

THE VILLAGER

The monthly Newsletter for

Mapledurwell, Up Nately Newnham, Nately Scures and Greywell

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Church Services February 2008

Feb 3 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am	Nately Scures
Morning Service	10.00am	Mapledurwell
Matins (BCP)	10.00am	Up Nately
Family Service	11.00am	Newnham

February 6 – Ash Wednesday

Covenant Holy Communion	7.30pm	Odiham
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February 10 – 1st of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30am	Greywell
Children's Church	10.00am	Greywell
Confirmation, UCh	10.00am	Mapledurwell

February 17 – 2nd of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30am	Up Nately
Family Morning Service	10.00am	Greywell
Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00am	Mapledurwell
Matins w Holy Com (BCP)	11.00am	Nately Scures

February 24 – 3rd of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30am	Newnham
Family Morning Service	10.00am	Greywell
Short Holy Com (CW)	10.45am	Greywell

March 2 – Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP)	8.00am	Nately Scures
Mothering Sunday		
Children's Church	10.00am	Greywell

Mothering Sunday Service	10.00am	Mapledurwell
Matins (BCP)	10.00am	Up Nately
Family Mothering		
Sunday Service	11.00am	Newnham

Lent Course 2008

The theme will be 'St Benedict for Today', relating Benedictine spirituality and prayer to our everyday lives. It will be led by The Right Revd Dom Timothy Bavin OSB from Alton Abbey (formerly Bishop of Portsmouth). He will be preaching at the Ash Wednesday service and will then be leading the discussion sessions in the following weeks.

Date	Venue	Subject	Time
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Ash Wednesday service

Feb 6	All Saints Odiham	The Conversion of Life	7.30pm
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Evening discussions

Feb 13	Mapledurwell VH	Stability	7.45pm
Feb 20	Long Sutton VH	Obedience	7.45pm
Feb 27	Odiham Vine Church	Prayer and Silence	7.45pm
Mar 5	Upton Grey VH	Hospitality	7.45pm
Mar 12	Mapledurwell VH	Preferring nothing to Christ	7.45pm

All those on the course are encouraged to attend the

Maundy Thursday service

Mar 20	St Andrew's South Warnborough		7.30pm
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Marriages

Simon Rampton, Angela Nolan
 15 September 2007, St Stephen's Up Nately
 Andrew Harwood, Catherine Merker
 15 September 2007, St Nicholas' Newnham
 David Gaunt, Vanessa Price,
 8 December 2007, St Mary's Mapledurwell
 David Holman, Sarah Paterson
 4 January 2008, St Nicholas' Newnham

Women's World Day of Prayer

An interdenominational service will be held at All Saints Odiham at 1.45pm on Friday 7th March. The speaker will be the Reverend Sue Kipling, curate to Peter Dyson.

All are invited to this occasion prepared by the women of Guyana on the theme: 'God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding.' Please join us at 12.15 to learn more about Guyana

Church Notices

(an Amerindian word meaning 'Land of Many Waters') and/or at 1pm for a soup-bread-cheese lunch. Further details from Thelby Booth 762 456.

Baptisms

Flora Alexandra Summerson
 19 August 2007, St Swithun's, Nately Scures
 Elissa Rae Pegg, 26 August 2007
 St Swithun's, Nately Scures
 Phoebe Duyland Hall
 2 September 2007, St Mary's, Mapledurwell
 Amber Valeria Andrews
 2 September 2007, St Mary's, Mapledurwell
 Chloe Beth Bayley
 16 September 2007, St Stephen's, Up Nately
 Luceah Kitty Sgueglia
 21 October 2007, St Nicholas', Newnham
 Alexander Andrian Alden Lambert
 30 December 2007, St Mary's, Mapledurwell

Theft of metals from churches and other buildings

By the end of September 2007 Ecclesiastical Insurance received more than 1,300 claims for the year relating to the theft of lead and other metals, at an estimated total cost of almost £4.4 million for Anglican churches alone; but schools and heritage properties are also being targeted.

The financial loss arising from thefts goes beyond the cost of just replacing the stolen metal. Damage to stonework caused during the course of the theft can be significant, as well as water damage to internal furnishings if it rains before the theft of roof coverings is discovered.

If you live near one of our churches, please keep an eye on the property and report any suspicious activity immediately to the police; particularly unexpected or untimely arrival of workmen.

