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St. Mary's, Herriard



All Saints', Turworth



St. Mary's, Upton Grey



St Lawrence, Weston Patrick

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Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth, Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team



As a child I remember reading the words Rogation Sunday in my prayer book and having no idea what that meant. For me the annual Walk of Witness was a long procession of all the church community; church choir, uniformed organisations, Sunday school and men and women of the congregation, walking along busy roads and streets of terraced houses.

It was only on moving to Hampshire and being part of our village church communities I got to experience Rogations walks.

The Church of England website reminds us these annual processions began to ask God to protect crops against mildew and evolved into a tradition of processing along the parish boundaries to ask for blessing of the land and was a time encouraging fellowship between neighbours.

The joy of the Rogation walk is a time to slowly absorb the beauty of creation, to take time to pay attention to the Spring flowers, the beautiful views and the trees that have stood for many years. It is a step back from all that is going on in the world to worship God for the nature that is renewed each year and to see in reality the words we sing in church

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand has made.

Each year at Herriard we walk through the fields and along the lanes pausing at the farms for prayers or hospitality. This year we listened to Psalm 65 which reminds us to worship our creator God with the words

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders.
You crown the year with your bounty.
The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain.

As we enter the Summer season and experience the wonders of nature in each of our settings, let us take time each day to worship God in our prayers for the beauty that surrounds us and the wonderful work of his fingers.

Rev'd Suzanne Newcombe
St Mary's Herriard with Winslade
St Lawrence Weston Patrick

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th June

9.00am	Tunworth	BCP Holy Communion
10.00am	Herriard	BCP Holy Communion (said)
10.30am	Upton Grey	CW Holy Communion

Thursday 11th June

10.00am	Upton Grey	BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 14th June

9.00am	Tunworth	1662 Morning Prayer
10.00am	Weston Patrick	CW Holy Communion
10.30am	Upton Grey	Morning Worship
5.00pm	Herriard	Evensong

Thursday 18th June

10.00am	Herriard	BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 21st June

10.00am	Herriard	Pet Service
10.30am	Upton Grey	CW Holy Communion
6.00pm	Tunworth	Hymns & Pimm's

Sunday 28th June

9.00am	Tunworth	Family Service
10.00am	Herriard	CW Holy Communion (joint service with Weston Patrick)
10.30am	Upton Grey	Pet Service

CHURCH NEWS

Coffee & Cake

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

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

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

KidsZone

Hi everyone!



A few days ago, a friend of mine shared a quote with me, which has been going around my head ever since… 'Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire'. It was written by a brave young saint named Saint Catherine of Siena, who lived hundreds of years ago – but even so, her wisdom can teach us now...

See, she did not mean a real fire with flames and smoke. She meant that when we become the person God meant us to be, our lives can shine brightly and spread goodness, love, and hope to the world around us.

And that includes you!

God Made You Special

Have you ever compared yourself to someone else? Maybe another person seems smarter, faster, funnier, or more talented. It is easy to wonder if you are good enough.

But God did not make you to be exactly like someone else. He created you to be *you*.

Everyone has different gifts. Some people are good at sports. Others are creative, caring, brave, or helpful. Maybe you are the person who notices when someone feels left out. Maybe you make others laugh when they are sad. Maybe you are gentle, patient, or honest.

These gifts matter more than you may realise.

God has a special plan, a special place in this world, for each of us, just like different pieces of coloured glass in a church window. Every piece is unique, and maybe seems a little ordinary when it's on its own, but together they glow beautifully when the light shines through them.

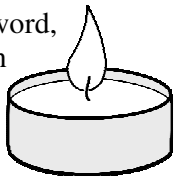
But maybe I'm not good enough…

Sometimes people think God only uses perfect people. But the Bible shows us the opposite. Moses was afraid. Peter made mistakes. David started life as an ordinary shepherd boy. Yet God used each of them in amazing ways. God does not expect you to be perfect. He asks you to trust Him, keep trying, and love others. Every time you choose kindness

instead of cruelty, honesty instead of cheating, or forgiveness instead of anger, you spread God's light and God's love into the world.

