

The Courier

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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 Council normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, at 6.30pm. Please check the website or notice board for confirmation. The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and notice board at least three clear days before the meeting. All residents are most welcome to attend these meetings and raise and discuss any issues during the "Open Forum" session early in the meeting (normally 7pm). We particularly encourage anyone intending to submit a planning application to come and discuss it with the Parish. A digital copy of the Courier is always posted on the Village [website](#) from where the links in each edition are live.

Cover photo: *Many thanks to Mark Leahy for the photo of his well-know dog, Blizzard, in a wintry scene with the Ridgeway in the background.*

Council Finances

2023-24 Budget. At the December meeting the Council voted unanimously not to raise the precept for the second year running. This was agreed due to the national and personal financial situation and in anticipation of there being rises in the district and county elements.

Grants. We previously sought bids for grants from the Council budget and are pleased to announce that we have made the following grants: Museum 2023 Exhibition, £125, Royal British Legion wreath, £100, Community Garden, £200, Citizen's Advice, £100. We are still awaiting final details from the following before deciding on any additional grants: new, greener, heaters for the Museum, a bike repair facility and the church clock.

In addition to these, we have also received grants from the County Councillors Priority Fund for: the Speedwatch measuring device, £600, Toddler Group Hall Hire as a warm space, £220 and the Village Christmas Tree, £180.

The Courier Magazine

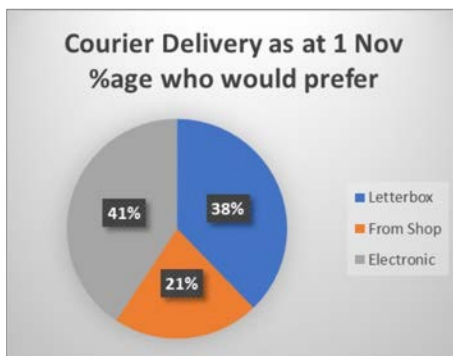
The Editor. Firstly I would like to thank Jem Packford for his editorship over the past 35 years! Jem has worked hard to bring the magazine into the 21st century but has decided it is time to hang up his quill pen/typewriter/computer. Whilst we will be sorry to see Jem leave his post, at the same time we are delighted and very pleased to welcome Giles Dawson to the role in Jem's place. Giles has considerable magazine production experience and is looking forward to bringing this to bear on future editions of the Courier. Giles lived in Woolstone until recently and although now living in Wantage he maintains many contacts with the local area.

Advertising. Due to the ever increasing costs of printing the Courier, we have decided to remove the few remaining unpaid advertisements in the Courier. The 'Local Businesses' page and 'Classified Advertising' list have therefore been removed as all the paid advertisers have separate colour advertisements which are also included on the Council website. Advertising costs are as follows:

- Courier (Full/half/quarter page) - £75, £40, £20
- Website entry only (as below) per year - £10

The advertising policy can be found on the [website here](#)

Magazine Distribution. In the last issue of the Courier we included a short survey seeking views on the distribution of the Courier. A very pleasing 170 people replied, approximately 50% online and 50% using the paper slip. Response percentages in brackets are shown below:



This shows that about 60% would prefer a paper copy, and if we are going to deliver to most of these we may as well deliver to all, and the remainder would prefer to receive an electronic copy. Whilst this copy has been delivered as 100% paper we would like to try and deliver the 40% electronic with the next edition. To make this possible, please email all those who wish to receive their copy electronically, **please email mike.oldnall@uffington.net with their house address** so that we can notify them of the availability of the new electronic version that they can download/read online and remove their address from the delivery database. Please note that the address data provided will be used in accordance with the Council's data protection policy and only used for this purpose.

Cover Photos. If you have any local photos, preferably in portrait format, that you would like to be considered for use as cover pictures, please send them to the editor at courier@uffington.net

Upcoming Parish Council Elections

Uffington now has authority for 7 councillors (up from 6 at the last election) and parish councillors serve a 4 year term after which they have to be re-elected to office. The next election will take place on 4 May 2023. The process is as follows:

- All current councillors resign.
- From 20 March, applications for councillors (including those from resigning councillors who wish to be candidates at the following election) are submitted to the Vale by 4 April. All nomination papers must be delivered in person to

the offices at Abbey House, Abingdon, and we would encourage candidates to submit their papers early in case there are any matters that might require correction.

