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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Simon Jenkins (Chair)

The Council

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

Mr Simon Jenkins (Chair)	Tel. 01367 820776
Mr Graham Banks (Vice Chair)	Tel. 01367 820379
Mrs Fenella Oberman	Tel. 01367 820230
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Clerk

Mrs Julia Evans Tel: 01235 833466

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

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

The Annual Assembly was held on Monday 10 April. We agreed the Parish Council's Aims and Objectives for the coming year as:

- To provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in its future development
 - To be a strong voice for residents, working to improve the overall village area, both built and natural, while preserving the setting and character of heritage areas
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- Continue to sponsor, encourage and assist the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, to get the Neighbourhood Plan for Uffington and Baulking adopted
- Work to close off any remaining actions in the CLP
- Continue to consider very carefully all applications for planning approval
- Firm up plans for the S106 contributions to come from the Station Road development to ensure a fair distribution
- Keep abreast of the implications for the village of the Better Oxfordshire unitary proposal and respond accordingly
- Work with the Uffington Museum Trustees, to ensure the long term integrity and safety of the building and to bring the management structure up to date
- Prepare an Emergency Plan for the village
- Continue to communicate our plans, actions and achievements effectively

Save the date - Newcomers Welcome Morning on 7 October

Since the completion of Jacksmeadow, 36 new families/couples have moved into that area of Uffington alone, as well as others who have come to our villages over the last couple of years. When they move in every new household is issued with a "Welcome Pack", a very informative booklet listing what's on, when and where in the village, but we feel that a personal introduction to as many of the local organisations as possible would be of benefit to everyone, not just those who have moved in recently.

Uffington Parish Council is therefore planning a "Newcomers Welcome Morning" from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon on Saturday 7th October in the main hall of the THMH, which will be open to all residents. All village organisations have been invited to have a small stand giving details of what they do; refreshments will also be served.

Save the Date – Jubilee Field Autumn Tidy

The Jubilee Field Autumn Tidy will be held on 28 / 29 October.

The Courier

The Parish Council, with the assistance of Jem Packford, is hoping to give the Courier a "face lift". 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 above. This would be an ideal job for someone with a little time to spare and access to a computer.

Uffington - Village of the Year...?

Channel 4 TV is running a competition to find the 'Village of the Year', and we are delighted to announce that Uffington is on the short list. Channel 4 is looking for the unique points of villages which have entered the competition; for Uffington these include Tom Brown's School Museum, celebrating its 400th anniversary this year, and the White Horse itself.

However, 75 villages have been shortlisted. Channel 4 completed their filming in Uffington over the weekend of 3 and 4 June; we understand that the results will be televised in the autumn and the prize for the winning Village of the Year is £10,000.

Parking on Broad Street by the School

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

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

Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan

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

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has made good progress since my last report. The area re-designation following the Woolstone withdrawal from the plan development has been completed with a revised NP area covering only the Uffington and Baulking parishes now formally designated. The Housing Needs

Analysis (HNA) reported in the last Courier article has been published and is available on the website and we have initiated a Landscape Capacity Assessment, independently conducted, due to the NP Steering Group's view that the local landscape has a vital influence and is of significant importance on local planning policy. There is a wealth of detail in the HNA report (much of which comes from your responses to the questionnaire circulated earlier in the year) but the key findings are:

- *House builds in the Neighbourhood Plan Area increased the number of households by 9.2% in the period 2001-2011.*
- *A total of 67 new dwellings are required in the Neighbourhood Plan Area, to meet future requirements of the Plan Period 2011-2031*
- *These are in addition to the 356 dwellings at 2011. However, 48 have already been completed / proposed through a development of 36 homes at Jacks Lea and 8 single dwellings at Uffington plus 4 single dwellings in Baulking.*
- *Therefore, a minimum of 19 further dwellings are required for the Neighbourhood Plan Area in the Plan period.*
- *It is recommended that these 19 additional dwellings should comprise of 1-2 bed and 3-4 bed semi-detached and bungalow homes for young couples, families and elderly.*

The Landscape Capacity Assessment is expected to report by early August, and we hope that our first draft NP will be coming together in the autumn. We have arranged a number of opportunities recently for the Steering Group to consult with residents, at Farmers Markets and at a specific meeting for all residents of Uffington and Baulking on Wednesday 21 June. At these meetings we explained the progress we have made and the policies which we are proposing for the Neighbourhood Plan.