Small Actions Matter

Changing the world sounds like something only famous people can do, or rich people, or really clever people. But actually we all can… small actions can make a huge difference. A smile, a kind word, helping someone who is lonely, or standing up for a person being bullied may seem small, but these acts can brighten someone's whole day. We might not be able to change the whole world – but we can make a real difference to our small corner of it!



Even a tiny candle can light up a dark room. In the same way, your kindness, your determination, your creativity, your love can shine brightly in places that feel dark or sad.

Shine with God's Light

Saint Catherine of Siena believed that every person could do wonderful things by becoming the person God created them to be. You do not need to copy everyone else to matter. God already gave you special gifts, a unique personality, and a purpose.

So be brave. Be kind. Be joyful. Stay close to God and use your gifts to help others. When you do that, your life will shine brightly - and you really will "set the world on fire."

God Bless and See you soon!



Helen Chatfield
Children & Youth Outreach Pastor

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming News – June 2026

April and May have proved to be extremely busy for us this year. We completed 200 metres of hedge planting along with 400 metres of fencing, ready for the Spring. This is part of a bigger plan to add more hedgerows around the farm as well as patch up any gaps in existing ones. The new fences are replacing very old, dated ones and will make life easier for the shepherd to graze his sheep around the farm without having to put up electric fencing. I am also very keen to join up existing hedges around the farm which will create a great network for our hedgerow birds to thrive in.

The Spring sown crops are made up of 51 hectares (125 acres) of barley and 70 hectares (170 acres) of maize. The barley is being grown for malting into beer, and the maize will be used in the anaerobic digester at Herriard for gas that will be pumped into the grid. This is along with some extra contract maize drilling we have planted for neighbouring farmers.

As always farmers are moaning about the weather, so I will oblige with this and say that we need a good drop of rain again. If I'm being fussy, can it rain overnight please? We seem to have either prolonged wet or dry weather which isn't overly helpful especially in the Spring. As the crops grow, they need a little bit of everything to maximise their growth and inevitably, yield potential. All the crops have had a feed of nitrogen, sulphur and liquid digestate fertiliser this spring and are looking well for it. They have been enjoying the sunshine, albeit still chilly due to the wind direction coming from the north.

The oilseed rape has had a great amount of sunlight during flowering which is ideal to help develop a good set of pods that will hopefully fill with bold grains. All our oilseed rape ends up at Erith pressing plant in London which will end up as bio diesel or cooking oil. With showery weather forecasted my fingers are crossed for some healthy downpours.

Going back to our new fences, we have given the chicken paddock a 'birthday' and installed new fencing to keep the chickens in but also keep Mr. Fox out! Luckily the gamekeepers do a great job of controlling fox numbers which lowers the risk of a fox attack.

We are pleased to say that 'flockdown' has been lifted, allowing the chickens to roam the grass fields again. We have also changed the feed for the chickens, going from a pelleted ready meal, to now having a

meal mash which allows us to use our own home-grown wheat in their feed. This has been another goal of ours to try and use our own wheat and I'm pleased with how it is going so far, the egg numbers are looking good and the hens are happy.

Looking ahead it won't be long until we are thinking of harvest. Our first crop to cut will be the hybrid rye, which we usually harvest at the start of July. So, we will keep our fingers crossed and hope for a fair wind as we approach the final months of crop growth and roll into harvest 2026. **Will Cheyney**

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St Mary's Church Fete – Saturday 6th June from 2.00-5.00pm
The Old Vicarage, Upton Grey RG25 2RB

Coming our way next week! Please come and join us for this annual long-standing village event which is both a fundraiser for the church and fun entertainment for all ages. Even though the rain last year was torrential, you all turned up, so hoping for a bit of sunshine this June as our just rewards. You can look forward to all the usual stalls plus delicious home-made cream teas, Pimms, ice creams and the ever-popular Punch & Judy show and Cove Brass Band to entertain. The St Mary's church bell ringers are bringing along a 'mini ring' or mobile bell ringing tower, and everyone is welcome to try their hand at ringing - it's much easier than you think and a lot of fun.

