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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Simon Jenkins (Chair)

The Council

Uffington Parish Council has six councillors. They serve four year terms, with elections next due in 2019. The composition of the Parish Council is:

Mr Simon Jenkins (Chair)	Tel. 01367 820776
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Mrs Fenella Oberman	Tel. 01367 820230
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Clerk

Mrs Julia Evans Tel: 01235 833466

Councillors may be contacted on the above telephone numbers or by e-mail to: parishcouncil@uffington.net

The Council meets on the second Monday of the month in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings and raise any issues; we will make it easy for you by having an "open forum" session early in the meeting. The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and notice board at least three clear days before the meeting.

"What goes on in Uffington?" – 7th October

On Saturday 7th October Uffington Parish Council organised an event 'What Goes on in Uffington?' in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall. The original aim was to introduce the new occupants of the recently completed 'Jacksmeadow' housing development and other newcomers to the village to the many local voluntary organisations. In the end it became, as well, a very good way to spend a wet Saturday morning for many others in the village! 26 'newcomers' were registered as attending and 23 local groups, ranging from the Afternoon Club for older residents to the Toddler Group for the youngest, set up their stands to promote

their activities and to invite people to take part or participate in the running of the group. The WI provided delicious refreshments which all helped to make the event a very convivial as well as informative occasion which was well attended.

Crowds gather in the Hall



Save the Date – Jubilee Field Autumn Tidy

The Jubilee Field Autumn Tidy will be held on 28 / 29 October. Please assemble at the Village Hall at 10.00 am on Saturday 28 October, equipped with gardening tools.

Roadside hedges and ditches – Reminder

As autumn approaches, may we remind residents that it is the responsibility of owners of hedges and ditches bordering the highway to ensure that pavements and sight lines are not obscured by the growth of vegetation; this is a safety matter for pedestrians and vehicles. If the pavement or road is obscured by your tree or hedge and it is held to have caused / contributed to an accident, you may be held liable. Please cut it back to the indicated edge of the road, up to the height of a standard lorry; this is usually clear, but if you are unsure please contact the Parish Council.

Ditch clearance It is essential that the ditches around the village run freely.

If you need some assistance in clearing ditches which are your responsibility, please contact the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

The Parish Council would like to thank the small group of residents who assist with maintenance work around the village, in areas which are the responsibility of the Parish Council; much essential work has been done during the summer to keep tidy the verges and various other areas of grass. If you would like to join this group, please get in touch with the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

Parking on Broad Street by the School

Please do NOT park, for however short a period of time, on the yellow zig zag lines outside the School; they are there for an important purpose - which is to make it possible for children to enter and leave the playground safely. It is a parking offence to park on these lines and you may be liable for penalties.

Please also do NOT park beside the gate to the Church and from there through the bend and back towards the Museum. Parking in this area is dangerous as it obstructs the view of the road ahead to traffic coming from the Woolstone and Fernham direction. There is a white line on the road to indicate this.

Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan

From Robert Hart, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has continued to make good progress since my last report. The Landscape Capacity Study (LCS) has been delayed a little, but we have reviewed a draft of the report and the final version will be published on the website as soon as it has been completed and accepted. The intention of this study is that we should have a review of the landscape which comprises the UB Plan Area by independent, professional, consultants and obtain their recommendations on its capacity to accept further development. This, along with input from the forthcoming consultation process, will provide further evidence to support our Vision and Objectives for the NP area, and thereby help us to fine-tune our policies on the landscape and new housing. All residents will be aware that we live in a sensitive area, in the setting of the North Wessex Downs AONB, with conservation areas and large numbers of listed buildings in both villages. We believe that independent confirmation of the impact of building in different areas, rather than on specific sites, and therefore the extent to which our landscape should be protected from development, is essential.

We hope to have a working draft of the NP within the next two months.