PS. The meeting on 21 June was well attended; thank you to all who came, on an exceptionally hot evening. The Steering Group picked up some helpful feedback, and the results will be published on the website.

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:

Fawler Road / Station Road.

1. The 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 refused by the Vale District Council on 8 June 2017.
2. The application for two new detached houses with double garages on land adjacent to and south of Fawler Road was refused by the Vale District Council on 16 June 2017.

Outstanding planning applications in Uffington. Decisions are awaited from the Vale District Council on the following:

1. A new house on land adjacent to the Manor
2. A new house and garage at Creslu, on the Woolstone Road
3. A new house at Craven Yard, Fernham Road – this is in response to a retrospective application to correct errors in the construction of this house.
4. The Glebe, Broadway - Demolition of existing storage building and construction of a two bedroom building for a holiday let.
5. Church Cottage, Broad Street - Proposed dropped kerb; new opening in the garden wall; & new driveway for parking.

New planning applications

We have said this before, but we would like to encourage those intending to submit an application to the Planning department at The Vale District Council to discuss them with the Parish Council at an early stage. We may be able to help you to avoid unnecessary errors which serve to downgrade the quality of the application. For example, recent supporting documents for applications for new houses have:

- Stated that Uffington is sustainable in transport terms as it has a regular bus service
- Failed to mention Listed Buildings situated 50 m from the site in question, in an Impact Statement on nearby Listed Buildings

Jacksmeadow – Section 106 Contributions

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

Public Art Contribution

A working group reporting to the Parish Council was formed in 2016 made up of volunteers from the village, overseen by Abigail Brown who is the Arts Development Officer for the Vale District Council. The public art project will see the installation of an information notice board and markers around the village celebrating the history of Uffington.

Over the past few months the group have been working with 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 groups' ideas have been presented at the Parish Assembly on 10 April, at recent Farmers Markets in May and June and the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 21 June. Your comments and feedback have been very helpful and we hope that the project will be completed by mid-October.

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

Parish Council Contribution of £100,000. . We await transfer of these funds from the Vale District Council.

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 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



What could be better than fresh veg and fruit in return for some hard work, in good company? Here is a picture of the allotments, taken on a warm June morning:

NOTICES

Chief Executive - South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils.

The District Councils have accepted the resignation of their Chief Executive, David Hill. Mr Hill has recently taken an extended period of caring leave following an illness in his family and has informed the councils that he wishes to pursue other opportunities and they have agreed his departure with immediate effect.

In his place, Mark Stone has been appointed as Acting Chief Executive. Mark is currently the councils' Interim Chief Operating Officer and has over 20 years of local government experience, which has included positions at Devon, Wiltshire and Enfield councils, in addition to working in the civil service.

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.

Make a difference - Community First Responders (CFR)

South Central Ambulance Service is seeking volunteers in the local community who may be able to assist in an emergency. Below is some information about what is involved and a link to our web page.

We have CFR Schemes across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire, in both urban and rural areas. Our CFRs are trained to deliver life-saving skills such as the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), basic airway management and oxygen therapy, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR - and we always need new recruits.

Because CFRs only respond to emergencies in the area where they live or work, they can arrive at the scene before an ambulance gets there. By being able to start life-saving medical treatment earlier, CFRs really do help save more lives.