Planning Matters

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

New applications [BDB/67717](#) Eastrop Cottage, Heather Row Lane, Up Nately. Tile cladding to south elevation.

Newnham & Nately Scures

New applications [BDB/67481](#) 22nd November 2007, Oakfield Cottage, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Reserved matters application for the erection of one dwelling and detached garage pursuant to outline planning application [BDB/60320](#), including siting, design, external appearance, access and landscaping. [BDB/67699](#) 17th December 2007, Plum Tree Cottage, Newnham Road, Newnham. Erection of a single storey rear extension forming orangery. [BDB/67734](#) 20th December 2007, Nately Scures House, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Erection of a two storey rear extension. Erection of attached triple garage to front elevation with games room above, with the construction of dormer windows. [T003-08](#) 2nd January 2008, Oak Cottage, Newnham Road. Notice of intent [TCA 2446](#) to fell one willow. [BDB/67756](#) 9th January 2008, Dovecote, Church Road, Newnham. Erection of a two storey rear extension. *No objection subject to conditions.* [T053-08](#) 22nd January Quince Cottage, Newnham Green. Notice of intent [TCA 2459](#) to fell one apple tree. [BDB/67869](#) 23rd January, Unit A, Fosters Business Park, Old School Road. Insertion of five windows to front and side elevations with minor alterations to facade of existing building. *The Parish Council has no objection to the above applications unless otherwise stated.*

Approved [BDB/67094](#) 5th November (application date 20th Sept), 2 Kingsbridge Copse, Newnham. Consent to work to preserved trees: lift crown of oak by two metres and deadwood; remove two hawthorns. [BDB/67215](#) 10th December (application date 15th Oct) Jasmine Cottage, The Barracks, Newnham. Construction of a dormer window to west elevation (approved with amendment to dormer). [T10644-07](#) 18th December (application date 21st Nov) Fir Tree Cottage, Newnham Road. Notice of intent [TCA 2428](#) to pollard one willow. [BDB/67374](#) 19th December (application date 6th Nov), Newnham Village Hall, Newnham Road, Newnham. Erection of a single storey building following demolition of existing.

Appeal [BDB/65944](#) 11th December 2007 (application date 27th April) 1 Crown Lane, Newnham. Erection of a detached garage building including the formation of living accommodation to the rear of the garage and within the roof space. *Appeal supported by the Parish Council.*

Withdrawn [BDB/67208](#) 21st December 2007 (application date 6th Nov) Beech House, Newnham Road, Newnham. Erection of a single storey rear extension and raised decked patio.

Travel Tokens, Bus Passes 08/9

See Mapledurwell Village News for details of local Concessionary Travel Scheme Centres.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

www.mapledurwell.gov.uk www.upnately.gov.uk

News Collectors

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Village News

Up Nately Villagers Coffee Morning come and join your neighbours for a chat, Fri 8th February, Eastrop Cottage 762 059.

Mapledurwell Garden and Conservation Society annual lecture, on Thursday 28th Feb, 7.30pm, village hall. Stuart Pocock of Pococks Roses will talk on 'Roses, with particular reference to those which tolerate chalk'. Tickets at the door or from Sarah 321 838 or Margaret 476 955. Entrance £5 to include glass of wine and canapes.

Garden open for charity Mittens, Mapledurwell on Sunday 30th March from 2-5pm. Teas and plant sales.

Jazz Lunch at the Pond on Saturday 28th June. More details nearer the time.

Parish Historians I have been asked to help the Victoria County History Books to update their records from 1911 to the present day for the history of this parish. I would like to take this opportunity to put together a history of the parish for the parish and would welcome anyone, regardless of expertise, to help. We will have access to the national and county records and help ourselves whilst helping the VCH. The more people we can involve in this the easier the work will be. It is an opportunity to delve into the history of our area and should be fun. Please call me on 01256 354651 if you can give any time towards this over the next year or two. Lorna Cuthill.

St Mary's Mapledurwell

The Bishop of Basingstoke will be visiting St Mary's for the **Confirmation and United Parish Church** service on Sunday 10th February at 10am. He will be staying on for an informal gathering to meet everyone after the service.

Shoe Boxes Special thanks to the people who gave so generously to fill 155 boxes with inspiring gifts for under-privileged children in Bosnia, Romania, Croatia and the Ukraine, and to our worthy villagers for their hand-knitted toys. The boxes were transported overland and delivered in time for Christmas. Also for the help in covering boxes, sorting gifts and then packing. On behalf of the children, thank you – a very worthwhile project. Patricia Stubbs.

