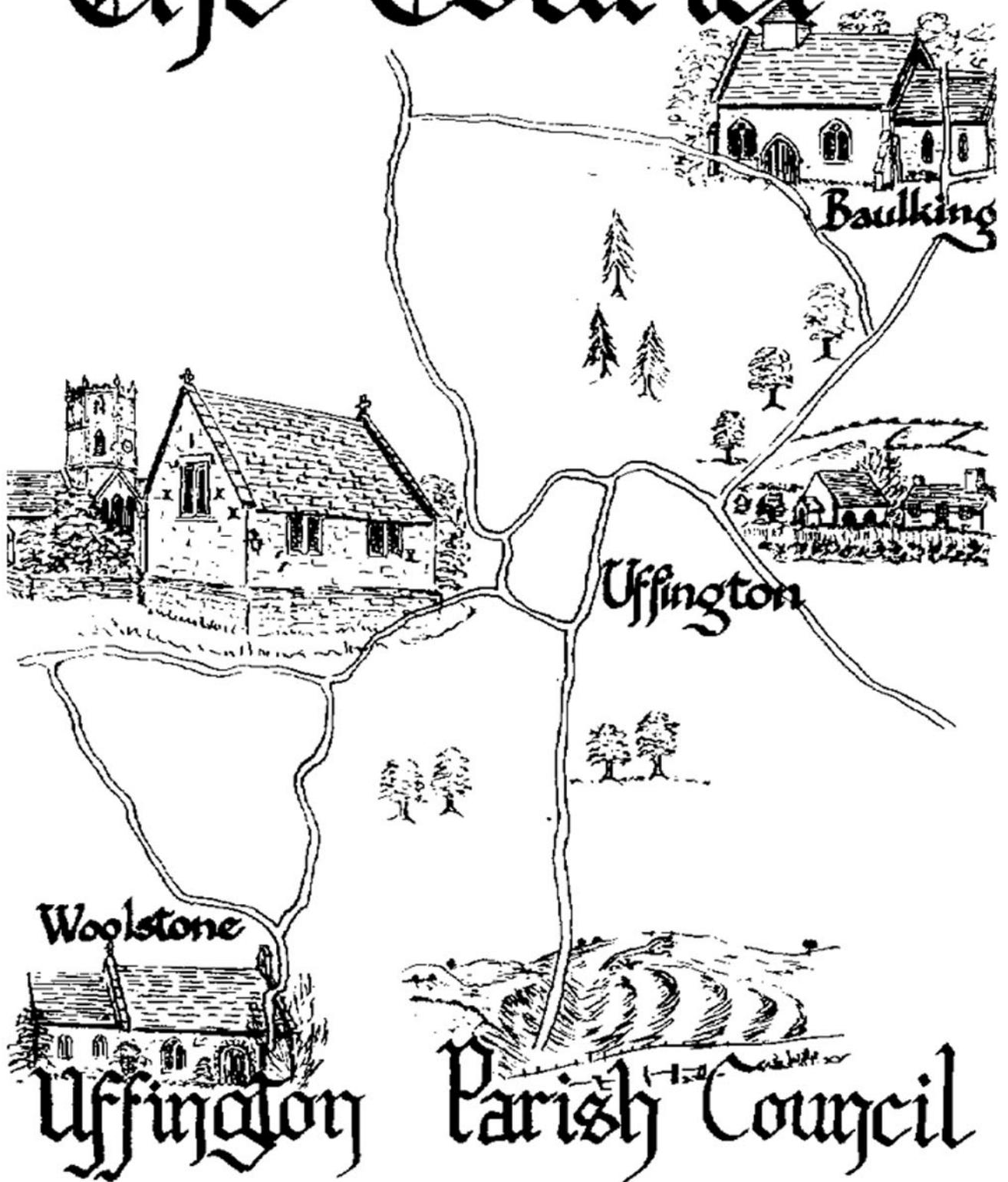


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## **UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**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 now:

Mr Simon Jenkins (Chair), Tel. 01367 820776

Mr Graham Banks (Vice Chair), Tel. 01367 820379

Mrs Fenella Oberman, Tel. 01367 820230

Mrs Karen Pilcher, Tel. 01367 820978

Mr Mike Oldnall , Tel: 01367 820369

(Vacancy)

Clerk, Mrs Julia Evans , Tel: 01235 833466

Councillors may be contacted on the above telephone numbers or by e-mail to: [parishcouncil@uffington.net](mailto: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 troubling them; 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.

