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Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team



'Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes but, when we look back, everything is different.' So said British author, scholar and theologian C.S Lewis.

Surrounded by boxes in the Vicarage as we pack up the various things, big and small, that form the fabric and back–drop to our day–to– day life as a family, I am struck again by the sharp observation behind Lewis' words. He captures something which we know to be true through experience and yet somehow struggle to name. That time passes both quickly and slowly. Ten years to the day since I began as Rector of the North Hampshire Downs Benefice I will step down and begin a new chapter. Our time here has been formative for me as a Vicar and indeed for us as a family.

As I look back on ten years of ministry in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice I am grateful for so many things.

I'm grateful for the people who make up our villages, young and old, long–standing and new–comers, easy–going and dare I say it some higher maintenance! The people that we live alongside, those who we call friends and those who we sometimes pass in the shop or chat to in the pub – these are the people with whom we share our life in this place at this time and who help to shape and form us, and we them.

I'm grateful for the churches and congregations of our benefice. Each one unique with its own particular life and story, but each one seeking in its own way to be a tangible demonstration of the day–to–day difference that following Jesus makes in life. Groups of people who come together because they find that sharing in worship they are nourished and built up, helped to love others and God, and through the liturgy and the music, prayers and bible reading, shaped and formed.

I'm grateful for the ministry team here over the ten years. I can't imagine a better group of colleagues to have shared ministry with. Gracious, gifted, humble and good fun. Colleagues who through their words and actions have consistently demonstrated that truth that you can be serious about things of faith without being sombre, that you can care

deeply about the church and the gospel without simply trying to preserve an imagined past. A team who have taken risks, been open to growth and new things and who have led by example, always seeking to be within themselves that which they ask of the churches they lead. Formative and shaping relationships at their best.

I'm also grateful to the God whom I worship and seek to follow. The God who promises to be with us in good times and bad, in seasons of joy and seasons of struggle. The God who, through his Holy Spirit, and through the people with whom we share life, shapes and forms us so that we might come to be more fully human and more contentedly who we were created to be. The last 10 years then, which have seemed to last a life–time, and yet which have gone so quickly, have been formative years. I know this to be true for me, and I suspect this is true for all of us. We are today not quite the same people we were 10 years ago. We have been shaped and formed by those with whom we share our lives, those alongside whom we happen to live, through our experiences both good and difficult, through I hope the witness and ministry of the church, and through the ongoing work of God in his world.

So what of the future? Well, having felt deeply at home in Upton Grey for 10 years, Hannah, Tabitha, Jemima, Kitty and I will be leaving the Vicarage and moving at least 1.5 miles up the road to the hamlet of Well. I will be taking on a new role with the Diocese as the Archdeacon of Winchester. My new role means that I don't have responsibility for any particular parishes day by day, but, alongside the Bishop and Suffragan Bishops, share the responsibility for the smooth running of the whole Diocese. My new role is pastoral in so far as it involves the care of clergy and congregations, organisational as I take lead role in parish vacancies and recruitment of new clergy, and strategic as I join the Bishop's Staff Team where I will help to shape the vision and direction of the Diocese. When I am collated as Archdeacon I will also be made a Canon of Winchester Cathedral and I am looking forward immensely to being part of the ministry of that ancient place of worship.

And so for now, and until I conduct an Archdeacon's visitation, it is goodbye to the benefice which has been a place of such joy and blessing to us as a family. It is goodbye to the folks alongside whom we have lived and ministered and the communities in which we have found a sense of belonging. And it's goodbye to the remarkable and beautiful congregations that worship in our churches.

With love and prayers

Rev Simon, Hannah, Tabitha, Jemima and Kitty

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding: Matthew Sterrett and Katherine Berks at All Saints Tunworth, on 13th June

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5th July

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

Monday 6th July

7.30pm Licensing of the Revd Yvette Dixon at South Warnborough

Thursday 9th July

10.00am	Upton Grey	BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 12th July

9.00am	Tunworth	Pet Service
10.00am	Weston Patrick	CW Holy Communion
10.30am	Upton Grey	Morning Worship with Baptism
5.00pm	Herriard	Evensong

Thursday 16th July

10.00am	Herriard	BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 19th July

10.00am	Herriard	Morning Worship
5.00pm	Upton Grey	Hymns & Pimm's
6.00pm	Tunworth	Evensong

Sunday 26th July

9.00am	Tunworth	Family Service
10.00am	Herriard	Family Service
10.30am	Upton Grey	Rose Service (in the Cemetery)
5.00pm	Weston Patrick	Evensong

CHURCH NEWS

Changes to the Clergy Team across our churches

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a number of changes coming up in our clergy and wider ministry team, here in our group of North Hampshire Downs Churches.

