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

**Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team**

Happy Rentrée. In French speaking parts of the world the autumn is often described as ‘la rentrée’. It’s the moment when everyone returns home from their holidays. Across Europe, August is usually a very different month, the pace slows dramatically and many businesses close down completely as people rush off to the seaside. La Rentrée marks the Autumn return home. The return to the normal routine of school or work or retirement. In the life of any church family September very much feels like a time of ‘returning’ to normality. As September progresses, one by one everybody returns, and by Harvest Sunday the church is normally in the full swing of the autumn programme.



These last couple of years, for North Hampshire Downs Benefice, have been all about ‘returning’ to normal after the difficult years of Covid. For me it has been really wonderful to witness the renewed joy and energy and purpose within the churches. Although there is a huge amount of work to do, we are very much a benefice stepping into our stride and looking to the future, with a growing confidence and hope.

One mark of the Covid years is that key individuals, couples or families, who were once at the very centre of church life, can drift away a little. They are still part of the family, still active, but not quite as active as they were previously. They can seem a little busier, a little more distracted, a little less present – and both they and the wider church family are spiritually the poorer for it. This has been just as true for us as it has been for many other churches.

My prayer for this autumn is that all of us, including those who may have drifted away from the centre of church, will hear God’s call to return. That we all might be part of a wonderful whole Church family rentrée, as we restart our journey with God all together. Please don’t miss your moment!

If you are not yet part of a home group, why not join one this Autumn? Why not start attending a prayer group? Or try out a church service that you have never attended before? There are lots of ways of

re-newing our faith or re-starting church. Why not have a chat with one of the clergy.

We have a very exciting Autumn in front of us. Happy Rentrée.

Yours in the service of Christ Jesus.

**The Revd Gillian Wilton**

Vicar, Long Sutton & South Warnborough

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Baptism:** Rebecca Creed at St Lawrence Weston Patrick on 11th August

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

### **Sunday 1st September**

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

5.00pm Herriard – Evensong

### **Sunday 8th September**

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

10.00am Weston Patrick – Morning Worship

6.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

### **Thursday 12th September**

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

### **Sunday 15th September**

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

10.00am Herriard – Morning Worship

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

### **Thursday 19th September**

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

### **Sunday 22nd September**

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service

10.00am Herriard – Family Service

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

### **Sunday 29th September**

9.30am Odiham – Benefice CW Holy Communion with Bishop David

11.00am Odiham – Benefice Informal Service with Bishop David

## CHURCH NEWS

### **Ride & Stride, Saturday 14th September**

*[hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/](http://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/)*

All four of the local churches will be open on 14th September for this annual national event. The day is an exceptional opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family. Participants can be sure that sponsorship money raised will be used for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Participants' sponsored journeys on Saturday 14th September 2024 can be to as many churches as they like (on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, bus or classic car!), exploring and enjoying the countryside from Sandown to Silchester, Fordingbridge to Farnborough. There are over 400 churches due to be open. Many will have church representatives present, many will be offering refreshments, some will have toilets open, and all will be delighted that participants are visiting.

In 2023, Ride & Stride in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight raised over £50,000 of sponsorship money (including Gift Aid). The sponsorship money helps to fund repairs to the historic fabric and features of churches as well as urgent repairs such as retaining walls in graveyards, leaky roofs and the installation of facilities to make Hampshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses of all denominations fit to serve local communities for future generations. Over the years a number of the churches in this area have benefited from generous grants.

To be involved as a "Participant", please see:  
*[hihct.org.uk/taking-part/](http://hihct.org.uk/taking-part/)*

## **Coffee & Cake**

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

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on Thursday 5th September.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am-1.00pm on Monday 9th and 23rd September.
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am-12.30pm on Wednesday 25th September.

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

## **Confirmation - a step of faith**

Later this year in November a group of adults and young people from across our 12 parishes will be confirmed at Winchester Cathedral.

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

At the service the Bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

If you would like to explore confirmation with a view to being confirmed this year or next, do please be in touch with your local vicar or Rev Simon Butler on [simon@moretolife.church](mailto:simon@moretolife.church) - 01256 861706.

# The Table



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

North Warnborough Village Hall

## UPCOMING DATES:

15<sup>th</sup> September

29<sup>th</sup> September

27<sup>th</sup> October

10<sup>th</sup> November

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### Farming News

What a difference a few days of sunshine and warmth can make. After a couple of weeks commiserating with my neighbouring farmers about the lack of a fine weather window (and brooding around the house so that Claire and the teenagers were avoiding me!) we have finally been promised a decent hot spell. For our wheat harvest and baling the straw behind the combine we ideally need at least a good week without rain. This gives the grain and then the straw we bale time to really dry out. The grain needs to be below 15% moisture and the straw below 13% so if we get a light shower of rain or even a heavy dew, that can really hold us back.

