

# The Villager

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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell  
Up Nately, Nately Scures and Newnham

**Season's Greetings** to all Villager  
readers and special thanks to contributors and distributors.  
Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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## Christmas Services

in the United Parish

Newnham, Nately Scures, Mapledurwell, Up Nately & Greywell



### Carol Services

Sunday 8th December, 11am  
St Swithun's Nately Scures

Saturday 14th December, 4pm  
St Nicholas' Newnham

Friday 20th December, 5.30pm  
St Mary's Mapledurwell

Saturday 21st December, 5pm  
St Stephen's Up Nately

Sunday 22nd December, 5pm  
St Mary's Greywell

### Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 4.30pm  
St Stephen's Up Nately

### Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm  
St Swithun's Nately Scures

### Christmas Day Family Services

9am St Stephen's Up Nately

10am St Mary's Mapledurwell

11am St Mary's Greywell

11am St Nicholas' Newnham

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## The Table

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL



North Warnborough Village Hall

UPCOMING DATES:

8th December  
22nd December

From  
**5PM**



Please contact Matt to book  
[matt@moretolife.church](mailto:matt@moretolife.church)

## THE UNITED PARISH IS SEEKING A NEW TREASURER

Jeff Ford from Newnham will be stepping down at Christmas after many years as United Parish Treasurer. The role is voluntary and involves taking care of the separate finances of all five churches which share a single bank account. Specific tasks include... paying invoices (mostly by bank transfer), maintaining and updating the cash books; reclaiming Gift Aid, monitoring the Parish Giving Scheme and summing-up credit card reader accounting; preparing reports for PCC (Parochial Church Council) meetings and preparing End of Year Accounts plus the Annual Financial report to Diocese.

This initially sounds a lot but there may be opportunities to split the role or job share. Please submit expressions of interest to Revd Debbie Veel [debbie@moretolife.church](mailto:debbie@moretolife.church) or Revd Luke Augustyn [luke@moretolife.church](mailto:luke@moretolife.church)

# Mapledurwell & Up Nately



## MAPLEDURWELL FARMING UPDATE

from Alan Hutton

I write this on the first day of meteorological winter, December 1st. Following a wet and frustrating autumn most crops look ok. As the climate changes so the seasons are also changing. The dull cool summer has resulted in no beech masts and few acorns this autumn so the birds had a hungry gap, until the grapes in Surrey vineyards were ready. The grape harvest was late this year due to the weather.

On the farm we are starting the winter job of hedge cutting. I like to leave the hedges as long as possible before cutting, to allow wildlife time to eat any wild berries. This has to be balanced with public safety and the hedge cutting regulations. You would be surprised at how many rules apply to the simple job of cutting a hedge.

Another traditional winter job was winter ploughing. The aim was to plough all land destined for spring cropping before Christmas. The winter frosts then created a frost tilth in the soil perfect for spring sowing.

As the climate warms so the number and severity of frosts have declined. The change to wetter autumns mean the soil is waterlogged earlier and you can easily do more harm than good to soil structure by ploughing wet soil.

This year we have sown a cover crop on the land to be spring cropped. This cover crop will mop up any nutrients left in the ground from the previous harvest and help to dry the soil out ready for the spring.

As one year draws to a close so the next one begins. Both the farming cycle and natural cycle starts again, the annual reminder that as farmers we are only temporary custodians of the land we farm.

### Carols around the Pond

Friday 13th December, 6pm

All welcome to enjoy Mulled Wine or Hot Chocolate and a Mince Pie

Collection on behalf of St Michael's Hospice

Please bring cash. Sponsored by the Friends of St Mary's



### SILVER JEWELLERY WORKSHOPS



**Village Hall Committee members ran a couple of successful jewellery workshops enabling villagers to design and craft their own beautiful silver bracelets**

The Village Hall Committee AGM will be held Thursday 23 January, 8pm

### CANAL SOCIETY WORKING PARTIES

Thanks due to the Basingstoke Canal Society Rangers' Tuesday Group volunteers for two 'winter work party' days. They have cut back alongside the towpath on the Up Nately section of the canal from the eastern end of Greywell Tunnel to the Greywell Road at Penny Bridge



### PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

**T/00606/24/TCA** Bidwells for Corpus Christi. Various roadside trees, *see back page*.

**T/00608/24/TCA** (Validated 02 Dec) Jasmine Cottage, Tunworth Rd. T1 Western Red Cedar: fell.

**T/00525/24/TCA** (Pending 22 Oct) Field House, Tunworth Rd. T1 Oak, remove to ground level, too close to property; T2 Walnut, remove to ground level, decay at base; T3 Dead Ivy stump, T4 Cedar, T6 Poplar, T11 Dead stump, all remove to ground level; T5 Sycamore, T8 Beech, crown lift to 5m, thin out crown; T7 Poplar, repollard to previous points, thin out crown; T9 Ash and T10 Sycamore, crown lift above cable, thin out crown.

