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UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Simon Jenkins

The Council

Uffington Parish Council has six councillors. They serve four year terms, with elections next due in May 2023, the composition of the Parish Council is:

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The Chair and Clerk may be contacted on the above telephone numbers or email addresses. Other Councillors may be contacted on the email addresses above.

In normal times, 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 (normally 8.00 pm) at which issues may be raised and discussed. The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and notice board at least three clear days before the meeting. We particularly welcome residents with planning applications that are to be considered at the meeting, to come and tell us about the application and explain any specific points which they may wish to make.

Please note that public meetings will not take place until further notice, due to COVID-19. Instead, the Council is holding 'virtual' meetings using Zoom. The

monthly meeting is usually held at 6.00 pm on the second Monday of the month, and there is the same opportunity for members of the public to join the meeting; if you wish to do this please ask Julia (Clerk – as above) for a link to the meeting. The agenda is published on the website and the Notice Board, as usual.

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CO-VID 19 (Coronavirus)

As we were going into the lockdown period in March, it became clear that quite a lot of residents were going to have to self-isolate for an extended period and would be in great difficulty if they did not have family members close by, to help with shopping, collection of medicines, and to provide a bit of contact with the outside world. The three parishes of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone got together to form the UBW Support Group and it was a tribute to the great community spirit in our villages that within a very few days we had over 70 volunteers. About half of them were allocated a 'patch' of a small number of houses close to their own home to whom they have provided all the support that was needed by those unable to leave their homes. The Support Group included the Uffington Viral Kindness Group whose members delivered 130 packs of medicines around our villages in the period up to 1 June. THANK YOU ALL.

The UBW Support Group remains in place. Should you need assistance you should contact the person who gave you their details at the start of the lockdown,

Simon Jenkins or Mike Oldnall (see above), or the Vale District Council on 01235 422600.

However difficult the lockdown has been for those laid off work and for families struggling to keep children occupied, the Shop has remained open throughout, as did the School for the children of key workers, and all the essential services needed by modern communities have kept going for us – although there were some ‘blips’ in the early days caused by panic buying of a few items like loo paper and baked beans! THANK YOU ALL.

Luckily, we have been blessed with wonderful weather for most of the 15-week period to date. That meant that some could take advantage of a daily exercise period with walks on White Horse Hill and beyond; the clarity of the atmosphere was remarkable with much reduced pollution, and with very little traffic there were many fewer bottles and cans thrown onto the verges.

‘Active Travel’. Looking ahead, as we gradually and hopefully come out of lockdown and back to a more normal life, we have been told the Government is committing a large sum of money (UK-wide) for local infrastructure improvements to encourage ‘active travel’ – that is their jargon for walking and cycling. In the hope of receiving some of that money, the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, Vicar and Head Teacher of Uffington Primary School spent some time on a quick assessment and came up with a wish list of measures. In a few words, we came to the conclusion that the principal issues we face revolve around traffic – too much of it, speeding within the village, safety (especially in the area of Uffington Primary School), parking, and speeding on some of the approach roads to the village. Parking is a particular concern in the region of the school morning and evening, and also where it restricts footways; this links to our desire to reduce traffic and speeding, in order to encourage safer walking and cycling. People may not be parking illegally, but the number of parked cars in Broad Street and Waylands at peak times is a safety issue if children are trying to walk or cycle to school, and a major irritant to local residents and passing traffic.

What can we do about it – with or without extra money? Some of the measures are very simple and need only goodwill and understanding; we are encouraging residents very strongly to take up the following:

1. Parking. Please use car parks and driveways for parking, in order to get cars off public roads as much as possible, to make it safer for cycling and walking
2. Some of the footways / pavements around the village are very narrow, (non-existent in some places), and some are made very much worse for pedestrians by overgrown hedges and verges restricting the pavement width.

We would be grateful if all residents would please arrange for overgrown hedges and verges to be cut back to the property boundary by 30 August 2020. If you need assistance please ask the Parish Council. Enforcement action may be taken after 30 August

3. This will be a School-led initiative, but we hope very much that as many children as possible will walk or cycle to school; if cars are necessary, parents should use the village hall car park to off-load and then walk or cycle to School – it is only about 400m!