Sarah Barnes, who has been churchwarden and licensed lay minister in Upton Grey for many years, has recently been recommended for training for ordination, and will start her two-year training as an 'ordinand' at Sarum College in September.

Steve Bentley, who worships at All Saints Odiham with his wife Fyona, has been selected for a one-year course with the diocese called 'Bishop's Permission to Preach', and he will start training for this in September.

Rev'd Yvette Dixon has been appointed as the new Associate Minister in South Warnborough and Long Sutton. Yvette will replace Gillian Wilton who retired last October, and she will move into the Parsonage in South Warnborough at the start of July, with her licensing service currently planned for **Monday 6th July at 7.30pm**. Please do come and join us.

Rev'd Suzanne Newcombe, who is currently serving as a Curate in Herriard and Weston Patrick, is now being ordained Priest, following her ordination as Deacon last summer. This will take place on 27th June in Winchester Cathedral.

Many congratulations to you all – Sarah, Steve, Yvette and Suzanne – on these appointments, and thank you for all you are doing in serving our churches so faithfully.

And finally, Rev'd Simon Butler is moving on to pastures new at the end of July, having been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Winchester. Simon, together with Hannah, Tabitha, Jemima and Kitty, joined our benefice as the Rector ten years ago in 2016. He has built up our ministry team from five when he arrived, to 16 today, which is testimony to his leadership, his constant encouragement and vision, and his deep love of God and trust in His plans for us. Even though we have travelled through very challenging times as a nation during that time, not least with the Covid pandemic, our benefice has seen growth that is counter to many national trends. Simon, we shall miss you and your family greatly – thank you for your leadership, wisdom and encouragement – but we're grateful that you'll still be looking after us!

We have now started the process of recruitment for a new Associate Minister to replace Simon in Upton Grey and Tunworth, and I'll provide updates on this shortly.

With best wishes, Chris **Rev'd Chris Dudgeon**

Rector, North Hampshire Downs Churches

July/August Children & Youth Activities

The regular children/youth activities (for anyone in the North Hampshire Downs churches) are mostly taking a break in late July and August, restarting in September, but the annual children's holiday club will be taking place as usual in August.

Details of the holiday club and the regular activities are below – please see moretolife.church for more information.

Children's Holiday Club, 'Going Bananas'

Monday–Thursday 3rd–6th August, 9.00–12.30pm
All Saints, Odiham
For more information and to sign up please see
https://allsaintsodiham.churchsuite.com/events/nu37zls3
on the moretolife.church website.

Tuesday Toddlers and Get OWT

Alternate Tuesday mornings 10.00–11.30am

* 'Tuesday Toddlers', St Andrew's, South Warnborough, usually on the first & third Tuesdays of the month: July 7th & 21st.
* 'Get Outside With (your) Toddlers' (OWT), outside St Mary's, Upton Grey, usually on the second and fourth Tuesdays: 14th July; 28th July – a summer special, with older siblings welcome; and NB also a 'fifth Tuesday bonus' on June 30th!

Nothing in August, for either group – back in September on the regular dates.

More4Kids & More4Youth

Usually every Thursday at All Saints Odiham, 4.30–7.30pm.
These two groups will run every Thursday up to 16th July, will then take a break until September.

More4Kids Upton Grey

Usually 3.30–5.00 on the third Wednesday of the month in Upton Grey Village Hall, but will be taking a break in July and August.

Herriard Youth Hub

Usually Sunday evenings at the Herriard Village Hub.
Dates for July:

* Sunday 5th July 6.30–8.30pm for years 9 and upwards only – meet for a Barbeque at Helen Chatfield's house 13 Bagmore Lane, Herriard. Please let Helen know if your child/children will be joining the BBQ – so she can make sure she has enough food!
* Sunday 19th July – 'Paint The Hub'! Painting from 2.00–6.30pm, then regular Youth Hub from 6.30–8.30pm.

For more information, contact Helen Chatfield –
youth@moretolife.church.
No meetings in August.