- If there are more candidates than positions on the council an election is held and the seven receiving the highest number of votes are elected.
- In the event that there are the same number or fewer candidates than positions, those candidates are appointed without an election being held.
- Any remaining vacancies can be filled by volunteers who can be 'co-opted' by the council subject to them being agreed by existing councillors.

If you would like to become a councillor, please keep an eye open for details of dates and when and where to submit your registration details. If you would like to know more about being a councillor, please feel free to discuss this with any of the current councillors or the Clerk listed inside the front cover. A short video 'So you want to be a councillor' will be available as an online webinar on 24 January, 13 February and 15th March. Booking details will be published in the weekly email and on social media nearer the time.

Planning Applications in Uffington since the last Courier

The following applications are **awaiting determination**:

- **P22/V2252/HH** - Slate House Upper Common Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RU. Proposed rear extension and associated alterations. (As amended by parking plan received 1st November 2022).
- **P22/V0345/FUL** - Sowerhill Farm Uffington Faringdon SN7 7QH. Installation of an outdoor arena with lights change of use from agricultural to equestrian.

The following applications have been approved:

- **P22/V2353/HH** - The New House Shotover Corner Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RH. Proposed demolition & erection of new double garage with loft workshop over, new porch to existing house.
- **P22/V2279/HH** - The Old Police House Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RQ. Proposed extension to garage to create a workshop, and to install an ensuite with two roof lights to the second floor of the dwelling.
- **P22/V1684/HH** - Hendra Broad Street Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RA. Proposed garage carport with associated store, proposed porch and conversion of house integral garage to habitable accommodation.
- **P22/V1141/FUL** - Dragon Hill Woolstone Road Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RE. Proposed erection of 2no 4 bed detached (self-build) dwellings.

The following applications have been **refused**:

- **P22/V1363/T28** - Prior notification for proposed installation under telecommunications code system operators of eighteen 11m wooden poles. The pole will be installed with 9m above ground. *Afternote: only 6 new poles were installed with 2 replacing unusable BT poles.*
- **P22/V1042/FUL** - Land North of Baulking Lane Baulking Lane Baulking SN7 8NR. Permission is sort (sic) for change of use of land to residential, for one Gypsy Traveller family. The development to comprise one static caravan, one touring caravan, parking for two vehicles, associated hardstanding and infrastructure (retrospective).
- **P22/V1003/FUL** - The Fairmile, Farm Land at Baulking Lane Baulking SN7 8NR. Retrospective change of use to 1 no. Gypsy/Traveller pitch, comprising 1 no. (static) caravan and 1no. (touring) caravan and associated works.

The following applications have been **withdrawn – none**

The following applications have been **appealed - none**

The live list of 'Current' and 'Decided' Uffington applications can be accessed via the links on the VOWHDC website here: <https://www.uffington.net/parish-council/planning/> along with the latest details of the main 'Material' factors considered (and not considered) when assessing applications.

Jubilee Field

The Jubilee Field continues to be well used and we are constantly working to keep it tidy, the grass cut and the trees maintained in a safe state.

Tree Felling

The last tree survey in March last year found that several of the ash trees were showing significant signs of ash die-back and will be felled early in 2023. Given the proximity of several other ash trees this will, unfortunately, become a regular occurrence as the disease is passed between the trees. When mature trees are felled, we always aim to replace them with another native species tree.

After the question asked in the last Courier as to what we should do with the 3 large poplar trees along Upper Common, only one person responded that they were in favour of pollarding and one other in favour of felling. The Council has therefore decided to fell the least healthy tree (the central one) in 2023 and to then consider felling the others in the future, and in due course to replace them with slower growing native trees. Felling such large trees can be very expensive and so the affordability will be a major factor is deciding when this work will be carried out.

Field Tidies

We are grateful to those, including some of the younger members of the village, who turn out for working parties in the spring and autumn. This November we managed to remove the ivy from a lot of the bigger trees around the pond, preventing them becoming overwhelmed and, potentially, killed. The next date for your diaries will be Spring Tidy on 25th March.



Village Maintenance

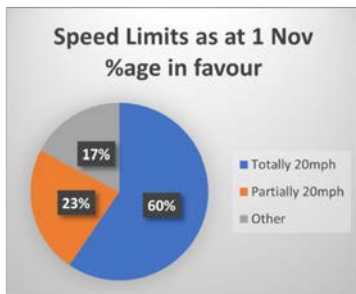
The next regular roadside litter pick and Jubilee field tidy will take place on the following dates – please put them in your diary! Full details will be published nearer the date.