We have suggested a number of other measures to reduce speeding which will need money, and will be pressing the County for funds:

1. Introduce a 20-mph speed limit on the 'ring road' round the village, from Fernham Road junction at the Museum, via Woolstone Road, High St and Broad St back to the Museum
2. Introduce a 10-mph speed limit from the junction of The Green / White Horse to the end of the adopted highway on Lower Common
3. Install physical measures to restrict speeding on the Fawler Road and Fernham Road approaches to the village. We would also very much like to see a resumption of the Speedwatch initiative to measure actual speeds on Uffington roads; Thames Valley Police approval to use the equipment held by a number of local villages was rescinded in April 2019.

There seems to be a presumption in Government policies and initiatives that our working and leisure patterns will change as the coronavirus pandemic gradually and hopefully eases. The above measures begin to reflect the anticipated changes and also the Government's policies on climate change – overtaken by the pandemic. This is an opportunity for residents to suggest to the Parish Council any other ideas they might have for (similar) improvements.

Some personal reflections of the lockdown

It's an ill wind... Walking around Uffington has been particularly enjoyable because of meeting so many villagers doing the same thing, with lots of impromptu natters. A simple pleasure, much enjoyed. Related to this I've seen lots more people, compared with normal times, including families, using the field paths that radiate from the village. Let's hope that will remain the case when the lockdown is but a memory. Another unexpected pleasure has been the peace and quiet. Apart from the deafening bird song.

Dave Cavanagh



Clap for the NHS became a weekly ritual on Thursdays, except in the Churchyard of St Mary's, where it became 'Sing for the NHS' with Edward Moss singing, accompanied by Juliet and Mabel:



Amanda had a lot of fun painting the stones outside her house:



The village celebrated VE Day on 8 May, with a 'social distancing' laying of a wreath on behalf of all residents at the War Memorial:

After the two-minute silence at 11.00 am, the Museum's WW 2 air raid siren was sounded – Jo Coad in charge:



After this, some residents got together in an impromptu (Broad) Street party:



UFFINGTON ALLOTMENTS — RE-INVIGORATED

There are 28 plots available to tenants at the Uffington allotments, on the Fernham Road out of Uffington, and 23 of them are now occupied. The site has been a hive of activity in the last 3 months, with a surge of new tenants brought on by the lock down and the wonderful weather, and all occupied plots are looking healthy and productive. Mr David Coxhead has very generously placed two 1,000 litre water tanks on the allotments; these will make it much easier to keep your produce watered in dry spells.

There are still a few spare plots which are available to all residents and also to others outside the village in the event of lack of internal demand. The terms are that you get an initial 12-month free period before the annual rent (currently £25 per annum) kicks in. (The free period is not on offer to non-residents of Uffington).

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council at:
uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

Hedges, Verges and Ditches

Hedges. A reminder that householders are responsible for ensuring their hedges and verges do not overhang pavements, footpaths or roads beyond the boundary of their property. We would be grateful if all residents would please arrange for overgrown hedges and verges to be cut back to the property boundary by 30 August 2020. If you need assistance please ask the Parish Council. Enforcement action may be taken after 30 August.

Ditches. It is essential that the ditches around the village run freely. Should you ever need help, please get in touch with the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

The Parish Council would also 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

Parking on Broad Street - around Uffington School and Church

It is well known that parking spaces in this part of the village are in short supply. It has been drawn to the attention of the Parish Council that vehicle access to the properties in this area is regularly blocked by inconsiderate parking on the hard standing, verges and gateways around the former telephone box. This is a particular problem at school drop-off and pick-up times and during major events in St Mary's Church.

It is an offence to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school which are there to protect children. If you block pedestrian access to the telephone box, you may prevent emergency pedestrian and/or vehicle access to the defibrillator or telephone exchange.

All those visiting the School or attending St Mary's Church are urged to be considerate to others when parking their cars, for however short a period. The obvious alternative is the village hall car park, or, if you live in the village, to walk.