All Saints After School

Usually monthly at 3.00–4 45 on a Thursday at All Saints Odiham, but taking a break in July and August (resumes in September).

Homework Club

All Saints Odiham, 3.00–5.30, on Tuesdays up to 14th July, then taking a break until September.

Coffee & Cake

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

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

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

KidsZone

As I sit down to write this article, I am looking ahead with great excitement at a summer packed with sports: Women's T20 Cricket World Cup, Formula 1 British Grand Prix, Wimbledon, Commonwealth Games and European Athletics Championships and, of course, the FIFA Men's Football World Cup (let's hope that by the time you are reading this England are still going strong!)

You may not share in my enthusiasm for sport (watching or playing), but I do hope that you are looking forward to making the most of the (hopefully) fine weather and light evenings this summer by enjoying the outdoors with friends and family.

While playing sports is not for everyone, there is something about being outdoors; running or moving, exploring and playing that is really good for us. God made us that way! And it's not just good for our physical health, but it is good for our mental, emotional and spiritual health too!

The Scottish sprinter, Eric Liddel, who won Gold at the Paris Olympics in 1924 said, 'God made me fast and when I run I feel his pleasure.' I wonder what are the things you do that make you feel fully alive? What are the things that fill you with joy and help free you, even for a short time, from your worries and fears? What would this sentence sound like for you…

'God made me_____ and when I _____, I feel fully alive.'

Playing with others, or even by ourselves, also helps us to deal with our big emotions. Play helps us to express our feelings in a safe way. Whether it is joy, excitement, anger or fear, our feelings need to move so that they don't get stuck in our bodies. You could say that our feelings need playgrounds! What playgrounds can you offer your feelings? Here's a few ideas to get you thinking: running, chasing, exploring, dressing-up, telling stories, acting, singing, playing music, dancing, writing, drawing, painting or constructing.

If you would enjoy doing many of these things with lots of other children, why not join us in August for our Summer Holiday Club 'Going Bananas' at All Saints in Odiham – please see https://allsaintsodiham.churchsuite.com/events/nu37zls3
on the moretolife.church website for more information and to sign up.



Whatever you do this summer and whoever you do it with, may you find lots of moments of joy, fun and laughter and times when you feel fully alive.

Bless you.

Paul Dadd, Children & Youth Pastor
All Saints Odiham, paul@moretolife.church





NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming News – June 2026

I have just returned from a dairy 'study trip' to Southern Ireland focusing on the areas around Cork and Clonakilty. There is an obvious reason why they refer to Ireland as the Emerald Isle because, crikey, can they grow a lot of grass. A dry spell for them is a week without rain, not the eight weeks that we experienced in April and May. As a consequence, most herds are 'block calved' from January through to April and graze until they are housed for winter in November. Block calving means the whole herd have their calves in a designated time frame, in this case a few months in the spring, so the herd then produces maximum milk throughout the spring and summer while grass growth is plentiful. The herd will then be served by artificial insemination or by stock bulls from May to July so the herd will produce a calf the same time the following year.

Whilst this is good for the farmer because he can produce all his milk from grazed grass, it is a real headache for the processors because they are inundated with milk in the spring but have very little over the winter months. For example, the nearby Carbery processing plant takes in 19m litres of milk in June but only 1.5m litres in December.

This is why ARLA, our milk processor, pays us a premium for supplying them with level production. They can then keep their processing plant at Aylesbury running at near full capacity for the whole year. We calve our cows all year round so every month we'll have about 15 cows and 6 or 7 heifers calving which then keeps our milk at approximately 10,000 litres/day, every day of the year. Grass growth for us in north Hampshire is so erratic with these prolonged dry spells that we rely heavily on grass and maize silage so we know exactly the quantity and quality of the feed our cows are consuming. This makes setting the diets for our cows by our nutritionist much more uniform as we are dealing with known ingredients. Grazed grass varies from day to day depending on growth stage and weather conditions but, once we have made silage and analysed it, we know what we are dealing with.

We had a great three days, saw many farms, the Carbery processing plant as well as the Moorepark research centre, and by the end of the trip I figured out that I'm not a huge Irish whiskey drinker but after extensive evaluation, decided Murphy's was better than Guinness and Beamish!

