

The Villager

January 2025 community e-newsletter,
for Newnham and Nately Scures



From the Benefice Ministry Team

It is odd sitting here writing this on 6th December amid a house and shops full of

Christmas decorations and music, knowing that when you read this Christmas will have come and gone and we'll be into a New Year.

For me there is always a slight tinge of trepidation and sadness at this time of year, because both my maternal grandparents died in January, seven years apart, both unexpected. However, alongside this there is hope that each new year will be a blessed one.

Jesus, Emmanuel, Son of God, was born to bring hope to a world which in many ways was as troubled as our own. Brutal military forces occupying countries not their own; poverty; powerful and often corrupt rulers; failures of the system or those in authority within the religious community to uphold, protect and care for who were the most vulnerable; in those times often widows and children and in our times survivors of abuse.

The hope that Jesus brings shines a light both then and here and now. Hope that things can and will be better not just in some future second coming, but right now in this place and time.

Hope that conflicts will end; hope that climate change can be tackled and halted; hope that we can share our wealth more evenly with those who have so little; hope for education and an end to practices which degrade girls and women; hope that we can be more loving as a world.

Hope for institutions- whether they

be the church, broadcasting or education; NHS or police to act swiftly upon racist, misogynistic, negligent or abusive practices; to challenge inequality and injustice boldly, with compassion. Hope for our communities to be better, safer more honest places.

In Newnham this coming year we are going to have some conversations around Hope, Peace and Purpose. The first one will be about this very subject: Hope.

What are our hopes for ourselves? Our families? Our communities and our world? Do come and join in with the conversation over some wine and food. Please contact me if you are interested in coming along:
debbie@moretolife.church.

Hope starts with the light of Christ which already resides in each one of us. Although we can't change the world single-handedly in one go, we can each take a 'small bite' out of it.

My husband is involved in a charity called Community Food Link (CFL) in Basingstoke, which was started by two ladies in 2020 who wanted to do something about food waste from supermarkets. In only four years it has 80 volunteers, two vans, collects five tonnes of food per week that would go to waste and feeds 3,000 people per week on a 'turn up' basis.

They didn't start out to do such a big thing, just something little they could do, but CFL brings a huge amount of hope to people who are struggling financially.

What will be your something little that you can do in 2025 to bring a bit of hope to this world? Or to your community?

As well as a happy New Year I wish you a hope-full 2025.

God bless

*Revd Debbie Veel
Vicar, St Nicholas' Newnham*

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 or Revd Luke Augustyn luke@moretolife.church.

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ST NICHOLAS' WOULD LIKE TO INVITE NEW MEMBERS

to join the VCC (Village Church Committee) to take part in the running of Newnham 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 more information debbie@moretolife.church

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

NEW NPPF (NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK) AND INCREASED HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

BDBC update from Cllr Andy Konieczko, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure, emailed to all Parishes on 13 December

'Government has imposed a higher housing number on our borough as part of its changes to the national planning rules. We've been told that we must build 1,127 new houses each year during our next Local Plan period, up from 828 previously. This means finding space for around 4,500 more properties – on top of the 12,500 or so that we were already being asked to build over the 15-year lifespan of the next Local Plan.

'While we support Government's ambition to make homes more affordable, we don't agree that forcing councils to increase housing targets will achieve this aim. We've robustly told Government this on many recent occasions – through our official response to its consultation on the new planning rules; at meetings with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government; in discussions with our MPs; and through our partnerships with other councils – and are frustrated that it hasn't listened.

'We're unable to proceed with finalising the draft Local Plan we've been developing over the past 18 months and which went out to public consultation earlier this year. We've made it clear to the government that we wanted to finalise it as soon as possible so that our borough is protected from unwanted speculative development. It now appears that we'll have to go back a few stages to make sure that our Plan complies with the new rules.

'We'll continue to study the detail of all of the documentation over the next few days... to understand exactly what our options are...'

THE WAY FORWARD AND A NEW CALL FOR SITES

Further email update of 20 December...

'We don't believe that this new higher target is right for our borough, but it looks like we have little choice but to accept it; the Government has made it clear that it'll step in if progress isn't made.

'Our focus is therefore on moving as quickly as we can – the sooner we get a new Local Plan, the sooner we'll get protection from speculative developers.

'We'll be working over the new couple of weeks to prepare a call for sites that we'll launch on Monday 6 January. This will ask developers and landowners to come forward with land that could, potentially, be included in the Plan for future development. Submissions involving brownfield land will be particularly encouraged. The submissions that we receive will then be assessed in terms of whether they are suitable for future development.

