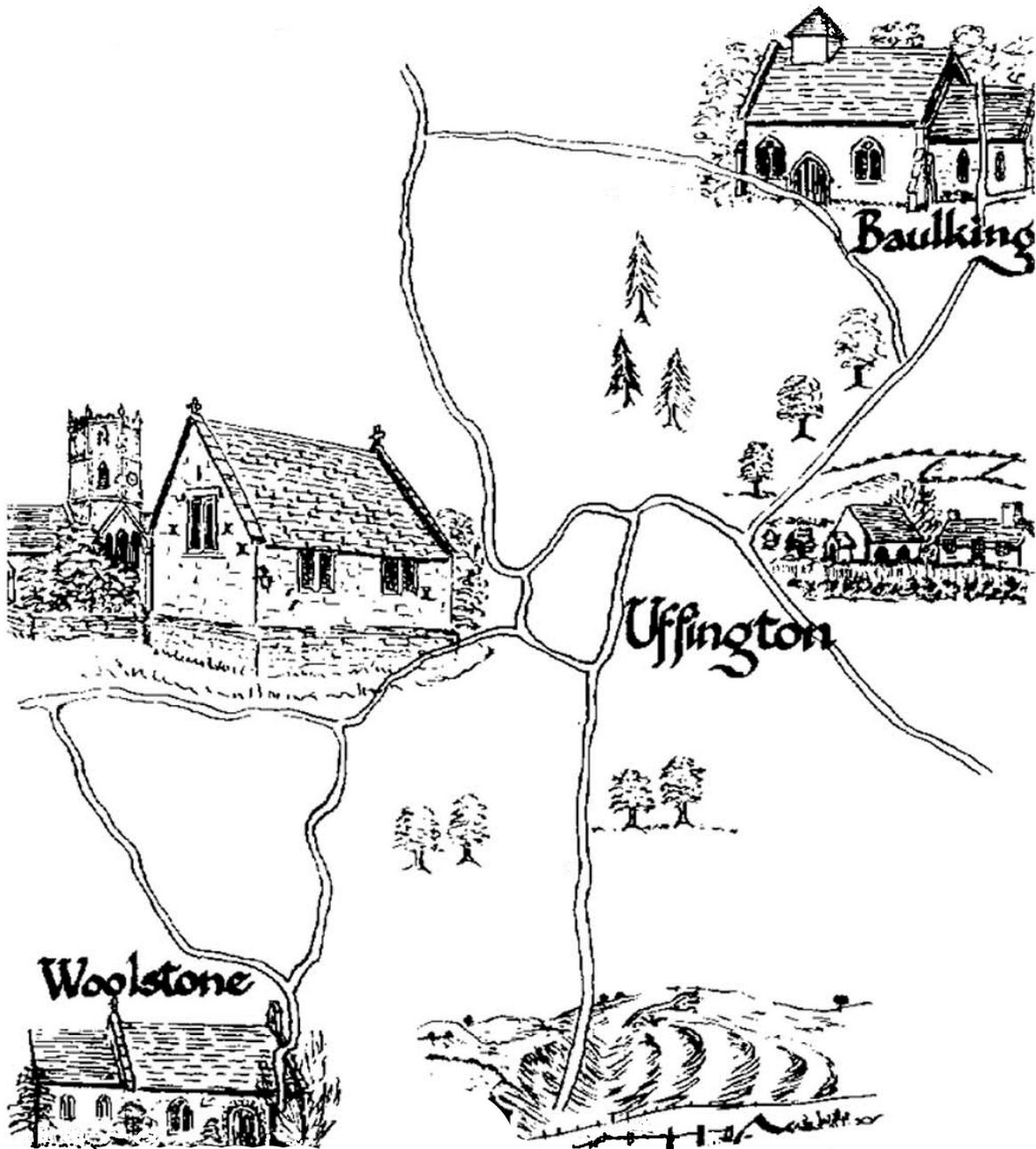


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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Simon Jenkins (Chair)

A face lift for The Courier

The Parish Council, with the assistance of Jem Packford, is hoping to give the Courier a “face lift”. Jem has acquired improved software and we would like to encourage all residents of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone to submit articles of general interest in future, including photographs or cartoons etc, in colour. This will increase the cost of printing, which is borne by Uffington Parish Council, and we would like to see to what extent this might be mitigated by an increase in advertising and wider distribution to other local village shops / pubs / cafes etc.

