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## **Parish Council**

### **Proposed housing development on land off the Fawler Road**

A developer (Gladman Developments Ltd) is now starting the process of applying for planning permission to build 45 houses on land behind Upper Common Lane and Patricks Orchard. They are currently seeking comments from residents (as per the leaflets they distributed to households in the Village) and these can be submitted by post or via their website ([www.your-views.co.uk/uffington](http://www.your-views.co.uk/uffington)). We would encourage villagers to submit their comments to the developer, but please note that this is their own pre-application consultation, and not the District Council's call for comments (which will happen if/when a formal planning application is submitted).

It should also be noted that these 45 houses are in addition to the 36 houses that Redcliffe Homes have already been granted permission to build behind White Horse. Together this would be 81 new houses being added to the (approximately) 330 houses in the Village at present.

### **Pedestrian safety in the car park for the Hall and Shop**

With the shop now up and running in its wonderful new building there has been a significant increase in the number of cars and pedestrians crossing the car park and concerns had been raised about the safety of pedestrians (especially children) there. The Council has therefore worked with the Hall and the Shop to address this by adding signs for drivers and marking out a safe path for pedestrians between the Hall and the Shop. It is felt that this should be sufficient, but (as ever) the Council is happy to receive feedback from residents on this.

### **Parish Council vacancy**

Helen Godsell has resigned as a parish councillor meaning that there is now what is known as a casual vacancy (i.e. a vacancy outside of the normal election cycle) for a new councillor. Because we are so close to the normal elections (in May) the procedure is for the vacancy to be filled by co-option (not election). If you are interested in being co-opted as a councillor until May and would like to find out more about what is involved then please email [parishcouncil@uffington.net](mailto:parishcouncil@uffington.net) or call me on 820698.

Helen has served on the Council for almost 15 years and has made a huge contribution to our community, going well beyond what is normally required of a parish councillor. During her most recent term Helen played a key role in enabling the move of the Shop to the Jubilee Field to go ahead. Her enthusiasm and sound advice will be sorely missed and the Council would like to thank Helen for all that she has done for the Village.

### **Elections in May**

As mentioned above, the next elections for the Parish Council are in May 2015, so there is still plenty of time to decide if you would like to stand for election. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about the Council and what is involved in serving as a parish councillor then please feel free to get in touch with me (on the details above) or come along to one of the regular Parish Council meetings.

### **Finally - save the date**

The next tidy of the Jubilee Field is on Saturday 14th March between 10:00 and 13:00.

John-Paul Roche, Clerk

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### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Useful Numbers:

PCSO Maralyn Pack (mobile when on duty) 07779 586392 EMail:

[Maralyn.Pack@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Maralyn.Pack@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Non-Emergency: 08458 505 505

Emergency: 999

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### **Tom Brown's School Museum**

The Museum has a group of 'Friends' who support the museum in various different ways - either

by paying a small subscription a year or by helping in the museum. In return, our Friends receive regular newsletters and invitations to museum events as well as knowing that their help and support keeps our museum thriving! You are most welcome to attend our AGM on Tuesday, 24th February, 2015 at 7.30 pm in the museum. If you would like to know more about joining the Friends, then please contact either Sharon (820259) or Jo (820428).

Next year our Exhibition is 'Landscape Reinvented' drawing on the magnificent piece of work that Anthony Parsons and Sandy Millikin have produced, and there will also be new presentations on our Visitor Computer.

Do make time to pay us a visit!

Sharon Smith

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## **Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall**

### **Improvements**

1. The demarking of the pedestrian route to the shop via the car park has been completed, thank you to Katherine Aldridge and the Parish Council for providing this.
2. A speed/pedestrian traffic warning sign has been erected at the entrance to the car park.
3. A trial repair to a large pot hole in the car park has been completed.
4. A Village Hall/Shop direction sign has been erected opposite the car park entrance. This is a Shop/Hall joint venture.
5. Broken fence and post sections have been removed from the car park/Jubilee Field border.
6. The Small Hall heating thermostat has been renewed.
7. A trolley to safely house tables has been obtained for use in the Small Hall. The trees around the fuel compound have been pruned.

