

THE VILLAGER

The monthly Newsletter for

Mapledurwell, Up Nately Newnham, Nately Scures and Greywell

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Church Services

May 1 – Ascension Day

Covenant Holy Communion 7.30pm Mapledurwell

May 4 – 7th of Easter

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

May 11 – Pentecost

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Greywell
Children's Church 10.00am Greywell
Matins (BCP), UCh 10.00am Newnham

May 18 – Trinity

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Up Nately
Matins (BCP) 11.00am Nately Scures
Evensong (BCP) 6.00pm Mapledurwell

May 25 – 1st after Trinity

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

June 1 – 2nd after Trinity

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

Church Notices

Church Services The annual Covenant Children's Service on the 18th May will be at Herriard instead of Greywell. There will be no service at Greywell on 18th. There is no Pet Service at Mapledurwell on 25th May as printed on the green services card (held on 20th April).

St Mary's Mapledurwell The choir of Queen's College Oxford will be singing at Choral Evensong at St Mary's, Sunday 18th May, 6pm.

St Swithun's Beetledrive The Friends of St Swithun's invite you to a Beetledrive on Saturday 31st May at 7pm in Greywell Village Hall (see page 2).

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News from Odiham Cottage Hospital

Rarely available opportunity! Many of you will have admired the work that is done at the two League of Friends shops, and now an opportunity has arisen for you to be part of that successful venture. In recent times both shops have been managed by Audrey Shelbourn who will continue to look after the Odiham shop. The League of Friends is now looking to appoint an energetic person with retail experience to manage its shop in Hartley Wintney High Street. The position is part-time over five days per week, with hours and salary to be agreed by negotiation for the right candidate. If you feel you have what it takes, please apply in writing, with a short CV by Friday, 16th May 2008, to Hon Secretary, League of Friends of Odiham Cottage Hospital, 11 Reyntiens View, Odiham, Hook, Hampshire RG29 1AF.

Mrs Di Barrett retired For the past 11 years Di has been the hospital's ward clerk and in the early days of the hospital's purchase by the community, provided an invaluable support to the Trustees in their work. Di retired at the end of March and we would like to offer our thanks to her and wish Di and her husband a long and happy retirement.

10-year anniversary On the 1st June 1998, the Trustees of OCHRE signed contracts for the purchase of this hospital. That we have been able to continue to care for hundreds of local NHS patients over the intervening 10 years is entirely due to the loyal and generous support of our community. The patients, staff and Trustees of this hospital would like to record deepest thanks to you all.

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Diary Dates

May

- 1st Local elections for Parish and Borough Councillors
- 7th Mapledurwell and Up Nately Parish Council meeting
- 9th Up Nately Villagers' Coffee Morning, Lealands, 10-12 noon
- 9th Whitewater Movies, *Casino Royale*, 7.30 for 8pm, Greywell VH
- 12th Newnham Parish Council meeting, AGM, 8pm, Clubroom
- 14th May Fair at Loseley Park near Guildford, 10am-4pm
- 15th May Fair at Loseley Park near Guildford, 9.30am-3.30pm
- 20th Greywell Annual Parish Assembly, 7pm for 7.30, Village Hall
- 21st Mapledurwell & Up Nately Annual Parish Meeting, 8pm, VH
- 22nd North Warnborough Garden Club, VH, 1.30 for 2.15pm
- 31st The Friends of St Swithun's Beetledrive 7pm, Greywell VH

June

- 15th Newnham Open Gardens, 2-5pm
- 28th Jazz Lunch and Picnic at the Pond, Mapledurwell, 12-3pm

July

- 12th Hands on Craft Day, 10am-3pm, M&UN Village Hall.

Planning Matters

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

New applications [BDB/68487](#) Priory Farm, Andwell. Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of part of unit 1 for vehicle repairs etc. [BDB/68515](#) Priory Farm, Andwell. Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of barn for residential purposes and land to the west of unit 2 for storage.

Approved [BDB/68052/68053/68132/68133/68134/68208/68201](#) Priory Farm, Andwell. [BDB/68033](#) Kolkinnon House, Up Nately. Two storey side and rear extension, front porch. Demolition of existing.