We are arranging the next consultation event for all residents of Uffington and Baulking for the evening of **Tuesday 14 November**, in the THMH. We encourage you all to attend this meeting, at which we will bring you up to date on the policies we are proposing and the progress of the NP in general. There will also be information and consultation stands at all Farmers Markets between now and Christmas, and at the 'What goes on in Uffington?' event on 7 October.

Comments and questions are always welcome via the NP web site, www.ubwnp.net

Major planning applications in Uffington – since the last edition of the Courier

The following have been approved by the Vale District Council:

- Creslu, on the Woolstone Road – demolition of the existing house and erection of a new house.
- The Glebe, Broadway - Demolition of existing storage building and construction of a two bedroom building for a holiday let.
- Craven Yard, Fernham Road - A new house and car port – amended plans.

The following have been refused by the Vale District Council:

- Land adjacent to the Manor – proposed new house.
- Chapel Field, Fawler Road – Erection of a detached two storey house

The following application was withdrawn prior to determination:

- Church Cottage, Broad Street - Proposed dropped kerb; new opening in the garden wall & new driveway for parking.

New planning applications

We have said this before, but we encourage those intending to submit an application to the Planning department at The Vale District Council to discuss them with the Parish Council at an early stage. We may be able to help you to avoid unnecessary errors which serve to downgrade the quality of the application.

Management of Jacksmeadow open spaces

We have been asked about the provision of public waste bins in the Jacksmeadow estate and have consulted with the developers (Redcliffe Homes) and the Vale District Council. Redcliffe Homes are currently still responsible for the management of the open space in the estate, but have stated that this will be transferred to a management company (to be called 'Remus') comprised of residents of the Jacksmeadow estate by the end of 2017. The provision of public waste bins will be a matter for Remus.

Jacksmeadow – Section 106 Contributions

As part of the planning approval for the development of Jacksmeadow, certain sums of money were required to be paid to the parish, district and county councils as contributions towards the additional infrastructure and facilities required to support additional residents. These facilities may be located within Uffington parish (e.g. Public Art) or further afield if shared (e.g. Secondary Schools or Swimming Pools).

The Parish Council has put much time into consulting with residents on the projects which should be supported from the very generous contribution of £104,000. They have to be, in the words of the legal agreement supporting these contributions, used towards 'community facilities in the parish'. The majority of the projects we put forward have been agreed by the Vale District Council, which has recently paid c70% of the parish contribution. Needless to say, the money is ring-fenced for the approved projects and the following are currently either paid or on-going:

- New equipment for the children's play area – to be installed in October

' The old agility trail, which has been used by many generations of children in the Uffington playground, was removed on 2 October; many thanks to Ben Bendall and Malcolm Hinton with his JCB.'



- Support for the THMH Energy Efficiency project
- Measures to reduce speeding on Fowler Road
- Support for the new meeting room over the porch of St Mary's Church
- Support for the refurbishment work due on the Old School Room – Tom Brown's School Museum

Public Art contribution

This project is now complete, and we are very excited about it! The project includes the installation of an information 'lectern' on the edge of the Jubilee Field, with a wonderfully colourful, diagrammatic, map of the village, leading up to White Horse Hill, with a number of bespoke carvings around the edge. Leaflets will shortly be available on the lectern with a map and text of the various footpaths and routes comprising the Uffington Village Trail, for you to take, and follow the trail around the village. Information posts have been sited at a number of historic locations around the village with carvings so that brass rubbings may be taken. The Uffington Shop will be selling all that you need for this. All of this is to celebrate 3,000 years of history in Uffington.

The Parish Council would like to thank the following:

- The owners and developers of the Jacksmeadow development for the funding.
- Greenspace Designs, who designed and built the project.
- Abigail Brown, the Arts Development Officer for the Vale District Council, and
- All those in the village who have worked on the project, particularly Karen Pilcher

The Parish Council will be holding a short opening ceremony at 2.00pm on Wednesday 18 October – all welcome.