Bring your families and friends and come and enjoy this most traditional afternoon celebrating the best of village life in our beautiful corner of rural North Hampshire. Car parking next door in Church Meadow. Remember: this is mostly a CASH event.

We are very grateful to Carol and Richard Butler-Adams who have kindly agreed for us to use their beautiful gardens at the Old Vicarage.

Below are some last-minute "How to Help".

Thank you so much for your support which is much appreciated and helps the fete raise lots of money to support the running of St Mary's Church. **Sarah Barnes and Frances Yeowart**
on behalf of St Mary's Church, Upton Grey PCC
Contact: francesyeowart@outlook.com

Tombola Collection – 24th May to 4th June

A collector from the Tombola Team will be knocking on your door sometime between 24th May and 4th June. Any goodies you can donate will be much appreciated – bottles, jars, tins, confectionery etc. If you want to drop off a donation instead please call me on the number below. The tombola is one of the main features of the fete and is always very popular, a great fundraiser and known as the best tombola in Hampshire! We are always very grateful to the villagers for providing such a great collection of exciting prizes, so thank you in advance.

Teas

Denise Turnbull will be running the teas with her wonderful team of helpers. If you would like to make a cake, please leave at Compton House on Friday 5th June or first thing on the morning.

Cake Stall

Eliza Bromley-Davenport (Sun Cottage) and friends are running the cake stall, so they too would like a donation. Eliza can be contacted: Elizagorebrowne@gmail.com

Toys

Good quality toys much appreciated. Contact Mary Harman (mobile: 07909 510829) for drop off instructions.

White Elephant

Frances Yeowart and helpers will be running the White Elephant stall. Any good quality and clean unwanted items, that can be sold from a table (!) are welcome. Please bring to the stall during the morning of the fete, or, if this is a problem, please contact Frances and arrange for drop-off. **Frances Yeowart Mobile 07774 163217**

Books

We very much welcome donations of second-hand books in good condition but please bear in mind what is likely to sell. We would like *__modern__* novels/literary/thrillers/romance and young adult/children's books, but we cannot usually manage to sell out-of-date non-fiction, i.e. factual books such as 'how-to' or old cookbooks. Please could you kindly bring your donations to the stall in the morning of the Fete or when you first arrive in the afternoon. If in doubt, dump your unwanted books yourself rather than donate them to the stall, as we can't store anything and some of us are too old to take heavy loads to recycling! Many thanks. …..**Susie Vereker 01256 862365**

Raffle

If you can't come but would like to contribute, or are just feeling generous, Sarah Barnes and Annabet Chapman would be delighted to receive raffle prizes. Email: pg.barnes@btinternet.com

Children's games

Helpers required - if you are aged 16 and over and can spare an hour or two....as the more helpers the more games can be provided. Please contact Tara Brown, email: tarabrown179@googlemail.com

Garden Stall

Final call out for the UG fete garden stall. The garden stall takes year-round effort and as with all the other stalls relies on your generous 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 anytime from now or deliver to the stall on the day – Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane, Tel: 862705. Any donations will be very much appreciated - Thankyou.

Debbie Bridle (debbie@debbie-bridle.com)

Coffee and Cake drop in

Upton Grey Village Hall

Monday 8th & 22nd June

11.00-1.00



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Get OWT!
On the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, **Get O**ut **W**ith **T**oddlers meets in Upton Grey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Meet just by the Churchyard. Bring a travel mug and appropriate clothing! **June 9th & 23rd**.

More4Kids Upton Grey
A reminder that the monthly Wednesday afternoon event in the Village Hall, previously 'Messy Church', is now More4Kids Upton Grey: **3.30-5.00pm on June 17th**. School Years R to 6; crafts, songs, tea, games.

Attention all Upton Grey golfers! Annual Golf Day, Thursday 18th June
The annual Upton Grey Golf Day is being held **at The Test Valley Golf Club** - www.testvalleygolf.com. The day is open to all golfers regardless of ability - whether you play regularly, once in a while, or once in a blue moon, there's a space for you! It will be a relaxed, sociable day together with a pleasant walk, in attractive Hampshire countryside.