- Jubilee Field Tidy 25 March 2023 (26th reserve day)
- Roadside Litter Pick weekend 22-23 April (TBC nearer the time)

During the winter it is even more important than usual that hedges and ditches are kept in good condition in order to avoid restricting visibility or water flow. If you need assistance with hedges, verges or ditches, or would like to join the maintenance group, please get in touch with the Parish Council [Clerk](#).

Traffic Calming in Uffington

20 mph limit. About 170 people responded to the 20mph questionnaire in last month's Courier and the results are shown in the chart below.



The vast majority (83%) of respondents were in favour of a 20mph scheme. Whilst almost a quarter preferred 20mph for only part of the village, there was strongest support for the whole village, especially from those concerned about excessive speed on the arterial roads leading in and out of Uffington. Results from the moveable speed indicating device (SID) and previous Speedwatch sessions back up this need as these roads see the highest speeds, often well over the speed limit.

The county-wide programme for the introduction of 20mph in towns and villages is running late due to the amount of survey work needed to establish what signs and road marking would be required. It is now unlikely that Uffington will be surveyed by OCC until mid-2023. 'As a result of the above survey findings and confirmation that there will be no cost to the village, the Parish Council has agreed to a 20 mph limit being introduced in the village. We await further information in due course after the OCC survey.

Speedwatch. The Speedwatch programme has now restarted and our thanks go to all those who have volunteered to assist with this key part of Uffington's speed reduction measures. Five Speedwatch sites have been approved by the Police. They are:

- 2 on Fernham Road by (allotments and the house opposite) to look both ways.
- 1 on Fawler Road at the junction with the Upper Common Lane footpath, to look towards Fawler.
- 1 at the junction of Station Road and Fox Cover View, to look towards Baulking.
- 1 at Shotover, in the open area of drive by Stonehaven and Shotover House, looking south up Broadway.

More volunteers are always welcome and can join the group after completing a short online training course. Please contact Simon Jenkins if you would like to volunteer.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Jude Reynolds

My thanks to you all for supporting the village Christmas tree this year. Special thanks to the Parish Council, OCC and the White Horse Show Trust. A shout out too for the brilliant volunteers Paul, Eric and Jackie and not forgetting the Uffington PTA who organised the lovely lights on event in December. I am also very grateful to everyone who put a coin or two in the collection tin in the village shop. Thanks too to Rev Jeremy for taking charge of the megaphone for the count down, Maxine and Anthony for bringing along Bea the donkey and Wantage Silver Band. A real community effort. Until next year, we wish you all health and happiness for the year ahead.



Hall Hire. Hire during the year is partly linked to school terms because these directly influence the activities of children and parents. August is a quiet month for the hall but at the beginning of September and the start of the Autumn term hall hire, and competition for specific days and times, can become a competitive juggling act. In the four months from September to the end of this year, there have been approximately 200 separate bookings, averaging more than 12 per week. Of these, more than 70% can be classed as regular hire but there have also been over 50 non-regular bookings, indicating an encouraging level of hire for “one-off” activities.

The Audio-Visual System. Use of the audio-visual system in the main hall is becoming more widespread and with the addition of wi-fi, it is now possible to link sound and projection not only to recorded data but to live radio, television and the internet. However, hirers are reminded that while the THMH has a premises licence for live or recorded performances, this does not permit the use of copyrighted material such as DVDs purchased for home entertainment. The hall has both a hand-held and a clip-on radio microphone that can be used with the audio-visual system when giving talks and presentations. We have been through a learning process with this equipment and have found that radio microphones have limitations. If you plan an event that would benefit from the use of a microphone, please consult with us and please be prepared for some glitches.

Warm Spaces. The spiralling cost of energy to heat buildings has led to initiatives to provide “warm spaces” where people can spend time with others and at the same time reduce the cost of heating their own homes. The large hall is the main warm space in the village and this will continue until next Spring. On Wednesdays, a warm hall with free coffee/tea and biscuits is available between 10.00 and 11.30am, followed by winter soup lunches from midday. On Fridays Mother and Baby sessions run from 9.30 to 11.30am also provide a warm space at minimum cost. Grants have been obtained to cover most of the costs but donations are always welcome to help cover some of the expenses.