I really don't want to get political but these are certainly interesting times when the government is floating the idea of a price cap on

essential food items such as milk and bread. I'm of the ripe old age when I can remember Shirley Williams and Roy Hattersley mooting this idea in the 1970s. Peter Bourke, a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, has written recently that in November 1994 the price of milk was 24ppl. If the price followed RPI (Retail Prices Index) the price now would be just over 69ppl. We are receiving less than 35ppl. According to the BBC we already have the lowest grocery prices in Europe.

He continues, 'Also interesting to note that food RPI since 2006 has increased from 100 to 195 whereas farm input inflation has gone from 100 to 295'. That illustrates why farm acreages, cow numbers and machinery size all increase and most farms diversify to pull in other income streams just to survive.

Back to day-to-day matters: I had a phone call from the police at 6.30am the other day (never a good thing!) 'Did we have cows near Bagmore Lane, Herriard because there were reports of cows on the road'. This is one of the most scary phone calls we can get because cows and roads are a dangerous combination. The cows in question were young heifers. Something had spooked them in their field and they'd piled down to the bottom corner and broken through the fence. We managed to get most back in the field but six were missing. Eventually three were spotted a mile away and we managed to walk those back along the road (thank you, Craig) with a trail of frustrated drivers behind… sorry! We looked for the other three escapees all day but no luck. We even had Ian from Streetcroft look with his drone (thank you, Ian). Then through a local WhatsApp group, Rhys from Oxdrove Security, offered to have a look with his thermal imaging drone. So at 8.00pm we scoured the countryside again from Herriard to Bradley, picking up deer, hare, rabbits and all sorts showing up white in his view finder where they were giving off heat. Then with his last sweep of Bradley he saw three white dots in a wheat field, zoomed in with the camera and there they were, ambling along over three miles away from where they'd escaped. We took the cattle trailer and racks and managed to herd them into a corner of the wheat field, load them up and take them back to their mates.

A big thank you to everyone who helped us return the Great Escapers back to the farm. Although not the most welcome distraction, there is always something going on with livestock that makes you forget about domestic and world politics and focus on the here and now. I'll raise a pint of Murphy's to that! **Joe Ives**

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Letter to Parishioners

Dear Villagers,

St Mary's Church PCC would like to organise a collection for Rev'd Simon Butler who has been our vicar here in Upton Grey and across the North Hampshire Downs Benefice for the past ten years. He has recently moved house to Well and vacated the vicarage for a new incumbent who is yet to be appointed. The reason for Simon's departure is a joyous one. He has received a promotion to the role of Archdeacon of Winchester and will become a chief assistant to the Bishop of Winchester, with responsibility for overseeing the running and maintenance of all the churches in the north of Hampshire.

Many of you will know Simon and his lovely family (Hannah, Tabitha, Jemima and Kitty) through services and events at the various churches of this benefice as well as through work with Long Sutton primary school. Some of you may know him because of a shared passion for racing cars or spaniels. We are grateful for Simon's sincere engagement with us over the years, for his friendship, generosity of spirit and dedicated ministry. We wish him well and know that this feeling will be shared by many of you.

Our final farewell to Simon will be at the Hymns and Pimm's to be held in St Mary's Church on 19th July at 5pm.

We also invite you to contribute to a collection for a gift to say farewell and show Simon our appreciation.

These are the bank details for a bank transfer:
Name on Account: UGPCC
Sort code: 200500
Account Number: 40918261
Please use your name and 'Simon' as the reference.

Frances Yeowart is also happy to receive any cheques or cash donations. Please deliver to: The Old Post House, Bidden Road, Upton Grey RG25 2RL by Tuesday July 14th.

Thank you in advance.

Julia and all the St Mary's Upton Grey PCC members.

Coffee and Cake drop in

Upton Grey Village Hall

Monday 13th & 27th July

11.00–1.00

All welcome



St Mary's Upton Grey
www.moretolife.church

Hymns & Pimm's, Sunday 19th July, 5.00pm
This will be Simon's last service in Upton Grey – all welcome!

St Mary's Church Fête
I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped ensure that, despite the weather, the church fête was a great success. The fête is such an important fundraiser for St Mary's and I think an important event in our village social calendar. It gives the village a place to gather and helps to sustain the sense of community which makes Upton Grey so special.

Firstly, my thanks to Frances Yeowart for organising the Fête again this year. A lot of work goes in to pulling together stall–holders, Punch and Judy shows, the band and more and the Fête simply wouldn't happen without Frances' time and effort. So thank you Frances!