Me and my fellow farmers are addicted to our many weather Apps, all of which will tell us something slightly different! Being of a positive outlook, I try and follow whichever has the better forecast at that particular moment. This usually stands me in good stead but occasionally leaves me performing a Basil Fawlty style rant at the rolling black clouds and falling rain.

But true to form, this weather window they predicted has only lasted a few days and not the blazing hot week we needed. We have been harvesting, hauling grain and baling straw late into the nights trying to make the most of this short dry spell. In 2022 we had the best, driest harvest I can remember and consequently, many relaxed happy farmers (now there's rare a thing!). We'd finish combining around 7pm, meet friends for a bottle of rose knowing full well the sun was going to shine. Then the next day continue harvesting in a fairly relaxed state safe in knowledge the weather was set fair for the next few weeks. Benign days and wine by night.....this is what it must be like farming in France.

If the harvest is stop start, the dairy is continuous. The cows are milking well and the grass just keeps on growing so we have turned out some more young heifers and will rotate them around our pastures to keep on top of grass growth. We have good stocks of grass silage, enough feed maize in the clamps from 2023 harvest to take us through to November by which time this year's maize will have been harvested. The milk price is slowly creeping up after being below the cost of production for the last year. So the outlook for the dairy is better than it has been for 18 months.....but with energy and fuel prices set to rise we need to be watchful.

I often hear statements like ‘but farm machinery is so big’ or ‘do you really need so many cows?’ The small weather windows we get to perform harvest, make silage, plant crops and also try and make a profit means our machinery gets bigger, our acreage needs to grow, our herds and flocks need to expand just to keep up with the economics of the job. I’d rather it didn’t but this is the reality of ever cheaper food. With the expertise and science we have available now, I’d like to think that we are farming more efficiently and sustainably than ever before but we are under constant pressure from, it feels like, everywhere.

This sounds really high-brow (I can assure you I’m not) but on holiday this year just before harvest I read Tomasi Di Lampedusa’s great Sicilian novel ‘The Leopard’ in which there is the line ‘if we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change’.

**Joe Ives**

### **Councillor Community Grants scheme for 2024/25**

As your elected Borough Councillors, we have a small pot of money ranging from £250 to £2,000 (up to a maximum of £3,000 if we pool our allocation), available to award to locally based community groups or charities in our Ward of Basing and Upton Grey. These awards are governed by strict criteria clearly detailed in this link <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cllr-community-grants>.

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr Sheena Grassi and Cllr Kate Tuck would love to hear from you if your group or charity is interested in seeking a small grant by no later than Saturday 28th September by email to [cllr.onnalee.cubitt@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.onnalee.cubitt@basingstoke.gov.uk) with a brief outline of how much grant you are seeking together with your reasons to be selected as one of the chosen groups for us to support PRIOR to you submitting the formal application. We shall then ‘sift’ the brief outlines received and collectively determine which applications we will support. Sadly, not every application will be successful.

We really look forward to hearing from you and your group and to learning about your deserving causes and the benefits such a grant would provide to our wonderful community. Best wishes.

**Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr Sheena Grassi and Cllr Kate Tuck**

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**August Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club winners**

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**The Importance of Being Earnest**

It was a quintessential English summer - picnicking in fabulous sunshine (and a marquee for those wishing shade) while a professional theatre company performed *The Importance of Being Earnest*. It made for a great afternoon in Church Meadow in Sunday August 11th.

The play is hilariously silly and over 150 of us that attended had a hoot of a time (though some of the dogs in attendance fell asleep!).

**Sunday August 10th 2025** will be next year's performance date - pop it in your diary!

**Alison Barker, for the Upton Grey Drama Group**

**Coffee and Cake drop in**

Upton Grey Village Hall

**Monday**

**9th & 23rd September**

**11.00-1.00**

**All welcome**



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## **Ride & Stride, Saturday 14th September**

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St Mary's Church will be open on Saturday 14th September for this most worthwhile annual event, and will be making refreshments available to visitors.

## **Appeal for funds to refurbish the movable chandeliers in St Mary's Church**

We are blessed to have St Mary's Church in our wonderful village of Upton Grey. A great many people spend considerable time and energy in looking after the church for which we are very grateful. From time to time the PCC undertakes work on the fabric and fittings of the church to make sure that precious items do not deteriorate over time.

