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**BENEFICE MAGAZINE – April 2024**  
**Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,**  
**Upton Grey and Weston Patrick**

**Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team**

I'm often struck by how there are some things in life which we just have to keep doing repeatedly.

I know in our household, it's often the laundry! We wash our clothes, we dry them, we fold them, and then after we've worn them, we do it all over again. Wash. Dry. Fold. Repeat. And unless you don't mind walking around in dirty clothes, it's a process we have to keep on doing. Wash. Dry. Fold. Repeat. Wash. Dry. Fold. Repeat.



Amongst the many things God teaches us to do in the Bible, is to consistently rejoice, pray, give thanks – and repeat.

We find this instruction in Paul's first letter to the early Christian church, in the bustling seaport of Thessalonica in Greece, in about AD 50. He tells the Christians there to do this:

*'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus'* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We're going to be looking at the whole of this letter (1 Thessalonians) in all 12 churches across our benefice through the month of April, and as we get towards the end of the letter we receive this instruction.

The wonderful truth in this verse is that as Christians we **can** rejoice always, we **can** give thanks in all circumstances. Not because we just always 'feel happy' – sometimes in our lives we experience terrible suffering or sadness, and even on a week-by-week basis things don't always go as wonderfully as we'd hoped.

Instead, we can rejoice always because of what Jesus has done for us, which is a constant reality.

We've just remembered over Easter how he died for us on the cross, that all our sins might be forgiven as we turn to him and put our trust in him, so that we might know freedom in our lives – perfect freedom from fear and anxiety and additions and so much more.

But there's more! We also remembered how he rose again from the dead, at his resurrection three days later - conquering death, so that we might all live through him – not just now, but for eternity.



Jesus has enabled all this for us – all we have to do is turn to him, put our faith in him. And as we then follow him day-by-day throughout our lives, we have cause to rejoice always, to give thanks in all circumstances – because of what he’s done.

So let’s do that constantly this April – rejoice, pray, give thanks – and repeat!

With best wishes, Chris.

**Rev’d Chris Dudgeon, Vicar, All Saints Odiham**  
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## CHURCH SERVICES

### **Sunday 7th April**

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion  
 5.00pm Herriard – Evensong

### **Thursday 11th April**

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

### **Sunday 14th April**

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

### **Thursday 18th April**

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

### **Sunday 21st April**

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion  
 10.00am Herriard – Morning Worship  
 10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

### **Sunday 28th April**

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

## CHURCH NEWS

### Rev John Jenkyns

Many people may remember Rev John Jenkyns who was Vicar of Upton Grey from 1985 to 1997. We will be interring John's remains in Upton Grey Churchyard after the 10.00am Communion service on **Thursday 11th April**. Anyone who remembers John is most welcome to join us for the service and interment. We will raise a glass to John in church afterwards.

**Rev Simon Butler**

### Your Parish Church

The Church of England is unique in offering a pastoral presence in every community. Every village across the UK has a church building as a sign and symbol of God's care and concern and a reminder that the Church is there for everyone, whether regular worshipper, occasional visitor, or seldom seen.

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All 12 of our churches welcome enquiries about any of the above. In the first instance have a chat with your parish Vicar and be in touch with Sam and Jo in the benefice office.

**Rev Simon Butler**

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings are being held as follows:

- **Herriard** is on **Tuesday 23rd April** at 7.00pm in The Herriard Hub.
- **Tunworth** is on **Thursday 11th April** at 7.30pm in All Saints Church.
- **Upton Grey** is on **Sunday 14th April** in the church at 11.00am (after the 10.00am service).
- **Weston Patrick** is on **Tuesday 23rd April** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

## Coffee & Cake

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

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on Thursday 4th April.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am-1.00pm on Mondays 8th and 22nd April.
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am-12.30pm on Wednesday 24th April.

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

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Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ, but are unsure of what your next step might be? Join Bishop David and the Winchester School of Mission team at All Saints Church Hall, St Leonards & St Ives, to explore the pathways available. All are welcome to join us for this morning - no strings or expectations attached.



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# KidsZone

Hi everyone!

