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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Simon Jenkins (Chair)

The Council

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

Mr Simon Jenkins (Chair)	Tel. 01367 820776
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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.

Appeal for funds for the restoration of the Old School Room (Tom Brown's School Museum)

This remains one of the most important topics on our agenda at present, and for the village as a whole. Most people will be aware that the Old School Room is in urgent need of restoration – principally to the four external walls but also some other works, including the rain water goods and the chimney. At present, we are hoping to start the work in May - subject to having raised sufficient funds.



As at 12 March, we have raised £42,000 towards our target of £66,000. We have raised the target in order to allow more for contingencies; those who have lived in old buildings will know only too well that you can find unexpected horrors when you open them up. Taking account of expenses already paid, we have to raise a further £24,000 to meet this target. Progress can be tracked on the thermometer

made by Paul Armishaw & Dawn Mortiboy outside the museum

Listed Building consent to carry out the repairs has been received from Vale of White Horse District Council.

The Parish Council is extremely grateful to all those who have contributed towards this appeal - whether by cash, cheque, bank transfer or even small change dropped into the jar in the Shop – this has raised an astonishing £450 so far. Please do not stop; as you can see, we are not there yet. If you have an idea for a fund raising initiative please feel free to go ahead. We would like to thank some of those who have done this: Geoff Rumble's New Year quiz caused some head-scratching and raised £122 and the four ladies who organised a Bridge afternoon raised £1,093. If you would like to discuss an idea with a member of the Parish Council, please approach any of us.

Dog Poo

Apologies for putting this in such a prominent position in our report, but we have received a number of complaints, including on the Uffington Facebook page, that people are not cleaning up after their pets.

Please always clean up after your dog and dispose of the bag in a responsible way – in a bin.

Jubilee Field

The Jubilee Field Spring Tidy and Litter Pick was held on 17 March 2018. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who turned out on an extremely cold day, as a result of the return of the 'beast from the east'. Fortunately, most of the work was completed before we received another 3 or 4 cm of snow. Much was achieved in tidying the Upper Common side of the Jubilee Field, around the pond, and clearing the verges and ditches around the village.



The result is here:-

It was wonderful to see so many children out and we would particularly like to thank the Brownies, Beavers, Guides and Scouts who braved the weather; some of them are in these two pictures:



Warming up in the Community Café after some litter-picking

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

The Parish Council would like to thank the small group of residents who assist with maintenance work around the village, in areas which are the responsibility of the Parish Council. If you would like to join the group, please get in touch with the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

We would particularly like to thank those who turned out on 3 and 24 March to tidy up the hedge and the access to Footpath 26, both of which are close to the old telephone box opposite St Mary's Church; an amazing amount of dead and overgrown wood was removed. For the record, the hedge now looks like this:



The hedge that was, and will now regrow

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, or on the white line which runs from the Church gate back towards the Museum. Both are there for an important purpose - which is to make it possible for children to enter and leave the playground safely. Despite repeated reminders, this request is still ignored by some users of the school. It is a parking offence to park on these lines and you may be liable for penalties.

Uffington Baulking and Woolstone Community-Led Plan

The UBW CLP was completed in December 2015 and we have from time to time put reports on the village website on the Actions which have been addressed and completed. We are pleased to report that the majority of Actions placed on Uffington Parish Council and the Parish Meetings of Baulking and Woolstone have now been addressed and are described as 'Closed' in the latest report; this can be accessed on the village website, under the Community Led Plan heading, or by contacting the Parish Council.

There is however one more Action to be addressed, as follows: '***PC/PMs to set up a working group to liaise with local NHS to consider how better to provide healthcare support for elderly at home.***' This is actually quite complicated, as it is closely connected to national issues on the structure and funding of the NHS, and we have therefore taken advice from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which supports GP surgeries in Wantage and Faringdon, as described in the following report.