Also, to our stall–holders who turn out in force each year to make sure that we have a Fête to enjoy. The time, energy and effort that you give is deeply appreciated.

We're so fortunate to be able to run our Fête in such wonderful surroundings and so my sincere thanks go to Richard and Carol Butler–Adams who once again opened their beautiful garden for us. We are truly grateful.

And, finally, to everyone who comes along, spends money, enjoys the afternoon and in doing so contributes to the life of our church and community – thank you! You make this village what it is.

With kindest regards **Rev Simon and the St Mary's PCC**

St Mary's Church Fête Upton Grey – THANKYOU

A massive thank you to all who supported St Mary's church fête – yet again held in brutal weather. It really was miserable day, but lots of people turned up and fun was had. More a 'cup of tea and cake day' than a 'hanging out time with Pimm's and icecream' but still a wonderful communal gathering. We were so grateful to the Butler-Adams for sharing their lovely gardens so generously only two days before moving.

Enormous thanks too to the huge number of you who baked delicious cakes / helped on one of the stalls / donated goods or supported the fête in other ways. Even though the gate was down from previous years, we raised about £5,500 which is a wonderful achievement, and greatly appreciated by the PCC of St Mary's Church. Thank you one and all! **Frances Yeowart, on behalf of St Mary's PCC**

P.S. Next year the fête is on the second Saturday of June – which is 12th June 2027.

Vacancy for plant stall

As you will know, Debbie Bridle and her fantastic team have produced the most amazing plant stall for the fête for many years, thereby raising thousands of pounds for St Mary's. It has been a huge attraction. This year was Debbie's last year of running the stall and we owe her a huge vote of thanks for her dedication and hard work in both growing, and then transporting and selling the plants. Her knowledge of plants and advice to many people was invaluable.

We now have a vacancy for running 'Team Plants' – if anyone feels like a challenge, then please do get in touch. The fête will not be the same without such a quality stall!

This will be Simon's last service in Upton Grey – all welcome!

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 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**

Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club May Winners
Congratulations to this month's winners:
1st Prize: Shedden £100
2nd Prize: Hughes £40
If you'd like to join please contact UGVH100@gmail.com

Sarah Barnes
One of the greatest joys in ministry is seeing the ways in which God is working in and through the lives of others, calling, shaping and forming them to be a blessing to others in his name. Over my time in the benefice it has been a privilege to walk with numerous people as they have explored a particular calling to ordained ministry in the Church of England, and ultimately having gone through discernment and training, to stand with them in Winchester Cathedral as the Bishop ordains them.

Most recently it has been a joy to walk alongside Sarah Barnes from Upton Grey as she has discerned first a call to be a Lay Reader and then secondly, over the last couple of years, a call to ordained ministry. Sarah has been deeply involved with the life of St Mary's Upton Grey for many years serving in a great number of roles and ways. Some seen, some unseen. Having exercised a rich and deeply appreciated ministry as a Lay Reader, Sarah has just been through the final stages of discernment and has been recommended to train for ordination at Sarum College, Salisbury.

I know that everyone who knows Sarah can see God's call to ministry and wish her well for her training. Please do pray for Sarah as she trains, and Paul, Charlie and Hugo as they support and encourage her. **Simon**

Get OWT!
Usually on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, **Get O**ut **W**ith (your) **T**oddlers meets in Upton Grey – just by the Churchyard – from 10.00 to 11.30am. Bring a travel mug and appropriate clothing! **July 14th & 28th** (the 28th being a 'summer special', with older siblings welcome). NB also a "fifth Tuesday bonus" on June 30th! **Taking a break in August.**

More4Kids Upton Grey
Usually monthly on a Wednesday afternoon in the Village Hall, More4Kids Upton Grey is **taking a break in July and August**.

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After a freak gust of wind, one of the marquees (very kindly given to Herriard by Jean), had a bit of a wobble, despite industrial pegging down… but the weather then settled down and we had the most glorious afternoon!

Many thanks to everyone who helped in the run up, and on the day, to make the fête a fabulous village event – we had such lovely feedback from stall holders and visitors alike!

There is a huge team involved from the planning, the printing, the advertising, the lending of marquees, the donation of goods for the various stalls, the growing of plants, the baking of cakes, the displaying of sheep, the sandwich making and pouring of tea, the cutting of cakes, the pouring of beer, the cooking of sausages, the parking, the mowing, the loaning of JCBs, the putting up and taking down of marquees (three this year!), the announcing, the judging, the setting up and the clearing up, and the tallying up of the monies!! To each and every one of you who helped out and those who came along to support the fête – thank you all very much indeed!