As I drive around at the moment, I'm blown away by nature... All around me, plants that have been hidden by winter are bursting into life. Bulbs are blooming. Trees are full of blossom. You know, Jesus often used nature to tell us more about God and how God wants us to live, and as I drove around and started to get excited about strawberry picking, apple munching and blackberry jam making, I was reminded of how someone else in the Bible called Paul spoke about fruit – but a different sort of fruit: fruit of the spirit. Maybe you know a song all about them? Why don't you listen to a song about them by scanning this QR code.



So, this is how the story goes. A guy named Paul wrote a letter to a group of people who were trying to follow Jesus, but they weren't treating each other the way Jesus would have. They ended up getting into silly arguments, kicking people out of their group for no good reason and even losing faith in God. Paul reminded them to be more like Jesus, more like God, more like the Holy Spirit. He then went on to list nine fruit (or characteristics in their lives) that show that we are God's friends. He didn't mean people who follow Jesus should have grapes or pineapples growing from their elbows. Instead, Paul meant that as we grow in our faith, we become more and more like Jesus. Our lives will bear more good fruit.

This place Paul was writing to isn't the only place where people act like that, is it? Let's be honest, we can all make mistakes about how we act sometimes, can't we... But, Paul says that if we follow Jesus, what we do and how we act, becomes more like what Jesus would do.

Over the next few months I'll think about a different fruit of the spirit each time. In the meantime, sing along to the song and see if you can work out what the nine fruit are and think about whether your tree has enough of all these fruit on it!

God Bless and see you next time!



**Helen Chatfield**  
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## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

### **Farming news**

March has sprung upon us and it has brought more rain with it. Dad and I keep saying to ourselves 'it surely can't keep raining' in the hope that it may change. But we have managed to get out in the fields to apply the first dose of nitrogen fertiliser for the crops to give them a 'pick me up' after the long wet winter. They have done remarkably well considering how wet it has been and they are responding to the fertiliser nicely as the weather is generally mild, albeit wet. In the small weather window that we got in the first week of March, we managed to start planting some barley. We have picked out the lighter more chalky fields to drill first as these had dried out quicker and are less prone to water logging when it rains again, which, as I write this, it is raining. But the days are drawing out and the longer daylight hours will help to encourage growth and hopefully the freshly planted barley will be poking through the surface relatively quickly.

Our next job is to apply sulphur fertiliser to our crops, which we will do in the next break in weather. We have to apply sulphur to all our crops as there isn't enough surplus in the atmosphere for the crops to feed on. Historically with coal power stations being the only way of producing electricity, the burning of coal produced more than enough sulphur in the atmosphere that farmers didn't need to apply it in fertiliser form. Both sulphur and nitrogen are key fertilisers that aid plants in their process of photosynthesis. As the crops start to grow and the weather turns warmer/sunnier we will have to apply fungicides to the crops to help protect them from diseases and pests. With a generally warm winter these diseases will be at a higher risk as there hasn't been a great deal of prolonged cold weather to naturally kill these off.

Which brings me onto my experiment that I mentioned in my last article, where the plan was to graze half a field of wheat, the aim being that the older leaves that are carrying these diseases would be grazed off by the sheep and inevitable help reduce our pesticide use. Frustratingly, due to the wet weather I decided to go against this, mainly because the sheep would have done more damage than good, so it wasn't a viable option. I won't give up though and will attempt this again next year.

We also have successfully passed our 'Red Tractor' audit for another year, which means that the combinable crops we grow can be used as ingredients to make products that bear the red tractor logo.

So we will cross our fingers for a turn in the weather to allow us to tend to the crops in good time and to be able to walk the dogs without them getting filthy!

**Will Cheyney**

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**Your invitation to support the Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club  
2024/5**

Now is the time to sign up for another year of our 100 Club. **For just £24 for the year you have a monthly chance to win £100 or £40.**

The 100 Club is the principle fundraiser for the Village Hall contributing to the maintenance and running costs. If you haven't already joined the 100 Club we encourage you to do so; for those already subscribing, please continue! It's a worthy cause with the chance of winning your donation back.