**Hall Events**

The Watermill Theatre (On Tour) has been engaged for 2015 and will be coming to us on 30th June. They are performing 'A Little History of the World'. This is a show for the family, meant for all ages which is a little different from their more usual adult productions of recent years. Please make a note of the date and look out for more detailed publicity appearing in the New Year.

I am sorry to tell you that overnight on Saturday 22nd November, the gas compound was broken into and the gas bottles were taken. Considerable damage was done to the pipe work and changeover pressure regulator necessitating an expensive repair. Someone said to me 'I see your gas has been stolen again'. I pointed out that these were the property of the Hall which belongs to the Community and as such, this is a crime against the Community. One of the gas bottles was left by the car park suggesting that the thieves may have been disturbed? If you have any information from that night that may lead to the identification of the perpetrators of this crime, please advise the Police on 101 quoting Crime Report 43140252838. Information can be left anonymously with Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Repeat Appeal**

The Hall utilisation is higher than ever. It is clean and warm and provides the location for numerous community activities at the reduced community rate. However, the management committee are still unable to find a replacement secretary and the representation at Council meetings from community groups is such that there is insufficient attendance to form a quorum. The next scheduled meeting is the AGM on Monday 26th January 2015. Please make a special effort to support this meeting.

**Hall website**

A child page called 'conditions' has been added to the 'Booking' page. This gives details of the conditions of hire.

[www.thmh.co.uk](http://www.thmh.co.uk) Please take a look, feedback is always appreciated.

Paul Armishaw

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## Uffington School

We are very proud, that for the second year running, we have been listed in the top 1000 Primary school league tables for our KS2 SATS results. This puts us in the top 2% of Primary Schools Nationally and the top 6% in Oxfordshire.

We are very excited to be having a new canopy outside our Foundation and KS1 classes. This will support our school ethos and understanding around the importance of individualising learning and will support the transition from Foundation into KS1. This would not have been possible without the generous donation from the White Horse Show, to whom we are very grateful and appreciate their continuing support.

Each of our classes has had a very busy term. Our older children performed at The New Theatre Oxford in a schools dance festival and our Class 2 children spent a day at the Tom Brown Museum learning what it would have been like to live in Victorian England. KS1 children have been developing their storytelling skills through traditional tales and enjoyed a party at Shreks swamp. Foundation have visited Millets Farm and we all enjoyed entertaining the Afternoon Club for their annual Christmas party, followed by a carol concert for the parents in St Mary's Church. The school are looking forward to the pantomime in Oxford to celebrate the end of term.

The staff and pupils at Uffington Primary School would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Mrs A Carnell, Headteacher

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Website <http://www.uffington.oxon.sch.uk>

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## Afternoon Club

Our speaker for October was unable to attend so we had a quick quiz followed by our photo albums being passed round, always enjoyed by members. November we went to the Chequers at Charney for Christmas lunch. The mini bus was given to us free, Thank You.

December we were entertained by Uffington School children, they are ALWAYS enjoyed by members - this year they seemed better than ever. Thank you children, Thank you teachers and helpers. Afterwards a Christmas tea was served.

Our first meeting in 2015 is January 8th in village hall. We wish everyone a happy New Year and a healthy 2015. We would like to thank all those that supported us during 2014 especially the mini bus committee and the drivers, without their help we would find it hard to collect members.

Date for our sale is April 25th 2015.

Ann Smith

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### **Elm Tree Surgery**

#### **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.

Pam Coulson

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### **Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone Minibus**

Do you know that our community minibus makes weekly trips to Faringdon and Wantage on Tuesday and Friday mornings respectively, leaving Uffington at 9.30 and picking up passengers on the way at points convenient for them? We also alternate between Swindon and Witney with a monthly Thursday morning trip. Passengers are set down at convenient points including the Medical Centre in Faringdon.

The minibus may be used by all members of the UBW Minibus Association, and membership of the Association is open all villagers. There is a modest fare to contribute to the cost of running the minibus. Bus passes may be used in lieu of payment.