Communications

- **Village Web site.** The village website will be found at <http://www.uffington.net/> It is in the ownership of the Parish Council, which pays the hosting and support charges on behalf of the village. Requests for additions and changes should be made to the Clerk, Julia Evans, at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com or through the website.
- **E-mail notices.** We have set up an e-mail distribution list which is used to publish notices of general interest to residents of Uffington, the villages of Woolstone and Baulking, and others further afield, as and when they occur. If you would like to join it, please call 01367 820776 or send an e-mail with your own details to sjmjenkins@gmail.com For data protection reasons, individual e-mail addresses are not disclosed.

- **Facebook page for Uffington, Baulking, Woolstone, Kingstone Lisle, Fawler** – The majority of Parish Council communications are shared on the local Facebook page.

The Allotments

There are some spare plots at the Uffington allotments; the cost is currently £40 per year. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

Advertising in the Courier

Following attempts to contact all businesses advertising in the Classified Advertising section of the last Courier, a number of businesses have been removed as no longer relevant, or it is not possible to make any contact on the numbers given.

At the monthly meeting on 9 October, the Parish Council approved a new policy to raise a small annual charge for advertising in the Courier and on the village website, the costs of both of which are borne by the Council. The policy will be available shortly on the Parish Council website and will become effective from 2018. The purpose of this is to enable the Council to print more copies for distribution to local shops, garages, pubs etc, thus improving the reach of advertising.

If anybody wishes to advertise in the Courier and / or on the village website please contact Jem Packford or the Parish Council. We would welcome more advertising and also more colour to give the Courier a 'face-lift'.

NOTICES

Drainage

Please remember that it is vital that any blockages or overflows in the foul drainage system are reported immediately to Thames Water. It is only if there is a documented history of problems that they may have to take action in the future. The 24/7 emergency number is **0800 316 9800**.

You should be aware that Thames Water distinguish between "operational flooding", and "hydraulic flooding". Operational flooding is caused by sewer collapses, equipment failure and blockages (e.g., clothing, sanitary items, wet wipes and cooking fat – **DON'T FLUSH ANY OF THESE.** Hydraulic flooding is caused by insufficient capacity under normal operation and Thames Water believes that Uffington does not suffer from this type of flooding.

Household Waste Recycling

1. Please do not use biodegradable bags in food caddies; normal plastic bags or newspaper can be used instead. When the new waste lorries begin operating a separate van will collect food waste.
2. **Stanford-in-the Vale Recycling** - Oxfordshire County Council's DIY 1,2,3 for free scheme is changing. The current scheme which has been running at their Household Waste Recycling Centres for 15 years allowed residents to deposit up to three DIY waste items for free before being charged a small fee of £1 for each additional item. From the 1st October 2017 this changes to a small fixed fee per item of £1.50 for most non-household or DIY items. Residents can still deposit household waste for free at their local Household Waste Recycling Centre. More information about the changes can be found online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste

A diagram of what can be disposed of at no charge, and where charges apply is here:

What can I dispose of for free, and what will I get charged for at Household Waste Recycling Centres?*

Household Waste No charge			Non-household waste	
			Charges apply	Charges may apply
 household waste	 household & garden chemicals	 hard plastics	 tyres	 wood & timber
 mixed paper & card	 gas bottles	 small appliances	 building materials	<small>Charge Floorboards, doors, skirting boards No charge Wardrobes, tables</small>
 cardboard	 mattresses	 large appliances	 plasterboard	
 mixed glass bottles & jars	 carpet	 scrap metal	 hardcore & rubble	
 garden waste	 furniture			

*For more details and a complete list visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste

 

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Dear All,

Harvest is celebrated differently in each of our four churches. There were some lovely flower arrangements and produce, some mellow Evensongs with Churchwardens making sure the farming community was well represented. In Shellingford and Uffington we sang lively songs and hymns as the Schools came in; anything from 'We plough the fields and scatter' to 'Cauliflowers fluffy' (a personal favourite), and even an enthusiastic rendition of 'Harvest for the world' (Isley Brothers). I pulled cereal out of my bag, and a tin of sardines and mused with the children where it all comes from and where it's all going. We thought about all the different words you can make from 'Harvest', and some of the more important ones like 'share', 'heart' and 'vest'(!)