**T/00499/24/TCA** (Approve 19 November) The Old Orchard, Tunworth Road. T1 Ash subject to ash died back, fell; T9 Liriodendron, reduce height by 5m to 12m and spread by 4m to 8m.

**T/00445/24/TCA** (Approve 06 Nov) Hurdles, Tunworth Road. T1 Eucalyptus, crown reduce leaving finished height of 10m with spread 5m.














# UP NATELY HALLOWEEN

Children in the village had an exciting time following the Halloween Trail, meeting skeletons and ghosts – and finding many sweets along the way...

Thank you Charlotte Stephenson for setting it all out!



## Up Nately's Halloween Scavenger Hunt 2024

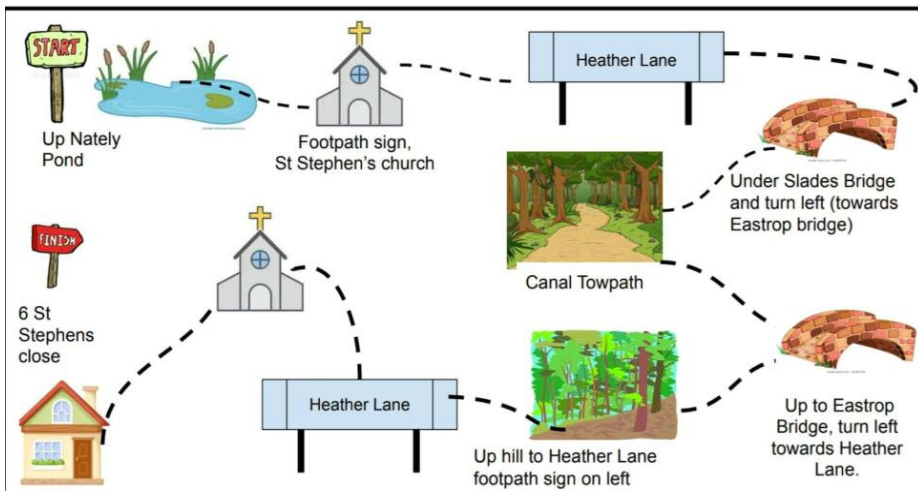
<p>Flutter, flutter little bat, How I wonder where you're at?</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Witch's hat so straight and high, look up for it in the sky.</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Looking up to a higher level, can you spot a fiery devil?</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Little black cat, little black cat. Have a look around and see where i'm sat.</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>A Zombie hand of the undead is creeping from the path ahead.</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We use our webs to make a nest, if you're brave enough to touch us be our guest!</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Look out for a goblet shaped like a skull, with yucky sludge it's really full!</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>I'm a skeleton, boney and white. Don't come too close I might give you a fright!</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Look for a candle on this track, look down low as it is short and black.</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>A creepy pumpkin ghost with boney fingers, tick this one off quickly and don't dare linger!</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Watch out incase it attacks, spot a large bird of black.</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>A pumpkin of a new design, a purple one is near a sign.</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>The spooky characters from "A Nightmare Before Christmas" are waiting at the end, Did you make it through all the twists and bends? If you did you'll find something sweet to eat, Help yourself and then you're complete!</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>					

- ★ Follow the map and tick off each spooky item you find on the back of this card.
- ★ Keep your wits about you as they can be found **in any order!**
- ★ If you're lucky, collect trick or treats along the route from spooky neighbours.
- ★ Make it to the end and help yourself to a final treat!



**Spooky Prize:** As a challenge, can you take a photo on the route with your SCARIEST pose possible?

The winning submission will receive a prize (extra points for creativeness!).



## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**24/02833/HSE** (Validated 03 December) Field House, Tunworth Road. Demolition of single storey element and conservatory. Two storey side, single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration and internal alterations.

**24/02523/HSE** (Validated 11 November) Lanterns, Tunworth Road. Part demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey flat roof extension with roof lantern.

**24/02372/HSE** (Pending 21 October) The Old School House, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Erection of side and rear extension, new front entrance porch, replacement windows / doors and demolition of the existing garage.

**24/02283/ROC** (Pending 04 October) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Variation of condition 13 of 21/00427/FUL (Erection of four-bed dwelling etc) to change from septic tank or cess pit to water treatment plant.

