

The Villager



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

18 AUGUST 1940 CROWN LANE, NATELY SCURES

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On the morning of 18 August 1940 a detachment of soldiers from the 48th Section, 6th Bomb Disposal Company Royal Engineers, arrived at Hook station. Two bombs had been dropped near to the railway by Crown Lane towards Water End.

One didn't explode and had to be defused quickly as it was a threat to the main line and holding up trains. But it had embedded itself deep in the ground. Due to the amount of time that had passed since the bomb came down the engineers knew they were in danger.

As they were digging down, the bomb exploded, killing the six soldiers. Their NCO, Lance Sergeant Button, was thrown through the air by the blast, but survived. He was later awarded the George Cross.

Dennis Gary, who lived all his life in Nately Scures, recalled....

'The planes were on their way back from a raid over Coventry. One bomb exploded immediately. As my family lived in 2 Crown Cottages on Crown Lane and my granddad next door at No 1 we suffered a lot of damage to our homes. I remember a great six foot girder through my granddad's roof and the bedroom ceilings were down – and not repaired until after the war because of the lack of materials.

'The second bomb didn't explode immediately and the soldiers from the Royal Engineers came to defuse it on the Sunday morning. Sadly, as we know, they were unable to do so quickly enough and six of them were killed in the blast. My brother Norman and I were playing cricket in

the garden when it happened and we can both still remember the awful shower of body parts that fell all around the area, in our garden, in the churchyard of St Swithun's and all around. It was terrible. My mum sent me running up to St John's Cottages to call the Air Raid Warden and soon they were gathering up all these body parts in blue bags, loading them into ambulances and they took them to the church at first.

'Those brave men may now be remembered on a plaque in St Nicholas', and at Hook Station, but it was in Nately Scures that they spent their last living moments, trying to keep us safe.'

The following was related by a daughter of the signal man:

'I was 11 years old at the time and with my sister had been sent up to where the Bomb Disposal Section were working, to give them some sandwiches and tea. As we got to a safe distance our dad stopped us and said they were working and he would pass on the food to them. We talked to dad and then turned to go home. As we got a bit away there was an explosion. We returned to our dad and found the Section had been killed.'

All six men were later interred at the Aldershot Military Cemetery.

2007432 Driver Fred Gaved 22yrs
2003661 Sapper Arthur Hill 20yrs
1892327 Sapper Ralph R E Moxon 23yrs
2003625 Sapper Douglas A Vince 23yrs
2004308 Sapper Fred D Warner 23yrs
2005088 Sapper Arthur White 23yrs.

There is a small memorial by the railway bridge on Crown Lane.

ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM REMEMBRANCE

It is Newnham's turn this year to hold the Remembrance Service for the United Parish which will be at 10.50am on Sunday 12 November. The service will be followed by mulled ale and mince pies.

MIGRATIONS

Harvest and the season of mellow fruitfulness are past, but on days when it is sunny and the ambient temperature approaching 14°C there still may be red admirals on rotting fallen fruit. Some of these may migrate south others will hibernate in outbuildings.

If we get a spell of really cold weather this month, especially if it has been wintry on the Continent, flocks of redwings and fieldfares, often mixed, may reach us (or we may have to wait until Christmas).

Both species are thrushes:

redwings are the size of song thrushes but have a very distinctive red area under their wings and on their flanks, but they also have very clear almost white stripes above their eyes.

Fieldfares, which many decades ago were locally called 'felfers', are about the size of blackbirds: they have a distinguishing 'chak, chak, chak' call note often uttered when flying overhead; on the ground their grey crown and nape, and grey rump are distinctive. Both species may visit our lawns in search of worms but they are more commonly seen on open fields and frequently eating the hawthorn berries in hedgerows. NB



Greywell Hill Estate **LOGS**

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Reporting Highways problems on the County Council website

Problems on the roads (Hampshire Highways)

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

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

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

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

Problems with rights of way (Hampshire Countryside Services)

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

Mapledurwell & Up Nately



Christmas Games Night!

Mapledurwell and Up Nately Village Hall Team invites you to start your festive fun to include

Bingo, quizzes, games, music, best dressed table, silly and outlandish prizes!