### **Casual Vacancy**

We still have a vacancy on the Council. We have to utilise the following procedure in order to fill it:

When a councillor resigns the Clerk notifies the District Council.

We then post a notice advertising a casual vacancy and advising people that they can request a poll to elect a new councillor.

The notice must remain in place for 14 days. If during this period a minimum of 10 people request a poll from the District Council then an election will be held within 60 days.

If no poll is requested, or insufficient people request a poll, then the Parish

Council is free to co-opt a new councillor. (The Parish Council is NOT obliged to consider the claims of candidates who were unsuccessful at the last election.)

Steps 1 to 4 above have been completed for this vacancy and so if there is anyone who would like to join the Council or would like further information on the position of Parish Councillor, please contact any member of the Council, and/or attend one of the monthly meetings. To apply for the position please write to the Clerk (e-mail applications are acceptable). Your application must confirm your eligibility for office; to be eligible you must be over 18 years of age; be a registered elector; and have lived or worked in the parish, or within three miles of the parish, for at least 12 months prior to the date of your application.

### **Oxfordshire Together - Highways**

You may recall that we have discussed under the heading of “Oxfordshire Together” the budget reductions being implemented by Oxford County Council (OCC) this year. This note is about highway maintenance and specifically the cutting of roadside verges. The reductions were widely trailed but not confirmed until OCC agreed its budget for 2016/2017 in March, and in recent months we have struggled to get the information we needed from OCC concerning the extent of the urban and rural cuts they have done in the past for the village, and the grant they might pay if we took on this work.

(Note: “Urban” is inside the 30 mph limit signs and “Rural” is outside the 30 mph limits, but within the parish boundaries).

At last, we have the information we need and the Parish Council has agreed that we should take responsibility for the maintenance of our urban and rural verges. We have signed contracts to this effect with OCC and with a contractor to do the work, and a first cut was done on 21 June. The contractor is familiar with Uffington as he has done the work in recent years on behalf of OCC. The urban verges will probably be cut two or three times per year and the rural ones twice, depending on growth. Some interim tidying of the central areas around the Jubilee Field will be necessary from time to time between cuts and the Parish Council is grateful to those who take on this task.

The Parish Council would be the first to admit that some of the verges in and around the village had become rather over-grown before this recent cut. We would however like to thank all those who have helped in recent weeks by cutting some critical areas.

### **THIS IS WHERE YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!**

There is more to keeping the village tidy than just having the verges trimmed, and so we also decided to set up a group of volunteers who would be prepared to turn out from time to time to deal with those public areas which require attention. There are of course many residents who take pride in the overall appearance of the village, as can be seen by the way in which most privately-

owned frontages are maintained.

This can be done by a group of people meeting on a monthly basis, or tasks can be allocated (by e-mail) so that you can do the work when it suits you. Bring your own tools and equipment. There could also be evening meetings in the pub to plan the work. Providing the Parish Council knows that you are working as a volunteer on its behalf you will be covered by its public liability insurance, if, for example, a stone flies up from a strimmer and damages a car. It will also be necessary to take all the usual precautions of wearing a hi-vis waistcoat when working on or near a public road, and wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment when operating a strimmer, for example. The Parish Council has warning signs to put on the road and these will be made available as required.

If you would like to help please respond to the Clerk, Julia Evans, at [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com) or to [sjmjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:sjmjenkins@gmail.com) or call 01367 820776. Alternatively, you can reply to Julia via the website.

This is not just a man thing - ladies are very welcome.

We also need information as to what work needs doing and this should be sent to Julia or Simon, as above.

### **The 67 bus**

As reported earlier, Oxford County Council decided to remove all subsidies from rural buses, and we now know that the 67 bus will cease to visit Uffington and other local villages on 23 July. OCC and the bus operators are however planning to set up a new service (also called 67) from 25 July; we understand that this will operate directly between Wantage and Faringdon on an hourly basis, Monday to Saturday, and it will stop in Stanford-in-the-Vale and East Challow, on the A 417.

If you think that this may leave you without essential transport out of the village, don't forget the UBW Community minibus, and please speak to friends and neighbours about sharing. The Parish Council needs to know of anybody in the village who is totally unable to make essential journeys, having exhausted all other possible means.