As it happened this year, most of our harvest festivals fell around the feast of St Michael and All Angels (29th September). This got me thinking about 'angels and archangels and all the company of heaven...'

A 2016 poll conducted by ICM for the Bible Society found that, surprisingly in modern secular Britain, 32% of British people believed in angels. I think we should keep believing in them, but also remember that the root word for 'angel', the Greek word 'angelos', simply means 'messenger'. So we all have the potential to be cherubs, just by bringing a bit of cheer to people, or good communication, or encouragement.

My 'thought worm' then led me to all the Saints (1st November), and those well carved saints in the niches either side of St Mary's porch. I believe they are the work of Heidi Lloyd; St George, that durable saint believed to have come originally from Lloyd in Syria, and King Alfred, not an obvious 'saint' until you consider all he did for learning and culture, looking gently down at us in a way which belies all they were given to deal with in their short lives. Bishop Steven renewed such holy, and human, ways in Woodstock recently when he spoke of the riches contained in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5) which get us to the heart of following Christ. He commended the words of Isaac Pennington, an early Quaker; 'Our life is love and peace and tenderness and bearing with one another and forgiving one another and not laying accusations one against another, but praying for one another and helping one another up with a tender hand.' May we have the wisdom of Alfred, and the strength of St George to grasp such things.

And, finally, Helen and I have been much moved by the generosity and help we have received from all four villages over our Wedding and would like to thank you all deeply from our hearts. Bear with us!

Jeremy

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Greetings from White Horse Hill Uffington National Trust. I hope you all had a lovely summer and as we enter Autumn and the cold winds start to blow, I felt it was time to let you know what has been happening on the Hill.

If you can remember, Spring 2017 was a cold and dry affair and these factors, together with frequent monitoring of the Horse and continuous foot pressure, led to the decision that public access to it and its immediate surround had to be restricted. The biggest danger was people approaching the Horse from Dragon Hill Road and walking/climbing directly up to the tail and then amongst the figure either side. We could see that the grass was never really getting a breather and we feared if allowed to continue, the soil would be eroded to the bare chalk and the appearance of the Horse damaged/diminished possibly forever with it being extremely difficult to regrow grass on chalk considering other factors such as strong winds and steep terrain.

Further serious erosion was occurring to the neck of the Horse where people might step over the chalk but always land on the same footstep on the very inner edge. Likewise with the forehead and between the ears where the banks were just crumbling from foot pressure and dry conditions.

To avert this, we had signage made and erected in the car park to draw attention to the problem, clear messages on our website and social media pages and then also undertook a complete cordoning off of the figure from top to bottom, again with bold signage advising why and where the diversion was to be found, this being the public footpath known as Shepherd's Steps that runs off at an angle below the Horse and then up to the Ridgeway. Use of this path has been encouraged and I'm glad to say it is showing signs of heavy use that would have otherwise been levied onto the figure and its surround.

Whilst I appreciate the strong sense of belonging with local people and a couple of legends that require 'being on' the Horse itself, I also hope it can now be understood why such drastic measures had to be taken. As a result, I'm pleased to say the figure is recovering, if slowly, but has also allowed the appearance of a golden mane about the Horse's back and tail where tall, browned off grasses stand that would have been trampled. Together with our annual Scouring/Chalking events the Horse now looks great and hopefully continues its recovery.

