

# The Villager

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

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## SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL ENTERPRISE

Mention the name Buckland in these parts and we think of tree and forestry work. But now a younger Buckland in the shape of Martin, together with wife Frances, is farming Alpacas at Pennybridge Farm, along the Greywell Road in Up Nately.

Alpacas are related to camels and llamas and are more commonly found in Peru, Chile and Bolivia where they are bred for the fine fibre in their wool which rivals cashmere and mohair.

Martin and Frances came into this venture with no relevant experience, starting out in 2003 with two animals on land that had been in Martin's family for over 60 years. Today they have a herd of 27.

The main thrust of the business is breeding with Alpacas able to be traded for several thousand pounds each according to age and genetic heritage.

Alpaca breeding, while relatively new to this country, is increasingly seen as a viable business. These animals will not survive in a solitary situation but can be kept in small herds of three or more as field pets as an alternative to horses. They make great 'lawn mowers' for those with an acre or two of grazing land and are generally easy to look after. They can be halter-trained and will become quite tame; most will take feed from your hand or a bucket.

A secondary source of income is from the fibre: a mobile shearer visits once a year and the wool is spun and sold at fêtes and shows.



**Breeding success... Lona with Tia born 28th May 2008**

Last summer, Martin and Frances were at Newnham's Newfest together with two of their Alpacas, some of the spun alpaca wool and a selection of items sourced from a supplier who has a fair-trade policy with sellers in Peru.

They support the charity WAWA, which helps disadvantaged children in Peru. Closer to home, the proceeds of wool sales have contributed to St Stephen's roof fund.

The Spring is the start of the birthing season and around nine new additions are expected over the coming weeks.

A few sleepless nights, no doubt, for Martin and Frances!

### Competition for younger readers.

Martin and Frances will soon be looking to find names for their new arrivals. Want to name a newborn alpaca? Tell us (A) the word for a young alpaca and (B) your suggestion for a name for one of the new young and send to fran@pennybridgealpacas.co.uk

One male and one female name chosen by Frances and Martin will earn you each a Tesco voucher for £10. One suggestion and one prize only per entrant.

## Diary Dates

### March

- 1 Mapledurwell and Up Nately Parish Council meeting 7-8pm, Village Hall
- 1 Mapledurwell and Up Nately Broadband meeting 8.15pm, VH
- 1 Up Nately allotments meeting VH
- 6 Inter Village Quiz Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall 7pm for 7.30
- 15 Greywell Parish Council Meetings 6pm Village Hall
- 11 Newnham Parish Council meeting 8pm Clubroom
- 12 Up Nately Coffee Morning 10-12 noon, Old School House
- 13 *Seven Ages of Man*, Greywell VH
- 21 Reading half marathon, please support Kevin Franklin, Mapledurwell [www.justgiving.com/kevinfranklin](http://www.justgiving.com/kevinfranklin)
- 25 North Warnborough Gardening Club, 1.45 for 2.15pm, Village Hall
- 27 Newnham Litter Pick, Green, 10am
- 29 'Growing Vegetables month by month' Newnham Clubroom, 7.30
- 31 Mapledurwell Garden Society spring lecture, 7.30pm, Village Hall

### April

- 3 Easter Egg-stravaganza 11am Mapledurwell and Up Nately VH
- 22 Newnham Parish Assembly 7.15 for 8pm in the Clubroom
- 24 Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra and Hook Choral Society, *The Creation*, St Bede's Church, 7.30pm

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## POLICE UPDATE

As spring approaches I wish to make residents aware of the usual types of crime that historically this area suffers from at this time of the year.

First garden sheds and outbuildings are targeted for lawn mowers and other garden equipment. A second season related problem is theft from cars parked in isolated rural areas while owners go out walking, usually when the bluebells are out. If you are leaving your vehicle in remote areas please make sure handbags are not placed under seats, sat navs left in glove compartments or laptops left in the boot (places thieves look). We are aware that criminals have a device that can detect such equipment in car boots. Conversely when laptop cases have been left in full view, criminals have broken into the car in the belief the computer is in the case and, although it is not, damage is caused to the car.

Concern about dogs worrying sheep is particularly acute during lambing time. In 2009 we had three reports of sheep worrying, one resulted in a lamb being killed and others put down, and two dogs were destroyed. Sadly when dogs do chase and injure sheep they will continue to do it. I ask dog owners to please keep their dogs under proper control when near livestock.

Andrew Reid, Constable

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## THE Creation – Haydn

The Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra and Hook Choral Society will be performing *The Creation* under the direction of Nicholas Woods at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke on Saturday 24th April at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 (£10 concessions) available from Dawson's Music, Festival Place, Basingstoke, or by calling Helen on 01256 766 522.