In particular, and as shown in the picture, there are two movable chandeliers by the high altar, each of which holds four candles. They are connected by a wire so that if one moves up the other moves down.



They were gifted to the church by a T Hanson in 1884. We currently do not have any information as to who T Hanson was, or their connection with Upton Grey, but they certainly gave a generous gift. If anyone has information about them, then please get in contact with

either the PCC Secretary, Paul Birkbeck, or our Vicar, Revd Simon Butler.

The Chandeliers are now badly in need of refurbishment. The PCC has engaged a restoration company to carry out the work, and the chandeliers have been temporarily removed for repair. The cost of the work will be £2,700 plus VAT. We may be able to claim the VAT back, but we will have to pay it up front.

We are appealing for funds to help pay for this refurbishment and to keep St Mary’s looking beautiful. Any donation, large or small, would be of enormous help. If the appeal should be oversubscribed, any surplus would be held by the PCC for maintenance work in the church. If you would like to make a donation, then please contact the PCC Secretary, Paul Birkbeck, via e-mail on UptonGreyPCCSecretary@hotmail.com. Payment can be made by cheque, made payable to Upton Grey PCC, or by BACS transfer. For BACS, please use the reference ‘Your Surname Chandelier Appeal’. The account details are Name: UG PCC Sort Code: 20-05-00 A/c no: 40918261

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It's going to be a great event with our normal Guy Fawkes and Jack O'Lanterns round the village, the beer festival, procession, bonfire, fireworks and then a fantastic evening back at the Hodd.

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Our Harvest Festival Service will be on **Sunday 13th October at 10.00am**. Please do join us for this celebration and thanksgiving for Harvest 2024 – everyone is very welcome indeed.

The church always looks stunning with an abundance of seasonal produce and flowers, and we will be collecting contributions for the local food bank during the service.

Our Harvest Supper and Auction will be at The Hub on **Wednesday 16th October at 7.00 for 7.30pm**. *You do need to book your places beforehand* - please contact Gemma on 01256 381354 before Friday 4th October.



### **Herriard Village Summer Drinks**

On Friday 19th July we had our Summer Village Drinks – it was so lovely to see so many people from the village, and also people who work in the village, coming along to enjoy an evening of food, drink and lots of chat!

We are so grateful to the Herriard Hub for allowing us to use the facilities, and to Jenny Falconer for kindly running the bar for us.

Thanks also to everyone who helped out on the night.

**St Mary's Herriard with Winslade PCC**

### **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, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. **The September date is the 27th.**

### **Foodbank at St Mary's, Herriard with Winslade**

We have a box in the Church for any food donations you would like to contribute. If you can't make our Sunday service, you can always leave donations on a Saturday/Sunday at the vestry door at the back of church. The foodbank accepts long-life products such as long-life milk and fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fish and meat, tinned pies and puddings are always welcome as are biscuits and chocolate.

### **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).

## TUNWORTH NEWS

### **Village email list**

We are updating the Tunworth village email list. If you would like to be included, or have updated contact information, please email [Tunworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:Tunworthparishclerk@gmail.com). We promise not to bombard you and will only contact you about meetings or essential parish business.

**Rebecca Caplan**

### **Ride & Stride, Saturday 14th September**

*hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/*

All Saints Church will be open between 9.00am and 12noon on Saturday 14th September for this most worthwhile annual event.

### **Coffee & Cake: Thursday 5th September 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 7th September 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.

### **Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group**

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### **Tunworth Home Group**

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly at 7.00pm on Wednesdays at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. **The September dates are the 11th and the 25th.** If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

## WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

All are welcome to join us for coffee, cake and chat at our Coffee Mornings held on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the village Hall, so our next will be on Wednesday 25th September.

Please do remember we have a box inside the church for any food donations towards a local Food-bank. Non-perishable products are most welcome. The church is open daily from 9.30am to early evening Monday to Saturday and varying times on Sundays.

Although Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett's Women's Home Group is having a break through August it will be back up and running in September. This is an informal fellowship group exploring faith and how faith relates to our daily lives with an emphasis on The Prayer Course at the present time. Please contact Linda Scard for further details on: 01256 703294/07801 039717 or [linda@moretolife.church](mailto:linda@moretolife.church)

Our next Evensong services will be on Sunday 25th August and Sunday 22nd September at 5.00 pm for Evensong with the wonderful choir and Morning Worship on Sunday 8th September at 10.00. Also an advance notification for your diaries that our Weston Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday 13th October followed by a village lunch.