The cost is £50.00 per golfer and includes coffee/tea and a bacon roll on arrival before 18 holes of golf, followed by prize-giving. A variety of refreshments will be available in the clubhouse after golf should anyone wish to purchase these separately.

Prizes will be awarded for nearest to the pin, the longest drive, the best team and best individual performances.

Meet from 11.00am – first tee booked at 12.20pm. Please contact davidc@pdcm.pro, 07903 169536 to book your place. I look forward to seeing you all on the 18th! **David Cook**

Upton Grey Pet Service at 10.30am on 28th June 2026
Paul Birkbeck will be leading the Upton Grey Pet Service at 10.30am on 28th June 2026. As is traditional, the service will be held in the churchyard, weather permitting. It will be short, but with a couple of very well-known hymns accompanied by an organist on a keyboard, and there will be coffee and biscuits afterwards - for adults and children only! Water will be available for dogs, etc. All pets - of whatever variety and however great or small - are welcome, and each will receive an individual blessing by name. Children are also very welcome, as are owners of both pets and children. So do please come and join us and bring your pet for a blessing.

Rose Sunday - 26th July 2026

We will be remembering all those we have loved and see know no more in a short service held in the cemetery of Upton Grey. At the end of the service, roses are laid on every single grave including those which no longer bear any names. It is a quiet simple service starting at 10.30am in the cemetery (NOT the church). Everyone is welcome and plenty of roses will be provided but please feel free to bring your own roses if you prefer. Please ring me - **Jill Lestrille (862131)** - if you would like further information or if you would like a lift. A reminder - please take care when walking round the cemetery as the ground is uneven and there are rabbit holes. Thank you, Jill

Junior Tennis Coaching

Summer Tennis: Monday 10th - Thursday 13th August

Sessions start from 9am 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. He 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 £18 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 with your child/children's name(s), age(s), and your contact details.

Payment should be made by the 1st August 2026 by Bank Transfer to Upton Grey Village Tennis Court. Bank Details are 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

Pickwick Papers – A Riotous Comedy on Sunday 9th August

Upton Grey Drama Group are lucky to again have the Rain or Shine professional theatre company perform for us on **Sunday August 9th in Church Meadow, Upton Grey**. This year we will be entertained by the riotous comedy of Pickwick Papers! **Gates open at 3.30pm for the 4.30pm performance**. Parking available in Church Meadow.

We will be entertained with the lovable Mr. Pickwick and his eccentric band of companions as they bumble their way on a rollicking journey through confusing courtships, courtroom shenanigans, questionable duels, and carriage rides gone terribly wrong. Expect fast-paced wit, multi-roleing mayhem, with mischief aplenty from a cast of larger-than-life characters in Rain or Shine's new and hilarious adaptation of Dickens' raucous classic.

"A hilarious show" ... "Funny, Fast-paced, Fantastic" … "Five brilliant actors doing the work of ten!" is just some of the feedback they have received.

Dickens has never been this delightfully unpredictable! Pack your picnic and prepare for an uproarious adventure with The Pickwick Society – where the only certainty is that a thoroughly good time will be had by all!

Tickets for adults and children over 11 years are just £20 and are available on the gate or in advance from: www.ticketsource.com/rain-or-shine-theatre-co/the-pickwick-papers-at-upton-grey-church-meadow-hampshire/2026-08-09/16:30/t-yzzzjoy or send a WhatsApp to Alison Barker on 0750 234 1112 to receive a link to buy tickets. **Upton Grey Drama Group**

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Save the date!

- **Hymns & Pimm's, Sunday 19th July**

St Mary's Upton Grey will hold a Hymns & Pimm's on Sunday 19th July at 5.00pm,

- **Upton Grey Fun Run, Sunday September 27th**

Come along and run or walk a route along our public footpaths to raise money for our village church. All ages and dogs welcome. Open to Upton Grey villagers. Expect a friendly gathering with music, medals and refreshments afterwards. Timing and ticketing information TBA.
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The Youth Hub will meet from **6.30 to 8.30pm on the 7th, 14th and 28th June** at The Herriard Hub. First hour we will follow *'Six Beats - One Story'* (a chance to delve a bit deeper into the Bible, and what it can say to us nowadays), then we come together to enjoy snacks, games and chat with friends – not to mention a bit of healthy rivalry over the pool table! For more information, contact Helen Chatfield, youth@moretolife.church.