'Over the coming weeks, we'll clarify how we aim to progress with our Local Plan and start setting out a timeline to move forward under the new NPPF.'



JANUARY RURAL CRIME ROUND TABLE

with Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones
chaired by County Cllr Juliet Henderson

will be held on Monday 20th January from 6pm
at North Waltham Rathbone Pavilion.

Cllr Henderson, County Councillor for Candovers, Oakley & Overton Division, says: 'The issue of rural crime and policing has been raised by many Parishes. While policing is not a County Council responsibility as such, it is clear that many criminal activities affect our areas of responsibility.

'I have therefore asked the Police & Crime Commissioner to visit my Division again and address residents' concerns.'

All residents from neighbouring parishes, neighbouring county divisions, are most welcome to attend to hear what is being said, join the discussion, put forward your views and take the opportunity to raise issues and questions.

BDBC BUDGET 2025/26 CONSULTATION to Friday 03 January

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/budget2025

Your input will help shape the final budget proposals which will be agreed by Cabinet and Council in February 2025. The survey takes around five minutes to complete. Proposals include continuing significant additional funding introduced last year in front line services, plus for new initiatives.



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www.hiwwt.org.uk/terms-and-conditions-half-price-membership

HAMPSHIRE POLICE RURAL TIMES MAGAZINE

Autumn/Winter 2024

This edition focuses on some of the proactive police efforts to tackle rural criminals, including coursers, poachers and burglars who have been operating late at night.

Also covered are recent joint efforts between police and The British Horse Society to educate drivers on passing horses safely in the road; the RSPB talks about the continuing impact of bird crime on our UK species.

There is input from the British Divers Marline Life Rescue, and the Isle of Wight Red Squirrel Trust detail some of their recent conservation efforts.

www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/hampshire/advice/rural-times/2024/rural-times---autumn-winter-2024.pdf



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/02813/LBC (Validated 09 Dec) Elm Cottage, Ridge Lane. Installation of replacement front door and door frame.

24/02797/FUL and **24/02798/LBC** (Pending 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 (Pending 08 Nov) 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 (Granted 16 Dec) Newnham Lodge, Tylney Lane. A two-storey front and side extension following partial demolition of existing extension. Remove porch, reduce height of front bay.

24/00882/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.

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 (Pending 19 Nov) Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. T1 Bay, fell to ground level.

T/00560/24/TCA (Pending 12 Nov) Tally-Ho, Newnham Road. 'A' Damson x 4/5, 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 (Approve 03 Dec) Jasmine Cottage, the Barracks. T1 Willow: remove dead crossing branches, reduce height by 6m, finished height of 12m.

T/00511/24/TPO (Approve 09 Dec) Middlewood, 7 The Baredown. T1 Horse Chestnut, reduction.

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



Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

FREE ONLINE EVENT
FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

CREATING SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

In an increasingly urbanised world, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) can help to manage stormwater and protect rivers from pollution.

Date Wednesday 8 January 2025 Time 7pm - 8.30pm

To book, please go to

www.hiwwt.org.uk/events/2025-01-08-creating-sustainable-drainage-systems-part-12

ABOUT THE EVENT As the UK's climate changes, more frequent periods of intense rainfall will affect how water moves through the landscape. With localised flooding becoming more likely, there are implications for both people and wildlife. This is especially true here in Hampshire, where our underground chalk aquifer also causes water to rise up from below.

In this talk, Sue Illman from Illman Young Landscape Design will explore how Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) can help us to tackle this issue. Using natural processes as their model, these systems help to move, collect, or attenuate stormwater, while also providing biodiversity benefits.

This talk is the first in a two-part series that will cover:

Part 1: How SuDS work, why we need them, & where they can be useful.

Part 2: How communities can add SuDS to their houses and roads.

Sue is a practicing landscape architect and a specialist in historic landscape conservation, with a long-term interest and expertise in hard landscape construction and planting design. She has extensive experience in both lecturing on, and delivering training about, SuDS and frequently acts as Project Manager for landscape-led projects. She was also among the authors of CIRIA's SuDS manual.

This event is part of 'Watercress and Winterbournes', a Landscape Partnership Scheme that is protecting, enhancing, and celebrating seven local chalk streams. winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk

NPPF – IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND LAND SUPPLY

MHCLG's new National Planning Policy Framework of Dec 2024 has immediate effect with regard to day-to-day planning (development management) decisions, including policies on land supply.