A very respectable £4,600 was raised and from that we were able to make a £100 donation to the Herriard Youth Hub (to fund children and youth activities in the village) and also £100 to Kites of Wessex (who once again delighted us with their display of medieval warfare!).





Foodbank at St Mary's Herriard with Winslade

We have a box in the Church for food donations. If you can't make our Sunday service, you can leave donations on a Saturday/Sunday at the vestry door at the back of the Church. If you would like to sign up for the Camrose Centre's newsletter, to keep up to date with the work the centre is doing and get an updated list of the many items they so desperately need, please visit www.thecamrosecentre.org. They also have an Amazon Wishlist – the list is regularly updated:

The Camrose Centre is a drop–in centre for anyone who is sleeping rough, homeless or vulnerably housed within Basingstoke and Deane.

Brick Kiln Cottage Wildlfe Garden Bluebell Day

We were blessed with the weather on 26th April which caused a huge turnout for our National Garden Scheme Bluebell fundraising day.

Our volunteers worked extremely hard and we managed to raise £2,500 for the excellent suite of charities supported by the NGS.

The children's entertainment was very busy, so too the Textile Loft, the tea tent and kitchen staff.

The musicians, harp, violin and guitar delighted every one with their programme. Herriard Gardening Club (Pat and Debbie) brought a lovely selection of plants and the gate and parking team were kept busy all day.

Thank you all for supporting us and particularly cake makers and wonderful helpers Mark, Sally, Susannah, Judge Mark, Dawn, Sarah, Fiona, Bob, Dan, Terry, John, Ellie, Camille, Julie, Jenny.

Gratefully, **Barbara and Kay**

Herriard Village Hub: Going Green!

We are excited to announce that our roof repairs, solar panelling, and inverter installations will begin on Monday 13th July. The works are expected to take 6 to 8 weeks, weather permitting.

Business as usual: The Hub remains fully open! All private bookings, Soul Bounce classes, and our weekly Thursday Coffee Mornings will go ahead as normal.

Parking note: Please be aware that there may be increased demand for street parking during this period, depending on the space required by our contractors.

Thank you for your patience as we take this big step toward a greener future. For any enquiries, please contact us via www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk.

TUNWORTH NEWS

Prayer half-hour: Thursday 2nd July 10.00am
At the monthly Prayer Half–Hour, on the first Thursday, we meet and pray in the church for everyone in the parish.

Coffee & Cake: Thursday 2nd July 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.

Tunworth Home Group
The Tunworth Home Group usually meets once or twice a month on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. The **July date is 8th.** If you would like to know more, please contact Gabrielle.

Pet Service
The Pet Service will take place at the church on **Sunday 12th July at 9.00am.** This will be Rev Simon's final service at Tunworth.

Save the Date
6.00pm Saturday 17th October in Upton Grey Village Hall.
Baron Roberts of Belgravia will speak about his forthcoming book *Napoleon and his Marshals.*

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Our next services are Holy Communion on Sunday 12th July at 10.00am and then Evensong on Sunday 26th July at 5.00pm with our fabulous choir.

We will be holding a Hymns and Pimm's service at St. Lawrence on **Sunday 23rd August at 5.00pm**. Please do come along and join in as all are extremely welcome. We would love to hear which favourite hymn you would like to sing and why you love it so much.
Please start sending your hymn choices to linda@moretolife.church or to lesleydon6@gmail.com

Please note that the ordination of Suzanne Newcombe will take place on Saturday 27th June at 4.00pm in Winchester Cathedral and a special combined Communion Service will be led by Suzanne at Herriard Church on Sunday 28th June at 10.00am.

Reverend Suzanne Newcombe will be praying for our community in our church at 9.00am on the first Friday of every month and will be there on Friday 3rd July. All are very welcome to join her but if you are unable to attend personally and would like her to pray for someone specific please contact her: 07484 162186 or suzanne@moretolife.church

Our Village Coffee morning will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, on 22nd July, at 11.00am in the Village Hall. Everybody (and your dog) is welcome to pop in.