Pet Service



Sunday 21st June at 10.00am

at St Mary's Herriard

Please do come and join us for this much loved service and please do bring your well behaved and non dangerous pets for a blessing from Revd Suzanne! After the service there will be refreshments

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The Revd Suzanne Newcombe
Suzanne's Ordination to the Priesthood will take place on **Saturday 27th June** at 6.00pm in Winchester Cathedral, then the next day **Sunday 28th June** at 10.00am there will be a **joint service with Weston Patrick** in St Mary's to celebrate Suzanne's first Holy Communion Service – followed by fizz and cake! All are warmly welcomed to join us for this very special service!

And looking ahead – other dates for your diaries:

- **Thursday 23rd July** 6.00-8.00pm - **Summer Drinks at Hydes Farmhouse** kindly hosted by Philip and Lucy Lundburg
- **Tuesday 18th August** 3.00pm - Village **Afternoon Tea at The Herriard Hub**.

Sir David Attenborough
You won't have escaped noticing that it was David Attenborough's 100th Birthday on 8th May - but did you hear the bells ringing at St Mary's that morning? Greg Jordan and his team from Basingstoke were ringing a Quarter Peal in Sir David's honour!

We are so grateful to Greg and his team for involving St Mary's (and Herriard as the bells rung out across the village) in joining the world in celebrating lifelong environmentalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday.

A note from Greg…

As bellringers, we like to use our craft to celebrate and mark all kinds of special occasions and events. This could be for an anniversary of something that happened a while ago, or it could be for birthdays. Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, on 8th May, was a perfect opportunity to organise a special bit of ringing.

Given the enormity of the occasion, and how much of a national treasure Sir David is, it was decided to ring a brand new 'method', named after him, to honour the event. Methods are to ringers, what sheet music is to musicians. It provides a framework for us to ring the changes in a particular order. As Sir David has had all sorts of flora and fauna named after him, from our perspective, it was a brilliant way to pay tribute.

A Basingstoke district band, four of whom ring regularly at Upton Grey, rang a Quarter Peal (ringing for 45 mins) in this method at Herriard Church, on Friday 8th May. If this has piqued your interest in

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Please note that a special Communion Service, combined with Herriard, at Herriard Church will take place on **Sunday 28th June at 10.00am** to celebrate the Ordination of Suzanne Newcombe and support her as she presides at Holy Communion for the first time as Ordained Priest.

There will be no Evensong in June.

Reverend Suzanne Newcombe will be praying for our community in our church at 9.00am on Friday 5th June. Please do join her, or contact her on 07484 162186 or suzanne@moretolife.church, if you would like her to pray for someone or something.

Our coffee morning on the fourth Wednesday of the month is **24th June** at 11.00am in the Village Hall. Everybody is welcome to pop in.

Our **APCM** was held in April, and we now have a full PCC with all posts covered. Lesley Don continues as Churchwarden, Edward Longfield as Treasurer and we welcome Barbara Bowden as Secretary. Helen Delbridge, Susie Redfern and Nick Stranks continue as PCC members. Sheila Stranks is our Safeguarding Officer. We all welcome any suggestions or comments that might help our Church and community at any time.

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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

From our local Borough Councillor Kate Tuck

A huge thank you to everyone who supported me at the ballot box. It's a real privilege to continue serving our community, and I'll keep working hard for every resident, whether you voted for me or not.

I'm especially grateful to my fantastic campaign team, deliverers, friends and family who gave up so much time and energy over the past few weeks. We're also lucky to have such a strong local leader in Cllr Paul Harvey.

On the doorstep, residents spoke passionately about protecting our precious chalk streams, and I'm determined to turn the Rights of Rivers Declaration into real action for the River Loddon, the River Test and our local tributaries.