Land supply – As per NPPF Para 78 'Maintaining supply and delivery', the required land supply is again five years with a 5% buffer, and a 20% buffer (ie six years) where there has been significant under-delivery of housing over the previous three years. (BDBC's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) of Dec 2024 showed a land supply of 4.2 years against the 01 April 2024 Standard Method figure of 828 dwellings per annum.)

But also, as from 1 July 2026, a 20% buffer – six years' land supply – is needed where a Local Plan housing requirement was adopted in the last five years and examined against a previous version of the NPPF.

Thus there is no 'win' with regards to land supply under any BDBC Local Plan Update scenario that is or may potentially have been available.

The only means for BDBC to again achieve its required land supply is to have a new Local Plan adopted under the new NPPF and housing numbers. Draft Plans currently in preparation have until December 2026 to submit; BDBC is making it clear it will proceed as speedily as possible.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – Reporting Highway problems

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem

On reporting a 'transport' issue, you'll receive a confirmation email with a reference number; if you would be happy to forward this to the Parish Council – clerk.newnham@gmail.com – it would help keep us in the loop, and we can follow up (via County Councillor) where that might help.

ANNOUNCING CRAFT & CREATE WORKSHOPS

We are thrilled to announce that starting February 2025, Craft & Create will be hosting a diverse range of workshops designed for all skill levels.

The workshops will be held at Unit 7-9, Folly Farm, Kingsclere Road, Basingstoke RG26 5GJ.

The workshops will feature expert-led sessions in various crafts, including:

- Soy Container Candle Making
- Beginners Cold Process Soap Making
- Advanced Cold Process Soap Making
- Beginners Melt & Pour Soap Making
- Pillar Candle Making
- Bath Bomb Making
- Salts & Clays
- Upholstery Headboard Making
- Upholstery: bring your own wing chair
- Upholstery Ottoman Box Making
- Upholstery Drop Seat Pad Making
- Upholstery Piped Footstool Making
- Beginners Curtain Making
- Advanced Curtain Making
- Beginners Roman Blinds
- Advanced Roman Blinds
- Scatter Cushion Making
- Quilt Making

Craft & Create will feature talented local artisans as workshop leaders.

Vedia, who runs a successful soap and candle business, will be leading candle, soap, and cosmetic classes. With 10 years of experience, Vedia is known for her exceptional skill and creativity in crafting. She is regularly invited to teach at Living Crafts at Hatfield Park, where she shares her expertise with others.

Celal brings 20 years of upholstery experience to our workshops, specialising in both traditional and contemporary styles. His work with interior designers and heritage houses showcases his commitment to quality and craftsmanship. Celal is eager to help participants create their own unique furniture pieces.

Umi, an accomplished window treatment specialist, has an impressive 45 years of experience in the trade. Trained at a London College of Soft Furnishings and KLC London, she has a wealth of knowledge and creates stunning window treatments for designers, heritage houses, hotels, and even celebrities. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, our workshops offer a fantastic opportunity to learn and create in a supportive environment.

For more information and to book your place, www.craft-create.co.uk

A BRAND-NEW YEAR WITH PLENTY TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

We finished 2024 with a flourish! Our final presentation of the year was a walk down memory lane with author Jeff Evans, who reminded us of our childhood programmes such as Sooty, Watch with Mother and the enduring Blue Peter! The meeting finished with our popular free raffle for a Christmas hamper. Our new Chair, Ian Green, began his duties by presenting the hamper to this year's winner Janet Leech from Hook.

We begin 2025 with the largest number of members since we began in 2010. Not surprisingly the number of activities on offer is also increasing as new members add their skills and experience to the u3a pool of talent.

We now have nine groups covering four languages; French, German, Spanish and Italian. Some groups meet purely for members to practise conversation in their chosen language whilst others are tutor-led for those who are still extending their repertoire.

A new science group has just begun 'Discussing Contemporary Physics' – there is a clue in the title as to what the focus of the sessions will be! And a group sharing ideas on editing photos using the Lightroom app is being planned, showing our members are happy to embrace new technology.



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However, don't think the cold weather has driven us inside! Members from our new Pétanque group demonstrates what to wear for playing in the winter sunshine!

If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

To find out more, please visit our website:

<https://odiham.u3asite.uk/>

CHURCH SERVICES JANUARY INTO FEBRUARY

Sunday	5 Jan	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship
Sunday	12 Jan	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 10am St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer
Sunday	19 Jan	9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 11am St Swithun's Nately Scares, 1662 Morning Prayer
Sunday	26 Jan	10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said) 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship
Sunday	02 Feb	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE STORIES & PHOTOS OF LOCAL INTEREST
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