Events on the Hill this year have included the filming of an advert for the mobile operator EE who had a pitch in the Manger to film a caravan scene which took up about 2 seconds of a twenty second advert. It boggles the mind how this industry operates when they took three working days to get the 'shoot' they wanted and with all the vehicles and people involved but it is always the same with filming productions. I'm glad I chose the profession I am in! Our Easter Egg Hunt proved a

great success with both days completely sold out and we even had a bit of fun with our April's Fool spoof about the discovery of a chalk duck figure on the Hill. I hope you saw this as did a further 3 million people worldwide proving that the Trust does have a lighter side.

Unfortunately, May brought a knock back where I was involved in an accident on a bicycle that led to the breaking of a collarbone and nearly 3 months recovery. As such, a few events like Kite flying and a guided walk had to be cancelled but I was still able to supervise a Scouring and later chalking of the Horse if only to get out of the house! I'm obviously now back at work and feel about 80% fit, time will help. My thanks to those who covered my basic duties in my absence.

Only last weekend I chaperoned a large group of visitors who were fans of the 80's rock band X T C, originally from Swindon. The band used an image of the Horse for one of their album covers. I understood about 100 fans gathered for their convention over two nights in Swindon but only half made it to the Hill on Sunday morning due to a little over partying perhaps! Still, they were a great bunch with participants having travelled from Holland, Israel, Croatia and even Japan.

The team structure at Coleshill Estate Office, to which White Horse Hill and the other sites under my management belong, has had a recent restructuring and it now feels like we've got the right people in the right places to really get things moving along. One project ready to run will be the reversion of the arable field between Dragon Hill and the B4000 to grassland. We hope this will improve the appearance of the Hill but more importantly, will nurture a further fragment of chalk grassland which is what White Horse Hill is and protect a habitat that is under threat in the UK.

On a personal note, I was fortunate enough recently to be upgraded to Area Ranger after nearly eight years here and I'm very pleased. Although we will be looking for an assistant to carry out some of my duties, it does not mean I will be flying a desk and will very much be out and about on the Hill.

Please also keep an eye out for ITV's 100 Best Kept Village awards which was filmed in and around the village this year and also for ITV's 100 best walks where you can vote for our part of the world.

I look forward to seeing you up on our very special Hill.

Andy Foley, Ranger, White Horse Hill and Ashdown Park, Buscot and Coleshill Estate, Coleshill, Oxon. SN6 7PT, tel: 01793 762209 , 07721 671024

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'OPEN SPACE' SERVICE

Sue Jennings

Uffington Benefice is organising a modern worship event as a 'pilot' open to all. It is called 'Open Space', and will be held on Sunday 12th November from 3-4pm in St. Mary's church.

As it is Remembrance Sunday, we will continue this theme, with appropriate modern worship songs, a testimony and sermon, craft activity, then a prayer time ending with an opportunity for healing prayer.

If you come, you may like to bring something which is precious to you, that you would put in your pocket if you were going to a war zone. During the service there will be an opportunity to share your thoughts about the item you chose, in small groups.

For further details contact Sue Jennings 820013 or any of the Ministry Team.

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THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

Geoffrey Foster (chairman)

As many of you know we have been fund raising to restore the derelict Priest's Room above the south porch of the church. I am very pleased to inform you that this project has now been completed. And will be opened by the archdeacon of Dorchester during our Harvest Festival at 1000 on 8th October.

A very big thank you to everyone who has helped us raise funds for this project.

Please don't forget our very popular **Sunday Carvery Lunches** which will be held on;-

Sunday 3rd December, Sunday 4th February 2018

and Sunday 4th March 2018.

The price this year will be £12.50.

Book early and don't be disappointed.

To book please telephone;-

Geoff Foster 01367 820668, Ray Avenell 01367 820242, or
Geoff Rumble 01367 820036

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AFTERNOON CLUB

Ann Smith

First and foremost, we would like to thank The White Horse Show Trust for the donation of £1000 which will help us to carry on as usual for the members of the club .