We are heading into uncertain and potentially messy times with local government reorganisation, but one thing will not change: we will always put residents first. People, not politics.

Please do get in touch if I can help with any local issues.

Cllr Kate Tuck, Basing & Upton Grey Ward
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Basingstoke Choral Society presents an evening of light and hope

When: **Saturday 18th July 2026**
Concert starts 7:00 pm
Where: All Saints Church Odiham
Conductor: Jordan Theis
Accompanied by piano and organ

We present an evening of inspirational music celebrating the hope and joy of community, featuring the radiant lyricism of Samuel Barber's *Sure on This Shining Night*, the heartfelt beauty of Mark Wilberg's *Amazing Grace*, selections from Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs*, the luminous serenity of Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, and the folk-inspired charm of Jacob Narverud's *Wild Mountain Thyme*, all part of a programme of works written or arranged by American composers.

Tickets: £20.00, under 18's free. A glass of wine or soft drink included in ticket price available from 6.00pm.

To book: https://www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk/summer26

North Warnborough & District Garden Club
There will not be a meeting in the Hall in June as we have our annual garden visit. For further information please view our website www.nwdgc.org.uk

Cross Barn Theatre, Odiham – Cinema/NT/Jazz – June 2026
19th June Film: Song Sung Blue
Starring: Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams.
***26th June Film*: 'H' is for Hawk**
Starring: Claire Foy, Lindsay Duncan. Brendan Gleeson
Based on the memoir by Helen Macdonald. After losing her beloved father, Helen (Foy) finds herself saved by an unlikely friendship with a stubborn hawk named Mabel.
10th July Live: Jazz at the Barn
A very welcome return of The Melody Room Jazz Band.

Tickets: Films £7.50. Doors open at 7.00pm, Films start at 7.45pm. NT Live/ Jazz start at 7.30m. Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available. Purchase tickets online at http://www.thecrossbarn.org.uk.

Big Wheel
In aid of St. Michael's Hospice on **Sunday 14th June**, starting at War Memorial Park, Basingstoke. Cycle through the stunning Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex countryside, take in the breath-taking views, and soak up the feel-good atmosphere. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist chasing the challenge, or a first-time rider looking for a fun day out, there's something here for you.

This event is enjoyable for all ages and skill levels too. See details at stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events. You wheelie can't afford to miss this legendary event!



National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

As a complete coincidence, given the recent screening of the excellent BBC1 programme with David Attenborough, *Secret Garden*, the National Garden Scheme is joining forces with the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH) to carry out *The Big British Garden Survey.* With the severe decline in our wildlife and ecosystems, our gardens have become a vital place for our native flora and fauna. The survey runs until 30th September. Anyone over the age 18 can enter, if you have a garden (big or small), an allotment, a balcony or courtyard garden. To view all the terms and conditions and to take part, go to the NGS website: click on News: then select The Big British Garden Survey.

June brings us to the busiest time of year for our NGS Open Gardens - here are a couple close by: -

Binsted Place, River Hill, Binsted Road, Alton, GU34 4PQ.
Opening: Sunday 14th June 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Pre-booking available.
Admission: £6.00, children free. Cashless Payments available.
Refreshments: Home-made teas included.

Binsted Place is a 17C farmhouse with attractive local stone outbuildings, it is surrounded by a series of garden rooms covering approximately 1½ acres, enclosed by yew hedges and old walls. It is very traditional in style and includes many roses, pergolas, herbaceous borders, lily pond and a productive vegetable garden and orchards.

It is also open by arrangement for groups of 20-30 visitors until 20th September (not including August). Please contact owner to arrange on 01420 23146, 07774 908416 or catherine.hadfield1@icloud.com.

Broadhatch House, Bentley, Farnham, GU10 5JJ
Opening: Sunday, Monday & Tuesday 21st, 22nd, & 23rd June, 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Pre-booking available.
Admission: £7.50 adults, children free, Cashless Payments available.