Do come and support our Village Hall on Friday, 01 December at 7.30pm

Tickets £15 per person

To include Christmas Cocktail, Snacks (cheese, meats, sausage rolls and more! Mince Pies & Ice Cream; Wine/Beer Cash Bar

Teams of Four

Pre booking needed so we can cater. If you would like to take part please let Heather Ramsdale know on 07552 506898 or by email on ramsdaleheather21@gmail.com

All proceeds to go to charity...
Crisis at Christmas, Shelter and The Samaritans



COLIN HENRY STUBBS

Together with our extended family I would like to show our enormous appreciation for all the wonderful support we have received following the death of Colin. We could never have expected such kindness, support and love, and St Mary's Church was absolutely filled to capacity for Colin's Service of Thanksgiving. And it is with such pleasure that we have received donations for £500 in Colin's memory which has been given to Cancer Research UK and Mencap.

Thank you Patricia.

UP NATELY VILLAGE

COFFEE MORNING

Come for a chat, meet your neighbours young and not so young, coffee/tea/water at Twinerose Cottage on Friday 03 November, 10-12.

For more information or for directions call Karen 07799 571469

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Wednesday 22 November, 7pm
Village Hall meeting room.

Please join the November Parish Council meeting if you are interested in a presentation and discussions on the Local Plan Update with Council Leader Cllr Paul Harvey, and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, Cllr Andy Konieczko.

FIRST AGENDA ITEM

BDBC Local Plan Update, next steps

'BDBC has kick-started the Local Plan Update process and we would like to update Parish & Town Councils on the current position and let you know how you can be involved. As a key stakeholder in the local area, we want to meet and hear your views on how we intend to proceed.'

BASINGSTOKE & DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BDBC PRIDE IN PLACE FUND is part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, a central pillar of the Government's Levelling Up agenda. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances, investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills.

Community and voluntary not-for-profit organisations and groups can apply for up to £25K for revenue and capital projects that will help enhance quality of life and improve the living environment of residents.

Project will need to achieve clear social and economic benefits for residents and address a clearly evidenced community need. For more information see www.basingstoke.gov.uk/pride-in-place-fund

Prospective applicants will need to discuss their project ideas with the funding team before applying. Email ukspf@basingstoke.gov.uk to arrange a conversation. The fund is open for applications to 19 November.

BDBC'S GREEN TEAM has been set up to provide free advice on saving money and cutting carbon, travelling more sustainably, making gardens a haven for wildlife, and reducing waste by reusing and recycling more.

From the Green Team ...

We 'looking to meet with residents, to see how we can help with a range of things including energy bills and home upgrades, help to go greener and to answer any queries about living more sustainably. **If you have any upcoming events, or other groups, clubs or individuals in the parish who would be interested in speaking to the Green Team, then please do get in touch.**