A closely related Action in the CLP was: '***PC/PMs to appoint a good neighbour coordinator to liaise with the Oxfordshire Community Information Network, to address some of the needs of the elderly.***' Following a public presentation in late 2015 by the Oxfordshire Good Neighbour Scheme, and a number of reminders, it became clear that there was no public support to set up a formal GNS in Uffington, Baulking or Woolstone.

Further research on the question of liaising with local NHS to provide health care support for the elderly at home, has shown that the majority of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone residents are registered with one of the following GP surgeries: Elm Tree Surgery in Shrivenham, White Horse Medical Practice in Faringdon or Church Street & Newbury Street practices in Wantage. The first named is in Swindon CCG, and the others are in South West Locality of the Oxfordshire CCG. Different CCGs may have different policies and priorities. The foreword to the Locality Place Based Primary Care Plan for South West Oxfordshire Locality, which includes the medical practices in Faringdon and Wantage, starts with:

'It is a challenging time for our local NHS: public spending has not kept pace with growing demand for NHS services; there are shortages of qualified staff at every level of the health and social care system; population growth in South West Oxfordshire is set to accelerate over the next 10 years. These challenges are the context for our drive for better quality and safety of patient services Our aim of continuing to deliver primary care services close to home can only be met by a plan which addresses each of these local populations according to their unique needs. However, it is clear that not all primary care services can or should be reproduced independently in each town and village. GPs and our colleagues in the community healthcare system therefore seek to retain the local strengths of what we have now, while moving positively towards far greater integration and cooperation between services. We cannot afford to miss any opportunities to

reduce duplication of work, share expertise and information, and use technology to communicate more effectively with patients and each other.'

We should all be aware of the amount of development planned by Vale of White Horse District Council in the period to 2031, and therefore the increasing pressure on the infrastructure which supports the populations of rural villages. The NHS is no exception; its funding situation is regularly in the headlines.

We have been notified that the CCGs are working closely with partners across the health and social care system to address local concerns; this work is mainly looking at developing a 'frailty' pathway, and is in its early stages at present. The systems and procedures with which we are all currently familiar may change, but CCG's are working to provide the appropriate level of medical support to all residents, including the increasing population, as well as the increasing number of elderly people.

We have particularly been assured that the District Nurses and GP's will visit patients at home according to need, and put support in as required to aid the elderly and housebound population. For those unable to get to GP or hospital appointments under their own arrangements, please remember the UBW Minibus; the bus goes to Wantage twice a week and Faringdon once. If you have not joined the UBW Minibus Association you can call John Hatcher on 01367 820417. (Membership is free and bus passes can be used).

In summary, Uffington Parish Council and the Parish Meetings of Baulking and Woolstone feel that all three villages are of a size that people know and look after each other, in effective but informal 'good neighbour' arrangements. So we do not feel at present that there is much more that we can do, other than to say to all residents that if you need help, you should ask; the Parish Council / Parish Meetings will do all they can to help.

CLP Summary

We hope to discuss the finalisation of the CLP at Uffington Parish Council's Annual Assembly on 9 April. Baulking and Woolstone will also be reviewing it at their Parish Meetings. Subject to any queries about the above report or any other matter about the CLP raised at these meetings, we see our responsibilities for the actions and tasks which arose from the CLP as complete. It was a very useful initiative which had support from the majority of residents in all three villages and led to a number of important actions and improvements, including amongst other things, to the Neighbourhood Plan – see below for a report. We are NOT however saying that the CLP should be filed away and forgotten.

There is always potential for further improvements to village life. Should anybody wish to step forward, individually or by forming a 'steering group' of some sort, Uffington Parish Council and the Parish Meetings of Baulking and Woolstone will be happy to consider any worthwhile ideas. These might include organising an outdoor concert, picnic or sports day on the Jubilee Field, joining in with further

work on the Wilts and Berks Canal, improving local footpaths and bridleways, starting a new activity or helping with improving any of the existing facilities in our villages, etc.

Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan

From Robert Hart, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG):
The NPSG has continued its hard work over the past couple of months and the draft plan is marching towards completion. We have brought the Housing Needs Assessment and Landscape Capacity Assessment together with the initial Characterisation Report to form a clear set of policies. The plan weaves these together with a description of the aims and objectives of the Plan, the methodology and some contextual detail, forming a coherent document presenting the options considered and the policies settled upon. The draft has been checked by our independent support consultant and is now undergoing informal review by the Vale of White Horse District Council. We expect to present the draft to villagers at a Community Consultation Evening on Tuesday 24 April 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall (refreshments available from 7.00pm), which will mark the beginning of a formal 6 week consultation period, during which comments and suggestions on the draft will be gratefully received. Once this is finished and the draft plan has been updated, it will be submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council for independent examination before returning to the villagers for the referendum to approve it. The examination can take considerable time so we hope the referendum will take place in late 2018. Please join us on 24 April to keep engaged with your Neighbourhood Plan. We look forward to seeing you then.

Your continued patience, support and engagement are greatly appreciated. The NPSG website, www.ubwnp.net, remains the best way to stay up to date on progress, and to place any comments or questions.

Planning applications in Uffington – since the last edition of the Courier

The following have been approved by the Vale District Council, (with Vale reference number):

- Listed Building consent for Structural and in-situ conservative repairs to masonry and minor alterations to the Old School Room (also known as 'Tom Brown's School Museum'). (P17/V3234/LB).
- Development work at The Walnuts, Broad Street, Uffington – a new stable block, incorporating a hay barn and store (revised plans). (P17/V3294/FUL)
- Internal alterations to existing ceilings and doorways in modern rear extensions to listed building, at The Vale Cottage High Street Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RP. (P18/V0218/LB)

The following are awaiting determination by the Vale District Council, (with Vale reference number):

- Proposed erection of two self-build dwellings at Dragon Hill, Woolstone Road, Uffington. (P18/V0003/O).

- An application to the Planning Enforcement section, concerning the conversion of an open-sided car port to an enclosed double garage at the former Craven Yard.

The following planning application has been withdrawn:

- Proposed new dwelling with access at Former Post Office, Broad Street, Uffington. (P17/V2670/FUL)

Notice of an appeal has been received in respect of the refusal of permission by VOWHDC for a new detached two storey house at Chapelfield, Fawler Road. (P17/V2111/O).

New planning applications

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

Jacksmeadow – Section 106 Contributions

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

The projects which we have so far supported were listed in the last Courier. There is some money left and we would welcome fresh applications for grants towards projects which would be of benefit to the Uffington community. Please contact any member of the Parish Council to discuss an idea.

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.** There is an e-mail network of topical information which is sent weekly to those who have signed up for it. If you wish to join please notify Simon Jenkins on 820776 or sjmjenkins@gmail.com For data protection reasons, E-mail addresses are held securely and not disclosed to anybody else.
- **Facebook page for Uffington, Baulking, Woolstone, Kingstone Lisle, Fawler –** The majority of Parish Council communications are shared on the local Facebook page.

The Allotments

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

Advertising in the Courier and on the village website

The Parish Council's Advertising policy was included in the last edition of the Courier and is available in the village website here: <http://www.uffington.net/parish-council/policies-procedures/>

It will be implemented slowly in order to give advertisers time to consider the advantages to their own businesses of an eye-catching colour advertisement on the village website (with a link to your own website), and in the Courier, which is distributed free to a number of pubs and shops etc in the surrounding area, as well as to c450 households in Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone. Advertisers please respond, or we may not be able to include your advertisement in the next edition.

If anybody wishes to advertise in the Courier and / or on the village website please contact the Parish Council at: uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com We would welcome more advertising and also more colour to give the Courier a 'face-lift'.