A 3½ acre garden set in lovely Hampshire countryside with views to Alice Holt. Divided into different areas by yew hedges and walled garden. Focusing on as long a season as possible on heavy clay. Features include two reflective pools to help break up lawn areas, several flower borders and beds, mature trees, working greenhouses, and a vegetable garden. It is also Open by Arrangement to the end of June. Contact owners to arrange: 07799 031044 or liziepowellbroadhatch@gmail.com

Happy Garden Visiting,

Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity), pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

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Christian care for families

On **Saturday June 13th** we will have a stall at Hartley Wintney Village Festival where we plan to sell second-hand books to raise funds for the Mothers' Union campaign to support literacy around the world, particularly for women and girls. 480 million women around the world can't read or write, which means that they can't register the birth of their baby, read the labels on medicine bottles or open a bank account.

Literacy is so important as it empowers women and changes their lives and the lives of their community. There is a box at the back of All Saints Church Odiham for you to leave your donations of books and thank you for your support.

Our next branch meeting will take place on **Monday 1st June** at 7:30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre as usual.

Sue Murphy, 01252 845011 / 07881 828450
or email suemurphymubranch@outlook.com

Odiham Voluntary Care Group Needs Drivers!

If you would you be prepared to join us as a volunteer to support those in several local villages in need of transport to medical appointments? We are also looking for a Treasurer (about two hours a week on average).



Please contact 07551 587862 if you can help.

Do you love to sing? We do.

All members of Hampshire Harmony love to sing together, songs ranging from pop and jazz and folk songs to songs from shows and even choral sacred music. There's something for everyone at a concert by Hampshire Harmony.

We are an upper voice choir based in Basingstoke, with a growing reputation across the county. We have just returned from the Fareham Music Festival, where we competed in four contrasting sections ranging from Songs from the Shows to Single Voice Choir. We achieved honours grades in all four sections, winning the cup again this year, for Choral Sacred Music.

You can hear us as we sing alongside Tenors Unlimited at The Lights, Andover on Thursday June 11th and also on the afternoon of July 12th at Costello School, Basingstoke, for our annual concert, 'A Summer

Serenade'. Tickets and more information are available via the website at hampshireharmony.org

We have lots of fun together; we run workshops and have training days in addition to our regular practices on Monday evenings. Our MD, Clare Oliver, is a wonderful leader and voice coach, who is ambitious for our future. We shall be singing at the Tower of London this Christmas!

If you are thinking of joining a choir and you are an adult, who sings Alto, Mezzo or Soprano, contact us via the website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you can keep up with what's on.

You can also meet us at St Bede's Summer Fair 5th June and at the Oakley Village Show August 8th.

We look forward to entertaining you or maybe to you joining us.



The Cuckoo is Back

The call of the cuckoo *'cuck-oo, cuck-oo'* is one of the most evocative sounds of spring, carrying over open countryside, reedbeds and edges of woodland. Males are the first to return and they waste no time announcing their presence loudly as they establish territories and attract females.

The cuckoo *(Cuculus* canorus) has a grey head, barred underparts and bright yellow eye-ring. Sleek and falcon-like, it has pointed wings that droop slightly when perched and a long, graduated tail. It gives an uncanny resemblance to a sparrowhawk in flight and the two are often confused - look at the tail to help distinguish between them.

The cuckoo has an extraordinary breeding behaviour. Rather than building a nest, cuckoos are brood parasites, laying their eggs in the nests of other birds such as reed warblers, meadow pipits and dunnocks. The female waits patiently for her moment, often when the host is away, before swiftly laying a single egg. Remarkably, these eggs often closely resemble those of their host species.

Once hatched, the young cuckoo wastes no time. Using a remarkable instinct, it pushes any other eggs or chicks out of the nest, ensuring it receives all the food brought by its unsuspecting foster parents. Its loud begging call mimics a whole brood of chicks, prompting the adults to work tirelessly, even as the young cuckoo grows far larger than them.

Cuckoos are also valuable insect hunters, feeding largely on invertebrates, with hairy caterpillars a particular favourite - prey avoided by many other birds.