If you are interested in sharing transport, there is a county-wide lift share scheme which offers a matching service for people (over the age of 18) who live, work and travel in and around Oxfordshire. The site matches people up with potential partners as either a driver or a passenger. Once matched, people can choose to lift share as little or as often as they like and this may be of help to people who commute from villages along the B4507. The scheme is only available via the internet and the link to the site is:

<https://oxfordshire.liftshare.com/> .

If you have friends or neighbours without access to the internet, please be prepared to help; it is possible to arrange lifts for others.

### **The Mobile Library**

We have been notified that the mobile library service provided by Oxford County Council will be removed in October. Oxfordshire Libraries have advised us of the following alternative solutions:

The nearest library building to Uffington is Faringdon; however there are library buildings in Wantage and Grove.

Our Home library service provides a service for people who are unable to visit the library themselves. Full-time carers and those who might need the service on a short-term basis following debilitating illness or hospitalisation can apply too. How it works:

Contact us to discuss the kind of books, DVDs, music CDs or audio books that you like to read or enjoy. We then arrange for a library volunteer to deliver these to you in your home. Our volunteers wear identification badges and provide a helpful and friendly service. Whenever possible, we try and arrange for the same volunteer to visit you each time. Your library materials will be delivered and collected every 3 weeks. The Home Library Service is free of charge, and there is no charge for requests or late returns. To register for this service or for further information call the Home Library Service on 01235 519201 or email [homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **The Jubilee Field Autumn Tidy - Save the Date**

The next Tidy up of the Jubilee Field will take place on Saturday 29/Sunday 30 October. Please make a note of this and further information will be circulated nearer the time.

Every day sees more cans, bottles and burger boxes thrown onto verges by passing vehicles. It is beyond our powers to change this culture, but it helps enormously if you collect a bag full when you walk around the village. We are planning on setting up another Litter Blitz to clear the verges and ditches in March next year.

### **The Queen's 90th birthday**

The Parish Council would like to thank Fenella and Carl Oberman and all those who helped them (to borrow a phrase from the Vicar - "too many to mention here, but you know who you are"), to set up the celebrations for The Queen's 90th birthday on 12 June. Despite a dreadful weather forecast, there was only one shower as most people were arriving after which the weather cleared and got better and better throughout the afternoon. Some of the highlights were Juliet Moss winning the prize for the best hat, Doreen Loxton, accompanied by the Queen, cutting the magnificent cake baked by Eleanor Banks, all the children having a wonderful time in the games and sports organised by Trudi Hansen, Jennie Preece and Jude Reynolds, and the girls (lots of them)

defeating the boys in the Tug of War organised by Dibbles Coxhead.

This event fulfils one of the requests in the Community-Led Plan.

### **Community-Led Plan**

The Parish Council is continuing to work on the Actions which come out of the Community-Led Plan. The progress report is updated from time to time and placed on the website. The most recent one is dated May 2016.

### **UBW Neighbourhood Plan**

Since the last edition, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has continued to work on the draft Plan. A letter was sent on 27 April to all residents of the villages of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone and to others who own land in the NP area, inviting them to identify what land might become available in the NP area for development - ranging from a small plot for a single dwelling to a larger one for multiple houses. If you have any suggestions, and have not already done this, the form should be returned no later than 29th July to Julia Evans, Clerk to Uffington Parish Council at [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com), or to Uffington Post Office Stores. Further copies of this letter and the form are available through the NP website, [www.ubwnp.net](http://www.ubwnp.net) or by contacting Julia.

The NP Steering Group will be holding a community event in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington, at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 July; all residents and owners of land within the NP area of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone are welcome. The principal focus of this event will be to present the Steering Group's proposals for the detailed criteria for selection of proposed development sites and to discuss more generally how we might also like to protect some areas of local green space.

The Steering Group needs to gather residents' views on the criteria and hopes that as many as possible will attend; refreshments will be provided. There will be further publicity on this event.

Comments and questions are always welcome via the NP web site, [www.ubwnp.net](http://www.ubwnp.net)

### **Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031**

The Vale's Local Plan Part 1 was subjected to its Examination in Public in February 2016. In early June, the Inspector informed the Vale that subject to some modifications the Plan was sound. That meant that the Vale could start work on Local Plan Part 2. They opened a consultation on 10 June and are inviting landowners to submit potential development sites for them to consider for Local Plan Part 2, to meet the remaining housing targets for the district. The NP Steering Group is working closely with Vale Planning Officers to get our Neighbourhood Plan in place, to ensure that new housing is placed in areas which suit the villages of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone.