## North Warnborough and District Garden Club

Next meeting, Thursday 25th March, North Warnborough Village Hall, 1.45 for a 2.15pm start. The speaker will be Mrs Rosemary Legrand who will be talking on *Scottish Splendour*. The competitions for March are: 1. An Arrangement of Spring Flowers; 2. A Branch of a Flowering Shrub. Visitors are very welcome to join us. 01256 8626 49

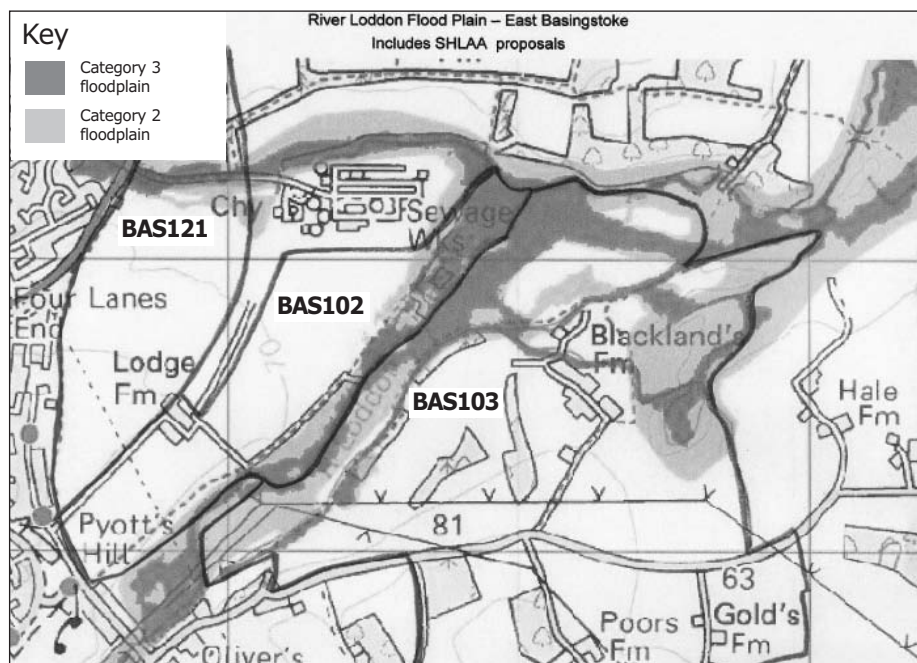
# SOLVE – SAVE OUR LODDON VALLEY & ENVIRONMENT

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**YOU CAN SIGN OUR ON-LINE PETITION NOW AT**

<http://www.petitiononline.com/SOLVE2/petition.html>

Also see the SOLVE Website for media releases on the proposed Loddon Valley development and questions raised by Maria Miller PM in the Commons relating to house building and river pollution.



This month SOLVE has been busy contributing towards Borough Council policy documents.

**'Delivering a Successful Future' - The Council Plan 2010-13** The latest draft does not include Natural Environment or the Council's duty to maintain and expand important wildlife habitats as a key priority. SOLVE has questioned whether the Council listened to the feedback received during consultation that 'environment should be a stated policy priority'. With the support of residents on our database Cllrs Cubitt and Godesen have proposed an additional priority be included in the draft...

'That the Council should protect, preserve, and (where possible) improve the natural environment in the Borough.'

This is now under consideration by the Council. Our thanks go to the people of Basing, Lychpit, Newnham, Chineham, Mapledurwell, Up Natley etc who emailed Councillor Cubitt in support of the amendment.

**Living Landscapes - Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy** This document helps form council policy relating to various areas of work

such as community engagement, management of council land, partnership working etc. The Council has sought views, via a questionnaire, on a draft revised strategy. Protecting and enhancing the quality of wildlife habitats and the landscape have been identified as high priorities; SOLVE has highlighted a number of issues relating mainly to the protection of the natural environment.

**Strategic Biodiversity Assessment (SBA)** This document is in preparation and key to protecting biodiversity in the Borough. It will be used as part of the Evidence Base for the Local Development Framework to help the Council determine where development should or shouldn't go. It will go to the planning committee and public consultation in March.

**What you can do** Keep up to date via our website and sign our petition if you have not already done so. If you wish to be added to our email list or would like to help please contact Kate Tuck at [kate.tuck@solveloodon.org](mailto:kate.tuck@solveloodon.org) or tel 01256 324 043.

Peter Bloyce, SOLVE, Old Basing

# B&D Committee Debate on the SHLAA

B&D Planning and Infrastructure (P&I) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting of Thursday 18th February

The Committee debated the Draft SHLAA; presentations were made by SOLVE and Country Watch.

## EXTRACTS FROM SOLVE PRESENTATION

SOLVE believes that Sites 102, 103 and 121 (see map opposite) should be withdrawn from the SHLAA for the following reasons:

- Development in conflict with local, national and EU policy, guidance and legal obligations:
  - Environmental Agency
  - Established planning policies
  - Water quality
  - Habitat Directives
  - Biodiversity Action Plan
  - Groundwater Protection Zone
  - Green Infrastructure.
- There are established precedents for exclusion due to:
  - Flood Risk
  - Sites of national historic importance
  - Sites of national and international importance for environmental reasons
- The document recognised there has been 'Inadequate consultation.