Cuckoos are long-distance travellers, spending the winter in sub-Saharan Africa before returning to the UK in spring. Their stay is short-lived: many adult cuckoos begin their return journey south as early as late June, with young birds following weeks later on an instinctive migration to Africa.

Sadly, the cuckoo's call is no longer as widespread as it once was. Declines in UK populations are linked to habitat loss, pressures on their host species and challenges along migration routes.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust works to drive nature's recovery by restoring and protecting vital habitats, from reedbeds and wetlands to woodlands and grazing marshes, supporting cuckoos and the species they depend on. By restoring these habitats at scale and creating richer, more connected landscapes, the Trust is helping ensure that this

much-loved sound of spring continues to echo across our countryside for years to come.

Find out more about how to support the Trust by joining as a member on the Trust website: hiwwt.org.uk/support-us or call the membership team on 01489 774408.

Helen Skelton-Smith, Communications Officer – PR & Media
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust



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SMALL ADS

DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED
Light duties but including ironing. Modern house and easy cleaning. Central Upton Grey. Two mornings a week starting June, about five hours. Phone 07834 762330 or email athlone53@outlook.com

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £14 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 on 01256 862681
or email bookings@uptongreyvillagehall.co.uk
or visit our new website www.uptongreyvillagehall.co.uk.

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 email bookings@herriardvillagehub.co.uk.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – JUNE 2026

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

JUNE DATES

6th Jun	Sat	St Mary's Upton Grey Fete, The Old Vicarage	2.00pm
14th Jun	Sun	Big Wheel Cycling event, War Memorial Park, Basingstoke	
18th Jun	Thur	UG Annual Golf Day, Test Valley Golf Club	11.00am
19th Jun	Fri	*Song Sung Blue*, Cross Barn, Odiham	7.45pm
21st Jun	Sun	Herriard Pet Service	10.00am
21st Jun	Sun	Weston Patrick Village BBQ	12.30pm
21st Jun	Sun	Hymns & Pimm's and BBQ, All Saints Tunworth	6.00pm
26th Jun	Fri	*H is for Hawk*, Cross Barn, Odiham	7.45pm
27th Jun	Sat	Suzanne Newcombe Ordination, Winchester Cathedral	6.00pm
28th Jun	Sun	Joint Communion service with Weston Patrick at Herriard	10.00am
28th Jun	Sun	Upton Grey Pet Service	10.30am

ADVANCE DATES

10th Jul	Fri	Jazz Night, Cross Barn, Odiham	7.30pm
12th Jul	Sun	Tunworth Pet Service	9.00am
18th Jul	Sat	Evening of light and hope concert, All Saints Odiham	7.00pm
19th Jul	Sun	Hymns & Pimm's, St Mary's Upton Grey	5.00pm
23rd Jul	Thur	Summer Drinks, Hydes Farmhouse, Herriard	6.00pm
26th Jul	Sun	Rose Service, Upton Grey Cemetery	10.30pm
9th Aug	Sun	Pickwick Papers Comedy, UG Church Meadow	3.30pm
10th-13th Aug		Upton Grey Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00-12.45
18th Aug	Tues	Herriard village Afternoon Tea, Herriard Hub	3.00pm
23rd Aug	Sun	Hymns & Pimm's, St Lawrence Weston Patrick	5.00pm
27th Sep	Sun	Upton Grey Fun Run	
31st Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Bonfire, Fireworks, Halloween Events	3.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Each Mon/Thur	Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each Sat	Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each Mon	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	9.30–10.15am
Each Thur	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00–5.45pm
Each Thur	Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, Hub, Herriard	10.00am
Each Thur	Upton Grey bell-ringing practice, St Mary's, UG	7.45pm
Every 1st Thur	Prayer Half-Hour, All Saints Tunworth	10.00am
Every 1st Thur	Coffee & Cake, Tunworth church porch	10.30am
2nd & 4th Mon	Coffee Morning, Upton Grey Village Hall	11.00am
2nd & 4th Tues	Upton Grey 'Get OWT', UG Churchyard	10.00am
Every 4th Wed	Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	11.00am

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