Christmas collections Thanks to your generous giving at the December Services we were able to send £881.98 to Hampshire Youth Options – a worthy charity set up to encourage the youth of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight into more engaging activities than roaming the streets.

Village Hall

'Circus Berzucus' on Saturday 23rd February at 3pm in Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall. Circus Berzucus is returning to town by popular request. Entertainment suitable for all the family and not to be missed. For tickets contact Di Lewis 325 360 and Liz Preece 762 059.

Parish Council News

2008 Concessionary Travel Scheme Travel tokens/bus passes are being issued at various centres in February: Chineham Village Hall on 18th from 9am to 12 noon; Lychpit Community Hall on 18th from 2pm to 3pm. Otherwise they can be obtained from Basingstoke Town Centre, The Deanes Building, Civic Offices from 25th February to 20th March, 9am to 4pm. If you miss any of these you can apply for your tokens from 25th March 2008 from Parklands reception, Civic Offices, Basingstoke.

Newnham & Nately Scures

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Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 15th January; items discussed included:

Newnham 30mph A report on our application was presented to Hampshire County Council's Cabinet on 21st January. Providing the report is approved, the next stage will be to formally advertise the 30mph scheme to for public comment.

The Clubroom rebuild planning application has been approved with acceptable conditions and is valid for three years before work must begin. Unfortunately the Clubroom's application to the big lottery fund, having won through to the final 500, was not successful in the latest December round; the perceived wealth and demographics of the Parish is thought to be the main reason. The Clubroom Committee with assistance from the Parish Council is exploring alternative sources of funding.

E-planning The Government's e-planning agenda is due to be implemented across the country from April 2008. The aim is for the whole planning process to be undertaken electronically, removing the need for paper copies. The Parish Council has successfully applied for a grant for a laptop and projector for presentation at meetings, and to allow parish residents without internet facilities to view planning applications.

Flood prevention, Water End The Rural Engineer from the Highways Department made at site visit on Tuesday 22nd January to investigate drainage problems at Water End. The drainage system of grids, pits and pipes immediately in front of the Red Lion was completely blocked. The system apparently is designed to flow from Water End

Lane, past the front of the pub towards the Lyde river, but it was unclear exactly where it came out; it was agreed it must be cleared as a matter of urgency. The Highways maintenance contract is transferring from Balfour Beatty to Amy Infrastructure Services at the end of the financial year so there is a backlog of work to be completed.

The ditch on the north-east side of Water End Lane has been excavated this year but is still blocked around the grid at the Red Lion end. However clearing this may bring further problems as this will direct all the water from Water End Lane into the drainage system immediately in front of the pub. The water cannot be directed any other way; the ditch on the opposite side of the lane (which is then piped under the A30) is also at capacity in periods of heavy rain.

The situation must be re-evaluated once the pipe system past the Red Lion has been cleared to see how effectively it can work.

Annual Parish Assembly will be held in Newnham Clubroom on Tuesday 22nd April. As last year, the meeting will start at 8pm with an informal session from 7.15 when refreshments will be served. Please give your support, more details next month.

Next Meeting of the Parish Council 11th March, 8pm, Clubroom.

Greywell

Parish Clerk Helen Sullivan 703 724
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News Collector Miss R A Vining 702 098

Village News

Message from Sheila to friends, neighbours, customers and staff at the Fox and Goose.

'After a rather frantic time I eventually left, not just the Fox and Goose, but the pub trade, on 4th December 2007. It's something I feel I had to do in order to pursue a more personal life as time seems to be passing so quickly these days.

'I'm glad the Fox and Goose was my swan song as nobody could wish for a more traditional friendly pub with such a diverse trade and also being in such an interesting and picturesque area. I was lucky to have such a dedicated team of helpers at the pub who have not only been reliable staff but friends too, especially supporting me during my sad times. I know we will continue our friendship as I will with Greywell.

'I shall miss the friendly faces, the good times and the help of Greywell and its extended community. This is not a goodbye, merely see you later. Good luck to Richard and Gill, the new hosts. Happy New Year to you all.' Sheila.