## FROM SOLVE REPORT ON THE MEETING

Councillors agreed with our presentation and the P & I Committee shared our concerns that the SHLAA in its current form had significant flaws.

Specifically Councillors agreed that the Planning Officers had not conducted adequate public consultation and that the document lacked democratic accountability.

As a result Councillors informed the Planning Officers the SHLAA was not acceptable and instructed them to embark on a more robust and proactive public consultation process.

Hats off to all the Councillors who volunteer to put themselves through this process... this really was a case of elected officials holding local government to account.

Thanks to all the SOLVE team for helping us present a rational and coherent argument. Kestrel FM and BBC Radio Berkshire ran interviews with us and the *Gazette* covered the meeting.

## FROM COUNTRY WATCH REPORT ON THE MEETING

The Committee agreed that a SHLAA was needed.

Cllr Cubitt said that the draft SHLAA had no headroom in housing numbers and that by definition sites in the Loddon Valley would have to be developed first. The Council Officers must find additional Greenfield sites in order to give the LDF a choice of areas in which development could take place.

Country Watch proposed that the base for the final SHLAA should be the September 2008 version which included a major site south west of the town but not the large Poors Farm site in the Loddon Valley.

However Country Watch's proposal was rejected by Committee who recommended that:

- Officers produce an updated SHLAA (Version 3) based on the current draft version
- This would be sent to all Members and Version 4 agreed
- Version 4 would be sent to all interested organisations
- Following public consultation V5 to be sent to Members and 'challenge sites' would go before Committee for decision
- If Planning Officers maintain their advice on sites that are challenged then Corporate Director Karen Brimacombe would make the decision
- SHLAA would be signed off by Karen Brimacombe.

## OUTCOMES

**As a result of lobbying by SOLVE and Country Watch, Cllrs Cubitt and Godesen have proposed that a priority be included in The Council Plan 2010-13 to protect, preserve and where possible enhance the natural environment (see SOLVE report on facing page).**

**Cllrs Cubitt and Godesen (supported by Labour and Lib Dem Councillors) forced through a motion that 'Flood Plains Category 3 and 2' (shown on the map opposite) be excluded from the final SHLAA.**

## COUNTRY WATCH ACTION

Country Watch intends to engage Environmental Consultants to conduct a biodiversity study of the Loddon Valley covering the areas included in the draft SHLAA. This will provide a useful evidence base to defend the Valley against development particularly when the LDF looks at site selection.

## Parish Planning Applications

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

**New Application** BDB/71992 and 71979 Upper House, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately. Erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement of large plate glass window to side elevation with casement window. Replacement of all external windows to match existing.

**Granted** BDB/71730 Kingfishers Cottage, Frog Lane, Mapledurwell. Certificate of Lawfulness for dwelling known as Kingfishers Barn.

**Appeal** HCC/2009 0153 Priory Farm, Andwell. Formation of a noise attenuation bund.

Newnham & Nately Scures

**New Application** BDB/72002 (18th Feb) Newnham Clubroom. Erection of single storey building for use as Village Hall following demolition of existing building. Creation of additional car parking spaces.

**Approved** BDB/71682 (28th Jan, reg 4th Dec) Crown Lodge, Crown Lane, Newnham. Erection of a single storey extension to west elevation, construction of pitched roofs to three existing flat roofed dormers to north elevation and dormer to south elevation. Construction of a new pitched roof to porch on north elevation.

**BDB/71408** (11th Feb, reg 26th Oct) 7 The Baredown, Nately Scures. Conversion from single to two storey house. Construction of a first floor with dormer windows in the front and rear elevations. Erection of single storey front extensions forming car port and front porch.

**BDB/71772** (16th February, reg 4th Jan) 3 The Baredown, Nately Scures. Single storey side/rear extensions, construction of bay window to rear and erection of a front porch.

# Mapledurwell & Up Nately

**A very warm welcome** to Hansie and Lucy du Bruyn who have moved from Greywell to live at 4 St Stephen's Close. Hansie hails from Pretoria, South Africa, and Lucy originally from Northumberland. Hansie is looking forward to doing his garden and Lucy sings in the choir of Westminster Abbey. They both enjoy walking. We hope they are very happy in their home and spend many enjoyable years living in the village.

**Up Nately Coffee Morning** Friday 12th March from 10am to 12 noon at The Old School House. Do try and join us for coffee and chat. Ring Pam on 762589 for more info.

**Please support** Kevin Franklin of Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell, who will be running the Reading Half Marathon on 21st March to raise monies for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The link is <http://www.justgiving.com/kevinfranklin>. Thank you.