**24/02002/FUL** (Pending 18 Sept) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Demolition of barn and erection of one new dwelling.

**24/01354/FUL** (Pending 24 June) Gamekeepers. Hardstanding for access to the cesspit, for dray lorry deliveries; also to serve as additional parking; plus 4x low-level, bat-friendly downlighters within landscaped margin. (Reduced scheme to 21/01777/RET)

**24/00756/FUL** (Pending 16 April) Land North of Parrotts, Greywell Road. Four detached dwellings, garages, access, parking, amenity space etc.

**23/02103/FUL** (Pending 18 August 2023) Land at Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of outbuilding; new dwelling with garage.

**22/02210/RET** (Pending 05 Aug 2022) Priors Farmhouse. Variation of Con 2 of 15/04301/FUL for continued use Class E children's nursery to 2032.

**PLANNING APPEAL APP/H1705/W/24/3347575** (in progress) Brockwell Paddock and Stable, Andwell Lane. Three dwellings and landscaping.

## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wed 15 Jan, 7pm, VHL meeting room.

**Sad to report another theft on the allotments. Please all be vigilant and report anything suspicious to Police.**

# Newnham & Nately Scures



'On Sunday 1st December, St Nicholas' held a Christingle service, our first for quite a while. It was very well attended and the children enjoyed eating sweets – many before even making their Christingles – while the adults chatted over hot drinks and helped little ones. Then we all joined together for a short, relaxed service with refreshments afterwards.

'Thank you to those who came along and supported this service and to the people who helped me make it happen.

'We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends at some of our other Christmas services, either in Newnham or Nately Scures or in the wider United Parish

'May you and your households be richly blessed this Advent and Christmas.' *Rev Debz*



**An invitation to the Newnham Carol Service at 4pm on Saturday 14th December, followed by mulled wine and mince pies**

## ST NICHOLAS' WOULD LIKE TO INVITE NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN

**the VCC (Village Church Committee)** to be involved in the running of the church within the community. Meetings are bimonthly usually on a Mondays 5.30-7pm.

The VCC is also in need of a minutes secretary, a role undertaken for many years by Joanna Bell.

If you can help, please contact Revd Debbie for further information [debbie@moretolife.church](mailto:debbie@moretolife.church)

## NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



November draw results are

£100 - Bob & Georgie Scott-Kerr

£50 - Chris & Lisa Bingham

£25 - Bridget Bell

Numbers drawn by Al Richmond, Revd Debbie and Jeff Ford at this month's VCC meeting. *Carolyn Bell*

## THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME

**Christmas 2024**

**SAMPLE MENU**

Available from 25th November to 31st December 2024

Pre-order only for parties of 8 or more  
Availability on a la Carte & Specials

### Starters

Roasted Chestnut Soup

Blue Cheese Croquette on a Pear & Walnut Salad

Trout Gravavlax, Tarragon Mayonnaise, Toasted Bread & Salad

Game Terrine, Piccalilli & Toasted Brioche Bread

### Main Course

Traditional Roast Turkey & Chestnut Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Braised Red Cabbage, Roast Potatoes & gravy

Pheasant Wellington, Dauphinoise Potato, Spinach and a red wine jus

Sea Bream, Parmentier Potatoes, Green Beans & a Creamy Mussel sauce

Creamy Wild Mushroom Risotto with Toasted Pine Nuts & Shaved Parmesan

### Dessert

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Custard  
Orange & Aniseed Creme Brulee with Shortbread

Dark Chocolate & Cardamom Cheesecake with Ice Cream

Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Custard

### Cheeseboard

Select two cheeses

Dorset Blue Vinny / Tunworth / Somerset Cheddar / Driftwood Goat's

Served with Quince Jelly, Sliced Apple & Crackers

2 Courses £29 per person

3 Courses £34 per person

4 Courses £39 per person

Call us: 01256 761896

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 27 January, 7pm in Newnham Clubroom; all welcome.

CLUBROOM HIRE Wifi available  
<https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/>  
To book tel 07802 972722 or email [bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk](mailto:bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk)

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**24/02797/FUL** and **24/02798/LBC**  
(Validated 29 Nov) Newnham House, Ridge Lane. To form a separate dwelling with extension to the Coach House plus creation of amenity space, car parking etc.

**24/02561/ROC** (Validated 08 November)  
Land At Blackstocks Lane. Variation of Condition 1... of approved 24/00715/FUL (erection of one dwelling with associated garage, landscaping and a new access, part retrospective). *Includes changes to approved plans to add a sixth bedroom in roof with gable and roof light.*

**24/02494/HSE** (Validated 31 October)  
Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane. A two-storey front and side extension following partial demolition of existing extension. Remove porch, reduce height of front bay.