Newnham & Nately Scores

New Applications [BDB/68486](#) 2nd April, Newnham Hill Bungalow, Crown Lane, Newnham. Erection of a storage unit. *Parish Council has no objections.*

Refused [BDB/68155](#) 15th April 2008 (application 19th February) Rose Farm Cottage, The Barracks, Newnham. Two storey front and first floor rear extension. *Objection from Conservation Officer.*

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

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Village News

A Very Warm Welcome to Tony and Michele Crabtree and their four sons Joe, George, Harry and Oliver, along with Arthur the cat, who have come from Hatch Warren to live in Penney Cottage, Heather Lane. We hope they will be very happy and enjoy living in the village.

Up Nately Villagers' Coffee Morning Come for coffee and chat at Lealands on Friday 9th May, 10am to 12 noon. Ring Jane on 762 891 for more information.

Hands on Craft Day Your opportunity to have a go at a new craft skill (no experience necessary) Saturday 12th July, 10am-3pm, Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall. Choose from six sessions: pyrography; card making; felt work; beads; glass suncatchers; log cabin chickens. Do one skill in morning and another in the afternoon.

Places are limited to six per table. Materials, tea/coffee and lunch included. £20 per day. Any profits to Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Please ring to book your place, Kath Davies 01256 473402 or email davieskavies@aol.com.

Inter-Village Quiz Evening Two teams from Up Nately plus teams from Andwell, Mapledurwell, Old Basing and Newnham enjoyed a lively and enjoyable evening answering questions on the theme of England, as the event on 19th April was a few days before St George's Day. Newnham retained the cup by a very small margin.

Jazz at the Pond There will be a Jazz picnic lunch from 12-3pm on Saturday 28th June on Robin's and Jane's field at the pond. Lunch provided by Friends of St Mary's, £5 per head, children free.

Clean up of Frog Lane Watercress Beds

We must give big thanks to Terry O'Malley for masterminding and working on the clean up of the Frog Lane watercress beds, done by probation youths under supervision. What an improvement.

Bus Shelter Big thanks also go to Dave Basford who has done a fantastic job of repairing the bus shelter. I hope the vandals are not of this parish as it was such a senseless thing to do, causing work and aggravation for others.

Obituary

On a sad note we say goodbye to Brenda Lancaster who died in February.

Brenda Lancaster was born and raised in Mapledurwell, living at what is now Jasmine Dean. She moved next door to Pemberton which she and Ernie had built when they married. She was a good cook and worked at Chichester Girls' High School before returning to work at Smiths Aviation where she was in charge of the equipment that went with Sir Edmund Hillary on his first successful climb of Everest. She also worked at the local poultry farm where Hurdles and Nettlebed are now, and was cook at Basing School. She retired at 58.

Brenda much enjoyed walking in our local countryside and chatting with passers by. Her family were very important to her and she will be sorely missed by Ernie, their daughter Jacqueline and grandchildren. Our thoughts are with them in their great loss.

St Mary's Mapledurwell

St Mary's collections this month will go to 'The Corum Family' a charity which supports vulnerable adolescents.

Queens at Evensong The choir of Queens College Oxford will be singing at Choral Evensong at St Mary's on Sunday 18th May at 6pm.

PCC Election We extend a very warm welcome to Russell Price as our newly elected Churchwarden. He replaces Robin Stevens who has done really sterling work over the last eight years, for which we thank him very much.

Parish Council News

Local elections will be on the 1st May for Parish and Borough Councillors.

David Hooper, our current Parish Council Chairman, is retiring. The rest of the Parish

Council is standing for this election plus Diana Coate-Bond and Nigel Harold. As Nigel is not as well known as the others please see the following from him...

'I have lived in Mapledurwell for most of my life having moved here when I was only four years' old. I therefore have experience of life in the village as a child and an adult and can empathise with villagers of all ages.

Having attended the infant and junior schools at Old Basing and then Robert Mays and Queen Mary's college, I graduated from City University with a First Class Honours degree in economics and currently work at the London Stock Exchange. I feel with my background of village life and my experience in city business, I bring a unique and refreshing outlook to issues that affect the day-to-day life of our beautiful villages.'

The Annual Parish Meeting is on the 21st May at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Next Meeting of the Parish Council The newly elected parish councillors will meet on the 7th May.

Newnham & Nately Scores

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Village News

Breast Cancer Care charity walk

Becky Brookes from Applecombe Cottage, Newnham Rd, Newnham, will be walking 20 miles on the 31st May at Blenheim Palace to raise money for the Breast Cancer Care charity (<http://events.breastcancercare.org.uk/server/show/nav.81>).