If anybody would like to get involved in a project to review and extend the advertising content of the Courier, please get in touch with Karen Pilcher or Simon Jenkins – numbers below. This would be an ideal job for someone with a little time to spare and access to a computer; we hope there will be someone out there with the necessary skills and enthusiasm!

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
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
Dr Paul Coad	Tel: 01367 820428
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.

The Annual Assembly will be held on Monday 10 April, commencing at 7.30 pm in the THMH, with refreshments served from 7.00 pm. The agenda will be on the Parish Council notice board in good time. This is an important point in the year, as it is OUR opportunity to explain to all residents what has been achieved on your behalf in the last year, and our proposals for 2017 / 2018. It is YOUR opportunity to raise any matters of concern to you. We would like to see as many people as possible.

School warning lights

The school warning lights were replaced in November 2016, delivering a great improvement in driver awareness around the school at critical times. This has been made possible by a number of very generous contributions, as follows:

White Horse Show Trust - £1,100

Euro Fine Foods Ltd - £1,000

Baulking Concert Fund - £400

Uffington Parish Council - £200

The School and the Parish Council are extremely grateful for these contributions and such generous community support. The warning lights and advisory 20 mph speed limit will make a great improvement to road safety in Uffington, as requested in the Community-Led Plan.

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.

Crocus planting



You may remember from the last Courier that a small team planted 2,200 crocus corms in the shape of the White Horse, last November on the Jubilee Field, in the area of the village sign. The Rotary Club of Faringdon & District has been part of the campaign to eradicate polio worldwide for a long time. To celebrate the centenary of the Rotary Foundation in 2017 the Club donated 20,000 crocus corms

(bulbs) to Faringdon town and villages within its District. With thanks to Faringdon Rotary Club and to Douglas Dalrymple for organising the gift to Uffington, we can now see the result in early March – a wonderful show of purple crocuses – which we should see in the Spring for many more years:

The Jubilee Field Spring Tidy 2017 – 18 / 19 March

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who turned out for the Spring Tidy on 18 /19 March. Much was achieved in tidying the areas around the Shop and the pond, and also in a litter blitz around the verges, as shown by this pile awaiting collection by the Vale: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.

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 December 2016.

Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031

The Vale's Local Plan Part 1 was approved by the District Council on 14 December 2016. Now the plan has been approved, the district's five year land supply is secure and major development should only happen in areas identified in the Local Plan. The VOWHDC will now use the Local Plan Part 1 to determine planning applications throughout the district. This means it will have much greater

control over what developments are allowed to be built, ensuring communities only see new developments that accord with the Local Plan.

The VOWHDC is now working on Local Plan Part 2 and a draft was released for consultation on 9 March 2017. The consultation is open until 4 May and all residents are encouraged to make their comments. This may be done in a number of drop-in exhibitions – dates and places are on the Parish Council notice board – or on the Vale website: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

The total housing requirements for the District for the plan period 2011 to 2031 are 22,760 new houses. Part 2 has to:

- Provide 3,850 homes, including 2,200 to assist with Oxford City's unmet housing need (a total of 15,000 homes)
- Agree a Master Plan for the new Didcot Garden Town
- Replace saved policies from the 2011 Plan
- Make provision for retail, leisure and commercial developments and for the infrastructure needed to support them.

80% of the 2,200 homes for Oxford will be in the Abingdon and Oxford area and 20% in the South East Vale sub-area. Other sites allocated in the consultation are:

- Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor – 600 homes
- East Hanney – 2 sites (130)
- Marcham – 2 sites (520)
- An additional 1,400 in South East Vale sub-area.

