.00pm

Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

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Wednesdays, fortnightly

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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

**North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union**

November sees the start of the 16 days of activism for gender-based violence. This year Winchester Cathedral have offered Mothers' Union a chalet at their Christmas Market for a day to raise awareness of this issue. Members around the diocese will be helping out during the day at the chalet on **Wednesday 29th November**. If you are interested in helping us with this campaign, please let me know.

Mothers' Union has recently launched a new 'Rise Up' campaign to tackle the problem of domestic violence. The letters in 'Rise Up' stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. The statistics about Domestic Abuse are shocking with an estimated 1.6 million women in this country experiencing domestic abuse every year. One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood. Domestic abuse affects people throughout society and at every stage of life. We must do everything we can to support and protect those who are vulnerable.

Our next branch meeting is on **Monday 6th November** at 7.30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk.

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Luminosa to raise the roof with Haydn and Mozart

Alton based choir Luminosa is delighted to announce the first concert of the new season, on **Saturday 25th November** at Frensham Heights School, Farnham at 7.00pm. An exciting evening awaits, led by conductor Rebekah Abbott, with the turbulent Nelson Mass by Haydn, and the uplifting and sonorous Vespers by Mozart.

Generous sponsorship from Hattingley Valley Wines and Knight Frank allows tickets to be available at just £15 for adults (under 12s-£5), available on Ticketsource (www.luminosamusic.com). There will be a retiring collection in support of the work of The Fountain Centre, Guildford.

Basingstoke Choral Society

The choir will be performing the powerful Verdi Requiem off-score at 3.00pm on **Sunday 26th November** in the Anvil, Basingstoke, accompanied by the Docklands Sinfonia and the international soprano soloist Erica Eloff, all under the direction of David Gibson. Insights into the work will be available on social media in the weeks leading up to the concert.

First performed and conducted by Giuseppe Verdi in Milan in 1874, the Requiem has become one of the most popular choral works performed worldwide, including a performance in New York on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack.

Tickets from £15 (under 16s £7); group purchase - buy 10 get 1 free are available on-line on the choral society's website: www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk and via the Anvil Box Office – 01256 844244 or www.box.office@anvilarts.org.uk. **Annabet Chapman**

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

On **November 23rd** at 1.00pm we will be holding our Seasonal Lunch and AGM in the North Warnborough Village Hall. Tickets must be bought in advance for this part of the event. It will be followed at 2.45pm by a talk by Kay Martin entitled 'How does your Chocolate grow?' Members and guests without tickets for the lunch are very welcome to join everyone for the talk. For further information about the Club, please visit the website at <https://www.NW&DGC.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 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.

What a pickle!

The clocks have gone back, and the days are distinctly shorter, but there is still plenty of time for the members of our u3a to enjoy themselves! We have had three new groups begin this term, Beginners Bridge, Beginners Tai Chi and, perhaps the most unusual, Pickleball.

“So, what”, I hear you say, “is pickleball?”

Well, it's a hybrid sport that combines the skills and agility of table tennis, tennis and badminton but without having to run around quite so much. It's played on a badminton court with a net slightly lower than a tennis court net and it uses 'Paddles' and air flow balls. The group aims for inclusivity and enjoyment over 'out and out' competitiveness and meets fortnightly at the Hart Leisure Centre on Friday afternoons.



Of course, the additional benefit of exercising in a group is the opportunity to socialise. The table tennis group, having worked off a few calories, were happy to reapply them afterwards with a lunch at a local restaurant!



Some of our groups are equally happy to exercise their brain cells. The History of World

Civilisations group has set themselves some demanding projects this year. They will be considering important milestones such as the emergence of agriculture and early towns and civilizations in three very different areas; Mesopotamia (modern Iraq), the Indus Valley (modern Pakistan) and the rivers in China. However, they too, will enjoy refreshments and gossip during their meetings.

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

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.

News from the Hospital

(The Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust includes hospitals in Andover, Basingstoke and Winchester)

The Lucy Letby case has hit national headlines and must be a real concern for prospective parents locally: could this be repeated in our own hospital? It is reassuring to note that not only is the mortality level regularly reviewed, in fact each death case is reviewed, but the Trust has in place arrangements to prevent a similar situation happening here. In addition, the Trust is ensuring all staff are able to speak up, however junior they might be, which was a major factor in the Letby case.

Patient safety and care is a top priority for the Trust, and whilst it may not be helpful for those admitted for urgent treatment, the Trust will shortly be adding a YouTube video to its website which will be of real value to those being admitted for elective procedures. This video covers a wide range of issues, including making sure one understands what is being said by staff, preventing side effects, such as falls or blood clots and infections, to being willing to ask for help when needed. At the same time the Trust is working hard to instil a patient caring culture in all staff, and as the citations for many of the 'Wow' awards confirm (awards to staff for going well beyond normal expectations), we have some amazing examples of this.