We would like to hear from you:-

- if you would like to use the minibus and need more information.
- if you have decided against it for any reason but could help us with any suggestions for enhancements or changes to our community services which may make them more attractive for you.
- if you feel you may like to join the pool of volunteer drivers, who each do a trip about once a month.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Contacts -

- John Hatcher 01367 820417
- Michael Lord 01367 820134

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### **Benefice 200 Club**

Results of the 1st draw, quarter ending 30th September 2014. Held following Holy Communion, St Nicholas Church, Baulking

|           |      |         |                          |
|-----------|------|---------|--------------------------|
| 1st Prize | £150 | No. 133 | Jean Leahy               |
|           |      | No. 1   | A&A MacPherson           |
| 2nd Prize | £55  | No. 152 | Janice Sharp             |
|           |      | No. 28  | Pam Cale                 |
|           |      | No. 71  | C Spinage                |
|           |      | No. 164 | Nicky & Suzanna Johnston |
| 3rd Prize | £35  | No. 182 | Theo Scott-Watson        |
|           |      | No. 148 | Robert Godfrey           |
|           |      | No. 10  | Ann Kelsey               |
|           |      | No. 158 | Pam Smart                |
|           |      | No. 36  | G&V Foster               |
| 4th Prize | £27  | No. 12  | Tom & Sarah Matthews     |
|           |      | No. 31  | Britford Jeeves          |
|           |      | No. 5   | Gilly Bateman            |

The Benefice 200 Club 2nd draw of the year will be held on Sunday 18th January 2015 at The Friends of St Mary's Church, Uffington Sunday Carvery Lunch to be held at the THMH.

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#### News from your District Council.

First a celebration! At the Community Awards lunch in October an award was made to Andy Foley who is manager of the White Horse Hill for the National Trust. We all visit the hill and its always so clean and



so welcoming. That takes careful, consistent attention so we thought Andy should be properly appreciated and get a fulsome thank you from all the Vale. The picture shows him with Mike Badcock, Chairman of the Vale, who came to scour the White Horse with Andy and Ed Vaizey MP in May this year along with my grandchildren and visitors from elsewhere.



And a repeat celebration for the pleasures of Uffington' new shop' Rose and David continue to provide the most useful service with a cheerful welcome in their spacious new building and we are grateful for all the effort you still make for us. It's a pleasure to visit anytime and I enjoy the 'village pump' gatherings I find there. It's where I keep up with what's going on.

Uffington is clearly on the map now after a surprisingly quiet period in the midst of a planning storm and house building all around the village, which you will have noticed. The background is the urgent need for more houses throughout the UK and we will now see development again on a scale not seen since the 1970s.

Nationally it is uncontested that 2 million new houses are needed in the next 10 years and planning regulations have changed to require building everywhere, but especially where too few houses have been built, like the Vale of White Horse and Oxfordshire generally. Oxfordshire is now the most expensive county in all of UK, and Oxford City second only to London as most expensive city - in fact more expensive than much of London. The new (objectively assessed) need is for 100,000 more houses in Oxfordshire by 2031, though that number will be challenged by CPRE before the Inspector at the Examination in Public (EiP) of the Vale's Draft Local Plan on next year.

Meanwhile the Vale planners have to allocate sites for 20,546 houses and deliver land suitable for the new build for 5/6 years ahead. So far Local Plan Part 1 has allocated sites for 19,546 (including permissions already granted and 'windfalls') in 21 sites for 200 or more houses (called the 'strategic sites') and Uffington will be in consideration next year for Part 2 (LPP2). I expect that the village will be 'allocated' 50 to 100 houses, as it is the largest small village, in addition to the 'windfalls' which are the unexpected developments, like the Station Road site, which meet all the 'sustainability' tests. The housing 'need' is wider than the village, and wider than Oxfordshire. The Vale will see extraordinary development in Science Vale (from Harwell to Bicester) which will attract (estimated ) 60,000 new jobs in next 15 years, and we are already unable to provide enough houses for our teachers, nurses and adult care workers, as

reported by managers at County monitoring meetings.