**Mapledurwell Garden Society's spring lecture** *The Secret Gardens of Hampshire* will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm. Patricia Elkington, the county organiser for the National Gardens Scheme, will talk about the superb gardens to be found in Hampshire. Patricia is an excellent speaker well known to us from her previous talks; she brings plants and wonderful ideas with her.

Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine and canapes, preferably in advance from Sarah Hooper 321 838 or Margaret O'Malley 476 955, but available at the door. Raffle. Proceeds to OCHRE.

**Mapledurwell Footpaths** I have been trying to revise our *Footpath Guide*, to take in the many changes to the paths. Keith Irvine's tragic death was a major setback as he had done much preparatory work. Receiving our larger *Villager* gave me the idea to produce a path a month for inclusion. So for March I chose a footpath particularly attractive in springtime and revised by Suzanne Coull. Admittedly the start of the path is routed beside the noisy M3, but snowdrops and aconites at Huish and later primroses and bluebells in Sheetland Copse make up for it, plus lovely views and varied terrain, pasture, woodland and arable. Another footpath is planned for April. Any suggestions from the original *Guide* are invited but I have Footpath 7 in mind. Anne Lywood.

**Dog owners** Please clear up after your dog on the Recreation Ground where many young people play.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Monday 1st March

**Parish Council meeting** 7-8pm in the Village Hall followed by...

**Broadband presentation** 8.15pm, followed by...

**Proposed allotments** in Blackstocks Lane, presentation by Peter Comley of Hook Allotment Association.

All very welcome to attend.

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

**Inter Village Quiz Cup** The Five Villages Challenge to be held at Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 6th March. Doors open 7pm, start 7.30. Bring your own picnic. Teams of maximum eight people at £2.50 per person. To register your team and book a table please call Liz Preece on 762 059.

**Easter Egg-stravaganza** 3rd April at 11am. Prizes for best decorated egg and Easter Bonnet.

# Newnham & Nately Scures

**Intervillage Quiz** Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall Saturday 6th March. Doors open 7pm, start 7.30.

**Newnham Litter Pick** This will be held on Saturday 27th March at 10am on the Green. New Litter Pickers are always welcome. Any further queries contact John Broughton on 762 490.

## ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM

**'Thank you's...**

Once again the Churchwardens would like to thank all those who kindly gave up their Saturday morning to help clear the churchyard - your hard work has made a real difference.

Doreen Wilson is retiring from organising the flowers and cleaning for St Nicholas'. This she has done for over 20 years and we are all most grateful to Doreen for doing this so delightfully and yet so efficiently. Thank you very much Doreen. Chris Broughton has kindly agreed to take over the role.

## CLUBROOM

**New Village Hall** A planning application has been submitted for the timber framed rebuild as approved by the Parish Assembly of 2009 (see *Parish Planning Applications, page 3*).

## MARCH EVENTS

**'How to grow vegetables in a small area month by month'**, an illustrated talk by Pete Comley, chairman of Hook Allotment Association, on Monday 29th March at 7.30pm in the Clubroom. Everyone is welcome with an admission charge of £3.50 to include refreshments. Profits will go towards the rebuild scheduled for the end of this year. Further enquiries please phone Rosemary 762 369 or Leah 762 513.

**Newnham Open Gardens** Now is the time to look forward to warmer days and longer evenings, so no excuses for not being able to spend some time in your gardens. Newnham Gardens will open in 2020 on Sunday 13th June. If anyone would like to open their garden or help in any way we would love to hear from you. Profits to Clubroom funds. More information will appear in the April *Villager*, but for further details please contact Rosemary Richardson 762 369 or Chris Broughton 762 490.

## PARISH ASSEMBLY 2010

All residents of Newnham, Nately Scures and Water End are warmly invited to the Parish Assembly on Thursday 22nd April, 7.15 for 8pm in the Clubroom. Please put the date in your diary.

## COMMUNITY PLAN

To all residents of Newnham, Nately Scures and Water End... For those who have already completed and returned your questionnaires, a big thanks. For those still to complete the form, please do so as quickly as possible to ensure your input is included in the results.

Remember: It's your community! It's your plan! This is your chance to have a say and let us know your views. On behalf of the Community Plan committee, many thanks for your support.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**A3 Blackstocks Lane / Crown Lane Junction** County Cllr Elaine Still has organised a meeting (as the *Villager* goes to press) with Highways and Police Traffic Officers, and the Parish Council, to discuss reducing the speed limit along this stretch of the A30, other safety aspects and issues raised by local residents. The tragic accident here will of course be at the fore of everyone's mind.

**Proposed allotments in Blackstock's Lane** on the Up Nately side of the M3. Meeting to be held on Monday evening 1st March (see *Mapledurwell and Up Nately Parish Council News*).

**Crown Lane Signpost** HCC Highways has an arrangement with the signs department of the AA to repair fingerpost signs. The Newnham Green fingerpost at the top of Crown Lane in on their schedule awaiting new April funding.