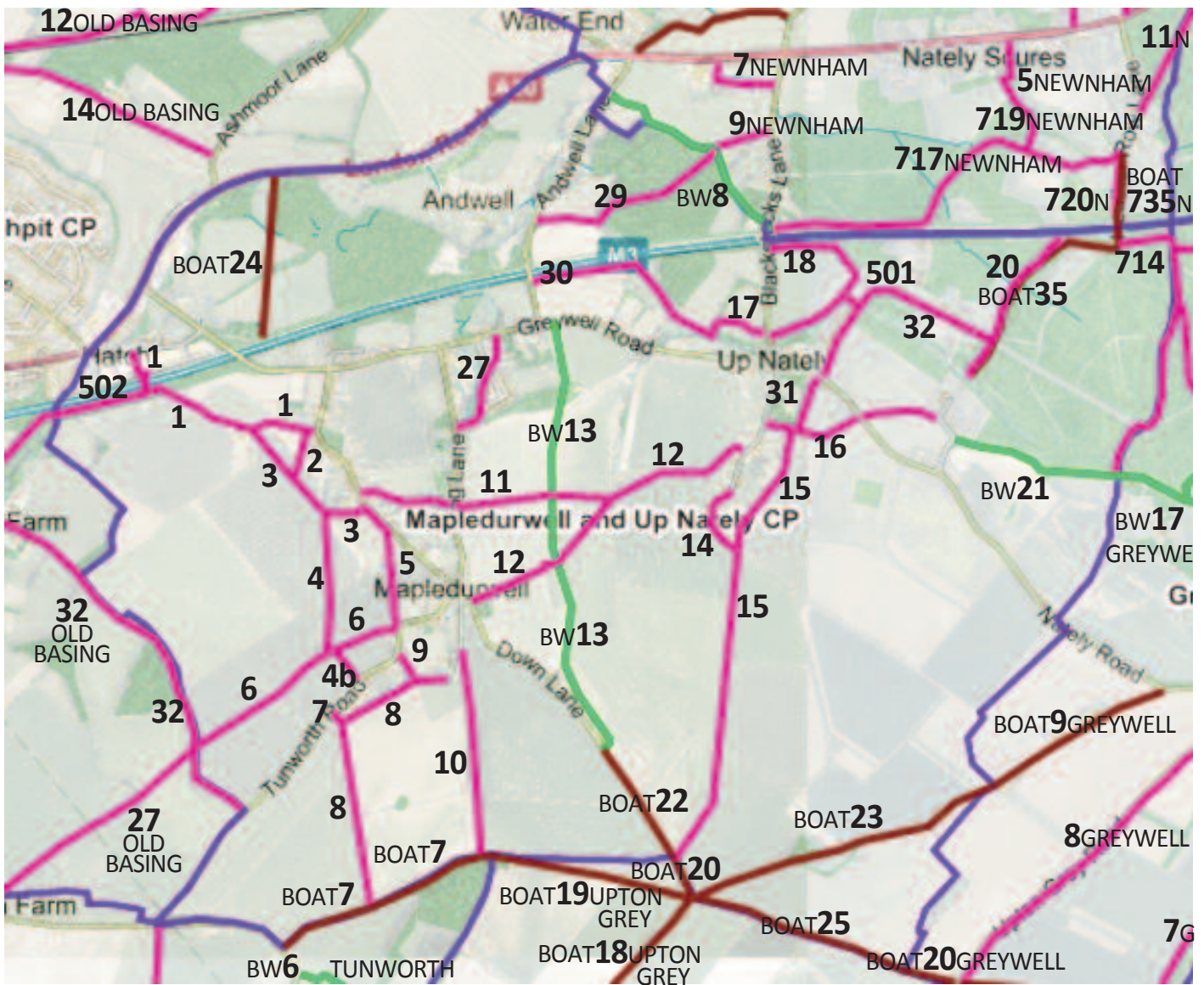
Email Greenteam@basingstoke.gov.uk tel 01256 845439

ST MARY'S MAPLEDURWELL

The small Flower Team is looking for more supporters

If you have flower arranging skills or would like to learn and have some time to support the fortnightly services at St Mary's on a rota or *ad hoc* basis, please reach out to the church warden via

jules@cresswood.net



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

[23/02653/FUL](#) (Validated 23 Oct) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Erection of 1no four-bed house with associated garage, car parking driveway and stable building.

[23/02589/HSE](#) (Validated 17 Oct) Old Church Cottage, St Mary's Church Road, M/durwell. Demolition of a chimney; a replacement dormer window on the East elevation, erection of a dormer window on the West elevation, replacement ground floor window and bi-folding doors, and proposed juliet balcony on South elevation.

[23/02518/LBC](#) (Validated 09 Oct) WAT Stacy And Partners, Priory Farm, Andwell. Consent following unauthorised demolition of listed building due to fire damage.

[23/02103/FUL](#) (Validated 18 August) Land Adjacent To Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of residential dwelling & garage.

[23/01951/HSE](#) (Validated 02 August) Arlings, Tunworth Road. Erection of replacement garage outbuilding (including workshop and storage space). Further application following refusal of [22/03317/HSE](#) on 30 May 2023.

[23/01236/FUL](#) (Pending 15 May) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable), Andwell Lane. Three new dwellings and landscaping.

[23/01042/FUL](#) (Pending 18 May) WAT Stacy and Partners. Priory Farm, Andwell. Demolition of two storage buildings/structures and erection of two new barns.

[23/00962/TDC](#) (Pending 10 May) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Technical Details Consent relating to the design, access, landscape, services and scale of the barn in accordance with Permission in Principle ref 20/00009/PIP for conversion of agricultural building to 1no dwelling.