## **Major Planning matters in the village**

Since the last edition of the Courier, there is the following to report:

**Jack's Lea.** Work continues on the development of 36 houses on the Station Road site. As at early June, the developers reported that 8 units have been completed, 7 plots have been reserved, and that they are on target to be complete by the end of the year.

**Drainage.** We have had a long-running correspondence with Thames Water about the impact on existing systems in the village of the increase of foul and surface water flows from the new houses at Jack's Lea. As part of the planning process Thames Water placed a report in 2014 on the Vale District Council web site to state that substantial enhancements to the capacity of the foul drainage system were required to service the development. We discovered in March 2016 that this requirement had been superseded by a new flow calculation methodology for dwellings, which has significantly reduced the calculated total inflow into the Uffington treatment works. As a result, Thames Water stated that the need for any enhancement had disappeared. The Parish Council is well aware that there is a history of blockages and overflows in the foul system in the village, and is concerned that the impact of 36 new houses may have a further adverse effect on capacity.

There is nothing more that we can do at present except to encourage all residents to report any blockages or overflows promptly 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 0845 9200 800. 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.

**New houses in Uffington.** An outline application for a single dwelling at Dragon Hill, on the Woolstone Road, with all matters reserved apart from access, was approved by the Vale Planning Committee on 13 April 2016.

An application for a new 3-bedroom house with parking at Vale Cottage, High Street, Uffington, SN7 7RP was approved by the Vale District Council on 30 June 2016.

## **Station Road Development Site - Section 106 contributions**

We spent a long time on this subject at the Annual Assembly on 11 April.

Analysis of the discussion and the response forms submitted showed support for the following:

Improved play facilities for the younger children; New play/keep fit activities for older children; Tree planting; Improving footpaths and providing better maps;

Reducing speeding in the village; Improvements to the Village Hall; Repairs to the Museum and church yard wall; Planting a permanent Christmas tree on the Jubilee Field; Vehicle access to the allotments.

The Parish Council is investigating how it might fund, or assist in the funding, of all of these wishes.

As part of the S106 contributions from the Redcliff Homes development on station road, we have been awarded a small amount of money to finance a unique work/s of art for the village.

We are working with the Arts Development Officer at the Vale on the search for artists in wood, stone or metal to create sculptural, signs and marker posts for the Jubilee field and surrounding footpaths. Once we have appointed an artist we are keen to involve local people and community groups in the inspiration and making of the works.

If you are interested in participating, joining the commissioning group or would like further information please email Karen at karen.pilcher@btinternet.com.

### **Parking on Broad Street by the School**

Please do NOT park, for however short a period of time, on the 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 back towards the bend. Parking in this area is dangerous as it obstructs the view of the road ahead to traffic coming from the Woolstone and Fernham direction. A new white line is to be painted on the road to indicate this.

### **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](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com) or [parishcouncil@uffington.net](mailto:parishcouncil@uffington.net)

**E-mail notices.** We have set up an e-mail distribution list which is used to publish notices of general interest to Uffington, 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](mailto:sjmjenkins@gmail.com) For data protection reasons, individual e-mail addresses are not disclosed.

### **Roadside hedges and ditches**

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that pavements and sight lines are not obscured by the growth of vegetation; there are a few houses where hedges and plants have grown out over the pavement or road to a considerable extent. If the pavement or road is obscured by your 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 - this is usually clear but if you are unsure please contact the Parish Council.

If you would like some assistance in clearing ditches which are your responsibility of vegetation so that they run freely, please contact the Parish Council at [uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com) or: [parishcouncil@uffington.net](mailto:parishcouncil@uffington.net)

### **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](mailto:uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com)

### **From Healthwatch Oxfordshire:**

“Healthwatch Oxfordshire is the independent watchdog and champion for the people of Oxfordshire on health and social care services. This means that if you’ve ever been to the doctor, hospital, pharmacist, dentist, optician, or have received social care services in your own home or in a care home in Oxfordshire, we want to hear about what the experience was like for you. We listen to people’s experiences of using health and social care services in Oxfordshire and we use this information to give advice to those who pay for the services and provide the services about how services need to change to meet the needs of local people.