Flooding in the Village As all villagers will know, the heavy rain of the last few weeks has led to flooding on the roads and in some cases gardens and houses. The Highways Agency has been doing what it can to keep the roads clear by improving drainage in Hook Road and Deptford Lane

to direct water towards lower fields and the river. It will obviously help if householders can do their bit to keep ditches and gullies near their houses clear of debris and any rubbish which may be washed into them.

Greywell Gardening Club Gardening enthusiasts met in the village hall to discuss setting up the new Greywell Gardening Club. We agreed on monthly meetings, to be held either in the Village Hall (usually the 4th Monday of the month) or in someone's house/garden. A major part of each session will focus on what we should be aiming to do in the garden during the month ahead, with topical tips and Q & A forum.

The next two meetings will be in Greywell Village Hall, at 8pm on Mondays 25th February and 31st March. Everyone is welcome. For further information please contact Sue Pierssene, Westwood, Hook Road, Greywell.

Village Hall

Every Wednesday Yoga with Jenny at 7.30pm, email Yogajen@talktalk.net.

8th and 22nd February Mobile Library and coffee morning from 10.30am.

8th February Whitewater movies presents *A Very Long Engagement* (2004); French film set during WW1. Doors open 7.30, film starts at 8pm. Guests very welcome £5. Ring 703 826 for details.

21st February Pilates New six week introductory course every Thursday in pilates starting at 7pm followed by an optional hour of yoga at 8pm; £6 per session but there is a reduction if you choose to do both classes. Ring Helen 701 095 for bookings.

29th February Whitewater Movies presents *The Shawshank Redemption* (1994), 7.30 for 8pm. Details from 703 826. Guests welcome £5.

Parish Council News

ABC Glass collection Some good news at last! The long awaited truck has arrived and been passed fit for service. Letters will soon be delivered to every household providing clear instruction regarding collection days. We understand that the kerbside collections should be starting from 4th February 2008. The Parish Council's request for a refund has been turned down.

Flooding Following problems with surface water flooding in Deptford Lane and Hook Road last summer, the Parish Council has been in touch with Hampshire Highways Manager. The local highway engineer arranged for the drains in Deptford Lane to be cleared using a specialised high pressure vehicle. We have been assured that this equipment will be used again in 2008 to keep the drains clear.

Ditches in Hook Road are in the process of being cleared of obstructions and work is also underway to improve the underground drainage pipes. This work should alleviate the problem of water running across the

road opposite Dorchester Way which can lead to treacherous road conditions, especially during the winter months.

The Parish Council has also asked for the 'hump' by the church path to be refreshed to help prevent damage to the path caused by rainfall surface water.

The World of Flowers' improved signage is now in place and will hopefully prevent some of the large lorries getting lost and travelling through Greywell by mistake.

Next Parish Council Meetings will be held at 6pm in the village hall on Tuesday 4th March and Monday 21st April.

Inter Village Quiz

Challenge the cup holders (Newnham) for the trophy at Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall on Saturday 19th April. Teams of six to eight, cost £2 per entrant. Bring your own supper, bar available. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. Further information and to book in your team call Roger Booth 762 456.

Increase in postage charges from April 1st class stamps will rise by 2p to 36p, and 2nd class by 3p to 27p.

HCC recycling centres have a new policy from 14th Feb 2008. This will not affect anyone using household cars but householders with commercial type vehicles must apply for a free permit; traders will not be allowed to dispose of rubbish at the sites.

Diary Dates

February

8th Up Nately Villagers Coffee Morning, 10am to 12 noon, Eastrop Cottage
8th Whitewater Movies, Greywell VH
21st Pilates course starts, Greywell VH
23rd 'Circus Berzucus', 3pm, M&U/N VH
25th Greywell Gardening Club, 8pm, VH
28th Mapledurwell Garden and Conservation Society, 7.30pm, VH,
29th Whitewater Movies, Greywell VH

March

4th Greywell P Council meeting, 6pm, VH
11th Newnham PC meeting, 8pm, Clubroom
19th Parochial Church Meeting, 8.15pm, Mapledurwell and Up Nately VH
30th Open Garden, Mittens M/durwell, 2-5
31st Greywell Gardening Club, 8pm, VH

April

19th Inter-village Quiz, 7pm. M&U/N VH
22nd Newnham Annual Parish Assembly
23rd Election of Churchwardens, 8pm; Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 8.15pm, Mapledurwell and Up Nately VH.