The 100 Club works like this: all entries are put in a pot every month: half the money goes in prizes, with an award of **£100** – hence the name. The second prize is usually around **£40**. The other half of the money goes towards the running costs of the village hall. You are welcome to buy as many numbers for the monthly draw as you like.

First Prize **£100**, Second Prize c.**£40**. Each entry (or number) costs **£24 for 12 monthly draws**.

You can make payment by cheque to: Upton Grey Village Hall Committee. Cheques can be left at Rowan Croft, Weston Road. If you can pay by Bank Transfer our account is Upton Grey Village Hall Committee Sort Code 09-01-51 Account No 86355505. Please add your name and Post Code. You can also pay with cash to Wendy Stanway or Sam Clough (best to put your details on the envelope!).

Thank you!

**Sam Clough and the Village Hall Committee**  
**([ugvh100@gmail.com](mailto:ugvh100@gmail.com))**

### **Church and Churchyard tidy-up, Saturday 6th April**

Please come and help at the Upton Grey Churchyard tidy up on **Saturday 6th April** 9.30am until 12.30pm. Bring your own tools. Let's keep our Churchyard looking beautiful!

At the same time, same day, we are having a 'Polish a Pew' morning. If you would prefer to be inside, please come and help keep the Church looking sparkling and beautiful. Bring polish and dusters.

Thank you so much.

**Sarah Barnes, Churchwarden, 07890 897451**

### **Rev John Jenkyns**

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**Rev Simon Butler**

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

The Upton Grey APCM is on **Sunday 14th April** in the church at 11.00am (after the 10.00am service).

### **Coffee and Cake drop in**

Upton Grey Village Hall

**Monday  
8th & 22nd April  
11.00-1.00**

**All welcome**



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## **Upton Grey Horticultural Society - Spring and Summer Shows 2024**

Rather sadly, our popular March and August shows will be rested for 2024. I retired as Team Lead (after many years) at the conclusion of last year's summer show and, although willing to remain as part of the team, I am no longer willing to be the lead. We are a small team of volunteers and whilst some have other duties within it, none are willing to take on the lead. We are therefore looking in earnest for a willing volunteer to lead the team as well as others to boost the team's numbers to share the roles, or to help on the days leading up to the shows and on show days themselves, so we can come back in 2025. For your information, we are members of the Royal Horticultural Society and as such have to adhere to rules and guidelines, although we have a free rein on everything else not covered.

We thank you for your valued support over the years whether it was entering your lovely exhibits or helping in various ways to make the shows successful. If you would like to see the shows continue into the future, then please do let me know soon if you can help in any way, and especially if you're interested in the role of Team Lead, as we wouldn't like these lovely community events to die. **June Hunt 01256 862719**

## **Tennis Dates for 2024**

### **Junior Tennis Coaching Weeks**

*Easter Tennis: Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April*

Sessions start from 9.00am and are 45 minutes long. The coach will be Andrew Ridgers, who has been leading the tennis coaching for many years. He is very experienced and highly regarded and makes the sessions fun for all. He also coaches at Odiham tennis club. The youngest children have the first session, which is 45 minutes, and then there are several more groups, largely grouped together by age. The age range is roughly 3.5 up to 16/17 year olds.

The cost is £16 per child, whether your child is able to attend all the days or not. We are able to keep this low due to the continued and much appreciated support from the Upton Grey Educational Trust.

In the event of bad weather, the sessions will be cancelled. Please email Susannah Livingston Booth on [slivingstonbooth@gmail.com](mailto:slivingstonbooth@gmail.com) with your child/children's name(s), age(s), and your contact details.

Payment should be made by the 1st April 2024 by Bank Transfer to Upton Grey Village Tennis Court. Bank Details: Sort Code 30-93-32, Account No: 02410908, or alternatively you can pay by cash to Susannah Livingston Booth at Redwing House, Cemetery Lane, Upton Grey, RG25 2RD.

*Summer Tennis Tuesday 5th - Thursday 8th August*

As above.