Planning applications in Uffington (with Vale reference number) – since the last edition of the Courier

The following have been **approved** by the Vale District Council:

- P19/V3343/FUL - New barn for lambing and storage of animal foods and farm machinery, Chapel Field Fawler Road Uffington
- P19/V3326/FUL – Uffington Sports and Social Club, Fawler Road. Demolish existing garage and rebuild in new location. Construct new single storey front

extension and removal internal layout to incorporate new toilet areas and enlarge existing changing rooms areas

- P19/V3328/HH and P19/V3330/LB – Meadowgold, Upper Common Lane. Demolition of existing single storey sunroom, WC and study and construction of new two storey and single storey extension to the rear elevation. Internal alterations to the ground and first floor layout, the repositioning of the existing staircase, stud partitioning to create a utility room on the ground floor and new bathroom and bedroom on the first floor. New patio to exterior of family room and kitchen
- P19/V3159/HH – Gate Cottage, Lower Common. Proposed extension and new garaging. Additional information received
- P19/V3105/FUL - Creslu, Woolstone Road. Variation of condition 2 (drawings - addition of conservation rooflights in dwelling and proposed double garage instead of a single garage on application ref. P18/V2052/FUL - amended plans.

The following are **awaiting determination** by the Vale District Council:

- P20/V1126/FUL – The Laurels, Broad Street. Removal of condition 9 - Closure of Existing Access on planning application P15/V0096/FUL (Erection of a new dwelling to the rear of The Laurels)
- P20/V0958 – Manor Farmhouse, The Green. Demolish existing car port. Erection of a greenhouse
- P20/V0876-HH – Whitcot, Shotover Corner. Proposed single storey side extension with the addition of two new rooflights. Demolition and removal of existing garage.
- P20/V1263/HH - Corrymore Cottage, Shotover Corner. Proposed extension and modification.
- P20/V1245/HH - Symes Cottage, Broad Street. Proposed single storey rear extension.

The following has been **refused** by the Vale District Council:

- P20/V0394/FUL - Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of two storey dwelling, formation of parking area and enlargement of access, Meadowgold Cottage, 1 Upper Common Lane, Uffington

The live list of 'Current' and 'Decided' Uffington applications can be accessed via the links on the website here: <https://www.uffington.net/parish-council/planning/>

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. There is an opportunity to do this in the Open Forum at every monthly meeting. If in doubt, please contact any member of the Council.

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).

Please contact any member of the Parish Council if you have any queries.

We are very pleased to have been able to support the Uffington Community Garden's project to install a new greenhouse – with a generous donation from the White Horse Show Trust which paid for the watering system.

Improvements to the Courier

As in the last edition, you will see that the list of scheduled local activities in the village is included on the inside back page of this edition and we have included the list of local tradesmen and businesses which you may need; the majority of these are also listed on the village website. We should be pleased to learn of any errors, omissions, or anything you would like to see included in future editions. Please contact [Simon @ simon.jenkins@uffington.net](mailto:simon.jenkins@uffington.net) or Tel: 01367 820776. Alternatively, via the Parish Council Clerk:

[Julia Evans @ uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:julia.evans@uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com)

As a result of the CO-VID 19 crisis, the Village Hall remains closed and most of the activities listed at the back of the Courier are not happening for the time being.

Communications

- **Village Web site.** The village website can 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](http://www.uffington.net/).
- **Email notices.** There is an email 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 simon.jenkins@uffington.net For data protection reasons, email addresses are held securely and not disclosed to anybody else, or used for anything apart from Parish Council notifications and other information thought to be of general interest to residents, in accordance with our Privacy Notice.

- **Village notice boards.** These are at Uffington Post Office and Stores.
- **Facebook page for Uffington, Baulking, Woolstone, Kingstone Lisle, Fawler** – The majority of Parish Council communications are shared on the local Facebook page.

Notices

Cancellation of the Uffington White Horse Show 2020

It is with great regret that the Organising Committee has decided to cancel this year's Uffington White Horse Country Show. Our overriding concern is the safety of all; the committee, volunteers, show participants and of course the public. All that committed to this year's show, in whatever capacity, are thanked for their marvellous efforts.