Finances. As we come to the end of 2022, it is pleasing to note the finances of the Memorial Hall are comfortable, with a regular income from the hire of one or both halls. We have been able to carry out necessary repairs to the car park tarmac that should add at least another five years before further work is needed and other maintenance items have been possible without causing panic over where to find the money.

AGM. The Memorial Hall AGM will be held on Monday 23rd January from 7.00pm in the small hall and our main aim is to find more members for the Management Committee to ensure the community hall is able to continue to provide an attractive venue. It will

also be necessary to look closely at the finances, now we are operating normally after the closures caused by covid. The hire charges have remained the same since 2019 and it may prove necessary to make a modest increase to cover the inflationary costs of gas, electricity, insurance and all the other expenses that come with running a community building.

If you value the Memorial Hall as an asset to the local community, please come along and show your support.

WINTER LUNCHEES on WEDNESDAYS

Following the request for volunteers in the last edition of the Courier, a dedicated band of villagers has come forward to provide simple soup lunches in the THMH since November. These lunches will run until 8 Feb and, hopefully, will be followed, after the panto, by the Lent Lunches from 22 Feb until Easter. In addition to making a free meal available, the Hall provides a 'warm space' where villagers can meet others and enjoy a simple meal. People are encouraged to make a modest donation towards costs if they felt able. Any profit made will go to charity or a local cause. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Hilary Deakin (07802 426822 or hilarydeakin@me.com).



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UFFINGTON GORSE— or is it FOXCOVER?

Ian Mitchell

There is a small 9 acre woodland just outside Uffington which is shown on maps as Uffington Gorse but is also known locally as Foxcover. It is owned by the Woodland Trust but since 2012 has been leased on a peppercorn basis for 999 years. Now the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust (WBCT) has acquired the lease. As some of you will know the historical line of the Wilts and Berks Canal runs close to Uffington and there is a 200m stretch within the woodland which is our primary reason for buying the lease.

The canal itself is in a very deep cutting, made even deeper by the spoil that was piled on the eastern bank during its construction in the 1810's. That bank is now home to some very large trees that may be as much as 200 years old.

For those that venture to this area of the woods it can be seen that the canal itself is full of debris and is very overgrown with lots of fallen trees, the odd telegraph pole and a few car tyres.

But WBCT is not only about restoring the canal for boats, walkers, cyclists etc but also improving habitats for wildlife thus increasing biodiversity. We will maintain good wood-



land management at Uffington Gorse with guidance from the Woodland Trust, the District Council and arboriculturists. As for the canal, our long-term ambition is to open up the canal completely, from Semington, near Melksham, to Abingdon. In the near future, for the stretch within the Gorse, we would like to restore the towpath, making an extra pathway, followed by dredging the canal itself to, hopefully, ensure that it holds water for much of the year.

We will share our plans with the Parish Council and local residents. The woodland will continue to be open to the public for walks and for children to build dens. We will maintain the pathways and clear any fallen trees.

The West Vale Branch of WBCT <https://www.wbct.org.uk/our-enthusiasts/west-vale> is going to be carrying out the work with the aid of volunteers. We currently have work parties on Wednesday and Saturday morning. At the moment they are concentrated around the Canal Park in Shrivenham, but we expect there will be work parties in Uffington Gorse in the near future. Would you like to join in? If so, contact our work party organiser, Kenn Tagg at kenn.tagg@wbct.org.uk and he will be pleased to chat about what we do. Being a member of the WBCT also helps us achieve our objectives – membership can be found at <https://www.wbct.org.uk/get-involved/join>.

Ian Mitchell, Chair – West Vale Branch of WBCT

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Welcome to 2023 from everyone at Tom Brown's School Museum.

It's tempting to imagine what personal, local or national events lie ahead of us at the outset of this new year— although I guess if you're involved with a museum this mindset sort of comes with the territory. The recent festive period has served to highlight the return to some form of 'normality' where we can mix relatively freely and share time with loved ones; it's certainly quite different to our recent past.

As you read this new edition of *The Courier*, all residents of Uffington will have received a survey pack from the museum inviting you to reflect on the lockdowns we experienced during COVID and to share your memories of those difficult times for the benefit of future generations. We all shared extraordinary times in many different ways, so please do take a little time to record your personal memories and help create a snapshot of Uffington during a unique period in its history.