**Speed Limit Reminder Sign (SLR)** Results from the Newnham Road SLR speed recorder, Dec 2009-Jan 2010:

Week before SLR activated (commencing 2nd December 2009) (ave 32.63 & 38.68)

During deployment week 1 (ave 30.48 & 36.10)

During final week deployment (from 20th January) (ave 30.47 & 35.85)

Week after deployment (ave 32.03 & 37.70).

Figures indicate the average mean and 85th%ile respectively over the week.

The 85th%ile figures indicate the speed 85% of traffic was travelling below. The speed data shows that although the

average speed is reasonable there is still 15% of drivers exceeding the speed limit (without the SLR present) by least 8.68/7.7mph. This experiment supports received wisdom from elsewhere that the SLRs reduce speed by approx 2mph during their deployment, then it creeps back up to where it was before.

**Newnham Hill Nursing Home** The Parish Council has asked Richard Barwick of Cove Construction to provide timely information to residents via the *Villager*. Hopefully the *Villager* will in future be able to report in advance on developments at Newnham Hill such as the felling of the Oak tree at the site entrance. However it should be noted that the removal of the Oak was a requirement of Highways and covered by the application approval of 2006. No further notification or consultation with the Parish on the removal of the tree was officially required.

**Natural Environment Forum (NEF)** is one of the key forums within the Basingstoke Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The LSP brings together representatives of individual organisations, companies and public bodies (police, schools, hospital). See the *natural environment page of the Borough website*.

Cllr Nigel Bell represented Newnham Parish Council at the NEF meeting of 29th January. A very positive aspect of the meeting was the attendance of Cllr Rob Golding, the cabinet member for Planning and Infrastructure. This is the second successive meeting he has attended since his appointment in July 2009.

**Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy** Mike Bird, Tree and Biodiversity Officer, gave an update on the Borough's Strategy (see the *Parish Council website for Newnham's response to the current draft document*).

**Water Cycle Study** Cllr Golding would like to receive critiques of the Study, emailed or posted directly to him.

**The Council Plan 2010-13** consultation resulted in many requests that the Environment should be specified as a policy priority. The Cabinet is considering inserting this in the revised Council

Plan. There will be an opportunity to comment on the environmental aspects of the Local Development Framework (start date confirmed as March 15th).

**Planning and Infrastructure Overview Committee Meeting on the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment)** (see pgs 3-4). Newnham Parish Council was represented at the 18th February meeting by Cllr Nigel Bell. The Parish Council would like to thank and congratulate SOLVE and Country Watch for their short presentations which backed each other up.

The core of the Meeting was that:

1. A SHLAA is necessary for the preparation of the Borough's Core Strategy (this document is the key paper when generating the Local Development Framework).
2. The SHLAA should be a neutral, officer-led document for members to examine and adjust in open debate.
3. The SHLAA should consider all possible sites in the Borough and decide whether each passes the test of suitability, achievability and availability.
4. In drafting the SHLAA, there have been failures in assessing suitability, by overlooking environmental aspects such as landscape, biodiversity, flood risk, and failures to consult publicly over what was being done.

The risks of a badly prepared SHLAA are that the Core Strategy will be rejected by Central Government; the Borough will not have the required five-year housing land supply, and developers may win appeals by citing such inadequacies. It is essential Basingstoke has a sound SHLAA, supported by the Council and the public.

Category 2 and 3 flood plain areas are to be eliminated from the SHLAA (see *map, page 2*). This is a useful stepping stone, but we need officers to accept that ancient woodland SINCs must be protected, and that the hydrology of those woods and therefore the land around them must also be protected.

**Next Parish Council meeting** Thursday March 11th, 8pm, Clubroom.

# Greywell

**Intervillage Quiz** Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall Saturday 6th March. Doors open 7pm, start 7.30.

## VILLAGE HALL

### MARCH EVENTS

**A Hog the Limelight event** Sunday 13th March, Kevin Tomlinson's *Seven Ages of Man* is an improvised comedy. Tickets £10.

**To book the Village Hall** please contact Rob Caird at r.caird@btinternet.com or 704 236, or Helen Sullivan on 703 724 or sullivan.helen@hotmail.co.uk.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**New Parish Clerk** The Parish Council is delighted to appoint James Pound as the new Parish Clerk with effect from 1st April. Grateful thanks to Helen Sullivan who will be stepping down after three years as Clerk at the end of March. James takes an active interest in village life and has been a member of the Village Hall Committee for several years. James can be contacted at Weston House, The Street, Greywell RG29 1BZ 702 684 james.pound@hotmail.co.uk.

**Next Parish Council Meetings** – Monday 15th March at 6pm and the AGM on Monday 10th May at 6pm.

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

will be held on 24th May at 7.30pm, refreshments from 7pm.



Photos supplied by Jane Leese of the St Mary's Greywell churchyard tidy up, Saturday 20th February

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSEBOXES

To all those of you who are kind enough to have a Children's Society housebox, it will soon be time for them to be collected in and emptied.