**24/02342/HSE** (Granted 28 November)  
Crown Lodge, Crown Lane. Conversion of detached garage to residential annexe.

**24/02271/FUL** (Refused 28 November)  
Collingwood, Newnham Road. Erection of a 1.8m high closeboard fence on repositioned west boundary and change of use of land to residential.

**24/00882/LBC** (Pending 16 April)  
Nightingale Cottage, Heather Row. Demolish south entrance porch, changes to fenestration; new porch with access ramp in revised position. Alterations to conservatory, replace glass roof with tiled. Internal / external alterations.

**23/02722/FUL** (Pending 02 Nov 2023)  
Land East Of Keepers, London Road. Three new detached dwellings with new access, parking, drainage, landscaping.



## THE IRON BULL ROADHOUSE

**CHRISTMAS COMEDY NIGHT FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

Dear Customers, We are rising to the challenge of keeping the doors of the Iron Bull open in spite of the major roadworks just outside which continue to limit our opening hours.

However... We are happy to announce we will now be open on Fridays... moving forward our new hours will be 9am-5pm (kitchen closes at 4pm) Friday, Saturday and Sundays from beginning of December. And over next couple of months we will be looking towards hosting additional events...

the Iron Bull Quiz Night is on 11th December (open from 5pm, quiz starts at 7:30pm, last food orders 7pm)

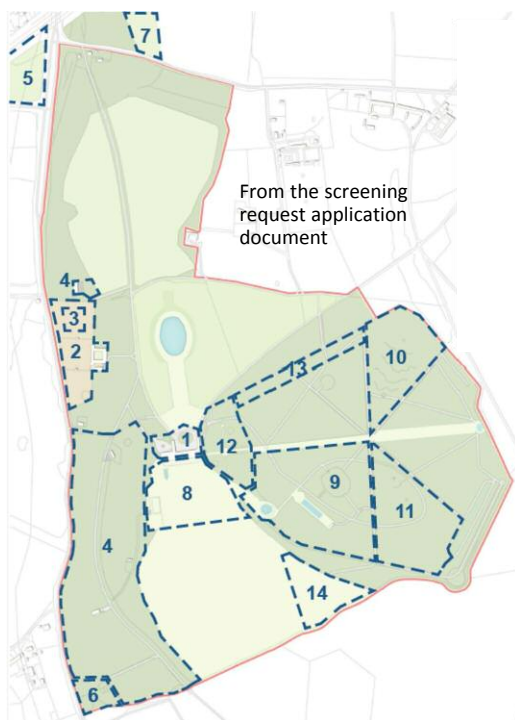
**One specific event we would really like to be a success is our Christmas Comedy Night on Friday 13th December!** Hosted by Geoff Whiting with a range of great comedy acts performing, we intend for it to be a laughter-filled, vibrant evening of enjoyment for everyone.

Tickets from <https://fienta.com/comedy-at-the-iron-bull-road-house>

Please continue to follow our Facebook page for regular updates or pop us an email at [contact@ironbullroadhouse.co.uk](mailto:contact@ironbullroadhouse.co.uk)

# HACKWOOD PARK ESTATE

Area-specific design proposals re conversion to Country Retreat Hotel



- Key**  The Site
- 1 Hackwood House
  - 2 Stable Block and Paddocks
  - 3 Subterranean Car Park
  - 4 The Lodges and Paradise Wood
  - 5 Farleigh Road Staff Facility
  - 6 Maintenance Depot
  - 7 Visitors' Car Park
  - 8 South Front
  - 9 Spring Wood: The Menagerie Garden and the Tea Garden
  - 10 Spring Wood: The Amphitheatre
  - 11 Spring Wood: Polly Peachum's Garden
  - 12 East Grove
  - 13 North Ridge Terrace
  - 14 Vineyard

## NEIGHBOURING PARISH PLANNING OF NOTE

### HACKWOOD PARK (WINSLADE) Pre-application environmental impact screening request

**24/02453/ENSC** Hackwood Park Estate. Request for EIA screening opinion relating to the proposed demolition, refurbishment, restoration and construction works to deliver a country retreat hotel comprising c52 hotel rooms, suites and 12 lodges.

*Opinion issued 14 November ...The proposed is not an EIA development under Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.*

### MOTO MSA M3J6 (OLD BASING)

**17/03487/FUL** (Validated 02 Nov 2017)  
Land Adjacent To Junction 6 M3

Construction of a new Motorway Service Area etc... to include HGV and abnormal load parking, and a fuel filling station... alterations to the M3 roundabout and slip roads to form an access point etc...