We have had a three months. In July, Mr Richard Hummerston and Drew, his brood bitch, came and gave a brief outline about how dogs for the blind came about, the expense and who pays for the training etc of the dogs and how he and his family got involved. August we had an afternoon mystery tour ending the with tea at Stanton Fritz Warren Manor.

In September Mrs Pam Barratt came and played the piano, I wasn't there but I understand it was a great success - three new members were welcomed at this meeting.

We meet 2nd Thursday of each month at 2pm, usually in the Village hall
The only cost is for your tea and raffle ticket [if you wish].

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UFFINGTON BAULKING AND WOOLSTONE MINIBUS ASSOCIATION

Our community minibus, which seats 16 people plus a driver, exists for use by all within our villages and the surrounding area, for social and recreational activities. A team of volunteer drivers operates regular shopping trips, and the minibus may also be reserved by local groups and individual members of the community for their own purposes.

It is necessary for villagers and local groups to join the UBW Minibus Association in order to use the minibus. Membership is available to all, and there is no charge to join.

The shopping trips are to Faringdon every Tuesday and Wantage every Wednesday and Friday. We leave Patricks Orchard, Uffington at 9.30, picking up and setting down members where convenient for them.

The Association is run on a 'not for profit' basis. There is a modest fare for the shopping trips, and Bus Passes may be used.

Group and individual private bookings are charged a flat fee of £20, plus 80p per mile driven, plus VAT. Insurance and fuel are included.

The Association has an ongoing need for new volunteers to drive or assist with administration, in order to sustain our activities. The driving commitment is about one morning a month. A full car licence is required, and training is provided.

Please call John Hatcher (01367 820417) for further information.

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WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB

Pamela Preene (Chairman)

'A season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. Ode to Autumn by John Keats

The Club over the summer months, have been busy visiting gardens which have included:

Mary Keen's garden at Duntisbourne Rous, Cirencester, The Mill House and Summer House in Woolstone, Eastleach House Garden, Nr Cirencester and Coton Manor Gardens, Nr Northampton.

We have now returned to the hall for talks which began on 7th September with 'The Edible Flower Garden' by Kathy Brown. www.kathybrownsgarden.com

Thursday 5th October - 'The A - Z of Roses' by Simon White, Garden Centre Manager at Peter Beales Roses. Plants for Sale. www.peterbealesroses.com

Thursday 2nd November

'Digging deeper - a gentle look at garden science as it relates to soil and plant growth'.

A talk by Paul Williams, Head Gardener at Whichford Pottery. www.pw-horticulture.com

Thursday 7th December - AGM, followed by 'Gin - distilling and botanicals'

Gins to sample. A talk by Majestic Wine. Seasonal refreshments included.

Visitors £3.

Please do come along and join the White Horse Garden Club - everyone is welcome.

We have a membership of 70+ with people travelling from local towns & villages. Membership is £10 per annum. Visitors £2.50 per meeting. Raffle £1.

Venue: Thomas Hughes Memorial (large) Hall, Uffington SN7 7RA

White Horse Garden Club Committee: Verity Cavanagh, Alison Corley, Jane Cracknell, Patricia Dalrymple, Hilary Deakin and Pamela Preene.

Further information: Pamela Preene, T: 01367820251 E: parrottspreene@aol.com

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UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley

The Uffington Players are starting to plan their next pantomime. This will be performed in February 2018.

If you think you might like to be involved on or back stage then please contact Christine Holley 820474 or email christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW – 16 July 2017
Results of the 4th Draw of the year [quarter ending 30 June 2017]
Held following Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church, Baulking

1st Prize £150.00	26	L & A Hollingworth
2nd Prize £55.00	99	Jeremy & Sarah Cale
	50	S & R Green
	64	Nicky & Suzanna Johnson
3rd Prize £35.00	163	Claire Ryan
	173	Mark Stoneham
	70	R & I Jonas
	106	David & Ann Coxhead
4th Prize £27.00	10	Ann Kelsey
	131	Ron McBain
	38	Jeremy Goulston
	42	Keith Birtwhistle
	198	D & P Dalrymple
	60	Jeremy Goulston

BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW – 1st October 2017
Results of the 1st Draw of the year [quarter ending 30 September 2017]
Held following Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church, Baulking

1st Prize £150.00	199	Hugh Baxter
2nd Prize £55.00	187	James Matthews
	39	Jeremy Goulston
	35	Ann Kelsey
3rd Prize £35.00	129	Hazel Avenell
	44	David Harrison
	66	Debbie Wallis
	178	Lucy Scott-Watson
4th Prize £27.00	88	Carol Mattingley
	68	Bill Mitchell
	117	Patricia Complin Northmore
	13	Linda Jones
	191	Ray Avenell
	154	Dave/Rose Holborow

TOM BROWNS SCHOOL MUSEUM

Karen Pilcher (Curator)



The Museum has had a very successful year, with over 1,000 visitors so far; if you have not been there yet – get in quickly, we close at the end of October! I am delighted to report that on 5 October we heard that Full Accreditation status had been awarded by Arts Council England for a further three years. This is a great

accolade for the Museum and we are all delighted.

You will have noticed that the south face of the Museum building is protected by a plastic sheet. Some restoration work commenced in the summer and completion has been held over until better weather next spring. **Please read the letter to all residents enclosed with the Courier; it explains the problem which the Parish Council has to address.**

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ELM TREE SURGERY SHRIVENHAM

Pam Coulson

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION SERVICE

Will patients ordering repeat prescriptions from the Surgery please note that they should now do so before 12.30 pm on the Monday of the week in which they are needed, earlier orders would of course be welcomed. Prescriptions will then be available in the Post Office on the following Thursday.

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	<p>Uffington Church of England Primary School Dream, Create, Achieve</p>			<p>We warmly welcome visits to our lovely school!</p>	
01367 820296	www.uffington.oxon.sch.uk	<p>*...from Nursery to Year 6, the pupils are confident and achieve well...</p>			

Uffington Tennis Club has had an enjoyable summer season on the courts. As usual we had two teams entered in the Swindon and District Leagues, one mixed team and a ladies team. The ladies team, playing in Division 3 and captained by Juliet Moss, finished a creditable 3rd narrowly missing out on promotion. The team unfortunately had a tricky series of fixtures towards the end the season and playing 3 of the top 4 sides in the last 4 matches ultimately proved too much of a challenge. The standout players for Uffington were Annabel Campbell and Lynne Artus who were amongst the top ten players in the Division. Unfortunately the mixed doubles team, captained by Annabel Campbell, had a much less successful season and after finishing bottom of Division 3 will now be relegated. The team never really got any momentum going through the season and will have new pastures to explore in the 4th division next summer. We hope to bounce back up to Division 3 soon.

Coaching has also continued at the club throughout the summer. Unfortunately our normal coach Mark Thomas has been ill, however we were lucky that Tom Wilsdon agreed to stand in for the summer while Mark was away. We currently have three regular junior tennis coaching sessions a week on Tuesday afternoons as well as a Cardio tennis session on Tuesday mornings. Full details of the coaching being offered including dates, times and prices can be found on the tennis clubs webpage (www.uffingtontennis.co.uk/coaching).

Going forward into the winter season two mixed teams will continue to play in the Swindon and District League. We are always looking for new players to join the club either for playing in league matches or just for friendly and social play. Full details about the club including contact details can be found at www.uffingtontennis.co.uk.

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SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD.

A new academic year always brings much change within school as children adjust to being in a different class and begin the next stage of their learning journey. It has been an extremely busy start to the school year and we have been very impressed with the achievements they have already made.

In September Waylands Class organised a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. The children were kept very busy baking cakes and serving tea and coffee and the event was very well supported by the local community.