[22/02416/FUL](#) (Granted 12 Oct, ref Development Control committee meeting of 11 Oct) Riverview House, London Road. Additional floor and a three storey rear extension to provide nine additional one-bedroom flats. [Total 17 x one-bed flats.]





[22/02210/RET](#) (Pending, 05 August 2022) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 31/08/2032.

PLANNING APPEALS

[23/00055/REF](#) (Received 01 Sept) **APPEAL LODGED** The Gamekeepers. Hardstanding for access to the cesspit, for deliveries and for additional parking; plus lighting.

[23/00045/REF & 46/REF](#) (Received 24 & 26 July) **APPEALS LODGED** Blaegrove Cottage, Blaegrove Lane. Single storey rear extension including excavation works to rear garden and erection of a new retaining wall.

KEY: PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

-  BOAT – Byway open to all traffic
-  Bridleway (BW)
-  Public Footpath
-  Parish Boundary

APP/H1705/W/23/3321916 APPEAL IN PROGRESS BDBC Ref 23/00027/REF (Start date 24 October, comments to Planning Inspectorate by 28 November) Land Adjacent To Blaegrove House, Blaegrove Lane. Permission in Principle for 1 no. dwelling.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

[T/00402/23/TCA](#) (Approved 26 Oct) Glebe Cottage, Tunworth Road. Black Poplar (T1) Reduce crown by c5m and lateral spread by c3m. Finished dimensions of approx 14m by 6m. Ash (T2) Reduce crown by c3.5m and lateral spread by c2m. Finished dimensions of c8.5m by 5m. Red Cedar (T3) Reduce crown by c3m to finished height c9m.

THE JUBILEE CHOIR 'MAGNIFICAT'
Sunday 19 November 6.30pm
All Saints' Odiham

Tickets £15, free for under 18s from www.jubileechoir.com, Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 01256 701947.

Newnham & Nately Scares

NOTES FROM OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Public session Following the Local Plan Update discussion (as reported in the October *Villager*) the Chairman introduced Debbie Veal, the new curate for the Parish. Debbie will be involved with the day-to-day life of St Nicholas' and St Swithun's.

The Parish Council agreed in principle in favour of joint community projects, events, with some budget to allocate. Appreciation expressed for the recent Clubroom book sale initiative

Planning applications of note

23/01904/FUL Beehive Farm, Tylney Lane, Rotherwick (Hart District Council). Demolition of dwelling and associated buildings and erection of a detached dwelling, together with associated works.

Tylney Lane residents attended the meeting re concerns over access and construction access. The Parish Council will submit a detailed response to Hart's consultation.

Festival Licensing application

(Old Basing) 23/01138/PREMN Notification of New Premise Licence application – Neverland Event (annual event from Summer 2024).

Statutory Consultees for Licensing applications include Local Authority Licensing, Environmental Health, Public Health; Ambulance Service, Hants Fire and Rescue, Hants Highways, Hants Constabulary (Licensing & Strategic Planning).

However everyone can respond to a Licensing Application in relation to the four 'licensing objectives': Prevention of crime and disorder – Public safety – Prevention of public nuisance – Protection of children from harm.

Agreed to respond in line with concerns of Old Basing Parish Council regarding access, traffic and public nuisance.

MOTO update J6 Local Parishes are united in opposing this application. Further consultation response submitted from Newnham PC.

Local Plan Update BDBC's Economic Planning and Housing Committee (EPH) meeting of 07 September discussed the Local Plan Update Spatial Strategy document (the Draft document as put on hold last year). The meeting heard a number of speakers, Newnham Parish Council submitted comments via email to EPH Councilors copied to Ward Councillors. Discussion on individual sites carried over to meeting of 28 September (available to view on YouTube).

Local Plan-making reforms – government consultation noted.

Water End – Andwell bus shelter Second round application submitted; awaiting Water End survey results.

Water End report on new Trade Directory compiled on behalf of Water End Park residents, kindly produced, printed and donated by resident Cost of Living Allowance information continues to be circulated via the Park *Newsletter*, and continuing assistance offered to residents re making claims.