### **St Mary's Church Fete - Saturday 8th June 2024 2.00-5.00pm**

The Upton Grey village fete in aid of St Mary's Church is being held on Saturday 8th June at 2.00pm. Save the date for this annual village bonanza, suitable for all ages. Bring your friends and family. We are very grateful to the Butler Adams who have kindly agreed for us to use their beautiful spacious gardens at the Old Vicarage, Church Street.

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**Sarah Barnes and Frances Yeowart  
on behalf of St Mary's Upton Grey PCC**

### **Garden Stall – Fete 8th June 2024**

Yes, there will be a garden stall at the fete this year and any garden related items would be gratefully received, any time from now on. It's a stall that takes year-round effort and as with all the other stalls relies on donations. If you are having a clear out/spring clean of the shed and have any unwanted garden tools, garden furniture an old wheelbarrow, hanging baskets, terracotta/ceramic garden pots then please don't throw them away. If you have leftover flower or vegetable seedlings, the odd bag of compost, or maybe overbought on your bedding plants, are dividing a Hosta or any perennials, surplus rhubarb, the odd indoor plant or **anything** that could possibly be sold on a 'garden' stall please let me know. I can collect, or just drop on my drive or deliver to the stall on the day - Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane, Tel: 862705 - Debbie Bridle ([debbie@debbie-bridle.com](mailto:debbie@debbie-bridle.com)). Any donations will be very much appreciated - Thankyou.



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### **Upton Grey Golf Day, Thursday 13th June**

Calling all golfers! The annual Upton Grey Golf Day is being held this year on Thursday 13th June at Sandford Springs Golf Club, Kingsclere.

The format of the day is as follows:

- 10.30am arrival for bacon rolls + tea/coffee.
- 11.30am 18 holes golf on Lakes/Parks courses - team and individual competitions.
- 4.30pm 1-course dinner, drinks and prize giving.

All for just £45 per person!

Golfers of all abilities are welcome to what is always a fun day out. For further details, and to register your interest, please contact David Cook - 07903 169536 - [David.cook1961@btinternet.com](mailto:David.cook1961@btinternet.com).

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Upton Grey has a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator: Tania Day [wrighttania@me.com](mailto:wrighttania@me.com)

### **Upton Grey Ladies Group**

Upton Grey Ladies Group meets every month, either for a pub lunch, theatre outing, garden or National Trust visit etc. We usually meet during the first week of the month and most often on a Thursday. We number between 30 and 40 members and would welcome new members to join us.

**Viv Anscombe 01256 862455**

**HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS**

**[www.herriard-pc.gov.uk](http://www.herriard-pc.gov.uk)**

**[www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk](http://www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk)**

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

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

The APCM is on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.00pm in The Herriard Hub.

**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, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. The April date is **Friday 26th April**.

**Summer Fete & Dog Show**

The Summer Fete and Dog Show will be on **Sunday 2nd June** from 12 noon to 3.00pm at the Herriard Green & Pavilion.

**Herriard Prayer Group**

If you or anyone you know would like to be included in our prayers please contact [suzanne@moretolife.church](mailto:suzanne@moretolife.church) or [fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk](mailto:fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk).



A colorful poster for a summer event. At the top, a string of triangular bunting flags in orange, pink, and blue hangs against a light blue sky with white clouds. A pink scalloped-edged badge on the left contains the text 'FREE ENTRY'. A yellow and red striped balloon with a purple string is on the right. The main text is centered in a large yellow speech bubble shape. At the bottom left, there is a small illustration of a red and white striped circus tent. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo with the text 'ECO FAIR'. The bottom of the poster has a green horizontal band with white text.

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## Fete & Dog Show

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## TUNWORTH NEWS

### **Coffee & Cake: Thursday 4th April, 10.30am**

On the first Thursday of the month we meet for Coffee and Cake in the church porch. Please do join us if you are at home and fancy taking a break from online work.

### **Prayer Hour: Saturday 6th April, 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.

### **Tunworth Home Group: Wednesday 10th & 24th April**

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. The April dates are Wednesday 10th and 24th at 7.00pm. If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

### **Tunworth APCM, Thursday 11th April, 7.30pm**

The Tunworth Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in All Saints Church on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 7.30pm.