NOTICES

Drainage

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

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

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 <p>Uffington Church of England Primary School Dream, Create, Achieve</p> <p>01367 820296 www.uffington.oxon.sch.uk</p>	 <p>Ofsted 2017 "Good & Improving"</p>  <p>THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND</p> <p>*...from Nursery to Year 6, the pupils are confident and achieve well...</p>	<p>We warmly welcome visits to our lovely school!</p> 
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Dear All,



I am writing this on the Friday before Easter which tends to concentrate the mind for followers of Christ. It is raining and cold outside which is not inappropriate for Good Friday as we recall that by this stage of his life Jesus didn't have many friends left. But God does not come into this pre-Easter story of human cruelty and weakness as a wrathful judge: he is found standing among the scapegoats. In the words of Isaiah 52, the traditional Old Testament reading for Good Friday, "He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed by our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole."

Earlier today in Baulking, at the 'Hour at the Cross' service, I reminded those gathered that Jesus' heart is broken for us all. It is His *love* which holds us, with our own doubts and sorrows, to himself and holds himself to that cross with greater strength than any nail could ever muster. In this way the cross he carries becomes his throne. He is reigning from the tree – the old Anglo-Saxon poem, the Dream of the Rood, is relevant here.

One hymn I wanted to choose for Easter, but didn't get the chance, is the one with great words by Frederick Faber, 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'. In these judgemental and divisive times ('are you for Corbyn or May?', 'are you Labour or Conservative?', 'are you for Brexit or Remain?' and so on..) it is easy to decry those who refuse to rush to an easy judgement. It is tempting, too, for people of faith and no faith to seek simple and crystal clear answers for complex problems.

If we are to build a sense of what makes for a cohesive society going forward, it is precisely when we want to rush to judgement, and perhaps seek to scapegoat people, that we should pause and be prepared to look about us and enter into some kind of dialogue instead. The jolly old C of E has been good at dialogue in the past and can be so again.

That doesn't mean we can't hold strong opinions, but the challenge is to hold them in love, 'under the mercy seat' if you like (try that song 'Mercy Street' by Peter Gabriel). The mistake critics of the Church of England often make is to assume that in order to maintain the traditional Anglican role, clergy have to be bland. This is not so. There is a world of difference between having strong opinions and seeking to close down the opinions of others. The C of E stands, or should stand, for an open and welcoming approach that recognises that there will always be theological and ethical differences between us. I rejoice in the fact that

it will be God and St Peter (or maybe St David if you're a rugby fan) who'll be handing out the tickets at the Pearly Gates, and not me! So come and heckle me in the pulpit, and discover the weird and wonderful variety of worship in our Churches; I will welcome the banter, and you too.

The Priest's Room in St Mary's is available for use by any village club, society or committee (with a small booking fee of £10/15) - contact Jeremy (821143) or Fay (820363).

St Mary's is looking forward to offering Tea and Cake on Sunday afternoons (May to September). We are seeking volunteers to come and join our friendly group of teamakers - men, as well as women, are welcome! - Phone Fay on 820363.

Roll on the summer, and regards to one and all,

Jeremy Goulston



Indoor Games in THMH

Primary school age and younger

Wednesday 11th April 10.30-12.00

Donation of £1 per child please

Children to be accompanied by an adult

Contact Sue Jennings

01367 820013

07956534478



Kindly supported by St. Mary's Church and the Parish Council



Oxfordshire
Standing up for your countryside

Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor & expressway
- How to get our voices heard?

The Chancellor has backed the National Infrastructure Commission’s concept of an Oxford to Cambridge ‘Growth Corridor’ of a million new houses, of which 300,000 would be in Oxfordshire. That would be equivalent to six new cities the size of Oxford; or to put it another way would more than double our present housing stock and population by 2050. Part of the growth scheme is a new Expressway – a Motorway in all but name – from Oxford to Cambridge to “facilitate” the development.

At the moment this transformative change is being proposed without any public consultation.

CPRE Oxfordshire is demanding a full statutory public consultation followed by a Public Inquiry, at which the clear environmental and social costs of the Growth Corridor can be weighed against the potential economic benefits envisaged. This would also mean the need for and routing of any Oxfordshire Expressway would at least be decided in an open and transparent manner.