Newnham Green Pond Hampshire & Isle of White Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG) recent volunteer working groups at the main pond. Managing the *Crassula* is an uphill struggle but positive reports from the team re biodiversity. Local volunteer help greatly appreciated, please contact su.newnham@btinternet.com.

QGC Tree – *Malus sylvestris* (native crab apple) on order plus plaque and tree guard. Thanks to funding from Ward Councillor Community Grant.

Green mowing To record thanks to Manor Farm for their contribution to mowing and strimming the Green.

The wildflower triangle by pond to be cut and collected asap; additional work and plug planting to follow.

Audit 2022/23 Conclusion of audit notice received from BDO LLP.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 04 December, 7pm, Clubroom.
Everyone welcome

ROWAN LODGE AN APPRECIATION

A friend of mine living locally, whose elderly aunt needed somewhere to stay as her mental and physical strength deteriorated, learnt about Rowan Lodge. His aunt was an early resident but sadly died recently. He has written his reflections of her time there for me to share. NB

'It is difficult to express adequately my family's gratefulness for the loving, professional care and attention the staff at Rowan Lodge gave my aunt during her final 18 months. The nursing and care during her final two weeks was beautiful and tender. And earlier the activity team had contributed enormously to the sense of fun and purpose both for her and for the other residents.'

'There is always such a happy atmosphere at Rowan Lodge, and the staff are so welcoming to visitors, which added to the pleasure of my regular visits to see my aunt.'

The *Villager* records with great sadness the death of Lady Sara Allenby on the 14 October 2023. Our thoughts are with her family; their grief is shared by all Sara's friends and neighbours.

An obituary will be published in the December *Villager*.

ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM

REMEMBRANCE

It is Newnham's turn this year to hold the Remembrance Service for the United Parish, to be held on Sunday 12 November, 10.50am.

CAROL SERVICE

The Newnham Christmas Carol Service is on Saturday 16 December at 4pm at St Nicholas'.

The service will be followed by mulled ale and mince pies.

NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



October winners are

£100 – June James (22)

£50 – Christopher Symons (69)

£25 – Bridget Bell (1)

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Tatjana Marsden for drawing the numbers. Carolyn Bell



CLUBROOM HIRE

For availability please see <https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/>
To book tel 07802 972722 or email bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk
Wifi available.



NEWNHAM NOVELS'

NEXT BOOK SALE on Saturday 11 November

Bring with you books you have read and are happy to donate, and / or buy others for 50p. Hundreds to choose from.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our book sale with teas, coffees on 30 September when £42 was raised.

Proceeds towards Clubroom maintenance
Charity number: 114212

Dennis Shefford

06 February 1942 to 13 July 2023

Dennis and his wife Marlene lived at Tally-Ho, Newnham Road, for c 50 years. They brought up three sons in Newnham, who recall playing on the Green with other village children in summer until dark.



Dennis worked as a shop fitter and was a carpenter by trade (his father a gardener).

In the early 1990s then Church Warden Nigel Bell asked Dennis to make a noticeboard for the church, which he did with great care and it remains today fixed to St Nicholas' church tower door.

Dennis sadly lost Marlene in 2021 and lived alone for the two years since then. His funeral was held at Worthing Road Cemetery on 18 August.



Autumn litter pick Thanks from Alan Richmond to all who defied Saturday's weather, and to all those who came out when the rain had stopped.

Alan is now officially handing over the 'picker' to the new Chief Womble... Ian Smith



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02220/FUL (Validated 22 Sept) Access Road, The Barracks. Resurfacing gravelled section of the existing access road.

23/02203/TDC (Validated 26 September) Land At The Barracks. Application for Technical Details Consent for the erection of four new homes in accordance with Permission in Principle 23/00347/PIP.

23/01983/HSE (Validated 14 August) Chapel House, Newnham Road. New garage; refurbishment and internal alterations to the existing chapel building, and associated landscaping.

23/01683/FUL (Granted 26 Oct, ref Development Control committee of 25 Oct) Land South of Western Railways Track OS Ref 470352 153572, Crown Lane. Trackside wifi installation: 6m high street pole and ancillary works.