At the beginning of October we held our Harvest Festival in the church and the children really enjoyed sharing their harvest work which included some stunning print works made with vegetables by White Horse Class, Ridgeway Class who shared the story of The Enormous Turnip, the highlight undoubtedly being the cat and dog actions! Dragon class who recited the poem "This is the world that God made" beautifully and Waylands, who educated us all on the etymology of the word harvest.

In October the school will be holding a series of open events for the local community. This will be an opportunity to see the school in action and find out how we keep the children so busy! Full details can be found on our website www.uffington.oxon.sch.uk

At this time of year, we begin to look towards Christmas and all of the excitement that it brings. This year our youngest children will be staging a performance of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' as their Christmas nativity and our older children will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action.' Further details of performance dates and times can also be found on our website which is the easiest and most immediate way to connect with the school and find out exactly what we are up to!

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our events in the next few months.

Mrs Lisa Bradbury,
Head Teacher

THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL Douglas Dalrymple (Chairman 821063)

This is a somewhat interim report, updating on A) works that have recently been achieved; B) or on others that may be in progress when you come to read this; C) or on yet others that will be achieved by Christmas, or earlier.

So to :-

- A.**
 - i.** A great hole was excavated – a large fuel tank was lowered therein - pipes were connected - the hole filled. When due settlement has taken place, and it is grass-sowing time again, the patch will receive its final tidy up - thus next spring.
 - ii.** A new, more modern, more clever, so more efficient, boiler has been bought, installed, connected, tested, certificated.
 - iii.** The larger Hall has had roof insulation installed, which part of the project entailed a thorough clean from ceiling to floor. The lighting has been refreshed, and two ventilation fans added.
- B.** Solar panels will be installed on the sun-facing roof of the large Hall by the end of October. This can be achieved without closing the Hall, though obviously there will be evidence of work taking place on the field side of the building.
- C.** The smaller Hall will be given the insulation treatment - and this will of course involve closure, but regular bookers have already been informed about that. This should be done – and dusted – by mid-December.

The overall effect of these works will be to reduce our carbon footprint; to increase the efficiency of the heating arrangements; possibly to reduce the Hall's energy costs; which, if this comes about, should enable us to avoid any early increase in hire charges. Already the larger Hall has a cosier ambiance for users, whether regular or occasional, a benefit that will be the more appreciated with the advent of the winter months.

In the next Courier I hope to be able, therefore, to report successful completion of all the above, and at the same time to record due thanks and appreciation to the benefactors who have enabled these improvements to be brought about. Letting income, if all is well, pays for our basic maintenance and operational costs: improvements require funding from other sources. Halls like ours do not emerge out of the Welfare State.

If a community wants a Hall, it will only be there and remain a valuable facility thanks to volunteers in that community. More volunteers, please.

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'Open Space' Service

Sunday 12th November 2017

3-4pm

at St. Mary's Church, Uffington

All ages welcome. Modern songs, a talk, testimony, discussion, a craft, prayers and light refreshments.

Ph Sue Jennings for more details

07956534478

Or any of the Ministry Team



Uffington
Farmers Market

Dates for Uffington Farmers Market this year are:

Sunday 15th October

Sunday 19th November

(Early Christmas market with craft stalls)

Sunday 17th December

(Late Christmas market with craft stalls)

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Wherever possible, they operate the scheme through local volunteer co-ordinators, who are placed within the community and can help with day to day issues. From helping those with no internet or computer access, to checking oil levels for those who are unable to and reminding you to check your oil levels or when an order date is imminent. They are there to support anyone who needs that extra bit of help and guidance.

I have been the co-ordinator for Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone plus the surrounding area since 2011 when prices were over 60p./Litre. We currently have circa 50 members and this has plateaued somewhat since the fall in prices experienced in the last three years or so. However, prices have been trending upwards again since February this year. With the heating season approaching, now is the time to think about a cheaper option. If you would like to know anything further about the scheme, do not hesitate to contact me on 820385.

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