I shall be at the following church services if you wish to pass on your box to me there:

14th March M/durwell, 10am  
28th March Greywell, 11am  
11th April Newnham, 11am  
18th April Nately Scures, 11am  
25th April Up Nately, 9.30am.

If you would prefer to bring your box to me or for me to collect it from you, please do give me a call to arrange.

Last year our Parishes raised over £450 which is a tremendous effort. Remember just £10 can provide a homeless child on the streets with basic provisions including warm clothing, toiletries and a blanket. £20 can pay for a session with a councillor to help a young victim of sexual abuse. Please give generously for this worthy cause.

If you don't have a Children's Society housebox, but would like one, do give me a call.

Many thanks, Barbara Kimber  
762 074.

# Local walks (1)

## Huish House & Sheetland Copse from Mapledurwell

Approximate walk time 1 hour 30 minutes

To start the walk, enter Kembers Lane (an unmade lane) at the junction with Tunworth Road. Follow the lane west, past the Old Post Office, heading towards the motorway.

At the end of the lane, with Island Cottages on the right, there is a farm gate. On the left hand side of the gate there is pedestrian access leading onto a concrete farm track. Head towards the two large barns and follow the grass path running between the first barn and the row of trees.

Follow the path along the ridge separating the fields, which continues toward the motorway and footbridge. Do not go over the footbridge, but bear slightly left and follow the post and rail fence west for approximately 200 metres until the tree line begins. There is a small gap between the post and rail fence and the copse fence.

Follow the uneven path alongside the motorway, eventually crossing a wooden bridge over the river Lyde. After the bridge the pathway starts to even out slightly and is guided by wire fences on both sides, there is a magnificent line of horse

chestnut trees to the right. The pathway continues southwest until you reach a tarmac drive which leads southeast towards Huish House. Here, pathway signs point back the way you have come and also towards Huish House. Head southeast following the sign and driveway towards the main house.

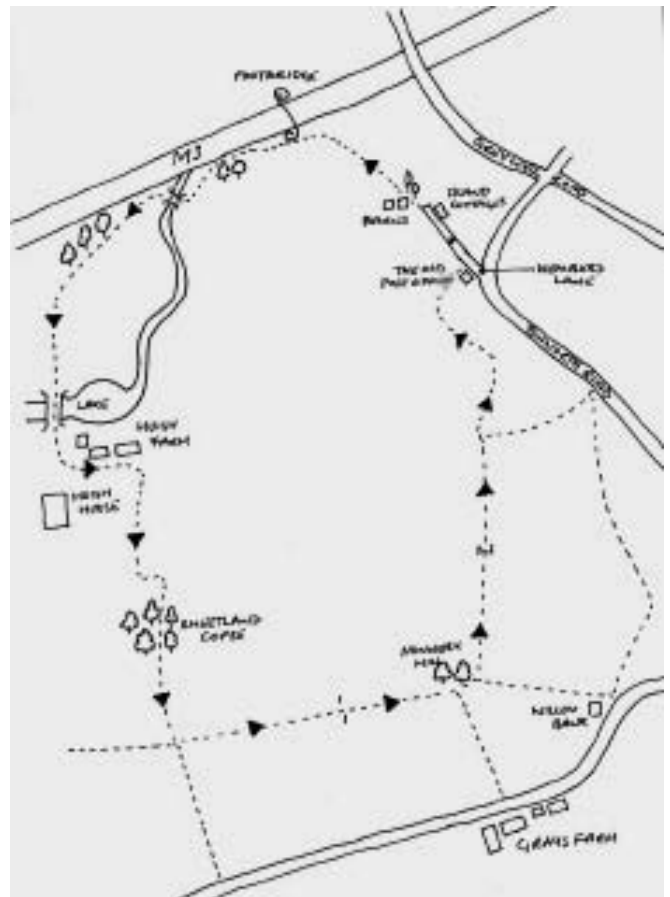
As you pass over the bridge, admire the beautiful lake to the left, which was formed from the original watercress beds; note the contemporary sculpture of an eagle on the lake side.

You can also see swans, mallards and the occasional heron. In the spring there is a lovely display of snowdrops and aconites.

Continue up the drive past the first farm cottages on the left and the stables to the right. A signpost directs you from the main private driveway towards the original farm buildings.

As you approach the farm gate there is a small crossroads, turn right opposite the black barn and follow the path, Huish House will now be on the right behind the trees.

Continue along the path until you come to an old



metal gate. Once through the gate (please close and secure) the path continues beside a post and rail fence on the left and a line of trees to the right. This field is normally home to some friendly black welsh mountain sheep (if you are walking with dogs please keep them under control).

At the end of the path you will come to another gate which leads on through to a well maintained grass path. Continue southeast along the grass path with the wire fence to the right, there are two bends in the path, first to the left and then the right just before entering Sheetland Copse.