CPRE Oxfordshire is asking local residents to join its call for a Public Inquiry by contacting local councillors, MPs and the Secretary of State for Transport.

Find out more at www.cpreoxon.org.uk [Facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire](https://www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire)

Countryside Champion needed for Vale District

The Campaign to Protect Rural England is looking for a new Chairperson to help co-ordinate its activities in the Vale of White Horse, including Abingdon, Wantage, Faringdon and all the surrounding areas.

CPRE works to protect and promote the countryside. We have a very friendly and experienced Vale District committee, but would love to find someone to come on board as Chair. It’s a great way of getting to know your local area and helping to influence local decision-making on issues as varied as planning policy, affordable housing, litter, minerals and water. With so much development scheduled to come through in the area in the next 20 years, it is vital that someone is in place to speak up for the countryside and make sure that we can keep thriving village communities.

The role is voluntary and needs a commitment of just a few hours a week. No particular knowledge or qualifications are required, but it would suit someone with leadership or organisational experience and good people skills.

Full details are available on the CPRE Oxfordshire website – www.cpreoxon.org.uk

Or by calling the CPRE Branch Office on T: 01491 612079

To find out more about CPRE Oxfordshire see our website (www.cpreoxon.org.uk) or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire) or Twitter (@CPREOxfordshire) and sign up to our monthly e-news bulletin (E: administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk / T: 01491 612079).

Becky Crockett , Administrator

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'OPEN SPACE' SERVICES

Sue Jennings

Sunday 13th May 3-430pm-'Open Space' -modern reflective style of worship, at St. Mary's church, Uffington, all very welcome, suitable for all ages. Our theme for May will be ' The Gift of Grace from the Holy Spirit, Blow Wind, Blow'. September 9th theme is yet to be decided. We sing for about 20 minutes, some adults and children dance, we have a short talk followed by a time for discussion, then a craft on the theme, and light refreshments.

'More in Common' picnic on the Jubilee field, Saturday 23rd June from 2pm onwards . Do come with friends and BYO and to have fun. Games if the weather is fine. This is to celebrate that, as the late Jo Cox MP said: ' We have more in common than that which divides us'. Phone Sue Jennings for more information 820013

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THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

Geoffrey Foster (chairman)

The Restoration of the Priest's Room above the south porch is complete, and the room is now available to village organisations and individuals as a meeting room, by arrangement with the Vicar and Churchwardens. During the winter we have continued fund raising with our Sunday Carvery Lunches, which we hope to continue next winter. A very big thank you to all who have come, and especially to "The Team" who have worked so hard to make these events possible. We are considering several small projects to be carried out in the future, with the agreement of the Parochial Church Council.

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AFTERNOON CLUB

Ann Smith

We had a slow start to 2018 but our March meeting was at The Woodman for lunch to celebrate our 42nd birthday, [free to members].

April 15th we will be at The Farmers Market having a raffle come and see the prizes you may win if you buy a ticket for £1.

We meet 2nd Thursday of each month in the village hall 2pm until 4pm. New members always welcome, no joining fee, you pay just for your tea and a raffle ticket if you wish.

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WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB

Pamela Preene (Chairman)

Spring has officially arrived - 'All at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils'.

The White Horse Garden has had two excellent talks this year:

February - The Creative Shrub Garden and how to create lasting plant combinations using shrubs, by Andy McIndoe, former MD of Hilliers.

March - Summer Flowers from Seed: wonderful annuals and biennials. By Derry Watkins, acclaimed owner of Special Plants Nursery, Chippenham.

Next meeting is **Thursday 5th April**

Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces: ideas on how to make the most of any space and recommended varieties to grow, by Sally Nex. www.sallynex.com

We then move onto our summer visits programme followed by Autumn talks in the hall. If anyone wishes to attend one of the visits and you are not a member please contact me for availability. Thank you.

Thursday 3rd May – 2pm VISIT to Derry Watkins Special Plants, Greenways Lane, Cold Ashton, Chippenham SN14 8LA. £10.50 entry including tour and refreshments. Numbers limited to 24.