Our church will be open for the **Ride and Stride** Charity Event on **Saturday 14th September** from 9.30 until 6.00pm.

### Coffee Mornings

Weston Patrick Village Hall

**Wednesday  
25th September  
11.00-12.30**

Then on the fourth Wednesday  
of the month

Join us for Coffee & Cake  
**All ages welcome!**



St Lawrence  
Weston Patrick  
[www.moretolife.church](http://www.moretolife.church)

## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

### North Warnborough and District Garden Club

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our meeting on Thursday 26th September at the North Warnborough Village Hall from 2.00pm for the talk at 2.30pm.

We will welcome back the ever popular Rosy Hardy. On this occasion she will talk to us about Autumn Flowering Perennials. The perfect subject for a September meeting.

We will have our usual Plant Stall with many bargain plants to buy. New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

For information visit our website at <https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>



Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union, is remembered each year on August 9th. Mary Sumner had a vision of a fellowship of women, irrespective of class, supporting each other and strengthening their communities. That was quite a radical step in 1876! This community emphasis can still be seen today as members tackle some of the most challenging issues that they and their neighbours face. As a Christian membership charity, we demonstrate our faith in action. This happens as we work towards ending poverty, ending inequality ending injustice. Our members work at grassroots level in 84 countries around the world. They bring hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes.

Our branch works with the Vine Church in Odiham to run the Sunflower Café which supports those living with dementia and their carers, and members also help with the Child Contact Centre in Popley, Basingstoke, to allow estranged parents to meet with their children in a safe and welcoming environment. We will meet together on Monday 2nd September at 7:30pm for a bring and share supper. We are very grateful to the RAF Padre for allowing us to meet at the Chaplaincy Centre at RAF Odiham.

If you would like more information about the activities of the Mothers' Union, please contact Sue Murphy on:

**[suemurphybranch@outlook.com](mailto:suemurphybranch@outlook.com) or 01252 845011**

## Open Gardens in aid of Cardiac Rehab, Blounce House, South Warnborough, 1st September

An open garden event is taking place in aid of Alton heart charity Cardiac Rehab at Blounce House, South Warnborough, RG29 1RX, on Sunday 1st September.

This splendid two acre plantsman's garden features herbaceous plantings with dahlias, salvias and grasses providing late summer interest.

It takes place between 2.00pm and 5.00pm, with refreshments available. Advance tickets are £5, and children go free. For details/tickets see: [cardiac-rehab.co.uk/events](http://cardiac-rehab.co.uk/events)



## National Garden Scheme – Hampshire



This month I thought that I would feature one of our lesser known charities, but nevertheless the funds we donate are vital to them.

Carers Trust has been supported by The National Garden Scheme since 1996 - close to thirty years. In that time the NGS has donated almost £6 million to help the charity raise the profile of carers' issues and enable them to further their reach and support even more unpaid carers. In 2023 we donated £350,000 to Carers Trust.

There are around seven million unpaid carers in the UK - this a staggering figure. Through the NGS donations The Carers Trust are able to provide support, advice, respite and grants, but unpaid carers themselves love visiting the scheme's gardens. The opportunity to enjoy beautiful surroundings, to relax and share stories with other carers is invaluable and provides them with a much needed break from the stresses of day to day life. So you see: your visits, support and donations really make a difference.

So to one of the final garden openings for 2024 ...

**Redenham Park House**, Redenham Park, Andover SP11 9AQ.

Opening: Friday 20th September, 10.00am to 1.00pm. Admission £6.00, children free. Cashless payments available. Light Refreshments at the Pool House.

Redenham Park was built in 1784. The garden sits behind the house (not open). The formal rose garden is planted with white flowered roses. Steps lead up to the main herbaceous borders, which peak in late summer. Then a calm green interlude, a gate opens into gardens with espaliered pears, apples, mass of scented roses, shrubs and perennial planting surrounds the swimming pool. A door opens onto a kitchen garden.

This will be my final article for 2024, but I will be back to do it all again in 2025. Best Wishes to all and Thank You for your support of the National Garden Scheme in 2024.

**Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity), NGS Hampshire**



**An Active August!**

Like many families, the extended family of the u3a also take a holiday in August ... or do we? In fact, August is the month when we hold two events for our 730 members, providing them with an opportunity to come together and socialise.