23/00835/FUL (Pending 31 March) Land adjacent to Mulberry House, Scures Hill. A two-storey detached house with integral garage and loft rooms. New access gates from existing shared private road with new driveway, fencing and landscaping.

22/02097/FUL (Pending 09 Sept 2022) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. New detached house, garage and access.

ROTHERWICK APPLICATION

23/01904/FUL (Validated 22 September) Beehive Farm, Tylney Lane. Demolition of existing dwelling and associated buildings and erection of a detached dwelling with associated works. All responses to Hart Council planningadmin@hart.gov.uk

For much review and discussion...
The Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill
received Royal Assent on 26 October...



RURAL CRIME ROUND TABLE WITH DONNA JONES

On 17 October, representatives from Newnham Parish attended a Rural Crime Round Table meeting with Donna Jones the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner. This meeting followed several that have taken place since Donna took up office just over two years ago. The event was organised and chaired by the Oakley & Candovers County Councillor Juliet Henderson.

Despite this being 'out of District', Newnham Parish was well represented and those who spoke conveyed their frustration at current Policing arrangements for Newnham Parish. Newnham, Nately Scures and Water End (and Mapledurwell & Up Nately) are considered to be within Basingstoke East policing area rather than as part of the Basingstoke Rural South as previously policed by PC Andy Reid.

There is strong feeling in Newnham that our Parish is targeted by criminals perhaps more than some others, and the reaction of the Police has in some cases been lacking. These feelings were conveyed in the meeting. Newnham does not have routine or visible policing coverage suited to a rural area. Town centre style policing doesn't extend as far as Newnham and when police are called it may well be PCSO Andy Jones from Rural South who attends.

Donna Jones was sympathetic to our cause, conveying her intention to engage and to try to improve matters. A first goal would be for a reorganisation of Policing Area boundaries to include Newnham (and Mapledurwell & Up Nately) within Basingstoke Rural South and so covered by the rural policing team.

Donna Jones has provided for (by increasing the Police precept) additional officers and equipment for Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary. For Basingstoke Rural South this includes one more dedicated officer, plus additional shared resources in terms of 4x4s, dirt bikes, and drone teams. Training is ongoing and operation teams with this new equipment should be deployed in December.

Donna also explained the role of Police & Crime Commissioner which includes appointing the Chief Constable; in February of this year she appointed Scott Chilton as Hampshire's new Chief Constable. Under his leadership Hants Police are changing their operating model – away from functional silos and back to a more traditional geographical model. As part of this change they are reintroducing area cars to reinforce the neighbourhood policing teams.

Two other priorities set by Donna Jones for the Chief Constable are improving the 101 system and reopening more Police Station front desks to allow people to report crime and interact with the police face to face.

A further round table event with Donna Jones will be hosted in the Spring. I encourage your attendance at this event.

Paul Gaskell, Parish Council Chairman

Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'

www.united-parish.org.uk
https://www.moretolife.church



November sees the start of the 16 days of activism for gender-based violence. This year Winchester Cathedral have offered Mothers' Union a chalet at their Christmas Market for a day to raise awareness of this issue.

Members around the diocese will be helping out during the day at the chalet on Wednesday 29th November. If you are interested in helping us with this campaign, please let me know.

Mothers' Union has recently launched a new "Rise Up" campaign to tackle the problem of domestic violence. The letters in "Rise Up" stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. The statistics about Domestic Abuse are shocking with an estimated 1.6 million women in this country experiencing domestic abuse every year. One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood. Domestic abuse affects people throughout society and at every stage of life. We must do everything we can to support and protect those who are vulnerable.

Our next branch meeting is on Monday 6th November at 7.30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre. If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch please contact Sue Murphy on 01252 845011 or sue@the-murphys.me.uk.

CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER INTO DECEMBER

Sunday 05 November 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship

Sunday 12 November 10.50am St Nicholas' Newnham
United Parish Remembrance Service

Sunday 19 November 9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service
11am St Swithun's Nately Scares, BCP Matins

Sunday 26 November 10.am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion
11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship

Sunday 03 December 9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion
11am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion



From the Ministry Team

I always appreciate the changing of the seasons. As the colours change, as the leaves disappear and regrow, as new

animals, birds and plant life appears, there is always something new to enjoy. Those days where you start wrapped up in coats and scarves and end in t-shirts are sometimes unpredictable, but speak to the changes around us.