We recognise that different parts of Oxfordshire may have different health priorities and concerns. We are very interested to hear from parish councils about what they think the most pressing health and social care concerns are in their area.

This is your chance to tell us what it is like for people in your local area to use health and social care services. Tell us what’s working well in your area and what could be better. Do you have suggestions for how health and social care services could be improved to better meet the need of your local communities?”

Please send any feedback that you would like to provide to the Parish Council; this will be treated on a totally confidential basis.

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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

#### **USEFUL NUMBERS**

PCSO Maralyn Pack (Mobile - when on duty)	-	07779 586392
E mail - <a href="mailto:Maralyn.Pack@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">Maralyn.Pack@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>		
Thames Valley Police Non Emergency	-	101
Emergency	-	999

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## TOM BROWN'S SCHOOL MUSEUM

Jo Coad

Please visit the museum and bring your children so they can try the interactive computer presentation to see who lived in your house according to the 1901 and 1911 census. If you live in a newer house then come and count the poppies to see how many men from Uffington fought in the Great War.

The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays, and Bank Holiday Mondays from 2pm - 5pm up to and including 30th October. Entry is free. If you would like to become a Friend of the museum and receive regular newsletters, please contact Jo (820428)

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## AFTERNOON CLUB

Ann Smith

At our April meeting the speaker had to cancel at the very last minute so out came the photo albums again, always popular.

Our sale in April raised £389 24p which went over 2 days. Because of lack of support at the sale we had a lot of tombola and plants left which we took to THE FARMERS MARKET on Sunday which helped us a lot.

In May PCSO Maralyn Pack came and talked about fraud and gave tips how to avoid it. Later I received a letter from PEOPLE'S POST CODE LOTTERY telling me I was the winner of a large sum of money, all I had to do was make a claim but not tell anyone until money was in my bank - as I do not do the lottery it was a fraud. I reported it to police who said they could not do anything about it. If you should receive such a letter, please be aware it is possibly a fraud.

In June we went to The Rose Revive - these meals are always enjoyed [free to members ]

If you would like to join us you are always sure of a warm welcome. We meet 2nd Thursday of each month at 2pm in the village hall .

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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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On April 19th Alexandra Stanbrook was unable to give her talk entitled 'Keeping Abreast of Things' as she was suddenly taken ill. The evening was saved by member Tory Russ who entertained us all with her informative and amusing memories of her experiences of being diagnosed with and treated for breast cancer.

In May UBW WI hosted the Vale group of W I at THMH. The speaker: Judith Holder was involved in the 'Grumpy Old Women' series on TV. She was highly amusing as well as thought provoking.

Future meetings:

June 21st. Angela Bryant on 'Healthy Diet and Lifestyle'. This will take place at Uffington Sports and Social Club on Fawler Road, Uffington.

July 19th Lynda Warren on 'The Golden Age of Musical Theatre'

August 16th. The Summer Garden Party : venue TBA

September 20th Alistair Borland : Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers.

October 18th Jenny Kerr will talk about the work of Dogs for Good. You may have seen them at the White Horse Show in August.

November 15th Trevor Edwards: a retired goldsmith will give a demonstration and talk.

Information about meetings can be found on the notice board at the Uffington Village Stores.

In addition to our other activities, UBW WI also welcomes invitations to cater for events from parties to funerals, at very reasonable costs. For more information contact Hilary Deakin on 01367 820 542 or Tory Russ on 01367 820 052.

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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 not for profit social and recreational activities. A team of volunteer drivers operates regular shopping trips, and the minibus may be reserved by local groups and individual members of the community for their own purposes.

It is necessary 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 and Wantage every Tuesday and Friday respectively, and to Swindon on the first Thursday of the month. We leave Patricks Orchard, Uffington at 9.30, picking up and setting down members where convenient for them.

The Association is not run for profit, but there is a modest fare for the shopping trips, and a fee for private bookings, to cover costs. Bus Passes may be used for the shopping trips.

The Association always welcomes new volunteers to join the driver pool or assist with administration. A full car licence is required to drive, and training is provided.

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

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## **WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB**

**Pamela Preene (Chairman)**

Meetings in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington, Faringdon, SN7 7RA 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. Membership per annum £10. Visitors £2.50 Raffle £1 (garden token £10 + other prizes).

Summer has now arrived and our gardens are a sumptuous wonder of colour, fragrance and edible delights.