As will be seen from the above, there are no allocations at all in the Western Vale sub-area – i.e., including Uffington, Baulking, Woolstone and other local villages. However, the Vale have to find 240 additional homes in the Western Vale sub-area, held over from Local Plan Part 1, and are expecting these to be identified from Neighbourhood Plans or as “windfall” from other sources. But please note that the Government has imposed a rolling three year target for Actual Housing Delivery. If the target (thought to be 1018 completed homes per annum) is not met, the presumption in favour of sustainable development will apply again, meaning that District planners will be obliged to consider sites outside the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans.

Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan

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

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has made good progress since my last report. In addition to commissioning a Housing Needs Analysis, which has now

completed (thank you for your engagement in responding to the questionnaire), it has sought bids for a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and is about to go to contract on employment of a consultant for that role. The plan development is progressing well in parallel and first drafts remain on track to be produced in the late spring or early summer. It is too early to share the detail of the Housing Needs Analysis yet, but in co-ordination with the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan Part 2, the housing need and the corresponding Neighbourhood Plan requirements are developing well. The group continues to meet on a monthly basis to progress this activity and a community consultation event is being planned for the June/July timeframe to share the results of the Housing Needs Analysis, the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment work and the resultant draft policies, which will form the core of the plan. Finally, the redesignation of the Plan Area for Uffington and Baulking without Woolstone was confirmed by the District Council in February. I will update you again on our progress in the next edition of the Courier.

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

Major Planning Matters in the Village

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

Jacksmeadow. Construction work has been completed on the development of 36 houses on the Station Road site. In late February the Vale District Council told us that the 12th occupation of the open market houses took place on 31 January. The number of occupied homes is very important as it triggers the release of S106 funding to the village, and to the parish, district and county councils as detailed below.

Fawler Road / Station Road. A planning application for access only to a new residential development on land at Fawler Road and Station Road Uffington for up to 44 new dwellings was submitted to the Vale District Council shortly before Christmas under reference P16/V3185/O. It will include up to 15 (35%) affordable units and associated infrastructure. The Parish Council has objected to this application and further information is awaited from the District Council.

New houses in Uffington. The Parish Council has raised objections on various grounds to the following:

1. A new house on land adjacent to the Manor
2. A new house and garage/office at Creslu, on the Woolstone Road

3. A new house at Craven Yard, Fernham Road – this was in response to a retrospective application to correct errors in the construction of this house.
4. Two new detached houses with double garages on land adjacent to and south of Fawler Road.

In all the above cases, further information is awaited from the District Council.

Jacksmeadow Development Site – Section 106 contributions

As stated in the last Courier, 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). Some of these are described below.

Public Art Contribution. The developers (Redcliffe Homes) have contributed £11,600 to the District Council towards a work of art in Uffington. This is separate from the S106 contribution of £100,000 to the Parish Council and has to be unique to Uffington and made by a professional artist.

A working group reporting to the Parish Council was formed in 2016 made up of volunteers from the village, overseen by Abi Brown who is the Arts Development Officer for the Vale.

Over the past few months the group have selected their chosen artist from an original shortlist and appointed Tom Hills from Greenspace Designs based in Devon. He specialises in wood and has over 20 years' experience working with communities to celebrate the landscapes in which they live.

The main aim is to ensure that the feature will be of use to the village rather than a static piece of art. The project that Tom is now working on is to produce a bespoke information board to be located between the shop and the village hall which will highlight key landmarks in the village. It will include suggestions for a parish trail with markers around the village linked to the information board and also signpost visitors to attractions such as the White Horse, Ridgeway & Waylands Smithy. Timescale for completion is July/August this year.

You will be able to see examples of Tom's work at the Parish Council Annual Assembly in the village hall on Monday 10th April from 7.00 pm. Alternatively if you would like to be involved with the working group or would like further information please contact Karen Pilcher 01367 820978 or karen.pilcher@btinternet.com

Other Contributions. A contribution of £100,000 is to be made to the Parish Council. Other contributions include:

Football pitch (In the parish)	£6,123	Artificial pitch (In the vicinity – Note 1)	£2,122
Tennis (in the parish)	£7,808	Rugby pitch contribution (in the parish or Faringdon)	£1,433
Cricket pitch (in the parish)	£2,246	Sports hall (in the vicinity - Note 1)	£16,343
Clubhouse (in the parish)	£15,822	Swimming pool (at Faringdon)	£12,771
MUGA (in the vicinity – Notes 1 and 2)	£7,847	Gym equipment (at Faringdon or Wantage)	£7,337

Notes:

1. In the vicinity means within 10 miles of the parish of Uffington
2. Secured by Uffington Parish Council, and installed in November 2016

If you have any queries about progress on contributions for sports in the village, please contact those responsible, but note that not all contributions may yet have been received by the District Council from the developer.