### **Safari Supper, Saturday 20th April, 7.00pm**

The Tunworth Safari Supper will take place on Saturday 20th April at 7.00pm.

### **Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group, Friday 26th April**

The Lunch Group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30 at the Herriard Hub, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. The April date is Friday 26th April.

## WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Weston Coffee Mornings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, so on 27th March and then on Wednesday 24th April, from 11.00am. Please do join us for coffee, cake and chat.

St Lawrence Church has an Easter Day Holy Communion Service at 10.00am on 31st March, with an Easter Egg Hunt after the service.

We have Evensong services on Sunday 24th March and 28th April at 5.00pm with our great choir, and Morning Worship on 14th April at 10.00am. Everybody of all ages is very welcome to come along to any or all of these services.

Our **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 23rd April at 7.00pm.**

**Coffee Mornings**  
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## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

**North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union**

We met on Monday 4th March for our AGM, and also to start our knitting project for the year. This year we will be making items for Basingstoke Hospital, including hats for the maternity department and twiddlemuffs for elderly confused patients. Later in March we heard about the work of the charity StopDomesticAbuse who support families suffering from Domestic Violence. As well as supporting families in the community, and working with schoolchildren to raise awareness, they also run refuges around Hampshire including in Basingstoke. We talked about how we might help these families, for example by providing them with toiletries or other items when they first arrive at a refuge, or items that they need when they are rehoused.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 15th April** 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 [suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com](mailto:suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com) or 01252 845011.

**Hook Choral Society, Saturday April 21st, All Saints Odiham**

Hook Choral Society will be giving their Spring concert in All Saints' Church, Odiham on Saturday April 21st, at 6.00pm (doors will be open from 5.30); tickets (£15.00 each, or £13.50 each for groups of four or more) can be bought at the door, or by phone from 07957 293641, or from the choir's website [hookchoral.co.uk](http://hookchoral.co.uk).

Starting with Mozart's wonderful Missa Brevis, the programme will include two songs by Faure, three by Schubert, including his lovely Ave Maria, Ola Gjeilo's ethereal piece 'Serenity', and short works by both Beethoven and Arnesen. The concert will end with Mascagni's 'Easter Hymn' from 'Cavalleria Rusticana'.

## Films at the Cross Barn Odiham

### *April 19th*

Film 'One Life' (Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham Carter, Lena Olin, Jonathan Pryce)

*'A remarkable WWII story' - Time Out*

*'With riveting performances by the whole cast, it moved me beyond words' - IMDb*

*'Hopkins's subtle, emotionally powerful performance is aided by classy support from Lena Olin, Helena Bonham Carter and his Two Popes co-star Jonathan Pryce' - Radio Times*

### *April 26th*

Film 'The Anatomy of a Fall' (Sandra Hüller, Swann Arlaud)

English and French with subtitles

'The Anatomy of a Fall' has won an impressive string of awards including the coveted Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 2023, and an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay at the recent Oscars.

*'A sparkling intellectual thriller that lingers for days' - Telegraph*

*'At its centre is a stunning performance from Sandra Hüller, possibly the best of the year' - rogerebert.com*

*'Well acted and directed, it is a compelling and nuanced study of human psychology and social dynamics' - IMDb*

Doors open at 7.00pm, films start at 7.45pm.

Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available.

Purchase tickets £7.00 online at [www.thecrossbarn.org.uk](http://www.thecrossbarn.org.uk).

**Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale**

Join us at our annual Plant Sale on **Saturday 11th May**, Treloar College, Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4GL, from 10.00am to 12.30pm. This year, we're excited to host the event in the Horticultural Area and Greenhouse at Treloar's, offering ample parking right by the event.

Explore a beautiful variety of annuals and new selection of perennials grown by Treloar's students. Don't miss our bring & buy plant stall, where you can receive expert advice. Plus, we're thrilled to have Phoenix Perennial Plants joining us. Indulge in delicious treats at the cakes and produce stall and try your luck at our raffle.