The April meeting of 'Unusual edible plants to whet your appetite!' by Paul Barney, from Edulis Nursery, provided an insight into rare and interesting plants grown at the Nursery. We learnt about the destinations worldwide where they had been discovered. website [www.edulis.co.uk](http://www.edulis.co.uk)

THE PLANT SALE in May was a great success and secured a profit of £361.96. Thank you to everyone for bringing and buying plant. An enjoyable afternoon, where plants were eagerly discovered on the abundant tables of shrubs, herbaceous, herbs & veg.

Thank you to Carter and MacArthur for kindly providing hardwood blocks to support plant signs.

In June we visited The Gardens of Baulking. The weather was on the chilly side but what a treat! Perfect vegetables, beautiful farmhouse gardens, wildlife pond, avenues of trees and a warm welcome. Refreshments in Church Farm.

Thank you to the residents of Baulking.

Thursday 7th July at 6.30pm. Visit to Radcot House, Faringdon OX18 2SX. 3 acres of dramatic harmonious planting surrounding a Tudor Manor House - a real gem. Tour and Refreshments £7.50 (members £5).

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST. Coach trip to Stowe Gardens, near Buckingham. Entry £9.50 (NT members free). House (if open) £4.50. Coach costs £17. Departs THMH Car Park at 9am. Departs Stowe 4pm. Closing date is 30th June if you wish to attend.

Thursday 1st September. 'Wildlife Gardening'. Talk by Jenny Steel, author and expert on wildlife gardening, will advise us on how to make our gardens attractive to wildlife. [www.wildlife-gardening.co.uk](http://www.wildlife-gardening.co.uk)

Thursday 6th October. 'Practical propagation: seeds, cuttings and beyond: a practical demonstration' Talk by Jenny Logue, who specialises in easy to grow hardy herbaceous perennials. [www.wfplants.co.uk](http://www.wfplants.co.uk)

Thursday 3rd November 'We are all doomed? Trees: legal protection, pests and diseases'. Talk by George Reade, Arboricultural Officer for Swindon Borough Council.

Thursday 1st December. AGM/Christmas Meeting 'The art of craft cider' Talk by Roy Bailey, proprietor of The Lambourn Valley Cider Company. Seasonal Refreshments.

Please do come along and join The White Horse Garden Club.

Pamela Preene, WHGC

Contact: 01367820251 or [parrottspreene@aol.com](mailto:parrottspreene@aol.com)

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## **UFFINGTON PLAYERS**

**Christine Holley**

The Uffington Players A.G.M. will take place at the Sports Club on Tuesday 12th July at 8pm.

The Players will be celebrating their 40th year in 2017, and this will be one of the main items for discussion.

We would not only love to see current and new members, but we are sending out a call to all past members to take part, even if it is only a cameo roll.

If you are unable to attend the A.G.M. but think you would like to be involved or for more information please contact

Christine Holley 820474 or email [christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk)

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The pattern of services in the immediate future will be similar to what was previously given but does have some differences:

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Uffington 11am</b>	<b>Baulking 8.45am</b>	<b>Shellingford 10.15am</b>	<b>Woolstone 9.45am</b>
<b>1st in month</b>	One Family Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
<b>2nd in month</b>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Something Special</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>3rd in month</b>	8am Holy Communion Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Croissant Service
<b>4th in month</b>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>5th in month</b>	10am Benefice Communion in the parishes in turn			

From the Vicar

Dear All,

We have all been consumed, these past few months, with the run-up to the Referendum and now its aftermath. Whether you voted 'Brexit' or 'Remain' the challenge now is to live together in the same boat. Much is made of 'British values' these days; be that at Primary School or as a test for new immigrants to this country. Casting around for some kind of definition is problematic; according to Ofsted 'fundamental British values' are:- democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and 'mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith'. We will need to strive to get all four of these right in the months and years ahead if we are to thrive as 'commonwealth and nation' as the hymn goes. Arguably it is the last value of 'mutual respect and tolerance' which will need the greatest work. Christians follow a Saviour 'qui tolis pecata mundi' ('who takes away the sins of the world') - that gives some weight to the word 'toleration'. But it mustn't be toleration without regard to justice and law. Some of the greatest moments in Church history have come when it allowed others of radically differing views to sit down at the same table and discuss things. I think that's why the King James' version of the Bible has been so enduring. It is not just the great and poetic Shakespearean language, it is the fact that it was put together by those who had rather different ideas about 'what God is like'.