We will run next year's show over the August Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday and so we will be back and hope that all that give their support are able to do so next year. Should anyone else wish to volunteer to help, you will of course be most welcome. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.

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Chair WHS Organising Committee

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A LETTER TO ALL CONSTITUENTS from

DAVID JOHNSTON MP

I spent lockdown in the constituency, in the home we got in the Didcot area in February. Whilst none of us have enjoyed lockdown, it was nice to spend an extended time in our new home. Having lived in Oxford for 6 years I was already somewhat familiar with Didcot, but spending an extended period here – rather than just the Friday-Sunday as is usually the case when parliament is sitting normally – helped us to get to know it better still.

Virtual parliament was smoother than I had expected – despite me thinking it would feel strange speaking into a webcam and having it beamed into the House of



Commons. You get used to asking questions and even giving speeches from your desk, as I did on legislation such as the Domestic Abuse Bill and the Agriculture Bill.

But parliament has now returned. We still can't have more than 50 people in the House of Commons at any one time and our staff are not allowed to return yet. Some of you will have seen the very long queues when we first had to vote, but they have now come up with a much better system. Our staff can't return yet and like a lot of people they miss being in a different environment to home and seeing their colleagues, but for MPs it has been nice to be back for the same reasons.

There is plenty on our plates. We have been debating a number of pieces of legislation, including the Counter-terrorism and Sentencing Bill, designed to prevent the sort of attacks we saw at the end of last year and beginning of this year. There are ongoing debates both in the House of Commons and in the Education Committee (I am a member) about the reopening of schools. I am firmly on the side of seeing all schools open for all children as soon as possible; the Children's Commissioner told our Committee that we are on course for 8 million children to be out of school for 6 months which will be damaging to all children and the most disadvantaged will suffer most.

As shops start to reopen, I'll be returning to spending at least every Friday visiting local businesses, charities and, if we can make it work, schools – keeping my distance, of course. I'd encourage everyone to try and support our local shops if they can, so they can hopefully survive what has been a very tough time. I recently invited people to nominate their volunteer hero – the individual or organisation they feel has really made a difference lately. I was pleased to see such a huge range of people and organisations nominated. The top 3 were the Ray Collins Charitable Trust, Helping Hands and Maymessy – congratulations to them all.

As ever, do get in touch if I can help via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

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THANKS

There are many people in the village that have helped and cared for people during the lock down, but I would like to THANK Rose, Dave and all their staff for the sterling work looking after our villages also Simon Jenkins for our Village News Letter, Reverend Goulston for his weekly service each Sunday and Michael and Lee for our Friday take away Thank you all

Ann Smith

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SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD.

This summer has been very different at school. Since the lockdown began in March we have been teaching our children online, as well as remaining open throughout for our critical workers children. Parents have done a fantastic job in supporting their children at home and many have commented on how much they enjoy the lessons as much as their children do!

Since June 1st we thankfully could open to more children in our Reception class and Years 1 and 6. The children have adapted to the “new normal” and are so happy to be back in school. At the point of writing, we still cannot welcome back our other year groups and this has been challenging for all of us as we really miss our children and families.

Every year, our Year sixes design and create a banner. These of course are normally displayed in the church on our Founder’s Day in July. Well COVID has not stopped the banner being produced and Mrs Sheppard has taken the children’s designs and created a beautiful one this year. Here is a section of it – the sentiment speaks volumes about our school community.



Mrs Lisa Bradbury, Head Teacher

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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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A New Greenhouse for the Community Garden

In late 2019 the Community Garden group put together a joint bid to the White Horse Show Trust and the Parish Council for a grant to construct a new greenhouse and water collection system at the garden.

We had two main aims for the project: the toughened glass greenhouse will give a safer working and learning environment, especially for children, and will allow us to build on the strong links that we have already established with local children's groups, and the Primary School. Having another large water tank will make the garden much more resilient to summer water shortages.