To sponsor Becky please go online at <http://www.justgiving.com/bexterbrookes> phone 764498, or drop any sponsor money to her directly at home. She has a sponsorship form that can be filled out. Many thanks to those of you who have already sponsored her.

St Swithun's Nately Scores

The Friends of St Swithun's invite you to a **Beetle drive** on Saturday 31st May at 7pm in Greywell Village Hall. It will be a fun evening for all the family. If you have never experienced a Beetle drive before, don't miss your chance now. Tickets are just £5 each, which includes light refreshments in the interval. Tickets from Barbara Kimber 762 074. An evening not to be missed.

Clubroom

Newnham Open Gardens Sunday 15th June 2-5pm. At present we have possibly seven gardens prepared to open. June and Peter James have kindly offered to have the teas and plant stall in their garden. We would be very grateful to have offers of

cakes for the teas, and plants for the stall. Please contact Rosemary Richardson/Chris Broughton 762369/762490.

Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly of 22nd April began with refreshments provided by the Clubroom committee – grateful thanks to them – and the opportunity for informal discussion. Information stands were provided by Odiham Cottage Hospital, the Borough Council on Parish Plans and PC Andy Reid. For one of PC Reid's home security information packs, contact Sue Turner, 761 606.

The chairman thanked all who attended: 24 Parishioners, Parish Council, plus guests: County Cllr Elaine Still; Borough Cllrs Stephen Marks, Sven Godesen; June Balcombe from the Borough Council, and PC Andy Reid.

The chairman gave particular thanks to outgoing Parish Councillors Adam Rendall and Jenny Gibbons for their hard work and service to the Parish over many years; he welcomed Sue Mann and Sheyne Bauermeister who will join the council from 1st May.

Copies of the Annual Report for 2007/08 had been distributed to all homes in the parish in early April and included a review of the year, provisional accounts for 2007/08 and the budget for 2008/09.

PC Reid reported on the traffic accident and crime statistics for Newnham and Nately Scures; most of the non-traffic incidents had occurred at the Country Hotel. The Assembly thanked PC Reid for his continued and valued presence in the Parish.

Parish Plan June Balcombe, the Borough Council's Community Development Manager, explained the benefits to a community of a Parish Plan and what is required. Although initiated by a parish council, a Parish Plan is carried out over a period of up to three years by a team of local residents, and focuses on what is good in the parish and needs to be retained, what needs to be changed, and how change can be managed for the future.

Communities who have completed the process report a big increase in community spirit and activities. It was agreed to arrange a half day workshop on a Saturday afternoon to explore the possibility.

Councillors reported on key issues affecting Newnham at County and Borough level. County Cllr Elaine Still said that finally Newnham was to have a 30mph speed limit to be implemented this summer or early autumn. Cllr Still has a small discretionary budget for projects in her division.

Borough Cllr Sven Godesen expressed his concern at the level of development, level of traffic and speed of traffic. He explained the significance of the Local Plan which sets Borough Council policy for housing – location, type and density – which can take place over a five-year period and which, once set, there is no mechanism for changing.

He said Newnham could not be completely insulated from the effects of an ill-thought

out Local Plan. It is very important that parish councils and individuals actively participate in consultation on the new Local Plan which will come into being in 2011.

Borough Cllr Stephen Marks endorsed the comments made by Cllr Godesen. He said the Development Control Committee was restricted by its inability to argue against the Local Plan. He added that Newnham Parish Council had a history of good communication with Borough Councillors.

He said that tackling Climate Change was the big issue; its ramifications were inescapable. He urged everyone to recycle as much as possible. He also asked that Parishioners please contact Borough Councillors with comments or for advice.

Questions from the Floor 'What powers has Hampshire County Council to decide how many houses are built in Hampshire?' Collective answers from Councillors indicated that although the County Council has representatives on various Government Agencies, in its own right it has limited powers. The Borough Council has to comply with Government targets; central Government would otherwise take over planning procedure and enforce.

'It seems that the Borough Council focus is on economic growth. Is there anything we can do to help redress the balance between the demands of growth and the natural environment?' The answer emerging from discussion was that the threat to the chalk-fed rivers Lyde, Loddon (and Whitewater) posed by the unsustainable demands for increased water usage and sewage disposal could be the major factor limiting future development and needs to be more widely recognised. The Parish Council has been very forthright in promoting this view.