When I chaired the village meeting in November, which agreed that the steering group would continue to produce a Community Led Plan, we all learned the many advantages of agreeing a Neighbourhood Plan and it was clear that I had recommended that to the Parish Council. A Neighbourhood Plan is the village voice with real teeth. It is a statutory document about land usage, which would run with the Vale's Local Plan, and is binding on developers and the District Council, provided it 'complies' with overall requirement to build new houses. It may not decide the NUMBER of houses, but it can decide WHERE they are built and (best of all) HOW BIG and how many of each size to meet the expected needs of the residents. A NP can be produced before the Vale's Local Plan Part us adopted; the village could decide NOW where it's best to build. When the new development tax (Community Infrastructure Levy) starts next year, parishes with NP will get to spend 25% of the levy raised. So it makes sense at every level and I hope Uffington will go on to produce one for the area so far designated, which includes Baulking and Woolstone. But the most important thing is that you all respond to the CLP questionnaire when it gets to you, and again to any NP questionnaire that is produced and to any final referendum. The weight given to these docs. depends upon showing very high response rates. They prove what the residents want and if that is in conflict with a developer it has to be a proper tested statement of the neighbourhood's wishes.

**Stanford Recycling Tip** is secure for another 5 years. The County Council has extended the licence, and granted planning permission for 5 years, and next step is to make a new contract with providers in 2017. You may need to state your support again.

**Challow Station Bridge** works were completed on time on 6th December, which was a whole month earlier than the original estimate. I made sure to be there to be convinced that the local disruption was over and thanked the contractors for getting it so right. And I'm sorry that the newly raised Uffington Station bridge is now under construction, so traffic is diverted through the village. But that bridge is not used by 6,000 vehicles a day, so I hope it makes minimal impact.

And now to wish you all very best wishes for the new year and all the changes that will now come our way - HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Cllr. Yvonne Constance

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### St Mary's Church

We hope to be able to appoint a new vicar by early this summer, the appointment process is already well advanced and the advertisement of the vacancy will be published shortly. In the meantime, there will be a benefice Communion service each week, moving round the parishes:

|                    |                                    |         |
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| Sunday 4 January   | Benefice Communion at Shellingford | 10.00am |
|                    | One Family Service at Uffington    | 10.00am |
| Sunday 11 January  | Benefice Communion at Woolstone    | 10.00am |
| Sunday 18 January  | Benefice Communion at Uffington    | 10.00am |
| Sunday 25 January  | Benefice Communion at Baulking     | 10.00am |
| Sunday 1 February  | Benefice Communion at Shellingford | 10.00am |
|                    | One Family Service at Uffington    | 10.00am |
| Sunday 8 February  | Benefice Communion at Woolstone    | 10.00am |
| Sunday 15 February | Benefice Communion at Baulking     | 10.00am |
|                    | Croissant Service at Woolstone     | 10.00am |
|                    | Baptism at Shellingford            | 12 noon |
| Sunday 22 February | Benefice Communion at Uffington    | 10.00am |

From the Register:

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| 2nd November  | Baptism: Elizabeth Leach     |
| 11th November | Funeral: Robert Derek Kelsey |

I am sure that the many people who enjoyed at least one of our services over the Christmas period would like to thank most warmly all those who decorated the church, contributed to the services or provided the refreshments all of which contributed to the wonderful atmosphere in the church on every occasion.

Just before Christmas we very sadly bade farewell, with enormous thanks, to Trevor Lucas who has played the organ for our services for more than ten years. We wish him and his family all the best in his 'retirement'.

There will be an opportunity for you to enjoy choral music and support a number of local singers on Saturday 21st March at 7:30 pm when there will be a concert by The Faringdon Singers in St.Mary's, to include Mozart's Missa Brevis and works by Elgar, Scarlatti and Vaughan-Williams.

Messy Church will be held on the second Friday of each month, from now on, so please note the new dates. We continue to meet from 3.30-5.30pm, in the THMH, for crafts, celebration and a meal. To arrive late is fine; it is all very informal and fun, with all ages attending. Donations of cake or money are welcomed.