The new greenhouse

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the White Horse Show Trust and the Parish Council for their enthusiasm and generous financial support with this project, and particularly Simon Jenkins who navigated our application through the system at VWHDC.

Although the project was delayed by COVID-19, we were delighted to take delivery of the new greenhouse and water tank in late May. Thanks to Alan Soper and Steve Harris, who spent many days preparing the base and erecting the greenhouse, the project is nearly complete, and the greenhouse will soon be full of tomatoes and cucumbers, and even (fingers crossed) a melon or two.



The veg beds

This has been a difficult spring for everyone. We have had to communicate via email and Whatsapp to stagger our visits in family groups, and we were really disappointed that the activities we had planned with the Brownies had to be postponed for this summer. But despite the lack of rain the vegetable beds are now beginning to reward everyone's hard work!

With the greenhouse project complete, and thanks to the persistence of Krista Soper in negotiating the agreement of a new 5-year lease, we now have an opportunity to develop new priorities for this brilliant community asset. As restrictions on gatherings ease, we would love to welcome new members and families - absolutely no weekly commitment or knowledge of gardening required! If you'd like to get involved, please contact Katherine Foxhall by email: katfoxhall@gmail.com or phone 820923.

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With great regret, but with no other option, the Management Committee closed the Hall as the authorities required back in March. Keen as we are to re-open, regulations remain many and demanding, and as they currently stand potentially expensive. Ask any small business manager.

The good news is that we have been putting the intervening time to purposeful use, so that when we do re-open users will find an excellent new audio-visual facility available, which will make it possible to widen the range of presentations that can take place – eg film evenings – and greatly improve the quality of both sound and vision for, say, talks or lectures, on up to stage productions.

Considerable research was carried out before selecting the system that will have been installed by the time you read this, and alongside that the raising of the necessary funds to pay for it all had to be undertaken and achieved: think c. £17,000.

The Hall is much indebted for generous assistance from the White Horse Show Trust; the Doris Field Trust; the Charitable Settlement; and also for valuable practical advice and fund saving aid from the Parish Council. Our most appreciative thanks go to all these bodies. The balance required, somewhat over one quarter of the total, came from the Hall's own reserve funds, built up over a few years. The Committee would also like to salute the tremendous time and hard work put in by Geoff Rumble and Paul Armishaw, as the lead figures of the project.

Alongside this major enterprise, several important, though much less expensive, minor matters have been dealt with during the enforced closure, though the most noticeable one of these – the repairs to the outside steps behind the stage – may still be a work in progress after this edition of the Courier reaches you.

The Committee is very keen to re-open just as soon as sundry levels of authority permit. How soon this might be we do not yet know. However there are signs of bureaucracy of various flavours warming to the theme, with advisory pamphlets, containing lists of requirements, beginning to wing their way over the wires.

To the leaders of clubs and societies, who regularly use one or the other Hall, and to those who had been hoping to have a one-off private event, we are sorry we have not been able to help for the last three months: may it not be as much as another three before we can.

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Dear All,

We watched the solstice sun rise over Stonehenge on Helen's iPad this weekend. There were plenty of comments down one side of the page, full of peoples' concern for our planet. St Francis' *Canticle of the Sun begins with these simple words;*

“The heavens are telling the glory of God
And all creation is shouting for joy!”

Our common home (planet earth) is also God's own house, permeated by the Spirit from the dawn of creation, where the Son pitched his tent in the supreme event of the incarnation. These are somewhat crazy times for anyone to be pitching their tent! We were visited by a family friend recently who was on a five day bicycle ride from Stepney, encompassing some ancient sites en route. He'd come from the Rollright Stones where he'd slept in his bivvy bag, under the stars.

The Stones are a marvellously bijoux circle of limestone rocks put in place about 3,000 years ago. In the time it takes to have a picnic lunch there you may encounter all sorts of people; long haired, short haired, different types and breeds of humans and canines, all marvelling at man's ingenuity, spiritual nature, and depth of history.