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett's Women's Home Group welcomes any women who would like to come along. This is an informal fellowship group exploring faith and how faith relates to our daily lives.
For more details or if you would like to join us, please contact Suzanne Newcombe on 07484 162186 or suzanne@moretolife.church

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Founder of Cardiac Health steps down with a special talk

Cardiac Health celebrate their 50th anniversary with a special talk from the man who brought cardiac rehab through exercise to Alton – Dr Hugh Bethell. To mark the 50th Anniversary of Cardiac Health, Dr Bethell is giving an Exerciser Talk called 'Don't Kill Granny' on Thursday 2nd July at the Alton Assembly Rooms.

In 1976 local GP Dr Bethell convinced Alton Sports Centre to host the first community cardiac rehab programme in the UK. Working closely with PT Allan Larvan and physiotherapist Sally Turner they developed a medically-led exercise programme which still underpins the exercise programmes at Cardiac Health today. 50 years after founding the cardiac rehab programme Dr Bethell is stepping down from his Trustee role at Cardiac Health and has generously agreed to give his final Exerciser Talk before he retires.

'Don't Kill Granny' will cover a range of topics, from the inspiration for the first cardiac rehab programme right up to the pressing need to find ways to prevent the 'epidemic of frailty' as our population ages.

The talk is being held in the Alton Assembly Rooms on Thursday 2nd Juln. Join Cardiac Health from 7.00pm for a complimentary welcome drink before the talk starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £18.00, advance booking only from https://cardiachealth.org.uk/events or by visiting the charity in Chawton Park Road (GU34 1RQ)

Basingstoke Choral Society presents an evening of light and hope

On Saturday 18th July at 7.00pm, at All Saints Church, Odiham, we present an evening of inspirational music celebrating the hope and joy of community. Conducted by Jordan Theis, and accompanied by piano and organ, it features 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

Summer Memories 2026

Join St. Michael's Hospice for Summer Memories 2026, a special event to remember and celebrate loved ones. By making a dedication, you can reserve a beautiful limited-edition feather keepsake, which will be displayed in the Summer Memories Meadow at Worting House.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meaningful gathering on Sunday 12th July, where we will come together to reflect, remember and honour those who hold a special place in our hearts. To find out more or make a dedication, visit stmichaelshospice.org.uk

North Warnborough & District Garden Club

We will meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd July from 2.10pm.for the talk at 2.30pm.

This month we are delighted to welcome back one of our most popular speakers. Rosy Hardy will join us to talk to us about 'Seasonal Perennials'. We will have our usual Plant Stall to which Rosy will add her own array of plants from her Nursery for sale.

Visitors will be welcome to join us for a small fee on this occasion.

Our Website (https://www.nwdg.org.uk) gives information about the Club.

We do not meet in August.

Cross Barn Theatre, Odiham – Cinema/NT/Jazz – July 2026

10th July: Live: Jazz at the Barn

Why not come and join us for an enjoyable evening of joyous upbeat traditional jazz! Our live 6-piece band consists of trumpet, trombone, clarinet, banjo, bass, drums and plenty of vocals.

17th July NT Live: Les Liaisons Dangereuses

Starring Lesley Manville & Aidan Turner. 'A wickedly sumptuous show. Tense, sexy & playful' Radio Times. 'Manville & Turner are magnetic… Magnificent' London Theatre

We will take our usual summer break in August, returning in September with titles to be announced.

Please check our website for up-to-date information.

Tickets – NT Live £16.00; Jazz £20.00. Doors open at 19.00

NT Live & Jazz start at 19.30. Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available

Purchase tickets online at http://www.thecrossbarn.org.uk



National Garden Scheme, Hampshire

When you visit a National Garden Scheme open garden you are helping to support many amazing charities. One such charity is the very well-known Macmillan Cancer Support. The National Garden Scheme has been supporting Macmillan Cancer Support since 1984. Since this time we have raised £20 million for Macmillan, enabling them to give vital support for people all over the UK from their first diagnosis. Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of the National Garden Scheme and its supporters, Macmillan has been able to fund 150 Macmillan nurses, healthcare professionals and specialist care units, including Y Bwthyn, Bristol and Chesterfield. These services play a crucial role in helping people affected by cancer to get the support they need, when they need it most.

Every pound we donate to our beneficiaries is hard-won by the amazing generosity of both our garden owners and volunteers, not to mention that of the ticket-buying and tea-drinking visitors.