Meanwhile, back in the villages, we have had our share of weddings and funerals, not least that of Gilli Randle who did so much in the Players over the years. We are experimenting with 'All Age Communion' and 'Muddy Church' - do speak to me or Duncan Saunders if interested about the former and latter. We very much look forward to welcoming a new Headteacher, Lisa Bradbury, to Uffington School. And we await a little less rain, especially in time for the White Horse Show - I will be doing the inverse and anglican equivalent of the Rain Dance around the Vicarage Garden.

## **CHURCH TEAS**

Come to St. Mary's Church on Sunday afternoons, through till the end of September, for homemade cakes, cream teas and a welcome rest from that long walk, gardening or sitting in front of the TV Sport. In good weather we have outdoor tables and chairs to enjoy the peaceful surroundings of our well maintained churchyard. Come on your own or bring your family and friends. Offers to help or bake a cake very welcome also.  
Any enquiries - Fay Forster 820363.

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### **AVEBURY VOCAL ENSEMBLE**

Conductor: Sir Peter Beale

Organist: Simom Dinsdale

**John Rutter: Birthday Madrigals**

**Tallis: Mass for Four Voices**

Motets and songs for chamber choir

**Sunday 24th July 2016**

**7.00 pm**

**St Mary's Church**

**Uffington**

Admission £10 (under 18 free) by programme on the door

## **MESSY CHURCH**

**Sue Jennings**

We meet on the second Friday of each month except August, at the THMH, from 3.30-5.30 pm.

We are looking for volunteers either to help with crafts or running the kitchen, on a rota if possible. This would mean doing several afternoons in the year, as available.

You don't need to belong to a church or be a Christian to help, as long as you like being part of a team, and having fun with children and families. Our volunteers are aged 20 - 80+, so do contact us if this appeals to you.

At Messy Church we all learn more about the bible and Jesus in a very informal way. After an hour of crafts and games, we have a 15 minute celebration with drama, then sit down for a 2 course meal. We are part of the Uffington C of E Benefice of 4 churches, with Rev Jeremy Goulston as our vicar.

We have been running messy Church here for 3.5 years, it has been very successful, so we really hope to keep it going.

Contact Sue Jennings re crafts - jenningsue@gmail.com 07956 534478

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## SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

As we gallop towards the end of term and for me the end of my time at Uffington, I wanted to take a few moments to reflect over the past four years.

Of course I am proud to have celebrated high standards of achievements and SATS results in the top 5% in the country. However, it is not this that I will remember. It is the children's smiles as they come into school each day; the imaginative and creative lessons I have seen and those extra special events we do so well, including our recent Coronation to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday and a traditional street party.

Uffington is a happy school and I would like to thank my team for their dedication to making high quality learning fun. We also say goodbye to Mrs Turner and Mrs Thorne this term; two teachers who have been dedicated and creative teachers. Mrs Raynor and Mrs Bond sadly left earlier this term and Mrs Rains will be leaving at the end of the term. We wish them all good luck in the future.

Mrs Bradbury will be taking up post as Headteacher in September and I wish her and her team luck in moving this special school forward. I will miss all of the children and wish them every success for the future.

Mrs A Carnell

### UFFINGTON FARMERS MARKET

Lucy Palmer

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

The market runs every third Sunday of the month in the car park of the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington. SN7 7SB. 10 am to 12.30pm

<http://uffingtonmarket.uk/>

#### **Dates for the year are:**

Sunday 17th July; Sunday 21st August; Sunday 18th September; Sunday 16th October; Sunday 20th November; Sunday 18th December

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## **THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL**

**Douglas Dalrymple (Chairman 821063)**

With the retirement of Paul Armishaw from the office of Chairman at the AGM in January, after many years of remarkable service to the Hall - and thus to the Village - the surviving members of the Management Committee took stock, divided some of Paul's tasks amongst themselves, and cast about for a Chairman to preside over their meetings.

The Hall underpins much of Village and local life, whether as a venue for clubs or organisations - there are sixteen or more in number who use it maybe weekly, maybe monthly, or just occasionally - or it is booked for one-off events, often by private individuals. But the Village Hall as we have it now only exists thanks to the vision, hard work, and commitment of its managers over the years, and the generosity of kind residents from time to time.