We need, more than ever I feel, to get back in touch with our mongrel and multifarious histories, and history of our planet, and to rediscover them *together*. *As Father's day comes round again I think of my father, and other lovely comedians I have grown up with, like Lenny Henry and more recently Al Murray.*

As I type, the rain is falling softly on our fields again – may this sign of blessing reach down into our souls over the next few weeks. Notwithstanding the doom'n gloom, let us celebrate the good.

I sincerely hope to see some of you outside, and maybe inside, our Churches in July and August at 10am each Sunday, subject to being allowed to gather. This way round: 5th July at Shellingford (hopefully with a properly spaced Evensong at Woolstone), 12th at Uffington, 19th at Baulking, 26th at Woolstone. We will keep an on-line presence going in the evenings. Please keep an eye on the Weekly Sheet for any updates.

May the road rise to meet you...

Jeremy.

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The minimum age for drivers is 25 and a full car driving licence is needed.

If driving is not your thing please do not be deterred from checking out the backroom jobs which need doing to keep us on the road. The more we can spread these around, the better.

John Hatcher (01367 820417) will look forward to telling you more about the Association, or if you already know one of our team please have a word with them.

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WHITE HORSE GARDEN CLUB

Hello Everyone

Gardens now perfect? Garden Centres open - hooray!

Firstly a BIG THANK YOU once again to all who supported the plant sale which raised £536.40 for Prospect Hospice in Swindon. We have had acknowledgement that they have received our cheque and thanked us for our efforts.

The White Horse Garden Club Committee have had their 2nd Zoom Meeting to consider this year's programme and 2021.

Decisions made were:

1. Visit fees for 2020 will be reimbursed. If you paid by cheque these will be destroyed. Cash will be distributed where possible and if not available for collection at the next meeting.
2. Wisley Flower Show trip on Saturday 12 September cancelled.
3. AGM in September to be cancelled and rearranged for December 2020 (we hope), if not February 2021.

Some of you may remember that we had planned to change our programme from the calendar year to the academic year in 2020 this will now come into effect during 2021/22 instead.

4. Autumn Programme we sincerely hope to proceed with but cannot confirm until Government legislation changes for group meetings and the THMH is open again for business.

If meetings do go ahead we plan to provide 'Live You Tube' film of talks so that those unable to attend can watch at home.

5. 2021 Programme is nearly complete and we are sure it provides an excellent range of horticultural topics and visits. Programmes available at the next AGM.

The membership fee of £10 will remain the same in 2021.

Thank you to everyone for joining the WHGC this year and we are sorry that due to Covid 19 we were unable to have our visits and the April talk was missed (rearranged for October 20) but feel sure you will continue to support the club in the future.

The WHGC Committee will be meeting again in early August, after which I will send an update email on decisions made regarding resuming the autumn programme of talks.

Happy gardening, stay safe and well and we look forward to meeting up again soon.

Pamela Preene (On behalf of the White Horse Garden Club Committee - Verity Cavangah, Jane Cracknell, Patricia Dalrymple, Hilary Deakin, June Henville, Janey Nelson)

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Uffington Lawn Tennis Club is back on court! I am delighted to say that now most lockdown restrictions are over the Uffington Tennis Club is up and running again and welcoming members back onto our courts.

Come and join us!

We very much look forward to welcoming new members who enjoy a game, some of whom may relish a bit more of a challenge and variety on our Ladder. We have Club nights too, and if you feel you need a refresher then coaching is also soon to be available. We have a range of membership options. Once you have paid your membership fee there are no further court hire costs and you can join online using the LTAs Clubspark service. The club is also affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association so all members are eligible for free British Tennis Membership, which also allows you to bid for Wimbledon tickets each year.

Don't forget to book

There is a lot of interest in getting back on court so please plan ahead. The online booking system via Clubspark has been updated to allow 30 minute booking slots to increase flexibility for members. You are still allowed up to 2 hours worth of slots in any one booking. You can also book up to 14 days in advance but please remember you have to sign in to Clubspark to book a court. We've also changed the rules so you can now have 2 live booking at any time, which used to be just one, to make access fair for everyone. As soon as these bookings are used, you can book another one.