*Latest consultation to 04 December on Hydrogeological Risk Assessment*

### OAKDOWN FARM M3J7 (DUMMER) Warehousing application

**23/03120/FUL** Demolition of three dwellings, outbuildings, related structures; construction of storage and distribution units (use class B8) etc... full details of site levels, access, drainage, tree retention, diversion of underground pipeline etc...

*Approved by majority Development Control Committee meeting of 20 November.*

*To note this site was allocated for commercial / warehousing development in the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan.*

## PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

**T/00611/24/TCA** (Validated 02 Dec)  
Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane. Multi-stem Laurel, reduce by 2-3m. Liquid Amber, reduce by 2-3m and attach brace. 5x Holly, reduce to 6ft.

**T/00578/24/TCA** (Validated 19 Nov)  
Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. T1 Bay, fell to ground level.

**T/00560/24/TCA** (Validated 12 Nov)  
Tally-Ho, Newnham Road. 'A' Damson x4/5, lateral crown reduction by up to 3m; 'B1' Apple, crown reduce by 1m and remove broken branch; 'B2' Apple, crown reduce by 1.5m, light thinning, remove dead branches; 'C' Pear, crown reduce by 3m, remove deadwood and Ivy.

**T/00521/24/TCA** (Pending 29 October)  
Jasmine Cottage, the Barracks. T1 Willow: remove dead crossing branches, reduce height by 6m, finished height of 12m.

**T/00511/24/TPO** (Pending 14 October)  
Middlewood, 7 The Baredown. T1 Horse Chestnut, reduction.

**T/00474/24/TCA** (Pending 24 Sept)  
Newnham Lodge Tylney Lane. Acacia: fell and remove stump.



## POLICE UPDATE

### HANTS ALERT 20 NOVEMBER – Dogs and mobile phones seized by police responding to hare coursing

The afternoon of Tuesday 19 November, police received reports of two suspected hare coursing incidents in progress in the rural Basingstoke and Winchester areas.

The first related to reports of a Mitsubishi Shogun damaging fields in Laverstoke and Tufton. As police were responding to this, a report came in of second incident involving a Volkswagen Golf.

The police helicopter was deployed which located three men with dogs on farmland nr Bullington Cross. These individuals were seen to run into a wooded area before running through fields. Three men with dogs were later detained for a search by police. Two lurcher type dogs were seized and mobile phones were seized from the men.

### HANTS ALERT 18 NOVEMBER – Police patrols in north Hampshire following hare coursing intelligence

The afternoon of Sunday 17 November police received intelligence around a potential large-scale hare coursing event expected to be carried out throughout the county. The northern Neighbourhood Enforcement Team (NET) based in Winchester were mobilised to conduct high visibility patrols around the county. During patrols, the NET officers engaged with local residents and also deployed the police drone to conduct a visual scan of rural areas from the air. Police in Hampshire also remained in close contact with our neighbouring officers over the border in Wiltshire, to share information and prepare for any calls from the public.

Inspector Cath MacDonald said:

*'We recognise the level of concern rippling through rural communities at this time of year... Our plea is to keep reporting information to us. Any intelligence you may have, sightings of suspicious vehicles or people, or any crimes that have been affecting you. Please tell us everything so we can develop the bigger intelligence picture and take action.'*

*'Last night's police activity is just one example of where we can mobilise the right units in the right areas quickly in direct response to what our intelligence picture is telling us. Other police units such as neighbourhood police teams and our specialist Country Watch team have conducted a number of proactive operations and patrols this season, which have seen suspected rural criminals disrupted and pursued out of the area. This will continue – and the more we know, the better placed we are to deal with these criminals effectively.'*

# Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'  
[www.united-parish.org.uk](http://www.united-parish.org.uk)  
<https://www.moretolife.church>

## From the Parish Registers

Funeral: Sarah Laird at Basingstoke Crematorium on November 1st, followed by Memorial Service at St Nicholas' Newnham  
 Baptism: Percy Thing at St Mary's Greywell on November 3rd.



## North Hampshire Downs MU

We held our branch meeting on 4th November and talked about the Rise Up campaign against domestic violence, and how we might support the local women's refuge. We also enjoyed an early Christmas get-together for coffee and mince pies on 29th November, and will not be meeting in December.