Clubroom's Future The chairman of the Assembly said the Clubroom Committee had been trying for over two years to recruit a chairman and also urgently needed a fund raising co-ordinator. If funds to demolish and rebuild are not raised over the next three years, then the building will have to close because it will not be serviceable. Alternatives have been suggested, such as use of one of the churches, but neither has running water, toilets, kitchens, or adequate parking.

The Parish Council has been investigating the feasibility of selling the current site to a developer and using the funds to purchase a low value 'exception site' (ie agricultural land approved for affordable housing) elsewhere in the parish. Such a site could include a new Village Hall and a small affordable rural housing scheme of four to six homes. The Borough Council's initial response was not positive but discussions are ongoing.

However if the community cannot raise necessary funds by some means to demolish and rebuild, then perhaps the only viable alternative would be to offer the site to a Rural Housing Trust for them to demolish the Clubroom and put an affordable shared ownership rural housing scheme on the site.

Clubroom Committee Report The Clubroom Committee chairman said that the previous year had been one of successes and disappointments. Thanks to all those who joined in organising the very successful tennis tournament and open gardens, raising approximately £2,000; the deposit account now held £32,000. Otherwise the Clubroom had little use, a reflection of the state of the building. Obtaining planning permission was a great success, with thanks to Nigel Downes and the Parish Council, but the following day brought news that the Lottery bid was unsuccessful. The task was now much harder because multiple small grants must be sought, too time consuming for a small committee without a chair or fundraising manager. It would be down to us if the Clubroom had to close after 60 years.

Footpaths With the exception of FP 4 (from A30 to Barracks) all paths are usable. Some works have been undertaken during the last two years by HCC Countryside Services which have improved accessibility. On FP 717 there are three new bridges over drainage ditches and additional signage through Hang Wood. Lack of regular use is causing paths to become overgrown and some routes difficult to define. If walkers see anything that needs reporting, please contact the footpaths officer, Nigel Downes, on 762 376, a-downes@waitrose.com.

Finance 2009/10 The Assembly agreed to maintaining the current level of financial support to the Villager, Clubroom, Odiham Cottage Hospital and small donations to the Cricket Club and Poppy Appeal. It also agreed to increase expenditure on the maintenance of Newnham Green to remove grass cuttings after mowing, and to give a donation to St Michael's Hospice.

Final Points Raised

Phone Box The Assembly decided that BT should be asked to remove the telephone box from Newnham Green.

Newnham Green Ponds would benefit from maintenance. It was agreed to organise a working party in June when the newts have left. The willow will also be removed.

Traffic Calming Once the 30mph is established in Newnham, will then see if further traffic calming measures are necessary.

Nursing Home Work must start on the nursing home in Crown Lane by mid Feb 2009. No planning application has been put forward for the suggested sheltered housing on the Hook side of the lane to Owen's Farm.

Parish Council News

Elections The Borough Council received six nominations for the six vacancies on the Parish Council so all candidates will be elected unopposed on 1st May. Please remember to vote for District Councillors.

Next Meeting of the Parish Council AGM, Monday 12th May (change of date from Tuesday 13th) 8pm, Clubroom.

Continued overleaf..

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Dear Friends

What a difference to life the clock change brings. I love coming home in the light, everything now seems right; I can face the next few months with a lighter heart!

There are two important festivals to celebrate this month. The first is the Ascension of our Lord. This event represents the passing of our Lord into Heaven, witnessed by the Apostles. Traditionally this took place from the Mount of Olives, just outside Jerusalem.

The Ascension marks the close of Jesus' post resurrection appearances as well as his exaltation into heaven. Theologically it is significant because it takes Jesus' humanity into heaven also, and so joins us with heaven. We celebrate the Ascension 40 days after Easter day, this year it falls on 1st May.

The second great festival this month is Pentecost on May 11th. The word is Greek and means fiftieth day; the number of days following Easter Day. This is the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. In early times the expression Pentecost was used for the whole of the period between Easter and the day of Pentecost, or Whitsunday. It was also known as Pascal time.

So how should we describe the Holy Spirit, which is described as coming down upon the heads of the Apostles at Pentecost with a rushing mighty wind? At this point we can get tied up in theological expressions so let's keep it straightforward and say it is the Spirit of God which God sent to us to give us support in our faith, to bring us closer to him and give us continuous knowledge of his immediate presence, always.