Our Clubspark booking page is - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/UffingtonLawnTennisClub/Booking/BookByDate#?date=2020-06-12&role=guest>

Join our ladder

The Uffington ladder is live and busy! Lots of matches have already been played and all the results and current rankings can be found on <http://www.uffingtontennis.co.uk/ladder.html>. All ladder players should have received an email with contact details of other players in order to organise your matches. Remember you can challenge someone up to 3 places above you. If you'd like to join or have any questions, please contact Annabel: campbellannabel@gmail.com
Coaching is soon to be available

You may have noticed we have been without a club coach so far this season. We lost our coach at the end of last season and COVID has delayed sorting out a replacement. We now have a really good agreement with a superb coaching team whom we anticipate will be on board by mid-July at the latest. This is a multi-coach team with dedicated admin support, and they will run weekly junior and adult sessions, as well as 1-2-1 lessons for all who want them. Please be aware that we need to give them exclusive rights to coaching at Uffington. More news to follow!

Always be Covid aware

Inevitably we still have some restrictions and these are designed to keep you all safe while Covid 19 continues to be a risk to our community.

The LTA guidelines remain our handrail during our cautious steps out of lockdown. *The link is below, and a copy of the main points is pinned up on the gate at the courts.* www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/venue/support-your-venue/documents/venue-poster---playing-tennis-in-england-during-coronavirus-outbreak.pdf

A final word about maintenance

To make sure we keep our courts in tip-top condition please de-tension the net when you have finished your game. This will prevent any damage to the surface around the posts. The tension in the wire at the top of the nets is really significant and other clubs have reported damage to post fixings from over tensioned nets, and from nets being left tensioned all the time. There is a measuring stick on court to ensure the net is at the correct height before play, but please then release it afterwards.

Please remember to bring your hand sanitisers and/or wipes to clean the net winders and gate before and after use.

Great fun and very affordable

Our courts represent a fantastic facility for the village so please do use them. The membership fees are modest and designed to cover essential repair and maintenance and a few admin costs, so they are very affordable.

Thank you for reading and I do hope you are enjoying our wonderful game

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UFFINGTON PLAYERS

Christine Holley

We hope everyone is well and staying safe.

At this time of year, the Players would normally be planning their next production, but things of course are not normal at this time.

We really hope that we can put on a pantomime in February 2021, but we will have to see what happens over the summer and follow government advice.

If you think you would like to be involved in future productions or would like further information, please contact Christine Holley 01367 820474 or email christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk

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The White Horse in Steel

Tom Brown's School Museum has a new product for 2020.

This White Horse art piece is forged in steel and made locally. There are 3 sizes to choose from and all are suitable for internal or external display.

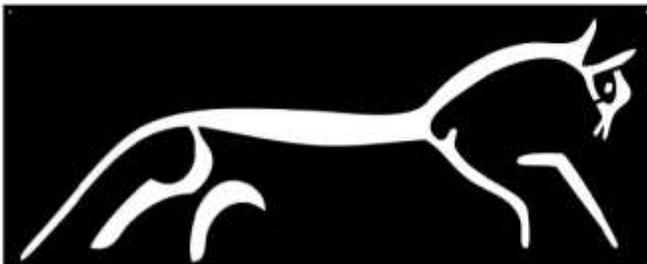
The designs are made from 1.5mm steel, and powder coated in black. They have 2/4 screw holes depending on the size and come with colour matched screws. They can also be supplied 'steel only' so that over time they will rust.



245mm x 95mm £10



495mm x 190mm £30



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BENEFICE 200 CLUB

Benefice 200 Club – Draws 3 and 4 for 2019/2020

On the 27th May, in the true spirit of lock-down, the Benefice 200 Club held a Zoom Meeting to carry out both the postponed 3rd draw and the due 4th draw. In order to ensure complete impartiality we decided that God's local representative should draw the balls. So we asked Rev Jeremy G to man the drum and call the winners. We were hoping to record the event but unfortunately the next generation of Goulstons had better ideas and occupied the would-be video-er!