We all know that Village Halls, like other buildings, do not stand still: if they are not to deteriorate, they need maintenance; if they are to keep up with modern requirements, or widen their range of facilities, they need more than maintenance. Minor upkeep is financed out of the income from bookings, thus this summer there is a project to improve the flooring, a low 4 figure sum - rather than a large 5 or 6 figure one. Major necessities - such as the insulation of the roof and the heating system - obviously require special finance: the two items just mentioned would cost between them in the region of £60,000. The only people who need not be aware of this framework are people who live in the village, but who never come near the Hall.

It might be helpful for those who do use the Hall to know whom to contact in what regard;

Hon. Secretary: Pamela Preene 820251; Hon. Treasurer: Ray Avenell 820242;  
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The Management Committee would welcome additional volunteers, either as general members or as potential office holders. Please be in touch with any of the above, or the Chairman (contact details above), if you would like to lend a hand. The next Committee Meeting is at 7.00pm on Monday July 18th, followed at 8.00pm by the session open to Trustees and Representatives from organisations that regularly hire the Hall.

Happily Paul Armishaw has not departed altogether, his experience and his DIY skills remain available, and it was thanks to his initiative that there was the opportunity for a pleasingly numerous audience to enjoy live professional theatre from the Watermill in the Hall one evening back in April.

By the time you read this there will have occurred the Queen's Sunday, when we hope to have saluted Paul and Pam Coulson, thanking them for all their work on our community's behalf over several decades - that is no exaggeration. We would like to thank the Parish Council for making a moment on June 12th available to us, thus allowing a greater number of Villagers to have expressed their appreciation to Paul and Pam.

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# The White Horse Show at Uffington, Oxfordshire.

**This annual event, held every August Bank Holiday, takes place in 2016 on Sunday 28th August and Monday 29th August.**

## **A brief history:**

The Show was established in 1972 to raise funds for a new village hall at Uffington in the Vale of the White Horse, as the existing building, an old First World War munitions hut, was beyond repair.

The idea of a small community country Show was determined as the best fund raising idea, and today this has grown to become one of the biggest events not only in the Vale, but also Oxfordshire, attracting up to 10,000 visitors over the two days. Not bad for an event produced entirely by volunteers.

The initial event proved so popular that it was decided to carry on, and by 1975 enough funds had been raised not only to plan a new hall, but build it. The Hall was officially opened in 1975 and called the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, dedicating it to Thomas Hughes who lived in Uffington and is best known for writing 'Tom Brown's School-Days' amongst other works. Today visitors to Uffington can visit the Tom Brown Museum.

Despite the objective of a new hall being attained it was clear that the Show could continue and raise funds for other causes within the Uffington area. This is still the case today with the proceeds after costs from each year's event being passed to the White Horse Show Trust, who make grants to applications from community bodies within the parishes of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone. This has assisted the local schools, churches and many other community based clubs, societies and associations.

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## **The 2016 Show:**

Highlight of the 2016 Show will be a display by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight including the Spitfire, Hurricane and Dakota. These will be appearing on Bank Holiday Monday but, as with all other aerial events, will be subject to the weather. Remaining in the air, there will be a display of World War One fighter planes on Bank Holiday Sunday and, as a complete contrast, fabulous birds of prey on both days.

In the Main Arena, the Royal Signals White Helmets motorcycle display team will thrill the crowd. Other key attractions include twice daily displays by the magnificent Heavy Horses, the 'Paws for Thought' Dog Display Team and Meirion Owen and his amazing 'Quack Pack' of ducks !

Between the main events the 'Kids Zone' has various activities for children including Go-Karts and the Theatre des Bicyclettes, or trawl the numerous trade stalls and the indoor marquee for food delicacies, clothing and much more.

Whilst walking the Showground you can have a cup of tea in the 'Retro Zone' Forget-Me-Not tearooms, after looking at the historic tractors, static engines and classic cars and bikes, whilst listening to the Wantage Silver Band.

If something mechanical is not your thing then 'have a go' at some country pursuits. Expert instructors will assist you with archery, target shooting and clay shooting in the Country Zone, where you can also see a wide range of animals, reptiles and more.

The big Fun Fair will be back, so sit and eat or drink in the Food Zone, whilst the kids have a go.

NB: All events and especially those in the air are subject to the prevailing weather conditions.

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