Looking forward, our museum will need to build on the past year. Perhaps not too surprisingly it's widely reported across the heritage sector that the number of people visiting museums during 2022 has seen a notable decline compared to the pre-COVID years. Although not an ideal situation, it does present an opportunity for us to take stock and reassess what the Museum offers to those in the community and to our visitors from further afield. Change will necessarily be a gradual process but I feel there are exciting times ahead, so please do make a new year's resolution to visit the Museum and support us when we open this coming Easter – and entrance is, as ever, free.

In closing we have received sad news which Jo Coad, Chair, Friends of Tom Brown's School Museum, would like to share:

'It is with great sadness that I have to report Derek Lindo has passed away. Derek was one of the founder members of the Friends. He was treasurer for many years and also helped with cataloguing the museum's collection of photographs, spending many hours in a cold museum writing out the details of the 'photos which could then be entered onto the catalogue. Derek was one of those Friends who could always be relied upon to help -- gravestone recording, White Horse Show, etc. Although ill health eventually caused him to take a step back from the front line, his interest remained in the museum and was always willing to offer knowledgeable advice.'

Garry Gibbon, Curator

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News from Annual General Meeting. The Accounts, signed off by our Independent Examiner, were presented. Copies are available from the Association. A vote of thanks was proposed to all involved in running our services and keeping the bus going.

We restarted last year, after Covid abated, with two trips a week to Wantage, following our members' wishes. Passenger numbers are down on what we were used to seeing before Covid. This may be due in part to changes in shopping habits during the emergency.

The minibus is again available for booking for private purposes. Whilst some users have returned, we are not at the old levels of activity.

Since the restart we have been running at a loss, but have cash reserves, accumulated before Covid, to sustain services for a few years if necessary. The bus has a low mileage, is in sound condition, and should last for some time, although we would have been looking to change it by now if it was still being used at the old levels. That situation will need to be reviewed when we have a better understanding of future demand.

We are in a much better position than many community transport undertakings in having sufficient volunteer drivers to run our regular services. However, we have lost one or two recently, and are looking for replacements who can spare a morning a month.

A more immediate issue is that the administration of the Association has been in the hands of the same people for very many years. Some of the work needs to be passed on; the committee agreed to be re-elected (there being no other volunteers) but the position is not sustainable beyond the present financial year.

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BENEFICE 200 CLUB DRAW

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2 @ £100.00	127	Kate Dunn
	55	Patricia Liddiard
5 @ £50.00	199	Hugh Baxter
	27	LDE Hollingworth
	108	George Pope
	98	Carol Wadsworth
	102	Pam Cale

A background image for a mobile barber advertisement showing a close-up of a person's face being shaved with a safety razor. The person's eyes are closed, and the razor is positioned on their cheek. The image is in black and white with a soft, artistic feel.

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Works of art inspired by the theme 'Spirit of the Ridgeway' will be on show at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April. The Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize has been offered every year since 2017, so this will be the seventh such exhibition.

The competition aims to bring the Ridgeway to life, not only as a long-distance trail (see the following article) but as an artistic inspiration; and to show the Ridgeway's history and environs in all aspects throughout all the seasons. The event is organised by Friends of the Ridgeway, which in turn was enabled to set up the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize by a donation from the Swire Charitable Trust.



The photos above show (L) members of the public viewing last year's exhibition and ® the judges assessing the submissions.

An independent panel of judges will assess this year's submissions in four classes: wall art, sculpture, photography and writing; the winners will be announced in the afternoon of Sunday 23rd April. Each category winner receives a keeper prize plus £100. The overall winner receives a keeper prize, £250 and a trophy. "We had over 90 exhibits, of very high quality, last year" says Mike Lewington, chair of the Friends. "These are tangible proof of the inspiration that the Ridgeway and its surroundings give to artists who, in turn, invite the rest of us to see the Ridgeway through their eyes and flights of fancy."

The two-day exhibition at the Memorial Hall will be open 10am – 5pm both days. Those who are unable to get to Uffington that weekend will be able to view all this year's exhibits, which will be on the Friends of the Ridgeway website by Saturday 22nd April.



The photo above shows Christin Bass (R) with the 2022 event organiser Anthony Burdall (L) and chair of judges Lucy Stopford.