Admission is free and all proceeds will go towards supporting the young people at Treloar's!

**Hart Male Voice Choir at St Andrew's South Warnborough  
Saturday 11th May 7.30-9.00pm**

We are delighted that Hart Male Voice Choir have agreed to perform another concert in South Warnborough. This talented local choir will entertain us with a medley of well-known songs for your entertainment and enjoyment.

Tickets, which will include a drink in the interval, are £15 for adults, free for children, and are available from Virginia Farquharson, [v.farquharson@gmail.com](mailto:v.farquharson@gmail.com) or 01256 861050.

All profits are for St Andrew's Church.



### **Variety is the Spice of Life!**

As we have said before, our members run a wide variety of activities, often drawing upon skills from pre-retirement days and lots of our members take part in more than one group.

So, during a typical week they could be:

- taking exercise outside and enjoying the fresh air, e.g. **Tennis, Walking, Cycling.**
- exercising inside, e.g. **Ballet for Fitness, Tai Chi.**
- taking part in an activity, e.g. **Drawing and Painting** (see photo to the right)
- enjoying a presentation or discussion, e.g. **History, Current Affairs, Philosophy.**



Some groups offer regular presentations on their particular interest area. For example: **Wings & Wheels** latest presentation was by two air accident investigators, whereas the **Science & Technology** group heard about Nanoparticles and also Batteries for Electric cars.

We also have **Monthly Presentations** for the whole membership to enjoy, either by attending Cross Barn or catching up afterwards using our own version of 'iPlayer'. So far this year we have appreciated a very varied selection:

- The wit and satire of Gilbert and Sullivan
- A wander through St James's
- Standing Up for Trees - Woodland Trust
- Behind you! Pantomime History
- Salmo salar, the Atlantic Salmon
- Bastard Feudalism
- Scattered squalor or downland homes

And, being only half way through the year, we have more gems to come, the April offering will be '**Volunteering for Orangutans**'.

If you would like to know more, please visit our website [www.odihamu3a.org.uk](http://www.odihamu3a.org.uk)



## National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

More news from our NGS Chelsea Garden 2024 - fully funded by 'Project Giving Back', designed by Tom Stewart-Smith and built by Crocus.

In keeping with an increased emphasis on sustainability, The NGS Garden for RHS Chelsea will feature a number of recycled and repurposed items. Some, like the old tools that will be on display in the potting shed, were destined for the local tip before being rescued by the Hertfordshire based Sunnyside Rural Trust. Known for its innovative trainee schemes and services that offer wellness, training and employment to young people and adults with learning disabilities, Sunnyside blends social enterprise and day care with the therapeutic nature of horticulture. They began refurbishing and selling garden tools as part of the project in March 2023.

Now for something very different - from Hampshire NGS...

### *Streamside Trees Bonsai Experience (Fleet)*

43a Basingbourne Road, Fleet GU52 6TG

<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/46>

[991/streamside-trees-bonsai-experience](https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/46)

Visitors can enjoy a guided tour around the 140ft garden, with a natural stream, azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, a pond and many wildlife habitats. There is a display of bonsai in development and a tree nursery. Then enjoy an informal



bonsai demonstration from Julia, an enthusiast who also holds 'Create a Bonsai' hands-on experiences and is a member of bonsai societies. Finally relax with refreshments and Q & A. Starter trees will be available to purchase.

Tour & Demonstration: Thursday 9th May 10.00am and 1.00pm, Sunday 25th May 10.00am and 1.00pm. The tours starts promptly at 10.00am and 1.00pm. Admission £20.00 per adult. Pre-booking only - simply click on the above link. Limited tickets available. Price includes refreshments. For any clarification contact [streamsidetrees@gmail.com](mailto:streamsidetrees@gmail.com). This experience would make an ideal gift idea for friends and family - something a bit different.

### *Brick Kiln Cottage, The Avenue, Herriard, Nr Alton RG25 2PR*

Opening Saturday 27th April 11.00am-3.00pm. Admission £6.00, Children free, CASH ONLY. Refreshments - home-made teas.