Mothers' Union is based firmly on prayer for our work locally, and also for members in other parts of the world. Mothers' Union divides the year into 3-day periods when we pray for the members and projects of a particular group of dioceses. Winchester diocese has its turn between 12th and 14th January along with Mauritius, Nandyal (South India), Kericho (Kenya), Katsina (Nigeria) and Kumasi (Ghana). We plan to hold a Wave of Prayer service a little early on Monday 6th January at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre at 7:30pm. We are very grateful to the RAF for allowing us to use their hall for our meetings.

In January, I also take up a new role as the Diocesan President for Mothers' Union. I am very much looking forward to the new challenge, and to meeting members from our branches around the diocese.

If you would like to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or [suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com](mailto:suemurphymubbranch@outlook.com)



## From the Benefice Ministry Team

As a young child, by the time Christmas arrived I was often liberally smothered in Calamine lotion,

all because I was so consumed by excitement that HE was coming that I came out in heat bumps.

I was a true believer in those days, my thoughts about Christmas were very much centred on one who was completely mysterious, utterly wonderful and totally giving.

This was the white bearded, red robed old gent who mysteriously and wonderfully drove his reindeer through the skies on Christmas Eve, managing to go down all the right chimneys to leave all the right gifts, and on that magical night the urgently repeated question was 'Has HE been?'. That thinking only filled my mind at Christmas though it made no difference to the rest of the year.

Then once I got into the business of nativity plays, Christmas thoughts began to be occupied with Mary, Joseph, an innkeeper, shepherds, angels and wise men – oh and a baby

although I was not too bothered about the baby – there was no chance you'd get to appear in the play as the baby!

This story, delightful as it was, also made no difference to the rest of the year for it was as self-contained as my thinking about Father Christmas.

Then I found myself letting the baby in the manger grow up. I found myself being drawn to the man Jesus. This man was a pretty wonderful human being, he showed how life could be lived. Christmas was no longer self contained, it was a celebration of this particular life. I was beginning to discover Father Christmas was someone you grew out of; Jesus was someone you grew into, someone who showed us what our mysterious, utterly wonderful and totally giving God was about and just how far his love for us could go.

This was something which could be not contained, it was something which overflowed and spilled out into all the year because Jesus was for all day every day, HE has indeed come into the world – so that we can get in on the act – now that is exciting, pass the Calamine!

Happy Christmas!

Alan Hoar  
 Licensed Lay Minister



## CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER INTO FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday 08 Dec</b>	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 11am St Swithun's Nately Scures, Carol Service
<b>Saturday 14 Dec</b>	4pm St Nicholas' Newnham, Carol Service
<b>Sunday 15 Dec</b>	11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service
<b>Friday 20 Dec</b>	5.30pm St Mary's Mapledurwell, Carol Service
<b>Saturday 21 Dec</b>	5pm St Stephen's Up Nately, Carol Service
<b>Sunday 22 Dec</b>	5pm St Mary's Greywell, Carol Service
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.30pm St Stephen's Up Nately, Crib Service 11.30pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, BCP Holy Communion
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, Family Service 10am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Family Service 11am St Mary's Greywell, Family Service 11am St Nicholas, Newnham, Family Service
<b>Sunday 29 Dec</b>	10.30am St Mary's Herriard, Benefice CW Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 5 Jan</b>	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 12 Jan</b>	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 10am St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 19 Jan</b>	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 11am St Swithun's Nately Scures, 1662 Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 26 Jan</b>	10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said) 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 02 Feb</b>	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH STAFF TEAM

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team across the North Hampshire Downs Churches.



Firstly we welcome a new Administrator, Cat Moulding.

Cat will be based in the benefice church office in Deer Park View in Odiham (behind the

pharmacy). She lives locally with her husband and two young sons.

Cat works alongside Jo Hurley and, while Jo has responsibility for admin relating to Odiham, Cat will be supporting the other churches in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice – in Greywell, Herriard, Long Sutton, Mapledurwell, Nately Scures, Newnham, South Warnborough, Tunworth, Up Nately, Upton Grey, and Weston Patrick.

If you're in Odiham, do pop in to introduce yourself! Cat works on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9am and 2pm, and can be contacted on 01256 703791, or [cat@moretolife.church](mailto:cat@moretolife.church).

Secondly we welcome our new Children and Youth Pastor – Paul Dadd. Paul will be based in Odiham, and will also be working with Helen Chatfield, who has done amazing work here for some years and is now becoming our Youth Outreach Worker across the wider Benefice.

Paul will be particularly focused on activities taking place in church, as well as supporting young families, and working with Helen to support our local schools in Odiham and Long Sutton. We are particularly grateful to the Benefact Trust for their very generous grant, which together with funding from All Saints' Odiham has made Paul's new post possible.