Earlier this year I was introduced to a company called Soil Smiths, they are ‘soil scientists’, who are based in North Hampshire. They are a relatively new company having worked mainly with farmers and flower growers, with a great deal of success. They have now turned their attention to us gardeners as well. Several NGS gardeners in Hampshire have invited Soil Smiths to their open gardens, giving the visitor the opportunity to have their compost analysed – free of charge. Simply bring along a small sample of your compost and have it tested under a microscope – you can then see all the nematodes, testate amoeba and fungi (or not) within your compost. If you do not have compost available, then soil will do. I can assure you that it is absolutely fascinating to be able to see what is going on in a very small sample – all invisible to the naked eye.

Opening in July for the fifth consecutive year:–

Hook Cross Allotments Reading Road, Hook RG27 9DB

Opening: Saturday & Sunday 18th & 19th July. Pre-booking available.

Admission: £5.00 children free. Cashless Payments available.

Refreshments: Tea, coffee & cake (in aid of Hook Allotments Association)

Overlooking the village of Hook are the 5¼ acre community run allotments. Explore more than 100 plots showcasing a variety of vegetables, fruit, and flower growing styles, plus a community orchard, wildflower meadow and banks, and wildlife friendly gardening information. Talk with plot-holders about growing your own, vote for

your favourite scarecrow in the scarecrow competition. Established on arable farmland in 2010, this pretty edge-of-village, community-run allotment site is now one of the largest allotments in Hampshire. There is ample parking, a picnic area and a compost toilet.

Soil Smiths at the Allotments: both Saturday & Sunday 18th & 19th July – 1.00pm to 5.00pm. How active is your compost? Now is the chance to see under the microscope, courtesy of Soil Smiths, (soilsmiths.co.uk.) Simply bring a small sample of your soil/compost along to have it tested – free of charge. There is an opportunity to purchase 100% organic product to help along any ailing material.

Also with a guest stand this year is Wilder Hook, on Sunday 19th July 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Find out about this community group, who are interested in nature, wildlife conservation and ecology.

These are challenging times – not only with climate change, but with the cost of living increases, but an NGS open garden is an amazing value-for-money experience, and you can be sure that you are supporting many vital charities. Best Wishes **Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity), pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk**

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North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

I am writing this a few days before the Hartley Wintney Village Festival and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has given me books to sell on our stall. The weather promises to be good for this event, so we are looking forward to a good afternoon. In the next issue I will be able to let you know how much we have been able to raise for groups which support women and girls around the world to learn to read and write.

At the beginning of June, I was invited to go to Old Alresford to take part in a recording for Radio 4 which will be part of the Sunday morning service on Mary Sumner Day (Sunday 9th August).

Our branch usually meets on the first Monday of the month. However, in July, we will be meeting for a social get-together. In August we are looking forward to celebrating our 150th Anniversary with a service of Evensong in Winchester Cathedral on Sunday 9th August at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for what I am sure will be a lovely service and then for refreshments afterwards.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on suemurphymubranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011 / 07881 828450.

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

Hampshire Harmony is 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 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.



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 – JULY 2026

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

JULY DATES

2nd Jul	Thur	Cardiac Health talk, Alton Assembly Rooms	7.00pm
5th Jul	Sun	Herriard youth club barbecue, 13 Bagmore Lane	6.30pm
10th Jul	Fri	Jazz Night, Cross Barn, Odiham	7.30pm
12th Jul	Sun	Tunworth Pet Service	9.00am
12th Jul	Sun	St Michael's Hospice Summer memories, Worting Hse	11.00am
17th Jul	Fri	NT Live, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*	7.30pm
18th-19th Jul		Hook Allotments Garden Opening	1.00pm
18th Jul	Sat	Evening of light and hope concert, All Saints Odiham	7.00pm
19th Jul	Sun	'Paint the Hub', Herriard Hub	2.00pm
19th Jul	Sun	Hymns & Pimm's, St Mary's Upton Grey	5.00pm
23rd Jul	Thur	North Warnborough Garden Club, NW village hall	2.10pm
23rd Jul	Thur	Summer Drinks, Hydes Farmhouse, Herriard	6.00pm
26th Jul	Sun	Rose Service, Upton Grey Cemetery	10.30am

ADVANCE DATES

3rd-6th Aug		'Going Bananas' holiday club, Odiham church	9.00-12.30
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	
17th Oct	Sat	'Napoleon and his Marshals', Upton Grey Village Hall	6.00pm
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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