By now most people are aware that a new hospital is planned locally with public consultation anticipated in the near future. Lord Markham, Parliament Under Secretary for Health and Social Care, recently visited Basingstoke to help understand the need for change. He met with both staff and patient representatives and was able to give the assurance that as the plan for a rolling renewal of hospitals across the country had been developed with wide cross-party involvement in Westminster, any change of government would be unlikely to affect the programme.

He went on to explain that the planned construction methodology was to undertake considerable work off site, using a bring-to-site 'pod' system. Not only did he highlight the benefits this gives to future flexibility of layout as healthcare needs change over the years, but this method also gains from better cost control, faster construction and cost savings from standardisation, as well as protection from programme delays from adverse weather. He further emphasised that by spreading the programme over a long period, for example about 20 years, this would enable suppliers to invest appropriately with further productivity gains. He stressed that based upon benefits now achieved by Trusts with new hospitals, full digitisation of patient information was already improving productivity.

It is now widely recognised that the NHS is in crisis, its current budget is nearly one third of all the money the Government collects from us in taxation, and many don't see additional funds as making any improvements. With many now opting to go private, whilst there is real concern that public health provision will decline, it shows that those better off are prepared to spend more on their health. For example:

- Does the NHS need radical surgery? For example, do we in this country need to move more to the continental system with nominal charges for its use – clearly with some mitigation for those less well off?
- Does it need to be split into more manageable units?
- How do we fix primary care where each GP surgery is a private business, because to become a partner, capital is required to purchase a share – not something young doctors with high student loans have in abundance?

As mentioned above, it is planned that the public consultation for the new hospital will start shortly. Whilst there will be some negative comments on the options, the Trust will really appreciate positive suggestions on how the options might be improved. It is however hoped

that many more people engage in the consultation than the under 300 people who participated in recent governor elections which covered a population approaching 200,000!

Likewise, the election of governors will be taking place starting at the end of October. Governors represent patient interests to the hospital management, so this is a vital role. Why not become a Trust member? This not only entitles you to vote, but it will also give you more up to date information and help you to play a part at this critical time. To register go to <https://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/membership>.

Keith Bunker, Former Trust Governor

Hampshire and IoW wildlife Trust – Mammal mysteries

Mammals are all around us, from mice to voles to deer and foxes. From Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust nature reserves to parks, and our gardens. But how often to you see them? Most mammals like to stay hidden, and they're very good at it.

However, even the stealthiest species leave clues. Look around and you'll see tell-tale signs of these animals' hidden presence. Some are obvious, like large piles of droppings, and others more subtle, like nibbled pinecones. One of the most exciting things to find are footprints.

Foxes have four toes, and their footprint forms a neat diamond with a triangular foot pad, toes around the sides and front, and two claws forming a point at the front. Their droppings are also dog-like in shape, usually pointy at one end, and full of fur, feathers, tiny bones, seeds and berries.

Badger feet have five toes, and their prints show a wide, squarish foot pad with five toes at the front with long claws (for digging). Prints are very robust and broad (6.5cm wide). Their front and back paws differ slightly: the front-paw marks have longer claw marks, while the back-paw marks show the inner toes to be a little further forward. Badgers follow the same routes when they're foraging, so leave well-worn trails across fields or exiting woods and hedges or along fences. They poo in shallow pits called latrines, and their droppings vary from firm and sausage-shaped, to soft and slimy.



Badger_tracks_(c)_Philip_Precey

Though there are several species of **deer**, their tracks are roughly the same shape, just different sizes. Muntjac tracks are around 3cm long, whilst red deer tracks are up to 9cm long. Deer walk on tiptoes, so you only usually see two long pointed toe prints side-by-side, with no claws or foot pad. Deer droppings are smooth, shiny dark pellets; pointed at one end and often stuck together in clusters.



Deer_footprint_in_snow_(c)_Amy_Lewis

Rabbit prints are oval-shaped, and their four feet form a triangle – you won't really notice separate paw marks. It's often easier to find rabbits by looking for their little round pellet droppings on lawns and fields.



Rabbit_tracks_2_(c)_Amy_Lewis

As a nation of pet lovers, there are millions of cats and dogs prints around so telling them apart from wildlife prints is key. Although dogs vary wildly in size, their prints are often around 3-5cm wide with four toes and big claw marks. Cat prints are generally 2-3cm wide and have no claw marks.

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SMALL ADS – November

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 – November 2023

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

NOVEMBER DATES

3rd Nov	Fri	Long Sutton School open event	9.15-10.30am
13th Nov	Mon	Long Sutton School open event	6.00-7.00pm
18th Nov	Sat	Elvis McGonagall, Upton Grey Village Hall	7.45pm
24th Nov	Fri	Herriard & Tunworth Lunch Group, Herriard Hub	12.00noon
25th Nov	Sat	Weston Patrick Race Night, Village Hall	6.45pm

ADVANCE DATES

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	11-3.00
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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