Saturday 12th May 2.30pm – 4pm

MEGA PLANT SALE. Please do come along and buy lots of plants – annuals, shrubs, herbaceous, vegetables etc.. If you wish, bring plants for sale on a 50:50 basis and add an extra label (indelibly marked with your name and cost). Label and price each plant **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ONLY FUND RAISING EVENT.**

Refreshments will be available from the Community Cafe.

Thursday 7th June 6pm VISIT to Shellingford Gardens. Parking at the Old Stables, Fernham Road, Shellingford SN7 7PU, courtesy of Robert and Janice Sharp. Members free. Visitors £2.50. Refreshments.

Wednesday 20th June 2.15pm & 4pm VISIT to Manor Farm Garden, Frampton-on-Severn, GL2 7EP. Followed by Pan-Global Plants. www.panglobalplants.com. Members £10. Visitors £12.50. Tour & Refreshments.

Numbers limited to 30.

Thursday 5th July 6.00pm VISIT to Appleton Manor, Eaton Road, Appleton OX13 5LW. Members and visitors £12.50 includes tour, fizz and canapés. Numbers limited to 40.

Thursday 2nd August 2.30pm VISIT to Kathy Brown's Garden, The Manor House, Church Road, Stevingham, Bedford MK43 7QB. Members and visitors £10, includes tour and refreshments. No limit on numbers. www.kathybrownsgarden.com

Thursday 6th September Successful Fruit Growing; grow your own 5 a day. By Philip Aubury, Director of Birmingham Botanic Garden (ret)

Thursday 4th October Autumn Flowing Perennials. Plants for Sale.

By Rose Hardy, from award-winning Hardy's Cottage Plants.

www.hardysplants.co.uk

Thursday 1st November Ornamental Trees. Plants for Sale.

By Sam Mallett from Notcutts Nursery.

Thursday 6th December AGM followed by a talk on Beer and Hops with samples to savour and goods for sale. By The White Horse Brewery. Seasonal refreshments. Xmas Raffle.

Everyone WELCOME at 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, Pamela Preene.

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

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW – 28 March 2018
Results of the 3rd Draw of the year [quarter ending 31 March 2018]
Following the Lent Lunch at Midsummer House, Woolstone,
[courtesy of Penny Spink]

1st Prize £150.00	31	Britford Jeeves
2nd Prize £55.00	67	J L James
	159	Benedikt Michel
	153	Doug & Adrienne Campbell
3rd Prize £35.00	88	Carol Mattingley
	111	Victoria Deakin
	32	Beryl Packer
	149	Georgina Deakin
	62	Sue Philo
4th Prize £27.00	96	Juliet Moss
	189	David & Gloria Forster
	55	Bill Liddiard
	118	Simon Florey
	43	David & Sue Owen-Smith

UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley

The Uffington Players recent production of 'Mother Goose' was an enormous success. Well done and thank you to everyone involved for making this such a great production. We must say a special thank you to our directors Sam & Jeanne for all their hard work.

We would also like to thank everyone who supported us by coming to watch the performances. If you would be interested in taking part in future productions, on or back stage, then please contact Christine Holley 01367 820474

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UFFINGTON BAULKING AND WOOLSTONE MINIBUS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The museum opens for the 2018 season at Easter and this year's exhibition, 'There But Not There', commemorates local men that served in WWI but did not return. Entry is free & opens between 2pm & 5pm every Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday from 31st March to 28th October.

The gallery displays the permanent exhibition 'From the White Horse to the Steam Train: 3000 years in Uffington'. 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 small museum.

More information is available at www.museum.uffington.net or the Tom Brown's School Museum Facebook page.

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UFFINGTON CAFE EVENT.

(Thank You For The Music)

Wear those Flares!!