The works of art submitted for the prize in 2022 – over 90 in number – can still be viewed on this website: <https://ridgewayfriends.org.uk/swire-ridgeway-arts-prize-2022/>

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RIDGEWAY NATIONAL TRAIL

Dave Cavanagh

Come September 2023 it will be 50 years since the 87 miles of the Ridgeway was designated a National Trail. The western end was identified as at Overton Hill, near Avebury; Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire marks the eastern end. The trail continues to attract walkers, runners, cyclists, horse riders, users of mobility scooters and artists, with its spectacular viewpoints, nature reserves and wealth of prehistoric monuments.

The Ridgeway Partnership, which manages and promotes the trail, has organised events to celebrate the 50th anniversary: (see https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/ridgeway_anniversary2023/).

These include a monthly Ridgeway Spotter activity devised by the Friends of the Ridgeway.



St Mary's Church Uffington is locally known as 'The Cathedral of the Vale' and is featured in Simon Jenkins' 'England's Thousand Best Churches'. The present clock, installed in 1910, which strikes every quarter of an hour and which some say is the heartbeat of the village, can be heard across the community.

As many readers will have noticed, in August 2022 the clock broke down and is now only striking the quarters and not the hours and so is in need of serious restoration. An initial estimate has been received from the original clock makers (J Smith of Derby) and progress towards getting additional estimates continues to be made. To this end, two further visits by respected clock specialists/repairers, have been made. These visits have been very interesting, helpful and informative and a third quote is expected in the New Year. It has also been suggested that whilst repairing the clock and dial mechanisms, we consider automating the winding of the clock which is currently done by hand, and having the face restored from its very weather-beaten state. Whilst these will incur additional costs it will be more cost-effective to have this work done whilst access to the mechanisms is available. The submission for a faculty (permission to proceed) to the Oxford Diocese will be made in January and we have been warned about potential delays in receiving a response.



Based on the initial estimate, and whilst awaiting the outcome of these further investigations, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has used the time to set up the Uffington Church Clock Restoration Fund (UCCRF) and advertise our plight. Our fundraising to date has been very encouraging but so far has been very local. In particular I would like to thank the Friends of St Mary's Church, the White Horse Show Trust, the community's support for two fundraising events, the shop for selling cards to help the appeal and of course those words and donations expressed by our community for the Uffington Church Clock Restoration Fund (UCCRF). The most moving have been the villagers who have known the clock all their life from schooldays to the present and who are very keen for its repair. Whilst they may not be regular attendees, they do want their clock back and their contributions/ support are just so appreciated. Thank you. Submissions and applications for further funds from charitable trusts etc will be made during the first quarter of 2023.

If you would like to make a donation (literally any amount will be appreciated enormously!) either *by cheque made payable* to ST MARY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, or by bank transfer, sort code 09-01-53, account number 41933287, reference UCCRF, Bank SANTANDER, it would be much appreciated. Alternatively you can donate directly to the Vicar, Beryl Packer or the Churchwarden Jeremy Moss at (Field House, Fernham Rd, Uffington, Faringdon SN7 7RD). If you would prefer to donate electronically you can do so via our JustGiving page [Uffington Church Clock Restoration Fund - JustGiving](#)

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I want to wish you all the very best for the New Year and to recognise that things have been quite quiet at the tennis club recently, mostly due to the cold and dark winter. However, I want to ensure that you're aware of a few things coming up, to encourage existing, and hopefully new members, so you can start to get involved in January.

Firstly, we moved our club nights to club days in late Autumn and these continue with a small but very welcoming group on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. Please join the 'Club Night' WhatsApp group to get involved by contacting Annabel Campbell by email. On 15 January we kicked off the New Year with a 'Club Night Plus' culminating with a sociable 'bring-your-own' tea / coffee / snacks to allow everyone to catch-up with each other's news, and to meet people new to the Club.

We are planning to run more matches this year with entries planned in both local leagues (again email Annabel if interested in getting involved) and a series of local friendly/social matches, which Juliet Moss will co-ordinate. Please contact Juliet by email if you're interested in friendly/social matches. We are seeking a captain for the Men's league team, so please email Annabel if you're prepared to help with this - the league games are great fun so you won't be disappointed if you do!