Parish Council Contribution of £100,000. . We have received a number of requests for assistance with projects. These currently include improvements to the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, essential repairs to the Old School Room (which houses the museum), improvements to the younger children’s play area, measures to reduce speeding in the village, building work at St Mary’s Church and a number of other ideas. If you have a worthwhile project or suggestion and have not yet explored it with the Parish Council, then you should please do so as soon as possible. In anticipation of receiving the money before too long, the initial round of bids will close on 30 April. After that, (assuming that the money has actually been received from the District Council by then), the Parish Council will be deciding how the money will be allocated.

The Parish Council is pleased to state that it has already made a commitment to a grant of £11,000 (subject to receiving the money) to the Management Committee of the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall for a project which they hope to implement later this year.

The procedure for bidding for grants is contained in the Parish Council’s Grants and Donations policy on the village website.

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.

The photocopier

The lease on the photocopier located in the Uffington Primary School has been transferred (the technical term is “novated”) from the Parish Council to the School, with effect from 1 April 2017. The reasons for this include greater restrictions on access to schools by the public for reasons of child safety, and significantly reduced usage by users other than the School.

However, the School has kindly agreed that members of the public may use the copier under the following conditions:

- It may only be used by prior arrangement with the School (via a phone call to the school office 01367 820296) and after 3.30 pm each school day. It will not be available during school holidays.
- Payment in cash will need to be made at the time of usage - 10p per copy.

Roadside hedges and ditches

It is the owner’s responsibility 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. There are a few areas of the village where trees and hedges / plants have grown out over the pavement or road to a dangerous extent. 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 or trailer – this is usually clear but if you are unsure please contact the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to thank the small group of residents who volunteered to assist with maintenance work around the village, in areas which are the responsibility of the Parish Council; much essential work has been done;

there will be more as the summer approaches. If you would like to join this group, please get in touch with the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

It is essential that the ditches around the village run freely. If you need some assistance in clearing ditches which are your responsibility of vegetation, please contact the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

Dog Mess

Every now and again there is a resurgence of dog mess being left – recently, in and around the public footpath through the allotments. The allotments are food production areas and dogs must be kept on leads and on the footpath. All dog mess must be removed by the owner – either to one of the dog bins or taken home.

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

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.

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Uffington Museum celebrates 400 years



Tom Brown's School Museum in Uffington was originally the old school room, founded in 1617 by Thomas Saunders for 12 worthy boys at a time when education for the poor did not exist. The building became the village museum in 1984 and this year celebrates 400 years with a special exhibition on the founding of the schoolroom & education in Uffington through the past 4 centuries.

Tom Brown's is one of the smallest museums in Oxfordshire and was granted Accreditation status in 2013 by Arts Council England. It is run entirely by volunteers who plan the exhibitions each year, care for the collection and organise a rota to open the museum from Easter until the end of October.

The museum also explains the history and archaeology of the area including the White Horse, illustrates the village's connection with Thomas Hughes and Tom Brown's School Days and also the time that the late poet laureate Sir John Betjeman lived in the village with his family. It continues to record the changes in village life in Uffington with nearly half the collection consisting of photograph's and articles from the late 1800's to the present day.

This year's quadricentennial exhibition will tell the story from Thomas Saunders the founder through to the present day primary school including artefacts from a Victorian schoolroom. There will also be a display about the history of the building and how it has survived 400 years.