Paul is married to Mirjam, and while he originally comes from Kent, he and Mirjam have moved here from Auckland, New Zealand, where he has spent a number of years working with Scripture Union and two big churches there. He can be contacted via the church office on 01256 703791 or at [paul@moretolife.church](mailto:paul@moretolife.church).

Welcome to Cat and to Paul!

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## KIDZONE

Sunday 1st December marks the beginning of a special time in the church year, Advent.

The word advent means 'arrival' and during this period of time, leading to Christmas day, we wait with hope-filled anticipation for the arrival of God's long-awaited Saviour and King, Jesus.

I wonder what experiences you have had of waiting for something for which you have longed? We tend not to have to wait for much in a world of fast-food, social media and binge-watching our favourite series on Netflix. But while waiting for something you really want can be hard, it can also be good for us; helping to exercise the muscles of patience and hope.

My wife, Mirjam, and I have just arrived in the UK from New Zealand and we are grateful to finally be joining the community and settling in to life here. But it's been a long wait. We started the process back in January and since then have had to wait for many things including a job, visa and a place to live. It has been hard at times but in the waiting we have found God's grace and provision.

During Advent we remember that God is not afraid of things taking time. As families and households, I would encourage you to find a way of marking this season of Advent together.

There are dozens of good ideas on the web, or you can scan the QR code for a simple 'Advent Spiral' activity that is fun and meaningful for all ages.



In this Advent season, as you wait, may you discover more about God; more about yourself and more about how God made the world to be.

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Images: <https://feinslieb.net/adventsspirale-selber-machen-tipps-und-tricks/>

### ADVENT SPIRAL

You will need:

- 1 cup table salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups flour
- candle(s)

Then...

Mix ingredients.

On baking paper, roll dough into a long cylinder. Flatten and form into a spiral.

Use a candle to make 25 evenly spaced depressions, one for each day (24 days in Advent this year, plus Christmas Day).

The dough expands when baking so when pressing in your candle don't be afraid to make the depressions a little larger.

Bake at 180°F / Gas mark 4, until hardened (about 25-30 minutes).

You can choose to use just one candle which you move along one hole each day or you can use five; one to mark each of the four Sundays in Advent, and the fifth, usually called the Christ candle, for Christmas Day.



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Join us at the Herriard Hub or in Odiham

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss the Christian faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment

Everyone is welcome, and it's free

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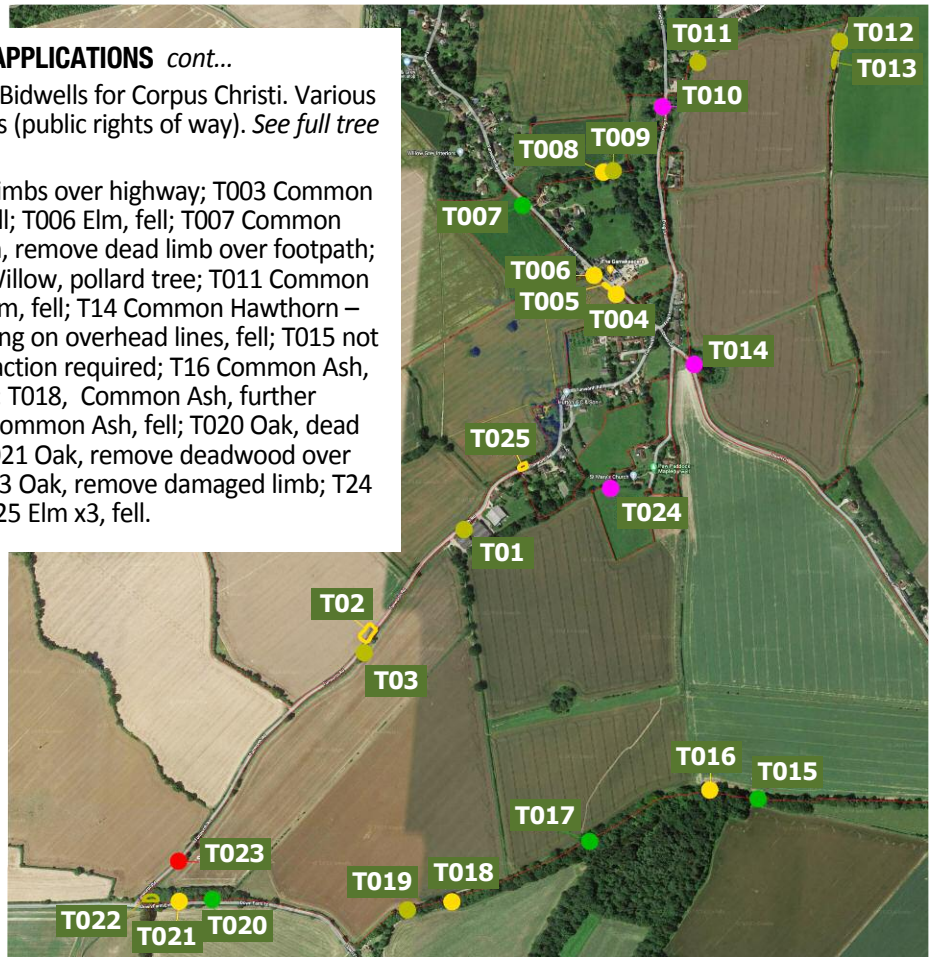
# Mapledurwell PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS *cont...*