We also understand the Holy Spirit to be seen as the instrument through which we obtain intellectual capacity and understanding of God, so as to better understand his ways, his wisdom and his purpose. His Spirit is with us to inspire us and to lead us, so we are able to reach a point nearer to that which God always intended for us, but which without him we would never get near.

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God, full of love for us, full of compassion and of understanding of us and for us; all of the qualities to which we should aspire. What a wonderful time of the year!

*Wishing you God's peace and blessing
Your Parish Priest, Michael Jaggs*

Greywell

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Village News

Homecoming Greywell village is happy to welcome Tony Maunder back home after five months in hospital. Tony has been much missed and we are all delighted to have him back. He has asked that the following message to his fellow Greywellers be included in the *Villager*.

'At last I am back home; it seems an eternity since I had that fall in Southampton. Alas the operations went wrong but that is all behind us now. Mary and I look forward to a real life again.

'Throughout these months we have been indebted to villagers and others for their unstinting support which made a tragic situation bearable for us. Not least was the transport so willingly provided, enabling Mary to visit me. This was no small task considering it was a 60 mile round trip. We always knew Greywell was special; never more so than over this. With grateful thanks. Here's hoping to see you when you can spare the time.' Tony Maunder.

Mary would also like to express her gratitude for all the help and encouragement as well as the lifts, gifts and kindnesses she and Tony have received.

Annual Parish Assembly All residents of Greywell are warmly invited to attend on Tuesday 20th May, 7.30, with refreshments from 7pm. There will be a chance to question Parish Councillors and find out what has happened at County, District and Parish level over the last year.

Obituary

Elsie Brown Today only a few residents of Greywell may remember Elsie Brown but for those who do she is unforgettable. A determined, kindly forceful figure she was our District Nurse for many years. She helped to bring the district babies into the world and looked after them when they were new. She stood no nonsense but was always ready to help out in any difficulty. Although she grew up in North Warnborough she lived in Cedar

Cottage all her married life, and only left to live in Palace Gate Odiham after her husband died. She was an active Christian and a staunch supporter of Vine Church in Odiham. Elsie died on March 12th.

Village Hall

May 9th Whitewater Movies presents *Casino Royale*. Doors open at 7.30; film starts at 8pm. Guests welcome £5.

Parish Council News

New Parish Councillor We are delighted to welcome Sue Braine onto the Parish Council. Sue has previous experience as she was Parish Clerk in Tunworth before moving to Greywell. Sue will replace Caroline Rodbourne who moved from the village in November last year.

District Council Elections will be held on May 1st. There are two candidates standing, John Kennett (Conservative) and Roger Carter (Liberal Democrat).

Police Update

On Monday April 7th at about 4.30pm, a 45-50 year-old man, short, about 5ft 4ins, with short greying hair and a long dark grey mackintosh, possibly in a small white van, called at the Southrope Green bungalows, Herriard, asking the occupants if they had any jewellery, coins, antiques etc for sale. He entered one without being invited and examined ornaments on shelves and even in the owner's bedroom.

Did anyone in the Herriard area that day see this man, or a white van which was parked in the British Legion car park? Did he call at your house that day, or before, as we are aware he was in this area before Christmas? Please call me or call crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555111. If you have concerns about home security please give me a call and I will come around and offer advice.

I am pleased to report that, over two days in April, 18 men, most from Surrey and Slough, have been caught poaching in the Basingstoke rural area and now face prosecution; some were in a stolen car!

Andrew Reid, Local Constable
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Mobile Library Service

Newnham	Village Green	10.30 - 10.45
	Thursday	May 8th, 22nd; June 5th, 19th
	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
	Friday	May 2nd, 16th, 30th; June 13th, 22nd
	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
	Tuesday	May 13th; June 10th
	Contact South Ham Library (465 102) HLL 2 Route 14	
	www.hants.gov.uk/library	

May Fair at Loseley Park

The North Hampshire Committee of Action Medical Research invites you to their annual May Fair at Loseley Park near Guildford GU3 1HS on **Wednesday 14th May 10am-4pm and Thursday 15th May 9.30am-3.30pm**.

There will be 75 stalls selling fabulous clothes and accessories, gorgeous jewellery, wonderful plants, great gifts, delicious food and much much more. Ten per cent of all you spend with the stalls goes to Action Medical Research, so do come, bring your friends and have a great day out. Tea, coffee and light lunches with wine will be available. Entrance is £5 and there is ample parking. For further information and a list of stalls, please visit www.action.org.uk/mayfair.