That said, we were able to carry out the two draws and the results are as follows:

Results of the 3rd Draw of the year [quarter ending 31st March 2020].

[This draw was postponed due to the outbreak of Coronavirus & was held (via Zoom) at The Vicarage, Uffington. courtesy of Jeremy & Helen on Wednesday 27th May 2020 at 10:30.]

1 @ £200.00	138	Mrs McBain
2 @ £100.00	150	Charlie Walters
	28	Pam Cale
5 @ £ 50.00	186	James Matthews
	174	Sue Harrison
	134	Uffington Sports Club
	169	Dominic Martin
	72	Dave Shirley

Results of the 4th Draw of the year [quarter ending 30th June 2020].

[This draw was postponed due to the outbreak of Coronavirus & was held (via Zoom) at The Vicarage, Uffington. courtesy of Jeremy & Helen on Wednesday 27th May 2020 at 10:30.]

1 @ £200.00	147	Grant Trichler
2 @ £100.00	113	Alice Matthews
	57	Susie & John McCullough
5 @ £ 50.00	179	Patricia Dalrymple
	21	Sarah Blacksell
	53	Hilary Deakin
	167	Charlie Buxton
	168	Fenella Oberman

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Unfortunately like many businesses the museum in Uffington remains closed. We have spent our time completing a number of small jobs that have been on the 'to do' list for a number of years and each week we clear away the spiders and cobwebs that still appear even when we're not open.

Again, like many businesses, our bills still have to be paid and we currently have no income, however we have been able to source a new product for 2020 – the White Horse in Steel.

There are 3 sizes to choose from and all are suitable for internal or external display. The designs are made from 1.5mm steel, and powder coated in black. They have 2/4 screw holes depending on the size and come with colour matched screws. They can also be supplied 'steel only' so that over time they will rust.



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You can still support the museum by liking and following our Facebook page. Even better why not register for easyfundraising - every time you shop online at over 4000 retailers a percentage is donated to Uffington Museum Trust and goes towards the day to day running of the charity. It costs you nothing but raises much needed funds for the Trust.

The building that houses the museum is too small to make any adjustments at present so we will need you all to visit when we can finally open our doors to visitors.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

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Day of week	Time	Activity	Ages	Where	Contact
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Mondays	7 – 9 pm	Smart Hema		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Mondays	7:15 – 8:15 pm	Insanity		Village Hall (SH)	Sports Club 2 nd Monday of month
Tuesday Term time	5:45-7pm	Beavers	Children aged 6-8	Village Hall	Dave Barnes 07811 424978
Tuesdays Term time	7:15-8:30 pm	Yoga		Village Hall	Deborah Atkinson 07875 633923
3rd Tuesday each month	7-10pm	W.I.		Village Hall	Mary Plant 241663
Every Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Bell ringing	age 12 and over	St. Mary's Church	Hugh Baxter 820014
Wednesdays	9-10 am	Exercise Class		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
Wednesday Term time	5:30-7:15 pm	Brownies	For girls aged 7-11	Village Hall	Vikki Bond Vikkibond33@mail.com first_uffington_brownies@outlook.com
Wednesday Term time	7.15- 8.45 pm	Guides	For girls aged 10-14	Village Hall (SH)	Tina Monk 820878 tina@waylands.net
Wednesday	7:30-9pm	Uffington Taekwondo club	From 6 - adults	Village Hall	Duncan Saunders 07790 241891
1st Thursday	7.30 pm.	Gardening Club		Village Hall	Pamela Preene 820251
Thursday Term time	9:30-11am	Baby & Toddlers	0-5 years parents/carers must stay	Village Hall	Katherine Foxhall katfoxhall@gmail.com facebook @uffingtontoddlers
Thursday Term time	6.30– 8 pm	Cubs	Children 8-10	Village Hall (SH)	Katherine Murkett 820270
Thursday Term time	7- 9 pm	Scouts	Children 10-14 years	Village Hall (SH)	Chris Palmer chris_palmer101@hotmail.co.uk
Fridays	9-10 am	Exercise Class		Village Hall	(If interested, attend the class to make enquiries)
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