<http://www.scas.nhs.uk/our-services/community-and-co-responders/>

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact me:

Sally Morris, South Central Ambulance Service, 07748 027419

The Repair Shop

Ricochet is an award-winning independent television production company, responsible for creating high quality programming for all the major broadcasters and makers of the BBC Two Series The Repair Shop. We are looking for family heirlooms and objects that have community value that have fallen into disrepair. For example: memorial plaques, eroded statues, snapped weather vanes, broken sun dials, cracked gargoyles, fading carvings, or antique village and pub signs. Objects need to be able to be taken to our workshop in Chichester to be repaired by our team of master craftspeople, so have to be transportable.

The series will follow a team of some of Britain's most passionate and skilled craftspeople as they work side by side in a beautiful barn in the West Sussex countryside fixing, repairing and breathing new life into objects brought in by members of the public. The team are a group of experts drawn from different disciplines such as furniture repairers, metal workers, mechanics, ceramicists, clock makers, picture conservationists, up-cyclers, restorers and fabricators of every ilk. Every object brought in to 'The Repair Shop' will be different, each with its own story to tell and at the end of each programme, the objects will be returned to their owners to be treasured in the family for generations to come. The series is due to transmit on BBC2. To find out more go to www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08l581p

If you have an object you'd like our help with please get back in touch with us at repair@ricochet.co.uk or call us on 01273 224829.

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Dear All,

I am recently back from a holiday up on the Northumbrian coast, staying at a place called Seahouses. From there it is only a short drive (provided you get the tide times right!) across to the island of Lindisfarne, home to much of the early British Church.

It was at Lindisfarne that St Aidan arrived as a young bishop, sent by the monks of Iona to help King Oswald bring Christianity to his people. Aidan was a gentle pastor and did much good walking to and from Lindisfarne talking to people as he went, founding schools for both girls and boys which were way ahead of current thinking. He encouraged his warrior King to be generous with what he had, and won the hearts of many.

The Northumbrian coast is scattered with castles – two of the most impressive being Dunstanburgh and Banburgh. The threat in the 800s was from the Vikings; today it is probably from the uncertainties of fishing quotas and the ups and downs of the tourist industry. The point is that if we think life is 'a bit iffy' today, this is certainly not a new phenomenon.

I read recently that we like historic dramas set in wartime because they add a twist to human dilemmas. Personally I find human dilemmas quite enough in peacetime but the point was well made; and I do like a good episode of Poldark! We are told by the Venerable Bede that Aidan once witnessed Banburgh being savagely attacked by Penda, King of the Mercians, who a fire lit against the town wall. Aidan simply invited God to 'see what evil Penda does'. We're told that the wind changed and the town was saved.

Whatever you think of the power of prayer it is often simply worth holding up your, and other peoples', troubles to God. Sometimes the smallest of interventions and the most humble of prayers can lead to a change in the wind direction.

I have been much taken with the recent TV series 'Broken'. Sean Bean, usually the 'all action' hero, is taken to some pretty powerless places and situations. For me, it is so often his honest inadequacies which not only save him, but those around him too. Perhaps it calls us all to a more open way of being, and less dismissive of lighting a candle in the darkness whenever we need to.

I am grateful for all the help I get from the Ministry Team and PCCs to 'keep the candle burning' in our respective parishes. We have enjoyed connecting with the Schools, not least at their end of term services and assemblies, and there have been some good baptisms and weddings recently, alongside the poignancy of funerals. The 'Priest's Room' over the porch at St Mary's has had more than a lick of paint and we hope to open it officially in September.

Meanwhile, may all your summer holidays be blessed, and the rain fall softly on your fields.

Jeremy

We have our last Messy Church on Friday 14th July in the THMH from 3.30-5.30 p.m. We have decided to have a break as our willing and able volunteers are now much fewer in number and we felt it the right time to move on to something new.

However, after four and a half years of fun, mess, and laughter and learning more about the bible and how Jesus loves us all, we will have a big celebration. There will be crafts, games and a picnic in the park. Do come along and join us if you can. The theme will be: "Jesus feeding the 5000".

We shall be continuing our regular family services in the benefice. The next one is July 16th at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's, none in August, then September 17th at 10 a.m. again at St. Mary's. Everyone is welcome to come along.