This is a private wood, although the public footpath does run through a short section of it, please respect the owners and keep to the designated path, there are 'no entry' signs to show the private areas.

Once through Sheetland copse the path follows the hedgerow on the left, with views to the right across the fields towards Tunworth Down.

Approximately 200 metres along the path on the left there is a gap in the hedge which leads to a metal kissing gate. Through the gate the path continues directly across the field heading northeast back towards Mapledurwell village (occasionally sheep are kept in this field, so again if you are walking with dogs please keep them under control).

The path passes through a gap in the hedge and continues northeast towards Nunnery Hill, with the hedgerow to the left. At Nunnery trees the footpath heads north through the field until the stile, once over the stile, continue until you reach the tree lined hedge. Remain on the path, which runs along the field boundary.

The path bears to the left and then the right and finally brings you to a farm gate; on the right hand side of the gate there is pedestrian access to return into Kembers Lane.

Turn right and you are once again at your starting point on Tunworth Road.

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From the Parish Registers...

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

On January 31st  
at St Mary's Mapledurwell  
Maximus Grey Toon Hall

On February 7th  
at St Mary's Greywell  
Catherine Alexandra Eleanor Vining

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

On January 27th  
at St Mary's Greywell, followed by  
cremation at Basingstoke  
Tony Maunder

A service of thanksgiving for Tony's  
life was also held at St Mary's on  
February 19th.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday March 2nd, 7.30pm  
Up Nately VCC at Plume House

Friday March 5th from 6pm  
Women's World day of Prayer  
service at South Warnborough

Tuesday March 18th, 8pm  
Newnham VCC at New House

Thursday March 25th, 8pm  
Churchwardens' meeting at  
The Rectory.

# Church Notices

### **Christian fellowship group for young people**

I wonder if there are enough  
young people (approx 12-16 years)  
in the villages who would be inter-  
ested in getting together to talk  
about and encourage one another  
in our faith? If you're interested  
exploring the possibilities please  
call me (Jane Leese) and I'll see  
what I can arrange.

### **Lent Lunches**

There are still opportunities to enjoy  
the company of friends and a light  
lunch supporting the work of  
Christian Aid. Dates and venues are:  
Wednesday 3rd March, Meddings  
Farmhouse Mapledurwell, call Sarah  
and David Hooper on 321 838  
Wed 10th March, Fir Tree Cottage  
Newnham, call Thelma Booth 762 456  
Wednesday 17th March, St Anne's,  
Deptford Lane, Greywell, call  
Libbie Bromfield on 702 978

Thursday 25th March, Painter's  
Pigtle, Nately Scures, call Gill and  
Adam Rendell on 762 216.

All are at 12.30pm. You are invited  
to all or any of these lunches – but  
a call to the host in advance would  
be very welcome.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday March 5th**

'Let everything that has breath  
praise God...' All genders and ages  
welcome. Come and join together  
in a service designed by the  
women of Cameroon. At 6pm the  
background slide show starts  
followed by a simple supper and  
then the service at 7pm. Friday  
March 5th at 6pm at St Andrew's  
Church, South Warnborough. For  
further information please call Eve  
Baker on 01256 702 565.

### **Mothering Sunday March 14th**

There are special family services  
for Mothering Sunday around the  
parish, all very informal and child  
friendly, to which you are all wel-  
come. There will be posies for the  
mums too! Do come along.

### **Report from the Benefice Day at Old Alresford Place**

(Winchester diocesan church office)

In the current challenging climate  
for our churches both at local and  
at diocesan level, it is without  
doubt increasingly important that  
we work closely together so that  
each can support the other.

For this reason the ministry team  
and representatives from around  
our Benefice met at the Win-  
chester diocesan church office at Old  
Alresford Place on 3rd February to  
explore what resources we have,  
how sustainable they are, and what  
additional resources we can call on  
to help us achieve our aims.

The outcomes of the day and the  
opportunities and implications for  
our churches will be discussed at  
the next Benefice Council meeting,  
8pm, 9th June, Upton Grey church.

### **LENT COURSE**

Missed the first session in February? Come and join us for the rest! This  
year's course is led by Ann Lewin and is called 'Growing in Love'. The  
course is based on a book Ann has written about the writings of Dame  
Julian of Norwich, who was a 14th century mystic and her insights into  
God's love are an encouragement to all those who want to deepen their  
relationship with God.

Ann Lewin describes herself as one who has spent most of her working  
life teaching in secondary schools and the rest working as a welfare  
adviser for international students at the University of Southampton.  
From our point of view she is widely known and appreciated in our  
Diocese as a leader of retreats and quiet days, a writer and spiritual  
director, encouraging people to explore their spiritual life more deeply.  
Ann has kindly offered to lead an afternoon and an evening session. The  
first was on 24th February which many of you will have enjoyed. If you  
missed this, please don't let this deter you from joining us for the rest.