Sometimes though, this can feel a direct contrast to our own personal experience of the rest of life. It can feel like everything is changing but us. That the last few weeks and months have felt an awful lot like the ones preceding it. Perhaps we enjoy the consistency and stability, or maybe we find it frustrating or difficult.

I personally find myself feeling both comfort and disquiet. On the one hand, the familiarity of the rhythms and patterns of life create a predictability that you can rest in. However, as a natural-born fidgeter, I find myself looking for what might be new and different. And that's why I love the changes of the seasons.

Whatever we feel, wherever we are, whoever we are...the seasons will change. Summer dissolves into Autumn, wilting away into Winter before Spring again breaks forth into the heat of Summer once more. The cycle is both consistently dependable yet always new.

Perhaps, this can point us to something higher. Someone higher. We're told that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He

SARAH BARNES, LLM CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME

Congratulations to Sarah Barnes from Upton Grey who was licensed by the Bishop of Basingstoke on Saturday 14th October at Winchester Cathedral. Sarah is now authorised as a Licensed Lay Minister and holds the Bishop's permission to preach, lead services, conduct funerals and more.

LLMs combine authorised ministry on a Sunday with their regular work and are called on to share the good news of Jesus at work and in the parish.

Sarah joins our ever growing team of Clergy (8), LLMs (4), Youth Pastor, Pastoral Care Worker, and Administrative staff in the North Hampshire Downs Benefice.

Rev Simon Butler (Benefice Rector)

never changes, he is dependable, he is good and true. And yet his mercies are new every day, there is always something more to learn or experience.

I wonder if you'd like to reflect over this Autumn on the consistency and change of life. Perhaps carve out a little intentional time to dwell on life.

If you're feeling that things are a little chaotic and unpredictable, take it to the God who is dependable and constant. Allow him to provide the stability you need at this time.

But if you're feeling that too much is the same it's always been, perhaps ask God to speak of his plans and purposes, to show you that there is always something new in store for our everyday. Life with God is an exciting journey, and one I would invite everyone to explore.

The Revd Matt Bianchi (Mission Priest)

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OLD BASING LICENCING APPLICATION

DECISION NOTICE OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE AT Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on 24 October 2023 [23/01138/PREMN](#)

Application for New Premises Licence for Old Skool Neverland

(ATL Hospitality & Events Ltd) Festival at Fields between Riley Lane, Newnham Lane and Wildwood Farm, Off Newnham Lane, Old Basing

DECISION NOTICE *Extracts & summary*

The Licensing Sub-committee considered all evidence; listened to representations from the Applicant and Interested Parties, and also had regard to written representations.

The Sub-committee has decided to GRANT this application as applied for under S17 Licensing Act 2003, subject to an additional condition relating to a Traffic Management Plan. This decision is made in accordance with S18(4)(a)(i) & (ii) Licensing Act 2003.

REASONS

While the concerns of local residents were appreciated and heeded, in regard to the specific licensable activities applied for, the Sub-committee held the view that adequate steps had been taken to promote the four licensing objectives via submission of: an Event Management Plan, a Noise Management Plan, a Drugs Policy and a Vulnerable Person Policy.

The Applicant has engaged specialist companies and is willing to cooperate fully with the Responsible Authorities and the Parish Council. The Applicant has engaged professionals with regard to medical safety and fire safety; has engaged with the Police and has agreed conditions which promote the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder.

The Applicant has engaged with the Safety Advisory Group (SAG), has been responding to concerns and will continue to meet with this group in order to satisfy each Responsible Authority. The Applicant has also sought feedback from the Parish Council and local residents and intends to continue to hold dialogue with them.

The Applicant has experience of running comparable and larger events.

REPRESENTATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Licensing Team received 45 opposing representations and 12 emails in support. There were no opposing representations from the Responsible Authorities.

Residents' concerns mainly related to road safety and noise nuisance. Increased pressure on NHS and potential problems with ambulance response timing was also discussed.

All parties expressed serious concerns that the roads leading to the site were unsuitable and that there was no plan in place to deal with such large numbers of movements in and out of the site. Concerns were also raised about links to public transport and lack of proper planning.