T/00606/24/TCA (Validated 02 December) Bidwells for Corpus Christi. Various roadside trees abounding roads and PROWs (public rights of way). See full tree reports on the BDBC website.

T001 Elm fell; T002 x15 Ash, remove dead limbs over highway; T003 Common Ash, fell; T004 x2 Elm, fell; T005 x10 Elm, fell; T006 Elm, fell; T007 Common Ash, no action required; T008 Common Ash, remove dead limb over footpath; T009 Oak, remove dead limb; T010 Crack Willow, pollard tree; T011 Common Ash, fell; T012 Field Maple, fell; T013 x15 Elm, fell; T14 Common Hawthorn – dead roadside tree with upper canopy resting on overhead lines, fell; T015 not identified – dead woodland edge tree, no action required; T16 Common Ash, fell; T017 Common Ash, no action required; T018, Common Ash, further investigation of extent of hollowing; T019 Common Ash, fell; T020 Oak, dead tree woodland edge, no action required; T021 Oak, remove deadwood over road; T022 x3 Oak, remove deadwood; T023 Oak, remove damaged limb; T24 Elm, fell tree and clear ivy from footpath; T25 Elm x3, fell.

Corpus Christi College, Oxford  
Mapledurwell / Tree Location Plan  
Surveyed 27th September 2023

Work Due	
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	None
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Overdue
<span style="color: magenta;">■</span>	Within 6 months
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Within 1 year
<span style="color: olive;">■</span>	Within 2 years



## BDBC BUDGET CONSULTATION FOR 2025/26

to Friday 03 January

[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/budget2025](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/budget2025)

Budget proposals include continuing the extra funding introduced last year: an additional £750,000 to keep streets and open spaces clean and well-maintained, and extra £180,000 to improve BDBC play areas.

New funding is proposed for an extreme sports event for summer; for re-opening public toilets at War Memorial Park, and for introducing free overnight parking 7pm-8am in borough council-owned car parks.

Additional funding also required for:

... roll-out of food waste collections; the work of the council's Green Team; more electric vehicle chargers; energy efficiency improvements for council-owned buildings; boosting the borough's biodiversity and maintaining the borough's trees;

... continuing to provide housing advice for residents; more one-to-one support for residents struggling with finances – working with partners, this will form part of a wider action plan to tackle poverty in the borough.

An average 10p per week council tax increase is proposed, bringing the borough's part of the council tax to £146.42 a year for average household.

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

At our AGM we said goodbye and a huge THANK YOU to our Chair, Hugh Thomas, who stepped down after three years of hard work re-establishing 'normal u3a life' post-COVID. And we offered a hearty welcome to our new Chair, Ian Green.

There was a definite artistic theme to groups in this month's Newsletter.

- Considering Art 2 is busy appreciating art and artists from key periods in history using video presentations and discussion.
- Play Reading enjoy works ranging from Ancient Greeks to 20th Century whodunnits and although acting is not at all mandatory, some members do enjoy a 'good accent' if one is required.
- Music for All takes a different theme each month and in December they are taking a 'Musical Tour of Europe'.
- Simply Singing is for anyone, simply who wants to sing! Everyone is welcome regardless of ability, the songs for Christmas will be great fun!

Wine Group 1 added to their potential repertoire with this rousing version of Waltzing Mathilda. This is just the first verse!

*Once a jolly Wine Group met inside the Old Cross Barn,  
Under the shade of the u3a,  
And they laughed as they sat and they  
waited till the wine was poured,  
You'll come a-drinking, me hearties, with me.*

Have a Merry Christmas and please make a New Year's resolution to see what our u3a could offer you in 2025. We'd love to hear from you!

To find out more, please visit our website <https://odiham.u3asite.uk/>



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