If you have any ideas about learning more about life and the Christian faith please speak to any of the Ministry Team or Rev. Jeremy 821143 or Sue Jennings 820013, jenningsue@gmail.com

Games in the Park in Uffington

Following a very successful 'Games in the Park' Last summer, St. Mary's are organising this event. There will be races, ball games, parachute games and more. Come with your ideas!

The dates are: Wednesday 26th July 1030-12 midday, and Wednesday 9th August 1030-12 midday, on the green behind THMH.

It will be cancelled if wet though. It's for all ages, young people and adults are very welcome to come and help.

Contact Sue Jennings 820013 jenningsue@gmail.com



At the time of going to print the museum has been open for 10 weekends and I am delighted that we have already attracted nearly 500 visitors to see the new exhibition. The visitor’s book shows that as well as local interest, we have welcomed people from Australia, USA and South Africa. In June we hosted the Uffington cubs working towards their local knowledge badge – they spent time looking at the ‘here & now’ presentation on the touch screen computer and completed a quiz on the items displayed in the museum. They finished off with a Q&A session and we asked them ‘why do you think the windows in the old schoolroom are so high? Answer ‘so that the boys couldn’t escape!’

In June we were filmed for the new Channel 4 programme ‘Village of the Year’ as Uffington has been shortlisted to the final 76 villages nationally. The programme should view early autumn and the museum will feature both internally and externally. If you’ve not yet had an opportunity to visit then a reminder that we are open every weekend between 2pm and 5pm with free entry.

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW – 12 April 2017

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

Held at The Christian Aid Lent Lunch At The Old Stables, Fernham Road, Shellingford, Courtesy of Janice Sharp

1 @ 150.00	139	Sarah Turner
3 @ 55.00	177	Cherry Mawle
	8	Jim & Sue Matthews
	94	Paul Armishaw
5 @ £35.00	71	Clive Spinage
	31	Britford Jeeves
	16	Mr & Mrs J Twynam
	57	John & Susie McCullough
	166	Carol Wadsworth
5 @ £27.00	155	Nicola Cale
	194	Mr & Mrs Fred Challis
	61	Dr Alan King
	170	Silvie Gibson
	152	Janice Sharp

AFTERNOON CLUB

Ann Smith

We have had a mixture of speakers, in April Gof Smith the foot man advised us how to have healthy and comfortable feet .

In May our speaker from AGE UK came and gave a very informative talk on the work of AGE UK and in June we went to The Chequers at Charney for lunch, enjoyed by all, especially those who eat alone, all free to members

A special thanks to the mini bus committee and especially Tom who gave up his time to drive us .

July we have a speaker from Dogs for the blind .

We meet 2nd Thursday of the month in the village hall at 2pm

We did not have our usual sale but have had 3 raffles at the Farmers Market with many thanks to those who supported us. We will be at the School fete 8th July with a raffle

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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 Plant Sale on 13 May was the most successful to date with a profit of **£550.00** – a record. A BIG Thank You to everyone who brought and bought plants and to all those who helped on the day. During the summer months of May, June, July and August garden visits are on the agenda.

On Thursday 18th May we visited Mary Keen's garden at The Old Rectory, Duntisbourne Rous, Nr Cirencester. Mary Keen is a well known garden designer and her beautiful garden set in the Cotswolds was an inspiration at every turn.

Thursday 1st June the visit was closer to home at The Mill House and Mid Summer House in Woolstone, courtesy of Justin Spink. The sun shone on a true summer's evening whilst we all enjoyed the delights of these two beautiful gardens. This was the summer social and wine and nibbles were enjoyed.

Next - Thursday 6th July - Visit to Eastleach House Gardens, Eastleach Martin, Cirencester GL7 3NW. £12 per person to include introductory talk & leaflet with plan of the garden. Numbers limited to 30 . Supper in local pub. A few spaces still available.

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.