Reverend Michael Jaggs MA
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Dear Friends,

Over the Christmas period I discussed with a friend of mine, who is a retired soldier, the resent supply problem and the continuing difficulties generally that our service men and women continue to endure. He sent me the following poem, which has stayed with me ever since. I share it with you now, in the hope that it will challenge you as much as it has me.

*"Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone
in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone;
I had come down the chimney with presents to give
and to see just who in this home did live.*

*'I looked all about a strange sight I did see
no tinsel no presents not even a tree,
no stocking by the mantle, just boots filled with sand
on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands
with medals and badges awards of all kinds,
a sober thought came through my mind.*

*'For this house was different – it was dark and dreary
I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly
the soldier lay sleeping silent alone
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.*

*The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder
not how I pictured a lone British soldier;
was this the hero of whom I'd just read
curled up on a poncho the floor for a bed?
I realised the families that I saw this night
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.*

*'Soon round the world the children would play
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoy freedom each month of the year
because of the soldiers like the one lying here
I couldn't help wonder how many alone
on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home*

*'The very thought brought a tear to my eye
I dropped to my knees and started to cry
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice
"Santa don't cry this life is my choice
I fight for freedom I don't ask for more
my life is my God, my country, my corps".*

*The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep
I couldn't control it I continued to weep
I kept watch for hours so silent and still
and we both sat and shivered from the cold night's chill
I didn't want to leave on that cold dark night
this guardian of honour so willing to fight.*

*'Then the soldier rolled over with a voice soft and pure
whispered, "carry on Santa it's Christmas day, all is secure"
One look at my watch and I knew he was right
"Merry Christmas my friend and to all a good night".'*

*This poem was written by a peace keeping soldier
stationed overseas. Please remember in your prayers
all our service personnel, and their families as they
continue to struggle on a day-to-day basis, divided
from each other because of their service to us.*

*Please also remember in your prayers, those who are
to be confirmed at St Mary's Mapledurwell at 10am on
Sunday 10th February at 10am by Bishop Trevor: Lyn
Boswell, Miriam and James Best, Talitha Lewis, and
Charles Carfrae.*

*Wishing you the peace of our Lord
and his every blessing,*

Your Parish Priest, Michael Jaggs

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The Victoria County History was founded in 1899. It's an encyclopaedic record of England's places and people from earliest times to the present day contained in the well-known series of 'big red books'. Five original volumes were produced for Hampshire between 1900 and 1912 – and they are now in need of revision.

The New VCH Hampshire Project is intended to update these original volumes and extend their coverage to include a new range of topics such as local government, public services, economy and society, migration, sport and recreation. The Project, supported by Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Archives Trust, Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society, and the University of Winchester, is currently focusing on Basingstoke and its surrounding area with the intention eventually of producing a new red book with a wider scope and reflecting the dramatic transformation of the area in the twentieth century.

Current project Initial work will focus on the economic history of the area from 1500 and cover the parishes Basing, Basingstoke, Bramley, Cliddesden, Eastrop, Herriard, Mapledurwell, Nately Scures, Newnham, Sherborne St John, Steventon, Tunworth, Up Nately, Upton Grey, Weston Corbett, Weston Patrick and Winslade.

Volunteers needed! You don't need to be a historian – just interested in local history. Volunteer leader, Dr Jean Morrin, will provide training in Winchester and at Chute House, Basingstoke. A new red book is the long-term goal, but short-term targets might include:

- publishing economic histories for each parish on the VCH Hampshire website, www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk
- producing local history leaflets or books to reflect volunteers' interests.

If you are interested, please contact Jean Morrin
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Mobile Library Service

Newnham	Village Green	10.30 - 10.45
	<u>Thursday</u> February 14th, 28th; March 13th, 27th	
	Contact Fleet library (01252 614 213) RLL6 Route 10	
Greywell	Village Hall	10.40 - 11.10am
Water End	Water End Park	11.30 - 11.50am
	<u>Friday</u> February 8th, 22nd; March 7th	
	Contact Chineham library (465 643) RLL 5 Route 5	
Mapledurwell	Cob Tree Cottages	11.40 - 12 noon
Up Nately	St Stephen's Close	2 - 2.30pm
	<u>Tuesday</u> February 19th; March 18th	
	Contact South Ham Library (465 102) HLL 2 Route 14 www.hants.gov.uk/library	