The museum is open 2pm to 5pm every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday from 15th April until 29th October and entry is free. All visitors have the opportunity to enter a free prize draw to win one of 3 hampers. If you have an interest in the White Horse, John Betjeman or Thomas Hughes or if you have relatives that lived or are still living in Uffington then don't miss the opportunity to visit this lovely museum.

www.museum.uffington.net Broad Street, Uffington, Oxon SN7 7RA

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TODAY HISTORY IS MADE!

Carl Oberman

At a brief but nonetheless significant ceremony, the footbridge over the railway near Uffington station yard was officially declared open by The Right Honourable Ed Vaizey, our local MP. The footbridge replaces a dangerous footpath crossing the railway line, and the work had been carried out by the construction company Murphy on behalf of Network Rail. Local representatives at the ceremony were Robert Sharp, Vale of White Horse District Councillor, Fenella Oberman, Uffington Parish Council and David Cavenagh of the Ramblers Association. Also in attendance was Matthew Thompson, Communications Manager for Network rail, members of the Murphy workforce... and Heidi the labrador representing the canine users group.



Ed Vaizey MP cuts ribbon

The bridge will be greatly welcomed by walkers using this path, allowing a more direct safe route from Uffington to Moor Mill and avoiding the need to use the road bridge at Uffington Station. During the ceremony two freight trains and at least four high-speed passenger trains passed by the bridge, highlighting the volume of rail traffic along this busy line.



The footbridge viewed as approached from the path from Uffington



UFFINGTON COMMUNITY CAFE

*At: Memorial Hall, Saturday 1st
April Time: 11am till 3pm
Homemade Cakes, Bacon or Veggie
Rolls, Hot & Cold Drinks. FREE
fruit and sweets for kiddies.
Vicky & Chris can't wait to see you.
Contact: 07884167800*

THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who so kindly sent me cards when my husband Norman Trevatt passed away last November . Norman loved to stop and chat to people when he was walking our dog Jack. Although I miss Norman , it is good to have the cards with well wishes, which I will always treasure.

Pat Trevatt.

UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley

In February the Players put on their annual pantomime. This year the group celebrated its 40th anniversary with great success. Well done to everyone involved in this production, you should all be very proud.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to the performances and for your support.

If you would like to involved in any future productions or for further information please contact Christine Holley 820474 or email christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk

BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW – 22 January 2017

Results of the 2nd Draw of the year [quarter ending 31 December 2016]]

**Held at The Friends of St Mary's Church, Uffington,
Carvery Lunch At The Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall**

1 @ 150.00	196	Simon Doyle
3 @ 55.00	109	George Pope
	39	Jeremy Goulston
	52	Jim & KenTerry
5 @ £35.00	23	Mike Thomas
	89	Linda Lord
	186	James Matthews
	158	Penny Spink
	31	Britford Jeeves
5 @ £27.00	185	Mike Wright
	48	Clover Stroud
	101	Simon & Fiona Clark
	126	Simon & Fiona Clark
	119	Justin Spink

BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW 2017

Results of the 3rd Draw of the year [quarter ending 31 March 2017]]

1 @ 150.00		
3 @ 55.00		
5 @ £35.00		
5 @ £27.00		

AFTERNOON CLUB

Ann Smith

In February we had a speaker from Wild Life Conservation, it was a very interesting afternoon .

In March we went to The Fox at Denchworth for lunch to celebrate our 41st birthday [all free to members], and in April Mr Gof Smith will be advising us on care for our feet .

We are **NOT** having our usual sale as we are having a raffle at The Farmers Market on Easter Sunday, please come and support us .

We meet 2nd Thursday of each month in the village hall from 2pm. For more details ring 01367 820511 or 01367 820279

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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 every Tuesday and Wantage every Wednesday and Friday. We also have a trip to Swindon on the first Thursday of each 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 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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The WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB continues to flourish with membership increasing every month. We have been using the large hall for over a year and are pleased that there will now be a permanent screen and projector.

The February talk was 'Plant Signatures' by Davina Wynne-Jones (daughter of Rosemary Verey) from Barnsley House Herb Garden.

Also in February we had a fabulous visit to Covertside, nr Cirencester to see 100's of different types of snowdrops in John Sales garden.