As the autumn approaches we return to the hall for talks.

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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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Krista Soper

Well it is all hands on deck down at the Community Garden. Everything is planted and it is now a case of making sure there is enough water for the plants to grow. Other places in the UK seem to have had lots of rain but our portion has been very small indeed. However with the heat we have had when they do get a drop or two of rain they shoot up. As a result we have had a bumper crop of strawberries and the new potatoes are delicious. Every year is certainly different.

This season the Community Garden became even more bug friendly when the Scouts delivered a bug hotel which they put together with left over materials donated by Murphy and Sons. However we have been having problems with pigeons and the Cubs came and created a whole family of scarecrows to help us keep these seedling - eating creatures at bay. The scarecrows the Cubs made were all different shapes and sizes, just like real people, and have infact managed to keep the pigeons off the bean seedlings. Result. The plants are now growing on at a pace.

It has been lovely to see some new faces over the past few weeks. Everyone is welcome. We are pretty informal but things do get done. Last week we had 8 of us putting up the fruit cage around the soft fruit. There was a lot of discussion but everyone dug in and got the job done in no time. As a result this week we picked gooseberries, black currents and raspberries. With a few more people we might even be able to make up a list of activities that could be carried out over the week instead of just on a Saturday. But we are always behind the Fox and Hounds from 2 to 4pm on Saturdays.

Hope you can enjoy the sunshine.

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SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have much to celebrate and reflect on at Uffington CE Primary School. During May we received an inspection from SIAMS. We were all delighted that they judged us to be a 'good' school, describing the school as "a warm and welcoming Christian community where everyone lives out the school's core values of respect, love and perseverance."

We have had an extremely busy term with visitors and visits by the children to a range of exciting places. As part of our 'Healthy Schools' week we were visited by the Funky Lunch Workshop Company who made amazing art work with fruit and vegetables and Konflux Theatre who worked with the children on how we can keep fit and eat a balanced diet. The week culminated in a performance by the children which was warmly received by our parents and wider families. More recently, Wayland Class have enjoyed pond dipping and meadow sweeping as part of their science studies at Earth Trust in Long Wittenham and our youngest children in EYFS went on an expedition to see the animals at Cotswold Wildlife Park. Before the end of term, Dragon class will visit Court Hill near Wantage for an overnight residential and will be building campfires, walking the Ridgeway and bug-hunting.

At this time of year, there is a hint of sadness as we know that we will soon have to say goodbye to our Year 6's. They are a wonderful group of children with many gifts and talents and we wish them well as they embark on a new phase in their lives at Secondary school. We hope that the community will join us at our Founders Day service on 13th July at 11am, at the church, in which the school celebrates all of the achievements of the year, says a fond farewell to our Year 6's and looks towards a new academic year and all of the challenges and rewards it will bring. Our school fete will also be held on 8th July from 12pm to 3pm and we hope to see you there too.

Mrs Bradbury, Head Teacher

FUEL OIL BULK PURCHASE SCHEME

Paul Armishaw

Community First Oxfordshire (previously ORCC) is the oldest rural community council in the country and is a registered charity. Their fuel oil purchasing scheme has been operating in our three parishes since February 2011 and was one of the first in Oxfordshire. The oil buying syndicate brings communities throughout Oxfordshire together to make the most of joint buying power. Not only do you get the best possible price, but the oil companies can make the most efficient use of delivery lorries (and fewer journeys to a particular community helps the environment). You also pay the same bulk price regardless of the quantity ordered, ideal for keeping your tank regularly topped up. The minimum order is 500 litres.

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

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

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UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley

The Uffington Players will soon be planning their next production. We are always looking for new members to be involved on or back stage.

If you would like to join us or would like more information please contact Christine Holley 820474 or email christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk

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.