Also open by arrangement in April and May for groups of 10+ (contact 01256 381301 or [barbara@klca.co.uk](mailto:barbara@klca.co.uk))

This 2-acre garden with a perimeter woodland path includes a treehouse, pebble garden, billabong, stumpery, ferny hollow, bug palace, waterpool, shepherd's hut and a traditional cottage garden filled with herbs. The garden is maintained using eco-friendly methods as a haven for wild animals, butterflies, birds, bees and English bluebells. There's also a children's reading area. Wildlife friendly garden in a former brick works. A haven in the trees. Gallery of textiles. For photos and more information - visit the website [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk).

Best Wishes to you all.

**Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity)**  
**National Garden Scheme - Hampshire**  
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## **Why do toads cross roads?**

*Gemma Paul, Centre Assistant, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust*

During breeding season frogs and toads naturally try to migrate back to the bodies of water where they originally spawned so they can mate and lay eggs. Unfortunately, manmade structures like roads and fences can provide difficult obstacles for wildlife to cross over, especially as they grow into larger adults and are unable to slip back through the holes they first came through. It is estimated that a staggering 20 tonnes of toads are killed on UK roads every year.

During February, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust rescued 170 toads and 7 frogs, thanks to the efforts of the Swanwick Lakes Education and Engagement team.

The team carefully collected and counted the toads and frogs, including mating pairs, from along a security fence line. They were then safely released onto the other side of the fence to continue their migration to their breeding grounds, and so are now able to spawn the next generation.

Frogs are both predators and prey, which makes them an important part of the food chain. They provide a vital source of food for several species, as well as helping to control populations of others. They are also considered an indicator species as they are very sensitive to changes in their environment (both aquatic and terrestrial) and their permeable skin makes them especially vulnerable to pollutants. Monitoring populations of indicator species can be an important way to pick up on early warning signs of environmental changes or damage to natural habitats and ecosystems.

There are only four native species of frog in the UK of which two are toads. Toads are a type of frog but they have shorter legs, broader noses and drier (and bumpier) skin, which allows them to survive for longer in dry conditions compared to most other frogs. Toads also produce bufotoxin via their skin to defend themselves from predators. Unfortunately, toad populations in the UK have been steadily declining due to habitat loss, pollution and climate change. Because of this they are listed as a biodiversity priority species under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act (2006).

Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve is owned by NATS (national air traffic control services) and managed in partnership with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Several amphibians call the reserve home, including three species of newt. They provide a vital source of food for

other wildlife including herons, grass snakes and badgers, plus dragonflies and damselflies.

For more information about toads and frogs please visit:  
[www.hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife-explorer/amphibians](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/wildlife-explorer/amphibians)

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*Common Frog* © Gemma Paul

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – APRIL 2024

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

### APRIL DATES

2nd-5th Apr		UG Easter Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00-12.45
6th Apr	Sat	Upton Grey church & churchyard tidy-up	9.30-12.30
10th Apr	Wed	Home Group, Tunworth	7.00pm
11th Apr	Thu	Rev John Jenkyns interment, UG churchyard, after 10.00am service	
11th Apr	Thu	APCM, All Saints Church, Tunworth	7.30pm
14th Apr	Sun	APCM, St Mary's Church, UG	11.00am
20th Apr	Sat	Tunworth Safari Supper	7.00pm
23rd Apr	Tue	APCM, Weston Patrick Village Hall	11.00am
23rd Apr	Tue	APCM, Herriard Hub	7.00pm
24th Apr	Wed	Home Group, Tunworth	7.00pm
26th Apr	Fri	Herriard & Tunworth Lunch Group, Herriard Hub	12.00 noon

### ADVANCE DATES

11th May	Sat	Hart Male Voice Choir, South Warnborough church	7.30pm
2nd Jun	Sun	Summer Fete and Dog Show, Herriard Green	12.00-3.00
8th Jun	Sat	St Mary's Upton Grey Village Fete	2.00-5.00pm
13th Jun	Thu	Upton Grey Golf Day, Sandford Springs, Kingsclere	10.00am
5th-8th Aug		UG Summer Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00-12.45

### 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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