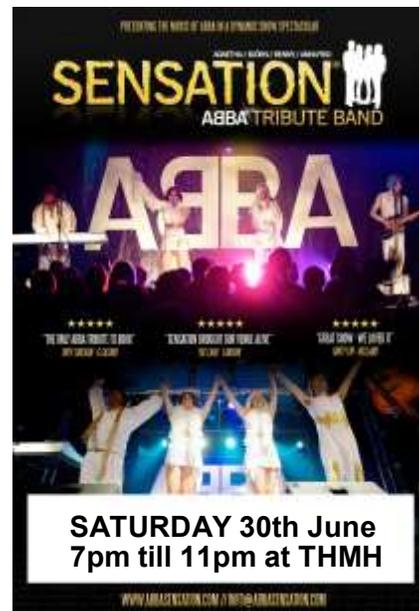
SATURDAY 30th June

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This winter, the two Uffington teams competing in the Swindon and District mixed doubles winter leagues have had mixed fortunes. The B team, playing in Division 5 had an excellent season and finished as runners up to Chippenham B which guarantees the team promotion to Division 4. After a mixed start, the team soon found form and after an 8-0 drubbing of Swindon D in mid-November the team were undefeated until an unfortunate loss to Fairford B on the last day of the season. Top performers for the Bs were the experienced Juliet Moss and newcomer Francesca Dudon, both of whom were amongst the top ten players in the Division.

After a fantastic run of 3 promotions in 4 seasons the A team found themselves playing in Division 2. Unfortunately the step up in quality proved too much and after a run of 10 morale sapping defeats the team found themselves languishing at the base of Division 2 in early March. The run of defeats finally ended on Mothers Day when an inspired performance by team captain Annabel Campbell propelled the team to a 6-2 win over Purton. The team finished the season on a high with Alan Marshall holding his nerve to win a final set tiebreak and secure a 5-3 win at Fairford. Unfortunately the team still finished near the bottom of Division 2 and will therefore drop down to Division 3 next season.

Going forward into the summer season we will be entering a ladies and a mixed team into the league. If anyone is interested in playing then please contact the team captain Annabel Campbell (email: campbellannabel@gmail.com). We will also continue to play friendly matches with other local clubs and coaching will be available from club coach Tom Wilsdon. Club evenings start on Wednesday 25 April at 1830. For the first club night of the season new members are welcome to come along and meet members of the club, afterwards we will head to the Fox and Hounds for an informal social evening and the clubs ballot for Wimbledon tickets. Full details about all the clubs activities and membership details can either be found on the clubs website (www.uffingtontennis.co.uk) or by contacting me on 01367 821048.

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THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL Douglas Dalrymple (Chairman 821063)

At the AGM towards the end of January the Management Committee was pleased to be able to report on a successful 2017, as regards the standard running operations of the year, together with the special projects referred to in recent Couriers, and the finances.

John Boaler is taking a breather from Committee work, after many years at the coal face of the Hall's affairs, but is splendidly available in the background to share his wisdom and lend some muscle when required. After three years Pamela Preene has had to retire from being Secretary, her place being taken by Anne Gill (820951), who has quite recently come to live in the village and kindly volunteered to fill the void.

During the on-going cold snaps Hall users have been benefitting from the improved heating arrangements, and with any luck the coming months will see plenty of sunshine on the new solar panels, with consequently reduced electricity bills. Happily the emergency ramp for safe and more rapid exit on to the field has not had to be used as yet. Not so successful, at first attempt, has been the recent re-curtaining exercise, but we are hopeful this will reach a satisfactory conclusion well before the Summer Issue. After the jolly Uffington Players panto, the next live theatre performance will be a one-evening return by a team from the Watermill, Friday 25th May the date, 7.30pm curtain up, Burke and Hare the title, a grisly, historical, yet hysterical piece, for parents and their 12+ children. We would welcome audience feedback from these shows – as well as larger audiences for them.

If any parent reading this has a child finishing school, maybe on the way to tertiary education, whose cv might benefit from being able to refer to community work undertaken, initially in the IT sphere, please in the first instance contact me on the number above. Maybe something mutually beneficial could emerge, useful experience be gained.

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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.

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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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