March a talk on 'Changing Planting Styles' by Lady Mary Keen, whose garden we will be visiting in May.

Next meeting is on Thursday 6th April - 'Summer Container planting': ideas for problem areas. Tips to make your hot spots, shady areas, windy corners and eyesores a little more enticing this year. A talk/demonstration by Harriet Rycroft. For more information see Harriet's blog called 'A Parrot's Nest' at harrietrycroft.com or garden courses at gardenschool.com.

SATURDAY 13th MAY. 2.30 - 4.00 pm. Plant Sale. Please bring plants for sale. **Please support our main fund raising event**, and bring your friends. Label and price each plant. **If you wish to sell your plants on a 50:50 basis please add an extra label to each one with your name and the cost.**

Thursday 18th May - Visit to Mary Keen's garden at The Old Rectory, Duntisbourne Rous, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 7AP. £10 per person to include refreshments. Numbers limited to 40. FULL

Thursday 1st June - Visit to The Mill House, Woolstone, courtesy of Justin Spink. £5 members, £7.50 visitors, inc. refreshments. www.justinspink.com

Thursday 6th July - Visit to Eastleach House Gardens. £12 per person to include introductory talk & leaflet with plan of the garden. Numbers limited to 30. Supper in local pub. tbc.

SATURDAY 5th August Visit to Coton Manor gardens, Coton Rd, Coton, Northampton NN6 8RQ. The garden opens at 12noon. £6 per head. Car sharing. Lunch/teas available. There is a good nursery and café.

Thursday 7th September - 'The Edible Flower Garden'. Talk by Kathy Brown will tell us about the inspiration behind her garden. 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. 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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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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ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church Wardens



MESSY CHURCH

Sue Jennings

Uffington Benefice Messy Church - THMH 3:30-5:30pm



Between 40-60 people of all ages continue to meet each month for a time of crafts and games, followed by a short celebration with drama and a song, then a 2 course high tea.

Our next 4 months details-

April 7th 'The Last Supper and Easter' in St. Mary's church

May 12th 'The Resurrection'

June 9th 'Dry Bones- Ezechial'

July 14th 'The Feeding of the 5000'

Everyone is very welcome to come, bring your friends too!

Sue Jennings and the Ministry team

Fundraiser for The Leprosy Mission (TLM)



On Saturday and Sunday 22/23rd A

pril from 10-5 pm in THMH small hall

Light lunches, teas, raffle, plant stall and activities for children

Mike Thomas, the local Speaker for TLM, will show a DVD about Purulia Hospital in India, which we are raising funds for. Their Out Patient Department desperately needs modernising, for up to 300 patients s a day.

Do come along and support us. If you would like to help in any way, or give a donation, please contact us -

Sue Jennings 820013 07956534478

Mike Thomas 07803035603

The Swire Arts Competition 9-5pm Saturday and Sunday 22/23rd April THMH

The theme : 'The Spirit of the Ridgeway'. Entrance free

Running concurrently will be the Swire of the Ridgeway Arts Competition in the large hall. There are exhibits in art, poetry, sculpture and photography.

The Welcome Pack

Last year, with a small grant from Uffington Parish Council, the Welcome Pack was updated, to be given to every newcomer to Uffington, Shellingford and Baulking. In Uffington we try to ensure everyone we know has moved to the village receives one, to give them as much up to date information about activities, local businesses and facilities which are on offer there. We rely on the Parish Chairs of Baulking and Shellingford to arrange distribution of them in their villages. Details are updated as we become aware of changes.

(Woolstone Parish declined to be included). If you have missed out please contact me. There are copies available at the shop also.

Sue Jennings 820013 jenningsue@gmail.com

The Great Get Together Saturday 17th June 12-4pm

**On the Jubilee field outside, and using Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall
Inviting Woolstone, Baulking, Shellingford, Kingston Lisle, Fawler and
Uffington residents**

Some residents are planning a big picnic to celebrate the very best that our communities have to offer. We want to show that, like Jo Cox, the late MP said, we have more in common than that which divides us. This is not a fundraiser, or a political or 'church' event, but is a really good excuse to get together.