The bible themes will be:

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| Jan 9th    | 'Love your Neighbour' |
| Feb 13th   | 'Jesus in the Temple' |
| March 13th | Easter                |
| April 10th | The Woman at the Well |

For any offers of help or enquiries, please contact Sue Jennings 820013 or Liz Doyle 820436

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### **Friends of St Mary's**

Sunday lunches at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall Uffington

18th January 2015  
1st March 2015

Bar opens at 12:30 pm

Lunch served at 13:00 prompt

Carvery, puddings and coffee/tea - all for £10.00

Wine & soft drinks also available

Early booking is essential - Geoff 01367 820668 or Ray 01367 820242

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### **White Horse Gardening Club**

Happy New Year to all our members and visitors.

During 2014 the club entertained on a variety of gardening subjects, beginning with 'Sex, Lies and Putrefaction' by Timothy Walker in February and finishing in December at our AGM with 'The Vines and Wines of Brightwell Vineyard' by Carol Nielsen. Wine tasting and wines were available for sale.

The membership increased in 2014 and we now look forward to our 2015 programme. Please do come along - bring friends, neighbours, relatives for an entertaining evening or visit. Note the coach trip to the Malvern Show in May as we are keen to fill the coach, so get in touch if you wish to come along.

#### **PROGRAMME FOR 2015**

- Feb. 5th 'The winter garden'. A talk by Val Bourne, well known garden writer and author. Visitors £3.
- Mar. 5th 'Fruit Trees' - apples, pears, plums, cherries etc., dwarf trees, trees in containers, pruning, pest and diseases and positioning by John Mason, Director of Highfield Garden World, Gloucester. Plants for sale.
- April 2nd 'Bordering on insanity'. Timothy Walker tells of the trials he and his wife faced when making a border with year round interest, and gives practical advice and recommends plants. Visitors £3.
- May 9th SATURDAY. Coach trip to Malvern Spring Show will be arranged if enough interest is shown. Cost estimated at £30.

- May 16th SATURDAY, 2.30 - 4.00 pm. Plant Sale - Our main fund-raising event. Bring plants for sale (on a 50:50 basis). Please support our main fund raising event, and bring your friends.
- June 4th 6.30pm. Visit to Childrey gardens, followed by refreshments in Sue & Dick Francis's garden, Fettiplace Cottage, Church Row, Childrey, Oxon. OX12 9UT.
- July 2nd 6.30pm. Visit to Rooksnest and Inholmes, Lambourn. 2 beautiful gardens. Entry and Refreshment costs tbc. Car sharing. RG17 7SB and RG17 7SY.
- Aug. 6th 6.00 pm. Visit to The Old Rectory, Farnborough, nr. Wantage, OX12 8NX.
- Mrs Todhunter's beautiful garden on the Downs. Entry and refreshments - cost tbc. Car sharing.
- Sept. 3rd 'Choice shrubs for the garden'. Paul Green of Green's Leaves, Newent. Paul will illustrate his talk with plants for sale.
- Oct. 1st 'The good, the bad and the ugly'. Michael Jordan from the Association of British Fungus Groups will talk on the fascinating subject of Fungi
- Oct. 3rd SATURDAY. 10.30am Fungus Foray with Michael Jordan at Ashdown Park, with optional lunch at local pub afterwards. Maximum number of 30. Fee £5.00. Car sharing.
- Nov. 5th 'Garden Design' by Caroline Tatham from The Cotswold Garden School. <http://www.cotswoldgardenschool.co.uk>, who has built a Garden at the Eden project and won awards at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.
- Dec. 3rd AGM followed by 'Damson + Gin'. A talk by William Parry of Wessex Wild Plum Co. Tasting and products to buy.

Note: All meetings, unless on a visit, are held in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington, 5N7 7RA

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### Uffington Youth Club Update

Uffington Youth Club continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except in the summer holidays. We meet in the THMH from 7-9 pm, all 8-16 year olds are

welcome to come and enjoy some fun in a relaxed atmosphere. We have crafts, cooking, table tennis, pool, the Wii and tuck shop. Admission is only £1.50 per person.

Dates for this term: April 14 and 28th; May 12th and 26th; June 9th and 23rd, July 14th.

Contact Sue Jennings, lead volunteer for more information, 820013, or if you have skills you would like to pass onto the young people. We would love to meet you!