The Applicant has employed d&b Solutions (professional stage and sound engineers) who have supplied the Noise Management Plan for the event. This includes monitoring sound levels throughout the event and providing a 'hotline' for residents to call if

they experience any problems.

Southern Medical Services will supply an on-site doctor, six paramedics, a first aid tent and an ambulance, and will liaise continuously with the NHS regarding emergency provision.

The Applicant's Event Management Plan, provides for a Traffic Management Plan to include entrance, egress, parking, traders' parking, event signage, a shuttle bus service and traffic stewards. However this plan has not yet been finalised.

The Sub-committee wishes to emphasise, having listened to the concerns of residents, that the handling of traffic is of paramount importance.

It requires by condition a robust and workable Traffic Management Plan to be approved by the SAG prior to the event taking place. Such a condition is considered relevant to the licensing objectives of the promotion of public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

As an advisory, it recommends a record of discussion at the Sub-committee meeting on traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, is taken into consideration at the SAG meeting. **SAG will not allow the event to proceed unless they are satisfied...**

Should future events not promote the licensing objectives, any party has the right to request a review of the licence should the threshold for a review be met.

As an advisory, the Sub Committee recommends that, should the Parish Council and Ward Councillors require this, the Applicant's representatives should attend a pre-event meeting with them to deal with any further concerns. After the event to attend a 'wash up' meeting to gain feedback with a view to minimising residents' concerns for the next planned event.

In arriving at this decision, the Sub-committee has had due regard to S182 Licensing Act 2003 Guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Licensable Activities Live and Recorded Music (outdoors); Sale of Alcohol for consumption on the premises

Licensable Activity Times – Annual weekend event the days between the months of May and September.

Live and recorded music – Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12 noon to 22.30; Sale of Alcohol for consumption on the premises – Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12 noon to 22.30.

Opening Hours of Premises Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12 noon to 22.30.

In considering the granting of a Licence, 'the Sub-committee can only take into account Licensing matters'.

All other issues relating to the 'four licensing objections' are dealt with via condition and referred to the Safety Advisory Group.

CONDITIONS

Mandatory Conditions will be imposed on the Licence which relate to sale of alcohol and security staff provisions as set out in Ss 19-21 Licensing Act 2003 and The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2014.

CONDITIONS AGREED BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE POLICE

(a) An incident book shall be maintained to record any activity of a violent, criminal or anti-social nature... retained for 12 months.

(b) A written log, checked, signed and dated of all refusals including refusals to sell alcohol... retained for 12 months.

Written policies to be implemented on (c) safeguarding, and (d) minimising drugs.

CONDITIONS OFFERED in Application Operating Schedule [brief summary]

General description of premises – Three-day annual weekend event (May to September starting 2024). Main event area with bars selling alcohol, musical entertainment, other event activities, car parking and camping.

General licensing objectives – Staff to oversee... all staff training records kept for minimum 12 months. Important information such as routes and event rules shall be included within the ticketing information.

Prevention of crime & disorder objective – Any criminal activity to be reported to the Police. SIA Security staff and stewards; CCTV coverage monitored from 24-hour Event Control Unit, retained for 31 days.

Public safety objective – Risk-assessed fire safety procedures incl fire extinguishers (foam, H2 & Co2), fire blankets, emergency lighting. All emergency exits clear at all times. A Traffic Management Plan to minimise impact on local environs and roads. A draft Event Safety Management Plan provided to Licensing Authority at least three months in advance.

Prevention of public nuisance objective – Noise monitoring checks... if nuisance is established, remedial actions shall be taken. A noise complaint phone number for local people to raise live complaints directly with event management. Clear signage to remind customers to leave quietly and be respectful of the neighbourhood.

Protection of children from harm – challenge 25 age verification policy. Details of staff training, incidents and refusals, and alcohol ID checks, kept for at least 12 months.

CONDITION IMPOSED BY SUB-COMMITTEE

A Traffic Management Plan to be submitted to the Licensing Authority and SAG. IF approved by SAG, to be implemented in full and for duration of event. To include access routes for public, setup and traders' vehicles; shuttle bus, emergency vehicles.