Regarding coaching, in conjunction with the LTA, we are offering a fabulous introduction to tennis for children. Starting in January for the price of £29.99 (plus P&P) you will get 6 quality sessions, a free tennis racket, set of balls and branded T-shirt. Don't miss this one-off opportunity, spaces limited, sign up today LTA Youth Start / Course (Must be NEW to tennis). Unfortunately, if we don't get enough coaching enrolments we won't be able to maintain our coaching offering, Game Set and Match Play, who are a commercial organisation and need minimum numbers to make the scheme viable. We've seen numbers decline slightly this year so we're really hopeful this can build again from January. Please get involved yourselves and invite friends and family too. Coaching is currently being offered on Saturdays from 1.30-2.30pm for primary age group and 2.30-3.30pm for secondary. To join in please use our website at the following links ([Primary Age Coaching](#) and [Secondary Age Coaching](#)).

Bookings for our new January - March 2023 Junior Coaching Programme are now being taken; for more information see here: https://mcusercontent.com/c90a1a7b6d1f693a28c947f92/files/78a77fe5-3a3a-9be1-4ff6-5075fac39437/Tennis_Uffington_Coaching_Programme_Jan_Mar_2023.pdf

Finally, looking further ahead, we will hold our AGM around the end of the Financial Year, and will publish more detail on that when we have a date and an agenda. We will also hold our summer tournament again, which as always was a great success last year, so I hope as many of you as possible will start practicing now!

Robert Hart, Chairman Uffington Lawn Tennis Club, mail@clubspark.co.uk

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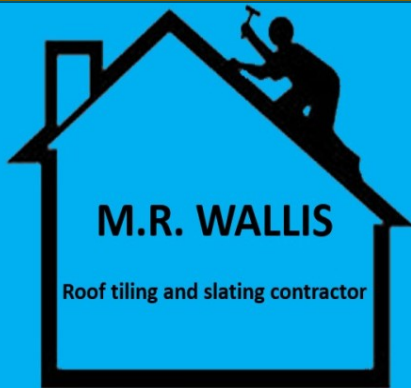
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Day of week	Time	Activity	Ages	Where	Contact
Mondays	9-10 am	Circuits	Adult	Village Hall	Lucinda 07967 157620
Mondays	7-8pm	Fitness	Adult	Village Hall	Michelle Southey 07826 524463
2nd Monday of month	6.15-8.30 pm	Parish Council		Village Hall	Parish Clerk clerk@uffington.net
Tuesday	10-11am	Tai Chi	Adult	Village Hall	If interested, attend to make enquiries
Tuesday	12.30-1.30pm	Pilates	Adult	Village Hall	Fiona-wright@outlook.com
Tuesday	6-7.15pm	Beavers	Children 6-8	Village Hall	Dave Barnes 07811 424978
Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Bell Ringing	12 and over	St. Mary's Church	Hugh Baxter 820014
Wednesday	6pm	League Cricket 20 overs	14+	Sports Club Fawler Road	Joe Parman joeparman@outlook.com
Wednesday	5.45- 7pm	Yoga	Adult	Village Hall	Sophie Khan 07788 418469
Wednesday	7-8.30pm	Guides	Girls aged 10-14	Village Hall	Uffingtonguides@gmail.com
Wednesday	7-8pm	Fitness	Adult	Village Hall	Michelle Southey 07826 524463
Thursday	8.30-9.30 am	Box Fit	Adult	Village Hall	Lucinda 07967 157620
Thursday	6:30-8 pm	Cubs	Children 8-10	Village Hall	Katharine Murkett 820270
Thursday	7-9pm	Scouts	Children 10 -14	Village Hall	Nathan Reade 07768 073363 Katharine Murkett 820270
1st Thursday of month	7.30-9pm	Gardening Club	Adult	Village Hall	Pamela Preene 820251
Friday	9.30-11am	Baby & Toddler	Children 0-5 Parents must stay	Village Hall	Jessica Mildenhall jessi-ca_mildenhall@hotmail.com
Saturday		League football	Adults	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Jason Wilkins 870487
Saturday	1pm	League Cricket (40 overs/side)	14+	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Joe Parman joeparman@outlook.com
Saturdays	2-4pm	Community Garden	Adult + accompa- nied children	Community Garden behind pub	Heather Abel 01367 820709 heather.abel@hotmail.com

For Village Hall booking enquiries, please contact Uffington Shop on 01367 820977 or check in the Hall booking calendar booking website www.thmh.co.uk

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