Sue Jennings

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### **Uffington Players**

The Uffington Players Proudly Present our pantomime, The Pied Piper, by Peter Webster at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall on February 19th, 20th & 21st at 7.30pm.

Expect to groan and giggle at our topical gags, silly songs, slapstick and of course the glamorous dame!

Suitable for the whole family even the grumpy ones.

Tickets will be available (In due course) from the Uffington Stores and online [www.ticketsource.co.uk/theuffingtonplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/theuffingtonplayers)

Please look out for posters for further information on prices and concessions. Refreshments & Raffle.

The Uffington Players are always looking for new members, so if you think you might be interested or for further information about our next production please contact Christine Holley 01367 820474

Christine Holley

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### **Uffington, Baulking & Woolstone W.I.**

We were delighted to welcome Robert Longstaff the Director of the Oxford Garden Project along with his wife Yvonne to our meeting on 21st October. Robert gave us an informative talk about corn dollies and their history, bringing with him numerous examples of quite complicated corn dollies. This was followed by a demonstration on how to make a simple one. With their encouragement and support, we all attempted to make a five-straw favour. The particular plaiting skill was certainly more difficult than it looked and we were very soon finding our fingers in knots. However some of our ladies managed to successfully complete the task and were proud of their achievements.

Tuesday November 18th brought Ann Borrowdale to Uffington with a talk entitled, 'The Invigilator who set fire to his trousers'. Ann began invigilating exams in 2005. What started as 'a little job on the side' has developed over the years into Exam Team Development. Ann's talk was a light hearted look at what goes on inside the examination room.

The Xmas party in December was a time for lots of delicious nibbles and drinks, followed by a Beetle drive which proved to be just as hilarious as last year. As a result the night was enjoyed by all.

With the stresses of the Christmas period behind us, why not join us on January 20th to learn how to perform a relaxing 'head and shoulder massage' with Lilly Sell-Dunkley at 7pm in the T.H.MH.

Beverley Buckley

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### **Uffington Community Garden Association**

Happy New Year from all at the Community Garden to all the readers of the Courier. What a year 2014 has been. It has flown by and here we are already in 2015.

Life in the Community Garden continues to evolve. We now have a super set of Compost bins which we have put to use straight away. Fingers crossed that in a year's time we will be able to create our own potting compost instead of having to buy it in any more - a garden without a compost bin is crazy. The wood was kindly donated by Webbs Timber and we worked together to construct them. That is what this garden is all about: the community helping itself.

It is lovely to see new people in the garden. This coming year it would be great to have a larger number involved as well as a few experienced gardening people in charge of one bed each. Maybe a bed of roots or beans or onions even. It might not seem all that exciting if you go to the big shops for your veg but the end product tastes much better if you have grown them yourself. So if you fancy organising a small team, at the garden, male or female, young or older or if you just want to join in then give me a call and we can start to build some teams up. Lets see just what this site is capable of.

This garden was set up for two reasons. One was to work together to grow fresh fruit and vegetables for anyone in the local community (as mentioned above). The other was to hold country craft workshops. On the 21st of February we are going to have a Greenhouse Hotbox demonstration. The idea behind this is to extend the growing season by providing warmth to germinating plants when the light levels are high enough but the temperature of the soil is still too low. We will show you how we have created one at the Community Garden and share our ideas of how we will be using it. Maybe if you have used a hot box before and would like to share your experiences with others you might like to pass that knowledge on to others at the demonstration. It will be from 2 - 4 pm

Cheers to all

Krista Soper 820364

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**The Vintage Tea Room**

The Vintage Tea Room is opening from Saturday 10th January 2015 at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Broad Street, Uffington, SN7 7SB from 9:30am to 1 pm. Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Lemonade and handmade cakes and treats will be available.

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### **Uffington Farmers Market**

Beginning Sunday 22nd March 2015 at The Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall Broad Street Uffington SN7 7SB 10:30am to 12:30 pm then once a month thereafter.

Local food producers offering meat, cheese, preserves, fruit, vegetables, pies and pastries, vintage tea room and much more!

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