Our **Annual Picnic** is now into its second year. Taking place at Odiham and Greywell Cricket Club, it coincides with the RAF Families Day – our cheeky way of enjoying a free air display! This year was well-attended and unlike last year, the weather did not impede the planes zooming overhead.

However, the pinnacle event of our year is our **Members' Open Day**, which is open to members and non-members. Returning to its usual venue at Robert May's School, the rooms were filled with the same level of enthusiasm and excitement you would expect to find on the first day of school! It was very busy with more than fifty-five activity groups exhibiting what makes their group special.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was a sing-along inspired by our Simply Singing group's version of "these are a few of our favourite things" entitled "Favourite u3a Things" and finishing with words that encapsulate our u3a;

*When the day seems rather empty, and the heart seems sad,  
You simply remember your own U3A,  
And then life's not quite....so bad!*

***And so to September...***

With the arrival of September we return to our usual busy weekly calendar of activities. Did you know that during an average u3a week there are approximately 30 different activities timetabled? This provides plenty of choice for our members to stay active while **learning, laughing and living!**

To see the full programme of our Monthly Meetings and timetabled activities, please visit our website. [www.odihamu3a.org.uk](http://www.odihamu3a.org.uk)



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### Upcoming events

#### *Live at the Vineyard - Comedy Night*

Date: Sat 16th November

Time: 18.00 - 22.30

Location: Black Chalk Winery

#### *Christmas Fair*

Date: Thurs 14th & Fri 15th November

Time: 18.30 - 16.00

Location: Black Chalk Winery

For more details on these events, please visit our event pages:

Comedy Night:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/medicalfund/1116627>

Christmas Fair:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/medicalfund/1116626>

Ticket proceeds from these events go directly towards securing essential equipment for our local hospitals.

**Katie Redmond, Marketing Manager, The Fundraising Team**

[www.hampshiremedicalfund.org](http://www.hampshiremedicalfund.org) 01256 314759

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## Do you gamble too much, or too often?



Fresh Start is a 9-week course that has been run by Harvest Church in Alton since 2019. It's to help anyone with a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, drinking, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, 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 based on principles from 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>

Did you know that:

- 44% of people in the UK gamble. 27% do it in-person (lottery, bingo, bookies etc.), and another 27% gamble online.
- 2.7 million people are either 'at risk gambling' (experiencing moderate harm) or 'problem gambling' (serious harm).
- Many gamblers act secretly - often online at night - concealing it, even to their partners.
- On average, 6-10 other people are affected by a problem gambler's activities: typically friends and family.
- Gambling has the highest suicide rate of all addictions - 409 suicides were attributed to gambling in the UK last year, and the real figure may be much higher.

The next course will start with an Introduction session on Wednesday 9th October 2024, 10.30am-12.00noon, 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](mailto:freshstart@harvestchurch.uk).

## SMALL ADS

### **Cheam School, Co-Educational Day, Flexi and Weekly Boarding Prep School for ages 3–13**

Open Morning Friday 11th October 2024, 9.45am to 12.00 noon

Cheam School, Headley, Newbury, Berkshire, RG19 8LD

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## HALLS FOR HIRE

**Upton Grey Village Hall** can be hired at a basic rate of £12 per hour. Tables and chairs are also available to hire. There are kitchen facilities, including china, cutlery & glasses, central heating, sound system, stage and disabled access. If you don't know the hall, we would be happy to show you round. To book, or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Hanbury 01256 862681 email: [ajhanbury@btinternet.com](mailto: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](http://www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk) or email [bookings@herriardvillagehub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@herriardvillagehub.co.uk).

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SEPTEMBER 2024

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

### SEPTEMBER DATES

14th Sep	Sat	Ride & Stride (c.400 churches in Hampshire & The Isle of Wight)	
15th Sep	Sun	The Table, North Warnborough Village Hall	5.00pm
17th Sep	Tue	Rosy Hardy, Herriard Gardening Club, Herriard Hub	7.00pm
26th Sep	Thu	MacMillan Coffee/Tea/Cake, Herriard Hub	10.00-2.00
29th Sep	Sun	The Table, North Warnborough Village Hall	5.00pm

### ADVANCE DATES

16th Oct	Wed	Harvest Supper & Auction, Herriard Hub	7.00/7.30pm
26th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	6.00pm
27th Oct	Sun	The Table, North Warnborough Village Hall	5.00pm
10th Nov	Sun	The Table, North Warnborough Village Hall	5.00pm
22nd March 2025		Upton Grey Safari Supper	7.30pm

### 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 Thurs	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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