- Mar 3 **Session 2** 3pm Vine Church Odiham; 7.30pm Upton Grey Church  
Mar 10 **Session 3** 3pm Vine Church Odiham; 7.30pm Vine Church Odiham  
Mar 17 **Session 4** 3pm Vine Church Odiham; 7.30pm Long Sutton Village Hall  
Mar 24 **Session 5** 3pm Vine Church Odiham; 7.30pm Mapledurwell Village Hall

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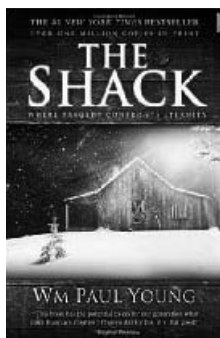
## Quarterly Newsletter for Help Hoima

**EDUCATION** Following the provision  
of a fully equipped new science block  
and dormitory to sleep 80 girls, a new  
multipurpose hall is now being planned  
(£18,000 of the required £22,000 has  
already been raised). In addition the

parents themselves have raised enough  
money for a fourth dormitory and have  
laid the foundation stone.

**THE MUSTARD SEED ORPHANAGE**  
Help Hoima continues to provide on-  
going sponsorship for the 56 children

aged between two months and a 23-  
year-old currently attending university.  
The sponsorship programme provides  
all the children with an education,  
healthcare and the basic necessities.  
Help Hoima continues to provide the  
equipment and livestock essential for  
self sufficiency at the Mustard Seed  
Orphanage.



*The Shack* has been the publishing phenomenon of 2008/09 and has sold over a million copies. One reviewer wrote: 'Riveting, with twists that defy your expectations whilst teaching powerful theological lessons without patronising. I was crying by page 100. You cannot read it without your heart becoming involved.'

**Shack Discussion Group** The first discussion group was much enjoyed; thanks to all who attended. Dates for a second group will be 12th, 19th, 26th May, 2nd June. If you think you might like to take part, call Nicholas Maude on 862 648.

## From The Rectory

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reverendjane@hotmail.co.uk

Dear Friends

Roland and I joined in with working parties from Greywell and Newnham all intent on tidying the churchyards of St Mary's and St Nicholas'. We really enjoyed clearing away the brambles, pulling up weeds, fuelling the bonfire and even revealing hidden graves.

It was good to see church members and others from the villages coming together as a team to make a real difference to the appearance of these very special places in the history of our villages. A real case of many hands make light work and my thanks to all who took part.

I think we're all keen to get back into our gardens too, to try and sort out the damage done by the snow now that the bulbs are coming through. For the first time we've prepared a proper vegetable patch in our garden so we're looking forward to planting our first seeds and getting that underway. Watch this space for progress reports – or cries for help(!)

Of course spring used to be the time when the house got a thorough clean too. When I was growing up Spring-cleaning was a major undertaking that took quite some time and is not one that I have adopted! But I do try and have something of a spiritual spring clean at this time of year. We are now in

the season of Lent, those weeks running up to Easter when we give special thought to our relationship with God.

It's not just about giving up indulgences like chocolate or wine, but about giving a little more time to God and the ways in which we can serve him better. If you need some help with this why not come along to the Lent talks or support the work of Christian Aid at the Lent lunches. Or have a word with me...

This morning the weather forecast on the radio said today would be 'murky, damp and grey' and that has been what much of February has been like so far. Really depressing! Lent has acquired a rather sombre image too – with all that giving up of tasty things.

And yet drawing closer to God and serving him should bring us joy and hope – just like the bulbs we see peeking though in the garden – a glimpse of all that lies ahead. So just as I hope the sun soon breaks through and gives us some warmth, I pray that our journey together with God this Lent will be a really encouraging and helpful time, preparing us for the glory that is to come on Easter Day.

Enjoy the gardening!

With every blessing

*Jane*

Jane Leese

## Church Services

### March 7th

8.am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
10.am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Mapledurwell
11.am	Morning Service	Greywell
11.am	Matins	Newnham

### March 14th Mothering Sunday

10am	Mothering Sunday family service	Mapledurwell
10.30am	Mothering Sunday family service	Greywell
11am	Mothering Sunday family service	Up Nately
11am	Mothering Sunday family service	Newnham

### March 21st

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Greywell
10am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
11am	Family Service	Nately Scures

### March 28th Palm Sunday

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Newnham
9.30am	Matins	Up Nately
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
11am	Holy Com (BCP + hymns)	Nately Scures

### Services for Holy Week and Easter

*You are warmly invited to any of these special services:*

#### April 1st (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm	Holy Communion	Weston Patrick
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#### April 2nd (Good Friday)

10am	Family Service (children especially welcome)	Greywell
11am	Music and meditation (a more adult service with time for quiet reflection)	Newnham
2pm	Walk of Witness in Greywell meeting at the waterworks on Deptford Lane	

#### April 4th (Easter Day)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nately Scures
8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Up Nately
10am	Holy Communion (CW)	Mapledurwell
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Greywell
11am	Family Communion	Newnham

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