**Uffington Church of England
Primary School**
Dream , Create, Achieve

Broad Street
Uffington Nr
Faringdon Oxon
SN7 7RA

Open Morning and Evening Events



Early Years Foundation Stage Open Mornings

*Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th
October 2017*

9.30 am to 10.30 am on both days

We currently have spaces for 15/30 hour places for 3 and 4 year olds and we offer private places to children from 2.5 years. This is the perfect opportunity to see our Nursery and Reception in action.

Whole School (Nursery to Year 6) Open Evening

*Wednesday 18th October 2017
From 4.15pm to 6pm*

Our school was rated 'good and improving' by Ofsted (March 2017). Come and visit us to find out how our school provides a creative and inspiring education in a stimulating and happy environment.

For further information please contact 01367 820296 or
office.3251@uffington.oxon.sch.uk

<https://www.uffington.oxon.sch.uk/>

THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL Douglas Dalrymple (Chairman 821063)

WORKS CLOSURE: Regular Hall users should note that the Hall will be closed this summer between the 13th August and the 6th September, for considerable works in connection with the triple Energy Efficiency Project: insulation in the roof of both Halls; replacement of the main boiler; and the installation of solar panels.

In connection with the boiler a large hole will deliberately appear – temporarily we trust – in the vicinity of the current tank, so between the Small Hall and the road. All passers-by are encouraged to keep their eyes open, and not to fall in.

The Trustees and Hall Management Committee are very appreciative of the support and assurances from the Parish Council and the White Horse Show Trust, which have enabled us to commission these three projects to be completed between now and the end of September.

Some applications for grants are still matters awaiting determination by sundry bodies, but we hope to be able to express more appreciation to a greater number of organisations later on this year!

The result of these works should be cosier Halls next winter for all users; a reduced Halls' carbon footprint; and lesser energy bills, making it possible for hire fees to remain lower than could otherwise be the case, whilst improving user experience.

The next meeting for representatives of regular clubs and other such is on Monday July 17th at 8.00pm in the Small Hall, after the quarterly meeting for the Trustees and the

Management Committee.

The Committee hopes to be able to bring news of encouraging progress in the October Courier.

Meanwhile, may we all enjoy a good summer.

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The White Horse Show at Uffington, Oxfordshire.

This annual event, held every August Bank Holiday, takes place in 2017 on **Sunday 27th August and Monday 28th 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.

The 2017 Show: Bank Holiday, Sunday 27th August & Monday 28th August.

Highlight of the 2017 White Horse Show will be a display by two iconic Spitfires from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, appearing on Bank Holiday Monday and remaining in the air, an aerobatic display by champion lady pilot Lauren Richardson in her Pitts stunt aircraft on Bank Holiday Sunday.

In the Main Arena, both days, the Bolddogs Lings FMX motorcycle display team will thrill the crowd, and other key attractions include twice daily displays by the magnificent Heavy Horses, the remarkable Kipperridge Gun Dog Display Team and the Old Berks Hunt, hounds (Monday only). Other arena areas host the Savage Skills BMX trick cyclists and Bertie Raines, professional wood cutter.

Young children? No problem. Visit the 'Kids Zone' hosted by Annabelles Nursery and help build a replica White Horse with the National Trust, try out the Go-Karts or watch Juggler John, amongst other attractions.

Walk the Showground and trawl the numerous trade stalls and the indoor marquee for food delicacies, clothing and much more. Enjoy a cup of tea in the 'Retro Zone' tearoom, after looking at the historic tractors, static engines, classic cars and bikes. Or listen to the Wantage Silver Band, Kidlington Concert Brass or the Ukey Dukes, ukulele band playing on the 'Village Green,' where you can visit the bars or get food ranging from chips and burgers, to artisan foods from the Wandering Feast concessions, or visit Hebborns Fun Fair.

In the 'Country Zone,' have a go at some country pursuits. Expert instructors will assist you with archery, target shooting and clay shooting, plus you can also see a wide range of animals, birds of prey and more, or learn about bees or weaving. Plus learn about life in Civil War America of the 1860's from the Kennesaw Confederates Re-enactment Group.

NB: All events, especially aero, are subject to weather conditions.

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