BYO food and outdoor chairs etc.. Do come and join in, for an afternoon of fun, music, games for children and more. We will welcome a gold coin donation on the day to pay for hire of the hall, tea etc.

Maybe you have a poem, dance, or musical instrument you would like to perform after the picnic? This is open to all ages. Please let me know.

If you would like to help organise the afternoon, please contact-

Sue Jennings, 1 White Horse, Uffington, Jenningsue@gmail.com

Tel: 07956534478 01367820013



Uffington Farmers Market

Dates for Uffington Farmers Market this year are:

Sunday 16th April

Sunday 21st May

Sunday 18th June

Sunday 17th September

Sunday 15th October

Sunday 19th November

(Early Christmas market with craft stalls)

Sunday 17th December

(Late Christmas market with craft stalls)

Every Market runs from 10 am to 12.30 pm

Market location:

Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Broad Street,
Uffington SN77RA

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SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD.

As we look forward to the special time of Easter, we have much to celebrate at Uffington CE Primary School. During March we received a one day inspection from Ofsted. We were all delighted that they judged our school to be “good and improving”. Not only that but they found our pupils to truly live out our values of respect, trust and perseverance. I am very proud of every member of our school community.

We have had a fun packed spring term. Recently several of our classes have worked with a theatre company and have found out all about how multicultural our British values and traditions are. We have had a visit from an author – Sean Callery and each pupil found out what it takes to produce a non-fiction book. One of our favourite days was when we invited Dads to come in and read with pupils, this proved to be a great success. On World Book Day pupils and staff took great delight in dressing up as favourite book characters. Our school website has a lot of photos of these events so please do have a look at what we have been up to!

Now that the weather is improving we have been doing some collective worship outside – the children released prayer and affirmation bubbles whilst we encircled the church. Of course now our thoughts turn to our Easter service on Friday 7th April at 9am in church. We hope to see many of you there.

From all at Uffington CE Primary – may we wish you and your families a wonderful Easter.

Mrs Bradbury, Head Teacher

THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL Douglas Dalrymple (Chairman 821063)

The AGM was held at the end of January, an event well attended by the Trustees and the Management Committee, with some very welcome presence from Representatives of Clubs or Organisations that regularly use the Hall, but almost totally ignored by the public, despite having been well advertised in advance.

The Accounts for the year were reviewed and the motion to have them approved by the Meeting on an open vote was passed without dissent.

Reports were heard from each of the Post Holders on the Management Committee on matters arising within their portfolios.

The proposed updated draft of the Constitution, recommended to the Meeting by the Trustees and the Management Committee, was discussed section by section, and was comfortably approved when put to the vote.

Happily all the volunteer Post Holders – whose work makes the Hall available as a valuable facility for everyone - had indicated they would be prepared to continue in post - if elected - which they were. Further Paul Armishaw was elected back on to the Committee, his post being that of Caretaker and Maintenance, work he had not anyhow abandoned during his 'year off'!

Representatives then had the opportunity to make any comments they wished. 2016 had seen the new management team settling in to their posts and dealing with major back-room matters; the Constitution; the Terms and Conditions of Hire; the Booking Form; the Licensing Permit. Out front, in addition to on-going maintenance, servicing and cleaning, the major improvement was the re-surfacing of the floor in the main Hall, carried out by members of the management team, to which add a notice-board outside the entrance door, and some bike racks installed nearby.

For 2017 there are three ambitious major projects in mind, as well as a number of minor improvements to the facilities. Given that the hire fees only cover standard maintenance over the year, progress on these fronts will depend on success in applications to grant-making bodies, and funds allowed to the Hall from the Section 106 moneys that will be arising from the Jack's Lea development.

As should have become clear above, maintaining and improving the Hall as a valuable community facility takes a good deal of effort from the volunteers on the Management Committee. The Hall's basic survival is dependent on the bookings, regular and one-off, so please use 'your' Hall at every relevant opportunity.

The next opportunity for anyone who wishes to attend a meeting is on Monday 24th April at 8.00pm. See you